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

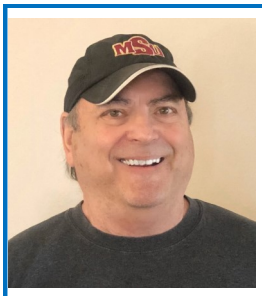


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President's Message

I will once again focus on trying to provide you with some good news, so I will ignore the fact that our library remains closed until February 14th, at which point we will see how things are going. Hopefully, we can reopen the library on Monday, the 15th, but only time will tell.

Our first ever "hybrid" General Membership Meeting was held on January 16th, and by all accounts it was successful. We had 18 members attend the meeting in the Roosevelt Auditorium and another 19 attended via Zoom on their home computers. Thus, with the combined total, we had a quorum and we were able to conduct business.

We succeeded in electing a 5-member Nominating Committee, and they are now busily seeking members who are interested in being part of the Leadership Team, to ensure our Society remains successful. We also completed the process of honoring four of our long term members with Honorary Memberships, in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of our By-Laws. Congratulations to Helen Parker, Jo Anne Horne, Barbara Dehle and Arnold Birdsong.

James Earl gave a presentation on the Civil War from a unique perspective. James, son of long-time member Jim Earl, gave an engaging presentation and he held the attention of his audience throughout. Now, the really good news. If you missed the meeting or if you simply want to watch it again, you can go to our web site (TXSAGHS.org) and you can watch the entire meeting! Just click on the link at the top of the page. And if you think I could use a good make-up artist, stand in line.

I would encourage you to attend our February General Membership Meeting on February 20th at 10:00 am (CST). Once again you can either come to the Roosevelt Auditorium or you can attend from home using Zoom. For those of you opting for Zoom, it should be easier this time to log on, since we have deleted the requirement to enter a password. Regardless of how you attend we will have another (cont. pg. 2)

Membership Meeting
February 20, 2021

Our meeting will be held, as usual, at 10 am in the Roosevelt Auditorium, at the Dwyer Center. Come at 9:30 am to enjoy some coffee and treats.

Due to COVID-19 issues, we will not have a 'live' presenter, but will show a video titled:

"Under Utilized Resources" by Pat Gordon

We look forward to your attendance on location or through our virtual meeting presentation using Zoom. As with last meeting, the link to sign onto the Zoom meeting will be sent via email the week of February 15th. Due to the rules required for using this video presentation, we cannot post it on our website. Thus, it is important for you to be in attendance (either in-person or on Zoom) if you are interested in viewing this video.

Our Nominating Committee (Laura Grover, Mary Souter, Ray Weiland, Pat Merk, and Mitzi Jackson) continue to recruit for nominees for the Officer positions of: President, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. If you receive a call from any of these committee members, please listen to their request and consider stepping up to support the Society. They will report their results and initial slate of nominees at the February meeting. Nominations for these positions will also be accepted from the floor at the February and March meetings, as per our By-Laws.

In addition, the committee members will also be recruiting for volunteers for the various other tasks and responsibilities that support San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society.

Take Note:



Due to concerns of COVID-19, we have taken the precautionary steps of closing our Library for walk-in visits/research, until February 14, 2021. However, if you wish to make an appointment to do research, please contact our Head Librarian at: Librarian@txsaghs.org. She can make arrangements to accommodate our members. We hope to begin our regular business hours for walk-in Library patrons on Monday February 15 at 10 am. The decision on reopening the Library will be made at our next Board Meeting on February 13th. Meetings, volunteer work and classes will NOT be affected by this closure.

Responses to telephone messages may be delayed during this period, thus we suggest requests be directed to us via e-mail, to the most appropriate person: (Librarian@txsaghs for Library concerns; Education@txsaghs.org for class registration; Membership@txsaghs.org for membership concerns; Registrar@txsaghs.org for research issues; or President@txsaghs for other concerns.

Thank you for your understanding.

Presidents Message continued:
entertaining program for you, and we will have the initial report from our Nominating Committee. And, as always, there will be coffee and snacks available for all those attending the meeting in person.

Steve Mabie

METHODS and SOURCES

by Leslie Tomlinson, CG

Using Timelines in Genealogy Research

What brick walls are you working on this year? Why not add a timeline to your tool set? A timeline can:

- reveal gaps in your research by spotting a lack of information or conflicting data
- point you in the direction of what to research next and where to look
- keep you organized by sorting data which may reveal connections or information not previously known.
- help distinguish between people with the same name in the same place and time
- make comparing data easier by its table format
- help you understand a person's movements in the context of place and time

A timeline can be handwritten, but creating it digitally makes it easier to update. Ancestry and other online sites offer this feature, as well as FamilyTreeMaker and RootsMagic software. Timeline software is another possibility. For greatest flexibility I use Microsoft Word tables and Microsoft Excel spreadsheets to have complete control over what I want to include in my chart. See Resources below.

Data to include in your timeline might be records of birth, marriage, and death, census, deeds, taxes, county or state boundary change dates, and historical events affecting your ancestor. Gain insight on why people moved by including such things as historical famine dates or military service. Find out why your ancestor might have disappeared by looking at financial problems revealed in court documents or tax records, or by increasing family responsibilities revealed through census records.

After you have created a timeline, look for what is missing or conflicting. What records will help fill in these gaps? (Add to your research plan. See "Developing Research Plans" in earlier newesletters.) What is out of place or unusual? For example, look for children's birth dates. Bearing children before age 12 or after 50 is not usual. If there are multiple marriages, timelines will help you determine which children belong to which mother. Examine military records to determine if your ancestor was of an age to serve.

Census study to compare a family across time.[1]

ID & Vitals	**1871 Census** District 11, Doddington, Cambridgeshire (image 24)	**1881 Census** District 11, Doddington, Cambridgeshire (image 23) Beezlinger (?)	**1891 Census** District 11, Doddington, Cambridgeshire (image 18)	**1901 Census** District 8, Doddington, Cambridgeshire (image 12) Beezlings Dr (?)
abt 1833	Thomas Guy, head, mar, 38, farmer 16 acres, Manea, Cambs	Thomas Guy, head, mar, 48, Farmer 24 acres, Doddington, Cambs	Thomas Guy, head, mar, 57, farmer, Manea, Cambs	Thomas Guy, head, mar, 68, farmer, Doddington, Cambs
1839	Ann, wife, mar, 31, Chatteris, Cambs	Ann, wife, mar, 41, Chatteris, Cambs	Ann, wife, mar, 53, Chatteris, Cambs	Ann, wife, mar, 62, Chatteris, Cambs
1870	William C, son, 1, Doddington, Cambs	William Carter, son, 11, scholar, Doddington, Cambs	(not with family)	

Comparison of disparate information on individuals with the same surname.

Tracking individuals across multiple records can shed light on relationships. Burial plot, directory, and census information for same-surnamed people who arrived at different times in the US suggest strong connections. Tying records from a county home admission to a baby's subsequent birth helped to identify an unknown "cousin" in a known family's household.

Date	Event	Evidence
1856	Emma Slack born in England	1910 census, mother of 5 living children, 2 decd.
1859	Ellen Slack born in England	gravestone
16 Oct 1874	George William Slack born in Yorkshire	obit, WWI draft reg
16 Aug 1876	Thomas Slack born in Nottinghamshire	birth certificate
1884	Emma Slack arrived in US	1920 census
18 May 1885	Ellen, (Geo.) William, Thomas Slack arrive in US	passenger list
1886	Ellen Slack, widow of Thomas, 4 Nelson	Syracuse directory
1887	Ellen Slack, widow of Thomas, 275 Gifford	Syracuse directory
1888-1889	Mrs. Ellen Slack, 93 W. Fayette	Syracuse directory
1889-1892	Ellen Slack and George Rodgers marry	Estimate
16 Feb 1892	George and Ellen Rogers live with Thomas and (Geo.) William Slack in 9th ward of Syracuse	1892 NY census
16 Feb 1892	(Geo.) William, Emma and Flora Slack in 9th ward of Syracuse	1892 NY census
26 Mar 1893	William, husband of Emma, dies—not buried in Slack family plot	FAG
29 Mar 1893	Emma Slack admitted to county home	Admittance record: pregnant, widow. Could the child below be hers?
4 Apr 1893	William Slack born in Syracuse	WWII draft reg, NY birth record
9 Jun 1900	William Slack, cousin, in household of Thomas Slack and wife	1900 NY census
22 May 1899	Ellen Slack Rodgers dies, buried in Slack plot	NY Death Index, gravestone has year
18 Apr 1927	Emma Slack dies in county home, buried in Slack plot	county home record, FAG

Comparison of tax records to find possible relationships.[2]
This table *suggests* the group of men with similar surnames listed in the darker orange may be closely related due to several factors: common date of tax taken, same district. In this era the tax commissioner likely rode a horse to a series of adjacent homesteads on the same day. More research is needed but this simple analysis helps you begin to build a case.

Year	Pg	Date	Tax Comm.	Dist.	Last name	First name	WT 16+	Slaves 16+	Slaves 12-15	Horses
1811	12	1-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	John	1			
1811	12	1-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	Stroud	1			
1811	12	1-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	David	1			2
1811	12	9-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	Saml	1			1
1811	12	8-Apr	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	David	1	1	3	4
1811	12	8-Apr	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	Duke	1			1
1811	12	8-Apr	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	Samuel	1			2
1811	12	8-Apr	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	Stephen	1			1
1811	14	11-May	John T. Bocock	2	McCormal	John	1			1
1812	12	4-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	Stroud	1			
1812	12	4-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	John	1			
1812	12	4-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	David	1			1
1812	12	9-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	David	1	1	2	3
1812	12	9-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	Samuel	1			1
1812	12	9-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	Duke	1			1
1812	12	9-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	Stephen	1			3
1812	13	4-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCormal	John	1			
1812	13	4-Mar	John T. Bocock	2	McCommack	Saml	1			

Resources

- Cyndi's List: https://www.cyndislist.com/timelines/templates/
- Pinterest examples: https://www.pinterest.com/pin/176977460331847250/
- Timeline Grid Templates with links to helpful webinars on creating and using timelines: http://usabledesignmatters.com/fh/timeline_grid_templates/index.html
- Timeline software:
  - Twile https://twile.com
  - Treelines: https://www.treelines.com
  - Genelines: https://progenygenealogy.com/products/timeline-charts/
- Ages of service in American wars: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ages_of_Servicemen_in_Wars

[1] https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Timeline_Grids.

[2] Virginia Commissioner of the Revenue, Personal Property Tax Lists, Buckingham Co., 1811–1812, Virginia State Library, Richmond, FHL microfilm 29,291.



Prorated Membership Rates Now in Effect

Following our usual procedures, the pro-rated dues for new membership in SAGHS are now in effect. Let your friends and family know that from now until the end of the membership year we are offering new individual and joint memberships in the 2020-2021 membership year for reduced rates. Since our normal membership year begins July 1st and ends June 30th, at this time of year, **new** individual members can join the society for the prorated fee of $20. **New** joint members can join the society for $30.

Former members are also eligible for these prorated fees, but ***only*** if they have not been members of the society for one full year (in other words, not since June 30, 2018, or earlier).

New members can join online:

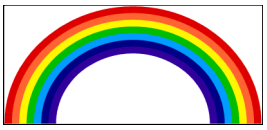
https://txsaghs.org/upload/files/Join/2020_saghs_membership_application.pdf

or download an application to mail in today:

https://txsaghs.org/cpage.php?pt=34

For more information, email our Membership chair at: membership@txsaghs.org.

Submitted by Nancy Mabie



WELCOME New Members

Liz Arevalo
Dale Bingham
Audrey Brock
Ernestine Dorris
Peter Grover
Sarah Kupcho
Yazmin Soto
Ed Werth
Dave Yelacic

Submitted by Nancy Mabie

Memorials

Theresa Gold
former member
Passed away on January 2, 2021

Memorial donations in her name 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.

The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time. – Abraham Lincoln

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 via email to:
education@txsaghs.org

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

Sat., Feb. 13
DNA Consultation Hour
9, 10 & 11
Annette Graham

Sun., Feb. 14
Researching Tennessee Ancestors, Part 1
2 pm – 4 pm
Leslie Tomlinson

Sun. Feb. 21
Researching Tennessee Ancestors, Part 2
2 pm—4 pm
Leslie Tomlinson

Sun. Feb. 28
Beginner's Genealogy Part 1 (rescheduled/make-up)
1 pm—5 pm
Stephanie Wells

MEETINGS

Board Meeting
Sat. Feb13, 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium

Membership Meeting
Sat. Feb. 20, 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium
and via Zoom

"Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get — only with what you are expecting to give — which is everything."

Katharine Hepburn

NEW BOOKS

Call Number	Title	Author	Pub. Year
AT 57	Genealogical Guidebook & Atlas of Norway	Smith, Frank and Thomsen, Finn A.	1979
AT 58	United States History Atlas	Magellan Geographix	2000
AT 59	Historical and Genealogical Atlas of the Eastern United States; Chronological Maps from the Revolutionary Period to the Present for 26 States East of the Mississippi River	Jackson, Richard H.	1994
CA 00004 (8)	Overland to California with the Pioneer Line; The Gold Rush Diary of Bernard J. Reid	Gordon, Mary McDougall (editor)	1983
CT 00008 (1a)	Master Index to Early Connecticut Marriages, Books 1-7, Edited by Rev. Frederick W. Bailey with Additions and Corrections by Donald Lines Jacobus	Berkshire Genealogist Indexing Committee	1996
CT midd8	Vital Records of Saybrook Colony, 1635-1860	Plimpton, Elizabeth Bull (editor)	1985
CT toll4	Index to History of Tolland County, Connecticut by J. R. Cole, 1888	Cole, J. R.	2000
FH Backus	Backus Family History	Backus Family Book Committee	1990
FH Backus	Genealogical Memoir of the Backus Family: With the Private Journal of James Backus, Together with His Correspondence Bearing On the First settlement of Ohio, at Marietta, in 1788.	Backus, William W.	1889
FH Blair	Family History of Ebenezer and Jane (Young) Blair of Albion Township, Ontario: Their Ancestors and Descendants, Volume 2, Part 2	Blair, Donald G. R.	
FH Blair	Family History of Ebenezer and Jane (Young) Blair of Albion Township, Ontario: Their Ancestors and Descendants, Volume 3	Blair, Donald G. R.	2008
FH Blair	Family History of Ebenezer and Jane (Young) Blair of Albion Township, Ontario: Their Ancestors and Descendants, Volume 2, Part 1	Blair, Donald G. R.	2008
FH Blair	Family History of Ebenezer and Jane (Young) Blair of Albion Township, Ontario: Their Ancestors and Descendants, Volume 1, Part 2	Blair, Donald G. R.	2007
FH Blair	Family History of Ebenezer and Jane (Young) Blair of Albion Township, Ontario: Their Ancestors and Descendants, Volume 1, Part 1	Blair, Donald G. R.	2007
FH Camden	Camdens Since the Civil War; Part I and II of the Camden Family Who's Who Series	Family News Network	
FH Chamberlin	In the Bend of the Middle Bosque; The Story of Harry Chauncey Chamberlin at Windsor Ranch	Geron, Alice Calkins	2007
FH Felts	German Carolinians in the Lineage of Emmett Rendol Felts	Davis, Gail Felts	1982
FH Geron	Through the Years; A Study of the Geron, Geren, Garren Families	Countess, Mary Bivins Geron and Jac El Countess	1967
FH Guerin	Guerins in America	Rice, Denise Guerin	2003

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Library & Class capacities may be restricted due to COVID-19

Temporary closure, open by appointment only. Will reopen for regular hours on Feb. 15

Library Hours:
Sun.: 1 pm – 5 pm
Mon.: 10 am - 4 pm
Wed.: 10 am – 7 pm
Sat.: 10 am —4 pm

Library Closures:

New Years Day, Easter, Mothers Day, Memorial Day, 2nd Sat in June (Founders Day), Fathers Day, July 4, Labor Day, 4th Sat in October (Seminar), Christmas Eve & Day. *Early closings on Thanksgiving & New Years Eves.* And, late Opening: At the end of Membership Meetings

Genealogy Tidbits

Legacy Family Tree webinars:

To register go to: *https://familytreewebinares.com*

Additional details also can be found on the website.

The webinars remain on their website for viewing for 3 days from the air date, in case you miss the date, and are not a Legacy subscriber

Tues. Feb 2 at 7 pm: "Nurturing Your Family Trees: Online or on Your Device" by Cyndi Ingle.

Wed. Feb. 3 at 1 pm: "Me and My 1000+ DNA Cousins" by Diahan Southard.

Fri. Feb. 5 at 1 pm: "Finding Indian Ancestors in African American Families" by Angela Walton-Raji.

Wed. Feb. 10 at 1 pm: "Chinese American Research: Challenges and Discoveries" by Grant Din.

Wed. Feb. 10 at 7 pm: "Researching Your Maine Ancestors" by B.J. Jamieson.

Fri. Feb. 19 at 1 pm: "How to Locate an Ancestor in Ontario, Canada, West or Upper Canada (when you don't know where they lived)" by Janice Nickerson.

Wed. Feb. 24 at 1 pm: "Polish Genealogy Online—Portals and Databases" by Kinga Urbanska.

Genealogy Society of Bergen County, NJ:

To register go to: ***https://www.rjgsbc.org/gsbc-genealogy-classes/***

Mon. Feb. 8, from 1—2:30 pm: "Bergen Roots, Part 5, Dutch Reform Church Records" by Marie "Ree" Hooper.

Mon. Feb. 22 from 6—7:30 pm: "21st Century Italian Genealogy" by Michael Cassara.

American Ancestors Webinar

To register go to:
https://www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes#ar

Thurs. Feb. 25 from 2—4 pm: "Black Families of Revolutionary Era, Plymouth, Mass" by Mary Blauss Edward.

Note: All times are stated in Central Standard Time.