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A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions

April 2023



President's Message

Dear Members and friends:

Our Members Orientation on March 25th, was attended by 36 members. The session included a practical orientation to our operations including the utility of our website and a tour of the library. Comments were positive and several wanted more time at the library. (Remember that we are open Monday 10-4, Wednesday 10-7, Saturday 10-4, Sunday 1-5). Our duty librarians are available to explain the workings of the library and to help you find that elusive ancestor. If you would like a more in-depth class on navigating the library, or any other topic, contact education@txsaghs.org. We reserve Tuesday mornings for our volunteers to do the work of the Library and are always eager for more helpful hands.

We have wonderful classes, most of them for a nominal donation of $5 for members. I hope you will find some to your liking. When I get a chance to sit in, I always find several new nuggets of information. After each class, we ask participants to let us know what they found helpful and use that information to make improvements.

We hope to see you at the General Meeting on Saturday, April 15th, if you've finished your taxes! Our speaker is Patricia "Trish" Champion, President of Champion & Champion – a worldwide heir research firm located here in San Antonio. She is a professional genealogist, member of APG, TXGS, & SAGHS, as well as a Private Investigator, licensed in Arizona & Texas. Trish will be speaking on her ancestor "*Cristobal De La Garza and My Deep San Antonio Roots*.
We also have Trish and daughter-in-law Meghan to thank for refreshments at the March meeting, along with "Smitty" Smith and Carole Pyles. Many thanks to all of you!

Two new beautifully framed maps of Texas have found a home in our Dwyer Classroom, located above the counter. The 1836 map was donated by Larry Luckett, and framed by Steve and Nancy Mabie. The 1845 issue of the Texas map was donated and framed by Sir Oliver "Smitty" Smith. Thanks to all of you for these beautiful additions!

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Submitted by Linda Monts

President's Message (cont.)

Save the Date, Saturday June 17th for our Founders Day Luncheon. I should say "tentative date" as the contract is yet to be signed. Watch your e blast and our homepage for final details.

B. Froebel

Meetings

Board Meeting
Sat. April 8 at 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium

Membership Meeting
Sat. April 15 at 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium

Important Vote at the Membership Meeting

Voting for our Executive Board Nominees:

President: Barbara Froebel
Vice President: Dale Bingham
Treasurer: Nancy Mabie
Secretary: Linda Hansen

Also:
Voting on the additional Bylaws Amendment (see page 3)

Note:
Gaspar Gomez, our in-house photographer will be available **May 20** from 11 am—2 pm in the Dwyer Classroom, to take photos of members for the 2023-24 Membership Yearbook.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment

Article VII: Meetings
Section 5

The Society may meet and transact business electronically as long as all the members can interactively participate during the meeting.

ADD
Members in the electronic meeting shall be counted in the quorum. Directions for the method of voting shall be given by the President.

Section 6: Absentee Voting can be allowed if requested by ten (10) members at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting.

Submitted by Charlotte Travis

Forty-One Thousand, Two Hundred, Twenty

This is not the lyrics of a new song for the play "Rent" … but the number of entries in our combined Cemetery Books.
Steve Mabie & Barbara Holmes have combined the indices of these 9 books into one searchable index. This would not have been possible without the efforts of those who documented these graves and published them in our collection of Cemetery Books.

Currently this index will be available to our duty Librarians, and will be posted on our website, soon.

Happy Hunting in finding your ancestors who may be buried in these Cemeteries.

Submitted by Barbara Holmes



Quilt Tickets Available!

Tickets are now on sale for our latest quilt "Stars & Stripes Forever"!

The Quilt is Queen-size, was made by Helen Parker, and donated in her honor.

The tickets are still only one dollar each, so buy early and often. See our duty Librarian for purchases. Tickets can also be purchased online in the SAGHS store using your credit card or Paypal. https://txsaghs.org/store.php?sid=1

The money raised from our quilt ticket sales are important to support our on-going Library functions.

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METHODS and SOURCES

by Leslie Tomlinson, CG

Using Pre-1850 Censuses and Records to Construct a Hypothetical Family: Part Two

Review Part One of this series from last month's newsletter about how to begin constructing a hypothetical family using 1830–1850 censuses and Ancestry's ThruLines® for DNA matches. In addition to nine known children for Josiah and Martha Watson, the tick marks from 1830 and 1840 censuses suggest at least **four more** children for the couple.

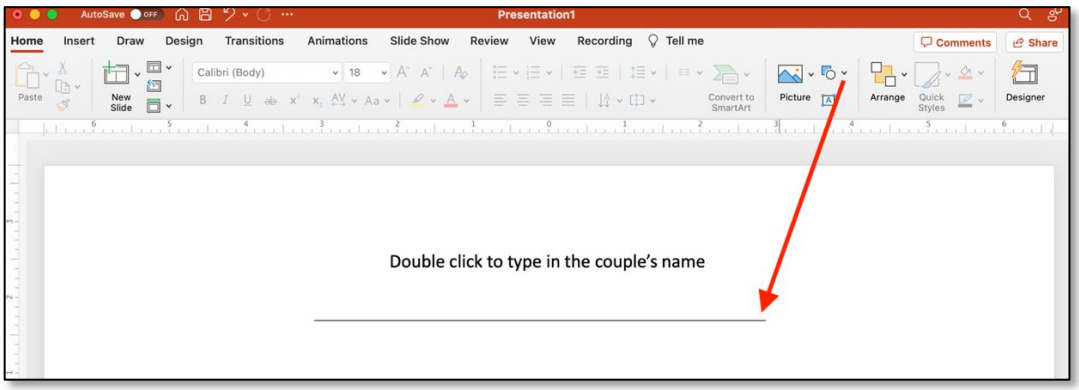
My research reveals that the number of children born to Martha was mentioned in at least two places. According to a biographic sketch of son Thomas J. Watson, 12 children were born to Martha and Josiah. The family moved from Virginia when he was small and then on to Illinois leaving Thomas, a brother, and a sister behind.[1] Another source for the number of children is an article in the Clarksville, Tennessee, *Leaf-Chronicle Weekly* in 1888 on the occasion of her supposed 100th birthday. She was described as bearing "… thirteen children, all of whom lived to be grown, and nine of whom are now living, none of them being less than 50 years old."[2] Therefore, the total number of children could be either 12 or 13; however, 13 agrees with the hypothesized family for the couple using censuses.

ThruLines indicates that three of those children may be named Eliza, Joseph, and Stephen, with whose descendants I share DNA. In the earlier article Eliza was chosen to begin the investigation with as her line has the most matches to me. She could be the missing oldest daughter (b. 1815–1820) of Josiah and Martha. Several key pieces of info connect Eliza to Josiah and Martha and provide a strong case for her being a daughter:

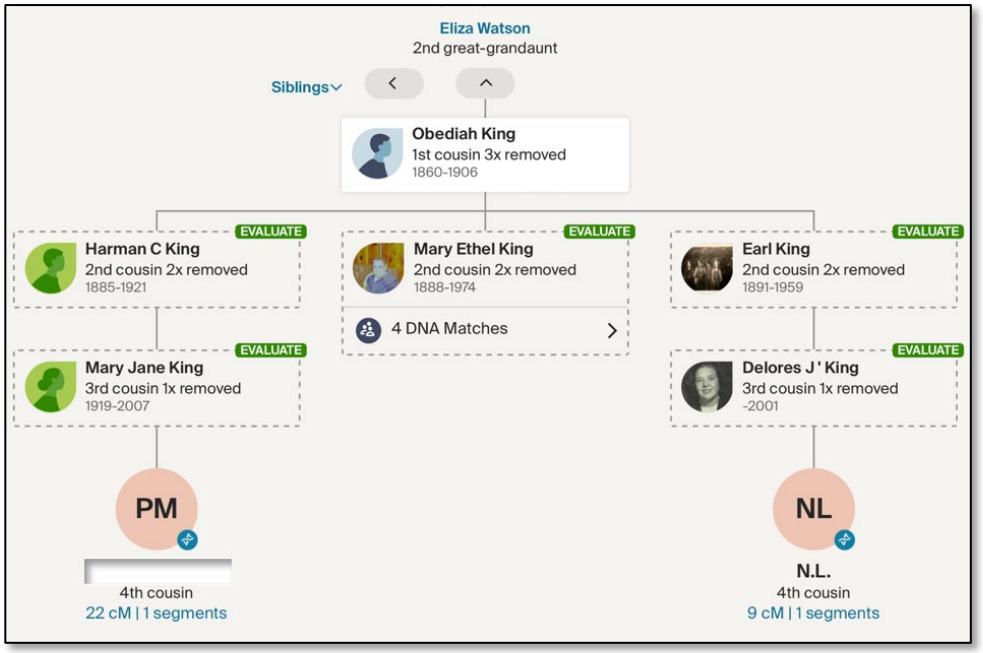
- While no marriage record was found for Eliza, her supposed husband, Andrew King, lived two households away in 1840 from Josiah Watson, Eliza's proposed father.
- Andrew King had a female aged 20–29 (b. 1810–1820) in his household who was of an age to be Eliza, and a female under 5, who could be Susan, a daughter, living with Andrew and Eliza, until her death in 1879.
- Eliza and Andrew moved from Tennessee to the same county and neighborhood in Illinois where Martha and Josiah had relocated in 1850.
- Eliza's birthplace of Virginia, recorded in three censuses, agrees with Josiah's residence in Buckingham County, Virginia, around the time she was born as evidenced in tax and military records.
- Eliza's maiden name was Watson as stated in three of her children's death certificates.

I share DNA through four of Eliza's children. My first task is to verify each of those lines. I won't put the people from these matches into my software until there is proof for each child-parent relationship.

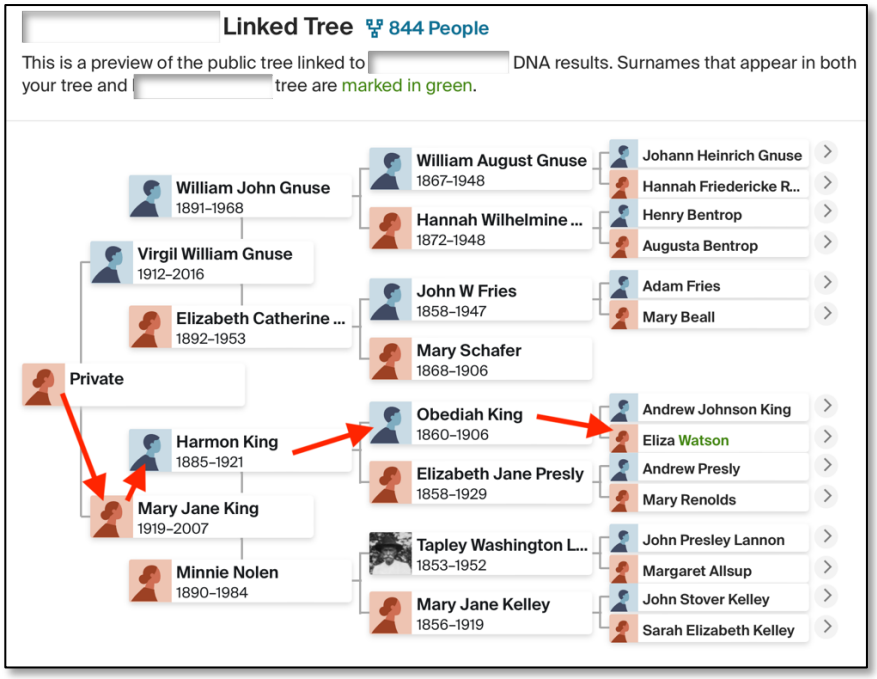
Step one. Make a "speculative" family tree for Eliza.
To avoid adding unrelated people to your tree first make a speculative or hypothetical tree to see if you can make a case for connecting your matches to you. An easy way to do this is to use PowerPoint, using text boxes and lines only. Here's how: Open a new slide/presentation. Delete the placeholder text boxes and simply double click on the page. Then begin typing your ancestral couple's names. Repeat for each of the children's names. Next draw lines to connect the names by selecting the dropdown arrow as indicated below and select a line style, then drag horizontally or vertically.



We'll start the verification process with matches through Eliza's son Obediah King. I chose matches named "PM" and "NL." Their names, as well as any living people, have been limited to just initials to protect their privacy.



Step two. Verify each parent-child relationship.
Look at PM's tree on Ancestry. Verify that PM is the child of Mary Jane King. You may not find the evidence in your match's tree and will have to search for it yourself. Then proceed up the tree from Mary Jane to Harmon King to Obediah King to Eliza.

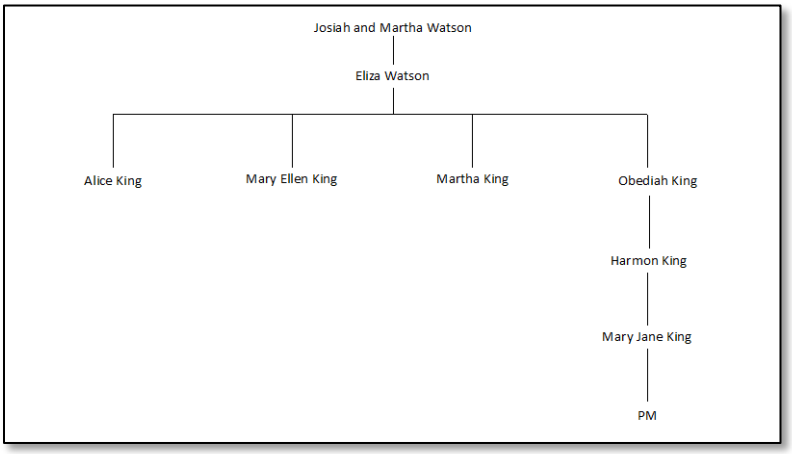


Try to find two independent sources for each relationship. Use the match's tree for hints, but not proof, as they are often copied from other people's trees or are not correct. Here are just some of the records I found to connect PM to Eliza Watson:

- An obituary for Mary Jane King confirmed a child, "PM," and father, Harmon King.
- Connecting Mary Jane to father Harmon was a 1920 census in Williamson County, Illinois, where relationship were stated.
- Harmon lived with parents Obediah and "Liza" King in 1900 according to the census. Obediah was born in Illinois. His parents were born in North Carolina and Virginia, respectively, which matches the birth places of Andrew King and Eliza Watson King.
- Obediah appeared in the household of Andrew and Eliza King from 1860–1880 in Williamson County, Illinois. In 1880 the relationships are shown on the censuses and it is stated that he was a son of Andrew.
- Obediah's marriage record from Williamson County names Andrew King as his father and Eliza Watson as his mother.

In addition to censuses, marriage, and birth records, other places to look for clues connecting generations are wills and other probate records, deeds, taxes, county biographies, and obituaries. Remember to follow all the supposed children and check their death certificates.

PM's confirmed tree now looks like this:



Step three. Continue with the other children of Eliza Watson.
See Part One where other children (Martha, Mary Ellen, and Alice) are shown indicating several matches each to me. I confirmed each line as outlined above before adding the people to my tree.

How do you overcome glitches along the way?
What do you do when your DNA match's tree does not reach all the way to your ancestral couple, or points to an incorrect person in the line, or you are not sure of the match's real name, or their tree is private?

Next month we'll tackle these issues and learn strategies to overcome them and we'll move on to find the other missing children of Josiah and Martha Watson.

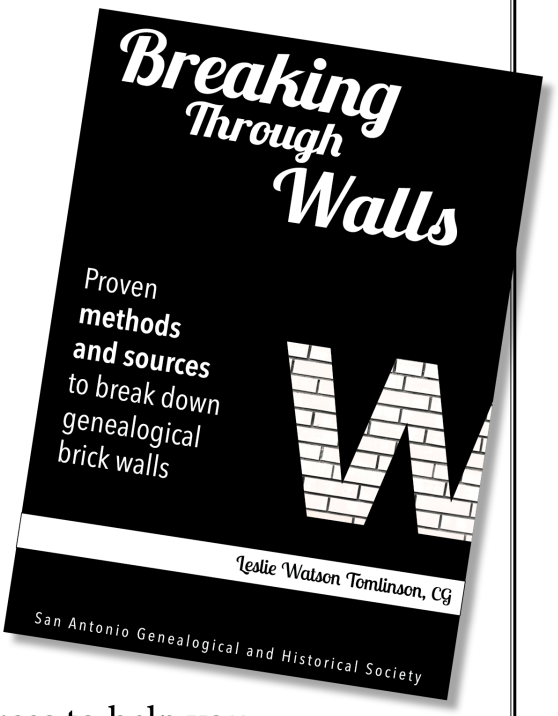
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[1] Goodspeed Brothers, *The Goodspeed Histories of Montgomery, Robertson, Humphreys, Stewart, Dickson, Cheatham, Houston Counties of Tennessee*, Reprint, (Columbia, Tenn.: Woodward & Stinson Print. Co., 1972), 1113–1114.

[2] "One Hundred Years Old," *Leaf-Chronicle Weekly,* Clarksville, Tenn., 9 March 1888, page 1, col. 2; *Newspapers.com* (https://www.newspapers.com/image/353330004/ : viewed 16 Dec. 2020*).*

BREAKING THROUGH WALLS

by
Leslie
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The San Antonio Public Library is hosting their Annual Book Festival on Saturday, April 15 9 am—5 pm at the Central Library and UTSA Southwest Campus.

Membership Yearbook Photos

The opportunity to have your photo included in the 2023-2024 Membership Yearbook is approaching for:

- New members and members whose photos are not in the 2022-2023 Yearbook, but would like to have a picture in the upcoming edition.
- Members whose photos are in the 2022-2023 Yearbook, but who would prefer a different one.
- If you have a photo in the 2022-2023 Yearbook and are satisfied with it, *do not send in another photo.*

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For those wishing to come to the Dwyer Center to have their photo taken,
our in-house photographer, Gaspar Gomez, will be available to take your photo:
Saturday **May 20** from 11 am until 2 pm.

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Those members who wish to submit a photo by post or by email need to follow these guidelines:

* Photos must be received no later than 31 July, 2023.
* Any photo received after 31 July will not appear in the 2023-4 Yearbook, but will be archived and used in future yearbooks.
* Either color or black and white photos may be submitted, even though the member photos will appear in black and white only.
* Member photos should contain head and shoulders only—not a full body or group photo.
* Photo should have a solid or uncluttered background. All submitted photos will be changed to a neutral background.
* No newspaper photos or clippings should be submitted.
* Photos should be reasonably recent (no childhood photos, for example)
* Joint members should each submit a separate photo.
* Mailed-in photos will not be returned unless the member includes a self-addressed, stamped envelope with adequate postage.
* Submitted photos may be used for a five-year period.
* Photos submitted by post should be clearly labeled on the back of the photo with the name of the individual, as the individual wishes it to appear beneath the photo in the Yearbooks.
* Hard copies of photos should be mailed to: SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr, San Antonio TX 78213-2024.
* Digital photos should be emailed with the subject line “Photo Submission” to: publications@txsaghs.org and may also be emailed to cbbrussell@sbcglobal.net.

Submitted by Charles B. Brussells, Editor and Graphics Layout SAGHS Membership Yearbook

NEW BOOKS

FH Jones	Jones, Payne and Cloud of Virginia and North Carolina	Forest Jones Pergerson and Patricia Wellingham-Jones
FH Malone	As I Have Been Told...Family Tales & Legends	Gumbert, Dorothy Malone
FH Sessums	Pity the Ship The Wartime Journal of Earnest A. Sessums Sr. (1917-1919)	James P. Sessums Jr.
FH southerland	Notes on the Southerland Latham, and Allied Families; Register of the Ancestors of Imogen Southerland Voorhees	Voorhees, Edward K.
GA 00002 (17)	Index to the 1830 Census of Georgia	Register, Alvaretta Kenan
GA 00006 (18)	Third OR 1820 Land Lottery of Georgia	Lucas, Silas Emmett
GA 00006 (19)	Fourth OR 1821 Land Lottery of Georgia	Lucas, Silas Emmett
GA 00008 (17)	Marriage Index to Unpublished Pedigree Charts Submitted to The Georgia Genealogical Society, Inc.	The Georgia Genealogical Society, Inc.
GA 00008 (17a)	Marriage Index to Unpublished Pedigree Charts Submitted to the Georgia Genealogical Society, Inc. Volume 2	Sherman, Ann Lancaster and Clare Findley Magbee
GA 00008 (18)	Marriages and Obituaries From the Macon Messenger, 1818-1865	Rocker, Willard R.
GA jasp8	Jasper County, Georgia Marriage Records, 1808-1850	Ingmire, Frances T.
GA putn8	Putnam County, Georgia Marriage Records, 1808-1850	Ingmire, Frances T.
GA stew2	Citizens of Stewart County, Georgia: 1860 Census Index	Ingmire, Frances T.
KY 00000 (13)	Guide to Kentucky Genealogical Research	Elliott, Wendy
LA 00000 (18)	Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northwest Louisiana	Northwest Louisiana Historical association
LA bien2	Bienville, Parish, Louisiana 1850 Census with Mortality schedule and Slave Holders	Head, Wanda Volentine
LA boss6	Doing Research in the Bossier Parish Courthouse	Cardin, Clifton D.
LA cadd 4	Gleanings From Caddo Parish, Louisiana Newspapers 1844-1865 Caddo Gazette Shreveport Journal The South-Western	Head, Wanda Volentine

Submitted by Beverly Rakowitz

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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, Seminar, Thanksgiving Eve, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve
ALSO: Delayed opening on Membership Meeting days.

Upcoming Events at SAGHS

Classes are held in the Dwyer Center Social distancing will be respected
Please Pre-register by calling the Library during business hours at:
210-342-5242 or via email to:
education@txsaghs.org

Saturday April 8
DNA Consult Hours
10 am, 11 am, 12 pm
Annette Graham

Saturday April 8
FamilyTree Maker/WikiTree Workshop
1 pm—3 pm
Scott Atkinson

Sat. April 12
Family Tree Maker/WikiTree
10 am—12 pm
Scott Atkinson

Sun. April 16
The Wonderful World of West Virginia Genealogy
2 pm—4 pm
Julia George

Sun. April 30
Health of Our Ancestors
2 pm—4 pm
Dr. David Katerndahl

Sat. May 6
FamilyTree DNA Subscription
10 am—12 pm
Annette Graham

Sun. May 7
Find-a-Grave Class
2 pm—4 pm
Peter Baron

May 10
FamilyTree Maker/WikiTree Workshop
10 am—12 pm
Scott Atkinson

Sat. May 13
DNA Consult Hours
10 am, 11 am, 12 pm
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