

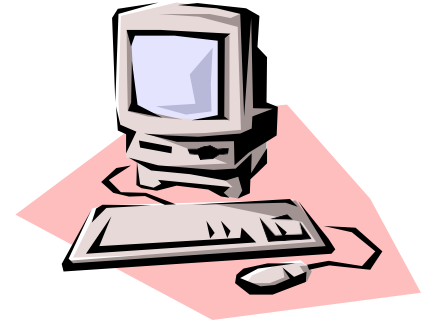
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If You're Not Using the AGS Website, You Should!

It has a wealth of useful information.

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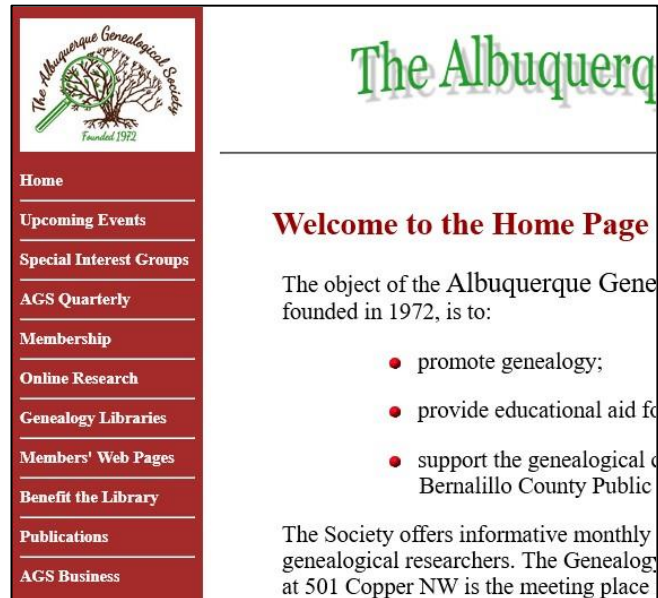


Ever wonder what talks are planned for upcoming AGS meetings? Or want to know more about the AGS special interest groups (SIGs)? Or wish you could pay your dues online? All this and more is available on the AGS website: <https://www.abqgen.org/>. Let's go through the major pages of the website one at a time. And, by the way, the easiest way to move to the various pages is to click on the entries in the navigation pane pictured at right.

Home Page. This page has basic information about the AGS. It is mostly for non-members who might be wondering who or what we are.

Upcoming Events. This is probably the most important page for members. It is updated regularly, so you can find out about everything that's going on, especially upcoming talks, seminars, and research days. If genealogy classes are coming up, they'll be listed here. If a genealogy book sale is coming up, it will be listed here. There is also information about AGS board meetings, which members are welcome to attend. (Note, though, that with the pandemic, board meetings are being conducted by Zoom, and you will have to ask ahead of time for the Zoom link. Contact president@abqgen.org.) Finally, there is a section of the page called "Gems from previous monthly meetings," which has handouts, slides, and sometimes links to video from some past meetings. In particular, there is information from several of the recent meetings that have been held by Zoom.

Special Interest Groups. This page has information about our SIGs. Currently, there are four: the Writing and Publishing, Celtic, DNA, and Military Research SIGs. Meeting dates and times are given for each SIG. Unfortunately, most of the SIGs are on hiatus right now because of the pandemic, but the DNA SIG is continuing to hold meetings by Zoom. There are links to additional research materials for each of the SIGs, and whom to contact for more information. There is also information about some of the research consultants who are available on research



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days regarding Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

AGS Quarterly. This page has some general information about the *AGS Quarterly Newsletter*, plus links to additional pages with selected past articles, especially for the Computer Corner and DNA Update columns.

Membership. This page has information about AGS membership dues and benefits. You can also download a membership application/renewal form to mail in or fill in an online form to join or renew electronically. With the electronic option, you can pay with PayPal or with a credit or debit card.

Online Research. This page has links to lots of genealogy resources. Spend some time browsing here and you're sure to find something interesting!

Genealogy Libraries. On this page, there are links to websites for a number of top genealogy libraries: national, regional, and in the state of New Mexico.

Members' Web Pages. Links to personal genealogy websites for several of our members. If you have your own genealogy website and would like to be listed here, let me know! There is a link to a form you can fill out and send in. It's best to save the form to your computer, fill it in electronically, and then email it to *webmaster@abqgen.org*.

Benefit the Library. This page has information about some of the ways you can help contribute to the library genealogy center: (1) A special link to AmazonSmile, which is the same as shopping on Amazon, but a small fraction of the purchase price goes to the AGS. (2) A link to the AGS Bookstore on eBay. AGS sells genealogy books that have been donated. (3) Normally AGS has one or two book sales each year at the library, but these are currently on hiatus because of the pandemic. In all three cases, the money that AGS makes goes to buying books or other resources for the genealogy center.

Publications. This page has links to over 100 books that have been published by the AGS. In the past, AGS made some money by selling them, but now they have all been made freely available electronically on the Internet Archive.

AGS Business. Here you can find the AGS bylaws and recent minutes from monthly board meetings.

I hope you enjoy using the website, and if there is something else you would like to see there, let me know at *webmaster@abqgen.org*!