

## **Hank LuBean Honored for Outstanding Achievement by State Genealogical Society 6/2022**

WAGS' Technology Chair Hank LuBean had set up a digitizing system in 2018/19 for our society, creating a state-of-the-art digitizing station, and programming and building a website and database to archive digitized items. These very successful projects garnered Hank the WAGS Outstanding Volunteer designation in 2019.

Then we got word that EasyNet Sites, our web provider, was going out of business. Hank suggested we create and maintain our own website, and volunteered to take on the task. He had previous experience making websites for family and some smaller groups around town, but WAGS was a bigger challenge, needing to include ordering merchandise; creating and tracking memberships and receiving payments; creating specialized pages for historical photos and large databases; the previous digitized archive and other databases; and a specialized search engine.

Hank's perseverance and commitment to making documents available to others has resulted in an attractive and functional new website. An important part of his approach is training others to be able to navigate the site and edit and revise. Hank LuBean richly deserves the honor of WAGS Outstanding Volunteer once again in 2022.