

GG 2021-2022 Email #5 to State Points of Contact January 13, 2022

If you traveled during the holidays, welcome back. I hope your travels were safe. Whether you stayed at home – as we did – or traveled, I hope your celebrations were great!

We have several changes that occurred recently in the Genealogy Department:

- Deborah Maddox, a former employee, has rejoined SAR and will focus on supplementals.
- Jeff Bell, also a former employee, has rejoined SAR. He will focus on administrative tasks that take time away from reviewing applications.
- Sam Dunn, who has been working in Genealogy and digitization will go to full-time in Genealogy.
- Brian Christiansen, who working part-time in Genealogy, left to take up his old job in another company.

I believe the additional time from Sam and the addition of Deborah and Jeff will go a long way to reducing our backlog. There are many applications in the queue, though, so please be patient.

The Genealogy Policies Manual has been updated effective with the changes through 29 Nov. Also, the Membership Cost Manual has been updated to reflect the changes made at the 2021 Congress. Both these manuals are posted on the SAR website.

This brings up a worthwhile item to share with state and chapter webmasters. If you copy the URL for the manual and use that as the link on your website, you may not be up to date when manuals are updated. Staff recommends you use, e.g. <https://www.sar.org/resource-repository/> and locate the manual of interest down the page. When manuals are updated, the old static link will either point to an old version of the manual or appear as a broken link. The Membership Cost Manual, Application Preparation Manual and the Genealogy Policies Manual are three manuals specific to our work but a great of information about other SAR Programs is also available from that page. Check it out!

The recording of Genealogy FAQ #2 is now available. The link to view it on You Tube is: <https://youtu.be/vyWUYp9B7ZY> That will take you directly to the session. Genealogy FAQ #3 will be streamed at 8:00 PM (Eastern) on 25 January. The speakers will be the three winners of the Florence Kendall Award at the 2021 Annual Congress. The Florence Kendall Award goes to the three Compatriots who were sponsors of the largest number of new members. This year's total for those three: 198! The invitation will be issued later today. Attendance to the live session is limited to 300 seats but we will have the recorded version available for all viewers.

Any comments? Just hit reply.

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