San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Peter Baron

Another successful annual seminar is now in the history books. We are blessed with talented, experienced, hardworking Seminar Committee members/volunteers to have been meeting for months to exchange ideas, make suggestions, taking individual assignments - all to produce this year's successful event.

On the cover, Seminar Chairman **Charles Stricklin** is introducing nationally renowned speaker **Lisa Louise Cooke**. This year, having anticipated a large number of students, our seminar was held at the expansive 5-million-dollar Family Life Center building of the Coker Methodist Church, this site made possible by long time member, duty librarian and WikiTree instructor **Scott Atkinson**, one of their church historians.

I'll let Charles give you the details; photos taken by **Diane Scannell**, Charles, the editor, **Rebecca Lemanski** will let you 'see' our experience that day. Chairman Stricklin is already at work planning next year's event!



FROM THE SEMINAR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Charles Stricklin

Nearly ninety researchers of all skill levels filled the Life Fellowship Center at Coker Methodist Church for the SAGHS Fall Seminar on Saturday, October 17. r.

By the end of the day the room was buzzing. **Lisa Louise Cooke**, host of the Genealogy Gems Podcast, author of *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox*, led four sessions that built on each other. Attendees took in one practical technique after another, and many said they could hardly keep up with how much they were learning. Among those gathered was **Nancy Price**, who flew in from Las Vegas, just to hear this speaker.

I'd like to thank so many who made our annual seminar a success:



We're grateful to, of course speaker/presenter **Lisa Louise Cooke** for taking the time, fighting the after effects of flu, and standing all day to be our speaker. Her husband Bill, faithful driver and co-director of Lisa's presentations.

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FROM THE SEMINAR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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Peter Baron, our president, for giving me the honored task to lead this effort and emceeing the events of the day.

Laura Petit, Campus Coordinator for Coker Methodist Church for making such an excellent venue available.

Preston, savvy church sextant, for service beyond what was asked, waking up earlier than the sun, knowing that he should save us from the fate of a day starting without coffee.



Scott Atkinson, for being THE church liaison with Coker Methodist leadership, and for fascinating dinner conversations during the evenings dinner with the Cooks in a Riverwalk restaurant the evening before.

Carol Thompson, for guidance and encouragement when things got frustrating.



Troy Lawrence, our Secretary, for assisting with the venue, organizing the entire silent auction apparatus, and his assistance throughout the entire process



Barbara Holmes, who handled the name tags, with registration, and a myriad of other tasks that formed the glue that kept us together.



David Ringer, Director-at-Large, who provided guidance and encouragement when it was needed.

Bev Rakowitz, for donut holes, helping with lunches, books, a constant reminder about the need for coffee and tea, but mostly for the donut holes.





Rob Lewis, for handling church AV equipment; for loading, moving Dwyer classroom tables to the church hall, setting them up, then returning all, ready for Dwyer classroom's next event. He was also the microphone man, getting the mic to questioners so that all could benefit from Cooke's answers.





Peggy Peterson, for handling posters and program printing.

AnnMarie Esparza, Membership Chairman, manning the membership table.



Mary Souter and **Sue Seiler,** for handling our registration process, distributing 'goody bags' to each registrant, directing students to hall features, location of hot coffee.



Barbara McPherson, for her steady advice, ready good ideas.



Treasurer, **Cyndi Lemanski**, who manned the book sale table, keeping the cash box handy all day. And for lending us her firefighter daughter who raced in from work to take professional photos!



Peggy Weyel, Publicity Chairman, for getting the word out both to our members as well as to area societies.



Annie Hunt, for her steadfast overseeing of the last quilt raffle, manning that table for ticket sales.

The committee now has a format for next year's seminar. Work on that will begin...shortly

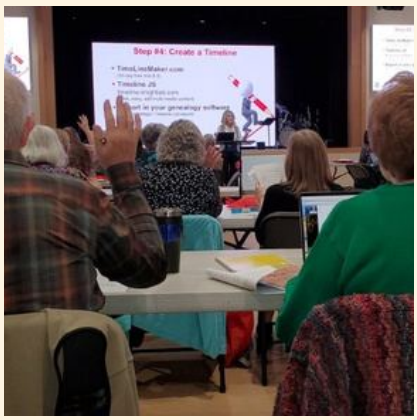
2026 SAGHS FALL SEMINAR

A Day of Learning, Discovery & Fellowship











BEHIND THE SCENES

The volunteers, friendships and memorable moments that made the seminar possible























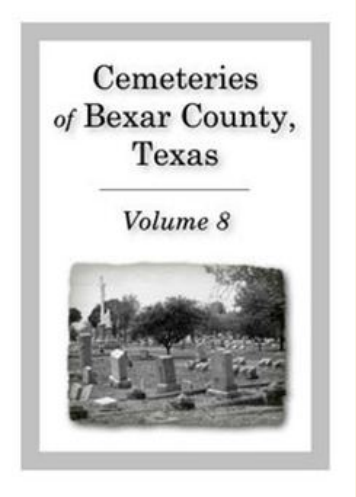




FROM THE LIBRARY

Bev Rakowitz

Cemetery Books



Cemetery books are a wonderful resource for family historians. In these books, researchers can discover dates of deaths which occurred long before vital records were kept. Dates of birth and places of origin may also be found, as recorded from cemetery markers. Other information that can be gleaned from studying cemetery books includes religious affiliation, family groupings, occupation, social affiliation, and a family's area of residence within a county. An individual's date of death can also lead to courthouse records.

The SAGHS Library has a vast collection of cemetery books from Texas and many other states. Here are just a few examples from our extensive collection:

- Cemeteries of Bexar County, Texas, Volumes 1-8
- Cemetery Inscriptions of Harris County, Texas, Volumes 1-2
- Cemeteries of Comal County, Texas, and Surrounding Areas
- Cemeteries of Sabinal Canyon Area (Northeastern Uvalde County and Western Bandera County)
- Medina County, Texas, Cemeteries Volumes 1 and 2
- Atascosa County, Texas, Cemetery Inscriptions
- Early Records of Request for Burial in Old New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas
- Ancient Burying-Grounds of the Town Of Waterbury Connecticut
- Cemetery Directory of Polk County, Missouri
- Cast in Stone: Selected Burials in Albany, Rensselaer & Saratoga Counties, New York
- Pioneer Cemeteries of Southeastern Ohio, 1801-1980

Recognizing Our Library Volunteers

Our library thrives because of the dedication of our volunteers and duty librarians. From assisting researchers to maintaining our collections, their contributions help make the SAGHS Library a welcoming and valuable resource. We sincerely appreciate their service!

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Come visit us to see what you can discover in the many cemetery books at the SAGHS Library!

NEW BOOKS

For a full list of new books, view the catalog online or ask the duty librarian in person.

CALL #	TITLE	AUTHOR	DONOR	
AK 00004 (5)	Frontier In Alaska and the Matanuska Colony	Miller, Orlando W.	Jacob Sherman	AK
DE suss4	Folklore of Sussex County, Delaware	Pepper, Dorothy Williams	Jacob Sherman	DE
FL esca4	Ante-Bellum Pensacola and the Military Presence, Volume 3	Dibble, Ernest F.	Jacob Sherman	FL
GA rand4	Randolph County, Georgia, Vol 2	Randolph County Historical Society	Jacob Sherman	GA
ID bonn4	Wild Place: A History of Priest Lake, Idaho	Smith, Kris Runberg and Tom Weitz	Jacob Sherman	ID
LA gran8	Grant Parish Cemeteries	Fletcher Mary Dell	Pat Ezell	LA
MA fran4	Frontier of Freedom: The Soul and Substance of America Portrayed in One Extraordinary Village, Old Deerfield, Mass.	Chamberlain, Samuel	Jacob Sherman	MA
MO jack4	Westport, Missouri's Port of Many Returns	Miller, Patricia Cleary	Jacob Sherman	MO
MS hind8	Old Cemeteries of Hinds County, Mississippi: From 1811 to the Present	Landin, Mary Collins	Pat Ezell	MS
NC gast4	Lowell: The River City	Lowell Historical Society	Jacob Sherman	NC
NE doug4	Historic Omaha: An Illustrated History of Omaha and Douglas County	Reilly, Bob, Hugh J, Reilly, Pegeen Reill, et al.	Jacob Sherman	NE
NJ monm4	Nauvoo to the Hook: The Iconography of a Barrier Beach	Moss, George H.	Jacob Sherman	NJ
NV clar4	Las Vegas, 1905-1965	Zook, Lynn M., Allen Sandquist, Carey Burke	Pat Ezell	NV
NY 00000 (24)	New York Family History Guide and Gazetteer	New York Genealogical and Biographical Society	L. Charles Westervelt	
PA nort8	Pennsylvania Grave Stones, Northampton County: For People Born Before 1800	Humphrey, John T.	Jacob Sherman	PA
SC edge4	Story of Edgefield	Edgefield County Historical Society	Jacob Sherman	SC

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SD clay4	History of Clay County, South Dakota	Schell, Herbert S.	Jacob Sherman	SD
TN shel4	Memphis in Vintage Postcards: Postcard History Series	Faragher, Scott and Katherine Harrington	Jacob Sherman	TN
TX libe4	Czechs and Others at Eastgate, Liberty County, Texas	Janacek, John E.	Jacob Sherman	TX
VA king4	Old Houses of King and Queen County, Virginia	Cox, Virginia D. and Willie T. Weathers	Jacob Sherman	VA
WI keno4	Kenosha: From Pioneer Village to Modern City, 1835-1935	Cropley, Carrie	Jacob Sherman	WI
WY carb4	Dreamers and Schemers: Profiles from Carbon County Wyoming's Past	Van Pelt, Lori	Jacob Sherman	WY
FH Hayden	Hayden, Rapier, and Allied Families, Colonial Maryland, Kentucky, U.S.A	Donnelly, Mary Louise	Jacob Sherman	FH
FH Kiel	Hendrik Gerrit Kiel: Dutch Immigrant to Pennsylvania: A Genealogy:	Kiel, Frank Wilson	Jacob Sherman	FH
FH Rosser	Fightin' Tom Rosser, C.S.A.	Bushong, Millard Kessler and Dean McKoin Bushong	Jacob Sherman	FH
FH Scott-Trotter	Scott Family History: The Family Reunion	Pape, Karen Atter Howery	Jacob Sherman	FH
FH Walker	Genealogy of the Descendants of John Walker of Wigton, Scotland, with Records	White, Emma Siggins	Jacob Sherman	FH
AT 66	Mills' Atlas: Atlas of the State of South Carolina, 1825	Mills, Robert and Gene Waddell	Rita Binkley Worthy	ATLAS
RF 00000 (373)	Family Tales, Family Wisdom: How to Gather the Stories of a Lifetime and Share Them with Your Family	Klein, Daniel	Pat Ezell	REF
RF 23000 (10)	Black Indians: A Hidden Heritage	Katz, William Loren	Isabella Tagore	REF
RF 33004 Walker	Greyhound Commander: Confederate General John G. Walker's History of the Civil War West of the Mississippi	Lowe, Richard	Jacob Sherman	REF

MEET ROBERT WRIGHT



Your publication volunteer writers, those talented folks who try mightily to produce this newsletter, our award winning journal *Our Heritage*, can only catch words from the ether, place them in happily some order that convey, transform interesting, informative thoughts, ideas to present to you, our readers, something that will entertain, enlighten, and make for some fun reading experiences.

Additionally, however, there must be a 'magician' lurking in the background who takes all of our words, swishes them into paragraphs, pinning photos appropriately, literally conjuring our writers' thoughts into something, with the skill of webmaster **Rob Lewis**, that presents itself to you, as text, whether that be in print or digital format!

I'm pleased to introduce Mr. Robert Wright, our new digital magician. A member since 2021, a family man with a beautiful wife and three adorable girls/kids aged 12 to 28, he is an auditor, Audit Services, for Wyndham Hotels & Resorts. As he says, "I got here as fast as I could," born in Mountain View, California to parents, his father serving in the Marine Corps stationed there. He is proudly a fifth generation TEXAN, served three years in the Army Infantry in Hawaii before earning his accounting degree from UTSA in 1996.

He met 'Miss Right' while they were both working as accountants at the corporate office of La Quinta Inns & Suites. "She doesn't share quite the same passion for genealogy as I do, still struggles (like I do Robert!) with the distinction between a cousin and a first cousin twice removed. I quietly smile, remembering that I once felt much the same way. Her day will come," he chuckles.

He grew up with a genealogy fascinated mother. **Margie Wright**, was a faithful SAGHS member; she passed just three years ago. Robert, even as a small child, has always been fascinated with puzzles, history, family. Genealogy 'has given me a way to bring all three together," he laughed.

He joined SAGHS because he wanted to be around people who share his enthusiasm for genealogy, history, and the science of DNA. And, he stated, "I want to put my interest in technology, DNA focused research, photography, and digital media to work helping to produce our SAGHS print works."

He added, when asked about his research targets, that he is researching the surnames **Wright, Golden, Caruthers, Slawson, Godfrey, Tuttle, Hopkins or Popp** families. If anyone is interested in collaborating on a genetic genealogy mystery, he will welcome that contact.

The publication family is ever so glad to welcome Robert!





FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

By AnnMarie Esparza

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Keaton Jorgenson
Lyn Joseph
Gary (Richard) Lane
Lindsay Pease
Mary Summers
Sherril Theis
Nelson Torres
Roxana Torres
Kay (Eva Kay) Cotter
Nancy Prince



JUDY AND CABELL MCKEE

Dave Spoon

Recently, I had the privilege of sitting down and talking with **Judy and Cabell McKee**, a most interesting couple, SAGHS members since 2009. Although neither of them is native to San Antonio (or Texas for that matter), they got here as soon as they could...in 1991. But before that, they certainly had a lifetime of adventures to pursue!

Judy Park was born in Madison, Indiana, and grew up in Lamb, Switzerland County, Indiana. Cabell was born across the Ohio River in Fox Creek, Kentucky. Fortunately, they both ended up in Switzerland County, where they graduated from Vevay High School, he in 1959, and his wife-to-be in 1964. Marriage would have to wait until Cabell completed his bachelor's degree (in Zoology) from Indiana University in 1963, his master's degree, also in Zoology (in 1964) from UCLA, and his first tour with the U. S. Army (1964-66) in Korea.

They were eventually married, not once, but twice...the first, a civil ceremony on 30 December 1968 and the second, and final, time on 1 January 1969. Once they were thoroughly wed, the couple moved to California. For a complete change of pace, in the spring of 1970 they moved to Boston, where Cabell took a job with U. S. Customs at Logan Airport. After 6 months there, the McKees moved to the Customs station at Tok, Alaska, the "the first major community across the Canadian border for Alaska Highway travelers" Cabell explained.



After 7 months in Alaska, they next traveled to England,

where Cabell pursued further educational opportunities. By now they were expecting their son, Kwan, and in late 1971 returned to the States where Cabell entered Optometry school at Indiana University. It was also during this time that Judy and Cabell decided to explore the world of the cinema, acting as extras in the made-for-TV movie "A Girl Named Sooner," produced by 20th Century Fox, in 1975. As members of the cast, the McKees joined stars **Lee Remick** and **Richard Crenna**. In addition to his acting debut, Cabell graduated with his Doctor of Optometry degree in 1976. Then, he rejoined the U.S. Army, moving with his family to Camp Zama, Japan. While there, Judy worked as volunteer with the Red Cross. During their tour in Japan, Judy decided to try her hand at modeling, taking part in advertising photo shoots.

When that tour was completed in the summer of 1979, they decided yet another adventure was in order; they bought an Optometry practice in Maryborough, Queensland, Australia.

After a year "down under," the family was ready to go back into the Army. They first stopped in Hawaii for a couple of months to determine whether the Army or, possibly, the Indian Health Service would be the best fit for them. Going back into the Army

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was the best option, so off they went, arriving in Texas and reporting to Ft. Hood.

Two years later (in 1982), Cabell was sent to San Antonio for advanced training. Following that course completion, in January 1983 the family packed up and moved to Panama, where Cabell was on the staff of Gorgas Hospital. In the summer of 1985, the Army sent him to Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon for a Master of Science degree in Clinical Optometric Management. From there, the McKee family moved (in 1987) to Ft. Lee, Virginia, where Dr. McKee served at Kenner Hospital.

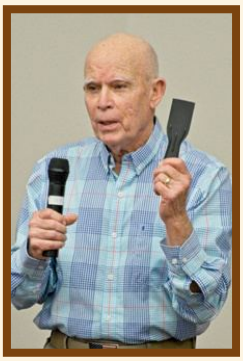
In the summer of 1991, the family finally moved to San Antonio and their "forever home," as Judy puts it. Once in San Antonio, Lieutenant Colonel Cabell McKee retired from the Army, and Judy jumped into an active volunteer career.

From 2003-2020, Judy served as a volunteer member of the San Antonio Police Department's Public Safety team writing tickets for those illegally parking in handicapped spaces and fire lanes. Additionally, she served as a police photographer and worked in the department's photo lab. This enhanced her lifelong interest in genealogy, which was encouraged by her grandmother, who told young Judy about her English, Dutch, and French ancestry. She joined the **Daughters of the American Revolution**, the **National Society of the Daughters of 1812**, the **Daughters of Union Veterans**, the **Daughters of American Colonists**, and the **Huguenot Society** to further her research into her family's heritage. She also branched out, serving as a photographer for each of these organizations.

The McKees joined SAGHS in 2009 to further their mutual interest in genealogy. At the time, Judy was researching her **Banta/Bantau** ancestors as a part of application process for DAR membership. During this time, Cabell shifted into his role as "Judy's research assistant," a role he has embraced. It also allowed him to research his Kentucky ancestors (who served on both sides in the Civil War) and delve into his Scots-Irish and Dutch roots, allowing him to document his lineage and join the **Sons of the American Revolution**. And of course, Judy, following her usual avocation, has served as one of SAGHS' photographers. (Editor's Note: Judy's camera magic has provided many a collage, cover photo for which this newsletter, the Yearbook is most grateful.)

The McKees are enjoying retirement, allowing them to spend time with their son, daughter-in-law, 3 grandkids, and (soon) a great-grandchild, expected in February 2027, who live in Kansas. I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the McKees, learning about their fascinating life journey, and sharing their sojourn with our members. I hope you enjoy their story as well!





TEXAS RECONSTRUCTION -

A FEW EXAMPLES OF SUCCESS

Lt. Col. Frank Kebelman, USMC Retired

If you grew up in the Southern portion of the United States (especially Texas), or have ancestors who did, then you are likely aware of the history and issues relating to the post-Civil War period commonly known as Reconstruction (1865 - 1877). That narrative usually includes stories of "carpetbagging" Yankees, arrogant Union Soldiers lording over their defeated foes and the often terrifying resistance newly-freed slaves faced as they searched for ways to become partners in a mostly rural society that formerly considered them unworthy of acceptance as equal citizens. It was a time of bloody lawlessness, cruelty and uncertainty for all. Yet, even in those turbulent years there were also successful examples of former foes who arrived in Texas, quietly settled down and then contributed much to the stabilization and rebuilding of the South. This brief article will highlight three stories of men who once served in the Union Army, all of whom were members of the **Masonic Order**, but later unexpectedly found themselves in South Texas, and then spent their remaining days helping to rebuild what they had once fought so bravely to defeat.

Their stories represent thousands of other Union Civil War veteran immigrants whose lives reflected the same positive moral and ethical attitudes and who, by the way the lived their lives and treated others, became an enduring beneficial influence as Texas began its long journey back to national acceptance in the dawn of 20th century America. A harmonic undercurrent throughout this period (and this article) is the role that members of the Masonic fraternal order of **Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (AF&AM)**, also played by encouraging reconciliation and acceptance among recent foes whose deep physical and emotional wounds were not yet healed.

A sterling example of this effort is the story of **Arthur Ingersoll Lockwood Sr.** Lockwood was born in Ossining, Westchester County, New York, on 21 August 1835. Both of his parents died when he was seventeen. An adventurous lad, Lockwood later sailed around Cape Horn to join the California gold rush, and spent several years prospecting for that elusive ore. When the Civil War began he joined the 1st California Infantry Regiment where he served as a non-commissioned officer throughout the war. A man of many interests, in 1865 Lockwood arrived in San Antonio with the Union Army of Occupation. Using the logistical skills he learned in the Army, he became a successful merchant and an active participant in the San Antonio social, political and fraternal scenes. He served as City Marshall, spent seven terms on the city council and was eventually chosen to be Mayor in 1892-1893. Imagine that! A Yankee Soldier, Mayor of San Antonio, less than thirty years after the war ended. Lockwood valued his membership in **San Antonio's Alamo Masonic Lodge**, and when he passed away on 9 March 1918, he was laid to rest in the lodge cemetery on E. Commerce Street. His headstone, sadly now partially fallen, is marked with this simple inscription: "A Soldier of the Union Army 1861 - 1865." Lockwood's successful story is listed in "A Twentieth Century History of Southwest Texas," Volume 1, The Lewis Publishing Company, 1907, page 401.

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TEXAS RECONSTRUCTION

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Charles Sykes Broadbent Sr. (sometimes spelled Brodbent) was born on 3 April 1842, in Morgantown, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and was preparing to attend college when the Civil War began. He joined the 137th Illinois Infantry Regiment and, when the war ended, attended college and did well. By 1875 he was the County Clerk of Sumner County, Kansas, but gave up that position and moved to South Texas to become a sheep rancher with land stretching throughout Maverick, Kinney and Val Verde Counties. He was later elected a county commissioner, then county judge and finally served for several years as Post Master in Del Rio, Texas. Broadbent married in 1884 and relocated with his family to San Antonio where he became a well known real estate agent. His story is included in "A Twentieth Century History of Southwest Texas," Volume II, The Lewis Publishing Company, 1907, page 38. Like Lockwood, Broadbent was also an active member of Alamo Masonic Lodge and chose to be interred in the lodge cemetery when he passed away on 23 March 1931.

One final example is that of **David Wing Rogers**, a pious Quaker farmer from Granville, New York. He was already married when the Civil War began, but joined the 123rd New York Infantry Regiment in 1862. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant for gallantry at the 1863 Battle of Chancellorsville where he was also wounded in action. His heroism there earned him the nickname "the Fighting Quaker." Rogers mustered out in 1865 and returned to his New York family where he spent the next fifteen years farming the family property, but by 1900 he and his wife, **Cordelia**, had relocated to San Antonio and were living with their daughter-in-law, **Julia Jackson**. Like his friends, Broadbent and Lockwood, Rogers was a dedicated Mason and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union veterans organization. He too is buried in Alamo Masonic Cemetery, though like Lockwood, his headstone has fallen and needs o be reset.

These three examples; a merchant-politician, a rancher-real estate agent and a Quaker farmer combat hero, although proud of their wartime service, spent a far greater portion of their lives quietly helping Texas and Texans recover from the effects of that brutal War. The latter half of the 19th century is considered the ultimate period for membership in American fraternal orders, and each of the above Union veterans were members of **Alamo Masonic** lodge where many of their brothers were former Confederate Soldiers.

But their behavior in upholding the high principles Masons live by (brotherly-love, relief and truth), though seldom mentioned in print, were a fundamental catalyst for helping to heal the individual and societal wounds incurred during the Civil War. Those fraternal bonds became (and remain) a continuing positive influence here in San Antonio, and any other community in any state or nation where the Masonic order is present. Long may it be so.

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Once the family trees are setup, the next step is to make sure you and your friends have the Family Search app on your mobile device or tablet. Login on the app to your Family Search account.

Now the fun begins. It was amazing when we did this at Roots Tech. You have hundreds of strangers within 100 feet of you, and everyone starts the app, and clicks on the Relatives Around Me function, and suddenly your family tree gets potentially much bigger!

Start the Family Search app on your device, and your friend's device too. Both / All of you should then go to the app. At least one of you should tap the 3 horizontal lines at the top of the app, then tap Relatives Around Me. Then tap Scan For Relatives. This should take just a few seconds, and then you will see if any of your friends are actually related to you! Once you find that a friend is related, you can tap on the friend's name, and Family Search will show the path of your ancestors and theirs, and then you can work to confirm the relationship path. It may be that your spouse is related to the person, but the family links will show that. Happy Hunting!

YEARBOOKS – WE'VE GOT – YEARBOOKS 2026 – 2027

Yearbook editor/photographer **Charles Brussells** has done it again! Your personal copy is now available in the library, ready for pick up.Working with Membership Chairman **AnnMarie Esparza** who supplies new members' information, he has been collecting, editing, adding member photos taken by **Troy Lawrence** – all to compile the latest handy one-stop-shopping spiral bound booklet which includes bylaws, a list of Duty librarians, library Volunteers, elected positions and their duties, First Family listings, a list of past presidents, even the wording of the salute to our Texas flag!

This is another useful, working tool, so much more than a roster; a real benefit of membership. The library is open Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Stop by to say Hi and get your copy. **THANK YOU CHARLES and Thomas Printworks.**



FROM THE EDITOR

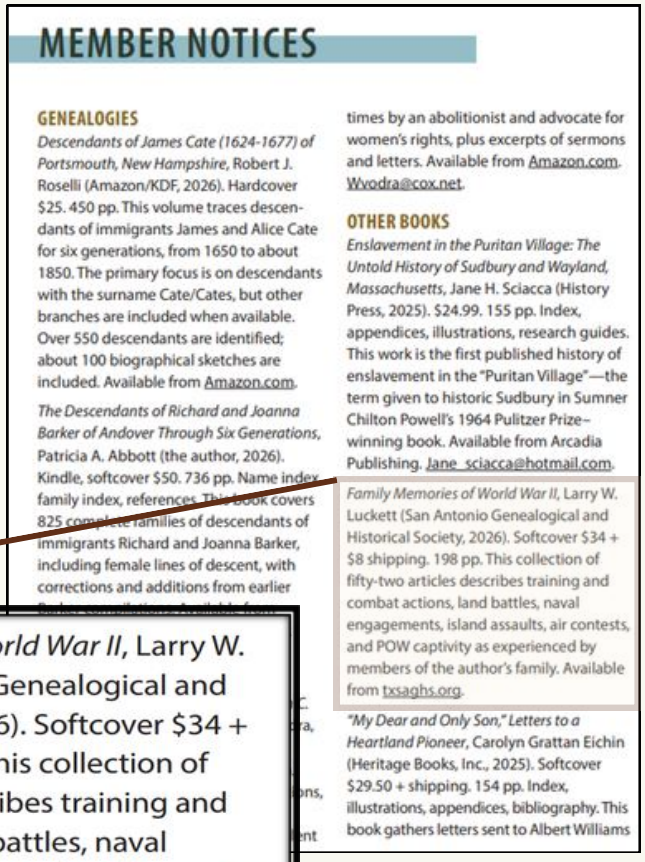
Carol Thompson

Word has arrived that **Larry Luckett**, our own past *Our Heritage* and newsletter writer/editor and author of many genealogically and historically significant works, has been heralded in the pages of *American Ancestors*, the published magazine of the **New England Historical Genealogy Society**. This magazine features notices of new publications, new books that might be of interest to their members.

He had submitted a "blurb" about SAGHS' newest publication Memories of World War II to American Ancestors, on a whim! The published text was produced by the magazine from that information.

As an editor himself, Larry, if given the opportunity, would have changed "...members of the author's family" to "...members of the authors' families", to accurately reflect the contributions of the individual article authors.

Larry wrote "my submission appears in the Fall 2026 edition, out this week. Maybe it will generate traffic and sales." As you remember, proceeds from sales of this publication about WWII are used to support our library.



MEMBER NOTICES

GENEALOGIES

Descendants of James Cate (1624-1677) of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Robert J. Roselli (Amazon/KDF, 2026). Hardcover $25. 450 pp. This volume traces descendants of immigrants James and Alice Cate for six generations, from 1650 to about 1850. The primary focus is on descendants with the surname Cate/Cates, but other branches are included when available. Over 550 descendants are identified; about 100 biographical sketches are included. Available from Amazon.com.

The Descendants of Richard and Joanna Barker of Andover Through Six Generations, Patricia A. Abbott (the author, 2026). Kindle, softcover $50. 736 pp. Name index, family index, references. This book covers 825 complete families of descendants of immigrants Richard and Joanna Barker, including female lines of descent, with corrections and additions from earlier

times by an abolitionist and advocate for women's rights, plus excerpts of sermons and letters. Available from Amazon.com. Wvodra@cox.net.

OTHER BOOKS

Enslavement in the Puritan Village: The Untold History of Sudbury and Wayland, Massachusetts, Jane H. Sciacca (History Press, 2025). $24.99. 155 pp. Index, appendices, illustrations, research guides. This work is the first published history of enslavement in the "Puritan Village"—the term given to historic Sudbury in Sumner Chilton Powell's 1964 Pulitzer Prize–winning book. Available from Arcadia Publishing. Jane_sciacca@hotmail.com.

Family Memories of World War II, Larry W. Luckett (San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society, 2026). Softcover $34 + $8 shipping. 198 pp. This collection of fifty-two articles describes training and combat actions, land battles, naval engagements, island assaults, air contests, and POW captivity as experienced by members of the author's family. Available from txsaghs.org.

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