

# AAHGS Metro Atlanta Member Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2023

## **General Monthly Meeting**

1:00 - 3:00 PM

| Monthly meeting called to order | Tammy Ozier |
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| Meeting Agenda                  | Tammy Ozier |
| Presentation and Q & A          | Tom Rheed   |
| 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, both in person and virtually. She presented the meeting agenda.

#### **MEETING PRESENTATION**

- Tammy introduced the speaker for this month's meeting, Thom Rheed. Thom's presentation to us today is entitled: "Uncover Your Back Roots Using Features on FamilySearch.org"
- Thom's agenda included:
  - Using Race in Search Results for Historical Records
  - Using Race in Filtered Results for Historical Records
  - Using Race in Filtered Results for Historical Records (Multiple Collections)
  - Using Race in Filtered Search Results for Family Tree
  - Using "Other Relationships" in Family Tree to document enslaved/slaveholder connections
  - \*NEW\* Correcting the index for the 1850 & 1860 Slave Schedules

### **Business Meeting**

## • Membership:

- Tammy reminded current members to renew their membership and invited new members to join.
- As of today's meeting, we have 102 members. There were a couple of people join today.
- We had 50 participants participate in our workshop on Beginning Genealogy held at the National Archives. Georgia Public Broadcasting sponsored the event.
- 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



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- 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
- o 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Each Month at 1:00 PM
- o Sons/Daughters US Middle Passage (Coordinator: Jonnie Brown): Will resume in September
- The following opportunities are available to members:
  - Candidates for 2024-2026 Chapter Office positions: Asked the membership to consider running for an executive officer position for the chapter
  - 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
  - o **Research Project volunteers:** Are you interested in conducting research projects?
    - Requests for genealogists to help with family research and other projects

Please express your interest to: <a href="mailto:aahgsatlanta@gmail.com">aahgsatlanta@gmail.com</a>

- Tammy invited new members to introduce themselves
  - o In-person: Maria and Charlene
  - Virtual: Debra Jones (Watson and Richardson)

## **Announcements**

- Discover Your Roots GA Atlanta: September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ponce de Leon Family Center in conjunction with The Church of Latter Day Saints
- AAHGS National Conference "Hiding in Plain Sight": October 18-21, 2023: if interested in volunteering please email chapter email account
- 1906 Coalition Days of Remembrance: September 21 24, 2023
- Next meeting: May 20, 2023 (virtual) with guest speaker, Kanika Marshall. Ms. Marshall will present how she was able to publish her stories such as "The Marshall Legacy in Black and White" and "Finding Marshalls: A Genealogy Trip with a Black and White Twist"

## **Open Discussion**

Minutes submitted by: Tamu Taylor, Recording Secretary April 22, 2023