

**Bay Area Genealogical Society
University Baptist Church Chapel
16106 Middlebrook Rd
Houston, TX
General Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2017**

Welcome to Members and Visitors 6:30 pm, Nick Cimino, President

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.: George Porterfield, 1st VP

U.S. and Texas- Pledge of Allegiance “Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee. Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible”

Announcements and Social Time

Sign-in-sheets – Please be sure that you have signed in. Visitors, please include your address and email so we can send you a thank you note.

Membership Renewal is Past Due for this year (Sept 2017- Aug 2018}

Pick up September issue of the BAGS Journal if you missed it last month

Volunteers NEEDED and APPRECIATED! Welcoming, County Coordinator (Bus Trips), Sgt. at Arms, Hospitality, Education and Youth Strategies

PASSWORD to access the BAGS member’s page changed October 1. Ask Bob Wegner, Registrar, for the new password.

Program: Kim Zrubek, Introduction; David Gardiner – Reading between the lines; An in Depth Look at UK Census Records.

Census Records from 1801 – 1841 were destroyed, just counted numbers. Church of England, Jewish and Quaker were only churches recognized. Poor Laws, the Church takes care of you. Ages were rounded down. Information from head of household, oldest male or someone else responsible for paying the bills. Occupation showing J was Journeyman, M was Master. 1939 Register does not come under the 100 year rule and can be viewed for records. Many questions from floor. Counties record office, records from each Parish. On line parish clerks – have local records and will help with much information. Farmers had wills and Gentry had wills and much information can be obtained from tracking Wills.

Future Events – Nick Cimino:

Members helping members session Sunday November 5 from 2pm to 4pm in the Helen Hall Library, 200 W Walker, League City. Offering help to members of all levels plus DNA research. Bring your research (family group sheets, pedigree charts) of names, any dates and locations to help facilitate research.

Recap session for this general meeting Sunday November 5 from 2pm to 3pm in the Helen Hall Library. Get a recap and then stay and work on your research questions.

Hands on Genealogy Series by Irene B. Walters from 6-730 pm in the Helen Hall Library. Monday, November 6 – Family Search; Monday, December 4 – Newspapers, Reservations may be required, call the library at 281 554 1111.

Clayton Bus Trip Wednesday November 15 from 9am 4 pm Meet at the Clear Lake Rec Center parking lot located at 16511 Diana, Houston. We need at least 10 people to RSVP with Deborah Gammon by phone 832 425 9319 or email gammondc@gmail.com.

November General Meeting – EARLY DATE – Friday, November 17. The program is Show & Tell with BBQ Potluck dinner. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm. Guests and visitors welcome.

December Annual Holiday Luncheon – Saturday, December 16 from 11 am to 1 pm. Lunch is dutch. Location is Hope Village, Friendswood, Texas.

SPECIAL BAGS GENERAL MEETING – Saturday, January 27 at 2 pm at UBC CHAPEL – FRANK BILLINGSLEY, KPRC 2 Chief Meteorologist, presents his book: SWABBED AND FOUND about finding his birth family through DNA research.

Do not forget to turn in your name badges.

Adjourned: Nick Cimino, President, adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted

Kathie Chaffee, Recording Secretary