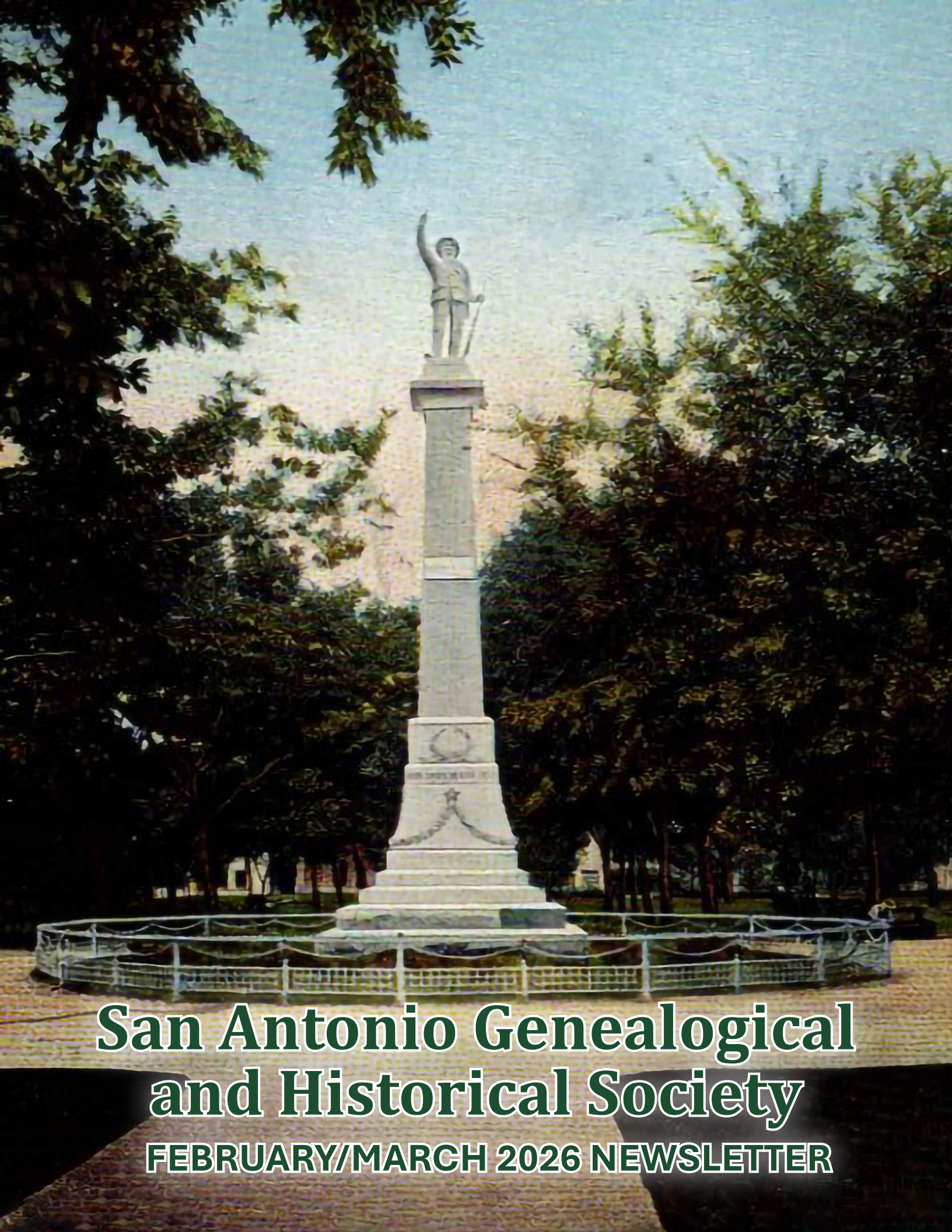


San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Peter Baron

Once again, I want to thank our member volunteers for allowing our library to be open, ready with answers, advice, helpful to those who have found our magnificent research facility.

Here's some of what has been happening on our campus:

The Book Sale brought in about $2000. We still have a large number of books, to include most of the expensive ones, that will still need to be sold. We are working on setting up an online store to use for disposal of property.

Your Board has been busy behind the scenes working on numerous projects. We have secured the building permit to renovate the **Guenther Wing**. We are actively seeking bids for that project. We have secured rental agreements with the **Canary Islander Descendant Association** and with the **James McHenry DAR** for use of the Dwyer Building. We have other organizations actively requesting use and will address those as availability allows.

I am happy to announce that **Karen Boyers** will be leading the First Families Committee. **Nancy Brennan** has labored tirelessly for years and her efforts have given us one of our strongest programs. Thank you Nancy and Karen.

I am also excited to bring on board **Charles Stricklin** as Education Chair. Charles brings an amazing knowledge of all things digital and we are looking to build on our past programing. Keep an eye out for our new YouTube content.

I am very grateful for our Board. SAGHS is a multi-million-dollar organization with no paid staff. Our Board is essential to keep everything moving smoothly. We have been operating with vacancies for some time. I am reaching out to any member who is willing to assist in serving SAGHS. We will be electing At-Large board members soon. We will also have three elected officer positions to fill. Please contact me if you are willing to support the society by serving as an officer or board member.

In Service,

Peter

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FROM DR. WILLIAM S. KISER

Professor of History and Department Chair

"The History Program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio is grateful for the generous funding that SAGHS has provided to support our undergraduate students over the next five years.

Each semester, we offer two sections of HISTORY 4301 "Historical Research Methods" as a capstone course for graduating History majors. As part of that course, every student produces an original research paper of 15-20 pages with corresponding source notes. Many of our students choose to research topics related to local and/or regional history, which aligns closely with the content published in Our Heritage.

The stipends that these students receive from SAGHS funding support the costs of conducting the research, such as travel to archives and accessing materials online or in person, and other associated research expenses. The award and ensuing publication in Our Heritage also provides these students with major accomplishments that can support their applications to graduate school or to jobs. In this way, SAGHS funding supports several of our students each year and those students in turn support the organization's journal with publications related to regional history.

Our History faculty look forward to continuing this program over the next five years through the funding that SAGHS has provided, and are appreciative of the organization's interest in supporting student research."



FROM THE LIBRARY

By Bev Rakowitz

GENEALOGY CAN BE HABIT FORMING

Warning: GENEALOGY POX... NO KNOWN CURE
(Very contagious to mature adults)

SYMPTOMS: Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses.

Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at the mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote, desolated country areas. Makes secret calls. Hides phone bills from spouse. Mumbles to self. Has strange faraway look in eyes.

TREATMENT: Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend Genealogy workshops, subscribe to Genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

REMARKS: The unusual nature of this disease is – the sicker the patient gets, the more he enjoys it. For this disease there is no known cure...

(Note: found tucked into a 1988 Our Heritage magazine donated back to SAGHS. Google research revealed many copies of Genealogy Pox over the years.)



THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY®

By Rita Schimpff

This non-profit organization was formed by the joining of many local groups whose purpose was to care for Confederate Veterans and their families, in life and death, and to keep alive the memory of our Southern heritage. I am Rita Schimpff, current president of **Albert Sidney Johnston 2060 San Antonio, United Daughters of the Confederacy®** chartered in 1932 to serve Bexar County and adjoining Texas Counties.

During the war (1861-1865) these early local aid societies were originally formed to support the army with food, cartridges, and supplies. They sewed socks and uniforms; they made regimental and national flags out of their silk wedding dresses and became nurses and spies and sometimes disguised themselves and fought as soldiers.



When the war was over, these same groups shifted into care for the indigent veterans, widows, and orphans. They also took on the grisly task of re-burying the Confederate dead who lay in mass unmarked graves or lay in fields, many not buried at all. These same 'steel magnolias' and their associations spread word throughout the South to organize on a common day and decorate the graves of both the blue and the gray on Decoration Day - that became our Memorial Day.



After **Gen Gordon** introduced **Jefferson Davis**'s daughter **Winnie** as 'the daughter of the Confederacy' many groups adopted this name – later a plan was hatched to combine all these groups across the South for the greater good as The National Daughters of the Confederacy and then in 1894, as the United Daughters of the Confederacy®.

We are part of the Texas Division which is part of the General Organization with chapters nationwide. Our specific objectives are:

Historical, Educational, Benevolent, Memorial and Patriotic.

We continue the mission established by our predecessors, especially the **Barnard E. Bee** chapter chartered in San Antonio in 1896. For 3 years during impoverished times these ladies raised, pennies at a time, over $3,000 to lay the cornerstone in 1899 and erect The Travis Park Confederate monument in a huge ceremony in 1900. This memorial is to remember the Texans who answered the call of their state and serve as a headstone for the many soldiers who never returned and their graves unknown.

We are dedicated to honoring the memory of our Confederate ancestors; protecting, preserving and marking the places made historic by Confederate valor.

We recently researched and brokered the placement of the Battle of Adams Hill monument that had been in storage for years.

We safeguarded and found a new home for the defaced and targeted Jefferson Davis Highway marker that was on the Austin Highway.

We own the 2.5-acre **San Antonio Confederate Cemetery** in the historic eastside. It is an active cemetery. We obtained National Historic Designation and the Texas Historical Commission's designation of Historic Texas Cemetery. We support the 30 year old **Confederate Cemetery Association** https://ccasatx.org that maintains the upkeep of this landmark. We offer hands-on headstone cleaning demonstrations and tours of this cemetery.



We collect and preserve the material, artifacts and stories for a truthful history of the War Between the States for publication and research. We record the participation of Southern women in their patient endurance of hardship and patriotic devotion during and after the war. We research, write, present and publish articles, books and presentations on our Southern Heritage.



We provide aid to descendants of worthy Confederates seeking education with scholarships and essay contests and assist our elderly with cards, letters and donations, fulfilling the sacred duty of benevolence.

We honor the service of veterans from all wars as well as active-duty military personnel. Some of our projects: **Warm Feet for Warriors, The Wall that Heals, Border Patrol** care items, **Honor Flight, Wreaths Across America** benefiting the Confederate Cemetery, and **Military Service Awards** to both active and retired military. We support our military and veterans with Christmas goods and Valentine events.

We are especially proud to support the **SS American Memorial Foundation** https://ssamemorial.org to help re-erect our Travis Park memorial and other markers now in their care at their beautiful veteran's healing park in Seguin – the first of its kind! More, on this project later.

Our monthly luncheon meetings offer historical and educational programs. Women must be at least 16 years of age and be lineal or collateral blood descendants of men and women who served honorably in the Confederate Military, Confederate Civil Service, or who provided Material Aid to the Confederacy.

You might recognize some familiar names among our 2025 – 2026 elected chapter officers:

President	Rita Schimpff
Vice President	Ana Olinger
2ND Vice President	Susan Lloyd
Treasurer	Jeannette Kirts
Recording/Corresponding Secretary	Diane Scannell
Registrar	Pat Johnson
Historian	Noralyn Ripps
Recorder of Military Service Awards	Robin Terrazas
Chaplin	Linda Leal
Custodian	Debra Knippa
Immediate Past President	Robin Terrazas

We welcome inquiries from those who would honor their ancestors.



MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING SPEAKER

Hector J. Cardenas

Topic: The History Of San Antonio Fire Fighters

Hector J. Cardenas is a U.S. Navy veteran, retired San Antonio firefighter/paramedic, community leader, and professional tour guide whose career spans more than five decades of public service. He delighted, enlightened, and entertained us, giving a fascinating and well done video presentation to our March Membership attendees. A native of San Antonio and graduate of Edgewood High School, he served aboard the USS Carronade during the Vietnam War as a Quartermaster, overseeing critical navigation duties and earning multiple military commendations.

Following his military service, Cardenas dedicated 34 years to the San Antonio Fire Department, serving as a structural firefighter, paramedic, emergency apparatus operator, supervisor, and instructor. His distinguished career earned him numerous honors, including Firefighter of the Year awards and recognition for historic preservation work.

From 2005 to 2018, he worked as a certified professional tour guide, sharing San Antonio's history with visitors from around the world. A lifelong community advocate, Cardenas has held leadership roles in numerous neighborhood associations, historic preservation groups, and civic boards, including the San Antonio Conservation Society, the Tricentennial Commission, and the Bexar County Historical Commission.

His decades of volunteerism have been recognized with major awards such as the United Way Volunteer of the Year, the Jefferson Award for Public Service, and the San Antonio Conservation Society's Historic Preservation Hero Award. Cardenas is widely regarded as a dedicated steward of San Antonio's history, culture, and community life.



Member Spotlight

WILLIAM ALLEN MYERS
City Planner

By Carol Thompson

By sheer coincidence, thinking of so many members past and present who I'd like us to know more about, Bill Myers popped up on my long ToDoList list.

This is a coincidence because, as I was interviewing him there in the library lobby, a busy place on a Thursday afternoon, he mentioned a life highlight, being the cause agent for, by sheer accident, creating through curiosity, assembling, and now managing an enormous and growing, group of folks who are, might be, could be……related to him.

He published this very story with a sample newsletter, in our latest *Our Heritage* journal issue, pages 9 – 12 of Volume 66, Numbers 3 & 4, Spring & Summer 2025, edited by our **Dr. Jeffery Hankins**, which I had just read and thoroughly enjoyed.

Bill is a native son, born in Bryan, Brazos County. His first formal, earned educational achievement, a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Texas A&M. While there, by the way, he earned membership in the vaulted Ross Volunteers, was a class officer, a member of the Student Senate, and was the Scholastics Officer on the Corps Staff.

Somewhere in that maze of 24/7-hour student life, he managed to re-unite with beautiful Bryan native **Ellen Douglas Howell,** who had been his high school sweetheart. Although his first job took him to Houston, then Oklahoma, he managed to persuade her to anchor his life, marrying a few days before Christmas, 1967. She joined him there in Stillwater, teaching history at Oklahoma State University after he finished his Masters in City and Regional Planning from the University of Oklahoma. In Stillwater, he was the Director of City Planning and an adjunct instructor of Planning at OSU, joined the Jaycees, a civic organization, became their President and later was honored as a Jaycee International Senator!



They got themselves back to Texas, San Antonino in fact, in 1970 where Bill became the Director of Regional Planning for the Alamo Area Council of Governments, teaching city planning courses at Trinity University and at the brand new UTSA campus. In 1974, he became the Director of Planning for the San Antonio Transit System, entered civil service at Randolph AFB in 1980 and concluded his long career as the Director of Environmental Planning for the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence at Brooks AFB until his civilian retirement in 2001.

Bill had been commissioned in the Air Force Reserve back at A&M, enjoyed several positIons, moving from Donaldson AFB in South Carolina, to Reserve positions at bases in Houston, Norman and Stillwater in Oklahoma and San Antonio, where he retired from his military career in 1990 as a colonel. He commanded a large, quickly deployable engineering unit known as RED HORSE. Home base though has been here in Terrell Hills since 1970. Their son **William Webb Myers** arrived in 1975, completing their family circle.

I asked him just how or when, in all of this whirling morass of career, church activities, retirement travels, he managed to find our library, our Society.

Clearly putting his mental thinking cap on, he told me that initially it was his mother, who had done extensive genealogical research on her **Woods** family, who jump-started his interest in what has turned out to be a fascinating ancestral history.

About 2004, now fully retired, he realized that he had only five living Myers cousins, all from Austin! And that discovery was the beginning of what has now grown to his generating a newsletter that, as you may read in our journal, goes out to over 195 living Myers cousins! In 2009, Bill organized a Myers family



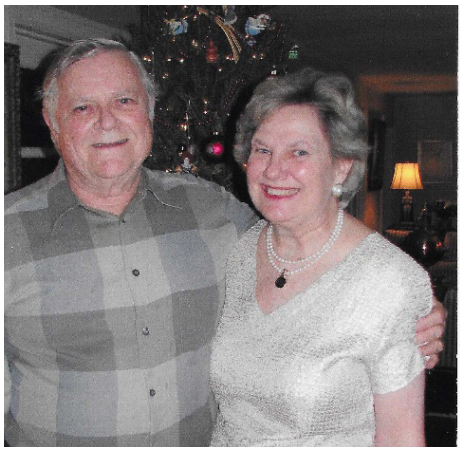
reunion in San Antonio. Since that initial wonderfully festive meeting, there are now a myriad of smaller gatherings through the country – Dallas, South Carolina, Georgia, e.g.

For the last 20 years, Bill and other family members have returned every four years, a major project - now a required reverent maintenance visit - to the **Myers Family Cemetery**, a private granite block enclosed 40 by 40 feet plot keeping generations of Myers ancestors there in Columbia, South Carolina.

Bill's ancestor **David Rudolph Myers** was quite a prominent figure. He owned over 9,000 acres, with slaves to produce cotton and rice. He designed his own monument, an enormous four sided stone marker, each side a record of his achievements.

Bill 'found' our library, the suggestion of a good friend, at one of our leased spaces on Isom Road. To date, he has written three Our Heritage articles and published a 446-page Descendants of David Rudolph and Phalby Mills Myers book on this rich family history (a copy now in our library's family section). Drawing on the resources that he found in our library, it "opened up genealogy as a living thing, not just the research of ancestors," he said.

He has served SAGHS as Treasurer, finance duties as 3rd Vice President, an elected Director, and most critically the liaison between us and the executor of the Dwyer Estate. From the original $1,515,230 grant on August 23, 2019, funds were directed toward retiring the mortgage debt of $66,267 on the Library building and the $525,000 purchase of the newer building that had been constructed as a church facility. Significant improvements were made to the Library building breezeway, along with the construction of an access ramp between both buildings. The Dwyer estate grant had grown to a total of $2,000,250 all with significant additions and improvements. We now have a current balance of $1.2M in the Charles Schwab account, funds invested to secure our future financial health.



Presently, he thoroughly enjoys being a member of our vaulted Tuesday Volunteer group! His newest goal is to make better use of the space already within our buildings. On his wish list is an elevator which will open up the usefulness of our roomy, sunny second Library floor, which by the way, now has a new air conditioner/heating unit (with occasional visiting, napping fox), thanks to the careful research and management by then president Rob Lewis.

Next on Bill's list is the repaving of the Library parking lot, a project he and Charles Brussells have been planning and hoping for since 2018!

Ever the city planner, our hardworking faithful Class of '59 Texas Aggie Bill Myers is a treasure! We are all beneficiaries of his love of genealogy.



YVETTE DWYER'S BIRTHDAY

Love and thanks went to our benefactor **Yvette H. Dwyer**, on her birthday, February 15.

Ms. Dwyer identified SAGHS as a beneficiary in her will. Thus, when she was called to the Great Beyond, we were blessed with an inheritance of over one million dollars. We used and invested this wisely, over the years. Our obvious first expenditure was to pay off the mortgage of the library building (911 Melissa Drive). As the stars aligned for us, while we were receiving allocations from her will, the property at 903 Melissa Drive was up for sale. This was a no-brainer to make an offer to buy, with full approval of the membership. This is now our Dwyer Center, named in her honor. It has become a very warm, spacious setting for us to host monthly classes, meetings and seminars, with adequate parking.

Mrs. Dwyer was a member for many years until her death. She participated in numerous SAGHS activities and trips to Salt Lake City, when she was able. We honor her and her military husband, LTC Robert Dwyer, with a wreath on their gravesite each year through the Wreaths Across America program.

Technology Corner

WEBSITES AND TOOLS FOR GENEALOGISTS



By Dan & Nita Heinchon

This is a listing of websites that every genealogist should know about. Many are free, some require subscriptions which vary from a few dollars a month to hundreds of dollars per year. Many have free trials so you can try them out. Some also provide apps.

1. Core Genealogy Databases & Record Providers - ***Where you can actively build trees and search for records***

- **AmericanAncestors.org** – advance study of family history in America. Limited use without a subscription
- **Ancestry.com** – DNA & databases help build 100 Million collaborative trees. 14-day free trial
- **FamilySearch.org** – databases & full-text search build a global tree and enhances research. All Free
- **Findmypast.com** – for British and Irish records. 36 billion records. 14-day free trial
- **MyHeritage.com** – has a Global Name Translation tool, DNA repository, global databases, 773 billion records. 14-day free trial
- **Fold3.com** – global military records. 7-day free trial. Can use Ancestry account login
- **Newspapers.com** – millions of pages of US newspapers. Try for free, but requires a subscription
- **GenealogyBank.com** – access to useful records. 14-day free trial
- **Lineage societies** – member tools. Non-member searches. Proven lineages to specific ancestors
- **OneGreatFamily.com** – best for uncommon roots. Search for family members and automatically build collaborative trees using great genealogy tools. 7-day free trial
- **FindAGrave.com** – find the graves of ancestors, add photos/GPS. Worldwide. Free
- **Wikitree.com** – free shared collaborative global tree

2. Libraries, Archives & Scholarly Sources - ***Primary sources, books, manuscripts, and serious historical research***

- **National Archives** – **Archives.gov** – preserving and providing access to US historical records and documents. Free research resources
- **UK National Archives** – **NationalArchives.gov.uk** – official site for England & Wales historical records and documents
- **Library of Congress** – **LOC.gov** – access to books, photos and maps and offers research services. Free to use digital collections
- **Digital Public Library of America** – **dp.la** – US project for public access to digital collections
- **Internet Archive** – **archive.org** – free access to digitized media
- **HathiTrust.org** – large scale repository of digital content from research libraries
- **WorldCat.org** – a union catalog of collections of 10s of thousands of libraries
- **JSTOR.org** – digital library of international museums, libraries, and archives
- **books.google.com** – search full text of books and magazines that Google has scanned. Some sources can be downloaded free as PDFs
- **scholar.google.com** – free web search of scholarly literature
- **PERSI** – **genealogycenter.info** – periodical source index for genealogy and local history periodicals. Produced by Allen County Public Library, Indiana. Covers US, Canada, & UK
- **ArchiveGrid** – **oclc.org** – free, aggregates millions of descriptions from WorldCat, and archived materials not found elsewhere
- **Amazon.com** & **ABEBooks.com** – online bookstores selling new and used books

3. Research Tools, Methodology & Finding Aids - ***How you research, evaluate evidence, and discover new sources***

- **cyndislist.com** – categorized and cross-referenced list of links for research
- **Linkpendium.com** – free index to genealogy, family history, vital records, and others
- **EvidenceExplained.com** – go to guide for genealogists for source information
- **TheAncestorHunt.com** – genealogy research assists with collections, reference guides, webinars, books, tips, newspapers, and newsletters. Mostly free.
- **In-Depth Genealogist** – **onGenealogy.com** – publishing company with educational resources for the genealogical community
- **DoHistory.org** – shows how to piece together the past from data that has survived
- **williamcronon.net** – intro to historical research
- **community.libguides.com** – Use "Genealogy" keyword in search for content and librarian authors.
- **WolframAlpha.com** – computational intelligence. Brings expert level knowledge to all

4. Photos, Education, & Webinars - ***Images, collaboration, learning, and community knowledge***

Photos & Image Identification

- **AncientFaces.com** – share vintage and historical photographs
- **DeadFred.com** – helps find and identify photos of your ancestors
- **Photo-Tree.com** – photo sharing mobile app
- **Google Images** – **images.google.com** – keyword search of internet images
- **TinEye.com** – reverse image search engine
- **Wikimedia Commons** – **commons.wikimedia.org** – online repository of free-use image, audio, and other media files
- **Flickr.com** – American image and video hosting website

Education, Webinars & Community

- **legacyfamilyfreehelp.com** – popular website for genealogy and DNA webinars. $50 per year.
- **GenWebinars.com** – live, in-depth, and interactive genealogy webinars. Purchase only the webinars you want, no subscription
- **ConferenceKeeper.org** – free genealogy calendar of events, conferences, papers, contests, grants, tours, and cruises
- **FamilyTreeMagazine.com** – American genealogy magazine. Subscription for print edition, lots of free lists and tools
- **theGenealogist.com** – Discover your Ancestors. Subscription required to access
- **GenaGenealogy.com** – social & family history – telling your female ancestor's story
- **Katherine R. Willson** – does webinars for Legacy Family Tree, and other sites and organizations. Search for her name to find links to her works
- **FaceBook.com** –surname or location-based groups can provide information
- **Treelines.com** – "helps turn your family tree into stories your friends & relatives actually want to read."

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



By AnnMarie Esparza

Welcome to our new SAGHS members!

Kellie Clelland

Roxanne Tamez

Aaron Wiggins

NEW BOOKS

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

CALL #	TITLE	AUTHOR	DONOR	
FH 16004 (39d)	Literary digest history of the world war, Vol 5	Halsey, Francis Whiting	Martin Soward	FH
FH 16004 (39f)	Literary digest history of the world war	Halsey, Francis Whiting	Martin Soward	FH
FH 16004 (39g)	Literary digest history of the world war	Halsey, Francis Whiting	Martin Soward	FH
FH 16004 (39h)	Literary digest history of the world war	Halsey, Francis Whiting	Martin Soward	FH
FH 16004 (39i)	Literary digest history of the world war	Halsey, Francis Whiting	Martin Soward	FH
FH Crawford	Shelby Crawford: A Family History, Included Alexander, Crawford, and Kings	Hennig, Judith Ann (Crofford), and James Vermon Campbell	Crawford	FH
FH Wheeler	Linda Christine Wheeler: A Family History	Munn, Kevin Alan	Crawford	FH
KY 00004 (44)	History of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, A	Butler, Mann	Jim Campbell	KY
MD ceci4	Cecil County: A Reference Book of History, Business, and General Information	Johnson, George	Pat Merk	MD
MD ceci4	Cecil County: Images of America	Diggins, Milt	Pat Merk	MD
RF 04000 (36) Part I	Map Guide to German Parish Registers, Kingdom of Prussia, Province of Hannover 1	Hansen, Kevan M.	Stahlman, R.	RF
RF 04000 (36) Part II	Map Guide to German Parish Registers, Kingdom of Prussia, Province of Hannover II	Hansen, Kevan M.	Stahlman, R.	RF
RF 04000 (36) Part III	Map Guide to German Parish Registers, Kingdom of Prussia, Province of Hannover III	Hansen, Kevan M.	Stahlman, R.	RF
RF 16004 (36e)	Literary digest history of the world war	Halsey, Francis Whiting	Martin Soward	RF
RF 16004 (39a)	Literary digest history of the world war, Vol 2	Halsey, Francis Whiting	Martin Soward	RF
RF 16004 (39b)	Literary digest history of the world war, Vol 3	Halsey, Francis Whiting	Martin Soward	RF
RF 16004 (39c)	Literary digest history of the world war, Vol 4	Halsey, Francis Whiting	Martin Soward	RF

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TX guad3	Guadalupe County, Texas, Marriage Records, 19847-18974, Registers A & B	Ingmire, Frances Terry	Martin Soward	TX
TX hill8	Hill County, Texas Marriage Records, 1873-1880	Ingmire, Frances Terry	Martin Soward	TX
TX hunt2	Hunt County Texas 1850 Census and Consorts	Ingmire, Frances Terry	Martin Soward	TX
TX hunt8	Cemetery Inscriptions of Hunt County, Texas, Volume 1	Thompson, Robert Lee and Kathy Lynn Penson	Martin Soward	TX
TX hunt8	Hunt County, Texas Marriage Records, 1881- 1889	Ingmire, Frances Terry	Martin Soward	TX
TX jack2	Jack County, Texas 1887-Drouth Sufferers, Tax Rolls -- 1858-1859-1861	Garner, Lucille	Martin Soward	TX
TX jack2	Population Schedules of the Ninth Census of the United States 1870 Roll 1593, Texas Volume 11 (309-629A) Jackl County	Ingmire, Frances Terry	Martin Soward	TX
TX jack7	Certified Copies of Probates, Jack County, Texas	Garner, Lucille	Martin Soward	TX
TX jack7	Jack County Texas Proofs of Heirship	Garner, Lucille	Martin Soward	TX
TX jack7	Jack County, Texas Minutes of Commissioners Court Vol. 1, 1857-1904	Garner, Lucille	Martin Soward	TX
TX jack8	Jack County, Texas Marriage Records, 18990-1900, Book 4	Garner, Lucille	Martin Soward	TX
TX jack8	Miscellaneous Records of Jack County, Texas	Garner, Lucille	Martin Soward	TX
TX jacn2	1860 U. S. Census Population Schedule of Jackson County, Texas	Ingmire, Frances Terry	Martin Soward	TX
TX jacn2	Population Schedules of the Ninth Census of the United States: 1870, Roll 1593 Texas Volume 11 (309-629A) Jackson County	Ingmire, Frances Terry	Martin Soward	TX
TX jeff2	Population Schedules of the Ninth Census of the United States	Ingmire, Frances Terry	Martin Soward	TX
TX lama4	First Settlers of Lamar County, Texas	White, Gifford E.	Martin, Soward	TX
TX lava8	Marriages in Alphabetical Order, Lavaca County, Texas 1847-1882	Burnett, Marjorie Lee	Martin Soward	TX



FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

By Charles W. Stricklin

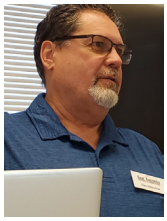
First, I'm honored to be your new Chairman of the Education Committee for The San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society, and I'm excited about the classes and workshops we're planning. We plan to bring our members the best educational programming we can.

We've assembled a committee of dedicated SAGHS members with strong talent and enthusiasm, and we're going to do some great things for the membership. I'll share more on the committee itself as we get rolling.

What I really want to share with you today is what's ahead for SAGHS education programming. We have a strong lineup of classes and resources taking shape, and I want to make sure every member knows what's available to them.

I'm excited to announce that **Larry Luckett** has agreed to lead a Beginning Genealogy series — a comprehensive course designed for those just getting started in genealogical research, as well as anyone who wants to brush up on the fundamentals. We're still finalizing the format: it will be either eight weekly one-hour sessions or four weekly two-hour sessions. Either way, this will be an outstanding opportunity for new and returning researchers alike. Watch **Peggy Weyel**'s excellent eblasts, the website, and this newsletter for dates and times.

Dan Heinchon's class on using AI in Genealogy Research, held Sunday, March 1st, in the Dwyer



Center Classroom, was a tremendous success. Attendees left with practical strategies for putting artificial intelligence to work in their genealogy research — and the enthusiastic response made clear how much interest there is in these rapidly evolving tools. If you missed it, keep an eye out for future opportunities to explore what AI can do for your research.

Annette Graham will continue offering her popular DNA consultation sessions on the second Saturday of each month. Whether you've just gotten your results back and don't know where to start, or you're deep into genetic genealogy and need help interpreting a tricky match, Annette is your go-to resource.

Anthony Delgado of the **Canary Islands Descendants Association** (CIDA) will be presenting on one of San Antonio's most important founding stories. CIDA is a lineage society established in 1977 whose members trace their ancestry to the original 16 families who settled in San Antonio. CIDA: The association works to raise awareness and educate others about their ancestors' impact on Texas, preserve Canary Islander history in San Antonio, and maintain cultural and political connections to the Canary Islands. If you have Canary Island roots or simply want to learn more about who really built this city, this presentation is worth attending.

Diana Moreno-Reyes, co-founder and President of the **San Antonio Mission Indian Descendants** (SAMID), will be presenting on the Indigenous heritage that shaped San Antonio long before the Alamo. SAMID was created to educate and bring awareness of the continuing existence and current presence of Native American descendants of the San Antonio Missions, the contributions of their ancestors to the formation of San Antonio, and to assist individuals in their own journey of discovery. Many people in San Antonio — and across Texas — don't realize that Indigenous communities are still present and active. Diana has dedicated her work to changing that narrative. This presentation directly supports our mission to preserve and share the deep history of our community.

Clementina Garcia, President of the **Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society**, will be presenting on one of San Antonio's most valuable — and perhaps least-known — genealogical resources. Founded in 1987, Los Bexareños is dedicated to Hispanic history and ancestral research, promoting public interest through outreach and educational programs. The Society maintains

a library and genealogy resource center housing books, journals, published family trees, maps, and charts, and assists individuals with genealogical research through beginner's workshops and one-on-one guidance from experienced members. They also publish a monthly newsletter and an extensive catalog of books and registers covering colonial San Antonio records, church baptismal and marriage records, and family genealogies reaching back to the 1700s. Whether you're just starting out or have been researching for years, Clementina's presentation is a great opportunity to learn how Los Bexareños can help you uncover your own family story.

And finally, I'll be presenting a class on the **U.S. Census**: its history, how the questions evolved over the decades, what was added, what was taken away, and why. We'll also talk about the devastating 1921 fire at the Commerce Department building that destroyed the vast majority of the 1890 Census — a loss that every genealogist has felt at one time or another. If you've ever wondered why there's that gaping hole in your research between 1880 and 1900, this class will explain exactly what happened and what alternatives you can turn to.

Now, here's where I need your help. We have members requesting classes on a wide range of topics, and I am seeking volunteers to teach or lead sessions. You don't have to be a credentialed expert — if you have experience and a willingness to share what you know, that's what matters. Here are just some of the topics we'd love to offer:

Research Skills: Land and property records, probate and court records, immigration and naturalization records, military records (pensions, draft registrations, and beyond), newspaper research and obituaries, and church and vital records.

Technology & Tools: Getting started with FamilySearch, Ancestry.com tips and tricks beyond basic searching, using FindAGrave and BillionGraves effectively, and organizing your digital research files.

Specialized Topics: African American genealogy, Hispanic and Tejano genealogy (we're in San Antonio — this should be a cornerstone of our programming), Native American genealogy, lineage society applications such as DAR and SAR, breaking through brick walls, and writing and publishing your family history.

If any of these topics are in your wheelhouse, or if you have a topic I haven't mentioned, please reach out to me. We need instructors, and our members need the knowledge you have to share.

I'm looking forward to serving in this role and to building an education program that genuinely serves our members. This committee belongs to all of us.



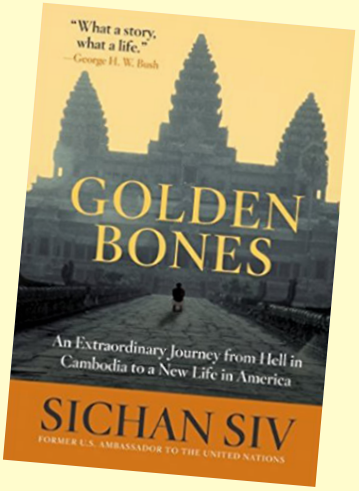
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April 18th, 2026

Speaker: SICHAN SIV

Topic: America - 250 Year Anniversary

Ambassador Siv holds a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University. He also attended the Army War College, FBI Citizens Academy, and Air War College. He escaped Cambodia's killing fields in 1976 and was resettled as a refugee in Connecticut with his mother's scarf, an empty rice bag and two dollars. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the George H. W. Bush Award for Outstanding Public Service, DAR Americanism Medal, U.S. Army Commander's Award, Anne Frank Lifetime Achievement Award, and Brazilian Academy of Art, Culture and History Honors. Ambassador Siv currently serves as a member of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice after nomination by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and unanimous confirmation by the Texas Senate."



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