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

President's Message



As most of you have undoubtedly heard, our General Membership Meeting on September 21st will be your opportunity to vote on the SAGHS acquisition of the property adjacent to our library, located at 903 Melissa Drive. I will devote the limited space in this newsletter to answer some of the more obvious questions you might have. If you have a question not answered here, please feel free to contact me via email:(President@TXSAGHS.org) or USPS Mail (SAGHS, 911 Melissa Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213-2024) and I will try to get you an answer.

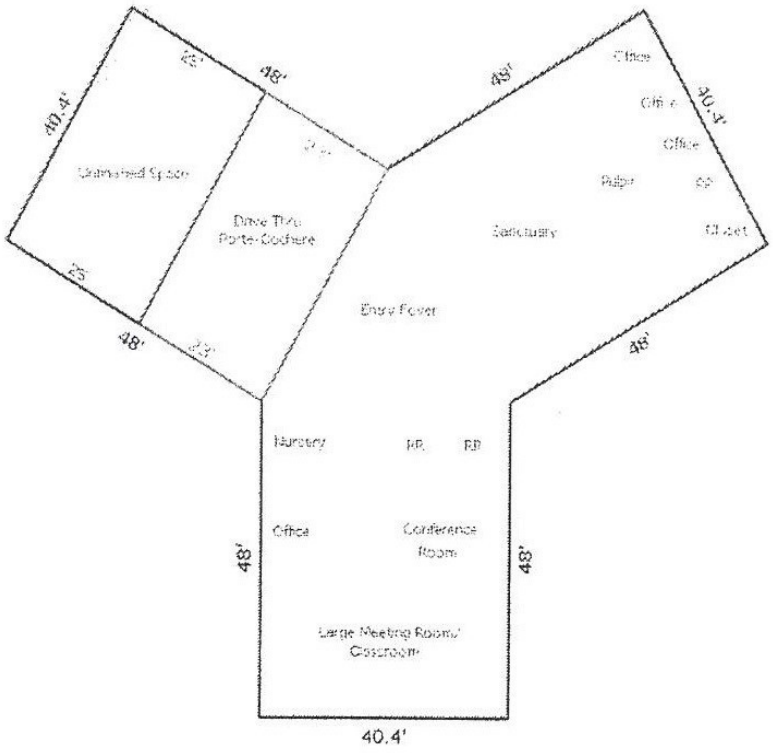
Are we paying a good price? We have negotiated a price of $575,000 for the building, along with its paved parking lot and sign. According to the Bexar County Appraisal District records, the vacant land, without any improvements, is valued at $200,000. According to the Insurance Company currently providing coverage, the replacement value of the building is $721,000. In addition, the parking lot is paved and is marked for a minimum of 29 spaces. SAGHS looked into creating a slightly smaller lot on our existing property last year, and the estimated cost was between $50,000 and $60,000. Thus, the combined value of the property is approximately $975,000.

Can we afford the $575,000 plus the increased operating costs? You have previously been informed about our inheritance from the estate of Yvette Dwyer. We have created the Yvette Dwyer Memorial Fund with the proceeds and the money is being invested in Equities and Securities which will provide SAGHS with income on an annual basis. This purchase will require approximately one-third of what we have inherited. If the membership approves the purchase, we will pay cash, and then, we will derive roughly $30,000 per year (dividend) income from the Memorial Fund. This is far more than the estimated additional costs for insurance, utilities, lawn maintenance, cleaning and building maintenance which we believe will total less than $10,000 annually.

Why are we purchasing the property? There are several good reasons. First, our library is growing, and we need the additional space. This purchase will enable us to make better use of the existing structure for book shelf expansion. Second, we need the meeting rooms. As anyone who has attended a membership meeting knows, our existing room (*cont. on page 3*)

General Membership Meeting
September 21 at 10 am
Location: 903 Melissa Drive (adjacent to our Library)

The pressing issue for this meeting will be for the membership to vote on San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society's plan to purchase the property at 903 Melissa Dr., adjacent to our Library. To assist members in attendance to make their choice, we were given permission to hold our meeting at the property. Here is a sketch of the interior of the Building. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. This vote will take place at the beginning of the meeting.



Our program speaker at this meeting is Hanna Pankowsky. Hanna Davidson Pankowsky was born in Łódź, Poland. She and her family survived the Holocaust by escaping to Russia. After the war, the family emigrated to Mexico City, where Hanna studied microbiology and chemistry; she speaks four languages. For more than fifteen years, Hanna worked as a volunteer at the Children's Shelter. At the same time, she kept the memory of the Holocaust alive by lecturing to students in middle and high schools. Hanna has two children and three grandchildren. She and her husband reside in San Antonio, Texas, where she continues to write.

Finance Committee Report

The General Membership meeting will not only consider a vote on purchasing the property next door, we will also consider adoption of a 2019-2020 Budget, submitted by the Finance Committee, expected to be approved by the Board of Directors at their 14 September meeting. This year's budget includes figures for both income and expense, but may need to be revised if it is decided to purchase the property.

The Finance Committee will meet again on 9 September to finalize our program for this year's fund raising and our Annual Fund Drive letters will be sent out in early November. Please consider making a donation to honor a friend, co-worker, or in memory of a friend or loved one. Your (tax deductible) gift **WILL** make a difference!

Meet Your Officers

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



Second Vice-President:
Nancy Mabie

Nancy has been a member of our Society for 19 years, having joined SAGHS in 2000. Her interest in genealogy was awakened when, while looking through microfilm at a Family History Center, she found the record of her grandfather's 1892 baptism at a small church in rural Kansas. She has since spent a great deal of time researching both her maternal (Vogel, Leuenberger, Ahlers, Buelow) and paternal (Floyd, West, Hopkins, Curnutt) lines. Prior to serving in her current capacity as Membership Chair, Nancy served 4 years as Assistant Treasurer.

Little known facts: Nancy earned an Associate Degree from San Antonio College before attending Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, where she earned her BS and MS in Mathematics. She is a retired Air Force civil servant, primarily at Brooks Air Force Base.



WELCOME

New Members

Eugene Cornelius

Mary Ann Cornelius

Kay Cowles

Barbara Kyse

Tracy Mapus

Aaron McKelvey

Katherine Mead

Linda Reynolds

Diann Sloan

Cindy Watson

Stephanie Wells

President's Message (cont) in the annex is far too small for even 10 % of our membership. The new facility contains a large room which we can use both for membership meetings and for classes. Moreover, the large auditorium will comfortably seat 120 people for our seminars. And there are also several offices which can provide a work area for our treasurer and other vital volunteer positions. Then there is the parking lot. Our neighbors have always allowed us to use their parking lot. But now, whether we purchase it or not, they are selling the property. If not to us, then to someone else, probably a commercial enterprise, leaving us with no parking and no expansion room.

Please try to attend our meeting on September 21st. It will be held in the new building, with the doors open at 9:15 for self-guided tours. The meeting will start at 10:00. If you cannot attend, please consider sending in your proxy so that your vote will count. The proxy forms are enclosed in this newsletter, and must be mailed to SAGHS in order to count. Because of the way our By-Laws are written, absentee ballots are not permitted.

Steve Mabie

Quilts, Quilters and SAGHS History

This Month's Spotlight on Volunteers at SAGHS

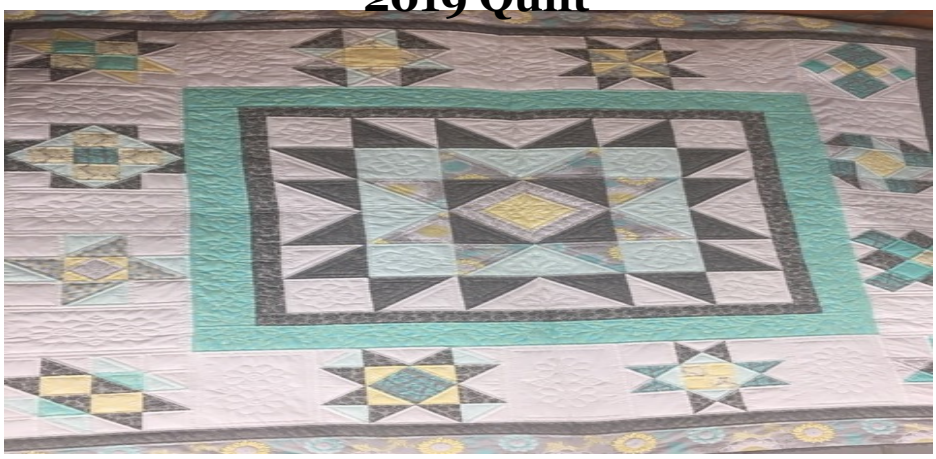


Over many years, a group of very dedicated SAGHS members have spent thousands of hours creating beautiful quilts to be raffled at our Annual Seminar as a fund raiser. The initial quilters were Dusty (Alma) Sherrill and Lillis Atchley. They recruited others who had quilting or sewing skills, to join them. The picture depicts only **some** of these quilts, created by our devoted group of quilters. All quilts are hand sewn, and most are Queen sized. While the cadre of quilters has fluctuated over the years, the dedication has remained the same.

The quilters, after deciding the pattern, purchase the materials with their own funds as their way to give back to SAGHS. Then they divide and conquer the task of completing the quilt. The quilt that many seemed to like the most is the Yellow Rose (not depicted, the Texas Quilt (lower right), & the one for the 300th San Antonio Celebration, (in center with pictures of Alamo & other landmarks).

Once completed, a picture is displayed in the Library, and tickets are available. The tickets are $1.00 each, and the winner is determined at a drawing during our Annual Fall Seminar. The winner need not be present to win.

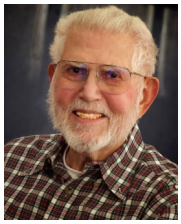
2019 Quilt



This year's quilt is also pictured here, and we look forward to announcing **YOUR NAME** as the winner. Please see our Librarians for tickets.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."
~Elizabeth Andrew

MEMORIAL



JAMES HANEN GARRETT b. October 2, 1934 d. August 4, 2019

Jim Garrett passed peacefully very early Sunday morning August 4, 2019 in hospice care at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, TX after a long battle with prostate cancer and, more recently, dysphasia.

James Hanen Garrett was born on October 2, 1934 to Ralph W. and Lella A. Garrett at the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling, WV. The family moved to Cisco, TX when Jim was an infant, to the family farm near Franklin, IN when he was three, and to Fort Worth, TX at the age of five, when his father became a professor of history at Texas Christian University. Jim made his Confession of Faith at University Christian Church in Fort Worth at an early age. His parents "... gave him the name of his great-great-grandfather in the hopes he might be a minister or a good Christian layman in some church." Jim grew up and attended schools in Fort Worth, worked and played on the family's farm near Granbury, TX during the school year, and worked on the family's farm near Franklin, IN during the summers.

Upon graduation from Paschal High School in Fort Worth in 1952, Jim attended Purdue University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1956. While at Purdue, Jim served in the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, participated in the Purdue Christian Foundation, was an active member of the Purdue Auto Club, and met and married the love of his life, Anne, on September 2, 1956

Jim served in active duty military service as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army: he attended the U.S. Army Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, and served as an Automotive Maintenance and Repair Officer of a Heavy Maintenance Company at Ft. Hood, TX during 1957, remaining there until his honorable discharge in 1968 at the rank of Captain.

Jim's long professional career with internal combustion engines began at Cummins Engine Company in Columbus, IN in 1956. He served at Cummins in many managerial positions involved in major redesigns and innovations. Jim elected to take an early retirement from Cummins in 1987 and became the Vice President of Engineering and Chief Technical Officer of Hercules Engines, Inc. in Canton, OH. Jim joined Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) in San Antonio, TX in 1990 as Director of the Diesel Engine Lubricants Department of the Automotive Products and Emissions Research Division. Later, as Director of Engineering for the Division, he was responsible for developing and implementing plans for improving existing facilities and for the addition of new facilities at SwRI. Later, Jim moved to the Engine and Vehicle Research Division as Director of Engine Research.

When he retired from SwRI, Jim established Garrett Technical Services to work as an independent consultant in support of the engine industry.

Jim was registered as a Professional Engineer in Indiana and Ohio. He was elected a Life Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and served as chair of the Internal Combustion Engine Division of ASME and as it's Secretary for ten years. He also served as a member of the U.S. National Committee of CIMAC (International Congress on Combustion Engines), was a life member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, and was on the Board of Directors of the Engine Manufacturers Association. Throughout his career, Jim authored several technical papers on engine design and operation and participated in countless technical conferences and panel discussions.

Jim had many interests outside of work, too. He owned and worked on antique cars, was a "weekend farmer", a "do-it-yourself" handyman, a single-engine airplane pilot, and was an active member of North Christian Church for the entire time he lived in Columbus. He was a proud Life Member of the Purdue Alumni Association and traveled with Anne to attend several end-of-season bowl games. Jim was also a partner and owner of The Artful Hand, an American Artisan store, with his nephew, Ralph M. Garrett, Jr.

For the past 25+ years, Jim's avocation has been genealogy research. During these pursuits, Jim joined the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society in 1994 and quickly became an active volunteer, member of multiple committees and the Board of Directors, and served as the Society's president from 2017-18.

Above all else, family was everything to Jim, and being a big part of his children's and their family's lives. Jim was exceptionally proud to attend the high school and college graduation ceremonies of not only his children but also all of his four grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph W. Garrett and Lella A. (Mullendore) Garrett, his siblings, Ralph M. Garrett, Joseph H. Garrett, and Lella A. Garrett Foote. He is survived by: his wife, Anne R. (Rounds) Garrett of San Antonio, TX; his son, James H. Garrett, Jr. (Diane) of Howell, MI; his son, David P. Garrett (Cheryl) of West Bloomfield, MI; and his daughter Sarah E. Garrett (Diana Gonzales) of Fort Worth, TX; four grand-children – Michelle E. Scarbrough (Andrew), Delaney K. Garrett, Jack P. Garrett, and James H. Garrett, III; and one great grandchild, Natalie R. Scarbrough.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jim's honor to North Christian Church of Columbus, IN or the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society of San Antonio, TX will be appreciated.

Annual Seminar

SAGHS will host the Annual Seminar on **October 19, 2019.** This year's Seminar will be held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 308 Mt. Calvary Dr, San Antonio TX 78209, from 8:30 -4:00 pm. The cost for attendance (which includes a box lunch) is $55.00 (non-members) but **members receive a discount of $5.00 ($50.00).**

Our Speaker is Dr. Michael Lacopo. 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)".

The Registration Form is attached to this Newsletter. Registrations received after October 5, will incur a $5.00 late registration fee. Registration can be accomplished on-line with a credit card, by mail with a check, or in person during Library Operating Hours by cash or check.

NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION!

"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."

—Abigail Adams

Memorials

It is with deep sadness that we said our final goodbyes to James Garrett. Jim was a member for 25 years, and during that time he served on many committees and as Chair of Buildings & Grounds Committee, and President. See Obituary on page 4.

John Moore Killian, husband of member Jessie Killian passed away this summer.

Jeffrey D. Opperman, former member passed away July 4, 2019

Imogene J. Collins, member, passed away July 4, 2019.

Donations made in their names are used to purchase Library Resources.

The time of life is limited, why not live it in joy. -Anonymous

SAGHS RENOVATIONS

In September, 2018 the Membership approved the Board's recommendation to utilize the funds for the Annex Expansion to fund two projects. These projects are the remodeling of the Breezeway (now referred to as our Entryway) and the Texas Room. The Breezeway renovations consisted of creating a climate controlled room with improved doorways, a wheelchair ramp into the Library, electricity, lighting and air conditioning/heating unit. The Texas Room consisted of installation of moveable shelving, new flooring, lighting and a air condition/heating unit. Without any other major changes these improved the "look" of SAGHS, and most importantly increases our space utilization.

Entryway



The new Entry (former Breezeway) has been converted into a research space. If you are interested in researching in New England books and periodicals, this is the place for you in the library. Interested in the biographies of famous people, you can use the books in RF 33000. Also shelved here are Dictionaries (RF 34000). This space is still "in progress", more to come as we evolve the library layout**.**

This improved space is the result of several years of planning, and the efforts of the Campus Planning Committee to pull it all together, get the detail drawings, bids, and follow-up with the contractors. The major volunteers in this effort were: Jim Garrett, Rob Lewis, Charles Brussells, Kurt Kneeland led by David Ringer, Chair of Campus Planning

Texas Room

The concept of installing moveable shelves was that of Beverly Rakowitz, who initiated contact with the vendor. It became clear that we also needed to improve the lighting, and climate control (not only for the comfort of our patrons, but also for the sustainability of the books). Therefore, with the help of the Campus Planning Committee, the lighting was replaced along with the addition of an air / heat conditioner. The contractor was responsible for returning the books to the shelves, but our astute library volunteers (Mary Souter, Carolyn Wilcoxen, Diane Adams, Barbara McPherson, Carol McBee and Nancy McNamara) led by Beverly Rakowitz reshelved to allow more spacing for new acquisitions among the various shelves. They also moved the collections in the new Entryway.



LIBRARY NEWS

Using FamilySearch Affiliate Library at SAGHS

Each user of the FamilySearch Affiliate Library features MUST use their own log-in & password. (This access is free, and should be set-up at home, but SAGHS Librarians can help with set-up, if necessary). The most efficient way to utilize this service, is for the user to bring in the citations they found in FamilySearch at home, that indicated the image(s) were locked (symbolized by a key over the camera icon). Once logged in at SAGHS, the user can go directly to those citations and view the image(s). These images can be downloaded to a flash drive, or printed. Note: some prints are not user friendly, or require manipulation for ease of viewability.

Also, users can bring in their own laptops/tablets, and once logged into SAGHS's wifi, followed by log into FamilySearch, can proceed with their search and downloading of images. To assist users, SAGHS will have a supply of flash drives for sale. **Library Hours**: Sunday 1:00 pm – 5 pm, Monday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Wednesday 10:00 am– 7 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

New Books

Title	Author	Call #	Donor
Captain Clint Peoples, Texas Ranger; Fifty Years A Lawman	Day, James M.	RF 33004 Peoples	Day, James M.
Maria Andrea Castanon Villanueva (Senora Candelaria): "Heroine of San Antonio"	Gomez, Maria O. "Vee" et al	RF 33004 Villanueva	Gomez, Maria O. "Vee"
Castle Hills First Baptist School		SN 116	Josh Wyatt
New Avenues (Castle Hills First Baptist School)	Students. Cope, August, ed.	SN 148	Josh Wyatt
Our Ancestors; Lineage Charts covering the United States and many foreign countries.	SAGHS	SN 2L	SAGHS
Anglo-American Texans, The		TX 00001 (1)	Pat Merk
1999 Bexar County, Texas Polk City Directory, Volume One		TX bexa0	Sue Hall
1999 Bexar County, Texas Polk City Directory, Volume Two		TX bexa0	Sue Hall
First Families of Bexar County, Texas; Descendant Lineages of Residents of Bexar, San Antonio, and Bexar County Prior to 1850	Luckett, Larry W., ed.	TX bexa4 (118)	SAGHS
Mission Espada After Secularization	de Vara, Art Martinez	TX bexa4 (119)	Memorial
History of Limestone County Texas 1833-1860, A	Steele, Hampton	TX lime4	Cynthis Bondesen
Castro's Colony; Empresario Development in Texas, 1842-1865	Weaver, Bobby D.	TX medi4	Memorial
Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Volume 5	Virginia Historical Society	VA 00004 (2)	Cynthia Bondesen
Personal Property Tax Lists for the Year 1787 for Amherst County, Virginia, The	Schreiner-Yantis, Netti and Florene Love	VA amhe2	Fairfax Virginia Library
Vestry Book of Southam Parish Cumberland County, Virginia 1745-1792, The	Blomquist, Ann K.	VA combo	Memorial
Prince William County, Virginia Bond Book August 1753-1782	Johnson, June Whitehurst	VA prnw7	Fairfax Virginia Library

Upcoming Events

September 2

Library Closed

Labor Day

September 7 & 14

DNA Consultation Hour

10, 11, & 12

SAGHS Library

September 8

Newspaper Research

2 pm—4 pm

Library Annex

September 11

Family Tree Maker/Wiki Tree

10 am—noon

Library Annex

September 21

Historic General Membership Meeting

Voting on potential

property purchase

10 am—noon

Location: 903 Melissa Dr

September 28

Google Earth

(Special Interest Group)

10 am—noon

Library Annex

For more details and other Events, please go to our website:

https://txsaghs.org

Membership Renewal



If you have not already paid your membership dues, we still value your membership. Please come back, we want you to be able to enjoy the benefits of membership.

If you are not sure if you have paid… please call the Library during regular business hours, or email: membership@txsaghs.org.

Those who are not paid members by the General Membership Meeting of **September 21,** will **NOT** be allowed to vote, or hold a proxy ballot.

Dues were due on July 1. Members, who do **NOT** renew by August 31, will be dropped from the rolls. They will not be listed in our Membership Year-book, and more importantly, will not be able to avail themselves of the:

Benefits of Membership:

- Access to free workshops (Wiki-Tree, Google Earth, Roots Magic).
- Ability to post your family surnames on SAGHS website.
- Access to indexes of Bexar county cemeteries.
- Unlimited use of SAGHS library resources including databases (Ancestry.com, Fold 3.com and the newest Familysearch.org digital resources.
- Access to Members Only section of the website.
- Invitation to all SAGHS programs.
- Email reminders of upcoming events.
- Discount on annual seminar and classes.
- Discount on Dell when buying computers and other products, through a partnership with FGS.

Members whose dues weren't received by August 31, will need to pick up their copy of *Our Heritage* at the Library, as it will not be mailed.

Your $40.00 (single), or $60.00 (joint) dues can be paid in person to our duty Librarians by cash or check, or by mail sent to SAGHS 911 Melissa Dr. San Antonio, TX 78213, or by credit card on our website: https://txsaghs.org (members only sign-in required).

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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, 3rd Sat in October (Seminar), Christmas Eve & Day. *Early closings on Thanksgiving & New Years Eve*

Genealogy Research Opportunities (outside of SAGHS)

- **September 8** the LDS, East Stake (8801 Midcrown) is hosting their annual Family History Seminar. Call 210-656-4111 for registration and details.
- Familytreewebinars.com is hosting a plethora of **free** webinars (Examples, Using Maps for British research, DNA, Genealogical Proof Standard, Finding Immigrants who disappeared) during September. For details, dates etc. go to their website.
- **October 11-13** Texas State Genealogical Society is hosting their Annual Seminar in Houston TX, at the Omni Hotel (Westside). Early Bird registration online until Sept. 10, ($145 members, $165 non-members). See more details on their website: https://txsgs.org

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



Our Treasurer is looking for a volunteer to be an Assistant Treasurer. Duties to include making copies, counting money, prepare 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 a 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.

Reminder

The SAGHS Library will be closed on Monday
September 2, 2019 for
Labor Day.

We will re-open on Wednesday
September 4 at 10 am.

SAN ANTONIO GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PROXY BALLOT

MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY USPS POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

I _____(print full name) (a SAGHS member in good standing) give my proxy vote to the following San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society member to vote at the upcoming General Membership Meeting of September 21, 2019. If you choose a person other than the Secretary, please ensure that they are a member in good standing, and will be in attendance at the meeting on September 21, 2019.

Check ONLY ONE:

_____ Secretary of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society (Carole McBee)

_____ Other: _____ (print name)

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this ballot addressed to: Secretary, San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society, 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio, TX 78213