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A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions
May 2021



Photo by Neka Scarbrough-Jenkins

President's Message

In last month's newsletter, I informed you of our partnership with the St. Paul United Methodist Church under which we conducted a basic introduction to genealogy seminar in our Dwyer Center's Roosevelt Auditorium. This seminar was open to a live audience and it was also available that evening via Zoom for those at home. This was held on the evening of April 14th, and while the attendance was less than hoped for, the presentations by *Our Heritage* editor Larry Luckett, Certified Genealogist Leslie Tomlinson and our Librarian Laura Grover were extremely well received by all who did attend. Thank you Larry, Leslie & Laura!

Rob Lewis once again handled the technical aspects of the Zoom production, and he was ably assisted by cameraman Hal Curry. As a result of their efforts, we were able to capture the great work of Larry, Leslie and Laura, and the entire presentation is available for all on our website under the link "Genealogy 101 Video". Rob did ask me if he should edit anything, and I asked if he could replace my image with that of Paul Newman, but unfortunately, that proved impossible. The video is 72 minutes long, and well worth the time for even those with more experience. And because it is on our public website, it can be shared with others. So please spread the word to other organizations. And yes, we can also provide more detailed presentations to any non-profit organization that wants to learn about genealogical research from experts. So, if you happen to know of any other organizations that would like to discuss a similar partnership, please tell them to contact me.

Our election of officers was held at our General Membership Meeting on April 17th. Congratulations to incoming President Barbara Froebel, 2nd Vice-President Linda Monts, 3rd Vice-President Ray Weiland, Secretary William Mabie, and incumbent Treasurer Pat Merk, all of whom will be sworn in at our Founder's Day Luncheon on June 19th.

You may be wondering about our 1st Vice-President position. Unfortunately, the individual nominated and elected has had second thoughts and has submitted his resignation. Our Board is therefore actively seeking an individual who is willing to serve our membership

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Founders' Day Luncheon
Saturday June 19, 2021

Yes! With COVID-19 in our rear view mirror, we are in a situation where we can safely hold our Founders' Day Luncheon.
Diners will be spaced to allow for distancing.

The Luncheon is the occasion in which we will honor our newest First Families of Bexar County, Barbara Jean Garcia Chavez, and recognize those from previous years. Since we were unable to host the Luncheon in 2020, we will honor the 2020 families at this year's Luncheon.

We will also swear-in our 2021-2023 Officers at this occasion. In addition, this year we will honor our new Honorary Members.

The Luncheon will be held at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club,
1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio.
Early Bird (by June 5) reservations for Members $30.00, Non Members $35.00
After June 5, reservations are an additional $5.00.
No refunds

A reservation form is attached to this Newsletter, please complete and mail with your check, or reserve online using your credit card.

Membership Meeting
May 15, 2021 at 10 am

The next membership meeting will be held, on May 15, at 10 am in the Roosevelt Auditorium of the Dwyer Center. Our presentation will be announced in the near future.
Come at 9:30 am to enjoy some coffee and treats.

Submitted by Barbara Froebel

President's Message (cont.)

in this important position. Responsibilities are detailed in our By-Laws which are included in your Membership Yearbook. If you are willing to serve, please contact Barbara Froebel.

Steve Mabie



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https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6053342
and designate SAGHS for Amazon to donate .5% of the price of your eligible purchases to us.

Now available at SAGHS Library!!

FindMyPast, a UK-based online genealogy service started in 1965 to help everyone discover how they are uniquely connected. **FindMyPast** provides 8 billion digitized records covering England, Ireland, the United States, Canada, and throughout the World.

Why use **FindMyPast** vs **Ancestry**? Which looks best? Both **FindMyPast** and **Ancestry** have unique ways of displaying search results. Generally, **Ancestry** provides a much easier 'quick glance' view of results. Both online resources are exceptional and can be used together to get the best information for your research. Both online genealogy services provide different data sets as well as covering the same resources, like the US Census. Both resources, are available at the San Antonio Genealogical and History Society Library to unlock your family history.
FindMyPast has records sets covering:

Birth, Marriage & Death Records	Parish Records
Census, Land & Substitutes,	Surnames and the Meanings
Military Service and Conflict	Directories & Social History
Immigration and Travel (Passenger lists)	Newspapers and Periodicals, including PERSI

Searches can be through records separated into British (UK, Irish, Wales, Australia, etc.), United States, Canada or Worldwide. These same data sets are covered in **Ancestry** with differing degrees of information. **FindMyPast** is the major resource for British records.

We continue to improve on the value of your membership thru additional resources to aid in your genealogical research. **Don't forget to renew!**

Reminder



We are asking members and visitors to park in the paved Dwyer Center lot. This provides better parking, and we have the access ramp to the Library, for those who have difficulty with stairs.

We have a potential project in the works to pave the Library parking area, to alleviate the need to park in the grass and/or mud.

METHODS and SOURCES

by Leslie Tomlinson, CG

Transcribing Documents

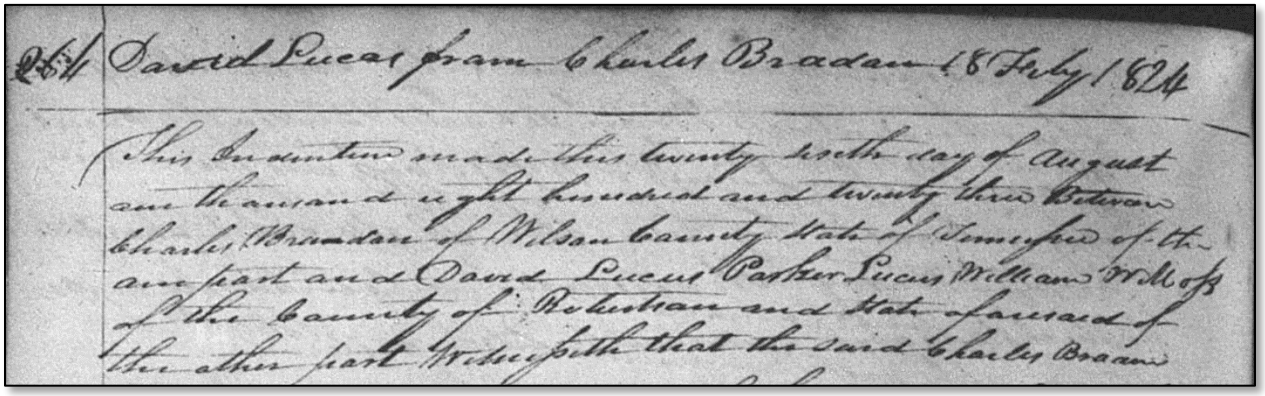
Learning to transcribe records that you encounter in your research is a valuable skill and the foundation of reliable research. A transcription is an exact copy. It differs from abstracting and extracting which will be covered later. There are a few fundamental rules to follow. Practicing with many different types of documents is essential to becoming proficient. Here are the basics:

- If the record is online, zoom in to see clearly or print it out in large sections.
- Read the entire record before you begin your transcription. This is doubly important if you photograph, copy, or save it to transcribe later. It often helps to read it out loud.
- You may need to look at other examples of the court clerk's or scribe's handwriting, to figure out words and letters in your record. Some researchers make a cheat sheet of each of the letters in the scribe's handwriting when the writing is particularly hard to decipher.
- It is good practice to first record the details about the document itself at the top of the page. This is not part of the transcription and should be italicized. An example:

  Martha Lucas's will
  Robertson County, Tennessee
  Will book 14: 218-219
  Written 3 November 1847, proved January term 1848
  Or create a full citation.
- Faithfully record every single word, punctuation mark, page number, and capitalization in the order in which it was originally written. Do not interpret or modernize the language at this point, simply record it accurately.
- It is optional to keep the transcription line by line as in the original. Some researchers prefer to remove the line breaks to save space and increase readability.
- If you add any comments, such as a corrected spelling, put them in square brackets. Some transcribers italicize the word in brackets to better distinguish them from the transcription. Some examples: [*?*], [__*?*__]
- Do not spell out abbreviations.
- Reproduce any diacritical marks, such as a tilde (~), for example.
- Replicate all superscripts.
- If a word is unclear indicate it by enclosing a question mark in square brackets. If you are unsure of a letter or letters, underline them.
- Enclose the complete transcription within quotation marks indicating the copied text.

- Reproduce obsolete letterforms in their modern version. Here are the most common examples:
    - The thorn, an old letter for the sound "th" looks like a "y." "Ye" should be written as "the."
    - The double-f, which was used to indicate an uppercase "F," looks like "ff." ffrederick should be written as "Frederick."
    - The long-tailed double-s, looks like a "p," and is meant to be an "ss."
- Indicate in brackets any anomalies or damages that affect the record's legibility, such as [*name crossed through*] or [*blotch obscures word*]. Note any missing parts or pages.
- Use [*sic*] sparingly to indicate mistakes in the original record that might be thought of as an error in your transcription.

Let's put these rules to practice using a detail of a deed copied from microfilm:



Robertson County, Tennessee, Register of Deeds, R: 264, Charles Braden to David and Parker Lucus and William W Moss, deed (1824); FHL microfilm 422,475.

This is how you would begin your transcription:

Transcription
Warranty deed from Charles Bradan to David and Parker Lucus and William W Moss
Robertson County, Tennessee
Liber R:264
Drawn: 29 Aug. 1823; recorded 18 Feb. 1824

"264 David Lucas from Charles Braden 18 Feby 1824

This indenture made this twenty ninth day of August
one thousand eight hundred and twenty three Between
Charles Bradan of Wilson County State of Tennessee of the
one part and David Lucus Parker Lucus William W Moss
of the County of Robertson and State aforesaid of
the other part Witnesseth that the said Charles Bradan

Continue on until the end where you would include a closing quotation mark.

This transcription demonstrates some of the rules outlined above.

1. The information about the record's location is listed, at the beginning.
2. Quotation marks are used to indicate the beginning of the transcription. It is recorded word for word including, optionally, where the line breaks fall.
3. Notice no punctuation has been added to the list of the names "David Lucus Parker Lucus William W Moss." Although you might know these are three separate individuals because you are familiar with the family, it would be incorrect to add commas to separate the names. You can include that information in your analysis section. For example, "Mary Catherine Ann Julia" could be one, two, three, or four females! And also note that names are often spelled multiple ways in the same document.
4. The surname that looks like "Mop" is actually "Moss" and demonstrates the use of the long-tailed double-s. It should be recorded "ss."

This is a simple introduction to transcription. Use the resources below to hone your skills. Next month we'll explore abstracting and see how it differs from transcribing.

Resources

- Elizabeth Shown Mills, ed., *Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers, and Librarians* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2001). Chapter 16, "Transcripts and Abstracts."
- "Transcribing, Extracting, and Abstracting Genealogical Documents," a 10-module online course available from the National Genealogical Society. https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cgs/transcribing-extracting-and-abstracting-genealogical-documents/
- "Transcribing Documents: There is More Than Meets the Eye!" Legacy Family Tree Webinar by LaBrenda Garret-Nelson, JD, CG, CGL, and sponsored by the Board for Certification of Genealogists. https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=960
- "Five Tips for Deciphering Old Handwriting," Legacy Family Tree blog. https://www.legacytree.com/blog/five-tips-deciphering-old-handwriting

"As human beings we are the genetic elite, the sentient contemplating and innovating sum of countless genetic accidents and transcription errors."

Gary Hamel

Is Your Picture in the *Membership Yearbook*?

(If not, here's how to get it there.)

The opportunity to have your photo included in the 2021-2022 *Membership Yearbook* is approaching for:

- Members whose photos are not in the 2020-2021 *Membership Yearbook*, but who would like to have their pictures in the 2021-2022 Yearbook.

- Members whose photos are in the 2020-2021 Yearbook, but who would prefer to have a *different* photo in the 2021-2022 Yearbook. If your photo appeared in the 2020-2021 Yearbook and you are *satisfied* with it, *do not send in another photo*.

Members may submit a photo **until 31 July 2021**. For those wishing to stop in at the Dwyer Center to have their photo taken, our in-house photographer, Ray Weiland, will be available to take photos at the Dwyer Center on the following dates from 10 am to 1 pm:

Tuesday 22 June
Saturday 24 July
Tuesday 27 July

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

- Photos must be received no later than 31 July 2021.
  - Any photo received after 31 July will not appear in the 2021-2022 *Membership Yearbook*.
  - Late submittals 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 the yearbook in black and white only.
- Member photo should contain head and shoulders only – not a group photo or full body photo.
- Photo should have a solid or uncluttered background. All submitted photos will be changed to a neutral background and converted to black and white.
- 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.
- Hard copies of photos should be mailed to SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio, TX 78213**.**
- Digital photos should be emailed with the subject line "Photo Submission" to **publications@txsaghs.org** and may also be emailed to **cbbrussell@sbcglobal.net**.

Charles B. Brussells

Editor and Graphics Layout,

SAGHS Membership Yearbook



WELCOME
New Members

Peter Bawa
Mike Cowan
Donna Garcia
Frankie Grubbs
Guy Grubbs
Susan Lankford
Cherie Masters
Cathy Smith

Submitted by Nancy Mabie

Memorials

Sherrell Pyles
Member
Passed away on April 8 , 2021
He is survived by his wife
Carole Pyles, also a member.

Carolyn Darice
Emmett Marshall, PhD.
Mother of Member Cindy Kennedy
Passed away on April 21, 2021.

Memorial donations in their names can be made in person during normal Library hours, or with a check mailed to:
SAGHS Memorials,
911 Melissa Dr.,
San Antonio, TX 78213-2024

(Please direct your memorial in the memo section of your check.)

Funds donated for Memorials are used to purchase Library Collection Resources.

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

The following message is for those SAGHS members whose membership will be expiring on June 30th:

It's time to renew your membership.

- Single Membership: renew for 1 year for $40
- Joint Membership: renew for 1 year for $60
- Subscription Membership: renew for 1 year for $25

The Membership Renewal Form is attached to this newsletter. Print the form and mail with your check to SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio, TX 78213-2024

If you want to pay online using PayPal or your credit card, please log into the SAGHS website at https://tssaghs.org. Go to the Members Only tab and log in using your user-name and password. Then select the "Renew Membership" link..

All members, who have not renewed their memberships by August 31st, will be removed from our membership rolls and will no longer be SAGHS members in good standing.

NOTE: Each member should have received an email from the Membership Chair Nancy Mabie advising them on whether their membership needs to be renewed at this time or not. As you may recall, last year we offered a special 2-year renewal plan to active members. Those members who took advantage of the one-time offer will not need to renew their memberships until June 2022. If you need further information, please contact Nancy at membership@txsaghs.org.

Submitted by
Nancy Mabie

Call Number	Title	Author	Pub. Year
OH lake4	History of Lake County, Ohio, 1840-1889	Howe, Henry	1977
OK 00004 (17)	History of Oklahoma, A	Norman, Grant	1945
RF 00000 (272)	Origin of Spanish Names	Santos, Richard G.	1981
RF 00000 (273)	Center, The: A Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Capital Area	Schaefer, Christina K.	1996
RF 00000 (274)	Netting Your Ancestors: Genealogical Research on the Internet	Howells, Cyndi	1997
RF 00000 (280)	Genealogical Dictionary: With Alphabetical Nation-wide Index included, and with approximately 2500 Definitions of Value to all Genealogical Researchers	Cook, Michael L	1979
RF 00000 (281)	A to ZAX: A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians, 3rd ed.	Evans, Barbara Jean	1995
RF 00001 (16)	Immigrant Kids	Freedman, Russell	1995
RF 00002 (14)	Census Substitutes & State Census Records, 3rd Edition, Volume One, Northeastern States & U.S. Territories	Dollarhide, William	2020
RF 00002 (14a)	Census Substitutes & State Census Records, 3rd Edition, Volume Two, Southeastern States	Dollarhide, William	2020
RF 00002 (14b)	Census substitutes & State Census Records, 3rd Edition, Volume Three, Northcentral states	Dollarhide, William	2020
RF 00002 (14c)	Census Substitutes & State Census Records, 3rd Edition, Volume Four, Southcentral & Four Corner States	Dollarhide, William	2020
RF 00002 (14d)	Census Substitutes & State Census Records, 3rd Edition, Volume Five, Western / Pacific States & Nationwide Chapter	Dollarhide, William	2020
RF 01000 (51)	Rutland Alphabet, a Guide to Rutland's Landscapes and Villagescapes	Waites, Bryan	1985
RF 01000 (52)	Family Ties In England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland	Reid, Judith R. (Compiled by)	1998
RF 01004 (81)	Life and Families of 17th Century Langham	Frisby, Mike (Comp) & Langham Village Group	2009
RF 01004 (89)	Visitation of the County of Rutland in the Year 1618-19, Taken by William Camde, Clarenceux King of Arms, and Other descents of Families not in the Visitation	Camde, William, Army-tage, George John, and Harleian Society	1870
RF 01004 (90)	Days of Shaking: Rutland Families in Times of Conflict, 1600-1660 -- 17c Families	Howlett, Sue	
RF 01004 (91)	History of the County Palatine and City of Chester: Compiled from Original Evidences in Public Offices, the Harleian and Cottonian MSS., Parochial Registers. Vol II	Ormerod, George	1819
RF 01004 (92)	Mayflower Papers, The: Selected Writings of Colonial New England: William Bradford, Mary Rowlandson, Benjamin Church, and Others	Philbrick, Nathaniel and Thomas Philbrick	2007

Upcoming Events at SAGHS

Classes are held in the Dwyer Center
(Located at the corner of Blanco & Melissa Dr.)

COVID-19 Restrictions will be followed
Preregister by calling the Library at
210-342-5242 or via email to: *education@txsaghs.org*

Sat., May 1 & 8

DNA Consultation Hour
10, 11 & 12
Annette Graham

Sun., May 9
Mother's Day—Library closed

Tues. May 11
Beginner's Genealogy (one day class)
10 am – 6 pm
Stephanie Wells

Wed. May 12
Family Tree/Wiki Tree Workshop
10 am – noon
Scott Atkinson

Sun. May 16
Overview of Ancestry.com
2 pm—4 pm
Julia George

Sun., May 23
Making the Most of Census Records on Ancestry.com
2 pm—4 pm

Meetings

Board Meeting
Sat. May 8th at 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium

Membership Meeting
Sat. May 15th at 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium & Zoom

New Alliances

On Tuesday, April 27, the Newcomers of San Antonio group were given a tour of our facility. Of interest is that this group sponsors a sub-group called "Genealogy Gals". We hope to partner with them for a variety of activities in the future.

If you know of a group that would like a tour or to partner with us, please have them call.

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founded 1959

Membership Application

Membership Year July 1 through June 30

New Members may join SAGHS at a prorated fee Jan 1- June 30 (1/2 regular dues)
Former Members are eligible for the prorated fee only if they have not been members of SAGHS for one full year (July 1 – June 30) prior to rejoining SAGHS

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY ☐ **New Member** ☐ **Current Member** ☐ **Former Member**

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

☐ Single - one year for $40.00
☐ Joint one year for $60.00
(note Joint Membership is for maximum of 2 individuals at one address)
☐ Subscription - one year for $25.00 [Journal and Newsletter only]
☐ Student – one year for $25.00 (Use of library and Newsletter only)

Single Member or <u>Primary</u> Joint Member		**Secondary Joint Member**	
Prefix: ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr. **Gender:** ☐ M ☐ F **Name:**		**Prefix:** ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr. **Gender:** ☐ M ☐ F **Name:**	
Preferred Name/ Nickname:	**Maiden Name:**	**Preferred Name//Nickname:**	**Maiden Name:**
DOB: (at least month & day)		**DOB:** (at least month & day)	
E-Mail:		**E-Mail:**	
Phone Number: ( ) ☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone		**Phone Number: ( )** ☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone	
Occupation / Retired from:		**Occupation / Retired from:**	
My skills as a genealogist are at the following level: ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced		**My skills as a genealogist are at the following level:** ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced	

Household Mailing Address:

Would you be willing to volunteer your time to the Society ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what skills, talents & interests do you wish to share?

Do you want to receive the SAGHS Journal *Our Heritage?* ☐ Yes ☐ No

For SAGHS use only Date: Check #: Amount Paid:

Bring or Mail this form with your check to: SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78213-2024

Rev. May 2020

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society celebrates our

61th ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY

When: Saturday June 18, 2021

Time: 11:30 am

Location: Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club

Reservations: Early Bird (by June 5): Members: $30.00; Non-Members: $35.00.

After June 5, add $5.00

Join us to celebrate our heritage and to mingle with the newest and previous First Families of Bexar County honorees.

We will swear in our new Executive Committee.

We will also recognize our new honorary members.

Select your entree choice:

Lemon & Rosemary Crusted Chicken number of plates: _____

Roast beef with savory Merlot Sauce number of plates: _____

Vegetarian Pasta number of plates: _____

Entrees served with a Salad, vegetable medley, rolls and dessert. Tea, water and coffee are also available.

Mail this form and your check to: SAGHS, 911 Melissa Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213 or

reserve ONLINE at SAGHS website www.txsaghs.org., using your credit card.

Your payment is your reservation.

NOTE:

MEMBERS MUST LOG-IN WITH YOUR USER NAME TO OBTAIN THE DISCOUNTED PRICE.

NAME: _____ Phone: _____

EMAIL: _____

No. of Early Bird Member Attendees: _____ x $30.00 each = $ _____

No. of Early Bird Non-Members: _____ x $35.00 each = $ _____

After June 5 + $5.00 each = $ _____

Total Amount: $ _____