San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

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HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY 1959-2019



A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions

June/July 2019 *Newsletter*



President Graham's Final Message

It is the season of change. I have often joked that I don't mind change, as long as I know change is coming. One thing is certain in life and that is there will always be change. This month, we change leadership with a new slate of officers for the 2019-2021 term. This past year has been one of incredible changes and growth at SAGHS. I have learned so much about being a leader this year in the role as president. John Maxwell, a pastor and author of several books on leadership, said "*The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails.*" I had to learn how to read the wind and keep our ship on the path we had set before us. Going in, I knew I'd have to lean on my fellow officers and society volunteers to do the job. There is no way we could have accomplished the massive undertaking that was 2018-2019 without working together. Change is as uncomfortable as it is exciting. This year welcomed the beautiful changes of the type of shelving we have from the traditional to the high density shelving units and transforming the breezeway into a more functional space. We will be bringing in changes in our technology with better computers and more access to more databases. It has been my absolute honor and pleasure to serve as the president of the San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society. I hope I have done a job that is worthy of the office. Thank you for entrusting me with the guidance of our organization.

Annette Graham



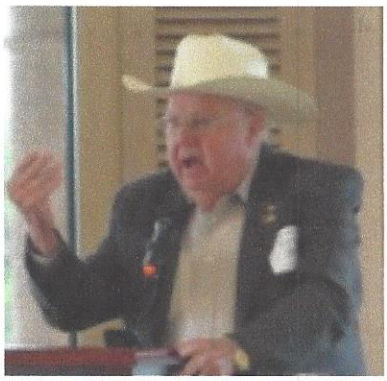
Meet President Mabie

The beginning of our seventh decade promises to be a very dynamic time in our history. As I write this (in early June), there are two events that may dramatically impact our organization, one being the final distribution of the proceeds from the Dwyer Estate. Even though Yvette Dwyer, a member of our society for over 30 years, died more than two years ago, her estate has yet to complete probate; but we do know that when completed, it will provide a stable source of income for our future. Meanwhile, we have also been notified the property immediately adjoining ours is available for purchase, potentially resolving for all time the issues of parking, meeting space and the expansion of our library. The simple fact is that the capability for this purchase has only been made possible by the Dwyer Estate. Perhaps these two events are more than a coincidence? If you are one who would dismiss this possibility out of hand, I suggest you read the book by Henry Z. Jones, Jr., *Psychic Roots, Serendipity & Intuition in Genealogy*.

The challenge we face is to remain who we are: a group of volunteers whose generosity both in terms of time and money has allowed our successful operation for 60 years. Our inheritance should not change what we do or how we do it.

Steve Mabie

FOUNDERS DAY LUNCHEON



The San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society kicked off its 60th year at the Annual Founders' Day Luncheon at the Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club, on June 15, 2019. Our Guest Speaker was Joe Davis, Retired Texas Ranger, who gave a wonderful overview of the Texas Rangers.



SAGHS was recognized with a Proclamation from the City of San Antonio for our dedication to Genealogy and History for 60 years. President Graham presented the Proclamation Certificate which will be framed and exhibited in our Library.

This annual event pays honor to the Founders of the Society and recognizes those families who have proven their lineage to 1850 Bexar County residents. This year's honorees are:



Carmen Delgado-Guzman
Kathryn Guzman
Kamryn Carmen Guzman
Margaret Moran
Velma Delgado-Armstead

Each of these individuals proved their lineage to Rafael Quintana and Dominga Garcia. We invite you to read their stories in an upcoming edition of *Our Heritage*.

Founders' Day also marks the end of one fiscal year and the beginning of the next. In that regard we installed a new slate of officers. The 2019-2022 slate is:

President: Steve Mabie
1st Vice President: Barbara Froebel
2nd Vice President: Nancy Mabie
3rd Vice President: Bill Myers
Treasurer: Pat Merk
Secretary: Carole McBee

We wish them well!



Left to Right: Ms. Merk, Mr. Myers, Ms. Froebel, Ms. Mabie, Ms. McBee. Seated Mr. Mabie

SUMMER CALENDAR



Saturday, July 6
DNA Consultation Hour - 10 AM in the SAGHS Library

Wednesday, July 10
Family Tree Maker/Wikitree Workshop - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the SAGHS Library Annex

Sunday, July 14
DNA Presentation - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the SAGHS Library Annex

Saturday, August 3
Beginner's Genealogy Class - Part 1 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the SAGHS Library. **MUST PRE-REGISTER AND PAY BY JULY 18.**

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Sunday, August 11
Heirloom Preservation & What Happens to Your Research After You Die? 2 – 4 pm, Library Annex

Saturday, August 17
Roots Magic: Exploring connections with Ancestry and Family Search 10 am - Noon

A full listing is in the Events section of our website: www.txsaghs.org

Please pre-register for these classes/workshops, as a courtesy to the volunteer instructors.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewal season is June 1 – August 31

Members who renew after July 1, will need to pick up their copy of *Our Heritage* from the Library. Members, who do NOT renew by August 31, will be dropped from the rolls. They will not be listed in our Membership Directory, and more importantly, will not be able to avail themselves of the Benefits of Membership.

Benefits of Membership at SAGHS

- Subscription to award-winning Our Heritage
- Opportunity to publish your family history in *Our Heritage*
- Monthly Newsletter
- Volunteer opportunities galore
- Ability to post your family surnames on SAGHS website
- Access to indexes of Bexar county cemeteries
- Unlimited use of SAGHS library
- 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

An application is included with this Newsletter (for your convenience) or you can download one from the website http://txsaghs.org
You can join or renew your membership online, with a credit card, by mail, with a check, or in person with cash or check by filling out the application at the library. *We ask that an 'application' is completed each year to update your membership record in our files.*

SAVE THE DATE
Annual Seminar

October 19, 2019 – 8:30 am – 4 pm
Cost: $55.00 (non members); $50.00 members
New Location:
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church on Mt. Calvary St, near Hildebrand & Broadway.
Speaker: Michael Lacopo

The Society is looking for a Certified Public Accountant with knowledge about non-profits to volunteer with us. We need to be assured that we comply with all requirements for our nonprofit organization. A member who would be willing to volunteer would be much appreciated. However, if a member knows of someone that would volunteer pro bono or at a discounted rate, we would also appreciate a referral. Please contact Bill Myers, Third Vice-President and Finance Committee Chairman at 210-826-6275 or bill_ellen@yahoo.com.



The volunteer Head Librarian position is open. Anyone interested in filling this role, please call or email: Steve Mabie at: 210-490-9997 or smabie@aol.com

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There are also many other tasks available, join our friendly group of volunteers on Tuesday mornings. Free coffee!

For more information, contact Nancy McNamara at 210-523-8418.

A Note from National Geographic Society's Genographic DNA Project:

The public participation phase of this research project is ending and, as a result, effective May 31, 2019, Geno 2.0 DNA Ancestry kits are no longer available for purchase. If you have already purchased a kit, you may still send it in for processing in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of sale. National Geographic currently plans to maintain this site, through which customers may access their results, until the end of 2020. The Project web site is: https://genographic.nationalgeographic.com/states

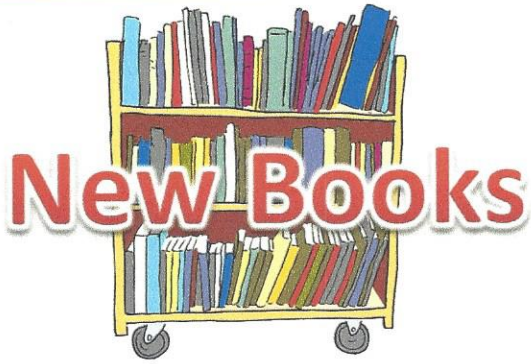
Please see their FAQ page for more information.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There is no regularly scheduled Membership Meeting until September 21. However, if we will be required to make a purchase decision on the property (903 Melissa Dr.), the President will call an Emergency Meeting. Please watch your e-mail, the Website, and notice in the Library, in case a meeting is required. Your vote will be **VERY** important.

The Finance Committee is meeting with financial managers, will be ranking the candidates, finalizing an Investment Policy and Financial Management Plan to recommend to the Board of Directors. This Plan will contain our investment goals and a strategy for achieving them which will guide the Board in its decisions.

Funds from the Dwyer Estate should be received before the Board considers a decision on the Plan and the financial manager. The Executors of the Estate have been asked to send all proceeds to SAGHS in cash. Anyone wishing additional information can contact Mr. B. Myers, 3rd VP.

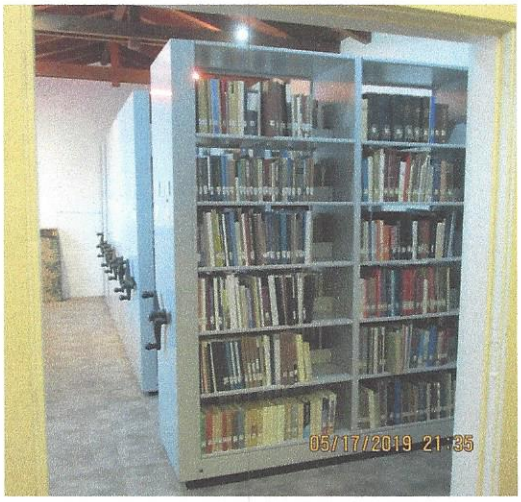


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North America Atlas 2017: United States, Canada & Mexico; Collector's Edition	Kappa Map Group.com	AT 56	Clarence Bell
Southern Bensons, Dickson, Scruggs and Related Families		CD FH	Peggy Durack
Descendants of William Cromartie and Ruhamah Doane and Related Families, Vol. I	Gilbert, Amanda Cook and Jasper Parham	FH Doane	Harrell Estate by Mr. Smoot
Martens Family Tree (My Family Story), The	Jensen, Hilda	FH Martens	Walt Wilson
Vital Records of Gray Maine to the Year of 1930	Black, Howard G.	ME cumb4	
Puritan Pedigrees; The Deep Roots of the Great Migration to New England	Anderson, Robert Charles	NG 00004 (24)	Memorial
Scottish Roots; A step-by-step guide for ancestor hunters	James, Alwyn	RF 02004 (32)	Harrell Estate by Mr. Smoot
Long Point Settlers, The	Mutrie, R. Robert	RF 07004 (49)	
James D. Bulloch Secret Agent and Mastermind of the Confederate Navy	Wilson, Walter E & Gary L McKay	RF 33004 Bulloch	Walter E. Wilson
Virginia Immigrants and Adventurers 1607-1635: A Biographical Dictionary	McCartney, Martha A.	VA 00004 (171)	Memorial
Wills of Westmoreland county, Virginia, 1654-1800	Fothergill, Augusta B.	VA west7	Memorial
Charles Parish York county, Virginia History and Registers, Births 1648-1789, Deaths 1665-1787	Bell, Landon C.	VA york8	Memorial

2020 Classes



The SAGHS Education Committee asks your help to select the *Choices for the 2020 Classes/Workshops*. It is your input that guides our Fall meeting to plan and select the next year's program. To facilitate your time, the list is included in this newsletter to complete and return to SAGHS, 911 Melissa Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213-2024. We appreciate you taking your valuable time to do this.



The Texas Room has New, Moveable Shelves. Resources included here: Texas references and county histories, Texas periodicals, Family histories, Multi-family and Surname books, San Antonio City Directories, and Texas Obituaries.

- Carriages are easy to move.
- Make sure no one is in a row before moving the shelves.
- Do not leave a step stool in the aisle.

While you are in a row, you can lock the carriage, if you do not want the row to be moved.



Nancy Armstrong
Bill Armstrong
Connor Burns
Tim Clarkson
Tom McCabe
Connie McCord
Deirde McDonald
John Neal
Vanessa Neal
Mary Ringer
Lisa Sawa
Richard Weitzel
Jim Wilhite
Cheryl Wren

Be sure to visit the library and the members-only section of the website to enjoy some of the benefits of your membership!

Quilt Drawing

Tickets for our handmade Quilt are on sale for $1.00 each. Purchase can be made from our Librarians. The drawing for the Quilt will take place at our Annual Seminar on October 19. The winner does NOT need to be present.

MEMORIALS

Donations to Memorials help purchase books and databases for our library. You may submit memorial donations in person or by mail to the library.

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2020 Choices For Classes/Workshops

Please check the box to the left of the topics that you would like to attend in 2020. Bring or mail the completed form to us at: SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio, TX 78213. Thank You.

	Court Topics
	How to locate naturalization records, Post Am. Revolution
	Courthouse research
	Probate Records
	Tax records

	Places
	Indian Territory (Oklahoma) Research
	Researching in:
	Virginia
	Tennessee
	Mississippi
	North Carolina
	South Carolina
	Researching Germany

	Military
	Confederate Military Research
	Using Fold 3

	Other Topics
	Tracking identites from photos
	Tips on Planning a Research Trip to Europe
	Citing Sources
	Cemetary visit

	Maps
	Migration from East to West:
	Pre Civil War
	Post Civil War
	The Homestead Act
	The Madona Trail
	Using Maps to reflect border changes

	Organization/Computer/Technology
	Organizating your research (digital & paper)
	Building a family tree
	Analyzing your information
	Basic computer knowledge
	Internet sources
	Lineage Societies
	Using DNA results from:
	Ancestry DNA
	Family Tree DNA
	23 & Me DNA

	Records
	Where to find US records from 18th Century
	Where to find US records from 19th Century
	Federal Census Research:
	Pre 1850
	1850 and beyond

Other Classes/Workshop Suggestions

I would be willing to instruct the following:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

San Antonio
GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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New Member / Renewal Application

Membership Year: 1 July – 30 June

- **New members** may join the Society at a pro-rated fee: Jan 1 – June 30 (1/2 regular dues).
- Former members are eligible for pro-rated fee only if they have not been members of the Society for a full year (July 1 – June 30) prior to rejoining the Society.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Type of membership:	☐ Single $40.00 ☐ Student $25.00	☐ Joint $60.00 (maximum of 2 individuals, at one address) ☐ Subscription $25.00 **(Journal & Newsletter only)**

Single or Primary Joint Member		**Secondary Joint Member**	
Prefix: ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr. ☐ M ☐ F		**Prefix:** ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr. ☐ M ☐ F	
Name:		**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:**	
Occupation / Retired from:		**Occupation / Retired from:**	
Are you: ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced		**Are you:** ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced	

Household Mailing Address:

Phone Number: ( )	**Alternate: ( )**

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 #:

Send this form with your check to: SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78213-2024

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