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A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions
November—December 2020



Photo by Neka Scarbrough-Jenkins

President's Message

I am writing this message to you just two days after the Annual SAGHS Seminar, which this year became the First Ever Virtual SAGHS Seminar. Before getting into the numbers, I must recognize those without whom this event would not have happened. First, there is Barbara Froebel. As our 1st Vice-President, Barbara is responsible for planning and executing the Annual Seminar. Despite having experienced a devastating personal loss in July, Barbara continued to work for our Society, and ultimately deserves the credit for a job very well done. And then there is Rob Lewis, a tireless behind the scenes worker without whose technical abilities we would have been lost. But no one deserves recognition more than Kurt Kneeland. Kurt quickly became the SAGHS webinar software expert, putting in hour after hour of practice and rehearsals. If you want to know why things went so smoothly on the day of the seminar, the answer is Kurt. I would be remiss if I did not also mention three people from the Texas State Genealogical Society, Susan Ball, Sandra Crowley and Tony Hanson. They guided us through the rehearsals, and stood with us in reserve (thankfully unneeded) on seminar day. And finally, three always reliable SAGHS stalwarts, Barbara Holmes, Nancy Mabie and Ray Weiland, without whom something would have gone really wrong. As for the numbers, we had 79 paid registrations, of whom 70 were SAGHS members. We had 12 members watch the seminar in the Roosevelt Auditorium, our first use of our brand new video presentation system. Sadly, Barbara Dehle was unable to attend due to last minute health issues.

On related subjects, I would also like to thank Nancy McNamara for a great job running the Duplicate Book Sale in extraordinary circumstances. Nancy had to adjust the whole concept of the sale due to COVID-19 and the resultant virtual seminar. And I would also like to thank all those who purchased tickets for the quilt, and congratulations to the winner, Charlotte Travis. (cont. pg. 3)

2020 SAGHS Seminar

Our Annual Seminar held on October 24 was a huge success!! We had 79 registered. Thanks to all who attended and those who arranged and coordinated the various pieces of the puzzle to produce our first Virtual Seminar.

Several brave members attended in person as a trial run for us to make presentations in our Roosevelt Auditorium.

While we were ALL WINNERS, through the wonderful presentations, we had other prizes to give to some lucky participants.



Photo by N. Mabie

Steve Mabie, Barbara Froebel and Ann Hunt draw the lucky tickets.



Photo by N. Mabie

And the winner of the Quilt is: Charlotte Travis



Photo by N. Mabie

Thanks to Cindy Kennedy's persuasiveness to obtain door prizes the following were given:
Ancestry: Fold 3 Annual Subscription to Thom Baynum and 1 Year World Ancestry to Wanda Foltz
Newspapers.com: Basic annual subscription to Jackie Broussard
Genealogical Society of Kendall Co: Free Registrations 2021 Hill County Seminar to Laura Thomas
Family Tree Maker: Free copy of FTM software 2019 to Beverly Rakowitz
Legacy Family Tree: 1 year membership LFT Webinars to Charles Brussells
LFT: Software (download ed.) to Carolyn Hennessee
Roots Magic: Version 7 Software & e-book + upgrade to Version 8, when available to Valerie Guenther
Family Tree DNA: 1 Family Finder Test (autosomal) to Barbara Christensen
SAGHS: Free 1 year membership to Anita Beesley
SAGHS: Free registration for 2021 Seminar to Linda Reynolds

Gift Card donors: Nancy McNamara, Carole McBee, Pat Merk, Barbara Froebel
Gift Card winners: Donna Adams, Nancy Brennan, Jane Groves & Neka Scarbrough-Jenkins.

Our Grateful thanks to our wonderful volunteers: Steve Mabie, Nancy Mabie, Barbara Holmes, Rob Lewis, Kurt Kneeland, Ray Weiland, Cynthia Kennedy, Barbara Froebel and Quilters Annie Hunt, Helen Parker, Cathy Bohnak, and Susan Ball, Sandra Crowley, Tony Hanson of TXSGS!
Thank you for sharing your time and exceptional talents and making our Seminar a success!

Submitted by Barbara Froebel

SAGHS 2020 – Book Sale

Despite the COVID-19 concerns and restrictions, we were able to have a very successful Book Sale. Again, thanks to many volunteer hands behind the scenes helping to staff the sale for the entire week, and those who made purchases. We were able to add $385 to the SAGHS budget through this sale. The COVID-19 concerns caused us to change how we advertised the books available by including the listing with the September Newsletter. This is a practice we may continue in the upcoming years, even if COVID (or another infection) is not a concern.

Submitted by Nancy McNamara

Finance Committee Report:

In the next several weeks, all SAGHS members will be receiving our Annual Fund Raising letter. Please consider supporting our operating budget, which is being strained this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Donations of any amount will be encouraged and appreciated.

Submitted by Bill Myers

November 1, 2020



Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you to Charlotte Travis who will be our new Parliamentarian.

We are still looking for a volunteer who can fill the role for the Building Maintenance Chair. This person is one who can identify needed repairs (eg. burned out light bulbs, leaks, plumbing issues, etc.) and to make sure they get corrected either by doing the repair, or making sure a contractor (or other volunteer) will make the repair. This person also monitors the schedule of preventive maintenance actions (eg. A/C filter replacement, Annual HVAC inspections and Irrigation System Backflow Inspection). This does not take a lot of time, but does require coming to the facility on a regular basis.

President's Message (cont.)

Finally, I want to let everyone know that the new 2020-2021 Membership Yearbooks are now available for pick-up at the library at no charge to members. Kudos to Charles Brussells, the yearbook editor, and the Publications Committee. To order a copy by mail, send a check for $3.00 (for postage) to SAGHS.

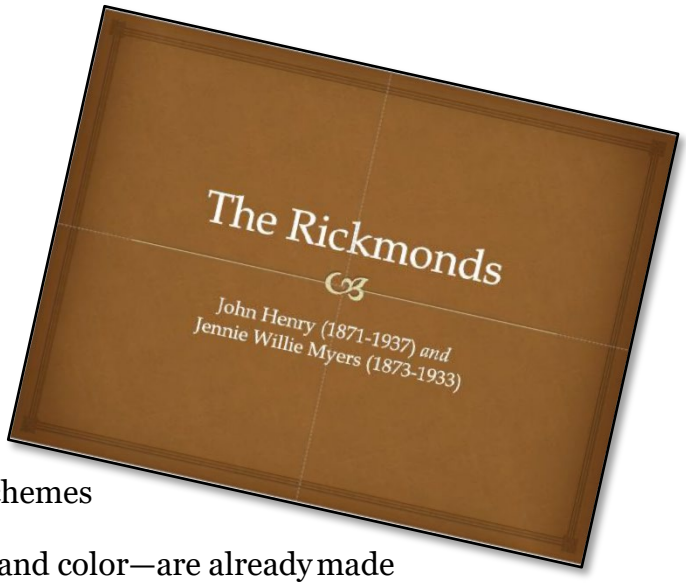
Submitted by Steve Mabie, President

We make a living by what we get, but make a life by what we give.

METHODS and SOURCES

by Leslie Tomlinson, CG

Creating a Simple Family History Book–Part 1



Have you thought about writing your family's history, but don't know where to begin? Maybe you wouldn't call yourself a writer, but you want to showcase the research you've done. Or maybe you are a seasoned family historian and want to create a more personal book about your family. A simple family "storybook" may be the ideal first project for both types of writer.

Presentation software such as PowerPoint and Keynote (for the Mac) is perfect for the task for several reasons:

1. It's user-friendly—you can manipulate text and images easily.
2. There are a variety of templates, themes, and color schemes from which to choose.
3. The design decisions—such as font selection, layout, and color—are already made for you.
4. You get a professional-looking design at the end.

This article addresses some considerations before beginning this project, where to find the templates, and how to set up your book. Next month's article will help you manipulate your placed text and images, give you tips for good-looking pages, and make suggestions for sharing your book with others.

Start with a Storyboard

Begin like the filmmakers with a sketch of the pages of your book. It can be just a few pages to start and nothing fancy is required. It may simply be a list of pages:

1. Title page of your book
2. Grandpa Smith's background
3. Grandma Smith's background
4. Their marriage
5. Their kids

Create Some Words

Now make a stab at the text you want to include. Perhaps bullet points will be sufficient for this first book, such as the following example:

John Henry Rickmond

- Born: 2 November 1871 in Scottsburg, Virginia
- Died: 18 July 1937 in Greenville, South Carolina
- Buried: Danville, Virginia

John Henry Rickmond married Jennie Willie Myers in Pelham, North Carolina, on 1 June 1892.

Or, if you want more substance for your first book write a few paragraphs about your subject. Smaller amounts are easier to read, so edit yourself judiciously. Don't worry about font choice at this point. That will be handled later by the template you choose.



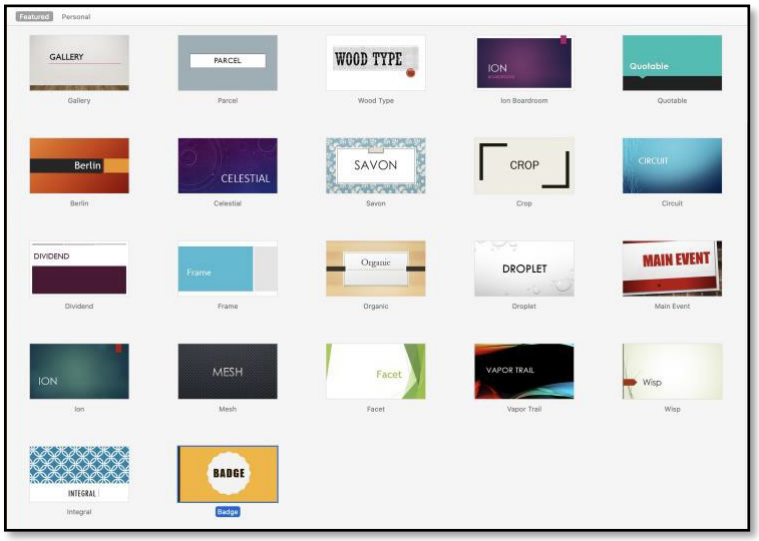
Find Interesting Images

Snapshots are great additions to your storybook. But have you thought about including other memorabilia from your ancestor's life? Scans of letters, documents, jewelry, medals, and maps are a few possibilities. For example, what about that quilt Grandma made? Take a detailed picture of a part of the quilt, then crop it, for a one-of-a-kind image.

Collect all your images and text documents into one folder so you can get to them when you add them to your storybook.

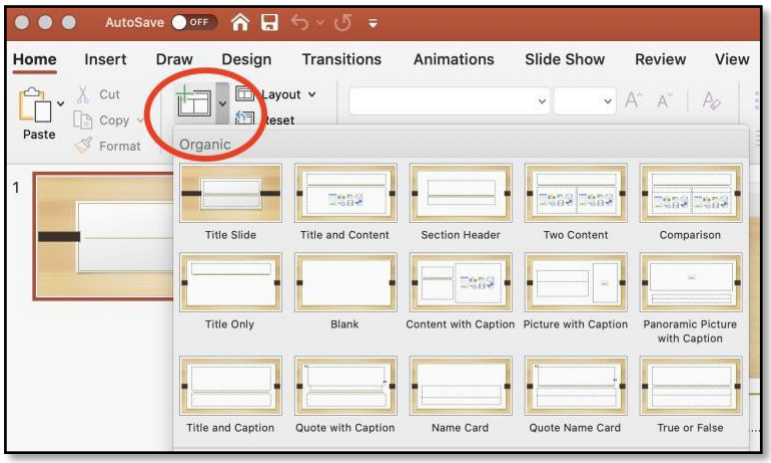
Choose a Template

We'll use PowerPoint as an example. (If you are on a Mac using Keynote, the features and menu items are similar.) Open PowerPoint. From the menu bar choose New from Template. Next you are presented with a range of designs:



Each template features a series of optional pages you can add. Sometimes looking at these options will help you decide which template to choose. To illustrate, choose "Organic."

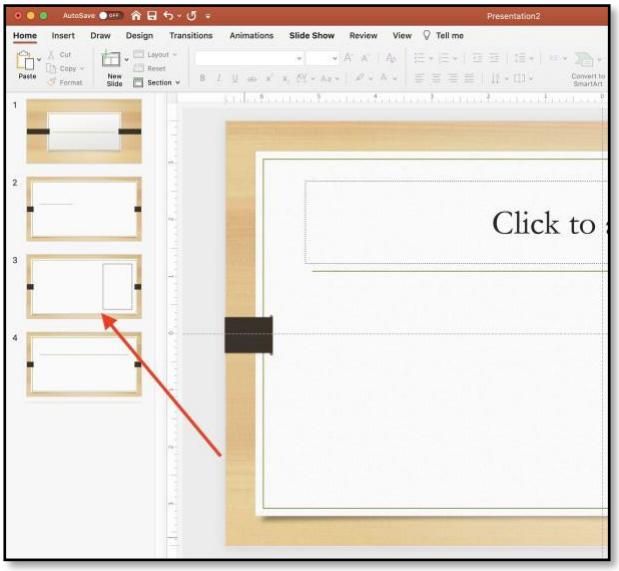




This opens a screen with the title page design. Go up to the ribbon area and click on the down arrow next to New Slide. See screenshot at left:

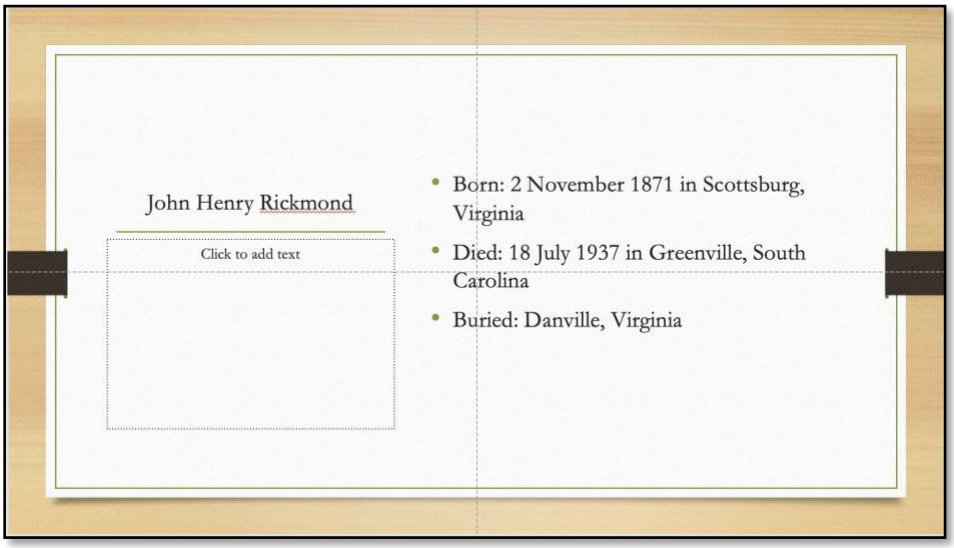
Add a few more pages to experiment with, such as Content with Caption, Picture with Caption, and Panoramic Picture with Caption.

You will then see thumbnails of the four chosen slides on the left side of your window as illustrated on the right:



Now, go back to Slide 1 and in the space where it says "Click to add title" type in title of your book, for example "The Rickmond Family." Add a subtitle below if you wish.

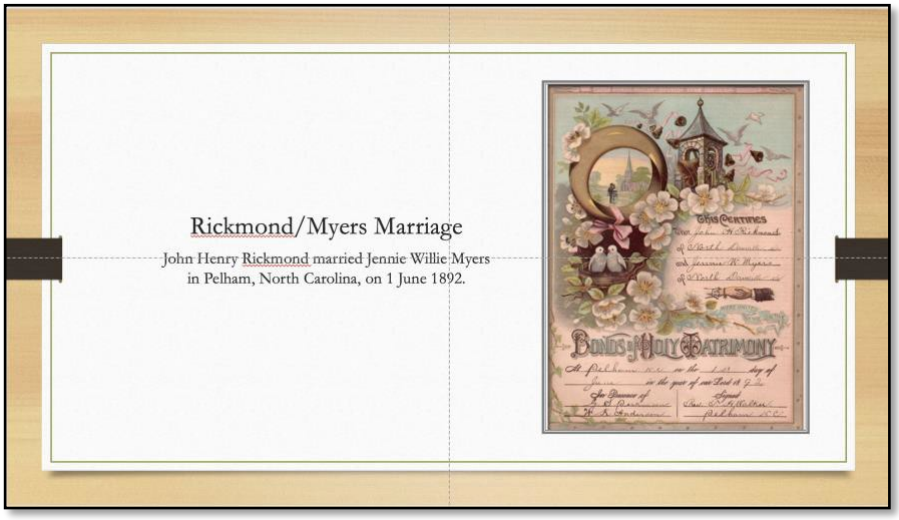
Click on Slide 2 in the thumbnails. You will be pasting in text that you created earlier. So, go to that file, copy the text and in the box on the right, paste in the content, in this case the bullet points from above. Then add a title, such as John Henry Rickmond and any other text you want to include below. It should look like the screenshot below. It is basic, but we'll add to it later.



Click on Slide 3 in the thumbnails. On the right side is a place for an image. Click the icon in the middle of the framed area which brings up a dialog box where you locate one of your saved images. The picture you input will most likely need to be adjusted either by size or by position. To do this click on the Crop tool on the ribbon. This brings up adjustment marks so you can reveal more or less of the image. It takes a few tries to get the image positioned correctly within the image box.

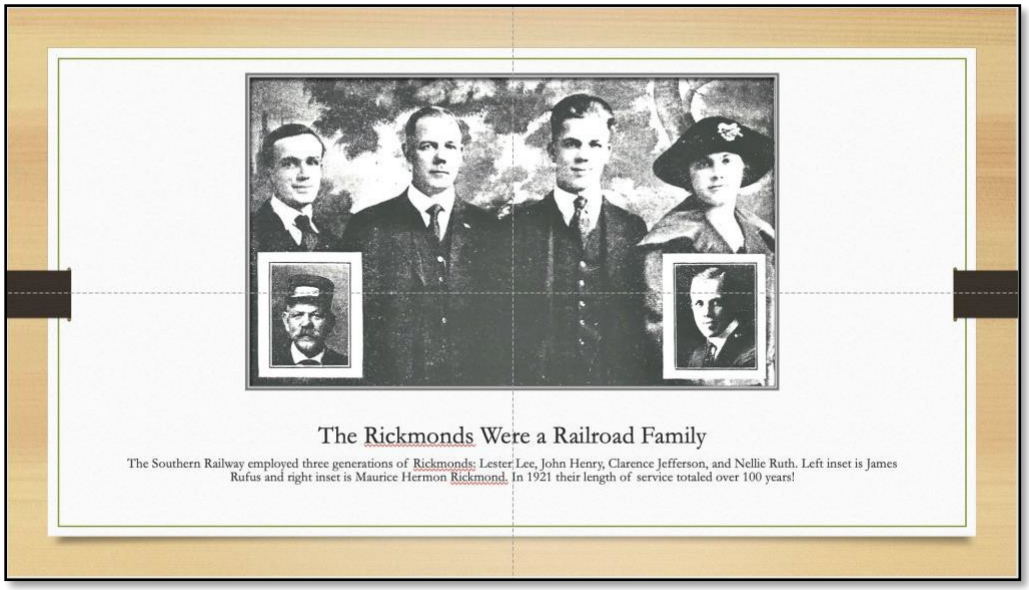
When done, click out of the image. Next type in a title for the slide and some secondary information if wanted.





Click on Slide 4. Repeat the process for adding an image and text to this page. You may need to adjust placement of the image and or text on the page. This is accomplished by clicking on the image or the text box and moving it around the page. Be sure you have the crossed arrows icon before you drag a text box.

Now you should have four basic pages of your book. Next month we will look at further manipulating text and images to get interesting effects and create eye-appealing pages.



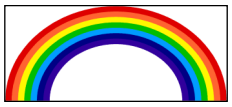
Membership Yearbooks Are Here!

Members ONLY!

Stop by the Library during regular business hours to pick up your copy. The member photos are a nice addition to this year's edition.

Thanks to all who made this possible, especially Charles Brussells the Yearbook Chair and editor as well as the photographers, the Publication Committee and all our members who contributed their photos.

If you would like your copy mailed to you, please send a check for $3.00 to cover postage.



WELCOME New Members

Don Armitage
(from New Zealand!)
Diane Baird-Barger
Lydia Donovan
Michael Jordan
(not the NBA star!)
R. Gary Lane
Raquel Montana

Submitted by Nancy Mabie

New Picnic Table

Mr. Davin Zvorak of Troop 450 planned, financed and installed a handicap accessible picnic table for SAGHS. This project was part of the requirements for Davin to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout The table has been installed at the end of the Dwyer Center drive through.



Photo by N. Mabie

Memorials

R.J. Cotter
Mr. Cotter, a former President of SAGHS (1989-91) passed away on September 29, 2020.

Sally Doris Weaver Courtney
Mother of member Rushelle Mason. Mrs. Courtney passed away on October 14, 2020, she was over 100 years old.

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.)

"Be present in All things,
be thankful for ALL things."

Maya Angelou

Upcoming Events

Classes are in the new
classroom in the Dwyer Center
Located at the corner of Blanco & Melissa Dr. next to the Library, except where noted.

COVID-19 Restrictions will be followed,

Pre-register in person during Library Hours or via email to:
education@txsaghs.org

WALK-INS MAY BE TURNED AWAY

November	December
Saturday Nov. 7 & 14 **DNA Consultation Hour** **10, 11, and noon** ***(limit 1 per hour)*** Annette Graham	**Saturday Dec. 5 & 12** **DNA Consultation Hour** **10, 11, and noon** ***(limit 1 per hour)*** Annette Graham
Sunday Nov. 8 **Learning About Probate Court Documents** **2 pm-4:00 pm** Jack Gatewood	**Wednesday Dec. 9** ***Family Tree Maker/Wikitree*** **10 am—noon** Scott Atkinson
Wednesday Nov. 11 ***Family Tree Maker/Wikitree*** **10 am—noon** Scott Atkinson	**Sunday Dec. 13** **Exploring Fold 3** **2 pm—4:00 pm** Julia George
Saturday Nov. 21 **Computer SIG** **Using PowerPoint to Create a Family History Keepsake** **10 am—noon** Barbara Holmes	**Happy Holidays** **Merry Christmas**



Meetings

Sat. November 14:
Board Meeting 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium

The next Membership Meeting will be on
January 16, 2021 at 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium



NEW BOOKS

Call Number	Title	Author
SN 100	Alamo Community College District Directory 1997-1998: Northwest Vista College, Palo Alto College, St. Philip's College, San Antonio College	Alamo Community College District
SN 99	San Antonio Community College District Personnel Directory 1978-1979	SACD
TX 00004 (313	Rails Through the Hill Country; A Journal of Railroad History in the Rocky Hills of Southwest Texas	Schmidt, F.A.
TX 00004 (314)	Diocese of West Texas Journal and Reports of the Sixty-second Annual Council...1966	Episcopal Church
TX 00006 (32)	Texas Land Title Abstracts Volume 1-A; A Reprint from a Portion of Volume 1...	General Land Office
TX 00008 (39)	Texas Burial Sites of Civil War Notables; A Biographical and Pictorial Field Guide	Mundie, James A;, Jr, Dean Letzring, Bruce S. Allardice & John H. Luckey
TX 00008 (40)	More Texas Burial Sites of Civil War and Reconstruction Era Notables; A Biographical and Pictorial Field Guide In Two Volumes, Volume 1	Mundie, James A., Jr., Dean E. Letzring, John H. Luckey
TX 00008 (40a)	More Texas Burial Sites of Civil War and Reconstruction Era Notables; A Biographical and Pictorial Field Guide In Two Volumes, Volume 2	Mundie, James A., Jr., Dan E. Letzring, John H. Luckey
TX bast8	Bastrop County Texas Marriage Records Book A 1851-1870	Stoddard, J.
TX cole8	Coleman County Cemetery Inscriptions	Gates, Vena Bob and Judia and Ralph Terry
TX cole8	Coleman County Cemetery Inscriptions, Volume 2	Gates, Vena Bob and Judia and Ralph Terry
TX colo8	Colorado County Republic of Texas Marriage Records 1837-1845	Ingmire, Frances T.
TX dall4	Lancaster, A History 1845-1945	Lancaster Historical Society

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

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

Library Closures:
Membership Meeting dates: Library will open after the meeting

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.*

Genealogy Tidbits

Legacy Family Tree webinars:

To register go to: familytreewebinars.com

Additional details also can be found on the website.
Note: *All times are stated as Central Time Zone*
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.

Wed. Nov. 4 at 1 pm: "How To Connect with Your Pilgrim Ancestors to Join the Mayflower Society" by Kate Eakman.

Wed. Nov. 11 at 7 pm: "Deeds Not Words: Finding Your Merchant Marine Ancestor" by Michael L. Strauss AG.

Tues. Nov 17 at 7 pm: "Separating and Merging Identities of Same-named Men" by Shannon Green CG.

Tues. Dec. 1 at 7 pm: "Once Upon a Time: It's All About the Story" by Carol Baxter.

Wed. Dec. 2 at 1 pm: "Four Ways DNA Painter Can Help with Your Family History Research" by Jonny Perl.

Tues. Dec. 8 at 1 pm: "Finding a Boatload of Passenger Lists on MyHeritage" by Sharon Monson.

Tues. Dec 15 at 7 pm: "From the 18th to the 21st: The Records of Prohibition" by Judy Russell JD CG CGL.

Wed. Dec. 16 at 1 pm: "Ten Best Resources For Determining Your Immigrant Ancestor's Town of Origin" by Lisa Alzo.

Wed. Dec. 30 at 1 pm: "Ten Databases You Need to Know About" By Shannon Combs Bennett.

American Ancestors webinars:

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

Tues. Nov. 17 at 7 pm: "Jewish Immigrants in the American Antiques Trade" presented by Briann Greenfield & Erica Lome.

Tues. Dec. 1 at 4 pm: " Jewish and African American Cemeteries as Borders Uncrossed" presented by Dr. Kami Fletcher and Dr. Allen Amanik.

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SAGHS computers have access to the American Ancestors database.