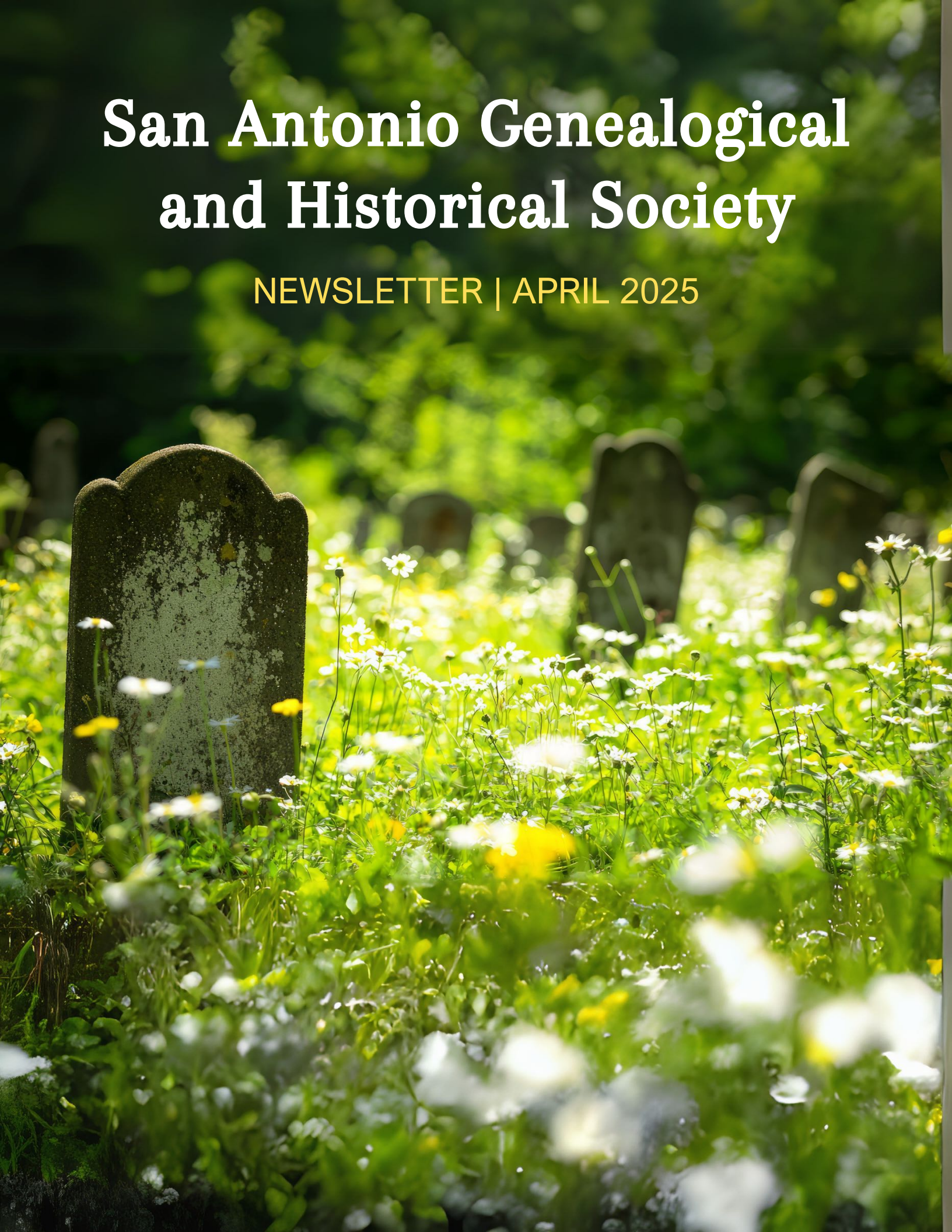
San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Peter Baron

It is an honor to serve the SAGHS as President. I have been a member of the Society since 2008, but I want to begin with an introduction.

I am committed to history and to preservation. I have over 5000 volumes in my personal library and spend the majority of my time promoting our heritage. I work with the Medina County Historical Society as the marker chairman. I work with the 4H as the Western Heritage project manager. And, as I am known to most of you, I am a talker. I speak to whom ever will listen on a variety of historical topics. I believe we are lost without our history and should take every opportunity to learn more about our families and our community.

My focus as President will be to promote the Society through education and outreach. We are in the 250th year of the Great American Experiment. April 19th will commemorate the shots at Lexington and Concord, the original "Patriots Day." I believe the 250th Anniversary of our Nation is the perfect platform to bring our Society into the San Antonio spotlight.

I look to increase our visibility by reaching out to historical, civic, patriotic, educational, and community organizations with programing and knowledge to help them promote our 250th Anniversary.

I hope each of you will help to promote America and the SAGHS.

In closing, I will share the list of my societies on the next page.



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- Northern Neck Historical Society – VA
- Northumberland County Historical Society – VA
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- Sons of the Revolution
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- American-Canadian Genealogical Society
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- Order of the Steel Magnolias

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- Texas A&M Association of Former Students

April Showers Bring May Flowers ...

... and May Flowers Bring **SAGHS DUES RENEWAL SEASON**



By AnneMarie Esparza

Membership Chairman

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

1. Visit the library
2. Visit the website txsaghs.org to make you 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. It's exciting to visit other genealogical libraries and see our SAGHS *Our Heritage* on their shelves!

Get a head start on spring and pay your renewal dues in May!

COVER STORY: **SAVING TEXAS CEMETERIES**



By LtCol. Frank Kebelman,
USMC Retired

The Texas Historical Commission estimates that Texas has about 14,000 known cemeteries. Sadly, many of these cemeteries are no longer being properly maintained. The reasons vary, but include the land being sold or redeveloped, families dying out, descendants moving away and simple neglect. If you have ever traveled around Texas you will have seen the ranch-style entrance signs for cemeteries. But have you ever been curious enough to stop and walk through one? If not, you're missing a real chance to rediscover Texas history. Cemeteries are not just repositories of our dead, they are true outdoor museums; monuments to our ancestors, those courageous men and women who gave their lives to help make Texas a better place in which to live. If you love history, love Texas and want to make a difference in helping to keep Texas history alive, then a visit to a cemetery, especially a small rural cemetery, should be added to your list of important things to do.

Prior to moving to Texas six years ago, I spent many hours researching cemeteries throughout South Central Texas. My original intent was to document and confirm my Texas ancestors in preparation for applying for membership in the Sons of the Republic of Texas. But performing research online or in libraries never prepared me for what I would find when I finally started to visit some of the places where those ancestors are interred. I soon realized that all cemeteries are not created equal. Federal, state and large private cemeteries are usually well cared for, and many larger rural cemeteries are also lovingly tended. But others, some even within city limits, clearly show indifference and neglect. base this statement on having visited and worked in over four hundred Texas cemeteries during the last five years. The intent of this



Photo Credit: Frank Kebelman

article is to encourage others to join in the process of helping to save these precious cemeteries.

So how does one go about getting involved in cemetery preservation? The first step is education. My journey began as a member of Memorial Services Detachment, the honor guard at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. From there I volunteered to become a cemetery steward with the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department working in the old Historic Cemetery District down along East Commerce Street. Along the way I attended classes, studied pertinent references, learned how to access cemeteries

(even those on private property), gained practical experience in how to safely clean gravestones and helped perform the tasks associated with maintaining cemetery grounds. I also spent many hours identifying the locations of rural cemeteries and then enjoyed dozens of pleasant days exploring rural Texas in order to find those cemeteries. I kept logs of my visits and for the last several years have focused my efforts on cleaning and maintain the gravestones of veterans who have served our country all the way back to the War of 1812. While there are a few American Revolutionary War veterans buried in Texas, their numbers are small. But there are hundreds, even thousands, of veterans who have participated in the Texas Revolution, the Mexican War, the Civil War and more recent wars including World War I and II, Korea and Vietnam, and our recent engagements in the Middle East whose monuments are disappearing. Many are unreadable, falling and covered with vegetation.

Former 19th century United Kingdom Prime Minister **William Gladstone** once said, “Show me the manner in which a nation or community cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender sympathies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land and their loyalty to high ideals.” Today his words still resonate as our own society now faces the fracturing of long-held American ideals and traditions. But rather than bemoaning these changes I invite you to join me in demonstrating that one person can still make difference. And that difference begins in Texas cemeteries.



Photo Credit: Frank Kebelman

I now lead cemetery walking tours and teach cemetery maintenance classes (at no charge) to instruct interested persons about how to properly care for neglected graves. I have taught individuals, members of hereditary societies and youth organizations, and I will be honored to continue to do so for those who might be interested in learning how to do what I do. I teach these sessions in actual cemeteries, providing all the equipment and materials. Classes normally take about four hours and include practical application at existing graves. Once you learn how satisfying it is to clean a gravestone so that it is again readable; to remove decades of accumulated mold, mildew, lichens, and other biological material; to uncover a gravestone that is nearly hidden by vegetation, or to perform routine groundskeeping tasks, I am convinced you, too, will become a confirmed cemetery steward. If you or your organization would like to schedule a class or just discuss what I have touched on in this brief article, I can be reached through the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society, by email at kebelman@gmail.com or at 210-760-9275.

I look forward to hearing from you and to help you begin your journey to honor our ancestors by working to save Texas cemeteries. Warmest regards.

Frank Kebelman

President, San Antonio Chapter #4

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Member - Alamo Chapter Sons of the Republic of Texas

COINS ON GRAVE MARKERS





By Carol Thompson

Those who visit loved ones, tend their grave markers may encounter a phenomenon that at once may seem a bit frightening…coins left on some more recent markers.

In fact, these coins prove a profound respect, a significant way of showing acknowledgement of military service and sacrifice.

Each coin carries a special meaning which reflects a specific connection between that visitor and the honored dead.

A penny – symbolizes a visit, a notice, a pause to leave a message of remembrance of service, gratitude for that service, albeit from a passing stranger.

A nickel – proves that the grave marker visitor likely was a fellow soldier who knew the individual buried there, some shared event, perhaps a friendship.

A dime – this is a more immediately important message from a fellow service person, someone who actually knew the departed...actually shared a service experience.

A quarter – this coin is the token of connection of shared sorrow, shared grief, of being present in the deceased final hours.

There are many ways to honor our departed as we've seen from **Col. Kebelman** words and deeds. Here is yet another way of showing respect, a connection with those departed.

> ***Sirs, you have no reason to be ashamed of your Confederate dead; see to it they have no reason to be ashamed of you.***
>
> – Chaplain for Stonewall Jackson, March 5, 1820 / January 3, 1898

From the Historian's Desk



By Norene Pfautz Fiacco

I've been asked to put together or update what we think of as scrapbooks…all kinds of items - memories of people, places, events that make up our SAGHS history.

I see that we have very few items that might help us document years 1992, 1998, 2002 through 2022.

If you would be willing to share old photos of members, labeled/dated, and event items including seminars, old brochures, wayback newsletters—anything that would go in a scrapbook—would be most appreciated!

All items can be returned after being duplicated or copied, if you'd like. I plan to use archival materials to make sure that our scrapbooks last, a history for future generations to enjoy and poke fun at our hair styles.

A right-now thank you to **Gaspar** and **Mary-Catherine Garcia** for their photo collection donation.

I am glad to answer any questions, at npfiacco@gmail.com.

Patsy Castanon

RESEARCHER EXTRAORDINAIRE



By Carol Thompson

You've heard mention of vertical files here, somewhere in the library. Well, here is someone we have to thank for continuing the preservation of documents for so many years … **Patsy Castanon**.

I visited with 94 years young Patsy, one Wednesday afternoon in her beautiful garden home, preparing for this article. Four hours later… my head spinning, my notes now illegible because my hand was cramping… her decades of volunteerism, research for and about our society, our library building, publications she's authored, memories of our history… awesome.

Patsy Kylene Nesmith is a native Texan, born and reared in Brownwood, Texas, in Brown County. She is descended from several pioneer families: the **Pitcocks** from Tennessee, arriving in central Texas in 1874, one of the first settlers in Brown County, and the **Nesmiths**, arriving about 1883 from Alabama. In fact, she told me, there are four generations of her folks buried there in the Zephyr Cemetery, which she hastened to assure me is tended, perpetual care under a very active strong board of directors who publish a newsletter every two years and collect dues. This, a far cry from many old cemeteries, neglected across our Texas landscape.

After graduating from high school in Brownwood, second in her class she gave me to know, she graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, a sociology major. One of her first jobs was with the Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council.



Patsy Castanon was a member of the UT Orange Jackets.



Leo and Patsy Castanon

A hometown girlfriend had connections that led to an apartment in San Antonio and a job as a juvenile probation officer. In that same roommates' circle of friends was big, tough football player **Leopold Castanon Jr.** who had played briefly, got hurt, then trundled off to the Army. And... it was literally love at first sight! They enjoyed 62 years of a wonderful marriage until his passing in 2021. After his service days, he graduated from St. Mary's University with a BA degree in business, managed K-Mart stores.

K-Mart moved them 10 times in 11 years in pursuit of his career path. She always had a challenge trying to find a

good job, having to move so often. But, finally, in McAllen, bored silly, they decided to see if she might find a teaching job. And 19 years later, she retired from her elementary school teaching career there just as Leo retired from K-Mart. Now free to move, they both realized that they really wanted to leave McAllen to be closer to family. They both loved San Antonio; they agreed that the medical facilities in San Antonio were great, it wasn't too far from her farm, not too big, not too crowded! They arrived in 1995.

Always fascinated with genealogy, she learned about a San Antonio group from a McAllen connection, stumbled across that first Isom Road location, and became a member that same year! They both joined. In fact, he was one of those husbands who volunteered to help paint, scrape, and make our library spiffy.

They had found a place to develop interest in not only her own ancestors but those of Leo's Castanon family history, his being a 9th-generation San Antonian. She documented, published this, and a then-current history of our actual Melissa library building, all of which publications now available in our library. And that spurred the need to continue a new project, document management—physical file cabinets where researchers/visitors could go to physically pull up documents held by our society. She gathered a group of fellow interested members to work many long Thursday morning hours to continue what we now have available in the library: physical material which has been donated, over the years by member families, work compiled by our members, their research, and actual documents.

She is excited to know that this material is now in the process of being digitized, which will help relieve storage space limitations, a modern problem for our successful and growing library.

A dear friend and DAR member, **Kathy Nealy** saw Patsy's 19 years of research, which aided the Farm and Ranch Committee of the Conservation Society in the preservation of the Herrera and the Cadena houses, Leo's ancestors' historic properties. Patsy researched,



Leo and Patsy Castanon and DAR Kathy Nealy

followed property threads, deeds, and filings, chasing many a "rabbit" to help find and preserve these historic landmark treasures. Kathy submitted this documentation through her Alamo DAR Chapter to the national organization. Patsy was awarded the DAR National Preservation Award in May 2014 at the San Antonio Country Club. It was approved at the national level, after first being approved at the local Alamo Chapter and state levels.

Today, Patsy, still an 'energy bunny' and whiz kid, enjoys mahjong games with dear friends, and long weekend visits with son **Christopher Leo Castanon**, a Ft. Worth-centered defense attorney.



From the Library

By Bev Rakowitz

Have you noticed the category TIMELINES provided in Ancestry.com and other genealogical platforms?

TIMELINES lets you know what events might have been affecting your ancestors: why did they move from X to Y? Why did one family member drop off all records? TIMELINES leads you to delve into other real history records; for instance, military, probate, hospital, and lock-up records.

We have a new book which has been reviewed by Duty Librarian **Barbara Johns**. Here is her quick synopsis:

Field Guild for Genealogists. A Genealogists Refresher *Course, Norwegians Connections and Alabama and Mississippi Connections* – has just published a revised edition of author Judy Jacobson's book, Using Chronological TIMELINES to Find and Understand Your Ancestors.

Real history, actual events, are all the basis for our ancestors' movements. Renowned author Judy Jacobson has provided a vast array of historical timelines to aid in your family research.

Jacobson states that timelines can be horizontal or vertical, or even circular. First, the researcher must first determine his/her search objective. The author lists 5 steps in accessing your ancestor's motivations: military actions, political unrest, religious reasons, the spread of disease, economic stability, and natural or unnatural disasters of one sort or another.

There are two new chapters in this new edition covering discussions about transportation, immigration, the American industrial revolution, society associations, brotherhoods, and unions. Facts about US state timelines, regions, and international events are included.

You will find this book in the "New Books" section of our library's State Room. This is just one of our multitudes of current reference books waiting for you during your next visit!

MEMBER ORIENTATION & LIBRARY TOUR



By Lois Bready, MD

Education Chairman

The next member orientation and library tour is coming soon!

We'll be assembling in the auditorium where Rob will demonstrate our award-winning website. Karen will then give us a "preview" of the Library Tour. And then, immediately following, we'll adjourn to the library for a tour. Be there…or be square!

Date: April 5, 2025
Location: Dwyer Center
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Welcome to SAGHS - David Katerndahl, M.D.
- Website - Rob Lewis
- Our History - Barbara Holmes
- Classes & Workshops - Lois Bready, M.D.
- Library Tour - Karen Boyers

BONES & NOTES

By Don Sharon

Large documents and newspaper pages do not need to be crammed into large file folders or envelopes. These genealogical gems should not be folded so that, with time, their edges crumble and your document becomes useless.


LIFESTYLE

LOVING LIFE AFTER 100 YEARS

MORE PEOPLE LIVING TO SEE A CENTURY

CENTENARIANS ATTRIBUTE MENTAL, PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES TO LONG LIVES

One way to save these documents is to store them in a portfolio folder. You can purchase these wherever art supplies are sold. These folders come in different sizes, and, of course, different prices. An online search for the term “portfolio folder” or “art portfolio folder” or something like that will point you to different products.

I use one that is large enough for a broadsheet (full-size newspaper page). While I’m not promoting any brand, mine measures 18 inches wide by 24 inches tall. It has 30 top-loading, plastic sleeves with a black paper separator within each. A document can be placed in the front and back of each sleeve. Each sleeve allows the document or broadsheet to remain flat. Although such a size may seem bulky, preservation of large documents is the goal.



You should scan each document before you place it into a sleeve. You can do this with a scanner app on your smartphone or tablet (such documents are too large for the flatbed of a scanner). You can also scan each section of a document.

Be sure to purchase a portfolio book that is made of archive-quality material, acid-free, non-glare, and, of course, waterproof. Some portfolio books may not have carrying handles, but carrying cases may be purchased separately. Mine does not have handles, but I keep it in the original cardboard box in which it came to keep out the dust.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our two new members:

Martha Guethle

Jill Uecker

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ENGLAND'S LAWS REGARDING OWNING & HOLDING OF LAND

Part 3



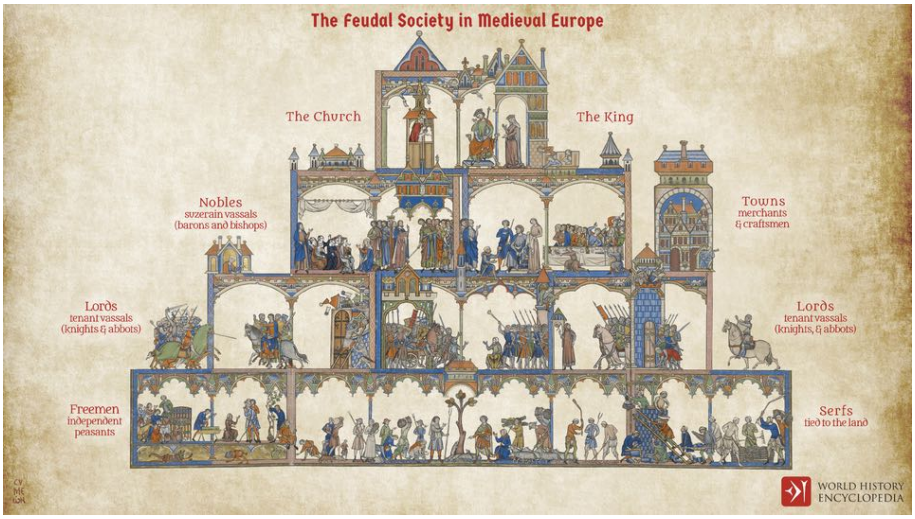
By Jeffery R. Hankins, PhD

William of Normandy won the Battle of Hastings (1066 C.E.), but the Norman Conquest would take another twenty years to complete. Periodic Anglo-Saxon resistance drew Norman military reprisals but by 1086, nearly all England's soil was under Norman ownership. This was accomplished through a systematic process of replacing Anglo-Saxon landholders with William's Norman nobles and knights. To understand this and how it changed English landownership, we must delve briefly into the thorny issue of "feudalism."

At its most basic, feudalism is the relationship between the owner of land (the "lord") and the renter of land (the "vassal"). The king grants land to all his subjects (nobles, knights, peasants) in exchange for rent and a promise of military service. Those who receive land from the king swear an oath of allegiance (fealty) to steadfastly support their master. Thus, in theory all the land in a country or kingdom was owned by the ruler and then made available to his subjects in exchange for their loyalty. Historians have pointed out that there were many variations of feudalism, and some knights or peasants held land without an obligation of military service. But no one except the king held land without some duty or responsibility to those above.

Historians have long debated the nature and extent of feudalism across medieval Europe. The debate was especially heated regarding England because some scholars argued that the Norman Conquest was really the imposition of feudalism over a "primitive" Anglo-Saxon England. Other historians believed that the Anglo-Saxons already had a feudal system but that the Normans introduced a different version. The consensus today seems to be that William the Conqueror layered on Anglo-Saxon England a strengthened feudalism that bound any landholder closely to the king.

Anglo-Saxon England did have feudalism before 1066. Anyone who rented English land would have known that he/she had an obligation to serve in the king's army, should the need arise.



This was evidenced in the 870s C.E. when Alfred the Great was able to quickly amass an Anglo-Saxon force against repeated Viking raids. But the military obligation to the Anglo-Saxon king was just one part of a more general loyalty, along with paying taxes and obeying laws. As long as one was loyal to the ruler, he/she could stay on the land and pass it on to sons or daughters.

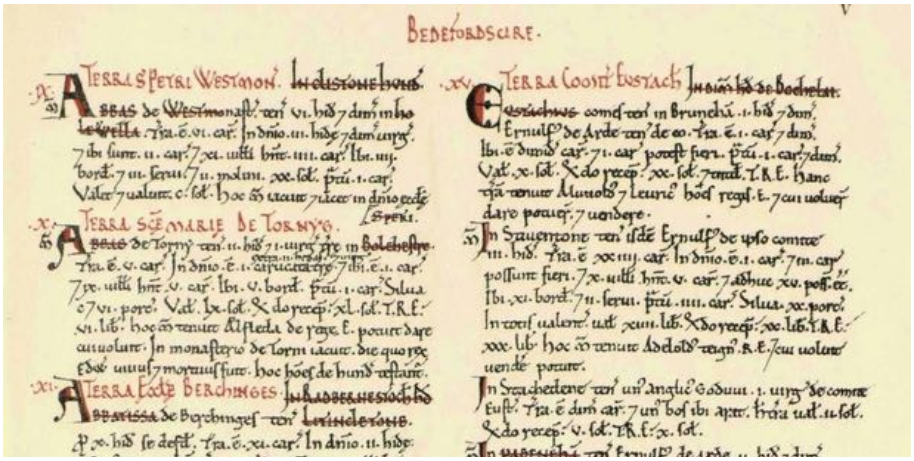
The situation in Norman France was different. The centralized kingships that started with Charlemagne had disintegrated into numerous principalities run by French nobles. A duke like William of Normandy owed his allegiance to the king of France but was also considered a master of his own lands. To protect his duchy from enemies (within or without), William held his nobles in check through oaths of personal fealty. These personal loyalty oaths might include military service or the performance of other administrative tasks.

Thus, before the Conquest had even begun, William of Normandy could rely on his nobles and knights to follow him. In fact, when strong winds kept his ships from crossing the English Channel in summer of 1066, William held his army together with promises of more land. That land, of course was England, meaning Norman knights and nobles would need to accompany their duke and fight the Anglo-Saxons. In other words, it was the Norman Conquest *itself* that strengthened feudalism in Normandy *and* in England. After 1066, William continued this method to reward loyal Normans by granting them Anglo-Saxon lands, beginning a twenty-year process of removing nearly all Anglo-Saxons from lands they had held for 500 years.

Some of this dispossession happened quickly; any Anglo-Saxons who had fought at Hastings or rebelled against Norman control immediately forfeited their lands. But the bulk of the land displacement happened over decades, as William I of England granted estates large and small to Norman knights and nobles. An Anglo-Saxon family who protested this process had to prove that they had a clear title to their land. And of course, they would not have a title since the Norman king of England had "legally" granted their land to another Norman. William I's personal brand of feudalism slowly replaced the more generalized feudal system that had existed in Anglo-Saxon England. Though the process could be painstaking, it was thorough and deep.

What cemented the Norman Conquest was one of the last things that William I did. In December 1085, the king ordered a survey to be taken of all his English lands. The result was the so-called Domesday Book, which profiled nearly every holder of land, starting with the largest (William's "tenants-in-chief") and working across the country. Over eight months, hundreds of county men inquired into the landed estates held by Norman nobles and knights.

Specifically, King William wanted to know: who held the land and who held it in



1066, how much land was held, how many tenants (renters), how many cattle, horses, or sheep were on the land, and who stood to inherit the land.

That this extensive survey was even completed in 11th-century Europe is amazing. Some counties were surveyed later (in Little Domesday), and some landholders opposed this intrusion into their financial lives. And of course, this is one reason that William I wanted the survey: to know the real value of his subjects' estates so that he could tax them accordingly. Another reason for the Domesday Book was the king's need to know who he could depend on in time of war; which of his tenants-in-chief had the most horses, renters, and capacity for arms.

But for our purposes, the Domesday Book had a much greater consequence. By authorizing a written record of his English landholdings, William I essentially *legitimated* the great dispossession caused by the Norman Conquest. Any Anglo-Saxons who hoped to retrieve their lands through lawsuits or other claims were rudely disappointed. The *Domesday Book* granted clear title to those who held land in 1086; in other words, the Norman nobles and knights who had served William the Conqueror over the last twenty years. The Anglo-Saxons were officially out of land and out of luck.



April Membership Meeting Speaker-Presenter

ARMANDINA GALAN SIFUENTES

April's Membership Meeting speaker will feature SAGHS 20-year member Mrs. Dina Sifuestes. Her topic: **Concepcion de los Angels Charli**, a native citizen of Mission de Valero Survivor and Eyewitness to the Siege and Battle of the Alamo in 1836; last but not the least, she lived in Texas under five flags. Armandina also contributed her story of **Concepcion de los Angles Charli** in the book "The Canary Islanders of San Antonio" published in 2018 and edited by Hector Rafael Pacheco; she also has published articles in the Los Bexarenos Yearly Register.

Armandina Galan Sifuentes, a proud Texan born 1939 in Eagle Pass, Texas to Jose Jesus Garcia Galan and Marina Julia Rodriguez. Her family lived in the area with connections to many founding families of Eagle Pass, Texas. Married in 1958 to Xavier V. Sifuentes, together they had three daughters. She retired from her nursing career in 2005 after 40 years of service. Her interest in genealogy became a passion leading to membership among the daughters of the Republic of Texas, Canary Islands Descendant Association, Friends of Casa Navarro, and membership of several genealogy groups. A former officer in varies capacity in many of these organizations. Her contribution to the Los Bexarenos Genealogical and Historical Society has been eight research books from the church of Our Lady of Refuge which they have published. She is a proud 6th generation Texan through her four DRT ancestors and 10th generation of the Canary Islands Descendants connections. Family history preservation is a strong passion that she desires to leave to her daughters, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren." It's important they know their roots," she says.

NEW BOOKS

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

CALL #	TITLE	AUTHOR	DONOR	
AR 00008 (15)	Gone to the Grave: Burial Customs of the Arkansas Ozarks, 1850-1950	Burnett, Abby	Barbara Johns	AR
CT Fair	Story of the Early Settlers of Stamford, Connecticut, 1641-1700	Majdalany, Jeanne	Martin Soward	CT
DE 00004 (10a)	Colonial Families of Delaware, Vol 2	Wright, F. Edward	Martin Soward	DE
DE 00004 (2a)	Fort Delaware Notes, Volume XLVIII, February 1998	Craven, William E. (Editor)		
FH Hudson-Mohawk	Hudson-Mohawk Genealogical and Family Memoirs, Volume I-IV	Reynolds, Cuyler (Editor)	Martin Soward	FH
FH McElfersh	Melvin McElfersh: Search for David Macklefresh (McElfresh) Scotland to America about 1665	McElfersh, Melvin	Melvin McElfersh	
FH Tiller	Our American Adventure: The History of a Pioneer East Texas Family, 1657 - 1966	Tiller, James Weeks, Jr., & Albert Wayne Tiller	Jim and Wayne Tiller	
GA camp4	Campbell County, Georgia History and Biographies	White, George	Barbara Johns	GA
GA elbe4	Elbert County, Georgia History and Biographies	White, George	Barbara Johns	
GA paul4	Paulding County, Georgia History and Biographies	White, George	Barbara Johns	
IL verm4	Index to the Names of Persons Appearing in History of Vermilion County, Illinois: Together with Historic Notes on the Northwest	Beckwith, H. W.	Martin Soward	IL
MD 00007 (4a)	Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, Vol II: 1670-1674; Vol XIV: 1716-1719; Vol XV: 1719-1721	Skinner, V. L. Jr.	Martin Soward	MD
MS wayn8	Who Married Whom: Wayne County, Mississippi	Strickland, Jean, and Patricia N. Edwards	Martin Soward	MS
NC anso7	Anson County, North Carolina: Abstracts of Early Records	McBee, May Wilson	Martin Soward	NC
NG 00004 (29)	Dutch Uncles & New England Cousins: Historical Sketches of New York and New England During Three Hundred Fifty Years as Illustrated by Some of America's Earliest Families	Clough, Wilson Ober	Martin Soward	NG

OUR LIBRARIANS

During library hours, a volunteer Duty Librarian is available to assist patrons. Check the schedule below to find a librarian based on their research strengths and availability. Patrons may also contact the library at 210-342-5242 to arrange assistance during a scheduled librarian's shift.

DUTY LIBRARIAN	RESEARCH STRENGTHS
Martin Soward *1st Monday*	Texas Research
Smitty Smith *1st & 3rd Wed. 2-7*	Beginning research
Kitty Massey *1st & 3rd Saturday*	Settlement of MD to KY; Settlement of VA to KY, PA
Karen Boyers *2nd Sunday*	Ancestry, lineage groups, FamilySearch, research
Julia George *2nd Monday*	Beginning & intermediate research, WV, VA, OH, PA, SC, KY
Beverly Rakowitz *2nd Wed. 10-2*	FindaGrave, Billiongraves, Persi, online catalog
Scott Atkinson *2nd Wed. 2-7*	Genealogy programs, Family Tree Maker, WikiTree.com
Elizabeth Prike *2nd Saturday*	French translation
Nancy Brennan *3rd Sunday*	Huguenots, DAR, lineage societies, New England
Nancy McNamara *3rd Monday*	Five-generation chart, beginning research
Susan Stieler *3rd Wed. 10-2*	Beginning research
Merri Murphy *4th Sunday*	Beginning and intermediate research
Daniel Snell *4th Monday*	Map/land record sources & research methods, TX landowning ancestors
Peggy Weyel *4th & 5th Wednesday*	Ancestry, Migration from Great Britian, NC, MS, TX; PA to SC's Piedmont to TX; Civil War (16 MS & 2nd TX Mounted Rifles)
Barbara Johns *4th Saturday Floater*	Beginning & intermediate research, Quaker migration, online catalog, FindaGrave

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