

# AAHGS Metro Atlanta – General Meeting

**DATE** Mar 29, 2025

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**TIME** 1:00 PM EST

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** Tamu Taylor

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**NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 46**

## MEETING ETIQUETTE AND CONSENT TO RECORD

Instructions were provided on etiquette, and it was noted that the meeting would be recorded. Those who did not consent were asked to leave the meeting.

## PRESENTER:

Robyn N. Smith

## PRESENTATION

Do You Have An Artificial Brick Wall?

12 WAYS TO PREVENT ARTIFICIAL BRICK WALLS: 1) Redouble your efforts to find missing families/people in the census. 2) Visit multiple repositories in person. 3) Always strive to examine the original source. 4) Research in a wide variety of sources, even the ones more difficult to access. 5) Search the “cluster” of people associated with your ancestors. 6) Research every sibling in each generation. 7) Remember that human behavior hasn’t changed. 8) Move beyond searching for new records; analyze and correlate the records you find. 9) Double your efforts to find living descendants. 10) Consider your ancestor may have had multiple marriages. .11) Expand your research to less commonly used records. 12) Grow your genealogical skills by reading, taking classes, and joining genealogy groups.

## BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

- Website for Chapter information: use the chapter website for the latest information and happenings within the chapter. The website is <https://www.aahgsatl.org>. Also, go to national website for national information including AAHGS Journal & Newsletters – <https://www.aahgs.org/>.
- Minutes have been posted on website – please review and advise of any corrections.
- Financial report has been posted on website – please review and advise of any questions.
- Current members: 100
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs) were highlighted with each of the SIGs meeting dates and times.

- **New members:**
  - Rosalyn Myers
  - Kerry Harmon
- **Save the date – 25<sup>th</sup> Celebration September 27, 2025.** We will be looking for volunteers to help organize the event.
- **Genealogy Quick Start – Tammy Ozier** will be a guest on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8pm EST.
- **Interim Journal Editor Stephanie Powers** encouraged members to download the latest journal. Also, ask members to submit their research to the AAHGS journal.
- **AAHGS Atlanta** has received invitation from GPB for 20 pairs of tickets to the Antique Roadshow.
- **Save the date = AAHGS National conference** will be held in-person in Charleston, SC, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.

### NEXT MEETING(S)

April 26, 2025.

Meeting adjourned.