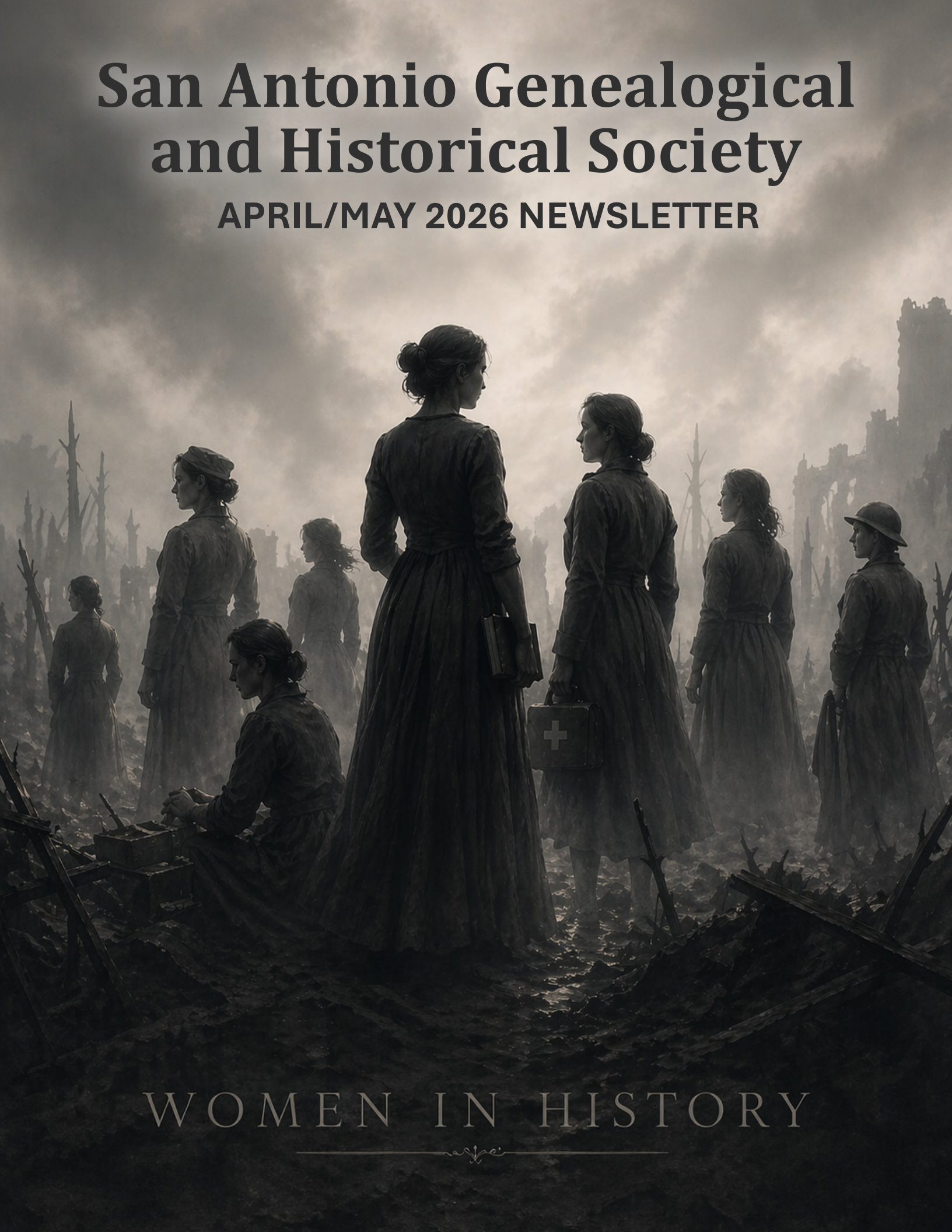
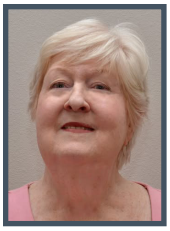
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FROM THE EDITOR

By Carol Thompson

On the Cover.....

I'm told that somewhere, some time about now, it's Women's History Month or Women's Appreciation Month or something like these recognition titles.

And most probably somewhere out there the ladies of the 1960's and '70's and '80's are nodding with grateful satisfaction that women's contributions to our world have been noticed/noted.

Throughout eons, witnessed only via archeologically found cuneiform, magnificently dressed glittery walls and ceilings of Old through New Kingdom Egyptian Dynastical Eras, women have been noted either as afterthoughts, chattel, or on those very rare occasions, a stellar acknowledged leader. We do have recorded fragments of **Boudica**, a queen of the Iceni tribe who led a major uprising against Roman rule in Britain around 60–61 AD. The Old Testament of the **Bible** records several ladies in leadership. And of course, the very whisper of the name **Cleopatra** stirs admiration, a nation builder, powerful and ruthless given our best Roman historian's writings, e.g., **Pleny the Elder** among others. Yes, there are a few examples, recordation of women of note, sprinkled throughout the centuries.

And, one of our long time members, **Norene Fiacco** has written something about women she admires, again reaching way back into history to bring to life a handful of those contributors.

She had originally been asked to present her thoughts on this subject to her **Ol' Shavano DAR Chapter**, at one of their monthly meeting programs. Librarian and fellow chapter member **Bev Rakowitz**, one of our newsletters' regular columnists, thought that this would be of interest to us all; she's right, as usual.

So, please enjoy Norene's research, her thoughts about the distaff side of history...no holds barred!

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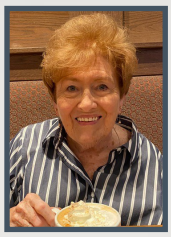
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OUTRAGEOUS REVOLUTIONARY WOMEN

By Norene Fiacco

I have always felt that history is written about men, by men, and for the most part the women are non-existent. However, today there are stories written about *women doing remarkable things at a time when it seemed unusual for women,* and that is my definition for my thoughts - **Outrageous Revolutionary Women**. The key is it seemed *unusual* for women to be doing these things, when in fact we know women have been accomplishing much since the beginning of time. The problem is women have not had the publicity. History has focused on *his* story not *her* story.

In the 1600s, property rights in this century included the legal rights to acquire, own, sell and transfer property, to collect and keep rents, to keep one's wages, to make contracts and bring lawsuits *provided the woman was unmarried.* The moment she said, "I do," all those rights passed to her husband. She basically ceased to exist as an individual.

But Widows Had Many Rights - It is believed that some of those widows who were a bit older and had the means to care for themselves and their children consciously chose to remain single after the deaths of their husbands, even though there was intense social pressure to remarry. Legally, married women were regarded as the property of their husbands, but widows were recognized as agents in their own right. A widow could inherit her deceased husband's property, run his business, keep her wages, buy and sell property, etc. — provided she remained unmarried.

Let me introduce you to (my 10th GG) **Elizabeth Warren**, wife of pilgrim **Richard Warren.** He came over on the Mayflower in 1620; she came three years later with their five daughters on the ship "Anne." When he died (1628) Elizabeth was left with seven children (five girls ranging in age from early to late teens and two little boys under the age of five, who had been born in Plimoth). She never remarried, and outlived her husband by 45 years.



Unlike the majority of Plimoth Colony women, Elizabeth Warren's name appeared regularly in the records during the many years she was a widow. In 1635, her name appeared in the records as an independent agent.

((**"Plymouth"** (with a *y*) is the standard spelling used today for the place in Plymouth Rock, where the Pilgrims are traditionally said to have landed in 1620.

Why the confusion? You might see **"Plimoth"** used in some historical contexts—like Plimoth Patuxet Museums—because it reflects an older 17th-century spelling.)

In 1652, she won a petition filed in court. A panel of judges found that the land belonged to her and she could do with it as she chose. Many scholars believe it is likely that Elizabeth remained a widow so she did not have to give up her rights. If married, she would be giving up all the land, the business, everything she owned - even her children would now belong to the man. That is correct - the children she had with her husband would become the property of whichever man she married. Therefore, she probably saw no reason to remarry.... gasp !

Moving to the 1700s, there are many "Outrageous" women from whom to choose as examples. As told in the captivating book *The Indigo Girl*, by **Natasha Boyd,** the year is 1739 and **Eliza Lucas** is sixteen years old when her father leaves her in charge of their family's three plantations in rural South Carolina and then proceeds to bleed the estates dry in pursuit of his military ambitions. (In those days, to rise in the ranks of the militia, the men had to pay for the ranks they wanted to achieve.) Based on historical documents, including Eliza's letters, this is a historical fiction account of how a teenage girl produced indigo dye, which became one of the largest exports out of South Carolina. Although largely overlooked by historians, the accomplishments of Eliza Lucas influenced the course of US history. When she passed away in 1793, President **George Washington** served as a pallbearer at her funeral.

We have heard of the Minutemen, but did you know there were Minute Women? In Pepperell, Massachusetts, the women were a patriotic bunch. When they learned of the Boston Tea Party, they had their own party by gathering all their tea and burning it on the town common. When their men marched off to war, the women formed their own militia and were quite successful at crossing enemy lines to pass information. After all, who would suspect a *mere* woman?

Another woman of the American Revolution is 16-year-old **Sybil Ludington** - essentially the female version of **Paul Revere.** She performed a similar ride to warn of the impending British forces; however, she is said to have ridden more than double the distance that Paul Revere did, and did so at a far younger age. She returned home at dawn having given nearly the entire regiment of 400 Colonial troops the order to assemble. Following the battle, Gen. George Washington personally thanked Sybil for her service & bravery. Although every American school child knows the story of Paul Revere, unfortunately few are taught about Sybil Ludington's courageous feat.

At the end of the American Revolution, **Elizabeth Freeman** was an enslaved widow living in Massachusetts. Hearing the words of the new Massachusetts state constitution which declared "liberty and equality for all," she sought the help of a young lawyer. The lawsuit that she pursued would bring freedom for her, as well as thousands of other enslaved people. Quote from her: "At any time while I was a slave, if one minute's freedom had been offered to me, and I had been told I must die at the end of that minute, I would have taken it—just to stand one minute on God's airth [sic] a free woman—I would."

Based on the true story of an American icon, *The Engineer's Wife* written by **Tracey Enerson Wood**, delivers a portrait of a woman transformed by a project of unfathomable scale - the Brooklyn Bridge (opened 1883) - designed and built by **Emily Warren Roebling** (her husband started it, but got ill and couldn't finish). Her husband's name is on a large plaque on the bridge. Many years later (67, to be exact - in 1950) the shipbuilders added a plaque giving Emily the credit she deserved. This story truly reveals an example of an outrageous woman in the 1800s.

The main character in *The Book*

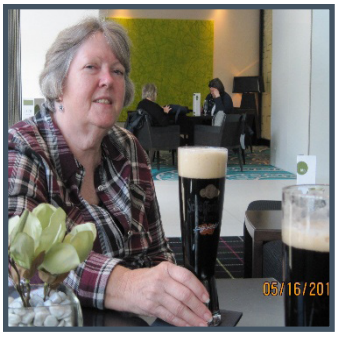
Woman of Troublesome Creek by **Kim Michele Richardson** is a composite of several mountain women "librarians" who delivered books by pack mule to remote areas of the Appalachian Mountains during the Great Depression, from 1935 to 1943, as part of President **Franklin D. Roosevelt's** Works Progress Administration (WPA) program. It is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere.

In the book entitled *The Only Woman in the Room* by **Marie Benedict,** the incredible true story of **Hedy Lamarr** is told. Born in Vienna, Austria, she possessed a stunning beauty which almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party, and led to a marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. But she also possessed a stunning mind. As the only woman in the room, she was underestimated. She overheard the Third Reich's plans, understanding more than anyone would guess. After devising a harrowing escape plan, she arrived in Hollywood and graced American screens during the Golden Age of Hollywood technology.

I have introduced you to numerous examples (from the 1600s to the 1900s) of Outrageous, Revolutionary, remarkable women. But what about a woman who 50 years ago started her own business and successfully ran it for several decades . . . Or the woman, who after retirement from a stellar military career took up scuba diving and for 20+ years enjoyed meeting up with other divers and diving at famous places all around the world . . . Or the woman who married and had her children at a young age. When they started school she wanted an education herself and set out as an example for her children about the importance of education. When they were in elementary school she began - first an Associate's degree - then a Bachelor's degree - at which point she began teaching while earning a Master's degree. Remember, there were no on-line classes then. It was after her children were in college that she finally earned her Doctorate degree in Education. She then worked for nearly 20 years at Region 20 (San Antonio) writing curriculum and delivering workshops for other teachers. What an example of a "life-long learner" . . . Or the woman who became the Director of the San Antonio State School (formerly called Texas Dep't of Mental Health & Retardation) when a woman director of a state hospital was unheard of!

There are no war stories nor books written about these women, yet they are what I call Outrageous Women. Where did I get these examples? From the obituaries of our SAGHS membership; these women were in our midst just a few years ago. It is sad and disheartening to get to know our members from obituaries. We need to be sharing our stories while alive. The vast majority of you are thinking, "I don't have a story to tell." My response is, "YES, YOU DO." You did not get to be this age without going through many life experiences/phases/both successes & failures. We tend to look around and see each other only as who we are now - at this moment in time. I encourage you to share your lives with each other, and write them down for your children. Do not assume they know - trust me, they don't! They know you as Mom or Grandmother, they do not see, or even understand that you have lived many lives in various roles.

I would like to think we have reached a time when the things that women do are not thought of as outrageous or revolutionary. We need to celebrate women for who we are and what we have always been and accomplished. A group of women meet every Tuesday morning and volunteer their time to the SAGHS library. Over the course of time working together they have shared their stories with each other. The library could use more volunteers and they would be happy to have you. Also, the library could use more researchers; so if you plan time to work on your own genealogy lines at the library, you will meet others who can help you. That will be the start of sharing your story and hearing others, whether you are a volunteer or researcher. I encourage you to make the time to share life experiences. I guarantee you, your life will be greatly enriched.



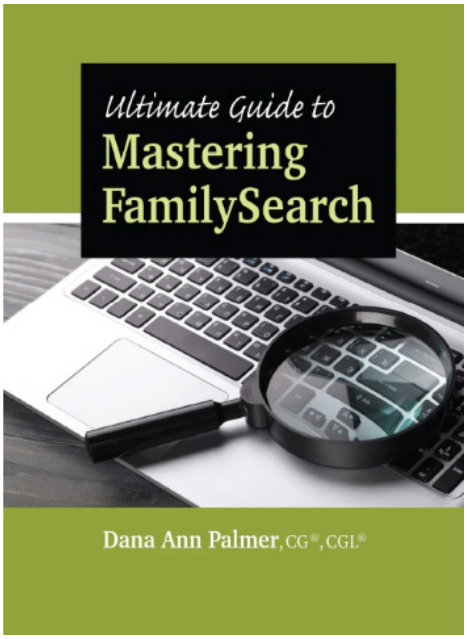
FROM THE LIBRARY

By Bev Rakowitz

We have purchased the book Ultimate Guide to Mastering Family Search by Dana Ann Palmer. This is a beginners/intermediate guide for those who want to use *FamilySearch.org*, but may have been hesitant to dive in. It is helpful to people who aren't comfortable with computers, because the book is packed with Screenshots showing how all the features work.

FamilySearch.org is provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to help individuals connect their family through free genealogical and historical resources. As the program develops, updates will be available on the FamilySearch website (**http://www.familysearch.org**) or (**http://www.familysearch.org/en/home/portal/** for English speakers). There will be updates available as downloadable pdfs. There is also an eBook. Ultimate Guide to Mastering FamilySearch walks you through screenshots designed to guide and explain the tools like Wiki, Full-Text Search, and Images, plus how to create your family tree, researching the resources in FamilySearch.

Genealogy researchers who have been using the FamilySearch site for a long time will find valuable tips and tricks from this book. The author, Dana Ann Palmer, has years of experience working with FamilySearch and teaching people how to use the site. The book chapters make following subjects easy:



Chapter 1: Overview of FamilySearch

Chapter 2: Finding Records (records, images, catalog…)

Chapter 3: Searching Tricks (such as wildcards, locality search…)

Chapter 4: Fill-text Search (detail on new full-text search)

Chapter 5: Using the Research Wiki

Chapter 6: The Tree (pedigree, editing, records)

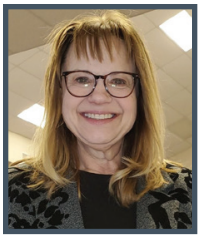
Chapter 7: Books

Chapter 8: Memories

Chapter 9: Other Tools (collaborating, help, community…)

Chapter 10: Summary with a detailed Index.

Instructions for **Getting Started** are at the beginning of Chapter 1 and each chapter has suggestions for use. Take advantage of this new book and use FamilySearch. Please give me a call if you have questions! I'm delighted to offer this book to help you on your way to researching your family☺



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

By AnnMarie Esparza

SAGHS membership renewal is coming up—don't worry, this is the *gentle* reminder, not the ominous one written in stone.

As a member of our genealogical and historical society, you help keep dusty documents readable, old photos identifiable, and fascinating stories from slipping through the cracks of time. Plus, where else can you happily debate surnames, spellings, and "GreatAunt SoandSo" with people who truly understand?

Even though your membership is paid through June 30th, you can pay your dues in May in two easy ways:

1. Visit the library or

2. Visit the website txsaghs.org to make your renewal

You won't want to miss the new season of articles or the activities! Dues support our ever-expanding library, classes, subscription websites, annual seminar, membership meetings with great speakers and our publications: this newsletter and *Our Heritage*, our journal for your family stories. Think of it as preserving *your* place in the records—**no carbon dating required.**

We're glad you're here, and we hope you'll stick around for another chapter!

National Genealogical Society Family History Conference

Histories for the future

The National Genealogical Society's annual conference will be held **27-30 May 2026 in Fort Wayne, Indiana**, home to the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library.

In recognition of the Semiquincentennial Anniversary of the signing of United States Declaration of Independence on 4 July 1776, the theme is **America at 250**. The conference will shine a light on the stories, communities, and research strategies that help us understand the nation's past.



Member Spotlight

PEGGY COX JARED

By Carol Thompson

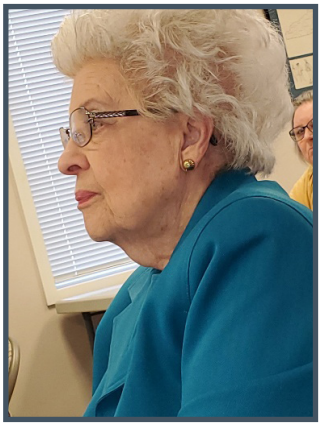
Many times over some years of experience, most of us have discovered big things, wrapped in small packages.

This is just what we've experienced in Peggy Cox Jared, a quietly effective SAGHS member since 1997. She has been there as a duty librarian during the late 1990s, and she has been a ready and steady resource in assisting with bylaws, a task that sends most of us heading for the Excedrin bottle.

Peggy is a native Texan, born in Lampasas to parents whose ancestors were early settlers in Central Texas. In fact, her paternal great-grandfather was a signer on the petition to create Lampasas County. Both sides of her family trace their American heritage to the first half of the seventeenth century. Her mother's family traces to at least three lines on the *Mayflower* arriving in 1620, and her father's family goes back to 1635 in early New Hampshire.

Peggy's early childhood was spent moving among tiny little towns in the central part of Texas, growing up hearing bits and pieces of family history, a subject beloved by her father and by both her and her brother. Formal education was encouraged as were questions about current events and the study of many subjects. She achieved first a Bachelor's then a Master's Degree from what is now called Texas State University, graduating *cum laude*.

Peggy became a teacher being certified in three areas: English, history, and business administration. She came to San Antonio after a few years to pursue her career at Alamo Heights High School. It was there she met her future husband, handsome retired Lt. Col. **George B. Jared**, US Army. George had begun a new career as a teacher. But, after marriage, Peggy continued her career, ultimately teaching 37 years, 30 of them at AHHS. During this time, for about 24 years, she also taught English at San Antonio College in the Evening Division. She was, indeed, a busy lady.



Along the way, she enjoyed a rich life volunteering in groups that held genealogical and historical meaning for her. Some of them are listed below.

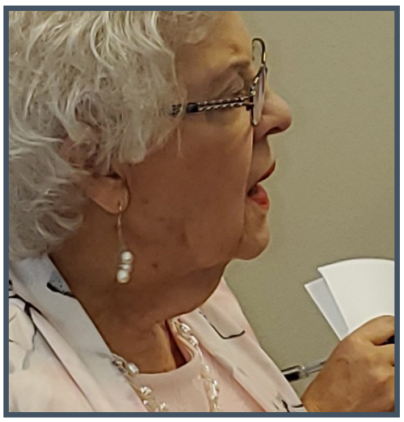
Peggy served her DAR interest in the San Antonio de Bexar Chapter of the **Daughters of the American Revolution**, serving as chaplain, librarian, first vice regent, and regent/president. She is currently the parliamentarian, a position she has held for several years. She also chaired its Scholarship, Bylaws, and Bereavement committees, and she has held other jobs too numerous to mention. She also served as co-chairman of two committees for the Texas Society DAR.

Her **Daughters of the Republic of Texas** service includes being the treasurer, corresponding secretary, and first vice president of the Alamo Couriers Chapter. She now belongs to the **Alamo Mission Chapter,** serving numerous terms as its parliamentarian and chairman of the Bylaws Committee. She has

also chaired the Audit Committee and served on the chapter's Scholarship Committee. She even served as an Alamo docent for two years.

Peggy's membership and service extend to numerous other organizations. As a proud founding member of the **United Daughters of 1812,** the David Crockett Chapter, she served as both corresponding and recording secretary, president, and parliamentarian for several terms. She also has served, and still does, as chairman of the Bylaws Committee. In the **Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century,** Robert Speer Chapter, Peggy served as the President and served the State organization as its Community Service Award Committee Chairman for two terms. Of course, she served as chapter parliamentarian and Bylaws committee member for several terms.

Peggy has headed two state organizations, serving as State Governor of the **Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants** and as Texas Division Regent of the **National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons**. She has served both groups locally in numerous positions as well including as parliamentarian of both groups. She even had an article published in the *Mayflower Quarterly*, the national publication of the Mayflower Society, on the Battle of Medina and a Mayflower descendant's participation in the battle which was later cited in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* as an outstanding article concerning New England inhabitants. All of this is just the tip of the iceberg describing her service to this group of patriots. Her service to Magna Charta Dames and Barons is just as extensive and just as varied.



Peggy was also the moving force behind the founding of two local groups, the Elizabeth Winslow Colony of **New England Women**, having been the founder of the local colony and serving as its first president, and the Texas Hill Country Chapter XVIII **The Colonial Dames of America.** She has held various positions in that group as well and, of course, currently serves as its parliamentarian.

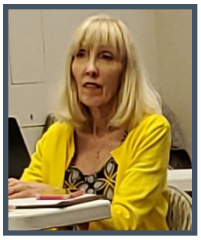
Peggy's interests extend beyond lineage societies. She also belongs to the **National Association of Parliamentarians** (NAP) with membership in two local units of the organization, the San Antonio Unit and the Alamo Registered Unit. Peggy has served as historian of the San Antonio Unit for several terms as well as its secretary. She has achieved accreditation as a Registered Parliamentarian (RP) by NAP.

Now, it has become obvious that one particular skill runs through almost every society, every gathering that has interested Peggy Jared, that of being the expert, thoroughly knowledgeable parliamentarian and bylaws champ. She has lent this knowledge, this skill, to all in need, is highly respected for her ability to assist groups in need of a guiding hand, and is available to help answer questions and clarify those many noggin-creasing questions of order.

All of this has led up to Peggy's being named by **Gov. Gregg Abbott** as an Admiral in the **Texas Navy Association**, an interest group dedicated to recognizing those who have contributed to furthering the study of and interest in American history. Peggy was, she smiled, "honored to receive such an accolade."

Time for hobbies? Yes…reading, of course, plus crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, expository writing, and historical research of many kinds. Yes, and the fun of those quirks of Izzy, her re-homed four-legged pooch!

Peggy Jared is indeed a meeting management treasure!



MEET PRESIDENT WARREN G. HARDING
29th President of the United States

by Neka Jenkins-Scarbrough

Our artist member Neka has written a unique book *Presidential Portraits: Faces – Food – Feelings and Facts*. All portrait art, her own creations.

- Born November 2, 1865 — Blooming Grove, Ohio
- Died August 2, 1923 — San Francisco, California
- Age at death: 57
- Height: 6 feet tall
- Married Florence Kling DeWolfe in 1891
- One daughter: Elizabeth Ann Harding (1893–1982)

CONTRIBUTIONS

- Campaigned on a "Return to Normalcy" following World War I
- Signed the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, creating the modern federal budget system
- Established the Bureau of the Budget (now the Office of Management and Budget)
- Convened the Washington Naval Conference, reducing naval armaments among major world powers
- Publicly supported anti-lynching legislation and spoke in favor of civil rights in Birmingham, Alabama (1921)

MYTHS & FACTS

Myth: Harding was unintelligent or unqualified.

Fact: He successfully ran the Marion Star newspaper and served as Ohio state senator, lieutenant governor, and U.S. senator before becoming president.

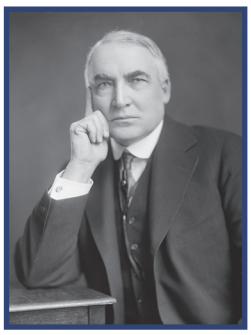
Myth: He personally orchestrated the Teapot Dome scandal.

Fact: The scandal involved members of his cabinet. Major investigations and prosecutions unfolded after his death. No conclusive evidence shows Harding personally profited.

Myth: His presidency lacked substance.

Fact: His administration modernized federal budgeting and helped stabilize postwar foreign relations through international arms agreements.

THE HUMAN MOMENT



Warren G. Harding stood six feet tall, broad-shouldered, and visibly composed. Many observers remarked that he simply "looked presidential." Yet in private he was often reflective, even uncertain of his own depth. He was warm, sociable, and genuinely liked people. He preferred harmony over confrontation and disliked sharp conflict. In 1891 he married **Florence Kling DeWolfe,** a divorced woman five years his senior — independent, disciplined, and politically astute. Florence managed the business side of their newspaper and later guarded his schedule with equal determination. Their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Harding, born in 1893, remained devoted to her parents throughout her long life. Harding softened noticeably around his family. As president, he carried the fatigue of a nation adjusting to the aftermath of war. He believed Americans wanted steadiness, reassurance, and a return to routine. In the summer of 1923, while on a cross-country speaking tour, he died suddenly in San Francisco at age fifty-seven. The shock was national. Florence was at his bedside.

QUIRKS, CONTRADICTIONS & EMOTIONS

- Enjoyed late-night poker games and long conversations
- Preferred consensus over confrontation
- Sometimes overly trusting of associates
- Warm in small settings, more formal in public
- Deeply loyal to Florence's counsel

NEW BOOKS

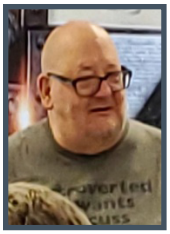
For a full list of new books, view the catalog online or ask the duty librarian in person.

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AK 00004 (4a)	Aunt Phil's Trunk: Volume 2	Carlson, Phillis Downing and Laurel Downing Bill	2007	Martin Soward	AK
AK 00004 (4b)	Aunt Phil's Trunk, Volume 3	Carlson, Phyllis Downing and Laurel Downing Bill	2008	Martin Soward	AK
AK 00004 (4c)	Aunt Phil's Trunk: Volume 4	Carlson, Phyllis Downing and Laurel Downing Bill	2009	Martin Soward	AK
IL cook4	Chicago at the Turn of the Century in Photographs: 122 Historic Views from the Collections of the Chicago Historical Society	Viskochil, Larry A., Grant Talbot Dean, Chicago Historical Society	1984	Martin Soward	IL
KY mcCr	Paducah: Portrait of a River Town	Holland, Richard	1994	Martin Soward	KY
KY 18004 eBook	Biographical Sketch of General William O. Butler, of Kentucky	Frank P. Blair	1848	Found in Library	KY
KY 18004 eBook	Biographical Sketch of Col Richard M Johnson of Kentucky (1843)	Kentuckian, Asahel Langworthy	1843	Found in Library	KY
LA 00004 (28)	Irish Rebels Confederate Tigers: The 6th Louisiana Volunteers, 1861-1865	Gannon, James P.	1998	Martin Soward	LA
MF 366	Common People Like You and Me: Our Findley-Bosley Ancestors and their part in America's Story	Hager, Betty Brockette	2012	Martin Soward	MF
MF maco6	Family Maps of Macomb County, Michigan	Boyd, Gregory A.	2008	Martin Soward	MF
MN stlo4	Duluth, An Illustrated History of the Zenith City	Sandvik, Glenn and St. Louis County Historical Society	1983	Martin Soward	MN
MP US (34)	Historical Maps of North America	Swift, Michael	2001	Martin Soward	MP US
MS tish8	Obituaries of Tishomingo County, Mississippi: volume 1: A and B Surnames 1845-1999	Tishomingo County Historical and Genealogical Society	2011	Martin Soward	MS
MS tish2	Tishomingo County, Mississippi Cash Book 1899	Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society		J. Sherman	MS
NC 00004 (60)	Village Tapestry: The History of Blowing Rock	Buxton, Barry M.	1989	Martin Soward	NC
NE doug4	Born Rich: A Historical Book of Omaha	Killian, Margaret Patricia	1978	J. Sherman	NE
OH 00004 (17)	Photo Album of Ohio's Canal Era, 1825-1913	Gieck, Jack	1988	Martin Soward	OH
OK tuls4	Tulsa County in the World War	Lampe, William T.	1919	Martin Soward	OK
PA leba4	Cornwall: The People and Culture of an Industrial Camelot, 1890-1980	Oblinger, Carl and Pennsylvania Historical and Museum	1984	Martin Soward	PA
PA Warr4	Yester Years	Miller, Ernest C.	1995	Martin Soward	PA
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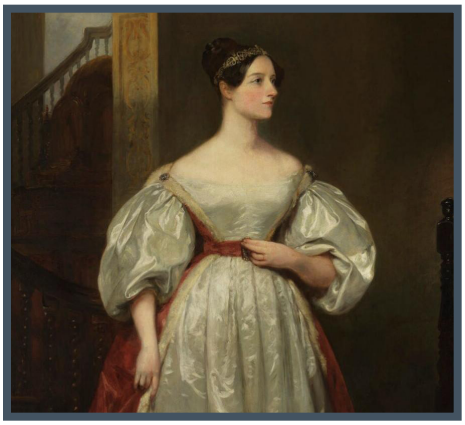
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By Charles W. Stricklin

I want to tell you about five women who changed the world. Not in a vague, inspirational-poster way. In a specific, documented, here-is-what-they-actually-did way. We are genealogists. We deal in records. So let's talk about the record.



Ada Lovelace (1815 – 1852) Ada Lovelace wrote the first computer algorithm in the 1840s — nearly a century before there was a computer to run it on. She was working with **Charles Babbage** on his Analytical Engine, a mechanical calculating machine, and she saw something hedidn't: that the machine could do more than arithmetic. It could be programmed. She wrote detailed notes describing how it could be used to compose music, generate graphics, and solve problems of any kind.

She was twenty-seven. Every programmer who has ever lived is working in the space she imagined first.



Abigail Adams (1744 – 1818) Abigail Adams told her husband to remember the ladies while he was busy founding a country. He didn't, not in any formal sense. But she kept writing anyway — thousands of letters, across decades, to **John Adams** and to anyone else worth corresponding with. Those letters are now one of the clearest windows we have into what the founding era actually felt like from the inside. She ran the farm, raised the children, managed the finances, and did it all while her husband was away being a Founding Father. History remembered him.

We should do a better job of remembering her.



Harriet Tubman (c. 1822 – 1913) Harriet Tubman escaped slavery and then went back thirteen times. She led approximately seventy people to freedom along the **Underground Railroad** and reportedly never lost a single one. During the Civil War she served as a spy and scout for the Union Army. She later worked alongside **Susan B. Anthony** in the fight for women's suffrage. There is no version of American courage that does not have Harriet Tubman near the top of the list. If you have never read a full biography of her, I'd call that a gap worth closing.

Angelina Eberly (1798 – 1860) Most Texans have never heard her name, which is a shame, because she is the reason Austin is still the capital of this state. Austin — built on the site of a settlement once called Waterloo — was a

raw frontier town in 1842, poorly fortified, within striking distance of the Mexican Army, and under near-constant pressure from Comanche raids. Houston wanted the archives moved to Houston for safekeeping, and he had a reasonable case. But in the predawn hours of December 30, Angelina Eberly, who ran the Eberly House boarding house on Pecan Street — what we now call 6th Street — caught his **Texas Rangers** loading the Republic's archives into wagons.

She made her way to the corner of Pecan and Congress Avenue, where a six-pound howitzer sat loaded and ready in case of attack, and she fired it in the direction of the General Land Office. The city woke up. Volunteers gave chase and ran the Rangers down near what is now Pflugerville, recovering the archives at gunpoint. There is a statue of her on Congress Avenue today, standing right where she touched off that cannon. Thousands of people walk past it every day — including plenty of Austinites — with no idea why it's there. That's a shame, because if she hadn't done what she did, Houston would be the capital of Texas right now.



Hedy Lamarr (1914 – 2000) Hollywood knew Hedy Lamarr as one of the most famous actresses of her era. What Hollywood did not know — what almost nobody knew for decades — is that she was also an inventor.

During World War II she co-developed a frequency-hopping radio guidance system to prevent enemy jamming of Allied torpedoes. The patent expired before she saw a cent from it. The technology went on to become the foundation of Wi-Fi, GPS, and Bluetooth. The next time you complain about your wireless signal, you are standing on something she built.

Five women. Five very different lives, in different centuries, on different continents. What they have in common is that they did not ask for permission, and the world is measurably better because they didn't. As people who spend our time recovering the stories of those the record overlooked, I think we owe it to ourselves to know their stories cold.our members need the knowledge you have to share.

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