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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
January 2020



President's Message

Happy New Year!!!!

While beginning the New Year is always exciting, with the promising future to look forward to, upon reflection, our Society has had a really great 2019. Thanks to our benefactor, Yvette Dwyer, for the first time in our 60 years of existence, we have a significant financial reserve that will provide a steady and predictable income source. Plus, we were able to afford the purchase of the Dwyer Center, solving our expansion issues for the foreseeable future. Our remaining problems are indeed small, and our blessings are many.

Remember that our General Membership Meeting on January 18th will be held in the Dwyer Center, with the program that day being an official grand opening and a celebration in honor of Yvette. The day will start with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:15 with coffee and treats available after the ribbon is cut. The meeting will then officially start at 10:00.

Arrive early and explore the building. You might notice the classroom at the end of the hallway on the East side, with the new plaques honoring our 82 members who achieved 30 years of membership. This is where our Education Classes will be held as well as our Board Meetings on the second Saturday of each month. Next to the classroom is our new Conference Room, featuring the famous print "For God and Texas" donated to our Society by members Larry and Yolanda Kirkpatrick. In the auditorium, where our General Membership Meetings will be held, you might take note of a recently donated print titled "Teddy Leading the Charge" which depicts Col. Theodore Roosevelt leading the American charge up the San Juan Heights. *(cont. on page 3)*


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VOLUNTEER NEEDS

We have an urgent need for a Volunteer Assistant Treasurer.

Other volunteer opportunities are for a Parliamentarian, and Campus Planning Chairperson.
If interested, please contact
Steve Mabie at: **president@txsaghs.org**

An ongoing need also exists for duty Librarians. These individuals staff our Library on Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. We provide training!
If interested please contact Laura Grover at:
librarian@txsaghs.org.

We have many other opportunities for members to volunteer, whether it is an ongoing task, such as a member of a committee, to assist with our Grounds crew in preparation for brush pick-up, or to teach a class.
If interested, please contact Nancy McNamara at:
education@txsaghs.org to express your interests.



WELCOME

New Members

Andy (Anne) Lawrence

Al McGraw

Jack (John) Merrill

Tripp (Norton) Stuart

Submitted by: Nancy Mabie

President's Message continued

But most of all, please take note of the most important wall décor in the building: the wonderful portrait of Yvette Dwyer painted by none other than our very talented member, Neka Scarbrough-Jenkins, just above the plaque dedicating the Dwyer Center to our very generous benefactor.
And please stop for a moment and say "Thank You, Yvette".



Submitted by Steve Mabie

SAGHS Membership Yearbooks Are Here!

The *SAGHS Membership Yearbook July 2019-June 2020* is available. If you have not received yours yet, they will be available at the Membership Meeting on January 18, or you may pick it up at the SAGHS Library during normal business hours. Each member is entitled to receive one copy, so joint members can each get one. If extra copies are needed, each additional copy costs $5.00. If you would like your Yearbook(s) mailed to you, the mailing fee is $3.00 per book. Mail an explanatory note with your check that lists your name, address, and number of copies to: SAGHS 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio, TX 78213-2024.

Note: If there are any errors or changes needed in your contact information, please contact Nancy Mabie, membership@txsaghs.org.

Submitted by: Nancy Mabie

METHODS and SOURCES

by Leslie Tomlinson, CG

Developing Research Plans: Part Two

Now that you have developed a focused research question (see "Developing Research Plans: Part One" in the November/December 2019 SAGHS newsletter), it is time to move on to the actual research phase. Hold on a minute! Although it might be tempting, step away from Ancestry.com! Begin by taking another look at your research question, for example "Who are the parents of Lillie Belle Bowers who married William Bowers in 1891 in Edwards County, Illinois?"

Step Four: Brainstorm a list of the records, resources, and repositories most likely to answer your research question.
Research guides for your area of interest should be your first stop. Even if you are completely familiar with the location you are researching it's good practice to check out sites such as FamilySearch Wiki to get an understanding of what records are available for the time and place of your ancestor. (See the list at the end of the article for more ideas.)

Keeping in mind the example research question, knowing what record type or types that will most likely include parents' names is key. If you don't know what records to consult for your question, there are several books and websites that can help. For example, see the tables at the NEHGS site or the Original Records table at FamilySearch. For this exercise, the two most likely kinds of records to find parents' names are birth and marriage records. If we consult the Edwards County, Illinois Genealogy webpage using the FamilySearch Wiki we learn that statewide birth registration did not start until 1916, but some birth records exist for as early as 1877 and marriage records as early as 1815.

Next find where these types of records are generally located for your individual's time and place, such as a local county courthouse, state archives, or websites such as FamilySearch and Ancestry. Prioritize your list of where to search first, considering ease of access. Sitting at home and researching online in your jammies first may yield the record you are looking for, but then again it may require onsite research. Do your homework! If you will be going to a courthouse, call ahead and find out operating hours including lunchtimes when you may have to exit the office, and check on the accessibility of the records you will be examining. If you are going to a state archives check to see if they have a finding aid for the records you are seeking. Search the catalog and record the call numbers, film numbers, or collection names. You want to locate the actual record, not just an index. Original documents, made at or near the time of the event, are most likely to be accurate.

Step Five: Begin your research and record your results.
Create a document that logs the records searched; their location; whether you found the answer, partial answer, or no results; what exactly you searched for; and the search terms used. Also record the document's reliability—is it obviously copied from somewhere else or

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does the content appear to be recorded contemporaneously? Who is the informant? If it was a county clerk, for example, the record may be more reliable because recording was the clerk's occupation. Spreadsheets are very helpful for this activity; however, if you are not accomplished at setting them up, there are many sites with downloadable research logs. Record *all* your searches as this helps prevent unnecessary repetition. (See a link to examples below.)

Step Six: Evaluate your results.
Write as you go and analyze each piece of information as you acquire it. Mine the document for all it is worth. For example, if you find a marriage certificate for Lillie Belle and William but it does not name parents, who or what else does it name—witnesses, officiator, or church? These may give you leads to answering your question. Are there others with the surnames of your target couple in the collection?

If you answered your question, formulate the next information you need to know and start the process again. You need to be flexible and perhaps adjust your focus as your research progresses. Remember to not only record but *analyze* each of the results, identify what information may be relevant to your goal and define any follow-up research that you may need to conduct in order to meet your goal. For example, the residence of the bride and groom in a marriage record my give you clues to their origin or last residence. If you did not find the parents' names for Lillie Belle, you will need to move on to other records, such as church and bible records, or perhaps find Lillie Belle in a census prior to her marriage, all items which were lower on your prioritized list.

Sources for further research

1. FamilySearch wiki: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page
2. FamilySearch original records table https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Use_the_internet_for_family_history_research. Scroll to the bottom.
3. NEHGS table on Records with Genealogical Information: https://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/read/getting-started. Scroll to the bottom.
4. Eichholz, Alice, editor. *Redbook: American State, County, and Town Sources*. Third edition. Provo, Utah: Ancestry, 2004.
5. Pierre-Louis, Marian. "Plan Your Way to Research Success." Legacy FamilyTree Webinars.
6. McGhie, Angela Packer. "Creating an Effective Research Plan." Hartford County Public Library, https://hcplonline.org/downloads/genconf/CreatinganEffectiveResearchPlan_McGhie.pdf
7. ngle, Cyndi. *Cyndi's List*. https://www.cyndislist.com/research-methodology/research-notes/forms/ : 2019. See the research logs.

Next time: **Locality Guides**

For each location that you research, you will find it useful to collect data on the extant records and the time periods available, and to record notes about your findings. You'll be glad you did!

SAGHS 2020 Cross Stitch Daisy Quilt



Tickets for this Quilt are on sale for $1.00 each. See our SAGHS librarian, during duty hours, to purchase tickets. The drawing will be held during our Annual Seminar in October. The winner need NOT be present to win.

@txsaghs is on Instagram

Those of you with an Instagram account have another way to keep up with SAGHS happenings. Follow @txsaghs on Instagram!

Those of you without Instagram may have questions…

- What is Instagram? Instagram is a social networking app for sharing photos and videos from a **mobile device**.
- Why Instagram? When users post photos/videos they use #hashtags to help other users discover the photos/videos and each other. These #hashtags attract like-minded Instagram users. Many genealogists, historical societies, libraries, and archives use Instagram. Posts are brief as it's more about the media than the text.
- How do I get an Instagram account? Step-by-Step Instructions for creating an Instagram account can be found at help.instagram.com/1642053262784201
- How do I follow SAGHS? From the app on your phone or tablet, use the Search function (looks like a magnifying glass) and type @txsaghs to find us and click "follow" for us to appear in your feed. These steps are not available on a computer.

You can "like" a post on Instagram by clicking the heart. You can comment by typing below the picture. **Follow us!**

Submitted by Penny Clarkson, Instagram Chair

Meet Your Officers

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

Recording Secretary:
Carole McBee



Carole is originally from Tennessee and first came to San Antonio by train from Nashville in 1961. At that time she was a newlywed, and her husband Eddie had recently enlisted in the military. They purchased one of the first houses built in the Brookhollow area of town in 1971 and she still lives there. Carole first became interested in genealogy in the mid-1980s and she joined our Society in 1988. She maintained her membership until 1996, but then rejoined in 2013. Eddie, who was also a member, passed away on July 4, 2018.

Little known facts: Carole graduated college with a degree in Elementary Education and had a long career as a teacher in San Antonio.

Submitted by: Steve Mabie

The Education Committee Report

The 2020 schedule of SAGHS Education Programs is listed on the website: txsaghs.org. With the New Year, and our new classroom at the Dwyer Center, comes other changes. One such change is that a two-week notification reminder by email will be sent to members to allow you a chance to register by either calling the Library at 210-342-5242 of emailing to:
education@ txsaghs.org.

If by the Wednesday before the Sunday class, we have less than 10 people registered, the speaker has the option to cancel the class. If the speaker does wish to cancel, due to lack of interest, those who have signed up for the class will be called informing them of this change, and an email cancelling the class will be sent to all members. This change is in respect for our volunteer speakers whose time and efforts are valued.

Submitted by Nancy McNamara

Upcoming Events

Most classes are in the new classroom in the Dwyer Center
Located at the corner of Blanco & Melissa Dr. next to the Library

Please remember to pre-register for classes by calling the Library at 210-342-5242 or email to: *education@txsaghs.org*

Saturday January 4 & 11
DNA Consultation Hour
10, 11 & 12
SAGHS Library

Wednesday January 8
Family Tree Maker/Wikitree
10– 12 (noon)
Dwyer Center Classroom

Saturday January 18
Google Earth SIG
1:30—3:30
Dwyer Center Classroom

Sunday January 19
Organizing Your Research
2—4 pm
Dwyer Center Classroom

Saturday January 25
Using Excel Spreadsheets
10—Noon
Dwyer Center Classroom

Saturday February 1 & 8
DNA Consultation Hour
10, 11 & 12
SAGHS Library

Saturday February 1 & 8
Beginning Genealogy
9 am—1 pm
Dwyer Center Classroom

For more details and other Events, please go to our website: https://txsaghs.org

Please remember to pre-register for classes by calling the Library at 210-342-5242 or email to: *education@txsaghs.org*

NEW BOOKS

Title	Author	Call Number	Donor
Alexander Lovell Genealogy The Ancestors and Descendants of Alexander Lovell of Medfield, Massachusetts 1619 - 1709	Bowman, Elizabeth Lovell	FH Lovell	William Buell
Benjamin Franklin's Family Volume I English Ancestors	Leclerc, Michael J.	FH Franklin	
Census Book: Facts, Schedules & Worksheets for the U. S. Federal Census, The	Dollarhide, William	RF 00000 (147)	
Cox Family in America, The	Cox, Henry Miller	FH Cox	
Delamar Transcripts; Transcriptions of Petitions to the General Assembly of North Carolina Relating to the Revolutionary War	Delamar, Marybelle, transcriber	NO 00000 (12)	Memorial for John Scannell
Early Families of Southern Maryland Volume 6	Jourdan, Greenup Elise	MD 00004 (33)	
First Families of Old Monmouth; Salter Family	Stillwell, John Edward	FH Salter	Cynthia Bondresen
From Ulster to Carolina; The Migration of the Scotch-Irish to Southwestern North Carolina	Blethen, H. Tyler & Curtis W. Wood, Jr.	NC 00001 (6)	
Hortons in America Part 1 of 2, The	White, Adaline Horton	FH Hortons	
Hortons in America Part 2 of 2, The	White, Adaline Horton	FH Hortons	
Old Times in Old Monmouth. Historical Reminiscences of Old Monmouth County New Jersey	Salter, Edwin	NJ monm4	Cynthia Bondresen
Pierce Genealogy Being the Record of the Posterity of Capt. Michael, John and Capt. William Pierce Who Came to this Country from England	Pierce, Frederick Clifton	FH Pierce	
San Antonio and Its Beginnings	Chabot, Frederick C.	TX bexa4 (120)	Patsy Castanon
Sea of Mud; The Retreat of the Mexican Army After San Jacinto, An Archeological Investigation	Dimmick, Gregg J.	TX 00004 (310)	Patsy Castanon
Southside Virginia Families, Volume I	Boddie, John Bennett	VA 00004 (27)	Harrell Estate



Remembrance:

We each leave behind a memory for others when we go to our final resting place. Jim Garrett left this memory with me. He and his wife had grown Night Blooming Cereus plants and shared them with others. I got this from Jim a few years ago. I didn't have much luck with it at first, having a not so green thumb. Two years ago, the plant bloomed so big I was amazed. This year I had to begin splitting up the plants and now have three large ones. They are so big now I must keep them on stands. I have one in a hanging basket that spent the summer in a crepe myrtle tree, for Jim to look down on. The plants haven't begun to bloom this year yet, but I know it will happen soon. Every time I water the plants, I thank Jim for thinking of me now and then. He was a lovely man, a good friend to the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. Thank you, Beverly Rakowitz

New Committee:

One of my goals in serving as President is to improve our Society's ability to publicize both our existence and our services to the community at large. Related to this, a side benefit of the purchase of the Dwyer Center is that it has allowed us to have a large sign facing Blanco Rd. Another very positive step is that Ray Weiland has agreed to take on the new position of Publicity Chair for our Society. We are currently reviewing our organizational structure and the Publicity Committee will be included in the restructure as a Special Committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee with Ray and in helping to define the committee's role for our Society, please contact Ray and let him know.

Submitted by Steve Mabie

MEETINGS

The Finance Committee will meet on January 6, at 10 am in the Dwyer Center Conference Room.

The Board of Directors and Committee Chairs will meet on January 11, at 10 am in the Dwyer Center Classroom.

The next General Membership Meeting will be on January 18, beginning at 9:15 with a ribbon cutting, for the Dwyer Center, followed by the meeting at 10 am in the Dwyer Center Auditorium.

Members are invited to attend all meetings

The only thing that endures over time is the Law of the Farm: You must prepare the ground, plant the seed, cultivate, and water if you expect to reap the harvest.

Steven Covey

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

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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:

New Years Day, Easter, Mothers Day, Memorial Day, 3rd Sat in June (Founders Day), Fathers Day, July 4, Labor Day, 3rd Sat in October (Seminar), Christmas Eve & Day. *Early closings on Thanksgiving & New Years Eves.*

Genealogy Tidbits
Free webinars

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History (ISBGFH) webinars:

To register go to the ISBGFH website: www.isbgfh.org

Saturday, January 11

Researching British Ancestors in 19th Century Mexico
Evan Christensen
10—11 am CST

Saturday January 18

Get Organized with Research Logs
Lisa Alzo
10—11 am CST

Saturday February 1

Digging Deeper in Archival Records
Melissa Barker
10—11 am CST

Legacy Family Tree webinars:

To register go to: familytreewebinars.com

Wednesday January 8

Mistakes I Have Made
(Confessions of a Repentant Genealogist)
Cheri Hudson Passey
7 pm CST

Memorial

James David Denning, husband of member Nancy Denning passed away on December 22, 2019.

Donations made in his name are used to purchase Library Resources.