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**A Member Society Chartered in 1959 as a 501 (c) ( 3) nonprofit organization**

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A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions
**October 2019**



## President's Message

Our September 21st General Membership Meeting was a truly remarkable meeting.

First, we had a discussion and vote on the purchase of the 903 Melissa Drive property. A total of 76 voting members, our one Student member and four non-members attended the meeting. An additional 52 members who were unable to attend submitted Proxy ballots by the deadline. The vote, by written ballot, was unanimous, 128 - 0, in support of the purchase. I want to thank all of the Board members and volunteers who worked so hard on bringing this vote to a successful conclusion.

The second notable event was our Program which featured guest speaker Hanna Davidson Pankowsky, a Holocaust Survivor. A native of Poland, the 91-year-old Ms. Pankowsky told a spellbinding narrative of how she and her family survived from the initial German invasion in 1939, throughout the war, and finally, after the war's end, the hardships of the Displaced Persons Camp prior to finally being allowed to enter Mexico. Many thanks to our 1st VP, Barbara Froebel, for bringing Ms. Pankowsky to our attention.

In other business, the Annual Budget was presented by Treasurer Patricia Merk and it was passed unanimously by the membership. The executors of the Dwyer Estate have released an additional check in the amount of $400,000 bringing the total we have received from the estate to $1,600,000.

Also, Director Charles Brussells has completed editing the new and improved Membership Yearbook 2019-2020 and it will be available to active members at the Seminar on October 19th. After the seminar, the remaining copies will be available in the library. Each member can have one yearbook for free, and additional copies will be available for purchase by members, while supplies last.

Upcoming in October, we will have our Board of Directors meeting on **Saturday, October 12th** and our Seminar, featuring guest speaker Michael Lacopo, at the Mount Calvary (cont. page 3)

# Annual Fall Seminar
# October 19, 8:30—4:00
# Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
# 308 Mt. Calvary Dr.

Early Bird pre-registration prices for the SAGHS Annual Seminar ends on **October 5**. After that, prices will increase $5.00. This year's Seminar will feature Dr. Michael Lacopo as our speaker.



The topics to be covered are:

- "More than the Census";
- "Deconstructing Your Family Tree (re-evaluating evidence)";
- "How to Overcome Brick Walls"; and
- "I Am Poor, Obscure, Plain, and Little (invisible ancestors)".

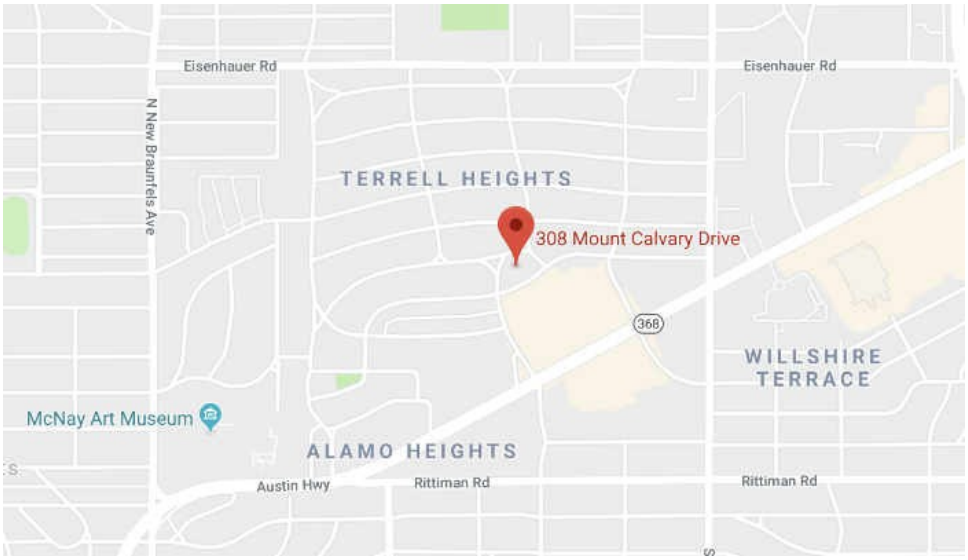
As in past years, there will be a goodie bag for all registrants, plenty of door prizes, gift baskets, and of course our wonderful quilt drawing. Tickets for the quilt and gift baskets will be sold during the breaks.

The Registration Form is attached to this Newsletter. (Members wishing to receive the member price through online registration **MUST** log in as a member.) Your registration includes a box lunch and refreshments during the breaks. Sign up in person, (at the Library, during business hours) with cash or check; by mail with a check, complete the registration form and mail to 911 Melissa Dr. San Antonio Tx 78213; or online with a credit card by October 5, the price is $50.00 for members. The non-member price is $55.00. Registrations received after October 5 will be $55.00 members, $60.00 non-members.

**NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION**

**Directions:**

**Take Austin Hwy, turn on to Mt. Calvary Dr.**



## VOLUNTEER NEEDS

SAGHS is still looking for a volunteer to be our Head Librarian. If interested, please email or call Steve Mabie at smabie@aol.com or 210-490-9997.

Our Treasurer is looking for a volunteer to be an Assistant Treasurer. Duties to include making copies, counting money, preparing deposit slips, other documentation & tasks. No accounting experience necessary. Flexible day(s) & hours, to be determined. If interested, please send an email to: treasurer@txsaghs.org.

We also have many other opportunities for members to volunteer, whether it is an ongoing task, such as a Head or Duty Librarian, or to assist with our Grounds crew in preparation for brush pick-up, or to teach a class. If interested, please send an email to Nancy McNamara and express your interests.

**Education@txsaghs.org.**



## WELCOME

### New Members

**Peggy Cannefax**

**Judy Gribbin**

**Steve Hernandez**

**Robert Lozano**

**Marlene Martin**

**Mary Parsons**

**Charlotte Travis**

Submitted by: Nancy Mabie

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

**STAY SAFE.**

*President's Message (cont)*

Lutheran Church on Saturday **October 19th.**

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on January 18, 2020 in our new auditorium at 903 Melissa Drive. This will be a special meeting honoring our benefactor, Yvette Dwyer. Please plan on attending if at all possible.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our many volunteers for all their hard work. They are what make SAGHS special.

Steve Mabie

# 2019 Quilt



Tickets for this wonderful quilt are $1.00 each. The quilt drawing will be held at the Fall Seminar (October 19).
Winner need NOT be in attendance.

## DUPLICATE BOOK SALE

Time to obtain some genealogy resources for your personal library!

October 16, from 10—4 in SAGHS Library Annex

These books are duplicates from our Library collection and are offered at a much reduced cost to purchase. The remaining books will be
reviewed from the leftovers and selected for availability to buy at our 2019 SAGHS Seminar.

Submitted by Nancy McNamara

**REMINDER:**
**Library will be closed on October 19, in support of the Seminar.**
**See you at the Seminar!**

## Meet Your Officers

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



Third Vice-President:
William (Bill) Myers

Bill has been a SAGHS member since 2003. He was fortunate to have two parents interested in their ancestry who were consummate hoarders of numerous family treasures, both written documents and objects. His active research started after his civilian retirement in 2001, but he had been climbing family trees, on both sides of his family, since the 1970s. Building on a 1923 book on *The Clendinen, Myers and Mills Famlies*, Bill now has almost 5000 names in his two direct and collateral family relationships. About 14 years ago, he began seeking out living descendants, and now writes a Myers Family Occasional Newsletter which he emails to over 120 cousins. Other family surnames he researches are Stillwell, Williams, Woods, Sims and Lyon, and he assists his wife with Howell, Emory, Friley, Douglas and Buckalew.

Born and raised in Bryan, Texas, he has degrees from Texas A&M and the University of Oklahoma, and pursued a career in community planning. He was Planning Director and OSU adjunct faculty member at Stillwater, Oklahoma before returning to Texas in 1970 to become the Planning Director for the Alamo Area Council of Governments. This was followed by similar titles at the San Antonio Transit System and in Air Force civil service. In a concurrent military career after active duty, Bill spent 30 years in the Air Force Reserve, retiring as a Colonel in 1990. His lovely wife of 51 years, Ellen Douglas Howell Myers, a retired college history professor, is his rock, companion and favorite person. Their son, Webb, daughter-in-law, Katie Wright, and grandchildren, Molly and Allen, live in San Antonio, and all are active members of Laurel Heights United Methodist Church.

Submitted by: Steve Mabie

## Finance Committee

The SAGHS Finance Committee, headed by Third VP Bill Myers, continues to monitor the investments of the Dwyer Funds. These funds are invested with TD Ameritrade, and are invested in a conservative manner.

During the months of July and August the committee of seven created a revenue and expense budget for the Fiscal Year July 2019 through June 2020. This is the first time we have included revenue in our budgeting and we expect it to be very helpful. The Budget was recommended to the Board and subsequently to the Members and approved by both.

The next Agenda Item for the Committee is to design and write the Annual Fund Drive Program description letter for the membership mailing on November 1, 2019. We welcome input regarding the Annual Fund Drive Program. Please email Bill Myers with your ideas at thirdvp@txsaghs.org

Submitted by Pat Merk

"Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant."
*—P.T. Barnum*

# NEW BOOKS

| TITLE | AUTHOR | CALL NUMBER | DONOR |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pleasants County West Virginia Copied from Historical 1882 Hand-Atlas | Watson, L. E., copier | WV plea4 | Betty Cunningham Hamner |
| Sardine 1939, The | Lentz, Margaret, ed. | SN 228d | Betty Cunningham Hamner |
| Sardine of 1940, The | Evans, Christine, ed. | SN 228e | Betty Cunningham Hamner |
| Foster Genealogy Volume 2 | Pierce, Frederick Clifton | FH Foster | Cynthia Bondesen |
| Evergreen on the Bayou | Hart Mary Pearce | LA avoy4 | Estate of H Dwyer |
| Baker The First 200 Years, 1776-1976 With Biographical Sketches | Caillouet, Chmn of Heritage '76 Committee | LA east3 | Estate of Helen Dwyer |
| Louisiana Tombstone Inscriptions, Union and Claiborne Parishes | Louisiana Society NSDAR | LA 00008 (9) | Estate of Helen Dwyer |
| Great Migration Newsletter Volumes 21-25 (2012-2016), The | Anderson, Robert Charles | NG 00001 (8) | Memorial |
| How to Find Your Family History in U. S. Church Records: A Genealogist"s Guide | Morton, Sunny Jane & Harold A. Henderson | RF 00000 (252) | Memorial |
| Golden Free Land: The Reminiscences and Letters of Women on an American Frontier, The | Ragsdale, Crystal Sasse | TX 00004 (92) | Pat Ezell |
| Silhouettes of Settlers; Eight Sketches of Early Natchez Personalities | Geisenberger, Amanda, et al | MS 00004 (18) | Pat Ezell |
| Women of the Range; Women's Roles in the Texas Beef Cattle Industry | Maret, Elizabeth | TX 00004 (53) | Pat Ezell |
| Exploration of A Common Legacy, The Proceedings | Heck, Marlene Elizabeth; translated by Frances M. Lopez-Morillas | TX 00004 (309) | Patricia Ezell |
| Descendants of Hoppengartner Hoopingarner Hopingardner, The | Hopingardner, Sharon | FH Hoppengartner | Sharon Hopingardner |
| Before "30" | McClure Kendall B. | TX 00004 (307) Rare Book | |
| Historic Resource Study and Historic Structure Report Ninety Six: A Historical Narrative | Greene, James A. | SC gree4 | |
| Impending Crisis, The; America Before the Civil War 1848-1861 | Potter, David M. | RF 21004 (122) | |
| Ranald S. Mackenzie on the Texas Frontier | Wallace, Ernest | RF 33004 Mackenzie | |
| Seven Pines, Its Occupants and Their Letters, 1825-1872 | Trammell, Camilla Davis | TX 00004 (310) | |
| World War I; The Great War and the American Century; Commemorating 100 Years, Life | Levy, Daniel S., ed. | RF 16004 (28) | |

## Upcoming Events

**October 5 & 12**
DNA Consultation Hour
10, 11 & 12
SAGHS Library

**October 5**

Researching Your WWII Ancestor
10 am—Noon
Library Annex

**October 9**

Family Tree Maker/Wiki Tree Workshop
10 am—noon
Library Annex

**October 16**

Membership Duplicate Book Sale
10 am—4 pm
Library Annex

**October 19**

Library Closed for Seminar

**October 19**

Annual SAGHS Seminar
8:30—4 pm

**October 26**

Google Earth
(Special Interest Group)
10 am—noon
Library Annex

**November 2**

DNA Consultation Hour
10, 11, & 12
SAGHS Library

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

# COMING SOON

A monthly column by Leslie Tomlinson, CG

- Develop strategies to help you break through brick walls and build reliable cases for proving kinship.
- Learn what sources are the most efficient for answering particular research questions.
- Discover records, archives, and collections you may not have known about.

## Meetings

The next General Membership Meeting will be on January 18 at 10 am in our new Auditorium at 903 Melissa Dr. Please plan to attend as we make plans for the use of this new addition.

Also your Board of Directors and Committee Chairs continue to meet on the second Saturdays at 10 am, thru the Fall. Members are invited to attend.



**San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society**

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Library Hours:
Sun.: 1 pm – 5 pm
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Sat.: 10 am — 4 pm

**Library Closures:**
New Years Day, Easter, Mothers Day, 3rd Sat in June (Founders Day), Fathers Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, **October 19 (Seminar),** Christmas Eve & Day. *Early closings on Thanksgiving & New Years Eve*

## Genealogy Research Opportunities
(outside of SAGHS)

- **October 11-13** Texas State Genealogical Society is hosting their Annual Seminar in Houston TX, at the Omni Hotel (Westside). More details on their website: https://www.txsgs.org/2019-conference/

- For anyone doing Maryland research, here is a great new You Tube video you may find very helpful! You can also subscribe to their videos and get email notices of new ones. *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLGmcyDvqtQ&t=560s&fbclid=IwAR2SMi2oH2y6-Q2iqUhzaqQD-oWaZKjPVyt_Lfv2j4LxgDqTBiuOlLbaqfg*

- This week NEHGS is announcing the addition of ten new volumes to Massachusetts: Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Records, 1789-1920, from St. Patrick in Roxbury. St. Patrick's was established in 1836 to serve the area's growing Catholic population. **NOTE: SAGHS has access to the NEHGS database.**

- National Archives Hosts its 7th Annual Virtual Genealogy Fair LIVE on YouTube! Go to the website:
  *https://abundantgenealogy.com/free-national-archives-virtual-genealogy-fair-october-23-2019/?fbclid=IwAR2J7kC-lhPmTZWJoSPTlF-*

## Memorials

Bernard H. Brochstein, husband of member Georgette Brochstein, passed away on June 13, 2019.

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

## Join the San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society for our 60th Annual Seminar!

## Saturday, October 19, 2019!



**The all day seminar will include the four sessions: "More than the Census"; "Deconstructing Your Family Tree (re-evaluating evidence)"; "How to Overcome Brick Walls"; and "I Am Poor, Obscure, Plain, and Little (invisible ancestors)".**

**Pre-registration is due by 5 October 2019:**
$50 SAGHS Members; $55 Non-members; Price at the door is $55 Members; $60 Non-members. A box lunch meal is included with your registration. Checks may be sent or left at SAGHS, 911 Melissa Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213 or your reservation may be made online. (Online registration for Members MUST log in as a member to get the discounted price.)

**Saturday, October 19 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**
**Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 308 Mt. Calvary Drive San Antonio, TX 78209**

**210/342-5242 or https://txsaghs.org/**




This year, we have invited the immensely popular Michael Lacopo to speak on a variety of topics that will interest genealogists and family historians of every level.
Michael is a life-long resident of northern Indiana. He began his genealogical research in 1980. His first published work appeared in 1985 with several books, journal articles and published contributions following. He appeared in USA Today in 2000 and has lectured locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Dr. Lacopo has a varied and interesting ancestry and is a self-described "all-American mutt." Dr. Lacopo has research experience in numerous fields with particular strengths in research involving Mennonite families, Pennsylvania Germans and Midwest/Middle Atlantic research (IN, OH, IL, MI and PA), and genetic genealogy. He is proficient in reading German script and has a particular interest in immigrant ancestry.

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Please complete & return with your registration fee ($55.00 **NON Members**; $50.00 **Members**)

**Name** **Phone** **Amount Enclosed**

**Address** **Email**