

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

February 2014 NEWSLETTER

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, February 15, 2014

10 A.M. Library Annex

Program:

Robert H. Thonhoff, author of

The Texas Connection

With The American Revolution

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 March (4 March) from 1:30 - 3:30 pm - Kurt Kneeland

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Thanks to two members who have volunteered to help with SAGHS vertical files:

Cindy Kennedy
and
Charles Brussells

Your issue of *Our Heritage,* the award-winning SAGHS genealogy journal is in the mail!



Read an abstract from the *Autobiography* of Dr. Anthony M. Dignowity, resident of San Antonio, 1846-1875, an innocent man, abused and imprisoned by unscrupulous city politicians ... or so he says!

Read how actions by SAGHS member Judy McKee led to restoration of a damaged family cemetery.

Learn about accessing the genealogy resources available online at the Texas General Land Office.

Look for the issue in your mailbox in the next week or so.

Calendar of Events for March

General Membership Meeting – Saturday March 15, 2014 at 10 A.M. Stay informed about SAGHS! Program, business meeting, refreshments, news.

Special classes that have been requested:

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

SAGHS Special Interest groups

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

Contact Leslie Campbell lesliecampbell@satx.rr.com for details of the Irish Genealogy Group.

Texas State Library and Archives 1201 Brazos St., Austin, TX

Beginning January 11 the State Library & Archives will be open on the **second Saturday of each month** from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.to accommodate researchers. Questions concerning second Saturdays may be sent to reference.desk@tsl.state.tx.us

News you need to know

As of 26 March 2014, the **Social Security Death Index (SSDI)** will be limited for three calendar years after a person's death. Don't try to order SS-5 forms for anyone who died within the last three years. For further information see Judy Russell's blog http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog

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.

February 9, 2014 - "Beginning English Records" Beginners to intermediate skill - Leslie Tomlinson and Leslie Campbell. Topics presented will be English civil and ecclesiastical jurisdictions, the major record groups in England, and where to find the records. Leslie and Leslie attended the *British Institute* in Salt Lake City last October and will discuss their observations.

March 9, 2014 - Researching & Platting Land Records - Intermediate to Advanced skill - Julia George

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 Nancy McNamara

Cemeteries and Historical Markers of Williamson County, Texas 1999, Texas D.O.T., MAP TX Williamso 246b

Gift of Linda Chavez-Corder

Archivos de Laredo Index to the Municipal Correspondence 1832-1845 and Verbal Arbitrations and Decisions 1832-1842 by Wood, Robert D., TX Webb0

Baptisms of Santa Rosa de Lima Church, Melchor Musquiz, Coahuila 1805-1830 by Rodriguez, Jesse, RF 07000 8

Gift of Rushelle Mason

Low Country Cousins, by Bradley, Eleanor & Patricia Scheff, FH Bradley

Gift of Melvin N. Ingalls

Royal Families of Medieval Scandinavia, Flanders, and Kiev, by Alen, Rupert & Anna M. Dahlquist RF 06004 57

Annals of the Town of Keene, from Its First Settlement, in 1734, to the Year 1790… , by Hale, Salma NH Ches4

Florida Voters in Their First Statewide Election, May 26, 1845, by Michaels, Brian E. FL 00002 2

Memorial

Fairview Church and Cemetery (NW Franklin Co., TX), by 'Hare, Martha D.D. TX fran8

Hill County, Texas, Divorce Records, 1896 to 1947, by Crook, Betsy Ross TX hill0

Cameron County, Texas Marriage Reccords Index; Brides 1848-1943 Volume I, A-L by Barrera, Enedina, et al TX came8

Cameron County, Texas Marriage Reccords Index; Brides 1848-1943 Volume II, M-Z, by Barrera, Enedina, et al TX came8

Annual Fund Drive

Thanks to those who have donated to the SAGHS Annual Fund Drive

Sylvia Lynn Boehme

Morris & Judy McKee

Gloria Shope

Earlier donors were identified in the previous *Newsletter*.

Williamson County Genealogical Society
Annual Seminar
15 March 2014
Round Rock, Texas

Speaker: Colleen M. Fitzpatrick, PhD

Topics include:

- Forensic Genealogy – CSI Meets Roots
- You'll Never Look at Old Photos the Same Way Again!
- The Database Detective
- A Different Type of DNA Talk

more information at

www.williamsontxgenealogy.org

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Descendants of Jersey Settlers of Adams County, Mississippi

meeting at Natchez, Miss.

25-27 April 2014

Explore the motivations for leaving New Jersey, and the role of the Jersey settlers in the development of religion in Mississippi.

Contact Ann Severance, djs-ann@cox.net

or visit the website, www. djs.org

Welcome New Members!

Thomas P. Lally

Mrs. Teddy Gutz

Marsha A. Provorse

Bobbyee L. Oliver

Beverly L. Brascom

Memorials

Annette "Neda"(Olive) Neathery

SAGHS President 2003-2005
Died 25 Nov 2013

Betty Jane Pfeil

Former member

Dora Due

Mother in Law of member Sandra Due

William Reichert, Jr.

Former member



Important Information about the Library

NEW YORK CITY VITAL RECORDS and NEW YORK CENSUS RECORDS NOW ONLINE

New York City birth, death, and marriage records spanning nearly a century from 1866 to 1948 are now online at *www.ancestry.com*. In addition The New York State Census Collection on the website now includes the census of 1855, 1875, and 1905. These new records may be accessed without charge through the SAGHS Library subscription to Ancestry.com.

SAGHS Member Barbara Holmes publishes on New York Ancestors

SAGHS member Barbara Holmes had an article on her family which appeared in the *The Record*, the journal of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society:

"William And John Knowles, New York Stonecutters: Their Ancestors and Descendants" by Ronald A. Hill, PhD, CG, FASG, and Barbara Holmes, *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Vol. 144, OCTOBER 2013, NUMBER 4.