San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

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A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions

February 2018 *Newsletter*

SAGHS General Membership Meeting

The next meeting of the General Membership will be on

Saturday, 17 February 2018

10:00 A.M. at the SAGHS Library Annex.

Program speaker: Nancy Hammer Avellar, Past-President,
The San Antonio Conservation Society

Topic: Obtaining UNESCO World Heritage Recognition for the San Antonio Missions

The missions' transformation from crumbling curiosities to internationally acclaimed cultural sites could not have happened without the Conservation Society's efforts on their behalf over many decades. In 2006, the Conservation Society organized the UNESCO World Heritage nomination for the missions that led to adoption in 2015.

The business meeting follows the program.

Meetings are open to all, and Refreshments will be served.



Image courtesy Larry Luckett

President's Message

Several important events are being firmed up as the New Year begins.

The **Annual Founders' Day Luncheon** will be held at the Omni Hotel in the Colonnade, as the Oak Hills Country Club is not available due to construction. It will be on Saturday, 16 June with Dr. J. F. de la Teja of Texas State University speaking on San Antonio's Military Origins.

Our **Annual Fall Seminar** has been scheduled for Saturday, 20 October, with Kelvin Meyers presenting several topics. The Seminar will be held at the Cross Roads Church (formerly John Calvin Presbyterian Church).

Please make a note of these dates. Additional details will be provided as they are developed.

The motion to revise the **proration of dues** for new members, which was passed at the December Board Meeting, was presented at the General Membership Meeting, and was passed. There will now be a single proration of dues at the midpoint of the fiscal year.

Our **Rare Book collection** has now been added to the Library Catalog. I suggest that you check it out; I did, and I found two items of interest. You'll need to check with the librarian on duty to access them.

The **Annual Fund Drive** has now exceeded $5,000.00. Thank you for your generous gifts.

Our **Quilt Committee** are making a very special quilt this year to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of San Antonio. Raffle tickets are now available at the Library.

Our **congratulations** to SAGHS member, Melvin McElfresh, upon his acceptance into the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

James H. Garrett

February – March Calendar



Sunday, 11 Feb.—"Find-a-Grave," Instructor: Barbara Johns, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Tuesday, 13 Feb.—SAGHS Board, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex

Wednesday, 14 Feb.—Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Saturday, 17 Feb. — GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, "Obtaining UNESCO World Heritage Recognition for the San Antonio Missions," Nancy Hammer Avellar of the San Antonio Conservation Society, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

Saturday, 10 Mar.—Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 9:00 A.M. to12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Sunday, 11 Mar.—"Westward Migration and the Impact of the Erie Canal," Instructor: Steve Mabie, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Tuesday, 13 Mar.—SAGHS Board, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

Saturday, 17 Mar. — GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, "7th Tennessee U.S. Cavalry in the Civil War," Peggy Scott Holley, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

EVERY GIFT HELPS

Many thanks to the **Annual Fund Drive** donors listed below. Because of your generosity and support, our Society operation is healthy. This listing is those received as of 31 January 2018. We will still accept Annual Fund Donations, and we will identify later donors in subsequent newsletters. To donate, choose "**Support SAGHS**" on our website https://txsaghs.org

Ruth Edney
Joann Boyett
Tommy Camden
Elna King
James & Merri Murphy
Bill & Ellen Myers
Ronald & Anita Beesley, in memory of Frances Sivic Allen and James Otto Allen

Sunday Afternoon Classes

CLASS SCHEDULE: Please pre-register by calling the library, emailing or registering in person. We ask members for a $5.00 donation and non-members for a $10.00 donation. Donations support the library operations and society programs. Class time is 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. or as posted, at the SAGHS Library Annex, 911 Melissa, San Antonio.

FIND A GRAVE



Sunday, 11 February — "Find-a-Grave.com," Instructor: Barbara Johns. Barbara will demonstrate the use of this ever-changing free website, *FindaGrave.com*. She encourages you to bring your laptop or tablet and family tree(s) to make the presentation more meaningful, but laptops or tablets are not necessary to attend the class.



Sunday, 11 March—"Westward Migration and the Impact of the Erie Canal," Instructor: Steve Mabie. Today's program will discuss how the opening of the Erie Canal in the early 19th century facilitated the migration of settlers from the eastern seaboard states to the Midwest and beyond.

How to Analyze INFORMATION



Sunday, 8 April—"Analyze Your Research Findings," Instructor: Cindy Kennedy. You may have stacks of printouts, as well as files saved on your computer—all connected to specific research questions. Where to go from here? Come to this class to learn how to analyze your sources, the information contained in the sources, and the evidence that pertains to your research questions.

Please call the library 210-342-5242 to reserve a space for all classes and workshops!

The *Events* schedule is posted on the SAGHS website: http://www.txsaghs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38

GASTRONOMY IN FAMILY HISTORY at SAGHS Membership Meeting

At the SAGHS general membership meeting on Saturday, 20 January, Kathleen DesOrmeaux, shared her experiences connecting food customs with family history. In particular, she focused on the origins of several traditional Louisiana foods, including *boudin* and corn soup. Kathleen also quizzed the audience concerning the pre-Columbian sources of foods such as potatoes and tomatoes.

Cynthia Kennedy

Nominating Committee Seeking Candidates for SAGHS Offices

On 20 January at the first business meeting of the year, the following members were elected to the SAGHS Nominating Committee:

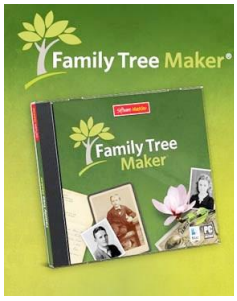
Ann Hunt, Beverly Rakowitz, Helen Parker, Nancy McNamara, and Mitzi Jackson.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for three Director-at-Large positions at the Membership meeting on 17 February. Additional nominations may be submitted from the floor at the Membership meetings on 17 February and 17 March.

Elections will be voted at the Membership Meeting on 21 April. New Officers will assume office on 1 July.

If you would like to serve the society in one of these leadership positions, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee or email your intent to *askus@txsaghs.org* .

Family Tree Maker Workshop News



Announcing a one-time change to the usual 2nd Wednesday *Family Tree Maker* Workshops! Scott Atkinson has changed the March FTM Workshop date to 10 March, a Saturday, with an extended time starting at 09:00 A.M. and concluding at 12:00 P.M. A guest speaker, Bob Harris, will present information on the Family Search Program. After Bob's presentation, Scott will show how to integrate its information into the Family Tree Maker program. The Workshop will continue with the usual question and answer period to assist users of the FTM software.

Although a laptop is encouraged, it is not necessary to attend the workshop.

Please pre-register by calling SAGHS at 210-342-5242 or emailing *education@txsaghs.org*. This is a SAGHS member benefit, but we ask a $5.00 contribution from non-members. Please note that the March 10th program replaces the March 14th presentation. FTM workshops will resume on the second Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M. beginning in April.

Nancy McNamara

San Antonio 300 – A Tricentennial Celebration

The San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society is an official partner with the Tricentennial Commission to participate in this city-wide, year-long celebration and commemoration of the founding of San Antonio. Join us for one or all of these SAGHS events occurring during this Tricentennial year:

17 Feb 10:00 A.M. Nancy Hammer Avellar of the San Antonio Conservation Society will discuss the process whereby the San Antonio missions became an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

3 May 2:00 P.M. Publication release of SAGHS' new book, "First Families of Bexar County," compiling lineages of San Antonio founders who resided in Béxar or Bexar County prior to 1850. [Our 'Official' Tricentennial Event].

19 May 10:00 A.M. Steve Mabie will discuss the "History of Hemisfair '68," the World's Fair celebration of San Antonio's 250th anniversary in 1968.

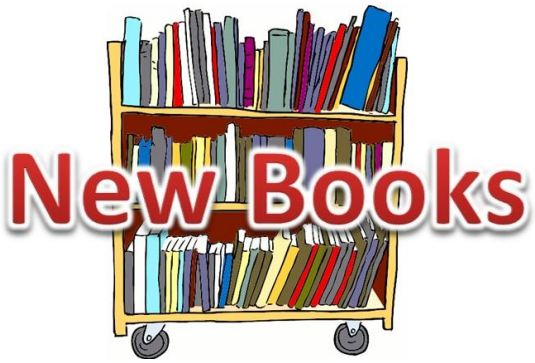
20 May 2:00 P.M. Larry Luckett will present a class on "Researching Ancestors in Spanish and Mexican Colonial Texas."

10 Jun 2:00 P.M. Larry Luckett will present a class on "Researching Ancestors in the Republic of Texas and Early Statehood."

16 Jun 11:30 A.M. SAGHS Founders' Day Banquet; Jesús F. de la Teja will discuss early military influence on Béxar residents, society, and culture from his book, *Faces of Béxar*.

Visit our website
https://txsaghs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38
for locations, prices, and reservations.

About the San Antonio Tricentennial:
In 2018, San Antonio and Bexar County will commemorate its 300th anniversary: a rare, historic event that will be remembered for generations. The Tricentennial Commission, a public nonprofit, leads the way in celebrating and commemorating our 300 years by developing a year of educational, artistic, and entertaining events. The yearlong commemoration will celebrate our memorable past and propel us into our equally remarkable future. You are invited to join our community and be a part of the next chapter in San Antonio's legendary story. Visit www.sanantonio300.org for more information.



Gift of Harrell Estate by Mr. Smoot

A Family history of Thomas Martin, Sr. A North Carolinian American Revolutionary Soldier Fagg, Jenny Martin FH Martin

Paulding County, Its People and Places Foster, Jr., W. GA paul4

Marriages of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina 1783-1868 Holcomb, Brent H. NC meck8

Index and Abstracts of Deeds of Record, Pitt County, No. Car. (1761-1785) Vol. I Ellison, Julith DuPree NC pitt6

Abstracts of The Early Deeds of Wake County No. Car. 1785-1802 Watson, Joseph W. NC wake6

Gift of Henry Ray Lozada

A Tejano Knight: The Quest of Don Juan Seguin Neeley, Bill RF 33004 Seguin

Gift of Nancy McNamara

The Gentle Tamers: Women of the Old Wild West Brown, Dee RF 21004 (8)

Gift of Anonymous

The Organized Family Historian Fleming, Ann Carter RF 00000 (82)

Gift Bill Myers

Stolen Charleston: the Spoils of War Long, J. Grahame SC char4

A Guide to Historic Brazos County Brazos Heritage Society TX braz4

Purchase by Memorial Fund

Natchitoches Colonials; A Source Book: Censuses, Military Rolls & Tax Lists 1722-1803 Mills, Elizabeth Shown Mills & Ellie Lennon LA natc0

The Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, New York: An Historical and Genealogical Study... Doherty, Frank J. NY dutc4

The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, 4th Edition Greenwood, Val D. RF 00000 (33)

San Antonio Cemeteries Historic District Faulkner, Frank and Linda TX bexa8 (20)



Thom Baynum
Karen Boyers
Esperanza Calderon-Jones
Tommy Camden
Susan Campbell
Melissa Carrasco
Norene Fiacco
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Monica Negron
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Be sure to visit the library and the members-only section of the website to enjoy some of the benefits of your membership!

MEMORIALS

Viviano Rodriquez

Freeman Lewis
Father of Rob Lewis

Donations to Memorials help purchase books and databases for our library. You may submit memorial donations in person or by mail to the library.

Register online at www.txsgs.org/



HURRY!!! Registration ends Wednesday, 7 February, at midnight!

If you cannot attend live, sessions will be recorded and available to registrants after the conference.

Join J. Mark Lowe and 6 other well-known genealogists



J. Mark Lowe

Friday Topics:

- Finding Uncle John by Looking at the Neighbor's House
- Timelines in Genealogy: Definitely Worth the Time
- Using Hispanic enealogy to Find Your Non-Hispanic Ancestor
- Legitimate, Logical, Limited: Using Ethnicity Estimates for Genealogy

Saturday Topics:

- Dower, Dowry, and Detinue: Women and Their Men's Property
- Overcoming Record Loss: Overcoming Destroyed, Missing or Non-Existent Records
- Publishing Your Family History
- Did Your Ancestor Own Slaves?

