San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

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A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions

April 2018 *Newsletter*

The next general meeting of the SAGHS membership will be on 21 April 2018 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Library Annex.

German Colonization and the Founding of New Braunfels, Texas

Presented by: Jo Beth Oestreich
New Braunfels Conservation Society

Dr. Oestreich will be speaking on the German Emigration Society efforts to colonize in the Republic of Texas resulting in the founding of New Braunfels in 1845. Through the efforts of the New Braunfels Conservation Society, numerous original houses, stores, and facilities from the nineteenth-century German settlers have been saved, restored, and are available today at the Society's site on Church Hill in New Braunfels.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Stop by for learning and enjoy refreshments too.

Election of Directors for 2018-2020 Term

FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCHEON
16 JUNE 2018

Good friends, tasty food, and great experiences.

Register online or by mail.

See the event flyer on page 7.

President's Message

We will be participating in the seventh annual **History and Genealogy Day** at Mission San Jose on April 28, 2018. This event, sponsored by the National Park Service, will allow us to share our information and researching tools with the visitors. **Charles Brussells** and **Cindy Kennedy** will represent our Society at this event.

The Board of Directors agreed to support the establishment a **Butterfly Pollinator Garden** on our grounds as part of an effort to establish 300 pollinator gardens in San Antonio this Tri-Centennial year. We placed 100 selected plants during our Grounds Day on Saturday, 24 March. Butterfly sightings have already been reported, so they are finding the plants. Thanks to Master Gardener, **Sir Oliver Smith, "Smitty"**, for organizing this effort.

We are finalizing details of the proposed **replacement chair lift** system in order to obtain quotations for Board consideration.

Plans for our **Founders' Day** Luncheon have been finalized, and you are encouraged to make your reservations. It's also a good time to **purchase raffle tickets** for the outstanding Tri-centennial themed quilt.

Our property insurance carrier, The Hartford Company, has issued a **Notice of Non-renewal** of out current insurance policy. We are, therefore, seeking a new insurance carrier.

James H. Garrett

April — May Calendar



Sunday, 8 Apr.—CLASS: "Analyze Your Research Findings," Instructor: Cindy Kennedy, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Tuesday, 10 Apr.—SAGHS Board, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

Wednesday, 11 Apr.—Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Saturday, 21 Apr. — GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Speaker: Jo Beth Oestreich will review the first German settlement in Texas that began in New Braunfels. **Election of Directors-at-Large**, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

Tuesday, 24 Apr.—DNA Consult with Kurt Kneeland. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, 28 Apr. — Book Signing, Author Barbara Ortwein discusses her trilogy on German Immigration to Texas**,** 10:30 A.M., SAGHS Annex

Tuesday, 1 May—Brick Wall Queries Due, SAGHS Library

Tuesday, 8 May—SAGHS Board, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex

Wednesday, 9 May—Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Sunday, 13 May— Library CLOSED, Mothers' Day

Saturday, 19 May — GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Speaker: Steve Mabie, through a collection of Hemisfair items, will present the history of the San Antonio World's Fair of 1968. 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

Sunday, 20 May—CLASS: "Researching Ancestors in Spanish Colonial and Mexican Texas," Instructor Larry Luckett, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex

Tuesday, 22 May—DNA Consult with Kurt Kneeland. Pre-registration required.

Sunday, 28 May— Library CLOSED, Memorial Day

Sunday Afternoon Classes

CLASS SCHEDULE: Please pre-register by calling the library, emailing or registering in person. We ask members for a $5.00 donation and non-members for a $10.00 donation. Donations support the library operations and society programs. Class time is 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. or as posted, at the SAGHS Library Annex, 911 Melissa, San Antonio.

Please call the library 210-342-5242 to reserve a space for all classes and workshops!

The *Events* schedule is posted on the SAGHS website: http://www.txsaghs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38



Sunday, 8 April—"Analyze Your Research Findings," Instructor: Cindy Kennedy. You may have stacks of printouts, as well as files saved on your computer—all connected to specific research questions. Where to go from here? Come to this class to learn how to analyze your sources, the information contained in the sources, and the evidence that pertains to your research questions.

Sunday, 20 May—"Researching Ancestors in Spanish Colonial and Mexican National Texas," Instructor: Larry W. Luckett. Today's program will discuss archives, resources, and techniques to locate records of your ancestors in Texas in 1718-1835.



Sunday, 10 June—"Researching Ancestors in the Republic of Texas and Early Statehood," Instructor: Larry W. Luckett. The Republic of Texas was a foreign nation, independent of the United States for nine years. The class will address Republic of Texas records in addition to those of early statehood that are useful in supporting genealogical research.

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1 May 2018, the deadline to submit your Brick Wall(s) problem, is quickly approaching. "Brick walls" are those dead ends in you research that you cannot get by or around. Why not send your perplexing dilemma to others who could offer suggestions? Perhaps another's perspective(s) could help to unmask your mystery.

Please send your Brick Wall(s) for consideration by emailing to Education@txsaghs.org, snail mailing to the library ATTN: Education, or leaving your query at the SAGHS Library addressed to Education. We'll review and choose several for our experienced panelists to discuss at a class on 12 August. (See the January *Newsletter* for details and format).

SAGHS Quilt Group Creates a San Antonio Tricentennial Keepsake

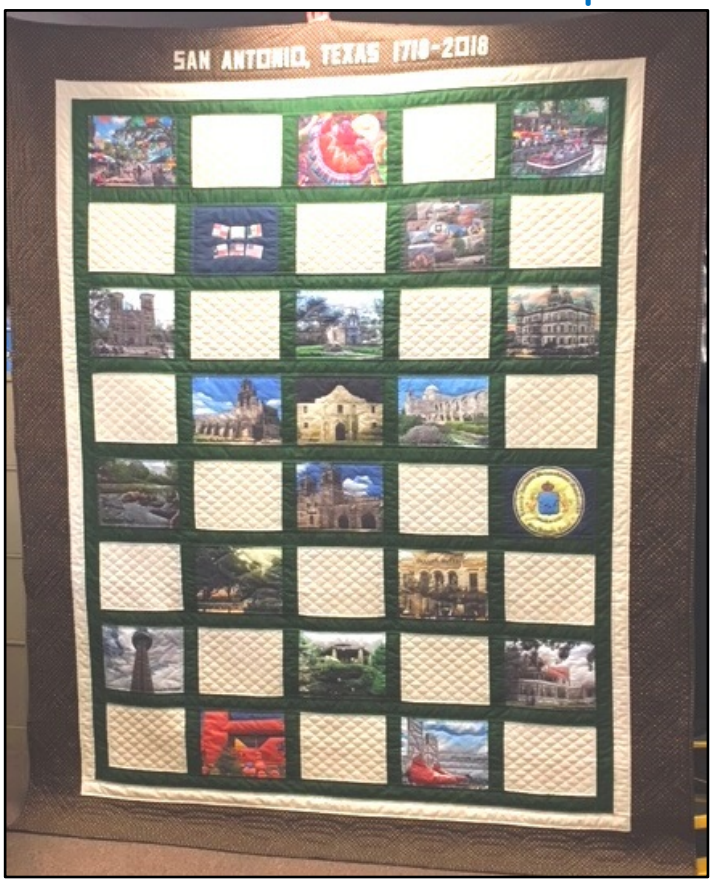


Image courtesy Barbara Johns

The handmade 2018 San Antonio Tricentennial quilt celebrating 300 years of San Antonio culture has been completed. The Quilt Committee, Helen Parker, Barbara Dehle, Annie Hunt, Cathy Bohnak, Barbara Johns, Virginia Pulliam, and Dusty Sherrill, have created another memorable keepsake. The quilt uses color photos of landmarks printed on cloth for the quilt squares. Tickets are available at the Library Desk for $1.00 for the drawing at the Seminar in October. **BUY SEVERAL TODAY!**



Oliver "Smitty" Smith, Helen Parker, and David Ringer set out plants in front of the library that will attract bees, butterflies, and other pollinators to the garden. *Images courtesy Pat Merk*

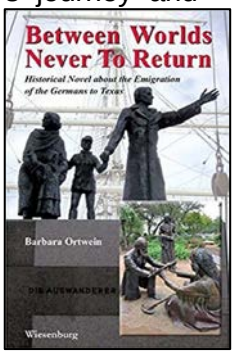
During our **Spring Grounds Clean-up Day** on 24 March we planted 100 flowering plants of several varieties as part of a "300 Pollinating Gardens for 300 Years" program, celebrating San Antonio's Tricentennial. Also helping that day, but not pictured, were Pat Merk and Nancy McNamara.

"Smitty" and Lee Morris plant flowers in the garden area on the west side of the drive.



Special Saturday Event

Save the date to hear history fiction author, Barbara Ortwein, talk about her books on German migration to America. On Saturday, 28 April beginning at 10:30 A.M. in the SAGHS Annex, Barbara presents her trilogy about a German family's journey and their struggles to establish a new residence and way of life. In addition to her presentation, the morning's activity includes a sing-along, refreshments, book sales, and book signing for you to enjoy. Although a free admission, we ask you to register in advance by calling SAGHS at 210-342-5242 or emailing *education@txsaghs.org*. Guests are welcome.





We Need Your Help

Grant Writer -- Funding grants will be an important element in implementing projects to improve our facilities not covered in the normal budget. If you would be willing to help in this effort please contact President Jim Garrett.

Newsletter Editor – What better way to keep abreast of all the happenings at SAGHS than to tell everyone else about them. Learn to express yourself. Contact Cindy Kennedy.

MOVING?

Please take a moment to give us your new mailing address so that we can mail the next copy of *Our Heritage* to you! E-mail to

membership@txsaghs.org or call 210-342-5242

MEMORIALS

Jean N. Dickman

Yvette Cubain Dwyer

Lavonne K. Bradfield Patricia Davis
Former Members

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

NEW MEMBERS

Doris Franke Andrea Hardeman
Ray Martin Deanna Magee
Cindy Peters

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

Newly Arrived Books

Gift of Anonymous

Rockingham County North Carolina Deed Abstracts 1785-1800 Webster, Irene B. NC rock6

Brief Abstracts of Norfolk County Wills 1710-1753 McIntosh, Charles Fleming VA norf7

Gift of Armando Rodriguez

Familia Mendoza, La (y Longoria, Garza, Garcia, ...) Mendoza, Rogelio, comp. FH Mendoza

Gift of Ina Morris

Forgotten Battlefield of the First Texas Revolution: The Battle of Medina Schwarz, Ted TX 00004 (49)

The Sons of the Republic of Texas 1994 Handbook, TX 00005 (40a)

The History of Angelina County, Texas 1846-1991, History Book Committee TX ange4

Edwards County History Edwards County Book Committee TX edwa4

Pioneering in Southwest Texas; True Stories of Early Day Experiences in Edwards and Adjoining Counties Gray, Frank S. TX edwa4

Plainview A Pictorial History Morris, C. Gwin TX hale4

Jeff Davis County, Texas Jacobson, Lucy Miller and Mildred Bloys Nored TX jeffD4

Menard County History - An Anthology - Wheless, Lyness Ellis, ed. Menard County Historical Society TX mena4

All Our Yesterdays; A Brief History of Chappell Hill Winfield, Nath and Judy TX wash4

Gift of Nancy McNamara

Illinois Genealogical Research Schweitzer, George K. IL 00000 (2)

Gift of Al Metts

Alabama and Mississippi Connections; Historical and Biographical Sketches of Families Who Settled on Both Sides of the Tombigbee River Jacobson, Judy AL 00004 (13)

Newly Arrived Books

Gift of Harrell Estate by Mr. Smoot

Sesquicentennial-Bicentennial Edition of The Carroll County Story, Steering Committee GA carr4

Carroll County, Georgia Abstract of Deed Book A and B 1827-1836 Word, Mary Florence Arthur GA carr6

Blount County, Tennessee Will Book Number 1, 1799-1858 WPA TN blou7

Gift of Patsy Castanon

Something About Brown Havins, T.R. TX brow4

In the Life and Lives of Brown County People

Volume 2 Issue 2 Bishop, Lorene, Hazel Wetzel, Murlene Stephens, compilers TX brow4

Book 7 November 1987 Laughlin, Charlotte and Pauline Hochhalter TX brow4

Book 9, March 1990 Drinkard, Alene, Bishop, Lorene, and Bishop, Preston TX brow4

Book 15 March 2000 Bishop, Lorene Eastman TX brow4

In the Life and Lives of Brown County People, Book 17, Rural Cemetery Inscriptions Supplement I Early, Joy Cade, Rodgers, Jom and Georgia TX brow8

Brown County Texas Index to Marriages 1880-1920 Langford, Opal & Juanita McBee TX brow8

Gift of James Garrett

Allegany County, Maryland Rural Cemeteries Genealogical Society of Allegany County MD alle8

Gift of Nancy M. Law

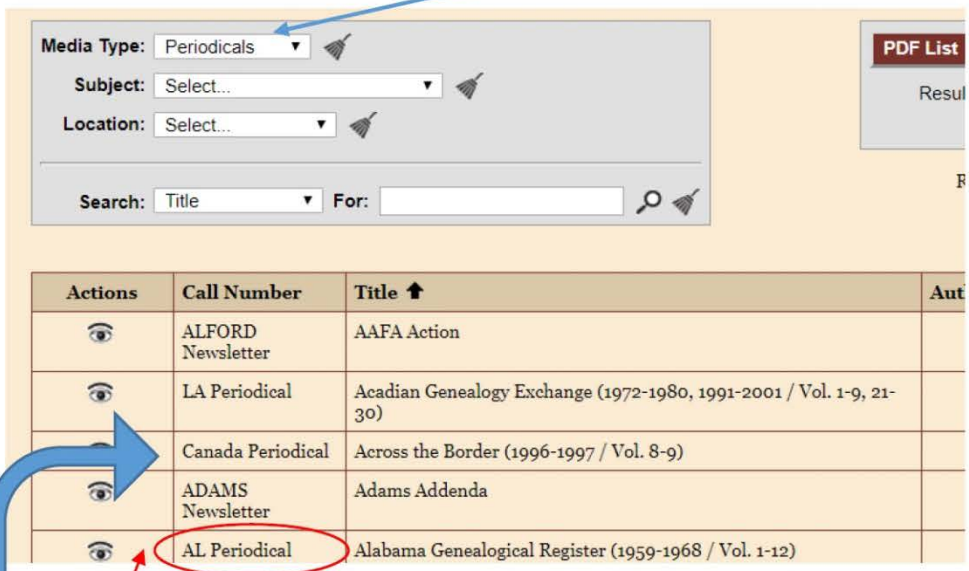
Official Early-Day History of Wilbarger County, Second Printing Ross, Charles P. TX wilb4

Gift of General Society of Mayflower Descendants

Mayflower Families Through Six Generations...Volume Twenty-One Part 2; Family of John Billington Sixth Generation Descendants Arthaud, John Bradley, comp. RF 01004 (25) v.21.2

Periodicals: Now easy to locate in the SAGHS Library

Search the online catalog using the Media Type.



Actions	Call Number	Title	Aut
	ALFORD Newsletter	AAFA Action	
	LA Periodical	Acadian Genealogy Exchange (1972-1980, 1991-2001 / Vol. 1-9, 21-30)	
	Canada Periodical	Across the Border (1996-1997 / Vol. 8-9)	
	ADAMS Newsletter	Adams Addenda	
	AL Periodical	Alabama Genealogical Register (1959-1968 / Vol. 1-12)	

State Periodicals use the 2-letter state name and Periodical. These are shelved with the State.

U.S. and foreign periodicals are shelved in the Annex.

	AL Periodical	Deep South Genealogical Quarterly (1963-2001 / Vol. 1-38)	
	DE Periodical	Delaware Genealogical Society Journal (and Newsletter) (1995-2004 / Vol. 8-12)	
	DE Periodical	Delaware History (1953-1964 / Vol. 5-12)	
	AZ Periodical	Desert Tracker (2010, 2013- / Vol. 31, 34-)	
	MS Periodical	Desoto Descendants (1990-1991 / Vol. 8-9)	

Historical Periodicals are located upstairs.

(At this time you have to check the record to see if the periodical is upstairs or with the state. Soon historical periodicals will be classified as Historical Periodical.)

Family newsletters are Upstairs; shelved by the family name.

	CAMPBELL Newsletter	Clan Campbell Society Newsletter
	DONALD Newsletter	Clan Donald Magazine
	DOUGLAS Newsletter	Clan Douglas Society of North America
	MCLAREN Newsletter	Clan McLaren Society USA Quarterly
	MONTGOMERY Newsletter	Clan Montgomery Society of North America Inc Newsletter
	CLARK Newsletter	Clark Clarion Newsletter

Courtesy Bev Rakowitz

Judge Ed Butler Recognized for Citizenship and Patriotism, Awarded DAR Medal of Honor

Retired federal judge, author, and San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society member Edward F. Butler Sr has been awarded the Medal of Honor by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This highest honor of the DAR was presented on 9 March 2018 in recognition of Judge Butler's service as President General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and for his writing of history books detailing Spain's support of the colonies during the American Revolution.

When he was President General of the National Society SAR, Judge Butler concentrated during his term on publicizing the role of Spanish support in the victory over the British in the American Revolution. His actions and publicity to this cause gained letters of thanks from King Juan Carlos I of Spain and a private audience with Crown Prince Filipe (now King Filipe VI). At that meeting in 2010 the future king speaking to Butler said, "I want you to write a book about Spain in the American Revolutionary War."

With his award-winning book, *Galvez/Spain–Our Forgotten Ally in the American Revolutionary War* published in 2014, Judge Butler answered that royal challenge. His later book, *George Washington's Secret Ally* published in 2017, provided a condensed version of the history more suitable for students. Both books reveal and confirm that Spain and Galvez played as big a role in supporting the American Revolution as did the more-widely-told story of France and Lafayette.

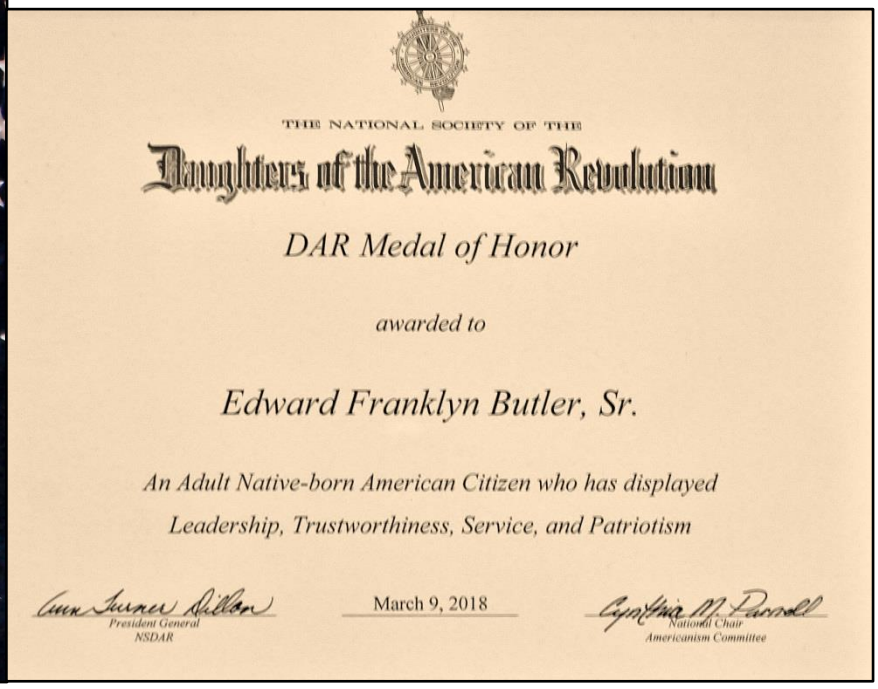
Judge Butler is a noted genealogist in Texas, and he has been a frequent speaker at genealogical conferences in and around the U.S. Many of his genealogical and historical articles have been published in national magazines. He has published four family history books, including *The Descendants of Thomas Pincerna, Progenitor of the Butler Family,* which won first prize in the Dallas Genealogical Society's book contest in 1997.

In 2016 Judge Butler was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Texas Genealogical College. He was awarded the Gold Good Citizenship Medal of the Sons of the American Revolution in 2010, the SAR's highest medal. With the DAR Medal of Honor, Judge Butler becomes the first person ever to receive the top award from each of the national societies.

Larry W. Luckett

Images courtesy Ed Butler





THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE

Daughters of the American Revolution

DAR Medal of Honor

awarded to

Edward Franklyn Butler, Sr.

An Adult Native-born American Citizen who has displayed

Leadership, Trustworthiness, Service, and Patriotism

President General
NSDAR

March 9, 2018

National Chair
Americanism Committee

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society celebrates our

59th ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY

WHEN: Saturday, 16 June 2018
TIME: 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (lunch served at noon)
LOCATION: Omni at the Colonnade
9821 Colonnade Blvd., San Antonio
(IH10 West, take Wurzbach Exit; Free Parking)
RESERVATIONS: Members $40.00, Non-Members $45.00
Available through Saturday, 2 June

Join us to celebrate our heritage and to mingle with the newest and previous First Families of Bexar County honorees. We will swear in our new Directors-at-Large.

To celebrate the San Antonio Tricentennial, our speaker will be Jesús F. de la Teja, author and former Texas State Historian, who will present an overview of the impact of the military presence on early Bexar County history.

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Our luncheon menu is Chicken with a Marsala wine demi-glaze, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert. Coffee and tea are also included.
[Email Annette Graham at blameitonmyroots@gmail.com if a vegetarian or gluten-free meal is needed]

Mail this form and your check by 2 June to: SAGHS, 911 Melissa Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213

OR Reserve ONLINE at the SAGHS website www.txsaghs.org.
Log in to your SAGHS member account to receive the member price.
Your payment is your reservation. (late reservation add $5.00 per person)

NAME _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

No. of Member Attendees: _____ x $40.00 each = $ _____

No. of Non-Member Attendees: _____ x $45.00 each = $ _____

Total Amount: = $ _____



Visiting Author Dispels Myth of Southern Solidarity

Peggy Scott Holley, author of the book, *Hawkins' Tories*, spoke to the 17 March SAGHS general meeting. Her talk focused on the counties in southern states that voted to remain in the Union during secession conventions leading up to the Civil War. She clarified the location of the Mason-Dixon Line, and drew audience attention to a cluster of counties in West Tennessee that were the source of the members of Hawkins' Tories, the 7th Tennessee Cavalry.

Cindy Kennedy

Peggy Scott Holley at the Library Annex, speaking to SAGHS members and guests. Membership meetings with speaker presentations are free and open to the public.

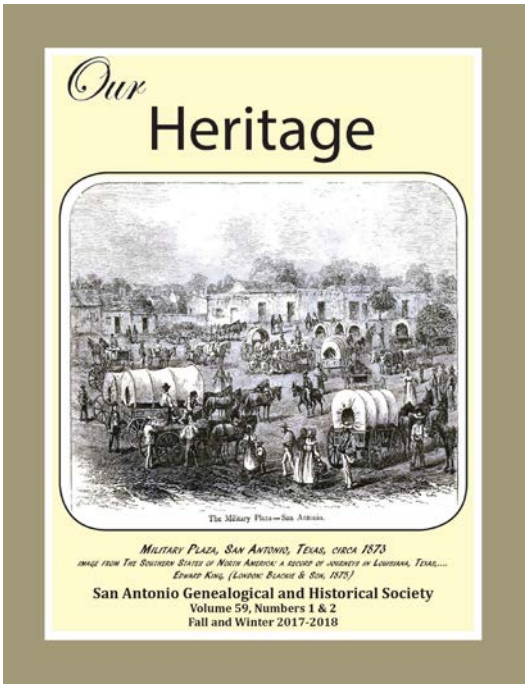
Do you want to share your family history?
Do you have research of your own to relate?

The SAGHS genealogy journal, *Our Heritage,* exists to publish the research and stories of our members. But we cannot continue to be an award-winning journal of which you can be proud without your contributions. Your work could appear in print, just as these SAGHS members' stories in our just published issue:

- Have you, like **Robert E. Schenk** (page 4), established connections to an ancestor to join a lineage society? Share the information with us.
- Have you, like **L. Charles Westervelt** (page 12), performed significant genealogical research into the life and times of an ancestor? Inform us about the person, the family, and the deeds you've uncovered.
- Do you, like **Mary Eck** (page 37), have a collection of letters or a diary from a grandparent or other relative? Transcribe the originals, and publish for your family and other researchers.
- Have you a book review, a family picture, or a favorite research archive? We would have published your article if you had written to tell others.

Why don't you submit your story to *Our Heritage*?

Contact *Our Heritage* Editor, Larry Luckett, at *publications@txsaghs.org*



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If you don't write it, who will?