

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2014

Call to Order

President Shirley Lindquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed both the members and guests. Guests were reminded to sign if they had not already done so.

Pledges of Allegiance

Pledges of Allegiance to both the flags of the United States and of Texas were led by member Lewis Jarman.

Announcements

President Lindquist stated the positions of 2nd Vice-President, Registrar and Publicity Chair were vacant, discussed their responsibilities and asked members to volunteer for one of these positions.

President Lindquist discussed the formation of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and informed members that the first SIG would meet the 1st Tuesday of each month beginning in April at the Friendswood Library. This SIG would cover research techniques for the British Isles and Ireland and would be led by Nick Cimino. A second SIG covering African-American research was in the planning stages.

President Lindquist announced that the new BAGS Quarterly were not available but would be disseminated at the next general meeting. 1st Vice-President Melodey Hauch informed new members and visitors that previous editions of the BAGS Quarterly were available if anyone wanted them.

County Coordinator Mary Martin announced that the next bus trip to the Clayton Library would be on March 4th and that the bus would depart from the Clear Lake Recreation Center as usual. She requested that members sign the "sign-up" in the back of the room if they intended to ride the bus.

Pedigree Chart Coordinator Eleanor Caldwell requested that members who had not submitted their 5-generation pedigree charts to do so. New members were reminded that blank pedigree charts were included in their welcoming packages. She emphasized that individuals need worry about filling the all generations but to submit what they had if only a couple of generations.

Announcements from the Floor

None

Introduction of Visitors

President Lindquist introduced the visitors, thanked them for attending and invited them to return again.

Program

"United Kingdom and Ireland Genealogy Research"

In his introduction to the program, member Nick Cimino informed the audience that his program for tonight was an overview of the SIG that he would be leading in April and passed out a "sign-up" sheet to determine how many members planned to attend.

Mr. Cimino provided some geographical and geopolitical background on the British Isles and Ireland with respect to genealogical research before describing the various sources for genealogical information. He provided an handout of various websites that were useful in researching ancestors and discussed each in detail. His program was well received and generated interest in attending the SIG that he would be leading in April. In conclusion, he answered questions from the audience.

Adjourn

President Lindquist adjourned the meeting after thanking Mr. Cimino for the excellent program that he presented.

United Kingdom and Ireland Genealogy Research

Outline and Useful Websites

Major Record Groups: Census, Civil, & Church

Useful websites to focus your research:

<http://www.genuki.org.uk>

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Great_Britain

<https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland>

Family Tree Magazine Sep 2013- 101 Best Websites p.24

"British and Irish Beams of Light"

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| 1. ASK ABOUT IRELAND- Free Griffith's | < www.askaboutireland.ie > |
| 2. FAMILY RELATIVES- \$40 year | < www.familyrelatives.com > |
| 3. FIND MY PAST- Essential for British! Free at Family Search Centers | < www.findmypast.com > |
| 4. FREEBMD- 1837-1983, 229 M Records | < www.freebmd.rootsweb.com > |
| 5. NATL. ARCHIVES- IRELAND- 1901 & 1911 Census | < www.genealogy.NationalArchives.ie > |
| 6. NATIONAL ARCHIVES- UK- Online Catalog | < www.NationalArchives.gov.uk > |
| 7. ORIGINS NETWORK- \$84 year unlimited | < www.origins.net > |
| 8. SCOTLANDS PEOPLE- Pay per view & Free Wills | < www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk > |

9. PRONI- Public Record Office of Northern Ireland <www.proni.gov.uk>

Online Records-

- PRONI's Electronic Catalogue
- Pre 1840 Freeholders' Lists
- 1819-1900 Street Directories
- 1858-1943 Will Calendars
- 1912 Ulster Covenant
- PRONI Images on Flickr