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NEWSLETTER

November / December 2023



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Thank You
Jack & Valerie Guenther

Valerie Guenther

THANKSGIVING….and it is justifiably appropriate that we are thankful, celebrating the thoughtful gift to us from one of our most beloved members, longtime volunteer, duty librarian **Valerie Guenther**.

The SAGHS Grants Committee under the leadership of **David Ringer** reached out to Valerie Guenther to find a source of funding for the remodeling of the 'storage building at the Dwyer Center (located across the driveway from the entrance). The trustees of the **Valerie and Jack Guenther Foundation** (**Abigail Guenther Kampmann and Jack Guenther Jr.**) wanted to honor their mother with this grant of $100,000. The finished room will be a multipurpose space with a food service area and named in Valerie's honor.

The genealogy seed was set in fertile soil by her aunt **Margaret Hails Braun**, a faithful early member, whose footsteps led Valerie to curiosity about their family history. "I have held memberships in several genealogical organizations**. Suzy Bettac** was a major inspiration, as are **Bill Myers** and **Steve Mabie**," she told me.

She joined our Society in 2004 during the presidency of **Neda Neathery**, just before **Barbara Froebel's** first term 2005-2009. Our facility then was located on Isom Road, just one of those sites, metamorphosis states of a growing genealogically focused group. This group of determined folks were hell-bent to secure a nationally prominent library, which would be a reference for future generations. She was shoulder to shoulder with those who contributed so many hours, serving as duty librarian, member of the Finance committee, creating grants focused on binding our hefty periodical collections, which were received from the **VH McNutt Foundation**, on which she serves as a Trustee. The McNutt Foundation also awarded SAGHS a grant that helped pay for the chairlift in the library.

She also served four years as Registrar of the San Antonio De Bexar National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter. And just to let all know that while she was bee-busy with us, her husband Jack was helping found San Antonio's Briscoe Museum.

Can you imagine what fun those family breakfast conversations were☺?

Our grateful membership, all looking to future growth, a new classroom, to assuage a growing demand for more classes, a sharing of our wonderful facilities with other civic groups as well…all ever thankful this Thanksgiving-tide for you Valerie Guenther. The SAGHS Membership, in a unanimous vote, bestowed an Honorary Lifetime Membership to Valerie at the September 2023 meeting.



FALL SEMINAR


















President's Message

Dear Friends,

As we approach the coming Holidays, know that SAGHS appreciates every one of you! Your donations of time, talent and money have kept us educating and blessing the world around us for 64 years. I have seen many changes over my 24 years of membership and made many wonderful friends. And, I have learned so much from many of you. Thank you for researching and teaching, welcoming, and all the many jobs that need doing in a Society this size. We could not do it without you! **To thank you, we are inviting all volunteers and those who would *like* to volunteer to a Thanksgiving luncheon on Tuesday, November 14th. The only thing you need to bring is your appetite! Come early, grazing begins at 11:30 am. Please RSVP on the library sign-up sheet or to** President@txsaghs.org .

Allen County Public Library (IN), home of PERSI, reports that its new catalog is up and running and invites you to check it out. Some features of the catalog are:

- Access the catalog on any device.
- Bookmark items you want to save for later.
- Create reading lists.
- Quickly find what you need.
- Save searches of your favorite topics and authors.
- Save your reading history.
- See all available materials with matching titles on multiple tabs.

Questions for the Allen County Public Library? "Ask a Librarian" email at **ask@acpl.lib.in.us** and someone will gladly assist you.

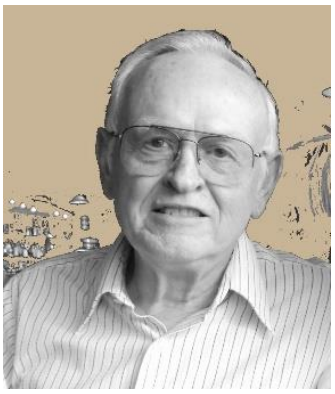
Our next General Membership meeting will be Saturday, January 20th with a visit from President Theodore Roosevelt! The speaker for the February meeting will be Peter Baron talking about the Revolutionary War Soldier.

In the meantime,
Wishing all of you a
Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah
and a very Merry Christmas!



Sherry Brown
Mary-Catherine Gomez
Shirley Harrison
Cat Hyland
Charles Kight
Amanda Kight Gentry
Kathleen Kinnet
Zac Kinnett
Dee Mahan
Rusty Mahan
Holly Morgan
Lisa Neumann
Ron Stevens
Edna Valdez
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By Linda Monts



Genealogy Programs for your Family Tree Project

No. 3

Greetings and Welcome Back.

I trust that you are following the development of this column. It's my sincere desire to provide you with helpful information on the building and documenting your Family Tree.

OK, so here's column number three. Articles One and two appeared in the September and October 2023 SAGHS newsletters.

Most important: Genealogists **should** document the origin of the facts about those individuals in their Family Tree. Proof of those facts comes in several forms, mainly **citations** found in researching various repositories. Sometimes, if you are lucky, you may find an actual document that you should safely store either by scanning or downloading them into your computer.

Here are some sources when searching for those family members and their facts (such as birth records, death records, residences, tombstones, local history articles, other documented Family Trees, etc.): **Ancestry / My Heritage / Family Search / libraries (such as SAGHS) / court houses**, other genealogical associations and so on.

Having said that, from this point forward, I will focus on helping you enter your facts into a computer program or in an online program. My favorites are *FAMILY TREE MAKER(FTM) AND WIKITREE (WT).* Those will be my focus for the next columns that I present to you, the Family Genealogist.

Family Tree Maker can be downloaded from familytreemaker.com or McKiev.com for a one-time cost between $40 and $80, depending on the features you select. I recommend a notebook size laptop so you can take it with you as you travel. Whether you use a laptop or a PC, you can login to WikiTree.com to utilize that FREE Genealogy program. Both FTM & WT provide "World Class" capabilities for documenting your family tree at minimum cost. If you are just beginning to build your tree, I recommend starting with WikiTree.com.

If you need or could use some help in documenting your Tree via any of the genealogy programs I've mentioned, all you need to do is reach out to me via an email to s.atkinson@ieee.org. Please use the subject as **WIKITREE**.

P. S. You do the research and I'll help you document it!

Cheers, T. Scott Atkinson

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society is a proud member of the following societies:

Texas State Genealogical Society

National Genealogical Society MEMBER

Upcoming Events at SAGHS
Classes are held in the
Dwyer Center
Please Pre-register by calling the Library during business hours at 210-342-5242 or via email to: education@txsaghs.org

Wed. Nov. 8
FamilyTree Maker/WikiTree
10 am – 12 pm
Scott Atkinson

Sat. Nov. 11
DNA Consult Hr.
10 am, 11 am, 12 pm
Annette Graham

Sat. Dec. 2
DNA Consult Hr.
10 am, 11 am, 12 pm
Annette Graham

Sun. Dec. 3
U.S. Military Records for Genealogical Research
2 pm – 4 pm
Larry Luckett

Sat. Dec. 9
DNA Consult Hr.
10 am, 11 am, 12 pm
Annette Graham

Wed. Dec. 13
FamilyTree Maker/WikiTree
10 am – 12 pm
Scott Atkinson



Sat. Dec. 16
WIKITREE Basics
9 am – 12 pm
Scott Atkinson

Classes without sufficient pre-registration may be cancelled.



Volunteer & Education Chair

The sharing of our recent annual Seminar was made possible by the dedication and skills of **Rob Lewis** and **Hal Curry**. By the way, video replays of Michael Lacopo's presentations are available **only** to those who paid to attend the Seminar in-person or virtually. An eBlast was sent out previously to those individuals with instructions on how to access the videos. A big thank you to Rob and Hal!



Rob Lewis & Hal Curry

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Fall starts the most active season for the education committee. *We plan the next year's programs!*

By using the returned, tallied 2023 Class/Workshop Suggestion List, the Education Chairman contacts potential instructors for topics and dates to create a schedule. The committee then meets to review plans for the upcoming 2024 education offerings, using metrics from potential instructors for topics and dates to create a schedule. The committee then meets to review plans for the upcoming 2024 education offering, using metrics from those 2023 Class Evaluation Sheets. Those suggestions are valuable!

The class/workshop offering list is posted on the website to include a few lines of the subject matter. This same schedule is available in our Newsletter and weekly eBlast , and our website– to keep members aware of those classes, those dates, and possibilities for additional education.

It is important to remember – please pre-register. One can call the library or simply click this link: Education@txsaghs.org

Remember that each instructor is a volunteer, uses their own time, equipment, knowledge, energy to prepare and provide these priceless learning opportunities. The cycle continues – those Class Evaluation Sheets guide the committee to compose next year's educational opportunities.

Nancy McNamara, Education Chairman



Photos by Gaspar Gomez

SAGHS TO PUBLISH WWII MEMORIES BOOK



In August 1945 the United States and the Allied United Nations accepted the surrender of Japan to end the monumental, world-wide struggle of World War II. To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the war's end, the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society will publish a new book in August 2024. The book will be devoted to articles about the valor and sacrifice of the individuals in the European and Pacific theaters, as well as to those who supported the war effort from the home front.



Images courtesy www.loc.gov

For this book we need the stories and reports of your research on your ancestors during this period. Identify the individuals, and reflect on how they spent the war years. Soldiers and nurses deployed overseas, but those men and women on the home front also contributed. Write it down, and share their stories with our readers. It does not need to be elaborate — a portrait, a short biographical sketch, an album of memorabilia, or any combination thereof. Submit something to honor your ancestors and their service to support the war effort. Contribute to a lasting memorial to the great sacrifices by your ancestors during these tumultuous times. **NOTE:** WWII articles previously published in *Our Heritage* will be considered for re-publication in this book.

Submit your article by 15 March 2024 to be included in the book. Articles submitted after that date may be published in an issue of *Our Heritage*.

Contact Larry Luckett at: *publications@txsaghs.org*

Special Class: "Researching Military Records"

Presented by Larry W. Luckett, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired

Sunday, 3 December 2023, 2:00 P.M., Dwyer Center Classroom

Learn where to find the details for your WWII genealogical article. This class identifies the individual service and organization records that might be available. You will gain descriptions of access to web resources, library resources, and archival sources for your veteran's service. A source bibliography will be provided.

Please pre-register by calling SAGHS at 210-342-5242 or emailing *Education@txsaghs.org*. We ask $5.00 contribution from members and $10.00 contribution from non-members.

NEW BOOKS

Call #	Title	Author
TX pano8	Cemeteries of Panola County, Texas, 1836-1964	Sanders, J.B.
TX pano8	Obituaries Recorded in Panola County Texas 1873-1920	Morris, Ann
TX park8	Parker County, Texas Marriage Records, 1889-1893 Volume 2	Ingmire, Frances T.
TX polk8	Cemetery Inscriptions of Polk County Texas	Barber, Gwen Stewart, Opal Wheeler Jackson
TX redr8	Marriage Records for Red River County, Texas from 1846-1903	Red River County Clerk's Office
TX redr8	Marriage Records for Red River County, Texas from 1904-1935	Red River County Clerks Office
TX redr8	Marriage Records for Red River County, Texas from 1930-1999	Red River County Clerks Office
VA 0000 (55)	Diggin' For Roots in Old Virginia	Bill Dickinson
VA 00000 (54)	Research in Virginia	Elliott, Wendy L.
VA 00004 (160)	Story of One Hundred Old Homes in Winchester, Virginia	Garland R. Quarles
VA albe 7	Albemarle County, Virginia, Court Papers, 1744-1783	Benjamin B. Weisinger
VA albe0	Country Roads: Albemarle County, Virginia	Susan De Alba
VA albe8	Virginia Historic Marriage Register Albemarle County Marriages, 1780-1853, volume 3	Vogt, John and T. William Kethley, Jr.
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VA albe8	Virginia Historic Marriage Register, Albemarle County Marriages, 1780-1853, volume 1	Vogt, John and T. William Kethley, Jr.
VA buck7 vol1	Early Buckingham County, Virginia Legal Papers, volume 1, 1765-1806	Jeanne Stinson
VA esse4	Virginia Publick Claims: Essex County	Janice L. Abercrombie and Richard Slatten
VA fluv8	Virginia Historic Marriage Register: Fluvanna County Marriages, 1781-1849	Vogt, John and T. William Kethley, Jr
VA fred8	Marriage Records of the City of Fredericksburg, and of Orange, Spotsylvania, and Stafford Counties, Virginia 1722-1850	Therese A. Fisher

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VIRGINIA

By Beverly Rakowitz

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Sun.: 1 pm – 5 pm
Mon.: 10 am – 4pm
Wed.: 10 am – 7 pm
Sat.: 10 am – 4 pm

Library Closures:

New Year's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Founders Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, October 14 (Seminar), Thanksgiving Eve, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve.

MEMORIALS

Cynthia Marshall Kennedy,
Member, Former Librarian
passed away October 4, 2023

Carroll Robert Fultz,
Husband of Member Virginia "Jenny" Stricklin Fultz passed away October 5, 2023

Rose Marie McElfresh
Wife of Member Melvin McElfresh
Passed away October 7, 2023

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.

Sunday, November 5



Meetings

Board Meeting
Sat. Nov.11 at 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium

Next Membership Meeting
Sat. Jan. 20 at 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium