

SADDLEBROOKE GENEALOGY CLUB  
November 5, 2020

ZOOM meeting

President Jeri Taylor presided at the 1 p.m. meeting. Treasurer Rick Morrison was unable to attend due to health issues. Secretary Cynthia Karcher read minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting, which were approved as read.

Announcements: The January activity fair has been canceled. Our Webmaster is unable to continue, and a new Webmaster is needed. Please contact Jeri ([taylorjeri@aol.com](mailto:taylorjeri@aol.com)) if you are interested in this vital position.

Jeri offered to lead a special interest group, online, for Family Tree Maker. It would be an expanded version of the seminar she taught. Those interested can contact her by email ([taylorjeri@aol.com](mailto:taylorjeri@aol.com)) with their preferences as to contents, days of the week and times, and frequency.

Family Tree Maker can be purchased and downloaded, and you can then access and, if you wish, sync with Ancestry, Family Search and National Archives.

The program was an Ancestry Academy video "DNA Results: The Science Behind the Scenes".

Members shared many great stories. Sue Reggentin was looking for her grandmother's grave in the Czech cemetery in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and by chance met a man who connected her with relatives. Chris Nelson searched for her Swedish ancestors and through DNA made connections that led to trips to Sweden and meeting many cousins. Kathy Von Barga's mother-in-law gave her a book of family history that motivated her to investigate her own family. A fellow SBGC member helped her break the brick wall of her Swedish ancestry. Barbara Eaton's mother went to Ireland for several months in 1969. Barbara eventually made the same journey, and now wants to learn more about her family. Jeri has a treasure trove of pictures from her mother that she is faithfully preserving. She and Richard Webber have similar stories about Revolutionary War ancestors who were Royalists, fled to Nova Scotia, and put in claims for their confiscated land.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Karcher, Secretary