

San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society

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A Member Society Chartered in 1959

A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions

March 2014 NEWSLETTER

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, March 15, 2014

10 A.M. Library Annex

Program:

Joe Perez, Governor General of the Granaderos y Damas De Gálvez

Speaking on *The Granaderos*, Spanish soldiers in Neuva España and their exploits against British interests during the American Revolutionary War.

Your attendance at the meeting is important as this is an exciting year with SAGHS & TSGS co-hosting the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual conference in San Antonio in August.

SAGHS Basic Computer Skills Workshop – 1st Tuesday of every month from 1:30 - 3:30 P.M. Kurt Kneeland

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We will need volunteers to support the SAGHS hosting of the **FGS Conference** in San Antonio, 27-30 August 2014.

Volunteers receive discounts on registration fees based on hours worked. Contact **Nancy McNamara** (maneggia@juno.com) for details.

FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

GONE TO TEXAS

A conference for the nation's genealogists

August 27-30, 2014
San Antonio, Texas
with local co-hosts
San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society

From basic and introductory instruction, to methodology and problem-solving techniques, ethnic research, migration and immigration, technology, and southern and western regional topics, the choice is yours to focus on your specific interests.

FGS Keynote Address

Orphan Trains to Texas

Between 1854 and 1929, over 250,000 orphans and unwanted children were taken out of New York City and given away at train stations across America. This seventy-six year experiment in child relocation is explored through a multi-media program presented by Alison Moore and Phil Lancaster.

MORE INFORMATION:
https://www.fgsconference.org/

Calendar of Events for March

Saturday, March 15 – General Membership Meeting at 10 A.M. to noon. Stay informed about SAGHS! Program, business meeting, news, and refreshments.

Saturday, March 22 – *Creating a Family History Storybook* 10 A.M. to noon. Leslie Tomlinson. Leslie makes it easy and fun.

Sunday, March 23 – *Irish Special Interest Group* to discuss Griffith's Valuation records, 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. Contact Leslie Campbell lesliecampbell@satx.rr.com for details.

SAGHS Special Interest Groups

Contact Scott Atkinson s.atkinson@irrr.org for details about the Family Tree Maker Computer interest group.

Contact Leslie Tomlinson ltomlinson1@satx.rr.com for details on the English Genealogy interest group.

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Congratulations to SAGHS 1st V.P. **Dorothy Perez,** who received the Lydia Darragh Medal from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, for her sustained support of the San Antonio Chapter.



Sunday Afternoon Classes

2014 CLASS SCHEDULE: Please pre-register by calling the library, emailing or registering in person. It is important to notify the Librarians if you have to cancel to allow space for late registrants. We ask members for a $5.00 donation and non-members for a $10.00 donation. **Class time is 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.** at the Library Annex, 911 Melissa, San Antonio, TX.

March 9, 2014 - *Researching & Platting Land Records* - Intermediate to Advanced skills - **Julia George**. A plat is a survey of land which identifies the boundaries of the property. Locating your ancestor's property can lead to identifying migration patterns, discovering family and associates in neighboring properties, and enable you to walk the ground yourself. We will discuss practical techniques of platting land.

April 13, 2014 (Palm Sunday) - *Getting the Most Out of FamilySearch.org* - Beginner to Intermediate skill - **Aldine Allen**

May 18, 2014 (Mother's Day May 11th) - *The Westward Migration from the Mid-Atlantic and New England States, 1775 - 1860* - Beginners to Intermediate skill - **Steve Mabie**

June 8, 2013 (Father's Day June 15th) - *How to collect, document and produce family stories* - Beginner to Intermediate skill - **Barbara Froebel**

June 21, 2014 - Founder's Day Luncheon

July 13, 2014 – Georgia Genealogy and the migration to Texas from Georgia

August - No Class

August 25-30, 2014 - FGS Conference in San Antonio - Volunteers needed beginning Monday 23 August 2014

September 14, 2014 - *Researching Huguenot Ancestors* - Beginner to Intermediate skill type - **Bill Buell**

October 12, 2014 - *Read All About It;* Search for Genealogy Gems in the Newspaper - Beginner to Advanced - **Julia George**

November 9, 2014 - *Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com with Basic Coverage of Fold 3* - Beginner to Intermediate skill - **Peter Baron**

December 14, 2014 - *Understanding & Using DNA Research* - Beginner to Intermediate - **Kurt Kneeland**

New Books

Gift of Melvin N. Ingalls

New Jersey Census of 1915, Reel 2, MR 00002 2

Jottings and Echoes Related to Newnansville, One of Florida's Earliest Settlements of Alachua and Columbia Counties, by Haworth, Esther B.H. FL Alac4

Indian Depredations in Georgia, Congress of the United States GA 00004 42

What Did They Mean By That? A Dictionary of Historical Terms for Genealogists, by Drake, Paul RF 00000 6

Witter's Deutsch-Englische Schreib - und Lese - Fibel fur Amerikanische Freischulen, by Reichmann, Eberhard, ed. RF 04000 29

Gift of Nancy McNamara

Kendall County, Texas Tax Records 1880-1890; Also Non-Resident Tax Records 1880, 1884-1890, by Genealogical Soc. of Kendall Co. TX kend2

Lands of Texas Volume III, The; 150th Anniversary of the Creation of Kendall County, by Fischer, Delray E. & Rosemary TX kend6

Gift of Thomas Marks

Church History and Cemetery Listing Napoleonville, Louisiana, by Joseph, Essie & Marceline Cavalier, LA assu8

Book of Charts Vol. 2 (Terrebonne Parish) , by Babin, Ruby P., typist LA terr0

Famille Caissie, La (Les descendants de Roger Caissie et de Marie Francoise Poirier) Caissie, Vincent FH Caissie

Pre 1785 Acadians in Louisiana, by Morrison, Phoebe Chauvin LA 00002 8

1785 Acadians to Louisiana, by Morrison, Phoebe Chauvin LA 00002 9

Post 1785 Louisiana Annotated Census 1788-1798, by Morrison, Phoebe Chauvin LA 00002 10

Gift of Robert Thonhoff

Vital Contribution of Texas in the Winning of the American Revolution, The, by Thonhoff, Robert TX 00004 3

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Vital Contribution of Spain in the Winning of the American Revolution, by Thonhoff, Robert RF 21004 4

Vital Contribucion de Espana En el Triunfo de la Revolucion Americana, by Thonhoff, Robert et al RF 21004 4a

Tejano Patriots of the American Revolution 1776-1783, by Villarreal, Jesse O. TX 00004 4

Gift of Clarence Bell

First Ladies, by Klapthor, Margaret Brown, RF 33004 first

Gift of the Estate of Janey Joyce

Trace Your Roots with DNA; Using Genetic Tests to Explore Your Family Tree, by Smolenyak, Megan RF 00000 7

Contributions for SAGHS Founders' Day 21 June 2014

Dorothy Perez is collecting donations for door prizes for the SAGHS Founders' Day luncheon on 21 June 2014. Please contact her alamocid@satx.rr.com to make your contribution.

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Computer Donation Requested

SAGHS needs a replacement laptop to support presentations in the Annex classroom. If you have an excess laptop with Microsoft Vista® or Windows 7® operating system please consider donating it for our use.

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The National Genealogical Society 2014 Family History Conference

VIRGINIA: The First Frontier
Richmond, Virginia • 7-10 May 2014

The program features ten tracks per day covering a broad array of topics including records for Virginia; military records; ethnic groups including African Americans, Irish, Germans, and Ulster Scots; methodology; and the use of technology including genetics, mobile devices, and apps useful in genealogical research.

For detailed information about the conference and events, visit

http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/

Welcome New Members!

John C. Carleton

Memorials

Deloris W. Riley
Former Member

Join now or renew your TSGS membership

The purpose of 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.

You can join TSGS or renew your membership online or you can download and print a membership form to join or renew by mail. Visit their website at

http://www.txsgs.org/2014/02/01/join-tsgs/

Former SAGHS President Rufus E. Barnes Jr.

Rufus E. Barnes Jr., Lt Colonel, USAF, (Ret), passed away on 20 February 2014 in San Antonio, Texas at age 90 of natural causes. Born in Weir City, Cherokee County, Kansas on 6 January 1924, he was a charter member of the "Greatest Generation". Barely 19 years of age, he is thought to be the youngest Army Air Corps fighter pilot in the Pacific during his WWII combat tour. In the course of his 30 year USAF career he flew over 50 different aircraft in a variety of flying assignments all over the world before retiring in 1972. He was a mentor to many, and a larger than life figure and patriarch of his family. He was the President of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society from 1987-1989.



Important Information about the Library

Texas and Nueva España in the American Revolution

The SAGHS Library has recently received several volumes that tell the story of the significant contribution of Texas ranchers and Spanish soldiers (granaderos) during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain. An oft-neglected part of the story concerns the role of Spain in the American Revolution and the generally unknown role of how Texas—its soldiers, ranchers, and citizens—contributed to the winning of the war for American independence. The volumes include:

- *Tejano Patriots of the American Revolution, 1776-1783*, by Jessie O. Villareal, Sr., edited by Robert H. Thonhoff
- *Quadrilogy of Essays [Two in English; Two in Spanish]*, by Robert H. Thonhoff.
- *The Texas Connection with the American Revolution*, by Robert H. Thonhoff.

Come by the Library and read these stories of families and soldiers who supported a third front against the British that helped the English colonies win their freedom.