



# FREE BAGS Membership Appreciation Seminar (live hybrid)

## Diana Elder presents *Research Like a Pro*

Saturday, April 22  
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



- **Members can attend either virtually or in person at the Friendswood Library.**
- Free for members that have joined by April 8.
- **Registration Deadline April 8:** Whether you plan to attend online or in person, please register for the meeting to receive instructions for attending and handouts.
- Two copies of her book, *Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide*, will be offered as door prizes. You will need to be present either online or in person at the library to win.

Are you stuck in your genealogical research? Wondering how to make progress on your brick wall problems? Discover the process that a professional genealogist uses to solve difficult cases. Diana shares a step-by-step method using real world examples, easily understood by any level of genealogist.

Whether you are a newbie or experienced researcher, the Research Like a Pro process will move the search for your ancestors forward. Start now to learn to Research Like a Pro.

Diana Elder AG<sup>®</sup> is a professional genealogist accredited in the Gulf South region of the United States and serves as a Commissioner for The International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen). Diana authored *Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide* and co-authored the companion volume, *Research Like a Pro with DNA: A Genealogist's Guide to Finding and Confirming Ancestors with DNA Evidence*. She created the study group and eCourse that teach the Research Like a Pro process through videos and learning modules. Diana and her daughter, Nicole, share research tips on their website, Family Locket (<https://familylocket.com/>), and are the hosts of the Research Like a Pro Genealogy Podcast.



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**Schedule:**

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Socializing</b>
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Class 1: Create a Research Objective &amp; Analyze your Sources</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Break – 15 minutes</b>
<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Class 2: Learn about the Location, Geography, and History of your Research</b>
<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break - go out or bring a sack lunch, socialize, work on research</b>
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Class 3: Make a Research Plan and Create Source Citations</b>
<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Break – 15 minutes</b>
<b>2:45pm</b>	<b>Class 4: Keep a Research Log &amp; Write Conclusions</b>

**Class Descriptions**

**Class 1: Create a Research Objective & Analyze your Sources**

For the best results, genealogical research should focus on an objective that will guide the project. Attendees will learn how to format a research objective from a research question and discover the power of doing a timeline analysis focused on that objective. We'll discuss sources, information, and evidence in the context of a complete project.

**Class 2: Learn about the Location, Geography, and History of your Research**

Discovering new avenues for research is all about understanding the locality. This class session will explore the importance of local history, geography, and record availability. Attendees will learn how to locate and curate that information which will be key for creating the research plan.

**Class 3: Make a Research Plan and Create Source Citations**

Attendees will learn how to create a functional research plan focused on the objective and information gleaned from the timeline analysis and locality guide. This class session will also cover the importance of citing sources and demonstrate the key elements of a source citation.

**Class 4: Keep a Research Log & Write Conclusions**

The research log holds the positive and negative searches performed during a research session. Attendees will learn various formats for logging research and learn what information should be recorded for a search. The final step in a project is to write conclusions based on the research. This class session will explore the importance of writing and demonstrate how to bring together research in a summary or report.