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# March Updates

## The President's Line

We had our second Special Interest Groups (SIGs) meeting last month. There were some 30 people in attendance including guests. The groups did not break up for well over an hour. Most were well engaged.

We have no meeting this month. Many members are attending the North Florida Genealogy Conference in Orange Park instead. Our next scheduled meeting is 10:30am on April 9th at the Southeast Library. Kathy Stickney will present "Researching Your Confederate Soldier".

Paul Howes agreed to look over our books for 2015. I am happy to report that all is in good order. Our records balanced to both our beginning and ending bank statements.

One of my objectives is to improve interactions among members between meetings. Our SIG groups can meet outside of our monthly meetings. If interested, contact me since I have found some available days and times at the Main Library.

If you are new to genealogy and want some one-on-one help, please contact the Help Desk, staffed by Sue Gill. You can reach her at [suecarl@aol.com](mailto:suecarl@aol.com), via Facebook or the society website.

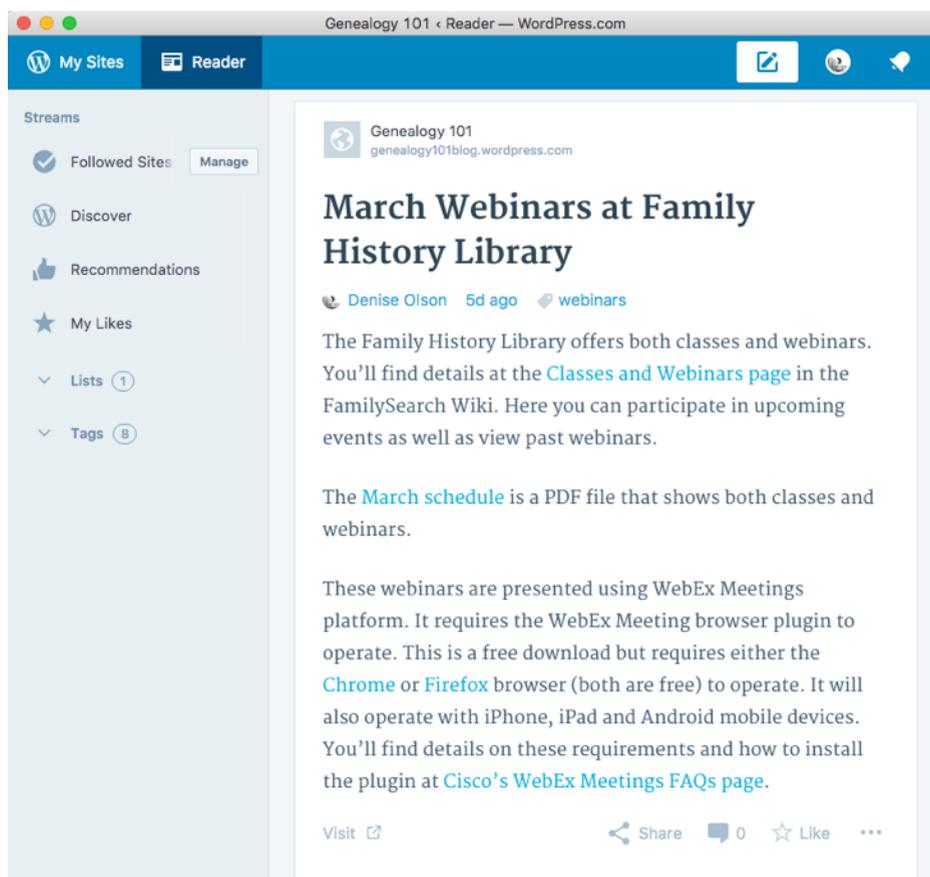
A final reminder that annual dues are due. Only about half have paid so far, and it is already March. We use these dues to pay for our speakers, so please send in your check as soon as possible. Thank you. And happy searching!

# Introducing SIGs Online

## Editorial Notes

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are an important part of any society. We all got a taste of this at last month's meeting. Unfortunately, it was just that - a taste. It's difficult to book slots for society meetings let alone special interest groups. Fortunately there is help in the form of online SIGs.

What is an online SIG? It is a web site set up to operate as a private social network. It offers research tips, links to resources and other information. It also provides easy access to other members. Group members can ask questions, offer their own tips and recommendations. Best of all, it's always open so members can visit whenever they want and from just about anywhere.



How does this all happen? We take advantage of WordPress and its new desktop/mobile apps. Each app includes a Reader which turns each WordPress site into a mini social network. Once you join a SIG, you are set up with a WordPress user account that gives you access to that SIG's site. You install the free WordPress app and enter your login information once. The app remembers who you are so every time you open the app, you have full access to the content and comments on the site. Asking a question or offering a tip is as easy as clicking the comment icon and typing. The app will notify you when new content is posted or comments added. If you are familiar with Facebook, you'll be comfortable in our SIGs.

It gets better . . .

You aren't restricted to just one SIG either. You can join many SIGs - all using that same login you created for your first group. The new group's articles appear in your Reader and you can post comments/questions to it too. You can also follow public WordPress sites like Dick Eastman's EOGN and Genealogy 101.

The SAGS Writer's Group's site is already online. It provides information and support on writer's tools, project ideas and feedback. Members will learn how to write and share their family history in creative ways. Other online SIGs are in development.

Ready to get started? Download a copy of the [Writers Group Setup Guide](#) for instructions.

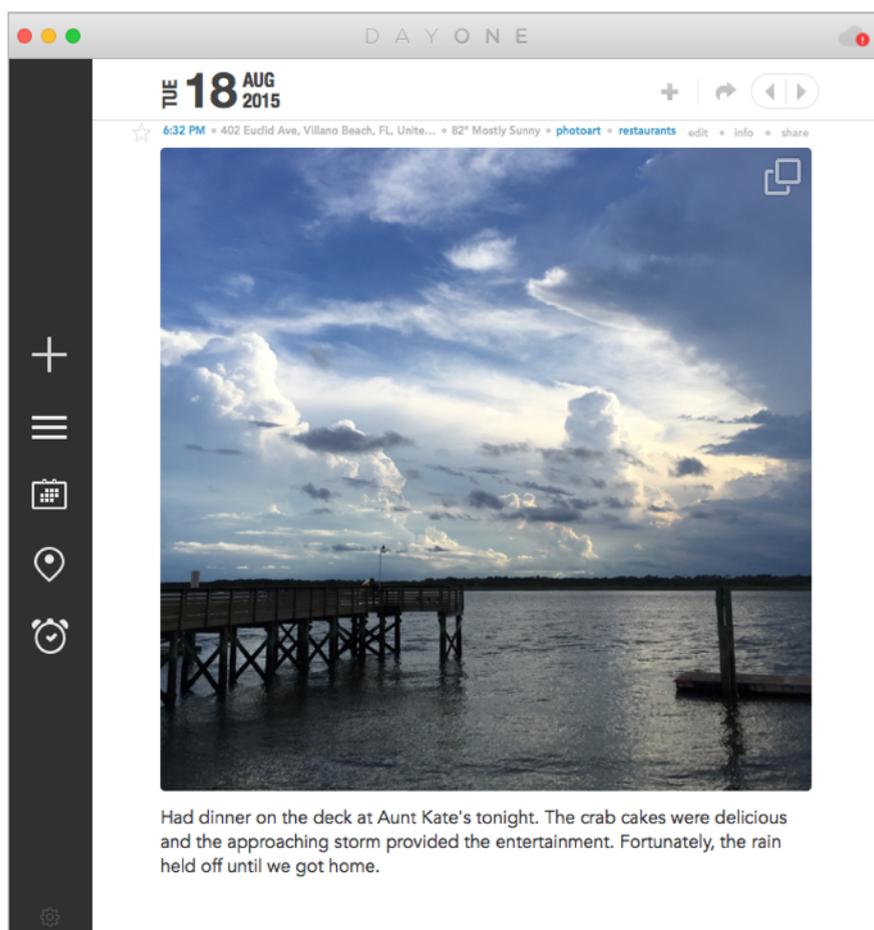
# Writing for the Future

## Research Toolbox

Many of us are blessed with photographs, letters and other writings from our ancestors. These are precious treasures which we spend a lot of time, money and effort to preserve. But, what are we doing to document and preserve a personal record of our lives for those who come after us?

Today we have tools to capture photographs, conversations and video clips. This gives us the ability to document – and share – all kinds of special moments. The joys of digital media are tempered with some concerns. At the top of that list is how quickly things change. We all have files that won't open because the software no longer exists. Yes, this is a concern, but it's a manageable one.

Data formats for the written word have come and gone. One has been



*A journal entry in DayOne*

around since the beginning of the digital age – plain text. It is just what its name implies – plain. There are no font changes, no bold or underline, no colors. It's just alpha, numeric and special characters.

Next up the chain of data formats is something new – markdown. It is plain text using special characters to represent formatting commands. When viewed in its “plain” state, it's quite readable. It is also easy to develop programs that process those simple codes. A markdown file is easily converted to an e-book, PDF file or web page. And, when technology changes, the original document is still quite readable. A new conversion program converts it to whatever is the latest and greatest.

You won't find markdown included as a “Save as” or “Export” option on most applications. It does get a lot of attention from journaling apps, blog platforms and writing apps.

HyperText Markup Language (HTML) is also getting a lot of attention. This is the format used to present Web content and is now also the format of ebooks. Like

markdown, it is plain text with codes – known as tags. Unlike markdown it's not so simple. For a simple ebook

Capt. Joseph P. Killebrew




Capt. Killebrew's Crew 770th

*Capt. Killebrew (back row, no hat) and his crew pose in front of their B-29 Superfortress.*

The 770th Bombardment Squadron was established in 1943 as one of the new B-29 squadrons. Crews were trained in Kansas while the new aircraft were being completed. In 1944, the squadron was deployed to an airfield in central China where they would stage the first attacks on Japanese Home Islands since the 1942 [Doolittle Raid](#).

One of those raids took place on November 21, 1944. The target was an aircraft factory in Omura on the island of Kyushu. It was the first time the squadron had encountered strong opposition from the Japanese. Two B-29s were confirmed losses and another – Capt. Killebrew's aircraft – was a presumed loss. Almost 40 Japanese fighter aircraft were destroyed and more damaged.

Capt. Killebrew and his crew were officially listed as Missing in Action. This would be changed to Killed in Action after the Japanese surrender. He left behind a wife, Marjorie, and 5-month old daughter, Emily Link. It would take another 60 years for the family to learn that the aircraft had crashed into the sea just off Kyushu. Parts of the wreckage were salvaged and all the bodies were recovered and buried on the beach.

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*A family story posted on my personal blog.*

novel that's all text, the HTML code should be very readable in its raw form. A web page full of graphics, charts and links is quite a different story. Fortunately, computers can read and process HTML into a beautiful visual experience. And, since HTML is an industry standard, it will travel from app to app with minimal effort.

How does all this impact the family historian?

One reason geneablogging get so much attention is its longevity. Built with HTML using an organizational standard, they are very search-engine friendly. This standard helps attract research cousins. It also makes it easy to move a site from one blog platform to another. Today there are services to convert selected blog posts into ebooks and even print books. Many journaling apps also have publishing features. You choose to publish to a blog or a print document.

Recently I celebrated 13 years of blogging. During that time I documented a lot of family history – one story at a time in no particular order. I found the idea of a formal family history quite intimidating. It surprised me to find I had blogged enough stories for a book. Is it a complete family history? Not even close. But it doesn't have to be. I was able to pull out and reorganize the stories I wanted into a simple ebook to share with my family. And, as the stories grow, so does the ebook. It's all digital so it's easy to update and redistribute.

Nothing lasts forever and digital platforms come and go. My family's private blog site was hosted on a platform which later shut down. I was able to export our content and import it to another blog platform in a matter of minutes. Plus, I now have a backup copy of the export file on my desktop. Many blog platforms saw the business potential that shut down represented. They did everything they could to help make the migration as easy as possible.

Don't let technology concerns keep you from documenting your family history. Start with a blog on a reputable platform. You can get started with [WordPress.com](https://WordPress.com) in a matter of minutes – and at no cost. [Posthaven](https://Posthaven.com), one of the easiest blogging platforms, will cost you \$5.00 a month for up to 10 blogs and

promises it will be there as long as you want it. Platforms like [Yahoo's Tumblr](#) also offer free and easy-to-use blogging.

Experiment with some of the new journaling apps – especially those that include companion mobile apps. Mobile journal apps use your device's camera and location services to include photos in your entry. They can automatically date stamp and geo tag each entry if you wish. While a journal is more appropriate for your private thoughts, these apps also offer features to publish selected entries to your blog – saving you time and effort.

Today's technology make it easy to capture and record our family's precious moments in ways that will insure they are accessible for many generations to come. Isn't it time you get started?

### ***Speaking of getting started . . .***

## SAGS Writers Group

Supporting the St. Augustine Genealogical Society's writers group

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Denise Barrett Olson

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The St. Augustine Genealogical Society's Writers Group has gone virtual!

What does that mean? It means that the group can remain active in between meetings. You can participate at any time from just about any place. The SAGS Writers Group is now online and open 24/7! You'll find it at <https://sagswriters.wordpress.com>. Currently it's open to the public so you can go take a look around. You'll find lots of family history project ideas, writing resources and even a place to post your own stories. This isn't a read-only site either. Once you join the group, you can easily ask questions, add comments and connect with other group members. Don't wait too long though. The public preview will end on March 31st and after that only group members will have access.

Reminder . . . dues are due!

# Making of America

In the Archives

Cornell University has developed an amazing collection of 19th century American history at Making of America (<http://ebooks.library.cornell.edu/m/boa/>). The Journals collection includes familiar names like *Harper's*, *Scribner's* and *The Atlantic Monthly*. There is also an impressive collection of monographs including biographical sketches, genealogical notes and all kinds of histories.

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## search results

Results by collection:

- All Selected Collections**  
matching pages in 3 records
- Books: Civil War Official Histories**  
matching pages in 0 records
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- Journals: American Missionary (1878 - 1901)**  
matching pages in 0 records
- Journals: American Whig Review (1845 - 1852)**  
matching pages in 0 records
- Journals: Atlantic Monthly (1857 - 1901)**  
matching pages in 1 record [view results »](#)
- Journals: Bay State Monthly (1884 - 1886)**  
matching pages in 0 records
- Journals: Century (1881 - 1899)**  
matching pages in 0 records
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matching pages in 0 records

**You searched:** All Selected Collections for pages including "S. A. Link", not sorted  
**Results:** 3 matching pages in 3 records

Refine this search

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**Title:** Thirty-Seven Hundred and Fifty-Eight  
**Publication Info:** The Atlantic Monthly Volume 0045 Issue 268 (February 1880) / Volume 45, Issue: 268, February 1880, pp. 145-158  
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**Author:** McIntyre, H. H.  
**Publication Info:** The New England Magazine Volume 0016 Issue 1 (March 1894) / Volume 16, Issue: 1, March 1894, pp. 3-14  
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**Collection:** Journals: New England Magazine (1886 - 1900)  
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**Title:** Pioneers of Southern Literature  
**Author:** Link, S. A.  
**Publication Info:** The New England Magazine Volume 0016 Issue 1 (March 1894) / Volume 16, Issue: 1, March 1894, pp. 14-20  
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The jewel of this collection, however, is the *War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*. You can browse

the collection or use the search component to find information on specific units or battles.

The search function is a bit clunky, but still useful. It helped me find an article my great grandfather wrote for *The New England Magazine* in March 1894. Before you start searching, take a look at the Help section. It has great tips for searching, capturing and saving selected content. Their Bookbag feature provides a way to keep search results and found pages while looking for others.

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Search in:

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**Tip :** work\* finds "worker," "working," etc.  
war and peace finds "war and peace"

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Check collections to add them to a search.  
Visit the collection Home site for more information, and for more search options.

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The site offers a number of search options - each explained in the Help section. Here you see a search for a Confederate regiment in the Civil War Official

Histories collection. As you work, the History tab is recording each search so you can access them later.

My search for the 29th Georgia Infantry returned two matches within the "OR". The first one is a report filed by Lt. Col. William M. Wiles of the 22nd Indiana Infantry reporting on the battle of Chickamauga. You see a portion of it here.

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No. 8.

*Report of Lieut. Col. William M. Wiles, Twenty-second Indiana Infantry, Provost-Marshal-General.*

HDQRS. DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,  
OFFICE PROVOST-MARSHAL-GENERAL,  
*Chattanooga, Tenn., October 7, 1863.*

GENERAL : I have the honor to submit the following report for the information of the general commanding, in regard to prisoners captured and deserters from the enemy, since the Army of the Cumberland crossed the Tennessee River, the results of the battle of Chickamauga, with other information relating to their present organization and strength.

Prisoners captured at the battle of Chickamauga :

Captured by Fourteenth Army Corps .....	1,068
Captured by Twentieth Army Corps .....	728
Captured by Twenty-first Army Corps .....	98
Captured by Reserve Corps .....	111
Total .....	2,005

Among which are one brigadier-general, D. W. Adams, commanding brigade of Breckinridge's division, of Hill's corps; 1 colonel, J. I. Scales, Thirtieth Mississippi, commanding brigade of Walker's division, Hill's corps; 2 majors, W. D. C. Lloyd, of Brig. Gen. J. K. Jackson's staff, and J. C. Davis, of the Seventeenth Tennessee; 8 captains, 1, E. B. Sayers, chief engineer Polk's corps, and 7 representing seven different regiments of their army; 20 lieutenants, representing fourteen regiments.

Each page offers three viewing format options - image, text and PDF. In the image option, each page is a single image. The text option provides selectable text. If you want to search the page for specific keywords, use the text option. It

allows capturing a paragraph or section to add to your research notes. The PDF option gives you an exact replica of the page. It is not editable. You can download individual pages but not entire volumes.

Making of America provides a unique view of 19th century American history. It will take some time and effort to get comfortable searching and browsing these publications, but the results are delightful. Finding this one articles made it all worthwhile for me!

## PIONEERS OF SOUTHERN LITERATURE.

*By S. A. Link, A. M.*

THE presses teem to-day with books from Southern pens, and the great magazines announce every few months some newly discovered Southern writer. At such a time a retrospective glance at Southern literature may not be without interest and value. An author may dwell apart at Abbotsford or Rydal Mount, but his works need to be issued from some centre of population and of literature. Indeed most successful literary workers must at times feel the heart-beat of the world. Boston had the printing-press and Harvard almost from the beginning; but the South located her colleges in the small

towns, and thus kept many of her most scholarly men away from the people and the press. Moreover, in the old *régime* at the South, the forum was more attractive to intellectual men than the *Æonian* mount. There was many an Achilles in courage, but no Homer sang his feats in arms. The farm rather than the city was the centre of social life. Culture and wit there were, but they shone in the homes and not in books. Many planters had fine libraries, but often these contained nothing later than the Elizabethan poets and Waverly novels; and woe betide the writer who fell below these. A literature must come full fledged; it dare not

# Skeletons in the Closet

Bruce Ramsey

When doing family tree research, we never know what we may discover. Often it tells the story of our ancestors. This is great and may offer a nice story of success. But every so often, we discover something quite disturbing. While doing my family research, one such issue turned up.

For privacy purposes, only the Ramsey name will be mentioned. A certain cousin was born in 1864 in Jefferson County, New York. Family sources say that this cousin's father was a lumberjack and moved around a lot. Lumberjacks of the 19th and 20th century often lived a migratory life, moving from one lumber camp to another as timber harvesting jobs opened up. Being a lumberjack was seasonal work. While the workers were exclusively men who usually lived in bunkhouses, tents or regional housing, sometimes they were able to take the family with them.

This 1864 cousin followed his father into the lumberjack trade. In his travels, he made his way to Tioga County, Pennsylvania, and around 1882 he met and married his wife. He was around age 18 and she was about 17. They had five children, two female and three male. As the family grew, they moved around the Pennsylvania area following the lumberjack camps, one boy child was born in 1901. At the time, this was just another family birth.

While researching this 1901 birth, family sources confirmed that the 1864 cousin was the father but the mother was not his wife but his 15 year old daughter. The child was raised by grandparents and married in 1923 in Ohio. He had four children. The marriage was a troublesome one because as time passed, he developed a drinking issue that may have caused separation and divorce.

Family sources speculate that in 1950 he was trying to ride a horse while drunk when he fell off and was injured. He was rushed to a Potter County, Pennsylvania hospital and died three days later from a broken neck.

This history is part of my family tree because this 1923 marriage of this 1901 son was to Mary Ramsey, the sister of William Ramsey, my father. She passed away in 1986 in Potter County, Pennsylvania.

When one of these family issues is found and the facts are investigated, keep in mind that good or bad, it is a part of your family history. You never know when you may uncover skeletons in your closet.



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## Research Notes

A new, updated [Family Tree Maker](#) is now shipping.

“Software MacKiev’s first updates pick up where Ancestry left off to ensure a seamless product experience for users. The updates are focused on performance and stability, and are compatible with the latest operating systems (Windows 10 and OS X 10.11 El Capitan). The updates also contain more than a hundred new royalty-free backgrounds and a set of embellishment art for use in making professional-quality charts.”

RootsMagic just announced that it can now import Family Tree Maker data directly - no GEDCOM file needed. You will need RootsMagic version 7.1 to take advantage of these features. See the [RootsMagic announcement](#) for details.

There’s a number of interesting GeneaWebinars, Hangouts and other online events happening every month. You can keep up with them at [GeneaWebinars.com](#).

The [RootsWeb site](#) has been down for several weeks now due to hardware failure. This includes the message boards and mailing lists along with a number of GenWeb sites. According to the message left on the site’s home page, they expect to have the site operational again on or about March 15th. In the meantime, a number of the Florida GenWeb sites have been moving to other hosting services. You can keep up with the latest status of Florida’s sites at the [FLGenWebProject](#) community at Google+.

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## 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](mailto: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 Online](#) - The society's public 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](mailto: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 is the virtual home of 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](mailto: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.

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