



West Houston Area Genealogy Society



“Helping to find your roots!”

April 2022

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“Eventually, all genealogists come to their census.”
 — Matt Fencerer

Presenting In-Person & Virtually!

Speaking at our hybrid presentation for April 23, 2022 is **Thomas MacEntee**. His topic is **“The 1950 Census: Are You Ready?”**

Thomas’ passion for genealogy is demonstrated in his willingness to speak, to share and to improve upon all things genealogy. His business is enti-

tled **“High Definition Genealogy”** and his website is GenealogyBargains.com.

Save the Date!
April 23, 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 to attend virtually.

“The 1950 Census U.S. Census has been Released” by Jenny Sharrer©

Yes, by the time you are reading this in the WHAGS newsletter, the 1950 census will have been released by the National Archives. This census will allow you to find family mem-

bers and details about their lives. And this may be the first census you will appear in!
 Various members of the staff at Family Search and Ancestry have provided a

wealth of information about this census. Here are excerpts from their articles and presentations:

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The President's Note....

I hope everyone is enjoying the US federal 1950 census records. I am interested in finding my grandparents and great-grandparents. My maternal grandfather remarried in the mid-1940s and I am interested in his new family. WHAGS has signed up to participate in the FamilySearch 1950 U.S. Census Community Project, <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/indexing-1950-census>. We are patiently waiting for FamilySearch to let us know when and how WHAGS can begin. When we find out, we will let everyone know. So standby!

April is also the month we launch into the WHAGS Board election process. The Nominating Committee is working very hard to identify potential candidates for the officers of vice president, treasurer, and the 2022-2025 director. There is more information on this process in the newsletter. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer and help WHAGS, giving back to WHAGS and the wider genealogical community. The 1950 census project is one such example. You can also have an impact on the monthly programs WHAGS presents by being a member of the Programming Committee. Programs are the heart of our organization. They help us expand our genealogical knowledge and skills. Several people have volunteered, but we need a few more.

Genealogy can be a singular pursuit. Joining a genealogy society allows us to interact with people who share our interest in researching the past to understand how

our families were a part of history. We learn from each other and share our genealogical victories and brick walls. Sometimes we find we have common ancestors with fellow members. One way WHAGS helps facilitate this is through our Relative Finder site. [Neal Scott has an article in this newsletter showing how to access the site.](#) You can also find information about the WHAGS Relative Finder site on the Members Only section of the [WHAGS website](http://www.whags.org), www.whags.org.

WHAGS also has a DNA special interest group (SIG) that meets to explore DNA and learn how to use it in your family research. Everyone is welcome! The next meeting of the DNA SIG is at 10:00 am on Thursday, 14 April via Zoom. Watch for an email from WHAGS with the zoom link. We are going to review the basics of DNA and what it means for your research. Some [WHAGS](#) members, including yours truly, are happy to provide one-on-one help to members with questions about DNA.

The next WHAGS Members-Helping-Members session is on Saturday, 16 April at 1:00 pm, via Zoom. Again, watch for a link in a WHAGS email. This is an open session for members to ask questions, get help on a brick wall, share a genealogical victory, etc. It is also a great way to get to know your fellow WHAGS members.

I hope you take advantage of the benefits of membership in WHAGS provided by your fellow members. The organization is only as strong as the membership. You too can help to keep WHAGS strong and make it stronger. I look forward to "seeing" everyone at our April events!

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Jimmy Zimmerman, a Family Search manager:

“There is so much family history that people will be able to find in this census. For example, what was your family’s economic situation? Where exactly were they living? What military service might they have been involved in? This census paints a pretty good picture of a family during that time. The 1950 census includes the records of 40 million people born during this era of baby boomers and provides a variety of information that will cast light on the preceding decade, which included World War II and the return of our U.S. troops.

According to an Ancestry study, more than half of Americans (53%) can’t name all four grandparents, and only 4% can name all eight great-grandparents. This same Ancestry study identified what many adults want to know about their families including:

- 66% of U.S. adults are interested in learning more about their family history.
- 51% want to know stories of their ancestors when they were young and what life was like at a moment in time.
- 41% want to learn about the hardships their ancestors went through and overcame.
- 41% want to know where their last name came from and what it means.

Information from the 1950 census will help provide some of this information. Additional information gathered from this census includes:

- 55% of all Americans in 1950 owned their own home.
- There were more females (50.34%) than males (49.66%) at the time.
- 90% of the population was reported as white. Hispanic people were listed as white. Blacks were listed as ‘negro’.
- There were 300,000 citizens serving abroad in 1950. Of the military abroad, the average age was 23.8 and less than 1% were women.
- 72% of the workforce was men and only 28% was female.
- Median income for a family was \$3,300 a year.

Crista Cowan, corporate genealogist for Ancestry:

“Think of the 1950 census as a beautiful snapshot in time. We can look at a picture and it can tell you some really important things, but it can’t tell you things like what those in the picture did for a living or how much their house was worth or who the neighbors were. I love that this information is now so readily available digitally, that we can just type a name in and don’t have to scroll through microfilm for days on end. This will be the first census where returning servicemen and college students will be enumerated at schools they are attending instead of in their parent’s household.”

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David Rencher, FamilySearch's chief genealogy officer:

"The 1950 census can be a 'spark plug' for many family conversations. There are all kinds of pieces of information and stories that help tell the family history, but the census can be the spark for numerous conversations.

The good news is that new processes and technological innovations will allow a searchable index of the 1950 census to be published much sooner than in past years, enabling people to find family names more quickly."

This is a very high-level overview of why there is so much excitement in the genealogy world about the 1950 census. The upcoming WHAGS program on April 23rd is about the 1950 census...*The 1950 US Census: Are You Ready?*

If you haven't already checked out the National Archives' information about the 1950 census, I encourage you do so. They have seven presentations scheduled that you can access on YouTube. Initial presentations are held on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. ET. After the initial presentation, the presentations will continue to be available on YouTube. The schedule for these presentations is:

March 2 Overview of What's on the 1950 Census (Already on YouTube)

March 16 Mapping the 1950 Census: Census Enumeration District Maps at the National Archives. (Already on YouTube)

March 30 The 1950 Website: Design, Development, and Features to Expect (Already on YouTube)

April 27 The Story of the 1950 Census P8 Indian Reservation Schedule

May 11 From Parchments to Printouts: History of the Census from 1790 to 1950

May 18 History of Census Records and the National Archives

May 25 Historic Census Bureau Sources for Filipino, Guamanian and Chamorro, American Samoan, and Native Hawaiian Research

The link to the 1950 census page on the National Archives is: www.archives.gov/research/census/1950

Another great video about the 1950 census is on the United States Census Bureau website. The video is a part of the 1950 Census Records Release Press Kit under the Census Bureau Links near the bottom of the home page. The link to the Census Bureau site is: www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/1950/census-records.html

Don't forget to share your discoveries in an article for an upcoming WHAGS newsletter (Newsletter@whags.email)! By sharing an article about your 1950 census research finds you are creating documentation for your genealogy records and, at the same time, helping to 'light a fire under the rest of us'. Happy researching!



Will Your Ancestors Be in the 1950 Census?

www.familysearch.org

“Are We Related?” by Neal Scott

Have you ever wondered if you're related to another WHAGS member? Maybe you saw a common surname on the Surnames List we share. Or know that someone's ancestors came from the same area that yours did.

Well, there's a resource that taps into FamilySearch's worldwide single tree to let you know how you're related, not only to other WHAGS members, but also to famous people, celebrities, statesmen, and astronauts, inventors, monarchies, and more. It's called **Relative Finder**.

To use Relative Finder, you'll first need to have a FamilySearch (FS) account (they're totally free), and you'll need to have a tree on FS. It doesn't have to be a big tree, but it does need to be big enough to make a connection to FS' massive "single tree" structure. The Relative Finder site is run by BYU's Computer Science Department, but is sponsored by, and integrated with, FamilySearch.

With those two requirements met, here are the steps to find out if you and I (or other WHAGS members) are related:

- Go to www.RelativeFinder.org and log in using your FamilySearch credentials.
- A popup will ask you to give permission for BYU-Relative Finder to access your FamilySearch tree.
- The next screen will ask you to register for the Relative Finder site, accept their terms, and initiate a download of your tree to find your relative connections.
- The site will begin to search all trees to find your relatives. This may take thirty seconds or more.
- Once logged in, hover over the Groups tab, and choose "Join."
- In the search field, type WHAGS, then click on Search, and *West Houston Area Genealogy Society* will be displayed.

- The West Houston Area Genealogy Society page will then open and ask you for a password.
- Enter our password, which WHAGS Members can find on our website at www.whags.org/relativefinder.
- Hover over the *Relatives* tab and choose *My Relatives*.
- At the left is a column of categories and the WHAGS Group should be at the top of the list.
- Check the box next to West Houston Area Genealogy Society and your WHAGS matches will appear.

You can click on the column heads: *Relative* and *Relationship* to sort on those fields. Oddly, at first, I was seeing a third field called *Common Ancestor* but then that changed to *Group* and just shows the groups that I have checked to the left. Downloading a .pdf or .csv will include the *Common Ancestor* field which you'll want to do, especially if you find you're closely related.

As of this writing, the WHAGS group has only twenty-two people in it, so I encourage everyone to register so we can build on its functionality. Of these, Relative Finder found common ancestors for seventeen of the twenty-two. The closest connection for me was a seventh cousin, once removed, but many are in the eighth to tenth cousin range. And three of my ancestors are common ancestors with multiple WHAGS members!

Of course, you'll have to take those really distant relationships with a large grain of salt. If your most recent common ancestor (MRCA) shows to be the sister of the King of England in the 1200s, then there just might be some inaccurate links along the way.

So, while my own connections are not very close to any other WHAGS members, yet, it is interesting to see what is shown. And, it makes me feel just a little more like WHAGS isn't just a club, it's FAMILY!

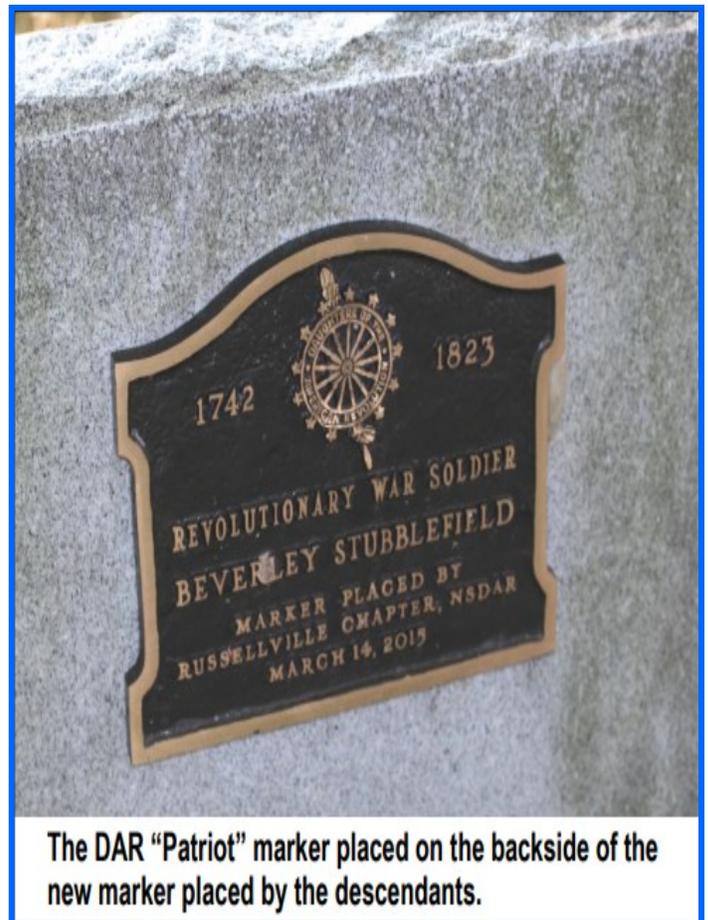
Neal Scott's, "Kentucky Cornfield Adventure"

(This was taken from our website. You can contribute your research story to the website or our newsletter.)

"The corn is as high as an elephant's eye"
– Rogers & Hammerstein's Oklahoma!

Such an image of vitality and prosperity this musical lyric conjures up when Curly McLain sings it in the musical "Oklahoma!" Everything is surely going your way when the corn's growing so tall, right? Uh, wrong!!! As I learned when the graves of an ancestor, in this case, Beverly Stubblefield, a Captain in the American Revolutionary Army, and his family, are buried in the middle of a Kentucky cornfield. In late June, it's 90 degrees and you can't see but a couple of rows of corn in front of you. I found the half-mile trek to get to the small mott of oak trees that mark the final resting place of a fine American and his family arduous. But here I was. So, how did I get here? Let me recap. I've known about Capt. Stubblefield since my first exposure to family roots back in 1969. He was listed in the book, "The Beverly Family of Virginia." This started me on my research path when I first saw it at my aunt's home in Jr. High. Often called "Col. Stubblefield," the higher rank is most certainly a Kentucky and southern title conferred colloquially. Records say he was a Captain in the Revolutionary Army. He died in 1823 and was buried on his farm just outside Trenton, Todd County, Ky. This land was likely granted to him for his service to the young nation. Perhaps his burial place has been known to others, but that knowledge was lost in the intervening two centuries. But about 2010, a local junior high school history teacher, John Shemwell, whose wife had inherited the land, finally became curious about the group of gravestones out in the middle of

the field. He decided to put his students to work on a class project — to discover the identity of this Col. Stubblefield. They did a great job, and at the conclusion of the project, he posted the story on the internet and hoped a descendant might find it.



The DAR "Patriot" marker placed on the backside of the new marker placed by the descendants.

In Arkansas, Jane Treloar Benton, Col. Stubblefield's four times great-granddaughter, was actively helping her mother with their family tree. She was constantly running into a dead end with the burial place of Col. Stubblefield. By some stroke of fortune, Jane happened upon John's article. Jane has told me she was literally giddy with excitement as she dialed John's phone number to see if this could be the same Col. Stubblefield.

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She soon realized that it was and an effort was begun to get the grave marked by the DAR and the SAR as a Patriot's final resting place. Their efforts came to fruition in March of 2015 when the local chapters of the DAR and SAR combined to put on an extravagant ceremony to commemorate the placement of markers. Jane's family also raised money and placed a large granite marker in honor of their ancestor and his family. Her mother, over 90 years old at the time, was even able to attend the ceremony!

So, it was now 2016 and I was down some rabbit hole, randomly searching online for Stubblefield in Trenton County. Then, I stumbled upon an online newsletter of the Trenton SAR chapter that was encouraging members to participate in the "upcoming" marking ceremony. The problem, the article was a year old, so RATS, I was a year too late to be able to attend. The cemetery was still not yet on Find-a-Grave, and I had been completely in the dark about all its recent activities. But I had a trip coming up that summer to the area and I was determined to find and visit the site. Luckily, the article in the newsletter had a map to the ceremony and, using Google maps, I identified the most-likely house nearby that might be the owner of the property.

So, moving ahead a few months, it's now late June of 2016, rural western Kentucky, almost 90 degrees warm, and I'm knocking on the door of a nice brick home. It was surrounded by farmland, a couple of barns, a second, older wood-frame house, and more. I was hoping that I'd guessed the right house. I'm greeted at the door by a friendly 40-ish guy, and I began to explain who I was



John Shemwell, history teacher and the landowner whose property the cemetery is on.

and asked if he knew anything about the burial of Col. Stubblefield and the man who identified it. "Oh yeah, that's me," he said. Eureka!!

So, I asked if there was any way to see it and he began to describe how far out in the field it was. Me being the modern geek, I pulled out my iPhone that already had the Google satellite map of the area. I asked if he could tell me where the cemetery was. "Right there," he said, pointing at a small green spot amidst a huge field of something. "Hang on a second," he said and disappeared back into the house. A minute later he returned, sun visor now on his head, and said "you want to go now?" Awesome!

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I'm thinking we'll hop in his truck and drive right to it. But no, as close as a vehicle could get at this time of year, with the corn crop so high, was nearly a half-mile away. The rest would be by foot, through the high corn. John leases his land to others to farm, and to maximize production, they rotate summer crops between corn and soybeans, and then wheat in winter. This was a corn summer, and it was late enough that the stalks were 7-8 feet tall. That made it impossible to see the horizon or anything at any distance away. We took bearings from the place where he parked the truck and started off through the corn. Oh, did I say my lovely bride was step-for-step right along with us?! She's a keeper! I'm a city boy and never knew how dusty and hot a cornfield could be! As we disturbed the plants, they let loose the dust they'd been collecting from the recent dry spell. They blocked any movement of air, so even if there had been a breeze, it wouldn't have been felt. It was 90°F but it felt like 100°F.



James Clark, son-in-law of Col. Stubblefield. Six family members are buried in this cemetery.

With my iPhone in hand, though, I could see where we were by the blue dot slowly moving across the Google Maps screen, and eventually, we got close enough to see the tops of the oaks in the near distance. Sure enough, there were the gravestones. They looked so old! Streaks of black and green mold on some, lichens growing on others, and even the new granite marker had some black mold after just 15 months. But most were intact and complete. It would be another year before I learned about D/2 and cleaning methods, and two years before I could return to do some proper cleaning of them.



My wife and me at the new marker, the six other markers are all in a single line behind us.

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John told us the story that led to the DAR "Patriot" marker placed on the backside of the new marker by the descendants. John Shemwell, history teacher, and the current landowner, whose property the cemetery is on, and of James Clark, son-in-law of Col. Stubblefield. Six family members are buried in this cemetery. My wife and I stood at the new marker, the six other markers were in a single line. The marking ceremony, his class project, the internet post, Jane's finding him, and her mom solving a life-long mystery all came together. He looked up his contact information for Jane, whom I had not yet communicated with, and I soon reached out to her to update her on the condition of the markers, to thank her for their efforts, and to make another "cousin connection." She sent me a digital video of the ceremony she had, and we friended each other on Facebook.

In one of those "it's a small world" events, the following August my wife and I were in Salt Lake City to begin a trip. It included seeing the "Great American Solar Eclipse" from Jackson Hole, Wy. We

flew to SLC and the first day visited the FamilySearch Library and the Tabernacle Square area. Of course, I posted my pics on Facebook, and within minutes my phone rang. It was Jane, and she was also in Salt Lake City for a conference!! So, we finally got to meet face-to-face and had dinner together there. Her job brought her to Houston occasionally and we've met two other times since.

In the spring of 2018, I was able to visit the cemetery again. This time the summer crop had just been planted and I was permitted to drive my pick-up right up to the oak mott. I weed-eated the area, cleaned the markers, treated them with D/2 solution, and left the cemetery in much better condition than I found it. We are looking forward to another visit late this summer, when we're in the area for an Allen family reunion!

Here's a link to Capt. Stubblefield's Find-a-Grave memorial: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/168429505>



"Resources to Broaden Your Knowledge"

How you can help WHAGS with an Important Community Service



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, 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!

Volunteering

Please consider volunteering with the West Houston Area Genealogy Society. We are a volunteer organization...501 (c) (3) as incorporated in the State of Texas. It is through the work of volunteers that we can provide quality programming, a newsletter, a Facebook page, trips, a website, and other benefits too numerous to mention here, for our growing number of members.

If you are interested in helping the society or becoming a member of the leadership team, contact us at nominationsQ@whags.email. This is the time of year when we get ready for the new year that begins in the fall. The process for electing new officers is:

- *February*: Nominating committee is formed of three or more members.
- *Mid-March to early April*: Nominating Committee reaches out to members who have expressed an interest in supporting the society or who have participated in ways to indicate they have passions or skills to assist with managing the society. The committee identifies qualified candidates for each office position to be elected.
- *April meeting*: Requests for nominations from the floor are asked for and after three calls, they are closed. The Election Chair prepares a ballot and e-mails it to members within a week of the April meeting. The election of officers will be by the return of an e-mail ballot or other appropriate electronic means. Any position, for which there is only one nominee, will be filled by that nominee.
- *May*: Voting is closed at midnight two days prior to the May meeting with results announced at the annual business meeting.

Job descriptions for board positions being voted on for 2022-2023 year are:

Vice President:

The Vice President presides at meetings of the Society and Leadership Team in the absence of the President. S/he performs such duties as may be requested by the President of the Society. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, succeeds to the office of President for the unexpired portion of the term, if willing. In the event, the Vice President is not willing to succeed the President, the Board will choose a new President to fill the vacancy until the end of the term.

Director:

A director serves on the Board representing the interest of the membership at large. S/he assumes duties and responsibilities and chairs committees as requested by the President or Board.

Treasurer:

The treasurer is the custodian of the society's funds. This includes preparing and sharing monthly financial reports, completing the annual report to the IRS, submitting records to the Audit Committee, and managing all financial activities for the society.

Volunteer!

“Helping to find your roots!”

Just a friendly reminder that your genealogy society has a “**Members Helping Members**” program.

It is a **Zoom forum** where participants can ask how to research “x,” where can I look for “y,” or where can I learn to do “z.” All things genealogy.

There is no set program. You come with your questions and pose them to the other members attending. Members will chime in with the voice of their experiences. All of us are of varying degrees of experience. Consequently, each of us provides a unique insight into our research world. This forum allows us to help each other benefit from our experiences which includes what to do and what NOT to do.

You can join the next **MHM** program by

going to whags.org. From there click on resources and on the drop-down, click on **Members Helping Members**. There you can find useful resources shared at previous meetings and a link to our next program.

The next **MHM** is slated for April 16, 2022.

It starts at 1:00 pm.



Editor’s Corner: With Appreciation!! By Linda Hudson

Hi WHAGS members,

Our first-ever Beginners Workshop is just around the corner. There is time to tell your friends, invite a coworker, or ask a neighbor. I’ve included the flyer in this newsletter so that you have it handy. Neal has also shared the flyer on our website and FB page. Please share it on your social media.

We are a growing society. We want to continue to grow. With increased growth, comes the ability to provide more “Members Helping Members,” more “Special Interest Groups,” for specified study, and more activities and programs that will grow our individual research skills and provide us with opportunities to explore our family history better and with more clarity of purpose.

Please take a moment to share the flyer with your friends and community. If you go to the library, take a few copies with you. Going to Church? Ask to make an announcement or include it in the bulletin. Before, and during Covid, your leadership team discussed ways to help our society become stronger and what programming would invite people to join us. We all want to be better genealogists. With growth, we will thrive. Please be a part of our growth and invite others.

We thank you in advance,
Linda



Please share on FB, with your community, your religious organization, or office. Help us grow! Copy and paste, or print!! Thank you!

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: \$20⁰⁰ (\$25 after April 30th)

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Our monthly meeting will be hybrid...both in-person and on Zoom. For the latest event updates, visit our website at 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

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

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

Good to Know! Beginner Tips!

Some sample groups and/or records may help you in researching your ethnicity.

Scottish: The St. Andrews Society of Charleston, SC have records from 1729-2001.

Irish: The Charitable Irish Society that helped the poor. 1737-2008 records are held by the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Germans: The German Society of Pennsylvania who helped the needy. The mass of records contains genealogical information including place of origin, letters, reports, and logs related to the migrants. If your ancestor came through New Orleans the society there may have information.

Jewish: Two places to look are The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and The Center for Jewish History.

With all, research how to research at these sites and take your time. You never know

BOARD:

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Many of us have had relatives live in or pass through Virginia. Virginia Genealogy Society is hosting a **virtual** conference on April 23, 2022. **"Ancestors Who Served: Research in Military Records."** Topics include Black Revolutionary Patriots of Central Virginia, Records of the Forgotten: War of 1812, Researching Your World War I Ancestor in Virginia, and Soldiers' Homes—A Lasting Legacy. Registration closes on April 20, 2022. The cost for nonmembers is \$40.

Find out more at: <https://www.vgs.org/cpage.php?pt=31>

Eastern Europe research can often be frustrating. Different languages, changes in maps and names, and borders that get bandied about. Every presenter offers a unique insight into the region. As we all learn from different modalities, it never hurts to listen to several speakers on the subject. **Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania** is presenting two half days on the topic. Mark your calendar for the mornings of May 7 and 8, 2022. There is a nominal fee. Check out their website for more information. <https://genpa.org/programs-and-events/>