October Meeting:  Marje Harris will present

"Stepping Back in Time – Problem Solving"

The Bay Area Genealogical Society is fortunate to have Marje Harris, Manager of Clayton Library, the genealogical research unit of the Houston Public Library, as guest speaker on October 26th. Her talk will be Stepping Back in Time - Problem Solving.

Not only is Marje Harris knowledgeable, having obtained an MLS (Master of Library Science) from Texas Woman’s University and a BA in Library Science/Education from the University of North Texas, she is an entertaining speaker. Her credentials are varied, from certified Genealogical Records Searcher, to teacher at Rice University’s continuing education program and Houston Community College.

Ms. Harris continues her personal education by taking classes from the National Genealogical Society, the Institute for Genealogical Research, the Houston Genealogical Institute, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and she has completed the genealogical Home Study Program through the National Genealogical Society.

Her interest includes many patriotic and hereditary societies. She is a member of Colonial Dames of America, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Magna Carta Dames, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

Ms. Harris has worked for the Houston Public Library for twenty-seven years and at Clayton Library for twenty-two years. She is qualified to speak on any genealogy subject and on the Clayton Library. She has spoken on Colonial Records of Virginia; Introduction to Research in England; Afro-American Research; Immigration, Naturalization and Migration; Civil War Research; Probate Records; Research in Texas During the Time of Spain and Mexico; Migration Trails; Military Records; Problem Solving Techniques and many more topics.

The meeting is open to the public and will be held at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake City at 5:00 on Sunday afternoon, October 26, 2003. The Society now boasts of more than two hundred members. If you are a beginner it will help you get started, if you are experienced it will help you overcome brick walls. For more information about the meeting or the society call Dick Warren 281-461-1472.
Presented to
Carolyn Traweek Hellen
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President 2001-2003
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In recognition of your dream for a genealogy society having come true, we are grateful for your dedication, leadership, and tireless efforts in forming the Bay Area Genealogical Society.

2003-2004 Officers were elected at the August meeting.

Last month we featured photos of four of the new officers. This month we have photos of the other three:


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Give to Get

Today I am writing about “giving to get.” Many times we overlook the need to give. Perhaps it is because you feel it will take too much time or too much money. That is not true.

After tropical storm Allison, I ran into someone who was a research scientist at the Medical Center downtown. I remembered how the buildings at the Medical Center experienced flooding in their basements. As you may recall, the basements were where the medical research laboratories were located. The news reported years of research were lost because of the flooding.

Making conversation, I said that must have been terrible. She explained to me that it was bad, but not necessarily as bad as reported. Some researchers had habits where they regularly shared their work with other people around the country. While their research suffered some setbacks, those researchers that shared their work, even before their research was complete, were able to recover most of what was lost.

She further stated that those researchers who did not share just suffered a loss. To paraphrase her words, “I feel bad for those researchers who did not share their work because they lost more and may not be able to recover from the loss. But I do not feel too bad.” She meant that those researchers who did not share in this case suffered the full loss. Those researchers that shared received the gift of being able to recover their work.

As a result of that conversation, I re-examined my family research. I had accumulated my family research and planned to present it to my relatives after I produced a book. Now, I realize that was wrong. I made copies of my research and gave it to other relatives. I now know by giving my relatives my genealogical research, even though the research is in progress, I am getting the security of having backup storage.

Aside from the security of knowing that you will not have to research twice in an event of an emergency, I would guess that many members have received documents, pictures, and memorabilia from other relatives. Just by sharing (giving) that they are researching the family tree.

For example, my family never had pictures of my great-grandparents. I shared my research with an aunt and she sent me pictures of my great-grandparents. I never knew those pictures existed. I definitely “got by giving.”

I hope all of our members can relate another story where they have given research or knowledge and received something in return. If not, no matter how much or how little research you have, I encourage you to “give to get.”

Here is a little tip to keep track of what documents you have shared. On the back of the copies of your documents, write down the person with whom you shared the document. For example, if you gave a second copy of your grandparents’ birth records to your cousin Sue, write down “cousin Sue” on the back of your copies. This giving can encourage other relatives to participate in researching the family tree, so you will get help even without asking for it.

I have heard of instances where one member has received help from another member. While this giving and receiving may not be a direct exchange, our total society in general is receiving a benefit. We are receiving a benefit because the total research of our members is increasing.

Another area where our members can “give to get” is volunteering. By volunteering at Clayton Library here is what you will get. Clayton will continue to be open more hours to be more accessible to you and other people. You have already spent the time to go to Clayton. Therefore, when your volunteer hours are over, you will get the opportunity to research at one of the finest genealogical libraries in the country.

To reach Volunteer Services at Clayton, go to the website http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton/ or call (832)393-1481.

So remember that you can “give to get.”

Outside of the main topic, I thank Jan Miller for her help in getting the list of members who wished to receive the newsletter by e-mail. She called as many of you as possible and corrected phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
Genealogy Research in Tennessee
By Neil Miserendino

The State of Tennessee archives web site is:
http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/tslahome.htm

There is no state census for Tennessee. To get census information for the period prior to when Tennessee became a state you may consult one of these books:
Partial Census of 1787 to 1791 of Tennessee as Taken from the North Carolina Land Grants by Lucy Kate McGhee

1770-1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements: Davidson, Sumner and Tennessee Counties by Richard C. Fulcher.

Tennessee has been included in the national census since 1810. The national censuses for the years 1810 and 1820 only list a few counties for Tennessee. Some information for the mostly destroyed national census of 1890 can be found in: Enumeration of Male Inhabitants of Twenty-One Years of Age and Upward, citizens of Tennessee, January 15, 1891 by Sue S. Reed. (Note: the complete title is much longer.)

The best way to search the censuses for the years 1810 to 1870 is to consult the Tennessee statewide surname indexes that have been published.

For anyone researching in Tennessee, my highest recommendation is to get the Research Outline for Tennessee that is available from the Family History Library. At a cost of $1.00 it is a great help and is organized to tell you what to do. This research guide contains a research record table that can help any researcher get organized.

For example, you want to find the children of an ancestor. The research table tells you to look in Vital Records, Church Records, Newspapers, or Obituaries. Then you can search Census, Military Records, Naturalization and Citizenship records or Cemeteries. Further in the research guide is information about how or where you can get the Vital Records, Church records, etc.

Even for members who do not research in Tennessee, you can use the research table as found in the Tennessee Research Outline to organize your research in other states. I will bring the Research Outline to the October meeting. I will spend a minute to hold up the Research Outline. During the social hour, I will put the Tennessee Research Outline on a table to the side so that our members can get an in-person demonstration of what I am writing about.

message from the Registrar
Many of you have not renewed your membership. If you want to re-new or join our Society, send a check for $20 (single membership) or $25 (for a family) made out to "BAGS" to this address
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Grab your BAGS & Join us at the Family History Library Salt Lake City, Utah

BAGS will travel to Salt Lake City February 4-11, 2004 for a week of research and genealogical camaraderie. To take advantage of the best air-fares and hotel rates, we plan to depart Houston Hobby on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 and return on Wednesday, February 11, 2004.

The Best Western - Plaza Hotel (immediately adjacent to the Family History Center) will be our Headquarters and will sponsor a genealogical seminar for our group. 6 nights = $65.00** per double room per night plus tax. An orientation of the Family History Library will be conducted by FHL personnel and assistance given to those with special research challenges.

Doug and Polly Wilson, who research frequently at the Family History Center, have graciously agreed to do a seminar for us on "How to Plan for your Research at the Family History Center". Details on this in the very near future. It is important to begin your research plan now to maximize your time at the Family History Center.

Southwest Airfares to Salt Lake

Southwest has their internet special to and from Salt Lake for February 4/11 for $141 each way this week. This is a very good rate considering it was $200. each way last week!

Flights listed on the internet for February will be the most current and they will be:

February 4, 2004
SWA 644/2055 departing HOU 8:40 a.m. arriving SLC 1:15 p.m. Changes in Las Vegas with no other stops
--OR--
SWA 675/925 departing HOU 9:20 a.m arriving SLC 2:40 p.m. Changes in Albuquerque and makes one stop

February 10th or 11th (or later)
SWA 2615 departing SLC 11:15 a.m. arriving HOU 4:00 p.m. one stop, no change
--OR--
SWA 1618 departing SLC 11:35 a.m. arriving HOU 5:05 p.m. one stop, no change

Questions?? email:
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lbcook@houston.rr.com

**$65.00 + Tax Rate = 5 nights at $79.00 + Tax, with the 6th night free. Nights 1-5 and 7 through the 11 are at $79.00 + tax per double room per night. Night 12 would be free. Guests may extend their stay past the above departure date at the group rate.
Ancestors of Nina Pauline Connelley

**Alexander Connelley**
- b: Sept 22, 1816 in Lexington, KY
- d: June 24, 1897 in Milan, IN

**Charles Newton Connelley**
- b: Jan 3, 1848 in Sparta, IN
- d: Oct 7, 1930 in Liberty, MO

**Delila Anna Wade**
- b: 1816 in KY
- d: April 8, 1900 in Milan, IN

**John Alexander Connelley**
- b: 1782 in Scotland
- d: Abt. 1873 in Ripley Co., IN

**Katherine Katie McDougal**
- b: 1793 in NC
- d: Aft. 1850 in Ripley Co., IN

**David B. Wade**
- b: in VA
- d: 

**Elizabeth Riaden**
- b: in VA
- d: 

**Charles Victor Connelley**
- b: Nov 16, 1870 in Franklin Co., IN
- d: March 17, 1940 in Liberty, MO

**Andrew J. Skillman**
- b: Sept 20, 1838 in Sparta, IN
- d: Oct 18, 1903 in Greensburg, IN

**Nina L. Skillman**
- b: Sept 11, 1870 in Franklin Co., IN
- d: March 17, 1940 in Liberty, MO

**William Walter Chisham**
- b: Aug 29, 1811 in Jessamine Co., KY
- d: April 25, 1887 in Orleans, IN

**Oliver Thomas Chisham**
- b: Aug 25, 1877 in Orleans, IN
- d: Sept 22, 1945 in Orleans, IN

**Mary Susan Craig**
- b: Oct 5, 1843 in Orange Co., IN
- d: April 23, 1892 in Orleans, IN

**Thelma Elizabeth Chisham**
- b: Oct 15, 1910 in Orleans, IN
- d: April 23, 2003 in Houston, TX

**John David Cogwell**
- b: Feb 1, 1841 in Spencer Co., KY
- d: June 30, 1913 in Orleans, IN

**Mary Betty Cogwell**
- b: April 7, 1872 in Spencer Co., KY
- d: May 1, 1944 in Orleans, IN

**Matilda Sara Cook**
- b: 1840 in Mt. Eden, KY
- d: July 30, 1922 in Orleans, IN

**John Alexander Connelley**
- b: 1807 in PA
- d: Abt. 1880 in Marion Co., IN

**Sarah Sharp**
- b: 1815 in PA or VA
- d: in Henry Co., IN

**William H. Risk**
- b: Dec 14, 1804
- d: Oct 16, 1871 in Newcastle, IN

**Katherine Annie Remy**
- b: Sept 19, 1815
- d: May 1, 1889 in Greensburg, IN

**Benjamin Chisham**
- b: Feb 3, 1777 in Orange Co., VA
- d: Sept 30, 1858 in Orleans, IN

**Elizabeth Beckham**
- b: 1775 in VA
- d: June 21, 1862 in Orleans, IN

**William Craig**
- b: 1795 in VA
- d: 1855 in Orange Co., IN

**Nancy Busick**
- b: Dec 15, 1809 in NC
- d: Jan 4, 1889 in Orange Co., IN

**Thomas Cogwell**
- b: 
- d: 

**Eliza Huffman**
- b: 
- d: 

**Josiah Joesirus Cook**
- b: 1897 in Mt. Eden, KY
- d: 

**Margaret McClain**
- b: 
- d: Mt. Eden, KY
Committee News

Library Trips Planned on the Harris County Bus
Mary L. Martin, County Coordinator

Three library trips to the Clayton Library have been planned until March 2004. The scheduled trips are:
1. Wednesday, November 5, 2003
2. Monday, February 23, 2004
3. Wednesday, March 17, 2004

We will meet in front of the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Street. We will depart in the county bus at 9:00 a.m. and leave the Clayton Library at 3:00 p.m. We will be back at the Community Center by 4:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, and we will eat in the snack room at the library. There are drinks and chips in the snack room.

It is possible that we can change one of these trips to another library. I need to give the East Harris County Bus people about two weeks notice of a change. Other libraries that have been suggested are: George Memorial Library in Richmond, Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Beaumont, Lake Charles Library, and Montgomery County Library in Conroe. If you have a special interest in a library or would like to go on the bus to the libraries, please let me know at (281) 332-2435. There will also be sign up sheets in the back of the meeting room at the general meetings.

Quarterly

The Quarterly needs your input! Please submit original articles, family histories, anecdotes, queries, research tips, Letters to the Editor...just whatever you have that will be of interest to the membership. Send them to Resa Hennings at: 439 Bayou View Drive, El Lago, TX 77586 or <resa@resa.us>.

Hospitality

We thank the following people for bringing in food for the September 2003 meeting:
Ginger Compton Kathleen McConathy
Nina Connelley Pat Bates
Rosanne Frazier Mary Kimzey
Jan Miller Ann Fogelman
Jackie Wittschen Gwen Welsh

Five Generation Charts Needed!

When you joined BAGS, you were asked to submit a five generation chart. While many of you have done so, there are some who still have not and some who would like to update their information. If you are unsure of the format, look at a Newsletter or Quarterly. In each edition of the Newsletter and Quarterly a member’s five generation chart is published. You may look at these for an example. Many of you use genealogy software which will print a chart similar to this. If not, we have blank forms that you can complete by hand. As you can see, many people do not have information on every one of their ancestors so far back. That doesn't matter; just include what you know so far. If you do not want your five generation chart to be published, make a note on it. You are encouraged to turn in an updated chart if you have more current information. On the back of your chart, please indicate the date it was completed and, for married women, the current surname. Charts may be given to Tammy Frey, tfrey99@hotmail.com.

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