

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

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A Member Society Chartered in 1959

A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions

March 2017 *Newsletter*

The next general meeting of the SAGHS membership will be on 18 March 2017, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Library Annex.

Use of Peyote by Native Americans
Presented by: Ted Herrera

Under the auspices of what came to be known as the Native American Church, in the 19th century, American Indians in more widespread regions of the Southwest began to use peyote in religious practices, as part of a revival of native spirituality. Its members refer to peyote as "the sacred medicine", and use it to combat spiritual, physical, and other social ills. Meet at 10:00 AM, SAGHS Library annex.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Stop by for learning and enjoy refreshments too.



Library's Vertical Files are Digitized and Searchable

An on-going project at the SAGHS library is to digitize the vertical files of donated family research papers. So far, our volunteers have scanned 1,514 surname files and have loaded them onto the three patron access computers.



Carolyn Wilcoxen reviews a digitized vertical file at the library computer.

To use the scanned vertical files,

- to see if your surname has been included, search the online library catalog http://txsaghs.org/libraryRecords
- select "Vertical Files" as the "Media Type"; then change the search term to "Surnames," and type in a surname.
- Click on the magnifying glass icon.
- If that surname is included it will be listed.

The search identifies the files that reside on the library computers—where you will find printed instructions for searching and accessing your surname files.

Scanned files of typed pages are searchable, but image files of hand-written pages are not. However, the hand-written pages may be accessed when adjacent pages are identified by the search function.

Try this new research tool at your library!

March April Calendar



Wednesday, 8 Mar. 2017 — Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Sunday, 12 Mar. — "Hidden Treasures in the SAGHS Library," Instructor: Cindy Kennedy, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Tuesday, 14 Mar.—SAGHS Board, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex

Saturday, 18 Mar. — General Membership Meeting, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex. Topic: "Use of Peyote by Native Americans", Speaker: Ted Herrera.

Wednesday, 22 Mar. — Workshop: RootsMagic Software, Moderator: Tony Barbieri, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Saturday 25 Mar. — Workshop: Microsoft PowerPoint, Moderator: Barbara Holmes, 11:00 A.M.

Tuesday 28 Mar. — DNA Consult with Kurt Kneeland.

Saturday, 8 Apr. — General Membership Meeting, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex. Topic: "Online Resources at SAGHS", Speaker: Cindy Kennedy. **NOTE Date Change.**

Sunday, 9 Apr. — "Using Family Search.org," Instructor: Kathy Totten. 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Tuesday, 11 Apr.—SAGHS Board, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex

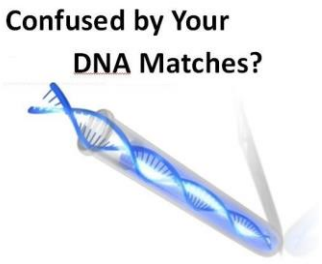
Wednesday, 12 Apr. — Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Sunday, 16 Apr. — Easter, Library Closed.

Tuesday, 25 Apr. — DNA Consult with Kurt Kneeland.

DNA Tuesdays with Kurt Kneeland

SAGHS DNA guru, Kurt Kneeland, will offer personal consulting on your DNA questions and interpreting your results. Appointments are at the SAGHS Library on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 pm.



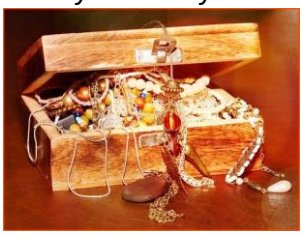
Pre-registration is required and walk-ins will not be seen. Contact *education@txsaghs.org* or the SAGHS Library at 210-342-5242 to reserve your appointment. The requested donation for this program is $10 for non-members, $5 for members.

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. at the SAGHS Library Annex, 911 Melissa, San Antonio, TX.

Sunday, 12 March — "Hidden Treasures in the SAGHS Library," Instructor: Cindy Kennedy.



This class will highlight the little-known assets of the SAGHS Library. Come discover a few less-than-obvious resources that may help you to further your research. Learn about some seldom used books, databases, and records that might move you back a generation or two!

Sunday, 9 April — "Using Family Search.org," Instructor: Kathy Totten. Explore the expanding digital sources available thru the "SEARCH" and "WIKI" functions of the research web site FamilySearch.org. Personal records, digital books, gazetteers, films, and more are available from your computer. And a paid subscription is not needed.



Sunday, 21 May — "Google and Genealogy: Working Together," Instructor: Diane Scannell.

It's powerful. It's available.
It's free!
Learn about Google's hidden secrets and how to use them in your genealogy research.



NOTE date change for this class!

Please call the library 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

Membership has its Benefits, but also its Obligations.

Volunteer to support society governance, library operations, publications, or grounds maintenance.

Volunteer

Contact *president@txsaghs.org* to get involved.

We Need You!

Widow's Weeds Explained

SAGHS membership learned of Confederate widow's mourning wear at the February meeting of the General membership when Eileen Lehmberg discussed the female mourning wear (or "widow's weeds"), the strict timelines for its wear, and the Civil War's impact on the customs of the day.



Photo courtesy of Bill Myers

Nominating Committee is Seeking Candidates for SAGHS Officers

Contact Nancy Brennan, David Ringer, Jim Garrett, Rob Lewis, or Bill Myers to discuss how you can support the governance of your society. Elections will be voted at the Membership Meeting on 8 April. New Officers will assume office on 1 July. Additional nominations may be submitted from the floor at the Membership Meeting on 18 March.



There's a chair for you on the society's board.

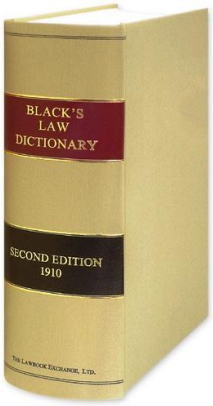
Why not serve?

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Martha George
John Smith
Teresa Beckelheimer
Karen McCloskey
Paula Hollis

Be sure to visit the library and the "Members-Only" section of the website to enjoy the benefits of your membership!

Black's Law Dictionary is Here!



SAGHS is pleased to announce the availability of digital versions of the 1891 and 1910 editions of *A Dictionary of Law* (otherwise known as *Black's Law Dictionary*) by Henry Campbell Black. The 1891 and 1910 editions of *Black's Law Dictionary* are essential tools for genealogists, as they contain many legal terms that are not present in current law dictionaries.

Researchers analyzing historic legal documents such as land and probate records frequently encounter terms that require the use of this dictionary. The 1891 and 1910 editions of *Black's Law Dictionary* are accessible from the SAGHS Library computers. Please ask a librarian for assistance.

MEMORIALS

Joseph H Garrett

Brother of member James Garrett

Charlotte Marie Seiler

Mother-in-law of member Sue Seiler

Donations to Memorials help purchase books and databases for our library.

You may submit memorial donations in person or by mail to the library. Many thanks to all our donors.

SAVE THE DATE. Mark your calendars for the upcoming **SAGHS FOUNDERS' DAY** Details on the price and speaker will be published closer to the event, or check the Events on the website or our Facebook page.

17 June 2017 Oak Hills Country Club



NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Gift of Harrell Estate

Madison County, Alabama Deed Books A, B, C, D, E 1810-1819 (territorial) Johnson, Dorothy Scott, comp. AL madi6

Alabama Tories; The First Alabama Cavalry, U. S. A., 1862-1865 Hoole, Wm. Stanley AL 00004 (8)

Alabama Series Volume II (Deaths) (A listing of death notices appearing in newspapers in Barbour, Henry and Pike Counties, Ala., 1846-1890) Foley, Helen S., comp. AL 00008 (24)

Alabama Series Volume III About People Foley, Helen S. AL barb4

Cullman County Clippings Vol. I, The Alabama Tribune 1889 Nigg, Carolina Klein AL cull4

Doctoring in Cullman County Alabama Morris, Sylvia B. AL cull4

Cullman County Churches and Cemeteries Volume I Gregath, Ann Cochrane, comp. AL cull8

Cullman County, Alabama Births, 1887-1907 Swindle, Regina Brown & Camilla L. Drake AL cull8

They Started It All; Cullman County, Alabama Marriage Records, 1877-1899 DAR AL cull8

Our Calvert Kin Volume One, Two, Three Lott, Dewel and Dolores, comp. FH Calvert

Anders Joransson and his Anderson Family of New Castle County 1664-1787 Craig, Peter Stebbins FH Joransson

Key and Allied Families Lane, Mrs. Julian C. FH Key

Bulloch County, Georgia Marriage Records 1796-1845 Ingmire, Frances T. GA bull8

Butts County, Georgia Marriage Records 1826-1870 Ingmire, Frances T. GA butt8

Carroll County Georgia Marriage Records 1831-1861 Ingmire, Frances T. GA carr8

Cherokee County Georgia Marriage Records 1841-1855 Ingmire, Frances T. GA cher8

Coweta County Georgia Marriage Records 1829-1849 Ingmire, Frances T. GA cowe8

Dawson County, Georgia Marriage Records 1858-1883 Ingmire, Frances T. GA daws8

Forsyth County, Georgia Marriage Records 1833-1867 Ingmire, Frances T. GA fors8

Anson County, N. C. Deed Abstracts Volume II: 1757-1766 & 1763 Tax List Holcomb, Brent NC anso6

Anson County, North Carolina Wills and Estates 1749-1795 Holcomb, Brent NC anso7



Gift of Harrell Estate (cont'd)

Caswell County North Carolina Deed Books 1777-1817 Kendall, Katharine Kerr NC casw6

Marriage Records Chatham County, No. Car. 1782-1867 Ingmire, Frances T. NC chat8

Abstracts of Wills and Other Records, Currituck and Dare Counties, No. Car. (1663-1850) Jones, Gordon C. NC curr0

Kinfolks from Edgecombe County North Carolina 1788-1855 Watson, Joseph W. NC edge4

Abstracts of Early Deeds of Edgecombe County, No. Car. Vol. I 1759-1772 and *Vol. II 1772-1788* Watson, Joseph W. NC edge6

Gift of Barbara McPherson

Historic Spartanburg County; 225 Years of History Boggs, Doyle et al SC spar4

Gift of Bill Meyers

Rosengren's Books; An Oasis for Mind and Spirit George, Mary Carolyn Hollers TX bexa67

Gift of Clyde Irvin Coughenour

My Somerset County Heritage Coughenour, Clyde, Jr. FH Coughenour

Gift of DAR

Veterans History Project Castleberry, Judy, interviewer
(Margolis, Hannah Sue) RF 16004 (25j)
(William Joseph Bradley) RF 16004 (25k)

Gift of Deanna Wilson

Men of Western Waters Van Every, Dale RF 21004 (129)

Documents, Chiefly Unpublished, Relating to the Huguenot Emigration to Virginia and to the Settlement at Manakin-Town.... Brock, R. A. VA 00004 (170)

Found in Library

Railroads of San Antonio and South Central Texas Hemphill, Hugh TX 00004 (308)

Gift of Kurt Kneeland

Stranger in My Genes Griffeth, Bill RF 33004 Griffeth

Gift of Nettie Williams

Short History of the Island of Rock Island 1816-1966 Including the Story of the Time Capsule Stephens, Clifford W. IL rock4

Richmond Massachusetts; The Story of a Berkshire Town and Its People 1765-1965 Annin, Katherine Huntington MA rich4

History of Eastern Kerr County Witt, Gerald TX kerr4

Purchase by SAGHS

Dictionary of Law Black, Henry Campbell CD

Gift of Sue Seiler

Forgotten Allies; The Oneida Indians and the American Revolution Glatthaar, Joseph T. and James Kirby Martin RF 23004 (48)

Genealogy Periodicals Available

Below is a list of excess genealogy periodicals offered to the SAGHS membership. The periodicals have been checked against our library collection to make sure we do not need any of these issues. We offer these for a donation ($1 an issue, 3 issues for $2.00). The publications are in boxes, under the table in the Map room. Check them out the next time you are in the library.

Any questions? Contact Bev Rakowitz.

MISC PERIODICALS	MISC YEARS
Alabama Family History & Genealogy News	1985
Alabama Genealogical Society Membership & Surname Directory	2001, 2002
American Genealogist	2006 - 2007
Ansearchin' News	1977
Argyll Colony Plus	1988 - 1991
Berkshire Genealogical	1999 - 2011
Berkshire Genealogical Notes	1943
Bulletin of the Maryland Genealogical Society	1969 - 1972
Civil War Times	1962, 1993 - 1995
Georgia Genealogical Magazine	1971 - 1997
Hallowed Ground	2000 - 2004
Le Raconteur	1999 - 2012
Louisiana Genealogical Register	2002 - 2006
Magazine of Virginia Genealogy	2005 - 2016
Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin	1973 - 1975
Mississippi Genealogy & Local History	1974 - 1975
Mountain Empire Genealogical Quarterly	1989

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North Alabama Valley Leaves	1969 - 1976
North Carolina Genealogy	1968
North Carolinian	1955 - 1961
North Carolinian Quarterly Journal of Genealogy and History	1958
Northeast Alabama Settlers	1994 - 2001
Our Heritage (SAGHS)	2002 - 2013
South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research	1973 - 1984
Southern Genealogist's Exchange Quarterly	1977
Southwestern Historical Quarterly	1982, 2000
Star Magazine	2015-2016
The Journal: German-Texan Heritage Society	2003
Upper Cumberland Genealogical Association	1986 - 1989
Valley Leaves/Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society	1969
Virginia Appalachian Notes	1981, 1982
Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter	1996, 2001
Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly	1978, 1979
Virginia Genealogist	2006

Surname Index

Be sure to visit the SAGHS website to inspect the listing of member surnames. Several members have reported connections with others researching their family names. Visit the "Members Only" section to submit your family surnames so others may know your research interests. The more information that you enter (such as location and dates of your ancestors), the better connections will be made.

VISIT SAGHS on FACEBOOK

Can't get enough news about SAGHS? Is a month between *Newsletters* too long without an update? Then you need to visit the **SAGHS FACEBOOK PAGE**.

Click on the image link, and be sure to "LIKE" the page when you get there.

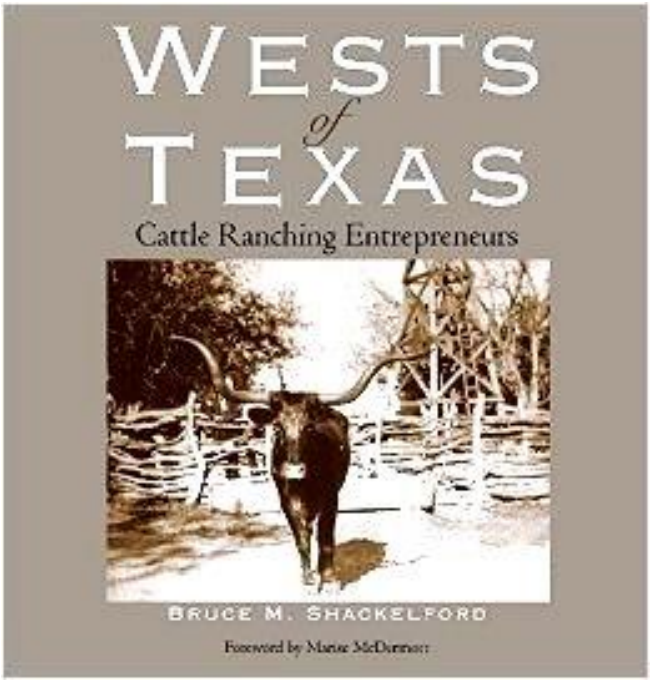


BOOK REVIEW

Wests of Texas: Cattle Ranching Entrepreneurs

by Bruce M. Shackleford

(Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 2015, 186 pages; includes foreword, bibliographic references, and index). Available at the SAGHS library, in bookstores, and on *Amazon.com*.



At first glance, *Wests of Texas* appears deceptively as a glossy, high-color coffee table book; however that is everything that it isn't. From the introduction, the reader is pulled into the interesting story of the members of the West family and how they came to Texas in the early 1800's. The book is the culmination of the painstaking care several generations of West women have taken to preserve their family's relics, letters, and memories, forming a collection that spans nearly 200 years. Few families have had the impact on their region that the family of George West has had on the southern part of Texas. This book enchantingly recounts the true story of how the Wests moved west.

The story of three brothers, George, Sol, and Ike West, is retold through the letters of the West family and reinforced by the high quality pictures of the artifacts relating to each story. *Wests of Texas* isn't just a simple recounting of family lore and legend. Shackleford, with his researcher and SAGHS member Katherine Nelson Hall, supports the telling of each event with valid sources that lend credibility to stories that are rich with vivid details.

The narrative is engaging and the reader is quickly transported to the mid-1800's to follow the ups and downs of a life that was never easy and could make boys into men at an early age. Because of the often endearing and honest letters that are shared within the pages of *The Wests of Texas*, readers are given an insight into how life truly was on the frontier.

This book is much more than a simple published family history and a recounting of basic facts, small life details, and milestone events. Shackleford accomplishes what many biographers hope to do: the family's essence of survival, love, hardship, and ultimate success is expressed in such a way that readers feel they know and understand the people behind the stories.

The book is well researched and beautifully illustrated. Woven within the historical context are stories of humor, sadness and grief, and the thrill of success won by good, old fashioned hard work and perseverance. *The Wests of Texas* is a delight to read, and you will feel as if the West family is part of your own by the time you turn the final page.

Book reviewed by Annette Graham

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