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President's Message: WOW!!! This is fun! I never imagined that being President of SAGHS could be so enjoyable! First, I want to mention that we have some really great committees in action. The Finance Committee, under the leadership of 3rd VP Bill Myers, has completed an Investment Policy and Financial Management Plan which was approved by our Board of Directors, and they have selected Corda Investment Management, LLC., to oversee the investment and financial performance of the Yvette Dwyer Memorial Fund. As of this writing, the Executors of the Dwyer Estate have release just over $1 million, allowing the fund to begin earning income for SAGHS.



Meanwhile, the Publications Committee (chaired by Cindy Kennedy) is preparing an updated Membership Yearbook (edited by Charles Brussells), which will be available to all members at the upcoming Seminar in October. Our Building and Grounds Committee (chaired by David Ringer) has overseen the completion of the renovations to our library, and I am happy to tell you that the Texas Room now has a new air conditioning system to go with the new shelving system that has added much needed shelf space for new book acquisitions. And our grounds have never looked better, thanks primarily to the volunteer efforts of our members, in particular Sir Oliver Smith and Helen Parker. Finally, our Board has chosen to meet on the second Saturday of each month, in an effort to make participation more available to our members who are still employed or otherwise unavailable on Tuesday mornings. Whether you are considering future service on the board, or if you just want to see how it functions, you, as members, are always welcome to attend. Our next Board meeting is set for **August 10th** at 10 am.

There have been on-going discussions with the leadership of the congregation of our neighboring church, but this has been inching along due to summer vacations by the church officials. While progress is slow, I can report that we have a good relationship with the main principles and that we are still hoping to purchase the property. But the big news this month was that Hollywood came to SAGHS. While I am prohibited by our agreement with releasing details at this time, I can tell you that on July 20th, we hosted a film crew from a Hollywood production company that wanted to use our library to film segments that will be used in a nationally televised show with a genealogical theme. All this and more! As described more fully elsewhere in this newsletter, our Society has been selected to be a *(continued on* page 3)

Events: Annual Seminar

SAGHS will host the Annual Seminar on **October 19, 2019.** This year's Seminar will be held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 308 Mt. Calvary Dr, San Antonio TX 78209, from 8:30-4:00 pm. The cost for attendance (which includes a box lunch) is $55.00 (non-members) but **members receive a discount of $5.00 ($50.00).**

Our Speaker is Dr. Michael Lacopo. The topics to be covered are:

- "More than the Census";
- "Deconstructing Your Family Tree (re-evaluating evidence)";
- "How to Overcome Brick Walls"; and
- "I Am Poor, Obscure, Plain, and Little (invisible ancestors)".

The Registration Form is attached to this Newsletter. Registrations received after October 5, will incur a $5.00 late registration fee. Registration can be accomplished on-line with a credit card, by mail with a check, or in person during Library Operating Hours by cash or check. **NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION!**

2019 SAGHS Quilt

Every year our volunteer Quilters produce a wonderful hand sewn Quilt. Tickets for a chance to win this Quilt are sold at $1.00 each. The winner is determined by a drawing held at our Annual Seminar. The winner need NOT be present at the Seminar. This year's drawing/ Seminar will be held on October 19, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Church. Tickets can be purchased from any SAGHS Librarian, and at our Seminar.



Don't miss out on a chance to win this beautiful Quilt.

Meet Your Officers: *(Each month, one SAGHS officer will be featured in this column.)*

First Vice-President: Barbara Froebel

Barbara has been a member of our Society for 20 years, having joined SAGHS in 1999. Just four years later, she served her first term as First Vice-President, and was then elected President for two consecutive terms from 2005 - 2009. A few years later, Barbara stepped up once again to fill an unexpired term as President when Wilma Handley had to move out of the area. In addition to her terms as an officer, she has also served as duty Librarian, Society Historian, and Publicity Chair, while helping out with the library committee.
Little known fact: Barbara is an accomplished pilot, and has held leadership positions in several pilot organizations, including the Experimental Aircraft Association (Chapter 35) and the San Antonio 99s (a women pilots' association).

President's Message *(continued from page 1)*

FamilySearch Affiliate Library. This will enhance your experience in using the on-line genealogical programs available at our library with images that are unavailable to users of FamilySearch through their home computers.

Membership Renewal

If you have not already paid your membership dues..... the time is **NOW!**



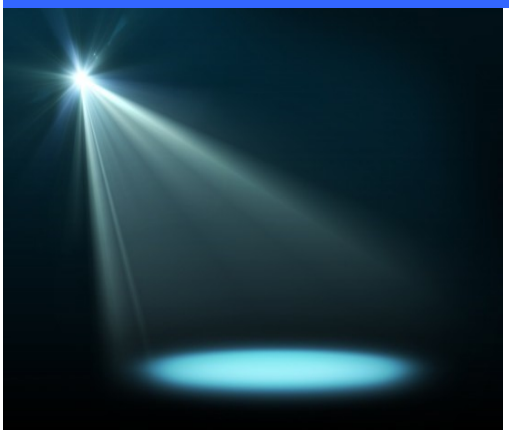
Dues were due on June 1. Members, who do **NOT** renew by August 31, will be dropped from the rolls. They will not be listed in our Membership Directory, and more importantly, will not be able to avail themselves of the **Benefits of Membership:**

- Access to free workshops (Wiki-Tree, Google Earth, Roots Magic).
- Ability to post your family surnames on SAGHS website.
- Access to indexes of Bexar county cemeteries.
- Unlimited use of SAGHS library resources including databases (Ancestry.com, Fold 3.com and the newest Familysearch.org digital resources.
- Access to Members Only section of the website.
- Invitation to all SAGHS programs.
- Email reminders of upcoming events.
- Discount on annual seminar and classes.
- Discount on Dell when buying computers and other products, through a partnership with FGS.

Members whose dues are not received by August 6, will need to pick up their copy of *Our Heritage* at the Library, as it will not be mailed.

Your $40.00 (single), $60.00 (joint) dues can be paid by in person to our duty Librarians by cash or check, or by mail sent to SAGHS 911 Melissa Dr. San Antonio, TX 78213, or by credit card on our website: https://txsaghs.org (members only sign-in required).

For those of you who have not visited our library in the past year, I invite you to do so. Our volunteers have worked hard to make it a more welcoming environment while improving the tools we provide to our member researchers. And for those of you who have not considered joining in the fun of volunteering, please plan on coming to our **General Membership Meeting on September 21st** at 10 am and see what you have been missing.



Spotlight on Volunteers

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

This month's spotlight is on Sir Oliver Smith, "Smitty". While he is a relatively new member (3 years), he has become an indispensable cog in our Volunteer Corps. Using his Master Naturalist Certification credentials, he began working with our Grounds Committee. In this endeavor he Weeds & Feeds our grounds on a regular basis – it seems like he's here every day. He suggested, and then with Board approval and funding (some from the Society, and some from his own pocket), established a Pollinator Garden in the front of our property. This effort was in conjunction with a City-Wide project during San Antonio's Tri-centennial Celebration. It has yielded many butterflies and pollinating bees. In addition to his Grounds duties, Smitty serves as a duty Librarian one evening per month. During these times he assists patrons in their quest to research their ancestry. He is also around to lend a helping hand whenever needed. Of interest to the cat lovers… he took Stripes (the rescued cat from the mom who abandoned her kittens on our property), and has adopted him, and he is thriving at Smitty's home.

When asked why he volunteers, he says it's the camaraderie of the other volunteers, and to stay active and out of the house. As a researcher for his own ancestry, he considers himself an Advanced Beginner to Intermediate, and has been researching for about 10 years. Although he has had his DNA tested at both Ancestry DNA and Family Tree DNA, he did not receive any 'hits', until recently. The change happened after he attended a DNA class at SAGHS, and was amazed by the knowledge he gained. Since the class he has put his family tree on these sites and has received some 'hits'.

Smitty was a High School English teacher in Huntington Beach, CA. When he retired at age 55, he was looking for a place where he could live on his retirement pension, and San Antonio was lucky to welcome such an upstanding member of our community. *Editors Note: This column will appear from time to time to inform the membership of the breath and depth of activities performed by our Volunteers, and to encourage more members to join their ranks.*

SAGHS CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Please pre-register by calling the Library at 210-342-5242 or email Education@txsaghs.org

August 3
DNA Consultation Hour
10, 11 & 12

August 10
DNA Consultation Hour
10, 11 & 12

August 11
Heirloom Preservation & What Happens to Your Research When You Die?
2 – 4 pm
Library Annex

August 14
Family Tree Maker /Wiki Tree Workshop
10 - noon
Library Annex

August 17
Roots Magic WORKSHOP
(connecting with Ancestry.com & FamilySearch.org)
10 — noon
Library Annex

September 8
NEWSPAPER RESEARCH
2 —4 pm
Library Annex

(Additional information and Events are listed on our Website: https://txsaghs.org)

Please pre-register for classes by emailing:

SAGHS LIBRARY NEWS

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society Becomes FamilySearch Affiliate Library

If you want to be part of the popular ancestry search trend, you may not need to look any further than the San Antonio Genealogical Historical Society. The Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library, which means it has access to more genealogy resources to help you make more family discoveries. FamilySearch is a world leader in family history. There are only a few hundred affiliate libraries in the country. This designation means SAGHS library patrons will have onsite access to more that two billion digitized records, including 400 million images that are not currently available to the public outside an affiliate library or a FamilySearch Family History Center. While anyone can access the basic FamilySearch collection from their own home computers, the additional 400 million images that will be available through the computer network at the SAGHS Library will be a great addition to the resources SAGHS offers.

FamilySearch adds over 300 million free genealogical records and images online yearly from all over the world and manages the famous Family History Library in Salt Lake City. It has amassed billions of birth, marriage, death, census, land and court records from more than 130 countries to help you discover and make family connections. Our volunteer duty Librarians will be trained to assist in early August.

Stop by SAGHS to access these FamilySearch records.

Library Hours: Sunday 1:00 pm – 5 pm, Monday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Wednesday 10:00 am– 7 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ellie Carney
Lisa Arnold Diederich
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Thomas Duke
Keith Ellwanger
Denise Heger
Jana Kaiser
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Ruth Lyle
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Kay Osborn
Dominique Preyer
Lynda Rathbun
Lloyd Shenberger

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee, having completed work on the selection of a Financial Manager for the Dwyer Endowment, and establishing investment procedures, they are now focused on the development of a proposed budget for 2019-2020.

They are also reviewing the process for the Annual Fund Drive. Please consider a contribution in honor of a loved one, or as a memorial to someone who has passed.



SAGHS is still looking for a volunteer to be our Librarian. If interested, please email or call Steve Mabie at smabie@aol.com or 490-9997.

We also have many other opportunities for members to volunteer, whether it is an ongoing task, such a Librarian, or to assist with our Grounds crew in preparation for brush pick-up, or to teach a class.

Email Nancy McNamara to express your interests. Education@txsaghs.org.

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Library Hours:
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Mon.: 10 am - 4 pm
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Sat.: 10 am — 4 pm

Library Closures:
New Years Day, Easter, Mothers Day, 3rd Sat in June (Founders Day), Fathers Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, 3rd Sat in October (Seminar), Christmas Eve & Day. *Early closings on Thanksgiving & New Years Eve*

Genealogy Research Opportunities (outside of SAGHS)

- NY Genealogical & Biographical Society is offering a New York Genealogy Q&A with D. Joshua Taylor, President of the NYG&B, and Susan R. Miller, the NYG&B's Director of Programs, on Friday, **August 9 at 12:00 pm ET** . This will be a live video on Facebook. They will be answering as many submitted research questions as possible. If you wish to submit a question, go to their website newyorkfamilyhistory.org), or their Facebook page and complete the form. Even if you don't have a burning question you want Josh or Sue's opinion on, join them and you'll certainly pick up a few valuable pointers about New York research, which may even apply to research elsewhere.

- Familytreewebinairs.com is hosting a free webinar on Basics of Land Platting (Part 1) by J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA on **Wed. August 14 at 7 pm CT.** Register at the website.

MEMORIALS

Former Member: Jean M Collins died on July 4. She was a member of SAGHS for 30 years.

Donations made in her name are used to purchase Library Resources

Reminder

The SAGHS Library will be closed on Monday **September 2, 2019** for Labor Day.

We will re-open on Wednesday **September 4** at 10

SAHGS Publication is a Popular Success

Spanish *soldados*, Mexican *vaqueros*, *Tejano* pioneers, Native Americans, Anglo colonists, Texian militias, Confederate sympathizers, Union loyalists—their stories and more appear in the recently published SAGHS book, *First Families of Bexar County Texas: Descendant Lineages of Residents of Béxar, San Antonio, and Bexar County prior to 1850*. At 330 pages it is one of the largest books SAGHS has published, and it took that many pages to tell the stories of the 52 ancestor families of the 103 First Family Honorees recognized in the 20-year history of the SAGHS program. We've already sold 80 copies of the book, but copies are still available at the library or from the SAGHS website, where you can order online or download an order form to mail in. You are sure to enjoy the history of San Antonio and South Texas told through these early settlers' stories. Get your copy soon.

NEW BOOKS

Title	Author	Call Number	Donor
Arkansas Prior Birth Index Complete Volumes I-XV		CD AR	Cindy Kennedy
Arkansas Voter Lists 1867		CD AR	Cindy Kennedy
Bulloch Belles, The; Three First Ladies, a Spy, a President's Mother and Other Women of a 19th Century Georgia Family	Wilson, Walter E.	FH Bulloch	Walter E. Wilson
Cemeteries and Historical Markers of Williamson County, Texas 1999	Williamson County Historical Commission	MP TX Williamson (246c)	Barbara Dehle
This Old Monmouth of Ours; History, Tradition, Biography, Genealogy and other Anecdotes Related to Monmouth County, New Jersey	Hornor, William S.	NJ monm4	Cynthia Bondesen
Index of the Commemorative Biographical Record of Dutchess County, New York	Anson, Shirley & George A Badgley	NY dutc4	Estate of Helen Dwyer
Genealogy at a Glance	Various	RF 00000 (1)	Publisher
DAR Library Catalog Volume One Family Histories and Genealogies	Michaels, Carolyn Leopold and Kathryn S. Scott	RF 00000 (22)	Memorial
Scottish Genealogy Fourth Edition	Durie, Bruce	RF 02000 (16)	Beverly Rakowitz
Scottish Tartans in Full Color	Grant, James	RF 02004 (15)	Barbara Dehle
Ontario Genealogical Society Directory of Surnames 1995 Edition, The	Browne, David J., ed.	RF 07000 (10)	Estate of Helen Dwyer
Anglican Registers 1787-1814	Langhorn, John	RF 07000 (11)	Estate of Helen Dwyer
Presbyterian Register 1800-1841	McDowall, Robert James	RF 07000 (12)	Estate of Helen Dwyer
Lutheran Church Record 1793-1832	Broughton, Dawn, transcriber	RF 07000 (13)	Estate of Helen Dwyer
Checklist of Parish Registers 1981 third Edition	Birkett, Patricia, et al	RF 07000 (14)	Estate of Helen Dwyer
Directory of Surnames 1993 Edition The Ontario Genealogical Society	Bircham, Jean & Alfreda Veenstra	RF 07000 (15)	Estate of Helen Dwyer
History of Peel County To Mark Its Centenary as a Separate County 1867-1967, A	Charters, C. V., chm. ed. board	RF 07004 (50)	Estate of Helen Dwyer
Index of the Land Claim Certificates of Upper Canada Militiamen who served in the War of 1812-1814, An	Lauber, Wilfred R.	RF 07006 (1)	Estate of Helen Dwyer
Gravestones of Glengarry Volume III	Fraser, Alex. W.	RF 07008 (28b)	Estate of Helen Dwyer
St. Michael's Cemetery, Toronto, Ontario	Ontario Genealogical Society	RF 07008 (29)	Estate of Helen Dwyer