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November Elections

David Flemings * Past President

There are two big elections in November --- the National Presidential Election on the 8th and, almost as important, the SAGS election of officers at our General Membership Annual Meeting on November 12th. In accordance with our Bylaws, we will be electing all Executive Committee officers, including the President, to serve our Society for the next two years.

In accordance with ARTICLE II of our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee presents the following initial slate of nominees to SAGS members in good standing:

President	Bernie Patruno
1st Vice President–Programs	Judy Parrino
2nd Vice President–Membership	Sue DiDomenico
Treasurer	Neda Makin
Secretary	Pat Tanner
Immediate Past President	Bob Burns

The Nominating Committee emphasizes this is an initial slate, developed to assure all Executive Committee positions will be filled. The nomination of other members wishing to serve on the Executive Committee, but not identified at this time, are encouraged and will be accepted up to October 10th, thus [1] Meeting the 30-day membership prior notice requirement of our Bylaws and [2] Insuring the additional nominees are included in the email voting process. Further, nominations from the floor will be honored at the November 12th General Membership Annual Meeting. Prior to that time, if you wish to place an additional members name in nomination, simply contact Dave Flemings, Sue DiDomenico or Bernie Patruno prior to October 10th.

The President's Line

Bob Burns

As you know, our Society conducts an election of officers every two years, usually at our November meeting. We have therefore set up a Nominating Committee to offer a slate of officers to you at our October meeting. Specifically, we need candidates for President, 1st VP-Programs, 2nd VP-Membership, Secretary and Treasurer – 5 positions where we'd like for you to have a choice of candidates. Throw your name into the ring! Don't be afraid, because we have plenty of support to help you through the early days, and I can attest to that personally!

While the various Committee Chairs are not elected, we need some "new blood" to bring creativity and enthusiasm to our Board – and this is no slight to them, our hard-working and fun group of volunteers. Every new person who has joined has been welcomed with open arms and has made us stronger. And it's fun to talk about genealogy, review new aspects of our hobby/profession, and to discuss ways to make our Society increasingly better. We have "Chairs" in Communications, Library Relations, Publications, Networking and Research. Have an idea for a new committee or new topic to explore? Send it along to anyone on the Board, or send to me at SAGS.Prezident@yahoo.com.

If leadership is not your focus, at least not now, then consider volunteering to help our Society in any way you believe you could be useful (e.g., using your writing skills, accounting skills, internet researching skills, networking skills, teaching skills, etc.). Our Society is only as effective as its volunteers. We need you to bring new ideas, new energy, and cooperative support to our small band of volunteers today.

Our upcoming speakers are listed on our website, and you'll be seeing that list on other forums in the future, including this newsletter, Ancient City Bulletin. In the near future, our speakers include our own Denise Olson on "Evernote – Revolutionizing Research" (Oct.8), Judy Wright on "The Lazarus Effect – FTM and Software Obsolescence" (Nov. 12), Jim Vearil on "Researching & Using Land Grants" (Feb. 11), Ann Staley on TBD (Mar. 11), and Lori Maranda on "Photos...." (Apr. XX).

Enjoy your researching, and I'll see you in December!



Sharing Our Past

Editorial Notes

Start planning now for the January meeting. Our members are the program as we begin a new year! Each member is encouraged to share a research success story, show off a heritage photo album or spotlight an interesting ancestor as we enjoy our own Family History Faire. Bring your family with you! It's also a great opportunity to show them just how fascinating family history can be.

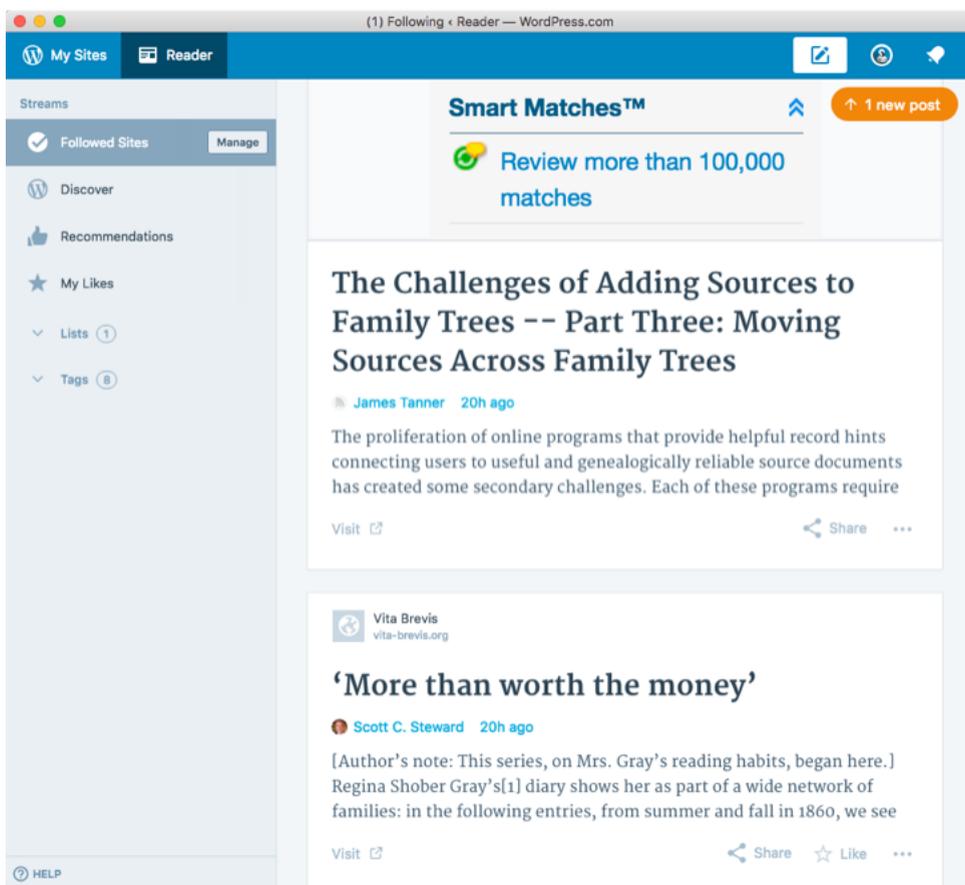
Need some inspiration? Look for ideas in each Monday's Research Notes post delivered to your Inbox.



If you haven't subscribed to the SAGS Support members-only site yet, do it now so you don't miss out on the news, tips and ideas distributed every Monday. Send an email to sags.publications@yahoo.com to be added as a subscriber.

The WordPress Reader

Research Toolbox



There is an amazing amount of genealogical information available online. In addition to the online archives, many of the major genealogical societies have blogs offering all kinds of research tips. The GenWeb provides local research resources and most of the well-know genealogy speakers maintain blogs full of useful information. That's all well and good, but how can you keep up with all of these sources? You use a newsreader. A newsreader is a service that makes it easy to subscribe to interesting websites so that when new content is published at that site, it is instantly delivered to your newsreader. Unlike email

subscriptions, you don't have to physically remove uninteresting messages and since you subscribe anonymously, your subscription won't generate unwanted spam.

WordPress, the web-publishing platform used to manage SAGS Support and the Writers Group websites, offers free apps for Windows, Mac, iOS and Android desktops and devices which includes a Reader component. Using the Reader you can subscribe to any WordPress site you find interesting along with any number of other sites that support the RSS distribution standard. That's practically everybody.

Once you subscribe to a site, you will receive a copy of each new item published at that site. It appears in your Reader listing the source, title of the article and a brief excerpt of the article. If it looks interesting and you want to read more, just click on the title to display the entire article. If it doesn't look interesting, scroll on down and it will disappear from your reader. For articles that you want to keep, just tap the "Like" icon at the bottom of the article and it will be saved in your My Likes archive. Tap the My Likes item in the left sidebar to display all your saved articles.

That's not all. You can share an article with others using email, Facebook or Twitter. You can also comment on published items from sources that support reader comments. This gives you the opportunity to ask questions or participate in discussions.

To learn more and download the WordPress app, visit <https://apps.wordpress.com>. If you would like to see the Reader in action, see Denise Olson at the October member meeting for a demonstration.

Officers

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Denise Olson

Library Liaison

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Webmaster

Debbie Bateman

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Sue Gill

Digital Library of Georgia

In the Archives

The [Digital Library of Georgia](#) offers an impressive amount of Georgia history and culture in a growing collection of digitized books, photographs, manuscripts, newspapers, maps and government documents. Although the library is based at the University of Georgia, it is accessible from just about anywhere.

The Digital Library of Georgia isn't a single entity. It's a number of collections maintained by different agencies and organizations. Fortunately most of it is accessible through the online library. The Digital Library has a very nice section for [Genealogical Resources](#). It links you to records in the Georgia Archives and provides lists - with links - to Georgia genealogical societies, Georgia GenWeb sites, the Georgia Historical Society and the genealogical section of the NARA's Southeast Region facility in Atlanta. You'll also find links to interesting collections and other Georgia repositories containing genealogical information.

Another fascinating place to visit is the [New Georgia Encyclopedia](#). In the Georgia Web Resources section you will find links to the Georgia Newspapers Archive, Georgia Stories, the Historical Marker Index, Sanborn Maps (1884-1922) and Vanishing Georgia. You'll also find a link to the treasure chest in Georgia's Virtual Vault. The Vault contains Headright and Bounty Plats of Survey (1783-1909), Militia Enrollment Lists from 1864, Service Summary Cards from the Spanish-American War, Colonial Estate Records and much more.

The Digital Library of Georgia beautifully demonstrates how far you can go without leaving your desk.

The Society Page

It's all about managing your research notes at October's member meeting on October 8th beginning at 10:30am. Denise Olson will introduce the Evernote platform and demonstrate how it can revolutionize your research management.

October is Family History Month. Kimberly Powell has a great article offering ten ways to celebrate our family history. The one I like best is the one offering ways to get the next generation involved. Check them out at [About Genealogy](#) and see if one or two of her ideas will work for you.

The November meeting will complete the voting effort (which begins via email) to determine SAGS officers for 2017. We will also have Judy Wright presenting on Family Tree Maker and software obsolescence.

We're celebrating the Christmas season with a luncheon on December 10th beginning at 12:00 noon. Join us at Amici's Restaurant on Anastasia Island for a delightful meal with good company. The cost will be \$20 per person and must be paid in advance. Details and sign-up sheets will be available at the October and November meetings.

Research Notes

Family Tree Maker users who have FTM 2014 for Windows or FTM Mac 3 are all set. Your versions will continue to display the shaking leaf hints and TreeSync will continue to keep your online tree synchronized with your desktop one. If you have an older version of FTM (Windows or Mac), you will need to get the latest edition of FTM. This upgrade is currently [available online](#) for \$29.95 (normally \$69.95). Mac users should upgrade to FTM Mac 3 prior to installing the recently released MacOS Sierra operating system.

Apple has released the iOS 10 upgrade for iPhones, iPads and iPod Touch devices. Siri can do a lot more functions for you including opening apps. The Photos app now lets you search for pictures containing things - like dogs or beaches or trees. One new feature that researchers may find handy is collaboration in the Notes app. You can now share a note giving others authorization to read and edit. This will come in handy in our family to keep up with things like who's bringing what for Thanksgiving dinner. Unfortunately, older devices cannot be upgraded. Check the [compatibility page](#) to see if your device is included.

Have you ever wanted to find out what online records are available for a particular country or area? The Research Wiki at FamilySearch has a section just for that! Visit the [Online Genealogy Records by Location page](#) and you will be amazed. Not only are records resources listed with links, the catalog also tells you if the records are freely accessible or at a subscription archive like [ancestry.com](#). Volunteers are constantly updating this directory as new online resources are added.

Society Services

The Research Help Desk supports our members with research assistance either at meetings or via email. Members can complete a research help request form at any meeting or email your request to Sue Gill at suecarl@aol.com. The Research Committee will respond with suggestions on search options and sources.

Members with research experience are encouraged to volunteer on the Research Committee.

There are a number of ways SAGS members can connect online. These include:

- [SAGS Support](#) - The society's members-only web site and records archive.
- [SAGS Facebook Group](#) - This is a public group and once you join, you can set it to notify you when items are posted to the group. It's a great place to share useful research resources, ask questions or share a success story.
- **SAGS Mailing List** - The mailing list is used to keep members informed on upcoming meetings, announcement and other activities. To join, send an email message to SAGS-L-request@rootsweb.com with the word **subscribe** in the subject line and in the message body. You will receive a return message asking you to confirm your subscription. Follow the link included in the message. Once you confirm you will receive a welcome message providing instructions for using it.
- [SAGS Publications Library](#) - This online library is open 24/7. Here you will find current and past issues of the Ancient City Bulletin along with other society publications.
- [SAGS Writers Group](#) - This blog supports our writers group.

Publishing Guidelines

We accept articles related to genealogy, family history and research methodology from our members for publication in the Ancient City Bulletin.

Submissions should be sent as an electronic file in either rich text format (.rtf) or MS Word (.docx) format via email to sags.publications@gmail.com. Please keep formatting to a minimum as the article will need to be styled to match the Bulletin's design. The article title should be on a separate line at the top of the page with the author's name listed immediately below. Photos included as part of the article are welcome, but please also send a copy of each photo as a separate file. Captions are always welcome and please include the photographer's name for proper credit. Including a list of sources is also encouraged.

Articles will be edited for grammar and style and any edits will be reviewed with the author prior to publication.

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