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President's Message



Summer time and the living is easy! At least if you are staying inside and sitting with the air-conditioner! I hear that if you go outside, you will also run into the Saharan dust that they share with us each year, and the heat is so oppressive that you cannot stay in the garden very long!

This leaves you with a chance to do a little research! I am working with a few ladies who want to find their ancestors. One is wanting to join a lineage group and one is wanting to find her Cherokee ancestors. Both are interesting and is a great way to spend a lazy afternoon. If you are interested in something like this, run down to the KGS library and talk to the volunteers that help the public each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. These girls are wonderful at research and are waiting to help those of you who want to do your own family research.

You will be interested in the programs that are coming up this fall at our regular meetings. Watch for information telling you about our speakers and the topics that they will be sharing. You will learn quite a bit about your researching and the world around you. You will not want to miss one of these. Afterwards join us in the social room and grab a light bite to eat, meet our members and speaker, and maybe even become one of the volunteers. I think you will be surprised at the fun you will have while you are learning about researching your own family.

With the Fourth of July coming up soon, thoughts turn to patriotic things! I know a lot of us remember when we were growing up in grade school and learning the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag... trying not to stumble over the words and remember the next word before the end came.

I remember the songs that I liked best that were always sung when we were celebrating Independence Day: "America, America, God Shed His Grace on Thee," "You're a Grand Ole Flag," "Oh, Say Can You See."

I remember the little flags we all waved at the long, long parade with all the floats and little ladies from the patriotic lineage organizations sitting so primly and waving at us. I remember all the red, white, and blue ribbons that were streaming from everything and everyone. What a wonderful time we all had!

But when July 4th rolls around this year, I will be sitting in front of the television and watching all of the celebrations. The patriotic feeling will be the same as when I was a lot younger. After all, my flags are all out and decorating my house...inside and out! I am ready to celebrate July! I am proud to be an American!! God bless the U.S.A.

See you in September!

Nancy McLarry

President, KGS

Upcoming Meetings

Our meetings are held at 2:00 p.m.
Guadalupe Basin Natural Resource Center
Upper Guadalupe River Authority Auditorium
125 Lehmann Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028

September 18

Speaker: Kaye Wykoff
Past Perfect: Organizing Your Genealogy

Whether you have paper or digital genealogy research documents, organizing them is always a challenge. The main goal is to be able to find your documents and source materials six months or six years from now. There is no ONE way to do this. The system has to make sense to you and work the way your mind thinks. Over the years Kay Wykoff has participated in several workshops, seminars, and lectures about keeping genealogy research organized—both paper and digital files. She will show a couple of methods of organizing, naming, and filing, and how each method strives to achieve the same goal.

Kaye has been researching her family history since 1976, beginning with her maternal connections to the Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of the Republic of Texas, then moving to a focus on Texas and Southern States research. More recently, she has delved into her paternal line prior to coming to America in the mid-1800s, taking her research into distant families in Germany, Bohemia and Poland.



Kaye is a proud 7th generation Texan. She was a charter member of the New Kentucky Chapter of the DRT, serving as its Organizing President. She was a charter member of the Heritage Trails Chapter of the DAR and a past member of the San Jacinto Chapter. She and her husband, Dave, live in the Spring Branch/Bulverde area north of San Antonio, having moved from NW Houston after Hurricane Harvey.

October 16

Speaker: To be announced

November 20

Speaker: Lloyd Shenberger
Tax – Using Tax Records to Solve Genealogical Problems and Fill in the Gaps

Membership News

Janet Dugart, Membership Chair

Our current membership totals 108. Please welcome our newest members:

Jeanelle Guerriero
Betty Sales
Bill and Kathy Wiederspan
Margarita Calderon
Nancy Foster



On the Shelves at the KGS Research Center & Library

Lora Stevens, 2nd Vice President



We have received a new batch of donations since our last newsletter. We are so thankful for the donations to help us build our library. Here is a partial listing:

ARKANSAS

Carroll County, Arkansas Families
Carroll County, Arkansas – Historical Quarterly
History of Pope County, Arkansas Vol. 1

TENNESSEE

Conflict in the Cumberlands, Tennessee
100 Years in the Cumberland Mountains, Tennessee
History of Fentress County, Tennessee
Fentress County, Tennessee Pictorial History Vol. 1
History of Fentress, Tennessee
Fentress County, Tennessee History – As I reviewed it
Overton County, Tennessee An Informal History Vol. 1
Our Wonderful Overton County, Tennessee Heritage
History of Overton County, Tennessee Vol. History of Stewart County, Tennessee in Pictures
Tennessee Today 1796

TEXAS

The News from Brownsville, Texas (Cameron County)
Yesterday in the Texas Hill Country
Between the Wichitas – Knox County, Texas

FAMILY LINES

Several books of the Chism Line
Nicholas Seehorn – Some of his Descendants

GENERAL

Google your family tree
War of 1812 Genealogy

Please come in and see what treasures the library has for you. We have volunteers willing to help if you have a brick wall and need ideas. We have computers and genealogy programs for you to use.

Finding Revolutionary War Patriots in the 1840 Census

By Sharon Ashby

YES, you read the title correctly. As July 4th approaches, you may be thinking about researching your military ancestors and specifically looking for a Revolutionary War patriot. There were many Revolutionary War soldiers or their widows who were still living and receiving pensions from the government in 1840. It's incorrect to think of long lives as a unique characteristic of recent times. Infant mortality, disease and lack of medicines and vaccines, accidents and war did cut many lives short. Luckier ones, and there are many, are found in old vital records having reached

their 80's, 90's and even age 100 as in the case of John Herron, age 102, living in Hopkins County, Kentucky in 1840.

The 1840 census of veteran pensioners provides information about individuals who served in the Revolutionary War or provided other military services. During the 1840 U.S. Federal Census, enumerators collected data on pensioners recording their names, ages, and places of residence. The census also indicates the person with whom the pensioner was living. This includes family members,

other individuals, or fellow veterans. Knowing the head of the household can provide connections. The head of the household is on the first page while veteran information is documented on the second page or the back of the population schedule on the same numbered line as the head of the household in which he lived. This information can also help the genealogist locate death and burial places for the veteran or widow. While the census doesn't provide extensive military service records, it does confirm that the individuals listed were pensioners due to their military service. It's a valuable starting point for further research into their military backgrounds.

So, as you work your way back to the 1840 census looking for your family, be sure to check the back of the page for a pensioner. The 1840 Census of Veteran Pensioners bridges the gap between history and genealogy as we honor those who shaped our nation.

www.census.gov/library/publications/1841/dec/1840d.html

<https://accessgenealogy.com/military/1840-pensioners-census.htm>

Quarterlies In the Collection of Kerrville Genealogical Society

By Sharon Ashby

If you attended the April 2024, Kerrville Genealogical Society general meeting, you received a brief introduction to PERSI (Periodical Source Index) by our speaker Steve Mabie. For those who were not at the meeting, the Periodical Source Index, or PERSI, is the largest subject index to genealogy and local history periodical articles in the world, created by the staff of the Allen County Public Library Foundation in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and accessible in the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library website. These periodicals were all published by historical and genealogical societies at local, state, national, and international levels. Go to <https://www.genealogycenter.info/persi/> to start searching the periodicals held by the Allen County Public Library.

I strongly suggest you watch the excellent tutorial by Allison Singleton on Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems YouTube channel titled "How To Use PERSI Like A PRO!" to learn the specifics of searching for your ancestors in these periodicals. Just go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and put the title of the video in the search box. Ms. Singleton demonstrates how to drill down in name, location, and topic searches.

It is possible to search periodicals held in libraries without too much effort because the fourth issue of each year generally has an index of surnames and keywords. So, if you have ancestors in any of the locations on our list below, we invite you to come in and browse the issues at Kerrville Genealogical Society Library as well as exploring the enormous collection of periodicals on the Allen County Public Library website <https://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>

Here are a few examples in periodicals at Kerrville Genealogical Society Research Center & Library:

"Connecticut Births before 1730 Stratford, Connecticut" from *Connecticut Nutmegger*, Dec 1980, page 400;

"Early ledger entries of Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral Home" dating from the late 1800s published alphabetically in several issues, including J-M entries in Vol. XXII, No. 3, September 1976 issue of *The Dallas Quarterly*;

The Pennsylvania Traveler, Volume 5, Number 4, August 1969, offers the earliest tax assessment on file in the commissioners office. "Taxables of Tioga County—1812" was probably the first tax list made after the erection of the county.

Title of Quarterly	Location	Issues
Texas Quarterlies Located in Room 4		
<i>Our Heritage</i>	Bexar County, TX	1972 – 2007 Most issues
	Comal County, TX	A few random issues
<i>The Dallas Quarterly</i>	Dallas County, TX	1972 – 1982; 1985
<i>German Texas Heritage Society</i>		1979 – 1994; 2001 – 2004
<i>Keys To The Past</i>	Kendall County, TX	1982; 2010

<i>Austin Quarterly</i>	Travis County, TX	1993-2004 most issues
<i>Fort Worth</i>	Fort Worth, TX	2000-2013 most issues
<i>Hopkins County Heritage</i>	Hopkins County, TX	Some issues for years 2011-2021
<i>Texas Branches & Acorns</i>	Southwest Texas	1987-1994, 1996-2009 most issues
<i>Texas HC Crossroads</i>	Hill County, TX	1995-2004, 2006-2012
<i>The Gillespian</i>	Gillespie County, TX	1992-2003 Some issues
<i>The Chisholm Trail</i>	Williamson County, TX	2000-2003
<i>Ceske Stopy</i>	Tx Czech Gen. Society	A few random Quarterlies
<i>West Texas Historical Review</i>	Texas	2012-2018
<i>Stirpes Quarterly</i>	Texas	1961-1962-1964, 1971-1981, 1984-2010, 2017-2022
Quarterlies for Other States in the Main Library Room		
<i>Northeast Alabama Settlers</i>	NE Alabama	1959-1962; 1976 - 1983
<i>Tap Roots</i>	East Alabama	July 1980; 1981 - 83
<i>Connecticut Nutmegger</i>	Connecticut	1969 - 1987
<i>The Georgia Genealogical Magazine</i>	Georgia	July 1961 – Oct. 1969; 1975 - 1986
<i>Indiana Magazine of History</i>	Indiana	1991; 1992 (1,2,3); 1999 (3); 2000 (2,3,4); 2001 (1,2,3); 2002 (2); 2003 (2,3,4); 2004 (1)
<i>The New York Genealogical and Biographical Quarterly</i>	New York	1967 - 1976
<i>North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register</i>	North Carolina	1900; 1901;1903
<i>Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly</i>	Oklahoma	1968 - 1977
<i>The Pennsylvania Traveler Post</i>	Pennsylvania	1968 - 1972
<i>East Tennessee Historical Society Publication</i>	East Tennessee	1958 - 1960
Regional and National Quarterlies Rooms 3 & 4		
<i>The New England Historical and Genealogical Register</i>	New England States	Many Volumes 1857 – 1873; 1880 – 1882; 1977 - 2023
<i>National Genealogical Quarterly</i>		Many volumes 1974 - 2019
<i>Southwestern Historical Quarterly</i>		1941 - 2020

KERRVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Membership Application

☐ New ☐ Renewal

Membership Year: January 1 - December 31, 2024

Membership is open to all individuals 18 years and older, libraries, and societies and is pro-rated based on date of application.

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I consider myself: ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

I would be willing to: ☐ Contribute to newsletter ☐ Serve on a committee ☐ Bring refreshments
☐ Other _____

Type of membership:	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$10.00	New members and former members (if more than a full year) may join at a pro-rated fee:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$25.00	
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