

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Peter Baron

The May meeting was very productive for our Society. **Dr Kiser** entertained us with an insightful lecture on Scalp Warfare in Northern Mexico. The membership then approved a full slate of officers and the budget. I wish to thank the incoming officers for their willingness to serve and to show appreciation for all of our volunteers. This Society is only successful due to the efforts of our volunteers and donors. A significant program approved in this year's budget was the initiation of a college history grant program. This initiative will see local area college students recognized for excellence in historical research. The intent is to provide students the opportunity to be published in our award-winning journal, thus increasing our amazing content and allowing the student to add a journal publication to their resume. The membership also approved numerous necessary improvements to our grounds. This included air conditioning upgrades that continue to burden both of our properties as well as addressing the issue of antique plumbing.

I wish to invite everyone to attend Founders Day and our Fall Seminar. Both of these programs allow our membership to interact with other societies and are essential for our continued growth.

I wish to close with the additions to the Dwyer building. The city permit is in its final stage of being approved and we have begun to accept bid proposals. This project has been slow to this stage, and I am hopeful that it is moving at a steady pace now. The Request for Proposals is on our website and can be shared with contractors.



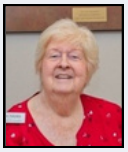
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ON THE COVER

Introducing the Newly Elected SAGHS Leadership Team





By Carol Thompson, Editor

On this months' cover, you see pictured wonderfully talented and volunteer-committed folks who are posed there, for photographer **Charles Brussells**, on the steps of our beloved library, leadership just elected during May's Membership Meeting.

On the bottom, starting left to right is a very familiar image, that of past President and forever Webmaster **Rob Lewis**; newly elected, reaffirmed President **Peter Baron**.

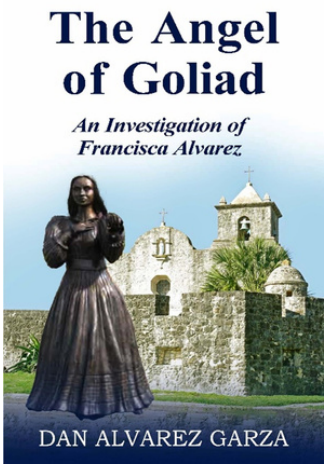
On the next step up is our newly re-elected 2nd Vice President, our Finance and Budget guru **Ellen Cotton** and **Dr. David Katerndahl**, our 1st Vice President, in charge of programs.

On the top step, **Cynthia (Cyndi) Lemanski**, our newly elected Treasurer replacing **Barbara Holmes** and re-elected excellent Secretary **Kathy Totten**.

Please, with **Amanda Pagan** and me, help us welcome and support these wonderful leadership-worthy members.

FOUNDER'S DAY SPEAKER

DANIEL ALVAREZ GARZA



The Angel of Goliad
Her contribution to the Texas Revolution, our soldiers' lives that she saved, her own life begun in an orphanage, name given her...her final resting place—the King Ranch ....yes...and there's more. Who needs Murder, She Wrote!?

Dan Garza, the Founder's Day feature speaker, one of her descendants will fill in the blanks, detailing this fascinating factual bit of our Texas history.



Mr. Garza, a Harlingen, Texas native, graduate of Alamo Heights High School, a SW Bell, Chevron Oil, Compaq Computers, Hewlett Packard, and MD Anderson employee who has done extensive research, earned a Master's Degree from the University of Houston in Technology Project Management, and has published several books on this and other subjects.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

KITTY LOVE MASSEY

The One Who Got Away...

By Carol Thompson, Editor

Yes, I'm writing this Spotlight from a very personal point of view. And yes, as a fairly new SAGHS member, I've been helped, rescued, aided, encouraged… pick a word… by many lovingly patient long-time members, as I felt my way along that path to learning what this library, this group of dedicated, well-educated folks held to reward that paltry $40 annual fee investment.

Without getting lachrymose, one of those stars, **Kitty Massey**, is now stepping away; no—actually *racing* full tilt toward establishing another environment in a foreign country…actually… Colorado.

This SAGHS star has been a behind the scenes, in front of the scenes—an everywhere, helping everyone, and always seeing the glass half full and refillable, little sprite—since joining in 2000.

She has been the Editor of *Our Heritage* from 2004 through 2011 but in truth, to this very day, edits, copy edits, writes, rewrites, advises not only our public presence to the world, *Our Heritage*, but has, and is still actively shaping your newsletter and its staff! She has found us writers, suggested spotlight individuals, topics of interest, found us our graphic design artist, amazing **Amanda Pagan**, performed that tedious but ever necessary correcting of literacy boo boos, and more! She has served formally as our Publication Chairman from 2011 through 2015.

Kitty has served as an elected board member 2020 through 2024 getting us through those awful Covid years; all this while serving as a faithful Duty Librarian, the co-author of two books while serving as *Our Heritage* editor, and being ready, day or night to fill in for others called away, ready to answer those urgent phone calls for help/answers to all sorts of topic questions. This….in her retirement years…. while being wife, mom, grandmother to grands now aged 4, 6, and 10 years, and general all-round source of help when called upon for advice, newsletter articles that needed her major-talent expert writing skills. Her efforts to keep this newsletter and *Our Heritage* within strict literary guidelines, despite errant copy received - legendary! With her quiet knowledge and most lady-like presence, she gently helped steer both entities to state-wide awards, recognition.

Here's how it all started: a surprise to me – she's not a native. She was born in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania and her real name is Martha! She grew up in a military family, her father an army dentist. "We enjoyed two longer



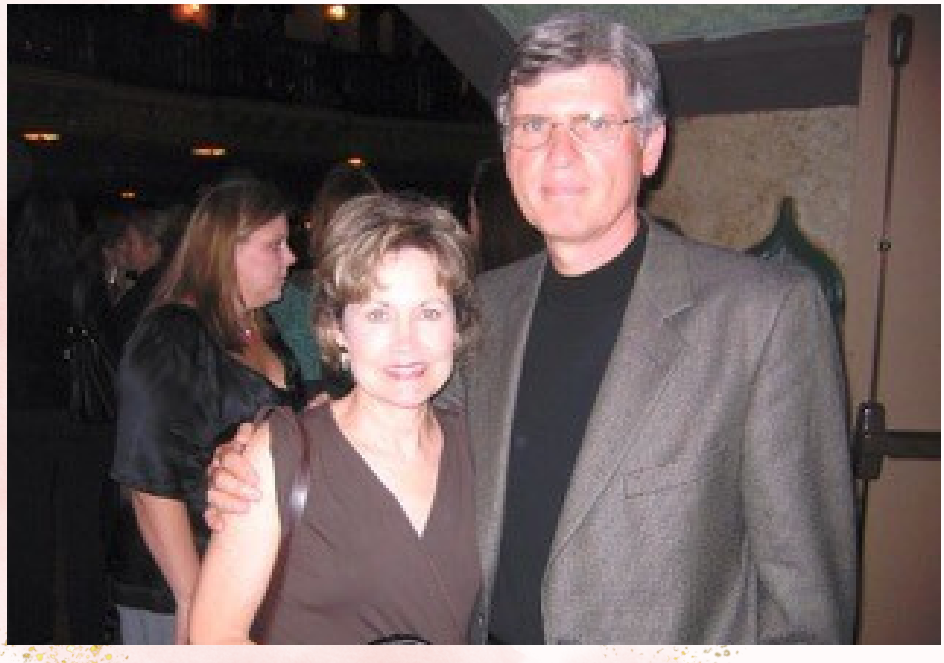
termed assignments – Hawaii and Governor's Island right in the middle of the NYC harbor!" she laughed. That was just before he moved them to South Korea, then on, thank goodness to Ft. Sam Houston where she graduated from Robert G. Cole High School. From there, Texas Christian University was her next stop, her major, history and government, with an education minor, of course.

"My brother also a TCU student, set me up with a blind date, one of his friends……**Steve Massey**," she explained, a fellow student…and the love of her life, as they say. And…she added laughing "I set up my brother up, in turn, with a blind date, a dear friend and fellow student….who became the love of *his* life."

"Steve and I married, just as I graduated, but given that Vietnam timing, he had left TCU, joined the Coast Guard, and off we went to his duty station, Hawaii. After his tour ended, we returned to Fort Worth so that Steve could complete his TCU degree in business," she explained.

"I got a job working for a state/federal agency as a predatory animal control and wildlife "specialist." My education degree got me the job – I was supposed to teach groups and individuals how to get rid of rats! I worked with wildlife experts who set traps for larger animals, like coyotes. I organized a wildlife camp for kids from the Dallas housing projects, helped to create lessons for high schoolers on taxidermy, using dead rats. It was a hoot for a history major!" she laughed.

After a year, Steve accepted work in El Paso, using his business education/degree, with the Oscar Mayer Company. She stopped in our chat, laughing…" He literally brought home the bacon… no…. literally…he brought home bacon!" While in El Paso, no slouch, she earned her Master's Degree in history, from the University of Texas at El Paso.



Back home in San Antonio, they purchased a snack bar franchise, The Orange Bowl, which he left up to her management. She set up shop there in the bright new state-of-the-art Windsor Park Mall, employing smart, young, and nearby Roosevelt High School students to help with working those long mall hours. During this era, Steve worked for Johnson & Johnson, again, laughing she explained that he "literally brought home the diapersJ" Although Steve's work had jobs headquartered elsewhere, their home base was from this point on, San Antonio.

At a tennis event, watching her son compete, Kitty ran into an old TCU friend who urged her to see about at a teaching job at San Antonio College. This was the start of her teaching career. She began as an adjunct instructor there, which led to a teaching job at the University of Texas at San Antonio and Our Lady of the Lake…. all of which brought on the decision to sell the mall franchise….to teach full time.

And for the next seven years she taught her majors – history and government and honors geography at John Marshall High School. Having a student teacher, she was able to continue teach at SAC.

She managed to join, in her spare time, the San Antonio Conservation Society. The project of which she is proudest, and available to be viewed online to this very day, by the way, was the gas station survey, a proud product of a research project for them. She and Steve ran, for that august group, a fund-raising NIOSA booth for 12 years!

In the meantime, Steve's career had turned into executive positions with computer and software companies, providing them with worldwide travel opportunities. Kitty, reluctantly left teaching at the end of the 1999 school year to "tag along," her words. His last position with a South African software company sent them to the most exotic locations, until he retired in 2006. "And that, unfortunately was the beginning of his campaign to move to Colorado" she explained.

Yes - they will be closing on their Fair Oaks Ranch home, moving to Castle Pines, Colorado, just as this June issue is uploaded to our website. As she enthusiastically announced, "Time for a new adventure." They plan many visits to son Brad in Atlanta, daughter Kathryn in Maui, to be an important part of the lives of those grands…."and to 'rescue dogs'" she laughed.



Personally, even though I well know that there are phone and internet lines between San Antonio and Castle Pines, Colorado…. Not having our Kitty Massey close at hand will leave an enormous hole in the "fabric of our cloth."

What a role model; a true selfless friend of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society…. Kitty Love Massey.



From the Membership Chair

By AnneMarie Esparza

LAST CALL – RENEWAL DUES

Memberships are active through **June 30**—renew now to ensure uninterrupted access to all the amazing benefits SAGHS offers!

You can renew in two easy ways:

- Visit the SAGHS Library in person
- Go online to txsaghs.org

Your dues support our growing library, classes, special interest groups, subscription websites, meetings, seminars, and publications like Our Heritage and this newsletter.

Thanks to all who've already renewed!

Welcome

New Members

Margaret Leckteig
Lacey Hernandez
Lawrence Faber
Dale Keairns
Santiago and Olga Moreno
John and Jo De La Garza
Sandra Vinson

THE CHANGING FACE OF THE FALL SEMINAR



By Dr. David Katerndahl

Chairman - Seminar Committee

For years, the SAGHS Fall Seminar has featured a nationally recognized speaker delivering multiple presentations to a limited audience, complemented by social elements such as goody bags, door prizes, and food. While these aspects have added a layer of enjoyment, the seminar has consistently resulted in financial losses for the Society. It is time to rethink our approach.

As the leading genealogical and historical resource in the region, SAGHS should be viewed as the premier educational foundation for researchers, societies, and lineage groups. Our Fall Seminar should reflect this status by drawing attendees from across the area, showcasing our facilities, and reinforcing our commitment to education. However, until now, the full potential of the seminar has remained largely untapped.

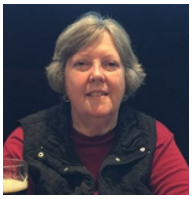
Going forward, our priority must be education. The seminar should offer high-quality instruction, expand its outreach to neighboring organizations, and ensure financial sustainability—not merely breaking even but serving as a source of revenue for the Society. We will achieve that sustainability through corporate and individual sponsorships, as well as utilizing the wealth of speakers who are located in the great state of Texas. By attracting new attendees and potential members, the seminar can strengthen our outreach to the community, bolster the Society's reputation as specialists in the field, and comply with our 501c3 status.

But, to achieve this, we must streamline the event, refocusing on its educational core while promoting it to genealogy societies, lineage groups, libraries, and history departments. This means eliminating elements that are unnecessarily costly, and do not advance the seminar's primary mission. The seminar will not only provide an educational focus, it will enhance the experience for attendees who are interested in using their lineage finds to join hereditary and lineage societies who assist in solidifying their genealogical findings with professional genealogists. Experts and registrars from 20 lineage groups will assist attendees by demystifying the application process and their genealogical paperwork requirements. The benefit of this time is priceless in guiding genealogists to the many resources offered at SAHGS, such as the library and education classes.

This does not mean sacrificing opportunities for social engagement. Instead, we are creating an entire afternoon designed specifically for networking and camaraderie, ensuring that our seminar serves its intended purpose without detracting from our educational goals.

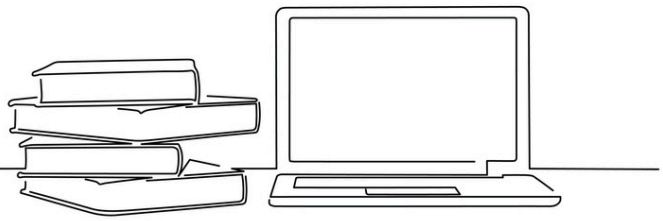
I deeply appreciate the efforts of the Fall Seminar Committee, and the support of its members. Ultimately, the decisions regarding the seminar's direction rest with me, and I welcome your feedback. However, I ask that all interactions remain "professional and courteous", in keeping with our Society's bylaws. While we may hold differing opinions, respect for one another must remain at the forefront.

I look forward to a revitalized Fall Seminar on October 18th —one that will welcome fresh faces from across the region and strengthen SAGHS' role as an educational leader in genealogical and historical studies.



From the Library

By Bev Rakowitz



Good, happy news—the new computers for use by library patrons have been installed. Still to do are the librarian's desk and cataloging computer. These new terminals are faster, and have preloaded Windows 11, which will make searching quicker. We owe big thanks to William Cotton and Rob Lewis for their knowledge and work in ordering and configuring the new equipment. They have done their research, chosen wisely to make visits to our library much more enjoyable with the use of this new equipment. The board of directors saw the need to update our library computers and the society members approved the funds to update/enhance your library visit.

The computers have been configured to operate much like the old ones with similar icons and links on the computer desktop, making the transition from old to new easy. The login and password for patron use is the same.

Questions are directed into the library from those folks who access our website features: AskUs and For The Registrar.

In efforts to help answer those inquiries, I am able to use some tools of the library that we don't typically think about. Recently, there was a question asked about the Windmill Country Store and, more specifically, a clock that an enquirer had purchased in 1978. I looked up the store in our collection of city directories, tomes from 1978-1992. I promptly went to and through our **City Directory** for San Antonio, to find that this establishment was still in business as an antique store at 1127 Wetmore, under the ownership of **Marjorie K. Remmers**. I next discovered however that Mrs. Remmers had passed away. Remembering that the question was actually about the clock built by a **Mrs. William "Swifty" Kennedy**, I'm continuing to try to find that clock maker! There is a Windmill Woodworks and Antiques at that address now. "Googling" her name has not gotten me an answer yet. If anyone is more knowledgeable about this and wants to help, let me know. As you can see, a librarian can help, has knowledge of all sorts of wonders here in our library.

We are continuing to accept book donations. We are not accepting family papers because we just don't have room nor volunteer staff for processing. Family papers have to be sorted and then scanned into the Vertical File folders.

If you have not checked this out lately, please research the Vertical Files to see if you can find a name of interest. **The wealth of material here is awesome.** The new computers are much faster at searching the Vertical Files surname folder. You can put in a first and last name and see results in most every PDF vertical file containing that name. The only caveat is that cursive writing is not searchable. Many of our tech savvy volunteers, led by our webmaster **Rob Lewis**, have worked on scanning the paper Vertical Files to PDFs for the last 14 years. The Vertical Files are searchable from any of our computers.

Feel free to drop in during library open hours. Our Duty Librarians are ready and very glad to help you, as **Markel Steverson** found out, her fabulous adventure detailed in May newsletter issue. And now, with this shiny new equipment, we're even FASTER!

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ENGLAND'S LAWS REGARDING OWNING & HOLDING OF LAND

Part 5



By Jeffery R. Hankins, PhD

The signing of Magna Carta in 1215 CE did not affect landholding practices at first but did serve to keep English kings somewhat in check. England's barons periodically reissued the charter to remind future kings that they were to rule in accordance with English law and custom and were to notify the nobles before any new taxes could be raised.[1] In the 14th and 15th centuries, English landholding was impacted less by king-made laws and more by nature, society, and economy. By the beginning of the 16th century, England would see a greater number of farm parcels but ones that were smaller in size.

England's population had grown to almost five million people by 1300, and marginal lands (swamps, hillsides) were now being turned into farm fields. Still, an increase in population meant that even with extra acreage crop yields were declining, leading to higher food prices. Along with this, England's wool trade was expanding, meaning herds of sheep might compete with farmers for good land. Some noble landowners viewed sheep or cattle raising as an answer to monetary inflation and they converted farmland to pasture. Peasants whose rents had long been fixed by ancient custom were now having to survive on fewer acres or work as laborers on the lord's land.[2] England's feudal system and agricultural economy were thus being challenged by demographic shifts in the late-medieval period.

This situation made the forthcoming natural disaster truly catastrophic. In 1347, a plague epidemic arrived in western Europe that killed somewhere between one-third to one-half of the population over the next five years. The so-called Bubonic Plague came out of central Asia and was unknowingly brought to Europe by Italian merchants. The deadly bacteria lived inside fleas that were carried by black rats, both of which were common in Europe and Asia. But western Europeans had no immunity to this germ and so infection (from a flea bite or human contact) could lead to death within hours, days, or weeks. The plague first ravaged the crowded cities of Italy, then moved into Spain, France, England, and the German states by 1348, and reached Scandinavia by 1350.[3] Almost no one was spared this disease; it attacked young and old, rich or poor, male and female, religious or agnostic.



The death toll in England mirrored what was seen in most of Europe; about one-third died, leaving approximately three million people by 1400 CE. Social order had also been upended during the plague, as many believed the world was ending; local authority was undermined, and people grabbed whatever they could before the disease took them away. The worst ravages were over by 1351 and Europe began a slow recovery in

population, agriculture, manufacture, and social relations. But one thing that would never be the same was the peasant's position on England's lands.

With far fewer people to work the land, the labor of the peasant became suddenly quite valuable. Noble landowners found that they had to offer lower rents to persuade their peasants to stay on the estate. Some landowners chose to break their holdings into smaller parcels to attract renters, or perhaps convert an entire estate into sheep pasturage. Whatever action was taken, the English peasant benefitted through more flexible negotiations over acreage, rent, or terms of service. It would be accurate to say that by 1500 CE, the feudal order had ended and the English tenant farmer was recognized as having customary rights to his lands.[4]

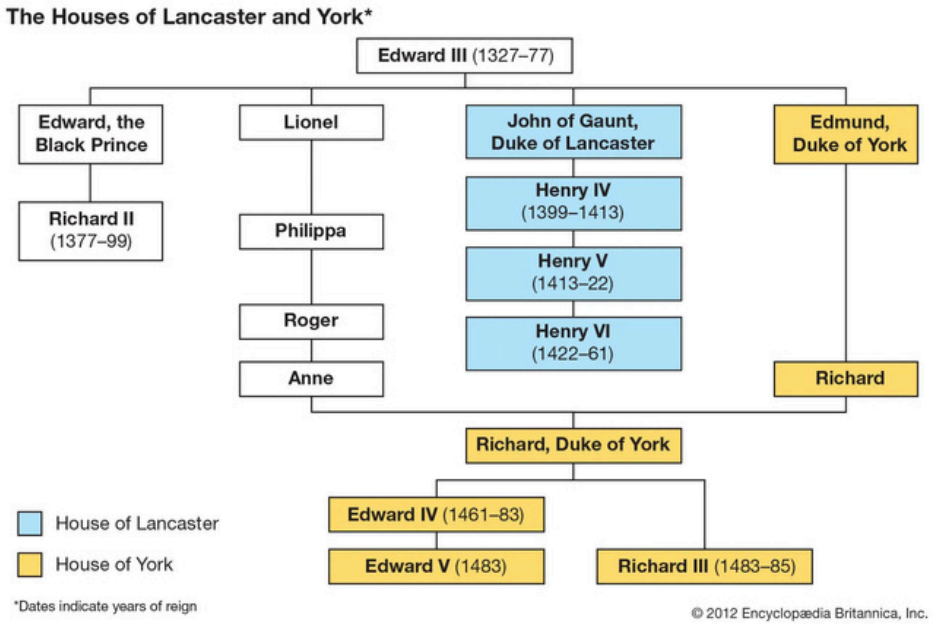
Throughout the 15th century, England's nobles, knights, and peasants were interacting in what might be called a real-estate market. When a peasant family passed land down to their children, the arrangement was not simply rent but might include promises to care for an elderly relative or pay off an old debt. This means that every transfer of property was negotiable to some extent, not so much between landlord and tenant but among tenants. Family ties were still important, but historians cite examples of land being promised to a son in exchange for cash, payment of a debt, or future sharing of land with younger siblings. Fellow villagers might also get involved, ensuring that property going from father to son did not lead to deterioration of land or social relations.[5]

As England recovered its population another disaster struck, but this one was man-made. In 1437, England's king was Henry VI, descended from Edward III's third son, the Duke of Lancaster. But another family, descended from Edward III's fourth son, believed they had a stronger claim to the throne. In 1460, the Duke of York asserted himself to the crown, which began the Wars of the Roses.[6]

For the next twenty-five years, England was at civil war and by the end, both York and Lancaster families had been ruined, and tens of thousands of men had died.

Some historians have downplayed the Wars of the Roses as a temporary break in English rule where the main casualties were the noble families themselves. While forty nobles were killed or executed during the wars, about 400 major landowners lost their properties as military gangs ravaged the holdings of those who had lost in battle.[7] Some of this would be recovered later but the tenants on those lands no doubt suffered the effects of two decades of lawlessness across England.

The wars ended when the Yorkist king Richard III was killed at the Battle of Bosworth Fields (August 22,



1485). The victor at the battle was Henry Tudor, who had a slimmer claim to the throne than Lancaster or York. To shore up his new kingship, Henry VII clamped down on England's nobility; he confiscated the lands of Yorkist supporters and brought back the collection of ancient feudal dues and fees.

Major landholders now owed the king an inheritance tax, and if a son who was too young to step onto his father's lands he was made a ward of the crown.[8] In other words, King Henry VII revived the practice of feudal service to the crown but demanded money payments instead of the military obligations of the past.

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BONES & NOTES: SMALL-TOWN LIBRARIES CAN HAVE BIG SURPRISES, CHALLENGES

By Don Sharon



Yorktown Public Library Facebook Photo

Some small-town libraries can have information you will not find online.

Before visiting, review the town's website for information about that library. Contact the library either by snail mail, email, or telephone to see if they have genealogical resources compiled by someone in the area, and to verify hours of operation.

That helped as I visited the library in the small town of Yorktown in DeWitt County. The librarian showed me a very large file box of index cards. Each card had a name on it, and below that name were the publication dates of when that name appeared in that town's weekly newspaper. A volunteer had compiled this set of index cards by going through decades of newspapers. For example, the index gave the dates of an ancestor being visited by a relative from another town, an ancestor coming into the newspaper office to renew his subscription, or an ancestor taking a flock of turkeys to market in nearby Cuero.

Whoever that volunteer was, a big thank you.

The library also had a typewritten manuscript that someone had compiled of one of my ancestral lines. The author had included her name and address, so I was able to contact her about our shared lines. Her sources were limited, but the manuscript led to other discoveries.

Whatever information you may find, keep in mind that small-town libraries have limitations. I have visited several from Southeast Texas to South Texas. Wherever you may go, keep in mind that a microfiche reader may not work, the air conditioning/heating system may be on the blitz, or hours of operation may be limited. In addition, staffing may be limited to only one person, with maybe one or two high school students helping out. Also, using the library's photocopying machine may have different fees than another town's library. So, I always keep on hand a plastic baggie of nickels, dimes and quarters.

I'm always thankful for these small libraries. At the end of each visit, I usually leave a small donation if a donation jar exists. Or, after I return home, I will send a letter and a check in the mail or make a donation through the library's website if such a feature is available. With my written letter or email, I make a special note of thanking the staff for their time and courtesy—even if my search does not prove successful.

Who knows? I may be going back for more research. Besides, good relations with the librarian(s) can lead to good research.

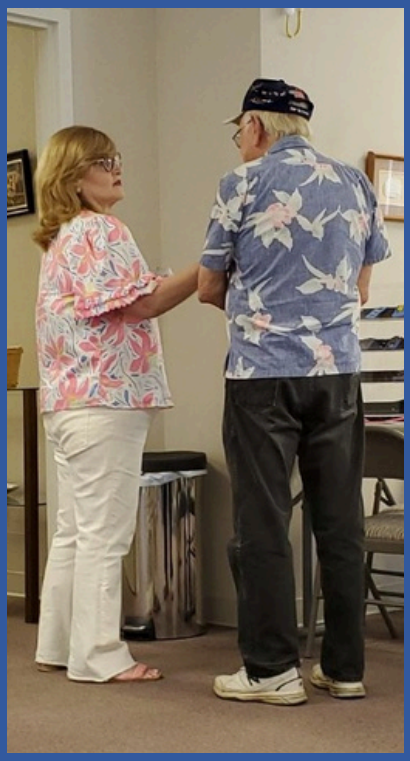
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AR 00000 (12)	Call the Roll: The First One Hundred Fifty Years of the Arkansas Legislature	Hinshaw, Jerry E.	Martin Soward	AR
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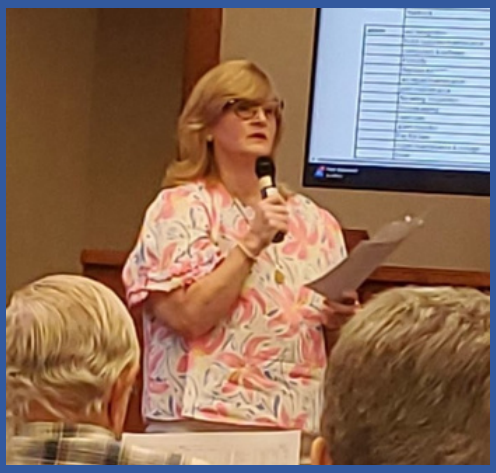




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