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THE SAN ANTONIO GENALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President's Message

This is the COVID-19 Special Edition of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society's newsletter. Hopefully, this finds you healthy and (relatively) sane. We thought it would be a good idea to provide some suggestions if you are yearning to do some research but are constrained by the current restrictions imposed upon all of us during this public health emergency.

To that end, our Membership Chair, Nancy Mabie, and our Librarian, Laura Grover, have provided some computer links that you may find useful. At our recent meeting, our Board also approved a very limited opening of our library so that volunteers (no more than one or two at a time) would go in the library and do look ups for our members. Details on this are provided elsewhere.

Our IT Manager (and Director-at-Large) Kurt Kneeland, also has a suggestion for those of you who really want to access ancestrylibrary.com via our subscription. Simply get in your car with your laptop and come to one of our parking lots. If you park near either building but particularly in the area between the buildings, you can connect to the SAGHSL WiFi. If you've been to the library previously, your laptop should already have the WiFi password, otherwise we can provide it. Then from your browser, just go to ancestrylibrary.com (instead of ancestry.com). Since you would be connected through our WiFi, you would appear as having our public IP address. If you want to do this but you need the WiFi password, you can email Kurt at ITMgr@txsaghs.org (members only!) and he will send it to you.

Be safe!

Submitted by Steve Mabie

Here are a few ways the **CDC recommends managing stress** during these challenging times:

- **Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news** stories and social media.
- **Connect with others**. Talk with friends and loved ones over the phone or via video chat about your concerns and how you are feeling.
- **Take care of yourself**. Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate. Try to eat healthy meals, exercise regularly, and get plenty of sleep.

Editors Note: Don't forget to moisturize your hands as the additional washing/sanitizing is very drying to the skin.

Free or Low Cost Websites

Website	Address & Content
FamilySearch	https://www.familysearch.org/search/ Millions of indexed records & images.
BiblioTech	https://bexarbibliotech.org Online Databases & Resources:Fold3; iCloud Genealogy Books; Genealogy 101 course; Family Tree Magazine; Access to TexShare.
TexShare	https://www.tsl.texas.gov Online Databases & Resources: HeritageQuest; Digital Sanborn Maps of Texas; Texas Reference Center.
San Antonio Public Library online	https://guides.mysapl.org/az.php Online Databases & Resources: HeritageQuest; America's Obituary & Death Notices; Portal to Texas History; Handbook of Texas Online (some are not available from home).
USGenWeb Project	https://www.usgenweb.org/ State by state genealogy data.
Missouri State Archives	https://www.sos.mo.gov/archives Resources include: Missouri death certificates; MO Supreme Court Historical Database (1861-1868); MO Naturalization Records; MO Land Patents 1831-1969' MO State Penitentiary Database; MO Coroner's Inquest Database; MO Union Provost Marshal Papers; Links to other sites.
Allen County Indiana Public Library	http://www.genealogycenter.org/Databases/FreeDatabases.aspx Online Databases & Resources: Native American Gateway; African American Gateway; Allen County Indiana resources; Family Bible Records.
Old Fulton NY Post Cards	https://fultonhistory.com Newspaper database, mostly NY, but also others.
Library of Congress	https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/ Digitized database of selected Newspapers in the U.S. 1789-1963.
Cyndi's List	https://cyndislist.com Database of other sources, some free, some paid.
Italian Genealogy	https://italiangen.org Index to records in the New York City area (birth, death, marriage etc).
German Genealogy	https://germangenealogygroup.com Index to records in the New York City area (birth, death, marriage etc). Also includes index of claims from losses of the Lusitania & Titanic.
National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)	https:// www.archives.gov/research/genealogy Resources include:Small number of records viewable online; Links to other genealogy websites and tools.
Project Gutenberg	https://www.gutenberg.org Over 60,000 eBooks.

Submitted by Nancy Mabie

Other Research and Learning Opportunities

Legacy Family Tree Webinars: (Register at: *https://legacyfamilytreewebinars.com*) Additional details also can be found on the website. *Note: The webinars remain on their website for viewing for 3 days from the air date, in case you miss the date, and are not a Legacy subscriber.*

April 21: Maryland State Archives Decoded
April 22 Introduction to Vivid-Pix RESTORE
April 28: Working with DNA segments on MyHeritage
April 29: Road Crews & Jury Selection: How to Find Where Our Ancestor Lived and Their Neighbors
May 1: The Future is Still in the Past: An Introduction to Online Parish Clerks in the United Kingdom
May 6: Smarter Search Strategies for Genealogy

American Ancestors Webinars: (Register at: https://www.americanancestors.org/education)
April 30: Treasures at American Ancestors

New York Genealogical & Biographical Society Webinars: (Register at: https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org)

April 20: Identifying & Examining DNA Outliers
April 23: Genealogy Resources of the Daughters of the American Revolution (re-broadcast)
April 28: Joys & Challenges of Chinese American Research
April 29: German Records Online



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Ancestry.com access

The Rosenberg Library (Galveston, TX) is temporarily allowing access to Ancestry.com (library edition, similar to the one at SAGHS): To access go to: *https://rosenberg-library.org/e-library/topical-index/*; then scroll down to the category: History, Genealogy and Anthropology. They also have Fold 3 and Newspaper Archives. At present they are not requiring their library card, but they will issue a temporary one, (with a Texas ID) if you wish to use other services, such as e-books. Find instructions for this on their website.

NOTE: The San Antonio Public Library may follow, its worth checking.

New COVID-19 Program for MEMBERS ONLY

The SAGHS Board has approved a new program for our members! Starting immediately, a dedicated group of our Volunteer Librarians will go to the Library and look up something for you, or answer a simple question.

Maybe you were going through your notes and noticed that you left out the date of publication of that last book you used. Or maybe you need to verify Miles Standish's third great granddaughter's name. Or maybe you have census questions or probate questions.

Our Librarians are talented women and men who have the experience and knowledge to find the answers. Although we cannot do lengthy projects or in-depth research, we can certainly do a look-up or answer a question that will hopefully allow you to move forward with your research.

Please send your questions to the Librarian's email Librarian@txsaghs.org.

Submitted by Laura Grover

We've been here before, and made it through. Here is an excerpt from the life of Bill Myers' ancestor's experience.

We will survive, and be better for the experience!

Excerpt from *The Life of J. Allen Myers, November 1927 (with a few minor edits)*

"In 1867 my Father did a tremendous credit business. All up & down the Brazos River bottom there came the greatest epidemic of yellow fever that the country had ever seen. The people that remained in Millican all died, except a very few. When we saw that everybody was leaving Millican we rented a dwelling 3½ miles (out in the country) from Millican, from Dr. Scott. We left Millican for the country home early in Sept 1867 and we remained there until the 15 of December 1867. We had had two 'killing frosts' and the Doctor said that we could move back to Millican. We had a awful time, out in the Country, as we all became sick. I had a congestive chill and came near dying. My poor old Father stood by us and pulled us all through the sad hour of misfortune. After moving back to Millican, from our temporary country house, my Father got busy trying to collect some or all of the accounts that were outstanding, in this he failed, that is he collected no money. He was paid in corn by some people that owed him. There was poor cotton crop in fact no cotton was raised. He collected thousands of bushels of corn, but he did not know what to do with it. He finally started a Distillery about three miles from Millican, on a small creek in the country. This venture did not pay at all, it too was a failure. He then went in the retail business and was so engaged at the time of his death which happened on the 17 day of May 1871 at Millican Texas."

Submitted by Bill Myers

Another source for links to genealogy sources is: http://*www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/news/best-free-family-history-records-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_campaign=AppleNews&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=AppleNews*