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A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions
June 2020



Photo by Neka Scarbrough-Jenkins

President's Message

Well, we are now halfway through the third month of the COVID-19 health emergency, and the State of Texas has begun the process of restarting our businesses, including restaurants, museums and libraries. Based on the statistics published daily on the official website of the City of San Antonio, there have been no noticeable negative trends caused by this. Our own soft opening of our facilities has also begun and thus far, there have been no reported problems, either with our board and committee members or with our library patrons.

Our Board met in the Roosevelt Auditorium on May 9th with all 10 members in attendance. The auditorium is equipped to seat over 100 people, so our 10 board members are able to easily maintain adequate spacing, and most wore masks, except while speaking. Similarly, some of our committees have begun to meet, usually using the classroom in the Dwyer Center which also allows ample distancing between members. Some other committees, notably those working on the Vertical Files and some aspects of library operations, have also started meeting in the library annex.

With June, we will welcome the beginning of the return of our Educational Program. Both the *Family Tree/Wiki Tree Workshop* (June 10) and the *Beginning Genealogy Class* (June 20 & 27) will be held live with a limit on the number of attendees. Please see our website (https://txsaghs.org) for specific details if you are interested in attending either.

The soft opening of our library has gone very well, with quite a few members coming in to do their research. Since mid-May, access to the library has been for members only and by appointment only. Two of the three patron computers have been relocated to other rooms so that there is more than ample spacing between them. Cleaning/disinfectant products are available throughout the library for the health of our patrons.

Several members have asked when our library will return to the regular posted hours. Our normal operating procedures (cont pg 3)

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

If you renewed your SAGHS membership in May 2020 for the upcoming year, we thank you. You will continue to receive the benefits of SAGHS membership.

The following message is for those members who have not yet renewed their memberships:
During the month of June, you can still save 25% on a two-year membership!

- Single Membership: renew for 1 year for $40 or renew for 2 years for $60
- Joint Membership: renew for 1 year for $60 or renew for 2 years for $90.

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 contact Nancy Mabie for instructions at Membership@txsaghs.org or call: (210) 490-9997.

Don't miss out! After June 30th, this special two-year renewal rate will no longer be available.



Beginning on July 1st, members will **only** be able to renew at the usual fee of $40 for one year of single membership or $60 for one year of joint membership.

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

Submitted by Nancy Mabie

Founders Day
Plans for Founders Day are affected by the restrictions due to COVID-19. On June 13, we will have a video conference General Membership Meeting with presenter Paula Allen (instructions on how to access the video conference will be sent out the week of the meeting). Paula is the historian at the SA Express-News. At the meeting we will install our new slate of Directors for the term 2020-2022: Kurt Kneeland (2nd term), Charles Brussells (2nd term) and Kitty Massey (first term).

Note From Our IT Chairman (Kurt Kneeland)

All 13 new SAGHS computers have been configured and distributed to their intended users and locations. As a result, there is a lot of obsolete and excess computer equipment and supplies. If anyone wishes to make a donations to the society in exchange for any of the equipment/items, please contact Kurt at: director1@txsaghs.org.

What remains will be donated to Goodwill for their electronics recycling program.

Help Wanted!

Our Registrar role is now redefined. This role will be that of a team leader. This person would be responsible to coordinate the research requests we receive, delegate the research to his/her team members, and coordinate the response to the requestor.

Note: until we can fill this vital role, we will not be able to accept any research requests, which will limit a source of income.

If interested, please contact Steve Mabie at President@txsaghs.org or call 210-490-9997

Submitted by Steve Mabie

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calls for having a duty librarian during the regular hours, and depending on the month, that requires the availability of 20 to 24 volunteers. As I have stated previously, **no volunteer will ever be required or pressured to come in if they do not feel safe in doing so**. The problem we have is that, to date, we have not had sufficient volunteers inform us that they are willing to serve one shift a month. This may require us to think outside the box for a solution that will enable regular hours for our members possibly without always having a duty librarian available.

Finally, our General Membership Meeting for June will once again be a virtual meeting hosted by the Texas State Genealogical Society at 10:00 on Saturday, June 13th. Instructions for attending will be sent out by separate emails during the week prior to the meeting. Our program will feature Paula Allen, a columnist for the Express-News. The Board of Directors will meet in the Roosevelt Auditorium at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 6th

Be cautious but not fearful,
Steve Mabie



WELCOME

New Member

Hilda Myal

Submitted by: Nancy Mabie

METHODS and SOURCES

by Leslie Tomlinson, CG

Getting the Most Out of Census Records — Part Four, Non-population and Special Censuses

The federal government created non-population and special censuses to provide data for administrative purposes. Family historians can leverage these censuses, or *schedules*, to glean details about the lives of their ancestors. Not all are available for each state or time period. See NARA's "Non-population Census Records" webpage for availability and more information: https://www.archives.gov/research/census/nonpopulation.

Agricultural Schedules, 1850–1910

The 1850–1870 schedules provide the names of farm owners or managers; improved and unimproved acres; livestock counts by breed; amount and type of agricultural goods produced the previous year; and the cash value of the farm, machinery, animals, and "homemade manufactures." In 1880 more detailed information was added. Correlate these censuses with land, tax, and deed records to determine the identity of people with the same name, for example. Remember that these records run across two pages.

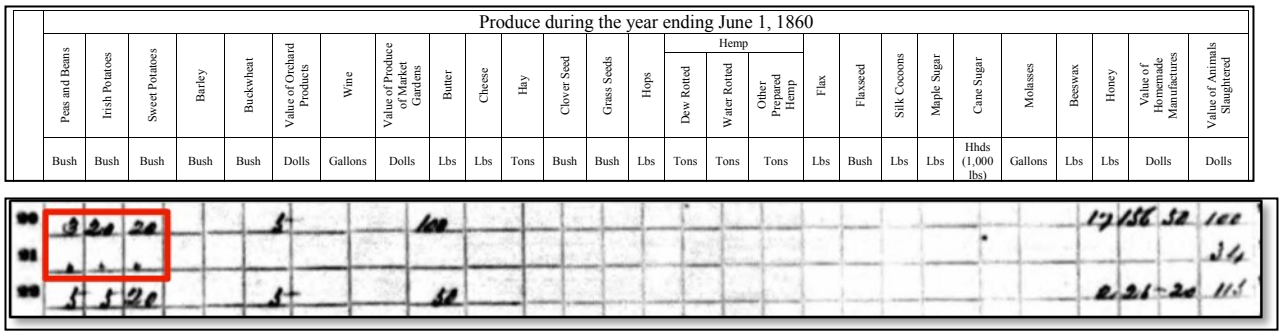
In the example below, see how an 1860 agricultural census was used to flesh out details about Henry J. Rickman. Through deeds it was known that Henry had purchased land from Cain Tuck, his father-in-law, in 1849 for $320. This census tells us it is now valued at only five dollars and that the 128-acre holding was modest in comparison to most neighbors living nearby. The farm produced little—just three bushels of peas and beans and forty bushels of potatoes, with no wheat, corn, or oats. By consulting a county history it was learned that Halifax County, Virginia, was the largest producer of tobacco and oats in the state by 1850, but Henry's farm reportedly produced none.[1] With Henry's ten mouths to feed it is a wonder that his family survived on this meager amount of produce. They *likely* had help from his mother-in-law's farm (see Elizabeth Tuck's entry below), as it was about five times larger, producing 100 bushels of wheat, 165 of Indian corn, 2,500 pounds of tobacco, and 50 pounds of butter.

Name of Owner, Agent or Manager of the Farm	Acres of Land		Cash Value of Farm	Value of Farming implements and Machinery	Live Stock June, 1 1860								Produce During the year ending June 1, 1860							
	Improved	Unimproved			Horses	Asses and Mules	Milch Cows	Working Oxen	Other Cattle	Sheep	Swine	Value of Live Stock	Wheat	Rye	Indian Corn	Oats	Rice	Tobacco	Ginned Cotton	Wool
	No.	No.	Dolls.	Dolls.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Dolls.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Bales (400 lbs)	Lbs.
Henry J Rickman	8	78	325	25	2		2			4	95									
Elizabeth Tuck	234	300	5000	75	2		6	2	7	13	16	315	100		165	60		2500		26

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Paternity is a career imposed on you without any inquiry into your fitness.
—Adlai Stevenson

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	Produce during the year ending June 1, 1860																																
	Peas and Beans	Irish Potatoes	Sweet Potatoes	Barley	Buckwheat	Value of Orchard Products	Wine	Value of Produce of Market Gardens	Butter	Cheese	Hay	Clover Seed	Grass Seeds	Hops	Hemp			Flax	Flaxseed	Silk Cocoons	Maple Sugar	Cane Sugar	Molasses	Beeswax	Honey	Value of Homemade Manufactures	Value of Animals Slaughtered
															Dew Rotted	Water Rotted	Other Prepared Hemp										
	Bush	Bush	Bush	Bush	Bush	Dolls	Gallons	Dolls	Lbs	Lbs	Tons	Bush	Bush	Lbs	Tons	Tons	Tons	Lbs	Bush	Lbs	Lbs	Hhds (1,000 lbs)	Gallons	Lbs	Lbs	Dolls	Dolls
20	2	20	20			$			100																	17	156	52	100
21																													34
22	$	$	20			$			52																	2	21	20	115

1860 U.S. census, Halifax Co., Va., ag. sch., Northern Dist., p. 734 (stamped), line 21, Henry J. Rickman and line 22, Elizabeth Tuck; *Ancestry* (http: www.ancestry.com : accessed 27 April 2018); NARA microfilm publication T1132, roll 6.

Business Schedules, 1935

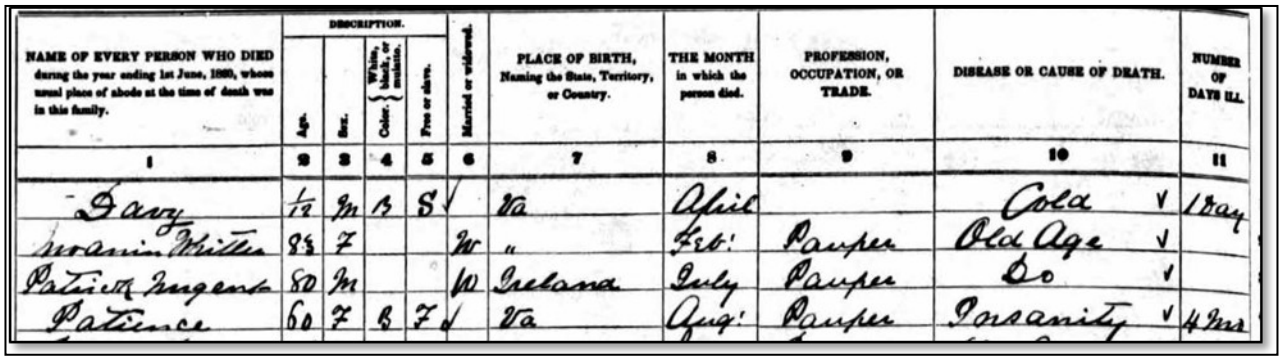
Fifteen categories of businesses were surveyed in 1935 but many records were discarded. The following types remain: advertising agencies, banks and financial institutions, miscellaneous enterprises, motor trucking for hire, public warehousing, and radio broadcasting stations.[2]

Manufacturers Schedules, 1810–1880

Information about manufacturing, mining, fishing, mercantile, commercial, and trading businesses with a yearly gross product of at least $500 is listed on these schedules. Corporations, companies, or individuals are named and include a description of their business, capital invested, resources used, yearly production, and number of employees, etc.[3]

Mortality Schedules, 1850–1885

These schedules listed people who had died in the 12 months preceding the census. For most of the states vital statistics were not yet recorded, so these are valuable records. In addition to the person's name, sex, age, color, and marital status, places of birth are given, the month of death, occupation, cause of death, and number of days ill. Later schedules collected even more information, such as parent's places of birth. Correlate these censuses with probate and cemetery records, obituaries, and population censuses. Because these censuses also list whether an individual is free or a slave, they are useful in tracking African American ancestries. In the example below from the burned county of Buckingham, Virginia, these names are probably not recorded in any other records.



NAME OF EVERY PERSON WHO DIED during the year ending 1st June, 1860, whose usual place of abode at the time of death was in this family.	DESCRIPTION. Age.	Sex.	White, Black, or mulatto.	Free or slave.	Married or widowed.	PLACE OF BIRTH, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	THE MONTH in which the person died.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.	NUMBER OF DAYS ILL.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Davy	1/2	M	B	S		Va	April		Cold	1 Day
Susanna Miller	83	F			W	"	Feb.	Pauper	Old Age	
Patrick Ingent	80	M			W	Ireland	July	Pauper	Do	
Patience	60	F	B	F		Va	Aug.	Pauper	Insanity	4 Mos

1860 U.S. census, Buckingham Co., Va., mort. sch., Dist. No. 1, p. 103 (stamped); *Ancestry* (http: www.ancestry.com : accessed 13 April 2020); NARA microfilm publication T1132, roll 5.

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Slave Schedules, 1850–1860
Slave owners were listed, but not usually the names of the slaves, simply their age, color, sex, if a fugitive from the State, the number manumitted, or if deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic. Large numbers of slave holdings may indicate the owner of a plantation. See this account of a 105-year-old slave who is described as "Charles the property of Tyne J. Spann supposed to have been born in Africa is active and sprightly and works every day at his own will, enjoys all his sense fully."[4]

Social Statistics, 1850–1880
Statistical data about communities was gathered in 1850–1870 which could give context to your ancestors' stories. These schedules listed real estate values; taxes; number of schools, teachers and students; libraries and volumes owned; newspapers and their circulation; number of churches by denomination; average wages for some occupations; cemeteries within the cities; and more. In 1880 the Delinquent, Defective, and Dependent Classes Schedule itemized those who were insane, idiots, deaf-mutes, blind, paupers, and prisoners.

1890 Veterans Schedule
Intended to enumerate Union veterans and their widows, this census does list some Confederate soldiers. Only some states are extant due to the same fire that destroyed the 1890 population schedule. Listed on the census are the veteran's name or the name of his widow, rank, company and regiment, enlistment and discharge dates, service length, PO address, and disability. Use this census to verify military service and information on the unit in which the veteran served. Then research possible pensions and place of origin.

The 1885 Census
Did you know that an 1879 act requested that states take a semi decennial census?[5] Colorado, Nebraska, Florida, and the territories of New Mexico and Dakota complied and took advantage of the federal government's partial funding. Use this little-known record to track families living in the above-mentioned areas between the 1880 and 1900 censuses. This census has sections for inhabitants, agriculture, industry products, and mortality.

Resource
Szucs, Loretto Dennis, and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, editors. *The Source*, 3rd edition, Provo, Utah: Ancestry, 2006; "Non-Population Schedules and Special Censuses."

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[1] For production of tobacco in 1850 see "A History of Halifax County (Virginia)," *Ancestry* (https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=30030 : accessed 15 May 2020) > Chapter I. Origin and formation > images 15–16.

[2] "Nonpopulation Census Records: 1935 Business Roll Lists," *National Archives* (https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1935-business-roll-lists : accessed 15 May 2020).

[3] "U.S., Selected Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880," *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1276/ : accessed 15 May 2020).

[4] 1860 U.S. census, Pickens Co., Ala., slave schedule, Memphis Beat, p. 16, Tyne J. Spann, owner, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 15 May 2020), NARA microfilm pub M653, roll unknown.

[5] "The Forgotten Federal Census of 1885," *National Archives* (https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2008/fall/1885-census.html : accessed 15 May 2020).

Send SAGHS Your Portrait!

Photographic portraits of SAGHS members who wish to participate will be a new feature in the upcoming Membership Yearbook. The Publications Committee would like to encourage all members who have not yet had their membership photo taken to submit a photographic portrait of themselves via mail or email. SAGHS Publication Committee offers thanks to all who have provided photos, and would like to encourage those members living out of San Antonio to mail or email their photos to us as well, if they have not already done so.

Those members who wish to submit a member photo of themselves by post or by email should note these guidelines –

* Photos should be received in the required format no later than 31 August 2020.
* Photos received after the deadline of 31 August 2020 will be used in the following years.
* Member photo should best contain head and shoulders only, preferably with a solid or uncluttered background. All submitted photos will be rendered in the Membership Yearbook with a neutral background after being converted to black and white.
* No newspaper photos or clippings.
* Photos should be reasonably recent (no childhood photos, for example).
* 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.
* Although member photos will be included in the Membership Yearbook in black-and-white, both color and black-and-white photos will be accepted.
* Photos submitted by post should be clearly labeled on the back of the photo with the name of the individual.
* Separate photos are required for joint memberships.
* Hard copies of photos should be mailed to SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio, TX 78213.
* Digital copies of photos should be emailed to publications@txsaghs.org

The SAGHS Publications Committee looks forward to your cooperation.

Charles B. Brussells
Editor and layout,
SAGHS Membership Yearbook

Father's day is the day in June when father remembers he hasn't yet paid the bills for Mother's Day.

2020
Fiesta Medals
Have Arrived

If you have already ordered, please make arrangements for pick-up by: email to President@txsaghs.org or call: 210-490-9997.

SAGHS is selling the remainder of our stock on a first come first served basis. Cost is $10.00, each.

Requests need to be mailed until we **reopen**. If you would like your medal mailed to you, please add $3.00 to your check.

Mail request with a check to:
SAGHS (Fiesta Medals)
911 Melissa Dr
San Antonio TX 78213



NOTE: Library hours will be inconsistent this month, as we adjust to re-opening. Please check your email, or the SAGHS Website (https://txsaghs.org) for up-to-date information.

Meetings

Sat. June 6: Board Meeting 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium

Virtual Meeting

Sat. June 13: General Membership Meeting 10 am
Installation of Directors for term 2020-2022)
Presenter: Paula Allen

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.

While we are closed, please register for the classes scheduled for June and beyond ONLY via email to: *education@txsaghs.org*

Saturday June 6 & 13
DNA Consultation Hour
Consultations will be virtual using Facebook, Zoom or Google Meets
Those not currently signed up can do so with an email to:
Education@txsaghs.org, or to
Annette Graham:
Blameitonmyroots@gmail.com

Wednesday June 10
Family Tree Maker/Wikitree
In person at Dwyer Center
If interested send a request to:
S.atkinson@ieee.org

Saturday June 20
Beginning Genealogy (Part 1)
In person at Dwyer Center
Barbara Johns
9 am—1 pm

Sunday June 21
Library Closed—Fathers Day

Saturday June 27
Beginning Genealogy (Part 2)
In person at Dwyer Center
Barbara Johns
9 am—1 pm

For up to date information about cancellations, please go to our website: https://txsaghs.org

While we are closed, please register for the classes scheduled for June and beyond ONLY via email to: *education@txsaghs.org*

Covid-19 doesn't stop the work

Our diligent volunteers are continuing with the approved renovations to our facilities.

The Buildings Committee under the direction of David Ringer have purchased and installed the base cabinets in the alcove of the Dwyer Center Classroom.. The countertop purchase is pending, the install is dependent upon the placement of the tall closets which are on backorder. Thanks to Robert McNamara, who donated a Refrigerator/Freezer, this will give us a wonderful area to store and provide refreshments.

Under the direction of Kurt Kneeland and our Library Committee, the map cabinet has been re-furbished and moved to the Texas Room

Also, our picnic tables have been refurbished. At this time we do not have the name of the person/group who is to be thanked for this addition to our grounds.

Submitted by Barbara Holmes





Photos by Barbara Holmes



2021 Suggestions for Classes/Workshops

Our survey of suggestions for classes / workshops that we might offer in 2021 is attached to this Newsletter.

We ask that participants **narrow** the topics given to express their interest, or to suggest other narrow / focused topics.

This survey can be printed, completed by hand, and mailed to us at: SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr, San Antonio, Tx 78213. **Thanks for your input.**

Submitted by Education Committee

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Facilities are temporarily closed 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

Free webinars

Legacy Family Tree webinars:

To register go to: familytreewebinars.com

Additional details also can be found on the website.
Note: *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. June 2 at 9 pm: "Sources for Landed and Titled People", presented by Paul Milner.

Wed. June 3 at 1 pm: "What Are the Odds? An Online Tool That Can Help Solve DNA", presented by Johnny Pert.

Wed. June 10 at 7 pm: "Using DNA to Answer Real Research Questions", presented by Gail Blankenau.

Tues. June 16 at 7 pm: "Genealogical Treasurers in the Irish Archives", presented by David Ouimette CG.

Wed. June 17 at 1 pm: "Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the U.S.", presented by D Joshua Taylor MA MLS.

Tues. June 23 at 1 pm: "Working with Super Search™ to Find the Correct Historic Record", presented by Daniel Horowitz.

Wed. June 24 at 1 pm: "Utilizing the Hathi Trust Digital Library for Family History", presented by Colleen Robledo Greene MLS.

Wed. July 1 at 1 pm: "Finding a Father For Molly Using DNA", presented by Jull Morelli CG.

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NY Genealogical & Biographical Society: register at: https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org

Mon. June 8 at 6 pm: "The New York Gateway: Immigration, Emigration and Migration", presented by Jane E. Wilcox.

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NJ State Library: Register at: www.njstatelib.org/events

June 22 at 12 noon: "NJ Vital Records: Adoptions and Divorces" presented by Melissa Johnson.