

## West Houston Area Genealogy Society



"Helping to find your roots!"

May 2022

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### Presenting In-Person & Virtually!

Speaking at our hybrid presentation for May 21, 2022 is **Irene Walters**. Her topic is **"Generating Books Using Family Book Creator."**

Irene is a librarian for Clayton Library home to the best genealogy library in our area. She has a long history in family research and writing. She will

share with attendees ideas for writing family history using the Family Book Creator which is part of Family Tree Maker.

Save the Date!

**May 21, 2022**

Saturday!

The meeting opens at **10:00 am** and **the program will begin at 10:30 pm**. We will be meeting in person



at the **Steve Rad-dack Center on Clay Road** or you can attend **virtually**.

Register at

[www.whags.org](http://www.whags.org)

to attend virtually.



### "Family Book Creator" by Jenny Sharrer©

"Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die, we can't remember who we are or why we're here."

— Sue Monk Kidd

Why should I want to learn about Family Book Creator (FBC), a plugin for Family Tree Maker, the desktop software program?

Here are a few reasons:

- Do you currently have a desktop software program for saving your tree? If not, learning about this plugin for Family Tree Maker (FTM) just may give you

enough information about FTM to motivate you to research it and other desktop software packages on the market.

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- Do you have a way to publish your tree to share it with others? If you already have FTM, this is a great way to publish a book or booklets. This software assists with turning family data into books.
- If you have a desktop software program that you are not happy with, this will give you a peek at alternative desktop software!

### Links

<https://www.familybookcreator.com/en/>  
This link takes you to the webpage for Family Book Creator. The website provides detailed information about the features of the software, how to receive support, and even an option to subscribe to a free newsletter!

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/session/tt2-of-4-family-book-creator> This is a link to an excellent YouTube video on using the software to create books.

### Cost:

The software is available in both Mac and Windows versions for \$59.95. The latest version is 2017.

### Reviews of the software:

"This program is exceptionally well written and well documented. I've created over a dozen different genealogy booklets and every time someone sees them, I am overwhelmed with the complements they shower on me. Whether it's family members or historical society offices, everyone loves my Family Book Creator booklets." Dec 16, 2020 by *George Reed*

"I very seldom write a review, but when a software program simplifies my life, I must let others know about it. I had struggled with presentation for many years, starting repeatedly. I never liked how my story was presented, and it soon became out-of-date. Family Book Creator was my answer! A simple to install plugin for Family Tree Maker made my family story come to life.

Very easy to use. Just select what you want to include in the book and give it a name. SECONDS later your book is completed. You must try Family Book Creator by Stefan Harms! You will not be disappointed!" Sep 3, 2020 by *William Pelfrey*

"I have been doing genealogy for over 30 years and this program allowed me to produce a beautiful personalized book within minutes. I would definitely recommend this program to my friends." Apr 24, 2019 by *Joan Letsos*

"This plugin is exactly what I was looking for! I have completed the task of building my family tree in Family Tree Maker and wanted a way of converting the digital data into book form. With the press of a button, Family Book Creator creates a document including table of contents, photos and charts. When I contacted the developer with a problem, he very quickly responded and was able to solve my issue within a very short time." Dec 30, 2016 by *Laura McEachern*

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As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I wanted to find my maternal grandfather's new family. I started looking as soon as the records went live at 11:00 pm, Central Time, on 31 March. As we all know, the records were not indexed. I used my grandfather's 1952 death certificate to find an address. He was living on Kitchens [Kitchen] Lane, in New Hope, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. I used the National Archives site. Google Maps helped me locate Kitchen Lane in New Hope. There were two enumeration districts (ED) for New Hope: 9-101, north of US Highway 202, and 9-102, south of US Highway 202. Kitchen Lane crosses through both. I started with ED 9-101 and browsed through the fifteen pages for Charles Squires. He was not in ED 9-101, so I browsed the 29 pages for ED 9-102. He wasn't there either. I entered his name in the name field and found him in Solebury township, ED 9-137, on Kitchen Lane, page 17 of 51. Solebury is the next township to the west of New Hope borough. I still have not found my father in the 1950 census and hope to do that next week when I go to visit him.

As I mentioned in our April meeting, the Chaparral Genealogical Society is closing its doors and research library. It is always sad to see a local genealogy society go away. Chaparral is in the process of dissolving its library donating many of its books, journals, and other items to Lone Star College. They had 300+ duplicate items that were donated to WHAGS. We picked up the duplicate books, journals, etc., and are processing them into our system.

## *The President's Note....*

There were approximately nine volunteers who worked hard on Monday to pick up the books in Magnolia, transport them to the Radack Community Center, and process the books into an inventory management spreadsheet. I would like to thank all of these folks for their hard work starting with Jenny Sharrer who led this project.

Thanks also to Linda Whitby and her husband Mel, Chuck and Liz Philip, Laurel Cull, Bridget Demby, Tina Johnson, Nancy Crane, and Gail Colby. Joe and Brenda Carrington (WHAGS members and Chaparral members) were instrumental in facilitating the process and helping WHAGS collect the donated books. Thanks, Joe and Brenda!

May marks the end of WHAGS' 2021-2022 program and fiscal year. At the May meeting, the 2022-2023 board will be introduced. Please remember to vote by 19 May so your voice can be heard. This past year has been very successful for WHAGS. We grew our membership, continued with great programs, conducted a society trip to the Clayton Library, expanded our library, and continued with the DNA SIG and Members Helping Members. None of this could have been done without the work of our dedicated volunteers. WHAGS exists for its members. We hope to expand our offerings in the coming year. Watch the "blast," newsletter, and website for information. If you have any ideas on what you would like to see, please let us know.

Thanks to the Leadership Team: Tom Woltz, Tom Matchett, Pacquitta Laverents, Jenny Sharrer, Neal Scott, Liz Philip, and Ron Ware. Thanks to the newsletter editor, Linda Hudson, and Nancy Crane for a great newsletter. Neal Scott and Ron Ware have

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worked hard to give us an ever-improving website. Neal Scott and Pacquitta Laverents have been instrumental in making our hybrid meetings successful. Liz Philip reconstituted the Welcome and Hospitality Group which made the in-person portion of the meetings very pleasant. It has truly been a wonderful year!

Finally, I would like to thank Jenny Sharrer, who, for the last three years, has contributed far beyond what she should have. Jenny led the programming efforts for the last two years providing WHAGS with some wonderful programs that keep us coming back. She has assembled a programming team for the 2022-2023 program year so she can step back, enjoy life, and do some genealogy. We would not be where we are without all of Jenny's exceptional efforts. Thank you, Jenny!

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<sup>3</sup>"Solebury Township," *Google Map* (<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Solebury+Township,+PA/> : accessed 01 April 2022), map data 2022.

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### Late breaking news:

If you are like me, there is ample room to learn more about preserving the results of my hard work and years of research. Family Book Creator is just one option for passing our work on to future generations. Join your fellow WHAGS members on May 21<sup>st</sup> to learn more about this option for preserving our research so others may enjoy it.

The Houston Geological Forum is hosting a Special Interest Group on Family Tree Maker, Family Book Creator, and Charting Companion on May 18 from 11-1.

This is the link to register:

<https://hgftx.org/detail/eventDetail.php?er=103>

The online webinar will be hosted by MacKiev, the maker of Family Tree Maker. There will be a door prize and discounts on MacKiev Software products.

One of our favorite WHAGS speakers, Irene Walters from Clayton Library will provide a Show and Tell about the Family Book Creator software at our upcoming monthly program on May 21! Come for a sneak peak of the software.

## **“Your Summer Genealogy Research Road Trip,” by Linda Hudson ©**

In prior issues, we have discussed examples of member road trips and some tips for making that long awaited trip successful. This is just a reminder of things to consider before you start out. A trip well-planned often yields the best results!

These tips are based on research in the United States. Ideas for your consideration:

1. Know this: some sites will take longer than you expected because you found a treasure trove and some sites may be duds. Planning makes a difference.
2. Call ahead.
  - Who do you call? Research centers, libraries, state and local archives offices, historical centers and societies, county offices, local churches, and travel centers.
3. Ask each site:
  - Days and hours open?
  - Contact names?
  - What types of records do they have and for what dates?
  - What type of vertical files do they have? Is there a list you can get on their website, or can they email that to you?
  - What you can bring in the building?
  - Can you photograph or copy records?
  - Places of interest nearby, places they'd recommend to eat or stay.
4. Now consider: what are you researching there?
  - What lines of the family? Cemeteries? Homesteads? Other locations?
  - What are your primary goals at each location? Don't get carried away.
5. Plan the trip. The hours driving, the roads you take, the stops you make for the most part should be planned, unless you have the leisure and the money to be gone for a long time.
  - Where are you staying?
  - Did you make reservations? Summer can be a busy travel time, and many are on the road. Take it from me, when my daughter was born in Texas and my husband and I were driving back to our home in Tampa, we planned to spend the night in Pensacola. We figured no problem. We got there and were told we'd have to drive 4 hours to Tallahassee to find a room. My daughter and I cried most of the way. We were tired.
6. Keep files, lists, devices or whatever is easiest for you to have the information handy about where you are going, staying, and don't run out of gas!
6. Plan extra time at your research and cemetery, etc. stops. It's better to have too much time than too little.
7. If you know the books and files you want to see, have that information in your records, so you don't spend more time looking aimlessly at the site. If you know what you want to see, let the library or society know when you are coming. They may pull the information in advance.
8. I know research is fun for us, but schedule some non-research time seeing the sites, etc. or get in touch with an old friend along the way. It enriches the journey. It's also fun to share the stories.
9. Take both paper maps and navigation systems. There are places in the U.S. that don't get a signal.
10. Check with the local historical societies to see if they know someone local that likes to show visitors around.
11. Get online and see if you can find family descendants in the area.

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Photo: 2x ggm sister's descendants at annual reunion in Sauk County, Wisconsin.

You may get invited to a family reunion in Wisconsin because you reached out to a potential fourth cousin on Facebook or Ancestry. Not only were the hosts extended family and fabulous company, but they had the motherlode of family history.

A final thought — planning a research trip overseas is like here but on steroids. There are extra things you need to do. Perhaps, in the fall we will have an issue

about that!



Photo Retrieved from fineartamerica.com on 20 Apr 2022

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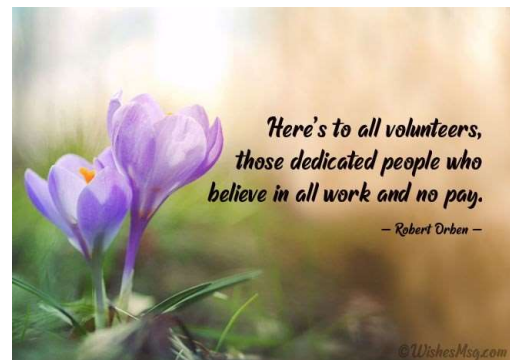
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## Volunteers: Stepping Up for Us All!

WHAGS wants to extend a hearty welcome to our two new volunteers. Joanne Shaffer has volunteered to be our "Trip Coordinator." While she was born in AZ, her family is from Texas. She went to Waltrip High. There she was very active in activities and was very proud to be part of their Imperial Guard, a precision drill team. She loves crafts and quilting and began her family research in 1991. Her life's work was in auditing. Another passion was travel. She and her spouse spent over twenty years moving from one adventure to the next. Our society is looking forward to new excursions!!

Also joining the Leadership Team is Kathy Carlson. She will be coordinating Publicity. We will have more about her in the fall. We are very happy to welcome her and want both of these members to know how much they are appreciated for volunteering!



## "Resources to Broaden Your Knowledge"

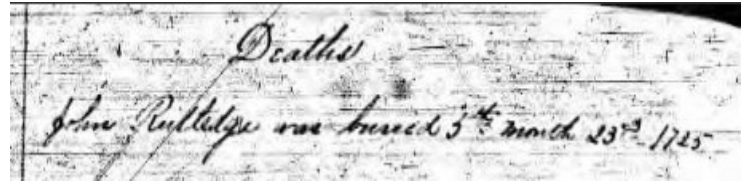
### "Dates & Genealogy" by Linda Hudson©

We use it every day. We organize our life around it. We note special occasions on it. It's a tool. It is an important tool today. I am referring to the calendar. Tracking time and the calendar has a unique history of its own. Like most things it has evolved. This method for noting time is now believed to go back 10,000 years. Of course, as genealogists, we are interested in the era of writing and keeping records and their place in history, or time.

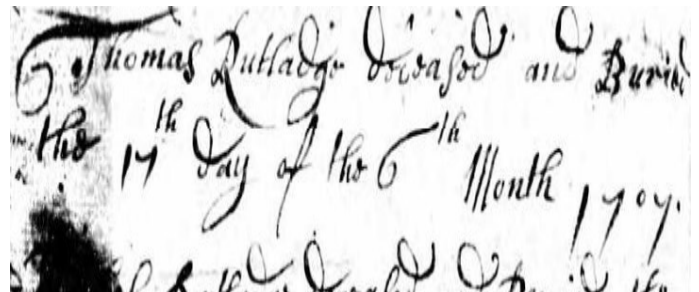
I began to give dates greater attention when I began genealogy research. Especially, after discovering my Quaker ancestors. In doing research, we come across two calendars used in recording documents. The first is the Julian Calendar. It wasn't perfect, but it served a purpose. It was created in 48 BCE. and had to be adjusted every so often to align with the equinox. This calendar was used until 1752 when the Gregorian Calendar became the standard. Pope Gregory XIII instituted it in 1582 in Catholic regions. It, too, has had a few adjustments overtime to keep in step with the equinox, including the cyclical "leap year."

How does the calendar impact our legal records and dates? If you are lucky enough to trace your family lines back before 1752, then you are using dates from the Julian Calendar. The names of months are named after pagan gods. This is important because Quakers refused to use those names to mark time. While governments evolved and records were kept prior to 1752, Quakers used

numbers for the month. Under the Julian calendar, the year began on March 25th. So, March is the first month. Protestant countries like those of the United Kingdom would refer to this as such. February would be the 12th month.



Example: John Rutledge was buried the 5th month 23rd 1725. So, he was buried on July 23, 1725. This is in Middletown, PA.



Example: Thomas Rutledge deceased and buried the 17th day of the 6th month 1707. This is then August 17, 1707. Recorded in the Quaker Monthly Meeting of Kirklington, Cumberland, Northumberland, England.

When some locations stopped using the Julian Calendar. Quakers double numbered their records.

And this example illustrates some places

1705/6, 1, 20. Robert, Bucks Co., m Mary Large, dt Joseph. Bucks Co.. at Falls MH across the globe had changed to the Gregorian Calendar already. Quakers, to be clear, double numbered the year. This would be March 20, 1706, and the end of 1705. Since the new year began on the 25th.

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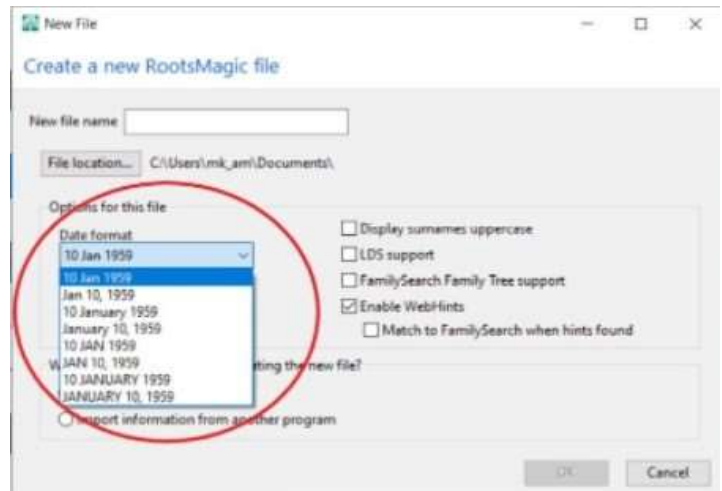
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Worth noting on the prior example is this was a transcription done by the Quakers and the entries were placed in groups by last name. Robert's last name was Sanders and he married Mary Large, the daughter of Joseph.

When researching across the globe, it is good practice to research the region and the calendar used for a time period. Many cultures had their own system. Also, try to see the original and make sure it has been transcribed correctly. There are many trees online that demonstrate either the transcriber or the tree builder did not know that in earlier records the first month of the year was March.

Moving on from converting dates to writing them in a standardized form. This also varies across the globe. I grew up writing month, day, and year. I don't remember when it occurred, but I recall thinking that's odd; the first time I saw the day, month and two-digit year. When recording things on your online or desktop tree, the most important issue is to be consistent. It is also best to put a zero before a single digit. This way you know it was a one-digit date and not an error. In my reading, the only program I've come across that uses a one digit day is FamilySearch. Months can be abbreviated using the common three letter designation. There are a number of other typical "date" qualifiers. I encourage you to go to the link entitled, "Using Date Standardization in Genealogy Research." It even discusses "Quarter dates," which I haven't yet

come across. The comments section also provides more clarity.



Source: Amie B. Tennant article cited below.

Above you can see all the various formats for recording a date on RootsMagic. Some programs you type what you want. For example, Ancestry suggests two-digit day, then month and then four-digit year. But you can put in bfr (before) a date. Example: bfr 1776. It is also advised that you always use a four digit year.

A caveat. The international standard for date formatting is — YYYYMMDD. The debate continues.

Do what works for you and be as specific as you can be. You might not look at your research for a while and you may later ask yourself — what did I mean? Then, its back to square one.

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## "Resources to Broaden Your Knowledge"

See "Helping to Find Your Roots" on page 10 for more info.



Dear **WHAGS Member**,

We are excited to announce that our organization has joined the 1950 US Census Community Project to help index the upcoming census release. Enhancing records from our state, we are an essential part of this monumental grassroots effort that will put one of the richest genealogical data sets in the world online, complete, and searchable forever.

Go to [FamilySearch.org/1950census](https://FamilySearch.org/1950census), and register to participate. Your effort is crucial!

Thank you in advance for your participation. We look forward to the impact this resource will have on researchers in our area and so many others.

Warm regards,

**Gail Colby, President**  
**West Houston Area Genealogy Society**

### **About the 1950 Census Community Project**

On April 1, 2022, images of the 1950 US Federal Census will be released for the first time. Unlike previous census years, these records will be available as free digital images.

Upon its release, the 1950 US Census Community Project, a joint initiative between FamilySearch, Ancestry, and other leading genealogy societies and organizations, will coordinate efforts to provide quick access to these digital images and to create a comprehensive index that will be searchable online.

Enthusiasm and interest in the 1950 US census have been building steadily since the release of the 1940 census in 2012. These new records will introduce us to the 40,000,000 people born during this era of baby boomers. But this postwar decade wasn't just prosperous for newborns. It also ushered in the civil rights movement, rock 'n' roll, suburban living, and a wave of colorful innovations. Many of the powerful voices and inspired minds behind these changes will be found in the 1950 census.

Many people alive today will find themselves in the 1950 US census. Others will be able to readily connect with relatives they knew personally or through family stories. Imagine the great resource this will be to current and future researchers and family history enthusiasts!

## “Helping to find your roots!”

If you have an account with FamilySearch, that is great. If you don't, it is easy to create one, and it is free. If you use this link to start, <https://www.familysearch.org/getinvolved/1950>, you will see a map of the country and how much of each state has been completed.

You can choose the state(s) you want to review. What you are doing is checking to make sure census entries have been correctly transcribed. As of 21 April 2022, only 9% of the Texas records have been reviewed.

This is a community project that our society is participating in. We can help ourselves and our neighbors by assisting with this project. The project depends on volunteers to review the materials. Across the country, there are folks like you and

me helping to preserve the records and provide historical records to people across the globe.

You can contribute as much or as little time as you want. It's up to you. I do think it worthwhile to assist with a project that aids a family pursuit, dare I say hobby or interest, that gives so much back.



January 26, 2022 - Jason Wright

### **How Indexing the 1950 Census Will Be Different**

The release and publication of the 1950 United States census in April 2022 will be unlike any previous census publication.

Go to the link to learn more!!

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## **Editor's Corner: With Appreciation!! By Linda Hudson**

Hi WHAGS members,

Another year has come and gone. Happily, we feel freer to venture out and do some "live" research.

I hope you will create some research adventures for yourself and have success finding out more than you hoped for!

I also would like you to think about how you might like to contribute to the newsletter. It might be a single story about finding an elusive family. You may have an idea for a regular column, for example, "For Beginners." This could be more in-depth than my tips for beginners.

I also hope you will encourage your friends and family to consider joining our society. We have been blessed by the number of members who have joined us during Covid.

Despite all the challenges we have faced, we have prevailed.

I will close for now and wish you exciting excursions this summer that will be filled with stories to share.

Don't forget you can share on our Facebook page during the summer.

Happy Trails,

Linda



***Time is running out.....last chance for your friends or associates to sign up! May 10th is the last day to register!***

WHAGS presents:  
**Beginner's  
Genealogy  
Workshop**

***Register Now!***

Register Online w/ Credit Card or PayPal

Mail-in Registration

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

**9am - 4pm**

***Lunch Provided!***

**Westlake VFD Community Center  
19636 Saums Rd.  
Houston, Texas 77084**

[see map](#)

**Sessions to include:**

- **Getting Started: Goals & Your Game Plan**
- **Records: Keys to Finding the Past**
- **Stuff! How Do I Organize It All?**
- **Choosing a Desktop Program**
- **DNA... What, Why, and Which One?**
- **Hands-on: Ancestry® & Family Search®**
- **1-on-1 and Small Group Sessions**
- **Door Prizes!**



**Early Registration: \$20<sup>00</sup> (\$25 after April 30th)**



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*Helping to find your roots*

Our monthly meeting will be hybrid...both in-person and on Zoom. For the latest event updates, visit our website at [www.whags.org](http://www.whags.org)

Everyone researching for ancestors...*Novice to Expert*...is invited to participate!

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## Calendar of Events - 2021-2022 August-May

### August

17 10-12 am WHAGS Leadership Team Meeting

### September

9 10-12 am **DNA Special Interest Group (SIG)**

14 10-12 am WHAGS Leadership Team Meeting

18 10-12:30 am **Betsy Mills: *Solving Photo Mysteries***

25 1-3 pm **Members Helping Members**

### October

1-2 TxSGS Family History Conference  
Virtual

12 10-12 am WHAGS Leadership Team Meeting

14 10-12 am **DNA Special Interest Group (SIG)**

16 10-12:30 **Patti Smith: *The Beatitudes of a Genealogist***

23 1-3 pm **Members Helping Members**

### November

11 10-12 am **DNA Special Interest Group (SIG)**

16 10-12 am WHAGS Leadership Team Meeting

20 10-12:30 **Irene Walters: *Keys to Research Success: Breaking Down Brick Walls***

27 1-3 pm **Members Helping Members**

### December

18 10:00-12:30 **Holiday Party & Members' Show & Tell: MC = Tom Woltz**

### January

13 10-12 am **DNA Special Interest Group (SIG)**

15 1-3 pm **Members Helping Members**

18 10-12 am WHAGS Leadership Team Meeting

22 10-12:30 ***Finding Genealogy Resources & Tools in National Archives*** (Video followed by Irene Walters facilitating Q&A)

### February

10 10-12 am **DNA Special Interest Group (SIG)**

15 10-12 am WHAGS Leadership Team Meeting

19 10-12:30 **Linda Worsham: *Best Practices for Writing Family Stories***

26 1-3 pm **Members Helping Members**

### March

3 Bus trip to Clayton Library (leave Radack CC at 9 am)

3-5 RootsTech 2022

17 10-12 am **DNA Special Interest Group (SIG)**

13 Daylight Saving Time - Spring Forward!

15 10-12 am WHAGS Leadership Team Meeting

19 10-12:30 **Mitch Clendening: *Tools for Using Google® to Research Ancestors***

26 1-3 pm **Members Helping Members**

### April

14 10-12 pm **DNA Special Interest Group (SIG)**

16 1-3 pm **Members Helping Members**

19 10-12 am WHAGS Leadership Team Meeting

23 10-12:30 **Thomas MacEntee: *The 1950 US Census: Are You Ready?***

### May

12 10-12 am **DNA Special Interest Group (SIG)**

14 9am-4pm **Beginner's Genealogy Workshop**

17 10-12 am WHAGS Leadership Team Meeting

21 10-12:30 **Irene Walters: *Generating Books Using Family Book Creator***

2022-2023 Board Elections

25-28 National Genealogical Society 2022 Family History Conf. [ngsgenealogy.org](http://ngsgenealogy.org)

28 1-3 pm **Members Helping Members**

June, July & August - We are off for the summer



## Good to Know! Beginner Tips!

Marriage record tips. If you don't have the record or know anything about the when and where of the marriage, try these things:

- Ask family.
- Look at online trees and see if someone else uploaded an actual marriage record. International Marriage Records are based on many different things not always church or court documents. Seek to verify such.
- Look up migration paths and check county records along the way.
- People will go to court houses for you and do a hands-on lookup. Just ask.
- You can also call, or write, a county office and ask them to look up something for you. Be patient.
- Realize that old handwritten records can be on "scraps" of paper and folded and placed in file boxes that have hundreds of little pieces of paper.

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## MORE TO KNOW

You can find many helpful videos on YouTube and other sites to help you learn more about genealogy. One free site is the MyHeritage Facebook page. On May 9th, they begin a series about using **LiveStory** to create and record family stories. This is creating videos. If you watch live sessions from MyHeritage you can ask questions. You can also watch them after they are posted on FB. You record a story with a picture of your ancestor and voice is added. Go here to learn more: <http://www.facebook.com/myheritage/videos/>

Put LiveStory in the search window.

**FamilySearch** has a webinar for that! Use this link to get to their free classes and webinars. They offer a large variety of webinars about genealogy in general, how to use FamilySearch, and research tips for other areas of the world. In June, they are offering two free webinars on researching Chinese families.

Many of us find Ancestry.com easier to use, but FamilySearch is offering many lessons to help us become more comfortable with their free program. Take a look!

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/>