

Bay Area Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
28 April 2017

University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Rd, Houston

CALL TO ORDER: Nick Cimino, First Vice-President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Mike McCown.

INTRODUCTION: Kim Zrubek, Second Vice-President introduced our speaker, Gale French, a BAGS member, who will speak on Gold Star Mothers research and resources.

Sign-in sheets: Be sure members and visitors have signed in. Visitors please include your address so we can send a thank you note.

Members remember to renew your annual membership for this Society year (Sept 2016-Aug2017).

BAGS Journal: Pick up the new March issue tonight. Melodey Hauch has them in the back.

BAGS Yearbook: Pick up the new issue tonight. Garry Garrett has them in the back.

Members helping Members and Recap sessions will not meet in May due to Mother's day. Next meeting is Sunday, June 11.

If you are interested in serving as one of the BAGS Officers for 2017-2019, please contact a Nominating Committee member: Nick Cimino, Terri Myers, Teresa Rundell, Bob Wegner or Kim Zrubek.

BAGS merchandise available for donations at the Registrar's table: Laptop Bag (\$25), 4GB USB Drive (\$10), Cookbook (\$10), and Pen (\$1).

Announcements from the floor: English Genealogy Round Table from 7 pm – 9 pm at LDS church in League City. We are all invited to attend

Program: Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimages. This presentation assists the researcher to find, record and present information about their relative. It provides the tools, resources and approach genealogists use to find ancestors who died during World War I and were buried overseas. It describes how to obtain military records, photographs of Gold Star Mothers, grave markers and other relevant documents while highlighting the tips and technologies for telling their stories. Reference locations are listed on back of printout. (GSM) Gold Star Mothers, families who had soldiers killed in battle (or lost at sea). Choice Bring remains back? Go on pilgrimage or not? Congress passes law in 1929 authorizing Pilgrimages. Cemeteries 8. Pilgrimage Facts: 30,000 women eligible; 6,654 went, 47 parties of pilgrims from May 1930 until Aug 1933. \$5,386.367 appropriated by Congress, Black wives/mothers were segregated in separate parties.

Research your Gold Star Mother: Did a male ancestor die between 1917 and 1921? Where to Search? Ancestry, Fold 3, Family Search, ABMC (American Battle Monuments Commission. ABMC and NARA: ABMC History, Cemeteries and Monuments, Graves Registration Service (GRS); National Archive and Records Administration; Records and Photos.

Kim Zrubek thanked Gale for his presentation.

Future Events: Please mark your calendars and attend these events in support of your society.

Recap Session for this general meeting on Sunday, April 9, 2 pm to 3 pm in the Helen Hall Library, 100 W. Walker, League City.

Clayton Library Bus Trip on Wednesday, May 17, 9 am – 4 pm. Meet at the Clear Lake Recreation Center, 16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062. We need at least 10 people to RSVP with Mary Martin or Mike McCown. Signup by contacting Mary Martin by phone 281 332 2435.

Members helping Members, Sunday, April 9, from 2 pm until 4 pm in the Helen Hall Library, 100 W. Walker, League City.

Next Board Meeting on Monday, May 22, at 6:30 pm at University Baptist Church. All members are welcome to attend.

Next General Meeting on Friday, May 26 at 7 pm., Includes Potluck dinner. Thomas Green will discuss research resources and strategies to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT). Members are invited to bring an entrée, salad, side dish or dessert to the meeting.

Recap Session and for this general meeting on Sunday, June 11 from 2pm to 3pm in the Helen Hall Library, 100 W. Walker, League City.

Members Helping Members session, Sunday June 11 from 2pm to 4pm in the Helen Hall Library, 100 W. Walker, League City

Do not forget to return your name badges.

Adjourned: Nick Cimino, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.  
respectively submitted,  
Kathie Chaffee, Recording Secretary