



AAHGS Metro Atlanta Member Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2023

General Monthly Meeting

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Monthly meeting called to order	Tammy Ozier
Meeting Agenda	Tammy Ozier
Presentation and Q & A	Sue Verhoef, Atlanta History Center
Business Meeting	Tammy Ozier
Meeting Adjourned	Tammy Ozier
Number in Attendance	23

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Tammy Ozier opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and welcomed members and visitors. She presented the meeting agenda.

MEETING PRESENTATION

- Clevlyn introduced the speaker for this month's meeting, Sue Verhoef. Sue's presentation to us today is entitled: "Forms and Software and Websites, Oh My! Organizing your Paper, Digital and Web"
- Handouts available in [DropBox](#) folder that will be shared with the membership
 - Veterans History Project
 - Climb Your Family Tree
 - African American Research
 - Genealogy Research Log
 - Presentation slides
 - List of additional resources
- Sue shared information about what is available at the Atlanta History Center.
 - Texas locomotive
 - Cyclorama
 - Exhibits around the history of Atlanta
 - Gardens
 - Swann House
 - Three historic homes on the campus
 - Wood Family cabin
 - Smith Family farm
 - Living collections (animals)
 - Kenan Research Center



- Make an appointment
 - Gift shop
 - Three restaurants
- Why organize research?
 - Saves you time, saves you money, saves you hard work, saves your sanity, saves your ancestors
- Paper files: organize originals in acid free materials and make copies of newspapers; determine how you will store your research (binders, file folders, etc.), categorize your research in a way that makes sense for you, do the work on the backend so that getting to information in your research is easier later on
- Digital files: file naming conventions; understand lossy vs lossless file formats; backup files in cloud
- Research logs: document that tells you where you want to go in your research, how to get there, when you have arrived and where you want to go next
 - Objective, repository name, date, full scope of search and what you found
- Genealogy software: use what's best for you, examine reviews, try trials, learn about the software you choose, Citations
- Software to help you organize
- Websites

Business Meeting

- **Membership:**
 - Tammy reminded current members to renew their membership and invited new members to join.
 - As of today's meeting, we have 94 members.
- **Minutes:** Minutes and financial reports have been posted to the chapter website in Members Only
- **SIG information:**
 - Caribbean Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Rhonda Barrow): Meets most 3rd Saturdays of each month at 10 AM
 - DNA Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Stephanie Powers): meets most 2nd Saturdays of each month at 10 AM
 - Georgia Special Interest Group (Co -coordinators: Dawnya Lindsey and Doris Thomas): Meets most 1st Saturdays of each month at 11:30 AM
 - Louisiana Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Tammy Ozier): As Special Request, Demands
 - Tennessee Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Devra Harney): meets most 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm via zoom.
 - Military Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Johnette Brooks): Meets Most 4th Sundays of Each Month at 1:00 PM
 - Sons/Daughters US Middle Passage (Coordinator: Jonnie Brown): Will resume in September



- **The following opportunities are available to members:**
 - **We are still in need of a Virtual Events curator:** The chapter needs someone to help with curating virtual events and sending them out weekly. Please express your interest to: aahgsatlanta@gmail.com
 - **Candidates for 2024-2026 Chapter Office positions:** Asked the membership to consider running for an executive officer position for the chapter
 - **Research Project volunteers:** Are you interested in conducting research projects?
 - Requests for genealogists to help with family research and other projectsPlease express your interest to: aahgsatlanta@gmail.com
- Tammy invited new members to introduce themselves
 - Peggy Clark: Lives in NY but researching in GA
 - Liajuana Abernathy: Central GA Gen society in Warner Robins, native NC and discovered she has ancestry in Columbus and Warner Robins, GA
 - Lori Henderson: Hampton roads, in Hampton VA; recently moved to GA researching Jackson, GA

Announcements

- Discover Your Roots – Atlanta: September 9th at the Ponce de Leon Family Center
- AAHGS National Conference: October 18-21, 2023: if interested in volunteering please email chapter email account
- African American Beginning Genealogy workshop, sponsored by Georgia Public Broadcasting and held at the Georgia Archives on April 22, 2023 from 9am to 12pm
- 1906 Coalition Days of Remembrance
- Next meeting: April 22, 2023 at the Georgia Archives which will be a hybrid meeting (both in person and online). Thom Reed of Family Search. The topic is “Uncover your Black Roots Using Features on FamilySearch.org”

Open Discussion

- Clevlyn shared that the Sons and Daughters of the United States Middle Passage SIG hosted by Jonnie Brown was a very enlightening process and that Jonnie will start the SIG again in September.
Tammy echoed Clevlyn’s compliments for Jonnie and how well the process went.
- Tammy shared some members of AAHGS participated in the Discover Your Roots in Sharpsburg, GA as presenters and that the event was a success.

Minutes submitted by: Tamu Taylor, Recording Secretary
April 8, 2023