

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

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A Member Society Chartered in 1959

A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions

January 2016 *Newsletter*

SAGHS General Membership Meeting

Saturday, 16 January 2016

10:00 A.M., Library Annex

Program:

The Dangerous Frontier—Texas, 1830-1870

Presented by: Richard Brewer

In the 1850s the U.S. Army established a string of forts in Texas from the Red River to the Rio Grande, each about a day's ride apart. By 1860 about 25% of all U,S. military forces were stationed in Texas to combat the lawlessness and Indian depredations. During the Civil War when the forts were mostly abandoned, the Indian depredations greatly increased. Richard Brewer will discuss these perilous times and the dangers our ancestors had to endure. Richard Brewer is the author of *Rebel Journey: A Texas Civil War Story,* and he is a direct descendant of George W. Glasscock, an early Texas pioneer who fought in the Texas Revolution, served in the Texas Legislature, and is the namesake for both the City of Georgetown and for Glasscock Co., Texas.



THANK YOU to OUR SUPPORTERS

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Election of the Nominating Committee

On 16 January at the first business meeting of the year, we will include the election of the nominating committee to identify candidates for three Director positions, to be voted in April and assume office on 1 July 2016. Plan to attend and volunteer to serve on the Committee to identify our future leaders.

Calendar of Events: January and February



Sunday, 10 January – Class: "Breaking Down Brick Walls," Speaker: Barbara Froebel.

Tuesday, 12 January – SAGHS Board Meeting - 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

Wednesday, 13 January –Transitioning from Family Tree Maker® to Roots Magic®. Moderator: Anthony Barbieri. This program will help attendees to convert from Family Tree Maker to Roots Magic. 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

Saturday, 16 January – SAGHS General Membership Meeting, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex. Topic**:** The Dangerous Frontier, Texas 1830–1870, Speaker: Richard Brewer.

Saturday, 23 January – Workshop, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex. Topic**:** Using Microsoft® Excel for DNA Results, Speaker: Barbara Holmes.

Tuesday, 9 February – SAGHS Board Meeting - 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

Wednesday, 10 February – Family Tree Maker® computer interest group **–** Moderator: Scott Adkinson, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

Sunday, 14 February – Class: "Using US Military Pensions for Genealogy," Speaker: G. D. "Jerry" Ball, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Saturday, 20 February – General Membership Meeting, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex. Topic: Faith of Our Founding Fathers (using church records), Speaker: Nancy Brennan.

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Volunteer Opportunities

We still need volunteers to assist with some critical areas here at SAGHS. Among those are Building and Grounds Chairperson and Publications Chairperson. If you can assist please contact Barbara Williams.



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. at the SAGHS Library Annex, 911 Melissa, San Antonio, TX.



Sunday, 10 January 2016 – "Breaking Down Brick Walls," **Speaker**: **Barbara Froebel.** This is a beginner to intermediate genealogy skill class. A brick wall is a barrier to your genealogy research. Barbara will provide tips on how to get over or through your research blockages.



Sunday, 14 February 2016 – "Using US Military Pensions for Genealogy," **Speaker**: **G. D. "Jerry" Ball, PhD, (Colonel, USAR Ret.).** This is a beginner to intermediate genealogy skill class. In this class, we will examine U.S. military pension records for use in family history research. We will see what types of information are available from those records and see where the original records are located. Where those records have been digitized, we will point to those sources. We will look at case studies from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War (Union only). We will examine how to access more modern records that are restricted by the Privacy Act of 1974.



Sunday, 13 March 2016 – "Joining a Lineage Society," **Instructor: Sharon Wolff**. Ms. Wolff will cover some of the societies that you can join, how to go about finding proof documents, and how to fill out the applications. She will concentrate on DAR/SAR (Revolutionary War organizations), DUV/SUV (Union organizations), and UDC/SCV (Confederate organizations).



The Events schedule is posted on the SAGHS website:

http://www.txsaghs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38

Happy New Year 2016!

As we welcome 2016, and reflect back on 2015, I hope you remember to celebrate your genealogy accomplishments and the new friendships you've made in 2015 at the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society (SAGHS). With your involvement, our programs and services have a greater impact on your personal growth and that of our membership in total. As we share our successes we encourage others toward possible solutions for their success.

This past year we saw an increase in membership and greater attendance at our workshops, classes, and at the annual SAGHS seminar. Our dedicated volunteers provide an invaluable service to our members through the services just mentioned in addition to research, publications, and finding talented, top-notch speakers for our meetings and special programs.

Your membership to SAGHS gives you access to some of the greatest genealogy collections available. We added many new books in 2015 in addition to new software programs to enhance research. Our volunteer Librarian, Cynthia Kennedy, will be presenting some of the newest research tools at the 16 January 2016 General Membership meeting and throughout the year as they are acquired.

I hope you will make greater involvement in the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society one of your 2016 resolutions.

I wish you a wonderful and successful 2016.

Barbara Williams, SAGHS President

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Join or renew your TSGS membership

The purpose of Texas State Genealogical Society is to promote, assist, develop, and conserve the genealogical and historical resources of Texas and to cooperate with local, regional, and statewide genealogical groups. Visit their website at

http://www.txsgs.org/about/membership/

Plumbing Maintenance on SAGHS Building

In December SAHGS performed major repair and maintenance on the aging pipes providing water to our library building. Because of the age of the construction, the cast iron pipes had deteriorated until a failure was imminent. Rather than respond to the pipe's schedule, our Building and Grounds Committee developed a pro-active project to replace the aging pipes before they burst and shut down the library for weeks. Over several months, the Committee, led by David Ringer and James Garrett with Treasurer Steve Mabie, developed the work specifications, interviewed contractors, and evaluated several bid packages. The Library Committee diligently moved and protected our books from damage during construction. While the work was being performed over four days, quite a few member volunteers kept watch providing building access to the contractor. We can now have confidence in the plumbing, and we anticipate longer service without failure. Thanks to all involved in this project.





FIRST FAMILIES OF BEXAR COUNTY

Each year SAGHS honors families who prove their descent from an ancestor who was in Bexar County prior to August 1850. In 1850 Bexar County covered a large part of Texas north and west of the current county boundaries. If one or more of your ancestors lived in the county before 1 August 1850, when the 1850 U.S. census was taken, you can qualify.

Applications are accepted at any time of the year. If the applications are received by **15 February 2016** and the family qualifies, they can be recognized at the SAGHS Founders Day Luncheon in June. Download an application at

http://www.txsaghs.org/cpage.php?pt=17

New Books in the Library

Gift of James Cole (through Arnold Birdsong)

Texas House of Representatives; A Pictorial Roster 1846-1992 Spellman, Charles E., ed. TX 00000 (13)

1979 Official Congressional Directory; 96th Congress, 1st Session Joint Committee on Printing SN 238

Gift of Jo Anne Horne

Delaware Families 1787-1800 Delaware Genealogical Society DE 00004 (9)

Gift of Kitty Massey

San Antonio, Texas, Southwestern Bell Telephone Directory 1986-87 Southwestern Bell TX bexa0

Fort Sam Houston Phone Book 1967 TX bexa0

Gift of Larry Luckett

Stephen F. Austin's Legacies Long, Walter Ewing TX trav4

Texas & New Mexico on the Eve of the Civil War; The Mansfield & Johnston Inspections, 1859-1861 Thompson, Jerry TX 00004 (104)

Added Member Benefit

Problems with a specific software application? Charles Brussells and Barbara Holmes are offering one-on-one consultative appointments for:

Adobe Photoshop Elements:

Requirement: Any version of Adobe Photoshop Elements loaded on your laptop. (If program is loaded on members desktop only, the member should discuss possibilities with Charles).

Charles will show you how to use the various functions of this program, but it would be helpful if you have specific tasks that you wish to accomplish.

MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

Requirement: Version 2007 or greater installed on your laptop. (If you do not have a laptop, but have one of these versions installed on your desktop, we can use the SAGHS equipment).

Barbara will assist with specific tasks you wish to learn, and/or resolve a specific problem you are experiencing.

All appointments will be in person, and held at the SAGHS annex, at a mutually agreed upon day and time.

For an appointment or questions about this benefit, please contact

Charles Brussells: cbbrussell@sbcglobal.net

Barbara Holmes: bholmes1108@sbcglobal.net

Gift of Ann Oppenheimer



Supplement to the 1810 Census of Virginia; Tax Lists of the Counties for Which the Census is Missing Schriener-Yantis, Netti VA 00002 (30)

Gift of Anonymous

New England Families 1916 Volume 1 Humphrey, Brian J. ed. & index NG 00004 (4d)

Gift of Barbara Johns

Devil's Den, The; A History of the 44th Alabama Volunteer Infantry Regiment Confederate States Army (1862-1865) Boyd, Charles E. AL 00004 (20)

Pennsylvania Women in the American Revolution Egle, William Henry PA 00004 (11)

Hawkins Family from Wilts Co., England to Tipton Co., IN & Related Families Hawkins, Harold T., comp. FH Hawkins

Gift of Barbara Rosenstrauch

Stephens County: Much to be Cherished 1987 Stephens County Book Committee TX step4

Breckenridge Cemetery, Stephens County, Texas O'Neal, Billie W. & Jean W. Edwards, eds. TX step8

Rural Cemeteries of Stephens County, Texas 1865-1996 Plus Addendum 1996-2006 Edwards, Jean Whitten & Billie Walker O'Neal, eds. TX step8

Gift of David McCabe

Irish Family Names; Highlights of 50 Family Histories Grehan, Ida RF 03000 (4)

Family Names of County Cork O'Murchadha, Diarmuid RF 03000 (15)

Tracing Your Cork Ancestors McCarthy, Tony & Tim Cadogan RF 03000 (22)

Gift of Pine-Garner Collection

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Cemeteries Vol. 1 Cook, Mel & Pinny NC meck8

Gift of SAGHS

Bexar County Texas Divorces; Abstracted from Court Records and Newspapers 1901-1903 Brennan, Nancy Wright, comp. TX bexa8

Gift of Thillie I. Newton

Legend of Moose Ear Ranch, The Noonan, Mary Werts FH Werts

Found in library

History of Woodford County (KY) Railey, Wm. E. CD KY wood4

History of Macon Co., Missouri 1910 CD GA maco4