

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

January 2017 *Newsletter*

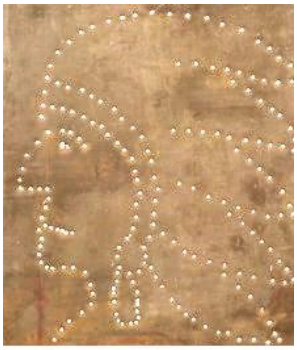
The next general meeting of the SAGHS membership will be on 21 January 2017.

Program:

Adolph and Elizabeth Toepperwein Experts in Rifle Marksmanship

Presented by: Author, Tim Price

Adolph and Elizabeth ("Plinky") Toepperwein, a San Antonio couple, traveled the world in exhibitions of marksmanship that have never been beaten. At World Fairs, on vaudeville stages, at county fairs, and at shooting clubs they astounded their audiences. Plinky hit 100 flying clay discs without a miss over 200 times; Ad created Indian head profiles in copper sheets at 25 feet. Author Tim Price will reveal more stories of these shooting experts.



Actual Ad Topperwein Indian

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Election of the Nominating Committee

On 21 January at the first general meeting of the year, we will include the election of the nominating committee to identify candidates for elected officer positions, to be voted in April and assume office on 1 July 2017. Plan to attend and volunteer to serve on the Committee to identify our future leaders.

SOLVE YOUR BRICK WALL



Do you need new ideas to solve that pesky "*Brick Wall*"? Our Brick Wall Panel scheduled for 10 September 2017 needs your help by submitting your "brick wall" dilemma for our discussion. For your *American* 18th, 19th or 20th century ancestor please provide as much information as possible. Such information should at least contain the person's full name, parents and/or spouses, place(s) lived, where you have already searched and any other tidbit that you feel would help the panel to suggest solutions. Your "brick wall" problem may be combined with other similar "brick wall" queries submitted by members, and then used to formulate questions whose answers may benefit all attendees with similar research obstacles. While an answer to your specific "brick wall" dilemma cannot be guaranteed, others who may have a similar difficulty may be able to offer a solution.

Your submission should be sent to *Education@txsaghs.org* or by writing to Education Committee, c/o SAGHS, 911 Melissa Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213. **Submit by 1 May 2017**.

January – February Calendar



Sunday, 1 Jan. — Library Closed All Day.

Sunday, 8 Jan. — "Finding Census Records on Ancestry.com." Instructor: Nancy Brennan. 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

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

Wednesday, 11 Jan. — Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Saturday, 21 Jan. — General Membership Meeting, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex. Topic: The Toepperweins: A Sharpshooting Couple from San Antonio, Speaker: author, Tim Price.

Wednesday, 25 Jan. — Workshop: RootsMagic Software, Moderator: Tony Barbieri, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

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

Sunday, 12 Feb. — "Taming that Paper File." Instructor: Julia George. 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

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

Saturday, 18 Feb. — General Membership Meeting, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex. Topic: "Mourning Dress of Confederate Widows", Speaker: Eileen Lehmberg

RootsMagic

The workshop on 25 January is a beginner's overview of the *RootsMagic* computer software program and its more advanced features. Attendees are encouraged to bring their laptops with the installed program, but laptops are not required.

Join or renew your TSGS membership

The purpose of the Texas State Genealogical Society is to promote, assist, develop, and conserve the genealogical and historical resources of Texas and to cooperate with local, regional, and statewide genealogical groups. Visit their website at:

http://www.txsgs.org/about/membership/

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, 8 January 2017 — "Finding Census Records on Ancestry.com." Instructor: Nancy Brennan. A beginner level course to provide an overview of using the subscription website *Ancestry.com*. Particular attention in the class will be toward accessing and analyzing U.S. census records on *Ancestry.com*. Ancestry.com is available on computers at the SAGHS library. The U.S. has performed a population census every ten years since 1790.

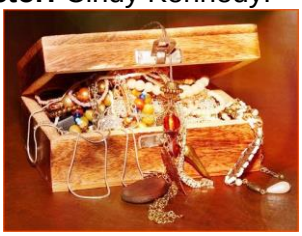


Sunday, 12 February 2017 — "**Taming that Paper File,**" **Instructor:** Julia George.



Feeling overwhelmed with all the family information you have gathered? This beginning to intermediate level class will provide some help on organizing that information in both paper and electronic form. Get some tips on removing the clutter.

Sunday, 12 March 2017 — "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!

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



Edward F. Butler

2016 Honoree
Texas Genealogical College Hall of Fame

SAGHS member Judge Edward F. Butler, a retired federal administrative law judge, served as President General, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) in 2009-2010. He was the Founder & Charter Grand Viscount General of the Order of the Founders of North America 1492-1692 in 2012-2014. For several years he has been active in 32 lineage & heritage groups, including service as Deputy Governor General of the General Society of Colonial Wars and Vice President General of the General Society of the War of 1812. He also served as Governor of the Texas Society Order of the Founders and Patriots of America and state President of both the Texas Society of the Sons of the Revolution and First Families of Maryland. He has written three award-winning, family history books. **Congratulations, Judge!**

The Texas Genealogical Hall of Fame recognizes those who have served as leaders in State and National lineage and genealogical organizations, who have authored a book, or who are Certified Genealogists.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

You may have wondered why our Annual Fund Donation letter arrived so late in the year that we almost missed December. The Annual Fund letter is a responsibility of the Third Vice President. Maybe you've read in previous *Newsletters* that we need a volunteer to fill the vacant position of Third Vice President? When we do not have sufficient volunteers, required actions fall through and often do not happen in a timely manner if at all. Please contact our president at president@txsaghs.org to volunteer for one of the following vacancies:

3rd Vice President **SAGHS Librarian**
Chair, Publications Committee **Registrar**

NEW MEMBERS

Veronica Boone
David Castano
Norma and Jim Davila
Nancy and Tim Draves
Fred Hofstetter
Don Sharon

Be sure to visit the library and the members-only section of the website to enjoy the benefits of your membership!



Many thanks to the donors to the Annual Fund Drive. We'll publish a listing of donors next month, but it's never too late to contribute. Please send in your tax-deductible gift.

MEMORIALS

Carrie Serena Perez
Sister-in-law of Dorothy Perez
Wife of Reuben Perez

Ruby Robinson
Member and wife of Earl Robinson

Irma May Webb
Member

Rita Elaine Woodward
Member and
SAGHS President (1997-1999)

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.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SAGHS often receives research requests from people who live out of town and can't get to San Antonio to do their own research. We charge a nominal fee for the research completed as an additional way to raise money for our library. In the past, we have relied on one volunteer Registrar to handle the research requests. Lately, we have received more research requests than one person can promptly handle, so requests are taking a long time to complete, and the requesters are not satisfied with our level of service and neither are we.

Although SAGHS has offered research service for many years, the SAGHS Board recently discussed discontinuing this service in the future. Before making a final decision to stop offering genealogical research as a SAGHS fund raiser, they decided to ask our members for help.

If you love to do genealogical research and have a little extra time to raise money for our library by doing research for others, please volunteer to help SAGHS promptly process research requests.

Please call SAGHS and leave your name and phone number or email to askus@txsaghs.org if you can help. Thank you!



NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY will appear next month.

First Families

FIRST FAMILIES OF BEXAR COUNTY

Each year SAGHS honors families who prove their descent from an ancestor who was in Bexar County prior to August 1850. You can qualify if one or more of your ancestors lived in the county before 1 August 1850, when the 1850 U.S. census was taken.

Applications are accepted at any time of the year. If the applications are received by **28 February** and the family qualifies, they can be recognized at the SAGHS Founders' Day Luncheon in June 2017.

Download an application at the SAGHS website
http://www.txsaghs.org/cpage.php?pt=17

300® SAN ANTONIO

SAGHS is SA300 Partner!

In 2018 San Antonio will celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the city in 1718. The city will pay tribute to the colorful and unforgettable 300 years since settlers first came here, while looking forward to the shining future directly ahead.

SAGHS has been recognized as an official partner in the celebration. Our "First Families" program has accumulated over 100 descendants of early Bexar county settlers, including 41 whose ancestors were here before 1750. We'll be working to use our members' stories and our library collection to bring forward these stories. If you'd like to assist, please contact publications@txsaghs.org .