

A detailed botanical illustration in a light, sketchy style serves as the background. It features various types of leaves, including large, broad ones and long, narrow palm fronds. A small butterfly is also depicted among the foliage.

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## The Society Page

Our February meeting will be held on Saturday, February 18th, at the Southeast Branch Library, 6670 US 1 South. The doors are open at 12:45 pm and the meeting begins at 1:00 pm. We are delighted to have Jim Vearil as our speaker. Jim will show us how to use land records in our research.

### Don't forget this is book donation month!

The move from second Saturday to third Saturday has given us more meeting time. We are taking advantage of this extra time to offer monthly "short courses" after the main program. These sessions will discuss different topics each month.

February's short course offers a hand-on demonstration on how to scan documents with your mobile phone. Bring your mobile phone and discover how easy it is!

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**Just a reminder . . . dues are due.**

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Are you receiving our weekly Research Notes e-newsletter in your inbox every Monday morning? If not your missing out on the latest genea news, deals and tips. To become a subscriber, email your request to [sags.publications@yahoo.com](mailto:sags.publications@yahoo.com) and we'll take care of the rest.

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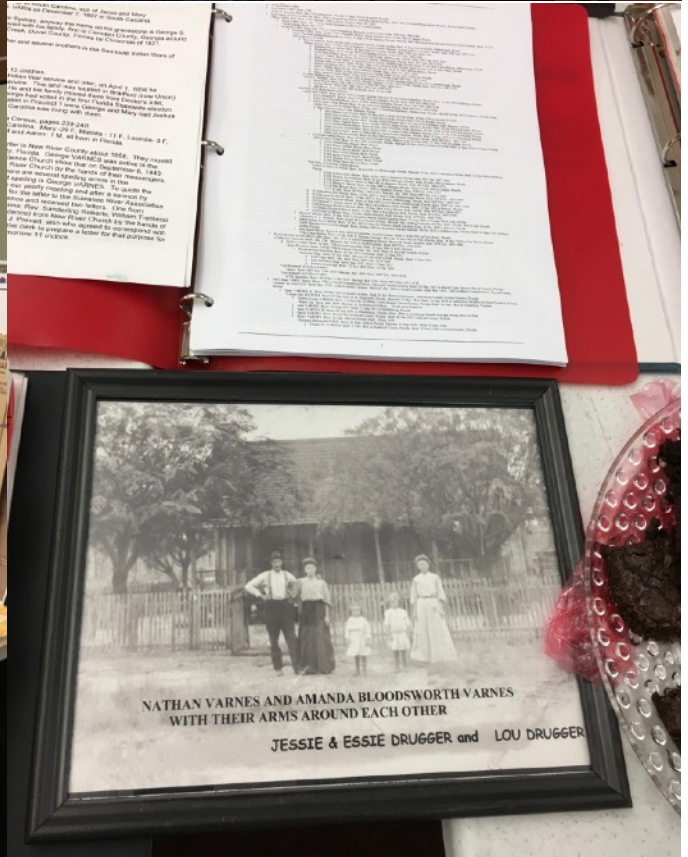
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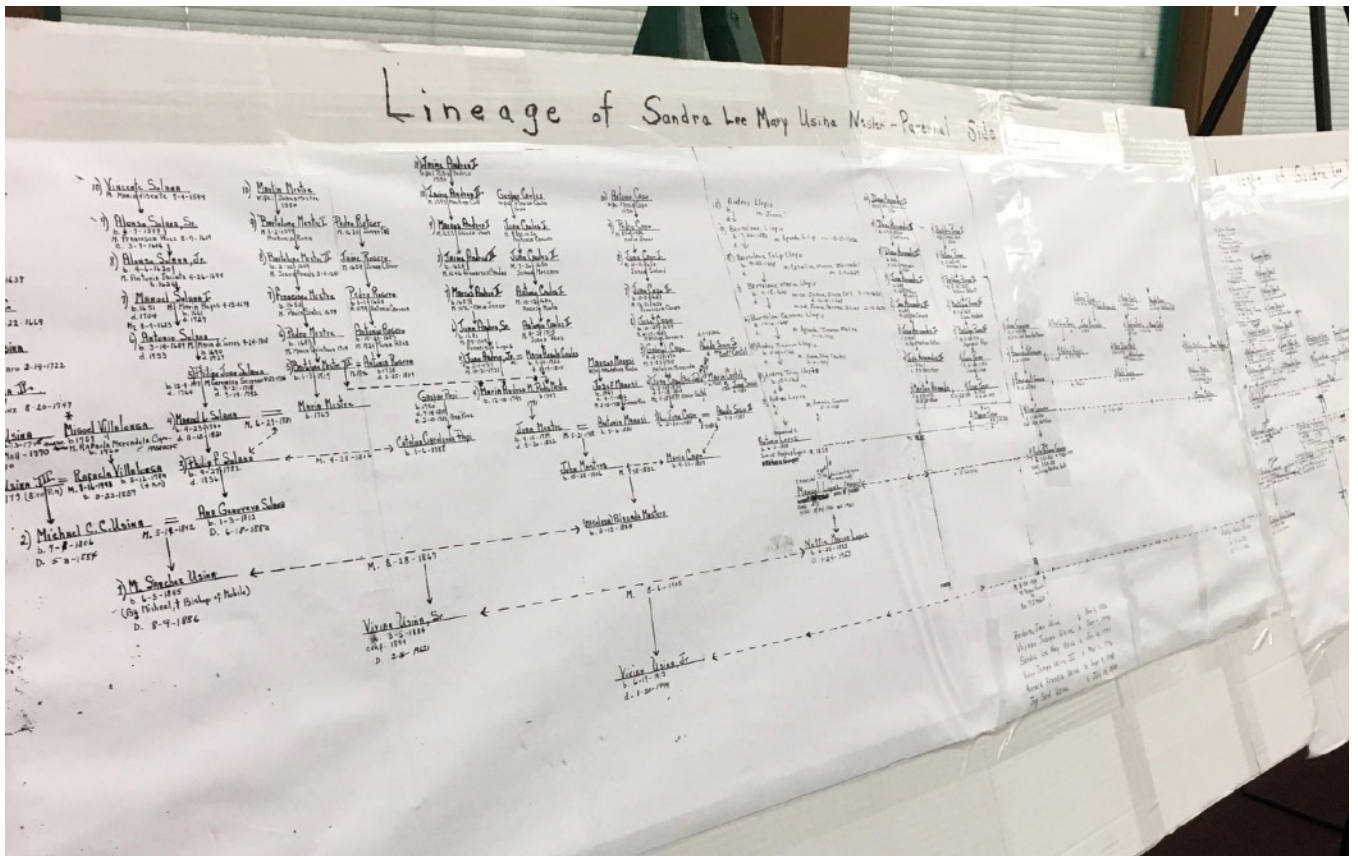
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# Family History Faire

## Scenes from the Faire











# Facebook

## Research Toolbox

You may not realize it but Facebook is much more than just a social network to share photos and news with family and friends. It is also an impressive research tool. First, there are a lot of genealogical and historical societies that have pages on Facebook. A growing number of them use Facebook to provide support for "online only" members and many will respond to questions or requests from non-members.

I belong to an historical society in rural northwest Georgia - the area where my Barker family lived. It's one of those places where everyone knows everyone else so as soon as I explained how I fit into that family, I made connections with all kinds of cousins. I'm also reconnecting with cousins and neighbors who were childhood playmates during our summer vacations up there. Among other things, they helped me find the location of Hense Spring - where my great-grandparents celebrated their 50th anniversary celebration in 1917. They are also helping me decipher the collection of letters my grandfather wrote my grandmother before they were married. His letters were quite gossipy discussing who's seeing who, social activities and other such goodies. I didn't know who most of these people were, but my Facebook connections have been a big help.

What does it take to make Facebook a useful research tool? Look for a genealogical or historical society in the areas you are researching. You might also check for "growing up in . . ." or "memories of . . ." or school alumni groups. Once you find them, start asking questions. With luck, someone will have an answer or can point you to the person/organization who does.

Sometime back a schoolmate who now lives in Nebraska posted a class photo of our 5th grade class on her Facebook page. Facebook lets you "tag" (add a

name to) the faces in photographs. When a face is tagged and the tagged person has a Facebook account, that person will be notified with a link to that photo. I was one of the faces she tagged in that class photo. Once I followed the link, I found other old classmates there too. Before the day was over, we were having an online class reunion.

One very nice thing about Facebook is its notification system. You post your request, photo or question and Facebook will let you know when someone responds. By using Facebook with caution and common sense, you will connect with people who can help you learn more about your ancestors and the places where they lived.

Like all online social networks, there are a number of things you never post on Facebook. These include:

- Your full birthdate because it gives identity thieves needed information to help them steal your identity and open accounts in your name.
- Posting your current location lets everyone know when you aren't at home.
- Pictures of your children tagged with their names. You are giving stalkers ammunition to convince the child that they are not strangers.
- Your real phone number or home address adds even more information for identity thieves and home invasions.
- Vacation pictures while you're on vacation.

The **St. Augustine Genealogical Society Group** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StAuggens/>) has been on Facebook for some time. Members are encouraged to use it to connect and share research tips. We have also just launched a **St. Augustine Genealogical Society page** (<https://www.facebook.com/sagsonline/>). It provides news and upcoming events while also serving as a digital billboard to help potential members find us. Add us to your





## Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection

In the Archives

Family historians love maps and the place to find an amazing collection of current and historical maps is the Perry-Castañeda Library - one of the University of Texas Libraries. No, you don't have to travel to Texas. You can find an impressive digital collection online at <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>. These

only represent about 30% of the complete collection, but the digitizing continues.

The current maps include things like 2016 US election maps, zika virus transmission and others related to current events. There is also an impressive collection of general interest maps. The historical maps of the United States go back to the earliest explorers - there's one showing Coronado's expedition. For family research, the collections showing U.S. territorial growth and military history may be especially useful.

It doesn't stop there. They also have an amazing index listing other online map resources (see [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/map\\_sites/hist\\_sites.html#US](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/map_sites/hist_sites.html#US)). Looking for Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps? This would be a good place to find them. The screenshot below shows just one section of the map index.

### **Online Maps of General Interest**

- **Maps of The World**
- **Maps of Africa**
- **Maps of The Americas including United States, Canada and Mexico**
- **Maps of Asia**
- **Maps of Australia and the Pacific**
- **Maps of Europe**
- **Maps of The Middle East**
- **Maps of Polar Regions and Oceans**
- **Maps of Russia and the Former Soviet Republics**
- **Maps of The United States including National Parks and Monuments**
- **Maps of Texas**
- **Maps of Texas Counties**
- **Maps of Austin**
  
- **Historical Maps**
  
- **Maps on Other Web Sites including:**
- **Country Maps, City Maps, State Maps, Historical Maps and Outline Maps**
- **Cartographic Reference Resources**
  
- **Online Map Collection - Frequently Asked Questions**
- **Guide to the PCL Map Collection (Printed Maps)**
- **University of Texas at Austin Campus Map and Historical Campus Maps**

*Sample of the PCL map index*

## Society Services

Are you following SAGS Support, our members-only site? If not, you are missing out on a lot of research support, news and the ability to connect with society staff and members between meetings. Site followers receive the weekly Research Notes e-newsletter and have access to

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 Support](#) - Our members-only site offers a weekly e-newsletter, 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 Page](#) - **We now have our own Facebook page.** You can follow it to stay updated on meetings, speakers and other society news.
- [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.



## 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.

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

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