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Happy Birthday, Yvette Dwyer!

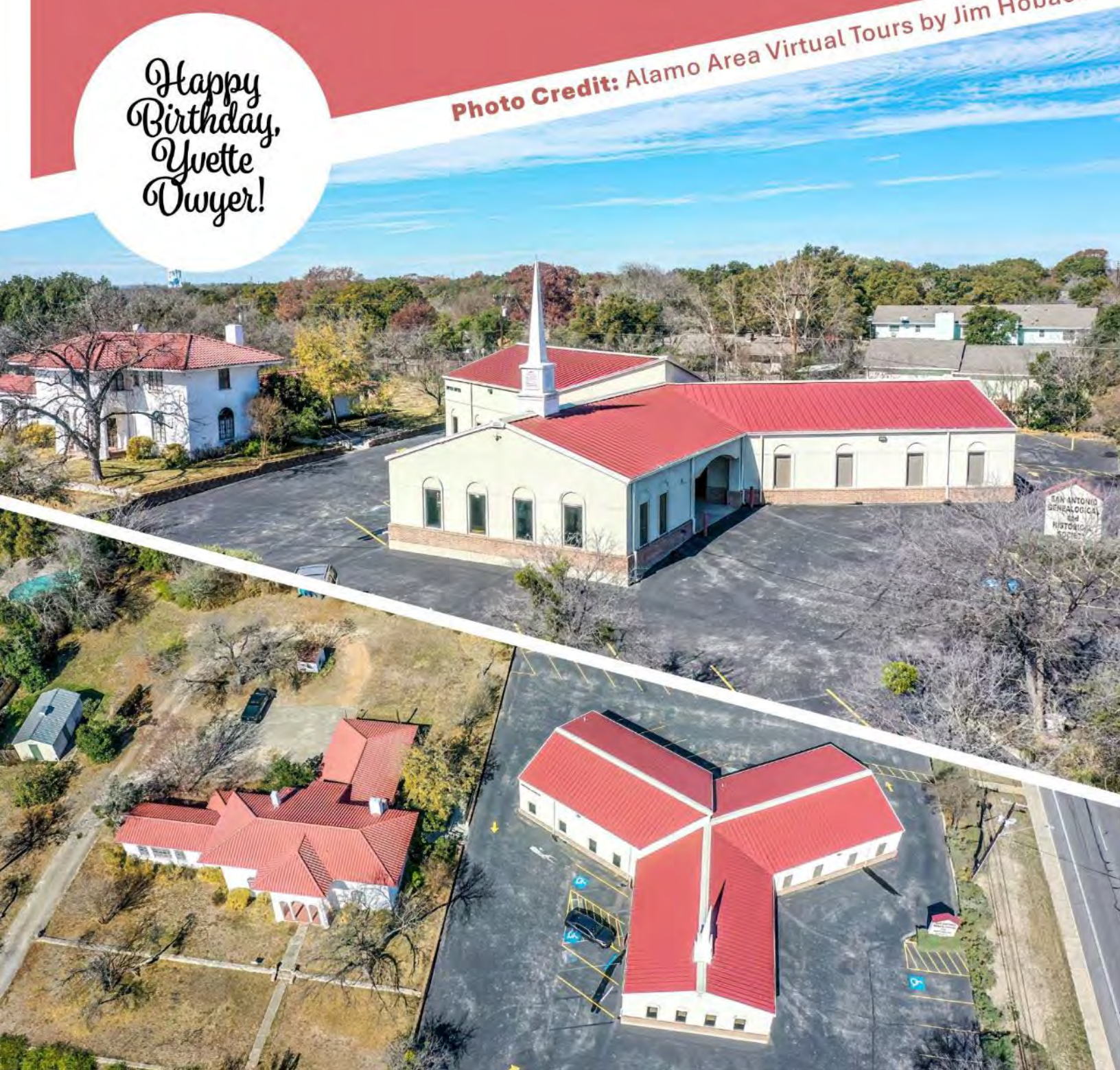


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Rob Lewis

Greetings! I was pleased to see so many members filling the auditorium seats for our January Membership Meeting on Saturday the 18th. It was a good opportunity to greet friends, catch up on holiday activities, show off new winter coats, and to highlight business items carried out by your board.

It was also an opportunity to honor our 30-year continuous members: **Cedric and Helen Parker**, **Carolyn Hennessee**, **Susan Lloyd** and **Sue Seiler**. Their names are added to the plaque located in the hallway leading to the Dwyer classroom. Regretfully, the Parkers and Ms. Seiler couldn't attend to receive our thanks.



Carolyn Hennessee

This was also the occasion where we recognized the work that **Nancy McNamara** has provided over many years as our Education and Volunteer Chair. As her successor, **Dr. Lois Bready** stated, "there are big shoes to fill." Nancy was given a well-deserved round of applause.

The Board is making great progress with the Guenther South Wing Project in honor of **Valerie Guenther**. This project will provide additional classroom space, and, *more importantly,* a fully functioning sink. Currently, a fully licensed architect is working with your board to give us choices on the arrangement of this space. Plan concepts were viewed by members in attendance and will be included in the minutes of the meeting. Any member knowing a contractor who may be interested should share the name with me.

And great news—our annual fund-raising goals were met and even exceeded! We are heavily indebted to **Ellen Cotton** for her hard work and business connections which have contributed mightily to this success story. See our contributors on page 9. As setup by our new bylaws, approved in October, I appointed Ms. Cotton to the open position of 2nd Vice President (Finance); the board approved and our membership unanimously ratified the selection.

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YVETTE DWYER'S BIRTHDAY

By Barbara Holmes

Let's send our love and thanks 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.



Memorials



Albert Gallatin

Member

Mr. Gallatin passed away on January 5, 2025. He was an active member for 50 years, who cared about our Society and supported other members. He was an avid genealogist and served on the Board of SAGHS. In addition to his warm personality, he was ever the business professional, ALWAYS wearing a suit.

A native of San Antonio, he graduated from the University of Texas and worked as a Certified Public Accountant.

Mr. Gallatin was a past president of the San Antonio chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the San Jacinto Descendants, and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Business and Professional Toastmasters.

He will be missed.

Douglas W Howell Jr.

Brother of member Ellen Howell Myers & her husband William Myers

Mr. Howell passed away January 14, 2025.

Memorial donations in their names help fund the various programs and resources of SAGHS. You may submit your memorial donation in person with cash or check to our duty librarian, or by mail to: SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio TX 78213. Please indicate the person's name in the memo portion of your check.

Helen Ruth Knutson Parker

FROM THE HEART OF TEXAS TO THE HEART OF SAGHS





By Kitty Massey

At the urging of **Martin Soward**, I joined SAGHS in 2000 at the Isom location: a *rented*, cramped, gray cell in an industrial block. Huddled to the side of rows of tall bookshelves was a table surrounded by a small group of laughing volunteers. They were enjoying a fancy birthday cake baked by **Helen Parker**. I was handed a piece of scrumptious cake and welcomed to the club.

Three years later, in an act of boundless faith, SAGHS moved from its "clubhouse" on Isom to a *mortgaged* and abandoned, large two-story stand-alone old house with a semi-detached garage, smelly stable, a dilapidated child-sized playhouse, and a long list of necessary repairs. Helen Parker, head librarian and jack-of-all trades, with the assistance of many enthusiastic volunteers, drew up a plan for the interior and yard. Supported by outgoing President **Nancy Brennan** and incoming President **Neda Neathery**, Helen's troops transferred up to 10,000 books to the new location, painting, hammering, and repairing everything in their path. Like Tom Sawyer, she recruited workers, but unlike Tom, she worked alongside them, sometimes barking orders like a drill sergeant. Generous volunteers contributed needed supplies and furnishings; bookshelves from the Isom location, purchased from a grocery store closeout, were installed. **Beverly Rakowitz**, a professional librarian in a military facility, was consulted. On Fridays, Helen, **Mary Souter** and **Mitzi Jackson** visited estate sales, purchasing chairs, the artwork over the fireplace, and other furnishings. **Arnold Birdsong**, discovered by Helen and **Shirley Quintrell** at a meeting of the Alamo Computer Club, was recruited by **Nancy Brennan** to set up a computer system. **Janey Joyce** stepped up her efforts to publish cemetery and other books, leading teams to graveyards, newspaper research and book production. Neda hired contractors to complete Helen's plans. Endlessly talented, Helen sewed curtains and learned from Neda how to hang wallpaper. Using her woodworking skills, she hewed periodical holders and other wooden items. At the same time, she tackled the yard. Ordering her troops outside, holes were dug for yard plants. And then she watered them, beginning a daily routine of visits to the premises, assuring that all was in order.

Thanks to Helen's driving leadership, in concert with a cadre of dedicated volunteers, 911 Melissa became a genuine genealogy library and a genealogical society of importance. Helen was never idle and made it hard for others

not to pitch in. Everyone remembers flashes of anger when workers didn't conform to her standards, but they also remember her softer side. **Beverly Rakowitz** and **Mary Souter** explain that she was a "force" but they enjoyed working *FOR* her. As Beverly notes, she could talk people into doing things and into thinking it was their idea. **Martin Soward, Arnold Birdsong** and many others describe her as a commandant who gave out medals in the form of handmade quilts, birthday cakes, caches of candy, and high praise. Her



Small quilt by Helen for Martin Soward.

satisfaction with a job well done lifted everyone's spirits.

Three years after the founding of the new library, in 2006, at age 75, Helen stepped away from the librarian's post, assuming the official positions of Chairman of Buildings and Grounds, Purchasing Agent and, informally, Chief Repair Specialist. She kept a desk in the garage/meeting room and continued a role in the library, getting our floppy periodicals bound into books. To keep the library neat, all volunteers were assigned cleaning duties. As their groans got louder, she took up a collection every month to pay a cleaning service, until our budget could cover the cost. She was the first to put money in the jar, setting the expectation that all around the Tuesday morning coffee-hour table needed to contribute. [At first, the upstairs center room was the workroom.] On Tuesdays, **David Forbes** brought the donuts and Helen doled out the work.

For nearly twenty-five years, there wasn't an event at SAGHS that Helen didn't support or, truth be told, help direct. All our fundraisers benefited from her ideas and contributions. An exquisite quilter, she spent countless hours piecing, cutting and stitching as a part of our quilting ladies' circle. In the SAGHS yard, she planted bluebonnets and plumbago and entered us into a best garden contest. At the back of the lot, on the right, plants were aligned like a family tree. We didn't win the gardening contest, but she and her



Mary Souter, Helen Parker, Ginny Pullian, and Mitzi Jackson.

gardeners created a beautiful blue yard before the event. At the end of her day at SAGHS, at home, she made quilts for family and friends; fashioned furniture in her woodshop; stitched clothes in her sewing room; baked cakes; researched her genealogy; worked on her family newsletter; cooked a delicious dinner; enjoyed her children and grandchildren; and repaired everything she could that broke down.

In 2017, when Helen was age 85, Smitty recalls working *FOR* Helen in the yard. Soon after, frightened by her deepening loss of memory, Helen gave up her official duties. Until Covid shut us down, she continued as a quilter when she could. Today, she and Ric live at the Forum at Lincoln Heights, getting the assistance they need.

Like many of our early leaders, Helen grew up on a farm. Although she was the youngest of 10 children, Helen

Ruth Knutson was never intimidated or shy. Her father's farm in tiny Placid, Texas (population 110 in 1945, and 50 in 1949), was very near the geographic center of the state, called the heart of Texas. Placid is literally in the middle of nowhere. The unincorporated community was named for its quiet nature. Surrounded by vast empty prairies, the family was, by necessity, self-sufficient. The closest town to their farm is Brady, the county seat, 17 miles away, with only a few thousand people. San Angelo, 92 miles west of Placid, was then and now the closest large city.

Helen attended the district school in Rochelle, a small town eight miles south of Placid. McCulloch County had an extremely low education level, but Helen attended nursing school in San Angelo in September 1951. In 1959, she was living at the Nix Professional Building in San Antonio. Helen recently told **Cathy Bohnak** that she worked for a physician who really liked her. This was probably the job she had when she met her future military husband, Ric, from Pomeroy, Ohio. They were married in October 1959 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. When he finished his training in Virginia,



Helen Parker and Jim Garrett.

Captain **Cedric (Ric) Otho Parker** became the commanding officer of the medical detachment and medical supply at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. Helen was a full-time mom. Son Eric was born at Fort Bliss, El Paso; four years later, son David was born in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Ric's military career eventually led him to San Antonio. His retirement from the military in 1970 gave Helen the opportunity to renew her nursing skills. She went back to the Nix, working in the hospital as a scrub nurse. Thanks to **Jackie Meldrom**, also a nurse at the Nix, we know that Helen became the esteemed Director of Surgery. Jackie remembers that most of the surgeons had been in the military and appreciated Helen's strict control over the nursing staff. Under her direction, surgery rooms were sterile and efficient. When Helen retired, it took a few hires and a long time for the doctors to find someone to replace her.

To Helen, retirement did not mean rest. In 1994, she joined SAGHS, bestowing us with her exceptional organizational skills. For the transformation of SAGHS from a club to a genealogy center, Helen was the right woman at the right time. Because of her roots in rural Texas, she represents the passing of agrarian "know how" and values. Few of our current members were raised on a self-sufficient farm. From the heart of Texas to the heart of SAGHS, she set us on the right path.

This article is based on memories of the author and Mary Souter, Mitzi Jackson, Jackie Meldrom, Nancy Brennan, Martin Soward, Beverly Rakowitz, Arnold Birdsong, Sir Oliver "Smitty" Smith, Cathy Bohnak, Annie Hunt and the family of Helen Parker. Records from *Ancestry.com* and *Newspapers.com* were also consulted.

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



By Jeffery R. Hankins, PhD

Greetings!

I am glad to be a member of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society, and I hope to contribute to this organization.

In the coming issues of the Newsletter, I will attempt to trace the history of England as regards the owning, holding, or controlling of land. A complete history of England would require multiple volumes and wouldn't necessarily help in our search for ancestors. But land-holding patterns can be useful to genealogists as another tool in tracking surnames back across England's history. The English were exceptional record-keepers and much of this was from tracking who held the land and what it was worth.

One should start their family research at the National Archives (in Kew) or the British Library, as they contain broad sets of records regarding the military, taxation, governance, and colonies. But you will likely find yourself dealing with one of England's county record offices, where there are rich holdings about those who lived and died in that county. England has 48 counties with long histories and records to substantiate it. Each county was subdivided into smaller administrative units, called "hundreds," which were further divided by church parishes and market towns. Separate records were kept for each of these, making the county record office a gold mine of information for the genealogist.

The truism that "land is power" is especially appropriate for England, which is a small island bounded on three sides by water (North Sea, English Channel, Irish Sea) and Scotland to the north. The whole of England is just a little over 50,000 square miles and would fit inside the American state of Alabama. This makes any land in England desirable as well as necessary for survival in a pre-industrial environment. Those who owned, controlled, or held land, had access to farming soils, grazing pasture, fresh water, minerals, and building materials. They could choose to exploit the resources directly by selling them or lease the land to those who will work it and pay rent. Either way, land is power and there was much competition to have it.

The earliest people to inhabit England appear to be Neolithic (New Stone Age) hunters and gatherers. By 3,000 B.C., these English inhabitants were organized enough to construct the massive stone calendar at Stonehenge and by 1,000 B.C., Britons were working in iron and bronze. The Irish Sea and English Channel were narrow enough that early Britons could trade with Ireland and Europe, as evidenced by Mediterranean goods and the appearance of Celtic languages across England. By the 400's B.C., England was inhabited by regional tribes led by local elites, and surviving mostly on farming,

cattle grazing, and domestic trade.[1]

Historians do not agree on exactly how early peoples held onto land. Hunter-gatherers did not require a specific plot of land, but later agricultural peoples would have several fields in which to grow wheat or barley. As far as historians can tell, farm or grazing lands would be handed down from father to children. Elites might use primogeniture (eldest son gets all) in passing on lands, but it appears that most English peasants or farm tenants tried to divide their holdings to accommodate all their children.[2] This is supported by the long-standing customs of the family as the economic and social center of European peasant life.[3]

England's proximity to the continent of Europe attracted invaders as well as trade. In 55 B. C., Roman general Julius Caesar brought soldiers across the English Channel from France to extend his military successes against the Gauls. His first invasion failed, as many Roman ships were damaged or destroyed on the southern coast of England, but Caesar returned one year later, making contact with several tribes and receiving promises of future payments to Rome. Yet it would be another 100 years before the Romans, led by emperor Claudius, successfully invaded England in 43 A.D. It took fifteen more years to conquer native tribes in the south and west but by 85 A.D., Roman generals had occupied England all the way to modern-day Scotland.[4]

Unlike native Britons, Romans had very specific laws concerning ownership of property. Land in Italy and across the empire was controlled by the state, specifically the Roman Senate. The Senate could sell land to private individuals, grant it as a reward for military service, or appease unhappy commoners with sales of cheap land. And because the Roman Republic and the later Empire were aggressive and expansionist, more land was always being added to the Senate's discretion. Unfortunately, much of Italy's best land was purchased by wealthy aristocrats, who converted small farms into huge estates to produce wine and olive oil. By the 200's A.D., Rome was depending more and more on its conquered territories for basics like wheat, legumes, fruits, vegetables, and cattle.[5]

By 100 A.D., England was the northern part of this empire, known as "Britannia." It was a conquered territory (except for Scotland and Wales) occupied by Roman troops, administrators, and traders. Because of its distance from Rome, England likely didn't receive the close imperial scrutiny felt in northern Africa, southern France, Spain, Germany, and Persia. But England did contribute to the empire with exports of tin, silver, wheat, cattle, and slaves. And the Roman occupiers brought to England language, literature, and engineering skills which took the form of roads, defensive walls, and villas.[6]

Though England was part of Rome's empire for over 300 years, there was fortunately no attempt to completely redistribute land from native Britons to Roman civilians. This would have led to widespread rebellion, and Roman soldiers were busy enough securing Britannia's borders against invaders. Though they didn't like their Roman occupiers, most Britons reluctantly put up with it because it seemed to bring more prosperity than pain. By the mid-300's A.D., Rome's empire was breaking apart and soldiers were called back from the provinces

to defend Italy against marauding "barbarians." No doubt England's natives were glad to see the decline of Roman influence in their country, and Celtic languages and customs returned.[7] But that wouldn't last for long.

[1] C. Warren Hollister, Robert C. Stacey, Robin Chapman Stacey, *The Making of England to 1399, 8th Ed.* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2001), pp. 3-5.

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[3] Barbara A. Hanawalt, *The Ties That Bound: Peasant Families in Medieval England* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1986), pp. 4-5, 73.

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[5] Will Durant, *Caesar and Christ: A History of Roman Civilization and Christianity from their beginnings to A. D. 325* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1944), pp. 76-77, 111.

[6] Hollister, Stacey, Stacey, *Making of England to 1399*, pp. 14-19.

[7] Durant, *Caesar and Christ*, p. 477.

NEW MEMBERS *Welcome*

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Ronnie Retzloff

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Dawn Smith

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Daniel Snell

Mary Souter

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TECHNOLOGY CORNER:
GEDCOM Files



By T. Scott Atkinson

As I mentioned in the January Newsletter article, there are some terms that you need to know and understand to effectively use a genealogy program, offline or online. This month, I want to review the term GEDCOM and why you need to know the basic functions of this file structure.

First GEDCOM stands for GEnealogical Data COMmunications, a term for the standard computer file format used to store and exchange family trees from one genealogy program to another. The current international standard is GEDCOM 5.5.1. A new version has been released for implementation, GEDCOM 7.0, which will enhance the information & media that can be stored in a GEDCOM file.

However, for the moment, one of the unique characteristics of the current standard is that a GEDCOM file cannot include media, so each program has to create a separate file for your media information. This media file associates each media item with each appropriate individual profile. However, not all GEDCOM files created in genealogy programs are the same as each developer makes slight changes that work best with their program.

So, who is the organization that created the GEDCOM file structure. It's the folks who write and maintain www.familysearch.com or the Mormon Church. If you are interested in digging into the details of the various standards, then you need to go to familysearch.org/en/GEDCOM. Over the years since originally developed, they have updated the standards to take advantage of additional information. GEDCOM 7.0 was announced in 2021, and program developers are now working on implementing this new version into their programs.

Here are a few new items:

- Zip packaging capabilities for photos and files
- Notes have been expanded for more versatile use and styling of text
- Tools, sample files, sample code, & self-testing guides
- Ambiguities in the GEDCOM Version 5.5.1 Specification have been removed

We will be introducing classes and workshops to assist anyone either wanting to know more about the GEDCOM file structures or needing to utilize it.

Anyway, if you need help, please consider joining the monthly workshop, 10 am to 12 pm, on the second Wednesday of each month in the SAGHS Dwyer Classroom. If there is enough interest in a class, then we can arrange one.

In the meantime, we will continue to focus on using programs like Family Tree Maker and WikiTree.

DID YOU KNOW?

...we are among the very few Texas genealogical societies who have their own real property?

By Carol Thompson

We, like most, don't need to rent space in a local shopping strip center or be allowed to use space in a government or church building's basement. Oh yes.... we did.... many years ago. But, thanks to our foresighted, literally pioneers, progenitors who saw opportunity and took what must have been knee-shaking action, did actually BUY a neglected, rat-infested old mansion. They, and conscripted husbands and friends, cleaned, repaired, painted, updated and made pretty darned comfortable, a safe and secure home to place their collections of treasured genealogical material.

We owe those folks a debt of gratitude.



And thanks again to a woman whose February birthday we celebrate, we enjoy the use of a modern auditorium, very comfortable accommodating classroom, ADA bathrooms, and surface parking, level and easily in reach of those shining glass front doors ☺ **Mrs. Yvette Dwyer** in her will, left us this legacy to celebrate her foresightedness, her enthusiasm to ensure for us an accommodating building to serve us for decades into our future.

We are blessed with gifts even today from members with this kind of spirit, to preserve a place for research and comradery.

We've begun 2025 with new educational leadership under the direction of **Dr. Lois Bready**. She will be keeping us abreast of upcoming classes.

Please know that offerings, listings are available at our enormous but oh so user-friendly



website txsaghs.org, available 24/7. There you will easily find library hours and so many other amazing facts about this unique organization.

So-easy parking, so-easy no-steps buildings, clean, bright facilities, and a bevy of friendly fellow researchers - all welcome you in your genealogical journey.

Thank you, members, past and present.



NEW BOOKS

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

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CT neha4	Town and City of Waterbury, Connecticut, from the Aboriginal Period to the Year Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-Five, The	Anderson, Joseph	Frances S. Turley Nitzi	CT
FH Kahre	Kahre Connection, The	Kahre, J. Elwyn and Joyce E. Winter Kahre	Frances S. Turley Nitzi	FAMILY HISTORY
FH Lyman	Sarah Joiner Lyman of Hawaii: Her Own Story	Martin, Margaret Greer	Frances S. Turley Nitzi	
FH Ruppert	Immigrant, Coal Miner, Homesteader: A History of the Philip Adam Ruppert Family	Ruppert, Frank D., Mary Ruppert Oberst, Philip A. Ruppert	Wendy de la Cruz	
RF 02004 (38)	Surnames of Scotland: Their Origin, Meaning & History	Black, George F. and Mary Elder Black	Melvin McElfresh	REF
RF 07004 (67)	Search for the First Americans	Meltzer David J.	Cindy Kennedy	
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RF 14004 (158)	Yankee Cavalrymen	Rowell, John W.	Melinda Strong	
RI newp4	Semper Eadem: A History of Trinity Church in Newport: 1698-2000	Hattendorf, John B.	Frances S. Turley Nitzi	RI
TX 00000 (74)	Texas: The Lone Star State	Richardson, Rupert N., Adrian Anderson, Cary D. Wintz, Ernest Wallace	Wendy de la Cruz	TEXAS
TX galv4	Lost Galveston; Images of America	Davis, Brian M.	Wendy de la Cruz	
TX naco7	Abstracts of Wills, Nacogdoches County, Texas, 1845-1903	DAR, Nacogdoches Chapter TX, Sesquicentennial Project	Wendy de la Cruz	
TX newt0	Crosscuts, An Anthology of Memoirs by Newton County Folk	Newton Historical Commission	Melinda Strong	
TX sana4	Schools of San Augustine County: A History	Harry P. and Kelly Noble	Melinda Strong	


Nancy McNamara


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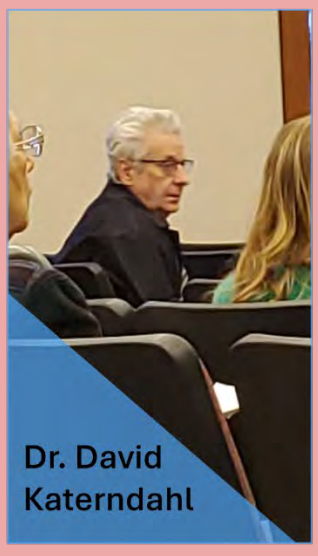

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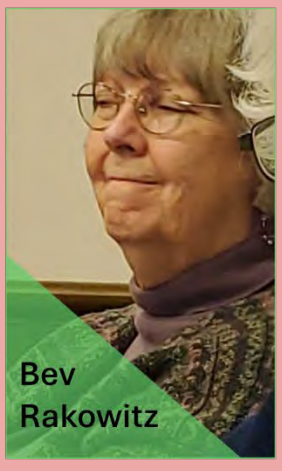

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During library hours, a volunteer **Duty Librarian** is available to assist patrons. Our volunteers have diverse expertise. Check the schedule below to find a librarian based on their research strengths and availability. Patrons may also contact the 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. 2:00-7:00*	Beginning Research
Kitty Massey *1st & 3rd Saturday*	Settlement of Maryland to Kentucky; Settlement of Virginia to Kentucky, Pennsylvania
Karen Boyers *2nd Sunday*	Ancestry, Lineage groups, FamilySearch, Research
Julia George *2nd Monday*	Beginning & Intermediate Research, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Kentucky
Beverly Rakowitz *2nd Wed. 1:00-2:00*	FindaGrave, Billiongraves, Persi, Online Catalog
Scott Atkinson *2nd Wed. 2:00-7:00*	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. 10:00-2:00*	Beginning Research
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