A detailed botanical illustration in a light, sketchy style serves as the background. It features various types of leaves, including large, rounded ones and long, feathery ones, along with a small butterfly and a vine with tiny flowers.

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The Society Page

Join us on Saturday, May 20th, at the Southeast Branch Library located at 6670 US 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32086. Check-in begins at 12:45pm and the meeting starts at 1:00pm. Society meetings are free and open to the public.

Ann Staley is presenting *The Everyday Life of Our Ancestors* demonstrating how to place our ancestors into their historical context and add personal details.

The May short course begins after Ann's Q&A. Since May is the month that we honor those who gave their lives in service to our country, the topic for this month is the **American Battle Monuments Commission** which maintains the cemeteries, monuments and memorials for the Americans buried or memorialized overseas.

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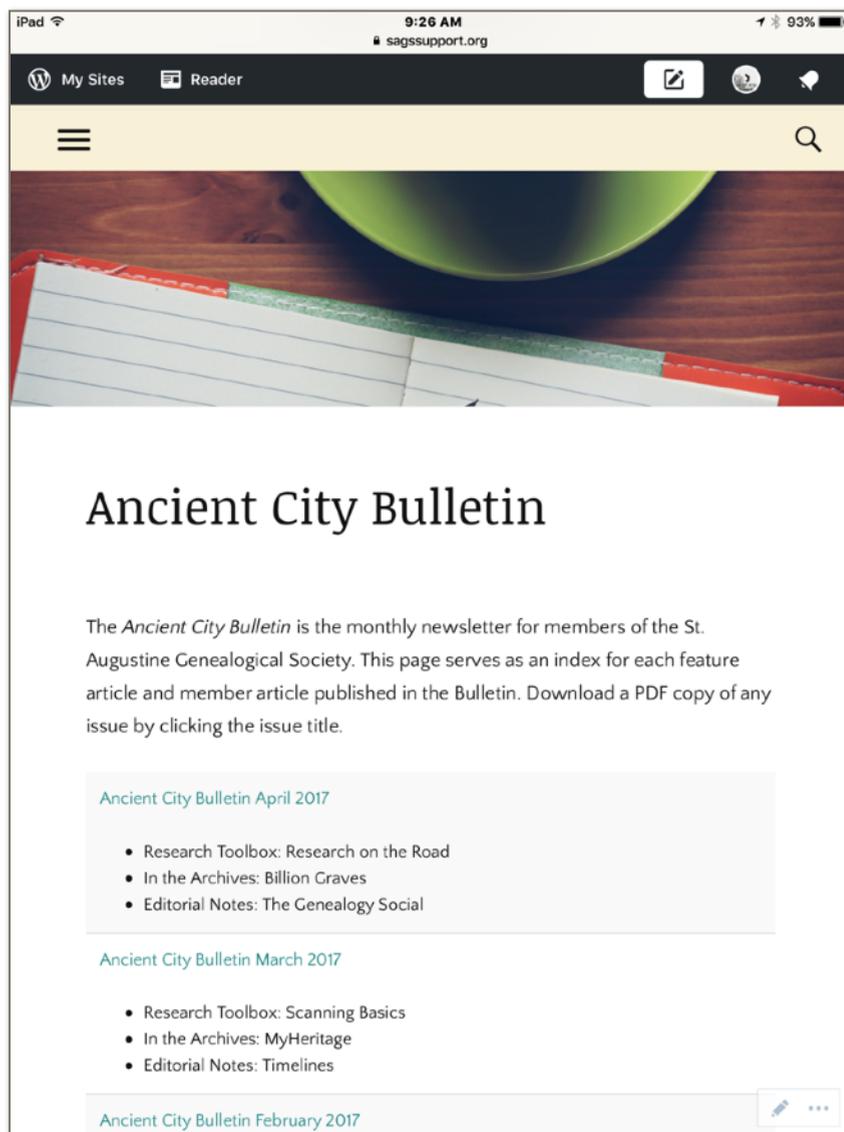
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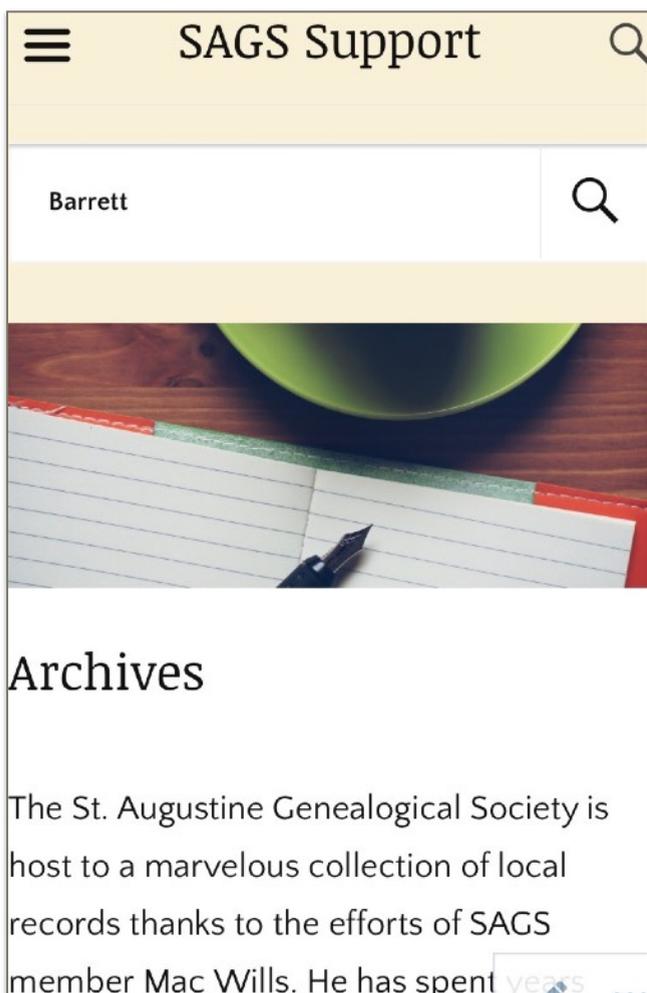
Editorial Notes

For more than a year our board has been working to build a larger online presence so members can connect, collaborate and share experiences throughout the month. The first step was SAGS Support, our members-only website. Here you see a view of the site as it looks when you access it on a tablet (an iPad mini in this example). Our new sites are built on the WordPress web platform so that members can view them on both computers and mobile devices. In this iPad example, you'll notice two icons in the bar just above the image. Tap the three-line icon on the left to display the site menu or tap the magnifying glass icon to display the search bar. Swipe up or down to view the content on this page.

This is a screenshot of the Ancient City Bulletin page with an index of each issue's content. Tap an issue's title (shown here in blue) to view and download a copy.



Since SAGS Support is a members-only site, you do need to register to get access. Once registered, you are set up to have new content automatically delivered to you via email. You also have the option to use the free WordPress apps (desktop and mobile) to view and manage site content.



This example shows the Archives page as viewed on an iPhone. We are moving our archives to SAGS Support to make them more accessible to our members.

See the Archives Update article for details.

There's even more research goodness to be found at SAGS Support. This includes speaker handouts, member guides, an online help desk, online events calendar and a growing digital library. Those of you familiar with Facebook will find SAGS Support is also an impressive social network. Many pages and all posts have a comment box at the bottom of the page. Using these comments you can ask questions, share tips and start conversations.

Speaking of conversations, we have even set up a Cafe page for that very purpose. Here you will find posts on specific topics designed to start a discussion. Our current featured topic is open to questions and feedback related to the Archives section.

Cafe



VanGogh Terrace at Night by Janet Lunn via Flickr

You may have noticed the comments box at the bottom of each article posted on our member sites. They provide a place to discuss the topic presented in that article. Here in the Cafe, the comments box is an "open mic" – ready to discuss any topic you choose. Ask a question, share a tip or just say hello. If you are familiar with status updates and comments in Facebook, you'll be quite comfortable with our social features.

RECENT CONVERSATIONS

- Archives Discussion and Questions
- Conference Thoughts
- How can we help you?
- Maintaining Your Research

SECTIONS

- 📁 Archive News
- 📅 Calendar

This is the Cafe page at SAGS Support. In the sidebar you see a list of conversation topics. Click on any topic and you will be taken to that page. At the bottom of the page, you'll find previous comments and the blank comment box where you can add yours.

If you aren't already registered for SAGS Support access, contact us at sags.publications@yahoo.com or see Denise Olson at the May meeting to get set up.

SAGS Writers Group

The screenshot shows the SAGS Writers website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: "SAGS Online – Public Site", "SAGS Support – Members", "SAGS Facebook Page", "Facebook Group", and "Publications Library". The main header features the title "SAGS Writers" in large white font, with the subtitle "Creative Ideas for Sharing Your Family History" below it. The central content area displays a post titled "JOURNALING" and "May – Focus on Journaling", posted on May 2, 2017, by Denise Olson. The post includes an illustration of a woman reading to two children, with the text "Who will tell your family's stories?". Below the illustration, a paragraph states: "This month our focus is on journaling. For those of us fortunate enough to have a journal or diary from an ancestor, we have a view of their world that no amount of vital records can deliver. In today's tech world, journaling has taken on a whole new dimension. We now have journaling tools that make it easy to include photos, audio". To the right of the main content is a sidebar with a "Search" box, a "Sections" menu listing "Blogging Support", "Challenges", "Group Stories", "Journaling", "News", "Project Ideas", "Publishing Resources", "Storytelling", and "Writing Resources", and a "Tag Cloud" at the bottom with tags like "2016", "ach", "apps", "audio", "bio", "blog".

This site is our first virtual special interest group and it is focused on creative ways to share your family history. It is also a members-only website, but once you have set up your SAGS Support account it's easy to add the Writers Group using that same login. This site offers information on writing and publishing resources but you'll also find lots of project ideas that grab your family's attention. This site also has the commenting, networking and sharing tools found at SAGS Support.

SAGS Online



We have recently added SAGS Online - our new public site. This site is open to all and provides information about the society, how to join and upcoming meetings. It also provides commenting and sharing tools making it easy for people to contact staff to answer their questions or get more information. Visit the site at <https://sagsonline.org>.

Disaster Preparedness

Research Toolbox

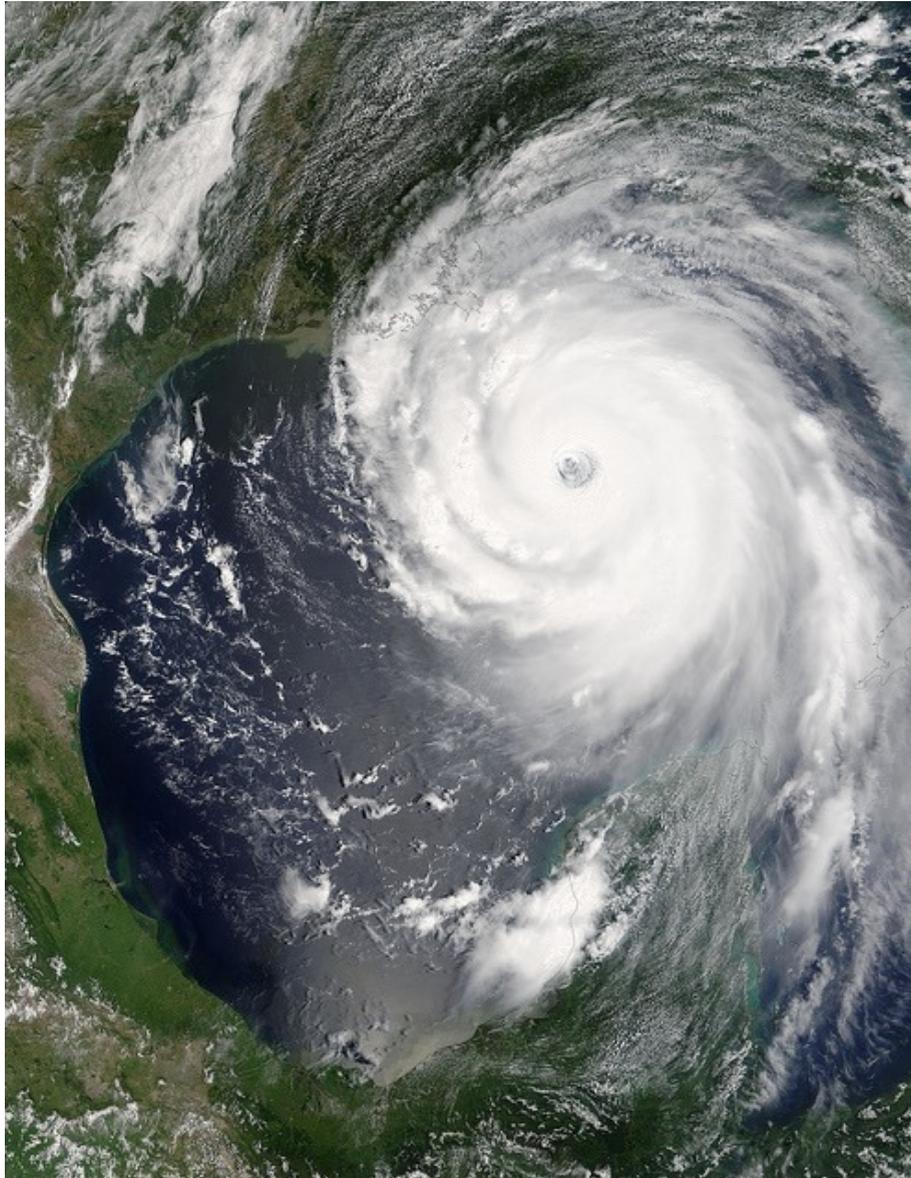
I find it interesting that May Day – the first day of May – is traditionally the day that cultural institutions and archives set aside to review and adjust their disaster plans. Here in Florida, May is the time we review our personal disaster plans and prepare for hurricane season which begins the first of June.

In addition to checking disaster supplies (batteries, non-perishable food, water, etc.) you can also use May to review your digital disaster plan. Here are some of the things to review:

- **Data backups.** I use my computer's automatic backup feature, but this is a good time to make sure any new data folders or other content are also included.
- **Blog backups.** WordPress users can use its export feature and download a complete copy of your site at any time. If something happens to your website, that backup file can be imported quickly and easily.
- **Image backups.** A Flickr Pro account (\$50/year) includes auto-uploading all new images from your desktop and mobile devices. It makes an easy off-site backup for photos, scanned images and even video. Amazon Prime members get free access to Prime Photos as part of their package. Google users get 15GB of storage for free which can be used for photos and docs.
- **Security check.** I use 1Password to manage passwords and other personal data. It includes a security audit to remind me it's time to update old passwords. The new Watchtower feature identifies the sites that have known vulnerabilities so I can change the passwords at those sites.

- **Power check.** We use surge protectors and uninterrupted power supply (UPS) devices to protect all our electronics. Now's a good time to check them and replace older ones no longer operating at full capacity.

Hurricane season isn't our only concern. There are plenty of disasters just waiting to destroy our research and historical documents. Make May your month to review your own disaster plan and insure your archives are also protected.



Hurricane Katrina 2005

SAGS Archive Update

In the Archives

SAGS Support is the new home for St. Augustine Genealogical Society archives. We are taking advantage of the today's technology to make it easier to search or browse the various datasets from your desktop, your tablet or your phone. Visit the Archives page to get started. The datasets in our collection are listed here with links to each. Click on a link to browse or take advantage of the search box in the right sidebar. Here you see the Barrett surname has been entered in the search field. After pressing the Enter/Return key, a list of datasets matching my search is displayed.

The screenshot shows the SAGS Archives website. The main content area is titled "Archives" and contains the following text:

The St. Augustine Genealogical Society is host to a marvelous collection of local records thanks to the efforts of SAGS member Mac Wills. He has spent years transcribing records in the St. Augustine Historical Society's archive.

Below is a menu linking you to each collection and associated datasets. You can also use the Search box you see in the right sidebar to search for a specific name. It will display each dataset with content matching your search. Follow the link to the page you wish to view, then use the "Find on Page" command – CTRL/f (Windows) or CMD/f (Mac) – to quickly move to the matching record.

- Church Records
 - [Cathedral Baptisms 1594-1649](#)
 - [Cathedral Baptisms 1800-1899](#)
 - [Cathedral Marriages 1784-1801](#)
 - [Cathedral Marriages 1785-1977](#)
 - [Cathedral Parish Baptisms 1801-1815](#)
 - [List of Elders](#)
 - [St. Leopoldi Baptisms 1879-1959](#)
 - [Trinity Deaths & Burials Book 3](#)
 - [Trinity Episcopal Baptisms Book 2](#)

The right sidebar features a search box with "Barrett" entered and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search box is a "SECTIONS" menu with the following items:

- ▢ Archive News
- ▢ Calendar
- ▢ Conversations
- ▢ Digital Toolbox
- ▢ Fun
- ▢ Help Desk
- ▢ News
- ▢ Recap
- ▢ Research Notes

Here are some of the datasets matching my search. The next step is to open a dataset to find the actual records. I can either click on the page title or the “Continue reading . . .” link at the bottom of the page’s excerpt.

SEARCH RESULTS FOR: BARRETT

Cloisters of St Anastasia Columbarium

The Columbarium is in the Cloisters of Saint Anastasia located at 5205 A1A S, St Augustine, FL 32086. Compiled and organized by C Mack Wills for genealogical purposes. Updated 18 Sep 2010. Last Name First Name Birth Date Death Date Col. Number Panel Niche Notes ADAMSKI Eugene R 1935 26 May 2003 1 A 42 ALBERTSON ...
[Continue reading →](#)

Obituaries – S

SABIA, Carmela M. Carmela M. Sabia, 89, passed away peacefully at the Bailey Center Nov. 4, 2013. She had worked with Air France Airline in New York City and later lived in Southern California, and Washington State, before retiring to St. Augustine along with her husband of 47 years, Bill. She was a warm and ... [Continue reading →](#)

Barrett

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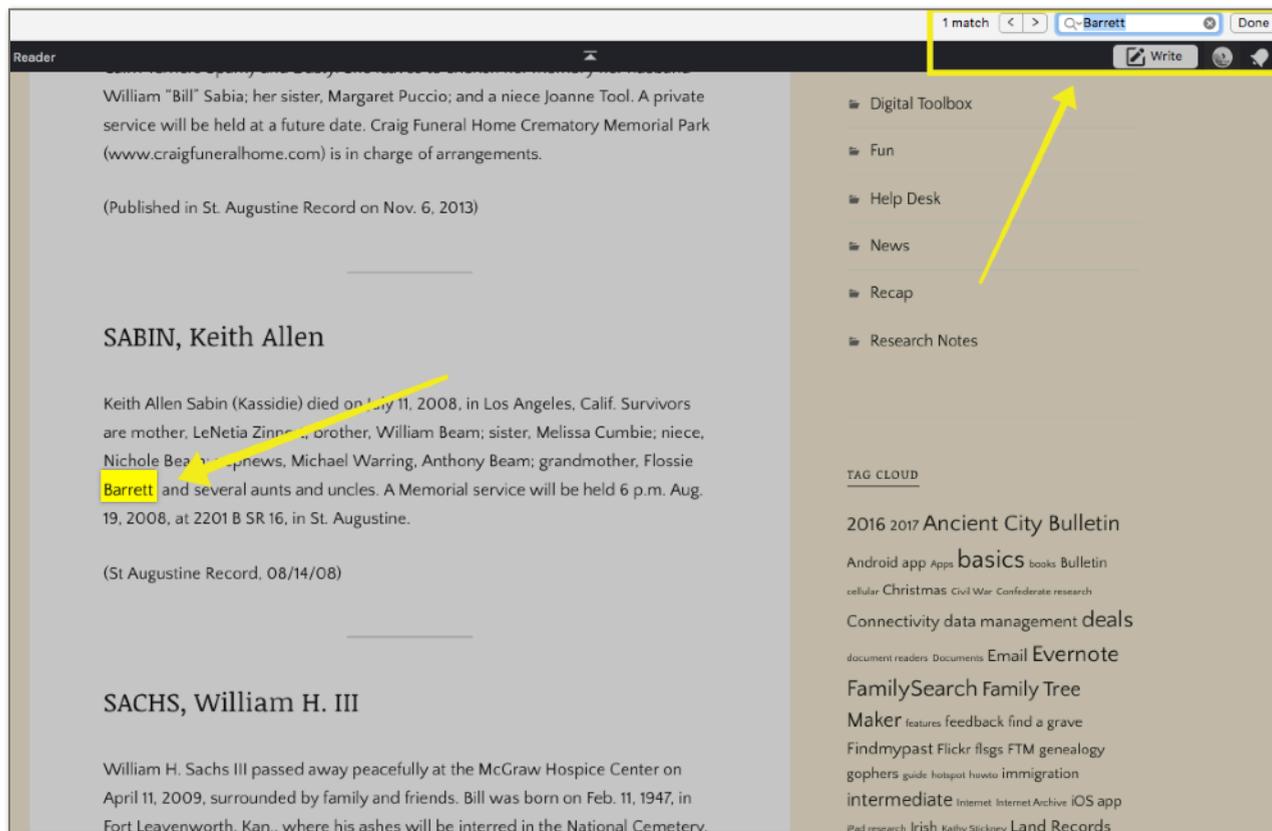
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TAG CLOUD

If your search returns a large number of datasets, they won't all fit on one screen. In this case click on the **Older Posts** link at the bottom of the screen to see more. The **Newer Posts** link will take you back to the previous page.

In the obituaries example above, the content is in a standard text format. However, most of the datasets - cemeteries, church records, etc. - are in table format. Some of those tables are quite large. It is possible to view them on a tablet or phone, but in most cases using your desktop computer provides the best viewing option.

The search box will tell you which datasets contain the names you are searching, but it won't find the actual record. Once you've opened a dataset, use the Find On Page command (CTRL/f for Windows - CMD/f for Mac) to search the page.



This example is the Safari browser for Mac. Your computer/browser may look a bit different but the basics are the same. In this example, after pressing CMD/f the browser displays a search box in the top right corner. This is where I enter the name/phrase I'm searching then press the Return key. The browser moves the screen to and highlights the first instance of my search. The search box shows me this is the only instance on this dataset. If there are multiple instances, clicking the arrow buttons next to the search box lets me move to the next or previous find. The Done key ends the search.

Some of the data tables are quite large. When viewing a large table, you'll notice that the sidebar has been turned off. Use the menus at the top of the page or your browser's back button to navigate these pages. You will also notice

that the comment box has been turned off on these data pages. If you have a question or a comment about a specific table, use the Discussions topic on the site's Cafe page.

The datasets currently posted at SAGS Support are just the beginning. We will be adding more records throughout the summer. New additions will be announced in the weekly Research Notes newsletter.

BARR	James	No date	21 May 1837	Pyramid	Ind War; Disease, at New Orleans
BARR	John	No date	3 Jun 1837	Pyramid	Ind War; Disease, at Ft. Heileman
BARR	Robert	No date	28 Jul 1939	A-219	WW I; Born in Georgia
BARRETT	Albert F (alias Albert Barretto)	No date	27 May 1939	B-516	Span Amer War
BARRINGER	Eleanor R	26 Jul 1904	1 Jun 1979	C-82	w/o John Alfred

✕ ^ v Highlight All Match Case Whole Words 1 of 2 matches

This example shows a dataset displayed in the Firefox browser. Firefox locates its Find On Page box at the bottom of the screen.

If you haven't set up your online account at SAGS Support, now is the time! See Denise Olson at the May meeting.

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 Online](#) - The society's public web site and records archive.
- [SAGS Support](#) - The society's members-only site offers weekly news updates, research support, 24/7 access to our publications library along with social networking features making it easy for members to stay connected between meetings.
- [SAGS Writers Group](#) - This virtual special interest group supports members looking for creative ways to document and share their family history.
- [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.

All SAGS websites have networking tools that make it possible for members to stay connected between meetings. Ask questions, share tips or start a conversation - all of this is possible once you have access to these sites. To learn more, contact us at sags.publications@yahoo.com.

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.

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