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A Member Society Chartered in 1959

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



Photo by Neka Scarbrough-Jenkins

President's Message

Well, here we are, almost 6 weeks into our shutdown during this public health emergency; and as of this writing, no one knows with any certainty when our lives will return to normal. As far as our Society is concerned, I have been discussing what a return to normal would look like with several of you individually, and a road map is beginning to take place.

For starters, resuming some of our normal activities is still out of our hands. Under the guidance being offered at the Federal, State and Local levels, there remain limits on the maximum number of people who can come together in one place. So, we are still prohibited from having events such as open General Membership Meetings and Educational Classes. But thanks to the spacious Roosevelt Auditorium, since our Board has only 10 members, we can have Board meetings, as long as we maintain social spacing, and use face masks where necessary. Our normal Tuesday morning volunteer days remain prohibited, but that does not preclude small committees or groups of volunteers from meeting, either virtually or even in person, as long as safe distancing is maintained. That can be left up to the committees and individuals. I will be proposing all of this to our Board at the upcoming meeting on May 9th.

The big issue for us is opening our Library for patron usage. This fact is somewhat ironic because usually we have at most a handful of patrons in the Library at any one given time. But opening the Library requires a volunteer Duty Librarian on hand, and **no volunteer will ever be required or pressured to come in if they do not feel safe in doing so**. So, on May 9th, I will also recommend to the Board that the answer to the question of when the Library can open is up to each individual member. If you are a volunteer duty librarian, then let Laura Grover know when you are ready to return, and she will add your name to the active list and she will notify you of when you are scheduled. If you are a member who wishes to come into the Library to do research, then you can either email (President@txsaghs.org) or call me at home (210-490-9997) and (cont. on pg 3)

General Membership Meeting and Educational Program

Our May General Membership meeting will be held on **May 16 at 10 am** via video conference (again thanks to the generosity of the Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS)). It will feature a presentation by Annette Graham on "How to Sort DNA Matches to Confirm Lines of Descent." Details on how to access the video conference will be sent by email, the week of May 11th.

ALL ARE INVITED!

Meetings via Video Conference

With the assistance of the Texas State Genealogical Society's subscription to "GoToMeeting", the SAGHS Board of Directors conducted their April Board Meeting via video conference (see photo below). There were a few glitches, and some getting used to the system, but in the end the business at hand was accomplished. It gave us confidence to proceed with this method for our April General Membership Meeting.

Our April General Membership meeting was not only a success, but was well attended. Over 50 members registered. The videoconference platform allowed participants to view Ms. Kisser's slides, and ask questions. Our overwhelming thanks to Texas State Genealogical Society for allowing us to use their subscription to this conferencing platform.



Photo by Neka Scarbrough-Jenkins

While conducting the meeting by video conference is not ideal.....
It did allow members who because of distance, physical condition, or mobility issues to attend, including one member from **South Carolina**!

Founders Day Luncheon

Plans for Founders Day (originally planned for June 13) are affected by the restrictions due to COVID-19. At present we do not have a site confirmed (due to these restrictions). However we do have a speaker (Paula Allen), and thus we may revert to a June General Membership Meeting, leaving plans for a Founders Day Luncheon on the tentative plans for 2020.

SAGHS 2020 Seminar

Plans are proceeding for our October Seminar, which will hopefully be held on October 24. Our speaker is J Mark Lowe, with the location still to be determined (again confirmation restricted due to COVID-19).

Do you have a Genealogy Question?

New COVID-19 Program for MEMBERS ONLY

With our Library being closed due to the COVID-19 restrictions, our Board of Directors has approved a new program for our members! A dedicated group of our Volunteer Librarians will go to the Library and look up something for you, or answer a **simple** question.

Maybe you were going through your notes and noticed that you left out the date of publication of that last book you used. Or maybe you need to verify Miles Standish's third great granddaughter's name. Or maybe you have census questions or probate questions.

Our Librarians are talented women and men who have the experience and knowledge to find the answers. Although we cannot do lengthy projects or in-depth research, we can certainly do a look-up or answer a question that will hopefully allow you to move forward with your research.

Please send your questions to the Librarian's email Librarian@txsaghs.org.

Submitted by Laura Grover

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schedule an appointment. A maximum of 5 individuals (including the duty librarian) will be allowed into the Library at any given time, with each researcher having a separate work space. Masks should be worn as a courtesy to the others in the building. Additionally, the surfaces will be wiped down between users. If the Board approves these recommendations, then all the above will become effective on Sunday, May 10th.

Finally, as you know, with the help of the Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS), we held our first Virtual General Membership Meeting on April 18th, and it was quite successful. There were 52 attendees who heard a very interesting presentation by Elvira Sanchez Kisser, the Archivist for the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Thanks to TxSGS we will have a second virtual General Membership Meeting on May 16 at 10:00 a.m. You will be receiving a notice the week of May 11th telling you how to access this meeting.

To your continued good health,

Steve Mabie

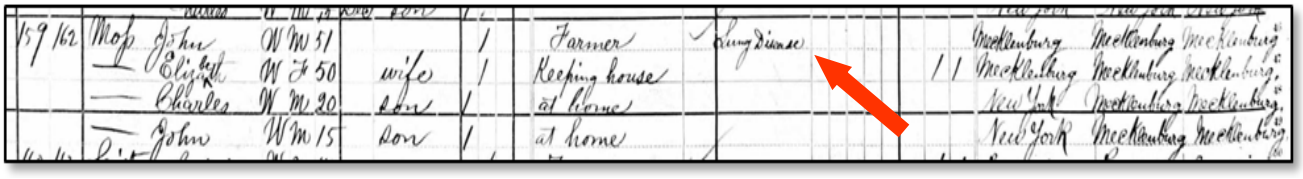
METHODS and SOURCES

by Leslie Tomlinson, CG

Getting the Most Out of Census Records — Part Three, 1860–1940 Censuses

The official date on which the **1860** census began was 1 June 1860. It is important to always note the date your target individuals were enumerated and understand who may or not be listed. For example, the instructions for collecting names in the 1860 census reads "The name of any member of a family who may have *died* since the 1st day of June is to be entered and the person described as if living, but the name of any person *born* since the 1st day of June is to be omitted."[1] [*emphasis is author's*] This census is a pre-Civil War snapshot of households and should be compared to other censuses for missing family members due to deaths of soldiers, widows remarrying, and migration perhaps due to war, among other things. New information gathered: the value of personal property and, if foreign born, the specific country of birth; so, for example, instead of Germany you may see Bavaria.

The **1870** census was the first to enumerate all people including former slaves. Other new information garnered was whether a person was born within the year, the month of birth or marriage if the event occurred within the previous year, if eligible to vote, and if parents were foreign born. Regardless of when a census taker visited a dwelling, the census listed where persons were living on 1 June 1870. If there is a check mark for males in column 19 *and* they are foreign born that means they were naturalized before 1870, so look for those records. Sicknesses and disabilities were listed under the Health column as seen below:



1870 U.S. census, Erie Co., N.Y., West Seneca, p. 16, John Moss [Maass].

Relationships of household members to the head were specified for the first time in the **1880** census. Remember to always consider that a man's wife may not necessarily be the mother of any or all of his listed children. Other new information recorded: street and house numbers, if of the "Indian" race under color, marital status, number of months unemployed, and birth places of parents.

Most **1890** census records were destroyed by a fire in January 1921. Surviving are small parts of the Alabama, Washington D.C., Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, and Texas censuses.

New features of the **1900** census were a person's month and year of birth, number of years married, and the number of children born and still living for each woman. This can be extremely useful in suggesting which of a man's children may have been born to his current wife and in finding unknown children. For foreigners, the year of immigration and the number of years in the US were recorded, perhaps leading to immigration, naturalization, and passenger list records. Note the abbreviations in the Naturalization column. "Pa" means this person's first

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papers have been submitted, "Al" means Alien, and "Na" indicates a naturalized citizen. Also recorded were owned and rented residences, if they were owned free or mortgaged, and whether a farm or house. For the family below you can see that all the living children of this mother were not enumerated in this household, the family members arrived in the US at three different times, and the males had varying naturalization status.



1900 U.S. census, Onondaga Co., N.Y., Syracuse, p. 11, Henry Hoose [Hoare] household.

Highlights of the 1910–1940 Censuses

In **1910** the census date changed to 15 April. This census identified Civil War survivors which may lead to military records. The census date changed again in **1920** to 1 January. It notes the year in which a person was naturalized. "Because of the changes in some international boundaries following World War I, enumerators were instructed to report the province (state or region) or city of persons declaring they or their parents had been born in Austria-Hungary, Germany, Russia, or Turkey" so there is more specific geographical information about some foreign-born individuals.[2] Home values and rent amounts were recorded, perhaps leading to deeds, property tax, and mortgage records. Beginning in **1930** the age when first married was added. It also identified wars in which veterans served. The new information added in the **1940** census was employment status, income, highest grade of school completed, residence in 1935, and, for two selected people on each page, birthplaces of parents, native language, veteran status (including widows and minor children of a veteran), Social Security information, industry and class of worker, and for women the number of marriages, age at first marriage, and number of children.

Finding Aids and Other Resources

Indexes such as those at Ancestry and Family Search are not perfect. Examples of problems are spelling/surname variations, misreading of handwriting, omissions, and reversed surnames and first names. It is also important to read the instructions for the census takers for each census, as it may explain any anomalies you may find.

The National Archives gives examples of how censuses lead to other sources. "Clues in Census Records, 1850-1930," https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1850-1930.html.

History and overview of the census. "U.S. Census Bureau History: History of the Census," https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/

Census instructions for the census takers. https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/census_instructions/.

[1] "1860 Instructions," *United States Census Bureau*, (https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/census_instructions/1860_instructions.html : accessed 19 Apr 2020), citing Special Instructions, Schedule no. 1, p. 14, #8, in https://www.census.gov/history/pdf/1860instructions.pdf.
[2] "1920 Overview," *United States Census Bureau*, (https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/1920.html : accessed 18 Apr 2020).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – NOTICE OF LIMITED TIME REDUCED RATES
An Early Renewal Opportunity for Current SAGHS Members Only

Your SAGHS membership is due to expire on June 30, 2020.

As a result of the COVID-19 health restrictions, we have been forced to close our facilities for the last forty-five days and we do not know when we will be able to reopen. This means that every one of you, our current members, have lost out on a portion of your 2019-2020 membership benefits. With this in mind, the SAGHS Board of Directors has voted to offer you a special partial discount on your renewal fee, if you renew your membership at this time for two years instead of one year.

This offer is for **current members only** and only for a limited time. If you renew your SAGHS membership by **June 30**, you have the choice of renewing for a single year at the regular price or renewing for two years at a special reduced rate:

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.

After June 30, 2020, this special two-year renewal rate will no longer be available. As of July 1, members may renew at the usual fee of $40 for one year of single membership or $60 for one year of joint membership. Those members, who do not renew their memberships by August 31, will be removed from our membership rolls and no longer be SAGHS members in good standing.

Please consider taking advantage of the reduced rates during this limited two-month period and use the attached Membership Application Form to renew your SAGHS membership. This offer will expire on June 30. You can bring or mail the completed application form with your check to SAGHS, 911 Melissa Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213-2024. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Mabie at: (membership@txsaghs.org).

The many benefits of membership in SAGHS include:

Free, unlimited use of the SAGHS Library including in-library access to computer archives such as *Ancestry.com*, *Fold3.com*, and our newest archive resource, *FamilySearch.org* as a Library Affiliate
Subscription to the award winning *Our Heritage* periodical, published twice yearly
Opportunity to publish your family history in *Our Heritage*
Monthly Newsletter
Annual Membership Yearbook
Invitation to all SAGHS programs
Email reminders of upcoming events
Member Discount on annual Fall Seminar
Member Discount on Founders Day Luncheon
Access to excellent genealogical classes taught by experts
Access to a qualified DNA expert for One-on-One DNA Consultation
Free participation in Special Interest Groups (Roots Magic, Family Tree Maker, WikiTree, Google Earth, and others)
Access to the Members Only section of the SAGHS website
Ability to post your family surnames to the SAGHS website
Volunteer opportunities galore

Submitted by Nancy Mabie

A Photographic Reminder

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. Those members who wish to submit a member photo of themselves by post or by email should note the following 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 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 group photos or full-body photos.
- 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.
- Emailed photos should be at least 300 dpi resolution.

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 must 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.

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



WELCOME

New Members

Cathy Martinez
Toby Martinez

Submitted by: Nancy Mabie

Helping other members researching/learning from home

In an effort to help others, if you are aware of a website, video, webinar or other learning opportunity in support of genealogical research and education, (especially if it is free or low cost) please send it to our Education Committee Chair at:
Education@txsaghs.org.

She will pass it on via emails to the membership and some may be repeated in the Newsletter.

It's such a grand thing to be the mother of a mother that the world calls her a grandmother.

Meet Your Officers

(*Each month, one SAGHS officer will be featured in this column.)*

Librarian: Laura Grover



Photo by Alice Westbrook

Laura first joined our society in the 1980s and she has held several offices over the years, including multiple terms as vice-president, while also serving as a duty librarian. Laura graduated from Texas Women's College with a degree in History, and after graduating she worked for a company doing curriculum development for schools in developing countries. Altogether, she has travelled to 47 different countries, and one of her two children currently lives and teaches in Casablanca, Morocco. Laura had a long career in tax preparation, during which she had her own practice for 37 years and a securities license for 25 years. She also served on a U. S. commission on money laundering.

Little known fact: After spending a year in Korea developing the curriculum for a religious order, she was invited on a special four-day trip to India to meet Mother Theresa.

Submitted by Steve Mabie

Meetings

Sat. May 9: Board Meeting 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium

Sat. May 16: General Membership Meeting 10 am
(virtual meeting)

God could not be everywhere, so he made mothers.
Happy Mothers Day!

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 May 2 & 9
DNA Consultation Hour
Those who signed up for March & April dates will be contacted, and if willing the 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
Annette Graham @
Blameitonmyroots@gmail.com

Sunday May 10
Library Closed—Mothers Day

Wednesday May 13
Family Tree Maker/Wikitree
Virtual Event
Users will be contacted, on how to access the sessions using Zoom.
If interested send a request to:
S.atkinson@ieee.org

Monday May 25
Library closed— Memorial Day

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

2020 Fiesta Medals

SAGHS is taking pre-orders for our 2020 Fiesta Medal. Cost is $10.00, each

Requests need to be mailed until we reopen.

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



First Family Honoree's 100th Birthday Celebration

A very special celebration was held on Friday, April 24, in front of the home of Carmen Delgado Guzman, in honor of her 100th birthday. A large crowd of family and friends gathered on the sidewalk across the street from her home, each wearing facemasks and maintaining the proper social distancing. Mariachis serenaded the honoree and a drive-by parade was held. The family plans to give Carmen a proper 100th birthday party at a later date. As you may recall, a year ago, SAGHS recognized Carmen Delgado Guzman as First Families of Bexar County Member #104 as a descendant of Rafael Quintana and his wife, Dominga Garcia.

Submitted by Nancy Mabie

2021 Suggestions for Classes/Workshops

Our survey of suggestions for classes / workshops that we might offer in 2021 is now available. It is sent and included with this Newsletter.

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

This year we are experimenting with a 'fill-able' form. **If you have access to MS Word**, the fill-able form (which is a separate attachment to the email) will allow you to easily complete it on your computer (save, then attach to an email addressed to: Education@txsaghs.org).

If you don't have MS Word, or would rather complete by hand, you can print the form (at the end of this Newsletter), fill out, and mail to us at: SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr, San Antonio, Tx 78213. **Thanks for your input.**

Submitted by Education Committee



Photo by B. Holmes

For those who are unable to visit or drive by… "Smitty" (Sir Oliver Smith) is keeping our grounds looking beautiful. With the help of the rain, our flowers are blooming.

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

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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:

Fri. May 1 at 1 pm: "The Future is Still in the Past: An Introduction to Online Parish Clerks in the United Kingdom", presented by Wayne Shepheard.

Tues. May 5 at 9 pm: "Smarter Strategies For Genealogy" presented by Thomas MacEntee.

Wed. May 6 at 1 pm: "Crème de la Crème: Targeted Autosomal DNA Testing to Isolate Pertinent Genetic Cousins", presented by Paul Woodbury.

Tue. May 12 at 1 pm: "Leveraging My Heritage's German Resources Effectively", presented by James Beidler.

Wed. May 13 at 7 pm: "The Ultimate Family History Interview", presented by Nicka Smith.

Tues. May 19 at 7 pm: "Discover the Holdings of German Archives", presented by Teresa Steinkamp-McMillin.

Wed. May 20 at 1 pm: "Timesaving Apps for Busy Genealogists", presented by Lisa Alzo.

Tues. May 26 at 1 pm: "Enlightened Design with the My Heritage Chart Creation Tool", presented by Janet Hovorka.

Wed. May 27 at 1 pm: "Mistrust Transcriptions: And Here's Why", presented by Dr. Bruce Durie.

Tues. June 2 at 9 pm: "Sources for Landed and Titled People", presented by Paul Milner.

To register go to: familytreewebinars.com

ABC is on the case! The network just announced the premiere date for their new TV show, *The Genetic Detective*. The premiere is on ABC on **May 19th at 9 CT, 10 ET/PT.**

The documentary series "follows investigative genetic genealogist CeCe Moore as she uses her unique research skills to transform the face of crime solving."

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Renewal Application for 2020-2022

NOTE: THE SPECIAL TWO YEAR RENEWAL RATES EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2020

This form is for use by Current SAGHS Members Only

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

☐ Single - one year for $40.00 (July 2020-June 2021)
OR
☐ Single - two years for $60.00 (July 2020-June 2022)

☐ Joint - one year for $60.00 (July 2020-June 2021)
OR
☐ Joint - two year for $90.00 (July 2020-June 2022)
(note Joint Membership is for maximum of 2 individuals at one address)

NOTE There is no reduction on the following membership types
☐ Subscription - one year for $25.00 (Journal and Newsletter only)
☐ Student - one year for $25.00 (Use of library and Newsletter only)

Single or Primary 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

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FORM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2020

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society
2021 Suggestions For Classes/Workshops

Please check the box to the left of the topics that you would like to attend in 2021. Bring or mail the completed form to us at: SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio, TX 78213. Thank You.

NOTE: These topics were chosen by the Education Committee from results of member surveys. They are vague, as you check the topics you would like us to provide, please narrow the focus, so that we can attempt to find the presenter. When topics are vague, we allow the presenter to provide the focus.

	Places
	France
	England
	Maryland
	Mississippi
	New England
	New York
	Pennsylvania
	Republic of Texas 1830-1845
	West Virginia

	Other Topics
	Best Archival Practices
	Brick Wall
	Orphan Records (Orphan Court) in U.S.
	Orphan Records in Europe
	Interpreting DNA results
	Land Records in Ohio & Texas
	Masonic Research
	Naturalization Records
	Spanish land grants
	Using Tax Records
	Finding 1st & 2nd Generations without using census
	Huguenot Research

	Using Data Bases
	Family Search Affiliate Library
	Ancestry.com vs tips for online research

	War / Military
	War Research: American Revolution
	War Research: American Civil War

	Class or Special Interest Group
	Writing Family History
	Calligraphy

	Reading Old Handwriting
	DNA Chromosome Browser/ DNA Painter

Other Classes/Workshop Suggestions

I would be willing to instruct the following:

Name: _____ Phone: _____