



TEXAS GENEALOGICAL COLLEGE

# GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS

*News from Texas Lineage Societies*

*The Official Newsletter of the Texas Genealogical College*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Genealogy continues to be a favorite hobby for most of the people I know. Join me by inviting your friends to attend our conference this year. We are delighted Mary Tedesco of PBS TV Series “Genealogy Roadshow” will present workshops on subjects interesting for all. We will also be joined by Katherine Borges, Director of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy, a DNA expert who will teach us how to decipher testing results.

Membership continues to be a vital focus for our organization. Please consider recruiting five of your friends to join so that we may grow and fulfill our objective of providing outstanding genealogical education.

I look forward to welcoming you to Houston – home of the World Champion Houston Astros and the 2018 Texas Genealogical College conference!



*Pamela Wright*

## HALL OF FAME

At the October 2017 Annual Meeting of the Texas Genealogical College, three members were elected to the Texas Genealogical College’s prestigious Hall of Fame, Pamela Rouse Wright, Louis J. Benavides and Lyttleton Harris IV.

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**Pamela Wright** is a multiple small business owner, community volunteer, wife, mother and grandmother. A thirty-two member of the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution, she is a member of 20 lineage societies. She currently serves as the Chaplain General, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Joining DAR as a Junior, she has served in numerous offices and chairmanships including the centennial Regent of her 600+ member chapter, Lady Washington, Houston. During her term as Texas State Regent, membership soared to 18,000+ members, and five new chapters were organized. For her State Regent's Project, she raised \$165,000 for the refurbishment of the lower level beneath Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. This area was renamed the "Texas Lone Star Lounge" and designated a profit center for the National Society. A second project followed with the construction of the "Texas DAR Plaza of Liberty" at the Veterans' War Memorial in McAllen, Texas. Over \$180,000 was raised to construct the plaza with a bronze statues of Patrick Henry and George Washington.

Pamela was elected President of the Texas DAR State Chairman's Club; President of the Texas Page Club; President of the Outstanding Juniors Club; President of the State Vice Regents Club; and was selected as the Texas State Outstanding Junior. She is the past national chair of the Junior Membership, Community Service Awards and Americanism Committees, as well as a six year member of the Long Range Planning Commission. She has received the DAR Community Service Award, Women in the Arts Award, Women in American History Award, Juniors' Choice Chapter Regent, Honorary Texas Junior for Life and Junior VIP. She is the recipient of the Sons of the American Revolution Daughters of Liberty Medal,



*Hall of Fame Award recipients (left to right) Louis J. Benavides, Pamela Rouse Wright and Lyttleton Harris IV*



*Sandra and Louis Benavides*

Martha Washington Medal, SAR C.A.R. Medal, and Medal of Appreciation. She continues to serve the Children of the American Revolution as Honorary Senior State President of Texas and Honorary National Vice President, South Central Region.

A member of Second Baptist Church, she and her husband, Jack, have one son and one daughter. Her daughter and daughter-in-law are Junior members of the DAR with 6 C.A.R. life members.

**Louis J. Benavides** is widely known by Texas Hispanic Genealogical circles. He served as President of Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society - an organization dedicated

to Hispanic history and ancestral research. Mr. Benavides promotes public interest in history and genealogy through speaking outreach and providing educational programs. His main activity is family ancestral research. Research that includes not only the family lineage, but also the family history and how our ancestors responded to national forces and events. How it was that we, their descendants find ourselves in this time and place. How decisions made long ago affected our present lives and in many cases directly account for our existence.

Based upon his many genealogical accomplishments he was selected for membership on the Texas State Historical Association Archive Committee.

He is a founder and Charter President of the Abilene Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce, now known as the Hispanic Chamber. He chaired the Hispanic Celebration for Abilene's hundred-year celebration working in conjunction with the Texas Commission for the Arts.

He was a National Bank Examiner for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency working in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Texas. He serves on the De Novo bank charter desk, researching the economic viability of proposals and on the Minority Bank Desk in Washington, DC. He was involved in the starting of seven National Banks in Texas. He served as a US Army Reservist with the Corp of Engineers. Both combat engineer companies in Fargo and International Falls, MN, received outstanding performance commendations.



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September 11, 2001 changed his life's direction. He began to focus on educating others. He specializes in Spanish Colonial Ancestral Research and History. He is a regular speaker during Hispanic Heritage month events. He founded the Poblador de La Fontera. A lineage Society of the descendants of Settlers of the Northern Frontier, primarily during the Spanish Colonial Period. He has authored research into the beginning of banking and the economy of the Rio Grande Valley, Spanish troops that were assigned to General Galvez in the fight by the Spanish against the English during the American Revolution, the settling of Spanish Texas and about the first Republic of Texas and its effects on modern Texas and its history. He currently is the Editor for the annual journal "the Register" by Los Bexareños. He serves on the Board of the Friends of Casa Navarro.

Louis is a graduate of Central Catholic High School and from St. Mary's University in San Antonio where he received in BBA in Financial Management and minor in Economics. He is a graduate of the National Graduate School in Commercial Lending from the American Bankers Association and has a Master's in Education in Curriculum and Instruction in Technology Education from Grand Canyon University. He and his wife Sandra Adams have six children and eleven grandchildren.

**Lyttleton Harris IV** is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and currently resides in Houston, Texas. He was married to the late Venita VanCaspel Harris.

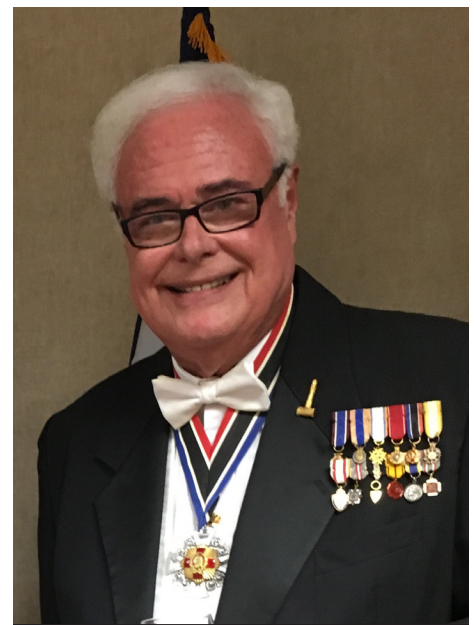
He is the retired President and CEO of Southwest Management & Marketing Company of Houston, a residential property management concern.

Lyt is a 1962 graduate of the University of Mississippi with a B.B.A. degree in Marketing and Management. He also earned a Master of Science degree in Marketing and Economics from Louisiana State University in 1963. In May of 2009 he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Northwood University.

After completing graduate school he rose through the ranks of Scott Paper Company where he became

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*Lyttleton Harris IV*

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Project Manager for the first disposable diapers in the US which he took from test market to national distribution. Later he became National Brand Manager for disposable diapers and the company's facial tissue product line.

Later as Director of Marketing for a large division of Hunt Wesson Foods, Lyt and his team discovered and teamed up with Orville Redenbacher to take his gourmet popping corn from test markets to national distribution and in three years to the #1 selling brand of popcorn in the US, a distinction that the brand still holds today. Lyt then spent several years as a senior executive in the banking and finance industry before moving to Houston in 1982 to become President and eventually CEO of Southwest Management & Marketing Company.

He sold his company and retired in 2004 and currently serves as Managing Partner of The Harris Investment Partnership, specializing in venture capital investments including specialty foods, residential real estate, drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers and other projects.

Always active in civic and charitable activities, Lyt has served on the boards of a number of non-profit organizations, including The Kidney Foundation, Junior Achievement, Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and St. Luke's United Methodist Church. During his business career he was listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Finance and Industry and Who's Who in the South and Southwest. He has served as a mentor for MBA students at the University of Mississippi's Graduate School of Business and was made an Otho Smith Fellow of the Ole Miss School of Business Administration in 2008. He is also a mentor for middle and high school students in the Spring Branch Independent School District in Houston.

Lyt served for ten years on the Board of Trustees and on the Executive Committee of Northwood University and is Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The John Quincy Adams Foundation. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of snack food manufacturer Anderson Trail, Inc. headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas.

His late wife was the former Venita Walker VanCaspel, retired stockbroker, Certified Financial Planner, PBS Television



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weekly show host and author of six best-selling books on personal finance and money management. During the late 1980s and 1990s Venita and Lyt spent time on the national and international lecture circuit where they presented their popular seminars “Winning the Money Game” and “Financial Planning at Sea.”

In 2016 and 2017 Lyt established what will eventually become multi-million-dollar endowed scholarship programs for worthy students of business at Louisiana State University, The University of Mississippi, The University of Colorado and Northwood University. In retirement Lyt enjoys cruising the oceans and rivers of the world, swimming, snow skiing in the winter and biking in the warmer months.

***The Texas Genealogical College is honored to be able to recognize these three truly outstanding individuals with the Hall of Fame Award!***

## TGC OFFICERS 2017-2018



Officers for the Texas Genealogical College were elected at our annual meeting in October. The following are proud to serve as your elected representatives.

President: Pamela Rouse Wright  
President-Elect: Lawrence King Casey, Jr.  
Vice President: Marcy Carter-Lovick  
Assistant Vice President: Kim Clark  
Secretary: Barbara Petrov  
Registrar: Schuyler Crist  
Treasurer: Cheryl “Sissie” Kipp

Chaplain: Rev. Dr. James C. Taylor  
Historian: Rev. Don Stone  
Chancellor: Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr.  
Genealogist: Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr.  
Newsletter Editor: Susan Johnston  
Webmaster: Marcy Brooks Heathman  
Parliamentarian: Lynn Forney Young

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# TEXAS GENEALOGICAL COLLEGE

## 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EVENTS FOR GENEALOGISTS & LINEAGE SOCIETY MEMBERS

**Friday, October 26, 2018**  
**Saturday, October 27, 2018**  
**DETAILED INFORMATION TO FOLLOW SOON!**

Houston, Texas

*Tentative Schedule:*

Friday, October 26th  
1-4pm - Various Workshops including one by Mary M. Tedesco,  
professional genealogist featured on PBS series Genealogy Roadshow  
6:30pm - Cocktails  
7:00pm - Hall of Fame Banquet

Saturday, October 27th  
9-11:30 - Various Workshops to include DNA Workshop by Family Tree Representative  
12:00 - Working Lunch  
1-4pm - Men's Groups meet

Membership is open to any member of a  
Genealogical or Lineage Society.

[www.TexasGenealogicalCollege.com](http://www.TexasGenealogicalCollege.com)

You are invited to join the Texas Genealogical College for the nominal fee of \$50.00. If you meet our qualifications for Diplomat Member, there is an extra \$15.00 fee. To verify you qualify for Diplomat Member status, please visit our web site at [www.texasgenealogicalcollege.com](http://www.texasgenealogicalcollege.com). The application forms for both types of memberships are available [here](#) and are attached to this email.

### **Purpose of Texas Genealogical College**

Our goal is not to displace any existing organization, but rather to serve as a conduit for each Texas organization to spread the word about the qualifications for membership in each, and their respective activities.

Pamela Rouse Wright  
President 2017-2018  
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Marcy Carter-Lovick  
Vice President 2017-2018  
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## MARY M. TEDESCO

Mary M. Tedesco is a professional genealogist, speaker, and author. She is featured on the PBS TV series Genealogy Roadshow and is the Founder of Origins Italy, a firm specializing in Italian and Italian-American genealogical and family history research. Mary is the co-author of “Tracing Your Italian Ancestors” an 84-page Italian research guide published by Moorshead Magazines.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Boston University and a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University’s Center for Professional Education. She is a member of many local and national genealogical societies.

In addition to her Italian ancestry (Calabria, Trentino-Alto Adige and Tuscany) on her father’s side, Mary also has deep American roots (German, Irish, Danish and English) on her mother’s side and is proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



## KATHERINE BORGES



Katherine Borges is the co-founder and Director of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG), which promotes and educates about genetic genealogy to over 8,000 members in 70 countries. ISOGG works to increase professional standards in the practice, research, and discussion of relevant issues in DNA testing, interpretation, and ethics. Katherine gives many presentations on genetic genealogy to groups across the United States and the United Kingdom, as well as administering several surname, regional, and haplogroup DNA projects.

She is a member of Southern California Genealogical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Colonial Dames of the XVII Century.

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# BUTLER RECEIVES DAR MEDAL OF HONOR

By Larry W. Lockett



*Left to Right: Kathy Hanlon, Texas Society DAR Americanism Committee Chair, Judge Butler and Texas State Vice Regent Susan Tillman.*

Retired federal judge, author, and San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society member Edward F. Butler Sr has been awarded the Medal of Honor by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This highest honor of the DAR was presented on 9 March 2018 in recognition of Judge Butler's service as President General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and for his writing of history books detailing Spain's support of the colonies during the American Revolution.

When he was President General of the National Society SAR, Judge Butler concentrated during his term on publicizing the role of Spanish support in the victory over the British in the American Revolution. His actions and publicity to this cause gained

letters of thanks from King Juan Carlos I of Spain and a private audience with Crown Prince Filipe (now King Filipe VI). At that meeting in 2010 the future king speaking to Butler said, "I want you to write a book about Spain in the American Revolutionary War."

With his award-winning book, *Galvez/Spain—Our Forgotten Ally in the American Revolutionary War* published in 2014, Judge Butler answered that royal challenge. His later book, *George Washington's Secret Ally* published in 2017, provided a condensed version of the history more suitable for students. Both books reveal and confirm that Spain and Galvez played as big a role in supporting the American Revolution as did the more-widely-told story of France and Lafayette.

Judge Butler is a noted genealogist in Texas, and he has been a frequent speaker at genealogical conferences in and around the U.S. Many of his genealogical and historical articles have been published in national magazines. He has published four family history books, including *The Descendants of Thomas Pincerna, Progenitor of the Butler Family*, which won first prize in the Dallas Genealogical Society's book contest in 1997.

In 2016 Judge Butler was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Texas Genealogical College. He was awarded the Gold Good Citizenship Medal of the Sons of the American Revolution in 2010, the SAR's highest medal. With the DAR Medal of Honor, Judge Butler becomes the first person ever to receive the top award from each of the national societies

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# FUN WITH KIM AND ROBERT

The Texas Genealogical College Annual Meeting in Dallas kicked off with a wonderful reception at the home of Kim and Robert Clark. The food was divine and it was wonderful to visit with old friends and meet new ones while enjoying the wonderful ambiance of the Clark's historic home. A few photos of the event are included for your enjoyment.



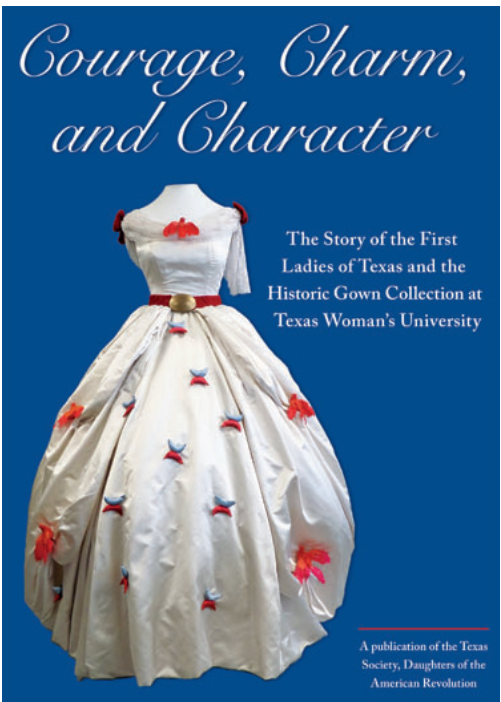


# COURAGE, CHARM AND CHARACTER

The First Ladies of Texas were women of courage, charm and character who made significant contributions to Texas history in their own way and within the context of the times in which they lived. With a few exceptions, their stories have often been relegated to a few sentences in the biographies of their husbands, the governors.

“Courage, Charm, and Character” is a fresh, new book describing the lives of the First Ladies, the two women Governors of Texas, and other prominent women with deep ties to Texas such as Marietta Garner, Mamie Dodd Eisenhower, Lady Bird Johnson and Barbara Bush. The book takes the reader from the pioneer days of the Republic of Texas, through Early Statehood, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the late 19th c., and finally the 20th and 21st centuries. Each historic section includes an overview to set the scene in which they women played their important roles.

Included with the biographies are beautiful photographs of the Historic Gown Collection at Texas Woman’s University in Denton, Texas. These gowns are either original inaugural gowns or are gowns of the period. The collection was created in 1940 by the Texas Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, then presented to Texas Woman’s University, which has maintained and added to it since then. During her administration, 2015-2018, State Regent Judy Callaway Ostler chose to support the preservation and restoration of the Historic Gown Collection, and proceeds from the sale of the book are dedicated to this purpose. It is a perfect gift and makes a wonderful addition to a local library or school library.



**“Courage, Charm, and Character,”**  
written by Martha Ann Hartzog and  
published by the Texas Society, Daughters  
of the American Revolution, Judy Callaway  
Ostler, State Regent, 2018.

144 pages, with both four-color and black  
and white historic photos, \$50.00 plus tax  
of \$4.13 (shipping additional). Copies are  
available for sale to the public.



*Godey's Fashion Plate, illustrating the gown which inspired Adele Lubbock's inaugural gown (second from left).*

If you are interested in ordering a copy of this book, please contact Martha Hartzog at [m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu).

## Readers have had this to say about the book:

“A brilliant job of making history come to life together with these lovely gowns. A beautiful book and a delight to read.”

“Such a mammoth and important task. You handled it brilliantly! I’m partial to the 19th century first ladies but I felt like I learned something new and understood Texas and Texans better with each turning page.”



# HOOD'S TEXAS ASSOCIATION BRIGADE, RE-ACTIVATED



Hood's Texas Brigade was one of the most famous fighting units of the Confederacy during the American Civil War, or War for Southern Independence. It originally comprised the 1st Texas Infantry, 4th Texas Infantry, and 5th Texas Infantry. During the war, additional units were attached: Hampton's South Carolina Legion, the 18th Georgia, and the 3rd Arkansas Infantry. Robert E. Lee valued them highly and their exploits in battle are studied and admired throughout the world. Altogether, some 4500 soldiers served in Hood's Brigade during the war and because of the aggressiveness of the unit and its fighting spirit, many casualties (deaths or injuries) were sustained. By April 11th, 1865, during the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia, only around 400 soldiers remained in the ranks to return home.

Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated was formed in about 1967 by Col. Harold B. Simpson, at Hill College, Hillsboro, Texas. Col. Simpson's exhaustive research and writing on Hood's Texas Brigade led him to re-activate the original Hood's Texas Brigade Association, which had been disbanded in the 1930s when the last surviving soldier of the famous brigade had died. Col. Simpson guided the association until his death in 1989, when it was taken over by Dr. Buddy Patterson.

In 1998, Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated became independent from Hill College and under the leadership of President Martha Ann Hartzog has remained a vital historical organization, dedicated to the study of the exploits of the Brigade and honoring the ancestors who served. Membership is open to everyone with an interest in the period and in Hood's Brigade. The Association holds an annual scholarly seminar in the Fall, with noted Civil War Scholars and a Battlefield Tour in June of most years, which visits the famous battlefield sites in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

For more information and a listing of seminar topics and tours, contact Martha Ann Hartzog at [m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu).



A happy group of Hood's Brigade Association members attending the Baton Rouge Civil War Round Table Seminar in April, 2018. Members enjoy studying all aspects of the Civil War & end up making lifelong friends through the Association.

*At right: Dr. Susannah Ural with Martha Hartzog at Martha's home in Austin, March 2018. Dr. Ural is is professor of history and co-director of the Dale Center for the Study of War and Society at the University of Southern Mississippi. She is the author of **Hood's Texas Brigade: The Soldiers and Families of the Confederacy's Most Celebrated Unit; Don't Hurry Me Down to Hades: The Civil War in the Words of Those Who Lived It and The Harp and the Eagle: Irish-American Volunteers and the Union Army, 1861-1865**. Susannah is an Advisor to Hood's Brigade Association and always speaks at the seminars. The dishes are Haviland Limoges, from Martha's grandmother. (She got out the special china for Susannah!)*



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# CALLING FOR HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

**DO YOU KNOW AN INDIVIDUAL WORTHY OF THE TEXAS  
GENEALOGICAL COLLEGE'S HALL OF FAME AWARD?  
NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE THEIR NOMINATION!**



Everything you need to know about nominations can be found on the official Hall of Fame Nomination Form found [here](#) and also included as an attachment to this email.

**Deadline for receipt of nominations is 15 September 2018!**

**Didn't find an article about YOUR Lineage or  
Genealogical Society in this newsletter?**

**Send one for the next issue to:  
Susan Johnston, newsletter editor  
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