

**BAY AREA GENEALOGY
GENERAL MEETING, FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018
UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH, HOUSTON, TX**

**6:30 PM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – BILLY MAYO
INVOCATION – NICK CIMINO
BBQ AND POT LUCK DINNER
CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM – NICK CIMINO, PRESIDENT
WELCOME TO VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS – NICK CIMINO**

Program: Show and Tell. Share a brief story of a family item, event or research discovery with the group. Presentations will be limited to 5 minutes.

Sixteen members shared their family research information with the group.

Some examples: Found money – due to genealogy had documents necessary to claim assets.

Family printed family chart which was completed to their youngest child (We were lucky to be introduced to him) that they hoped will keep it current when he comes of age.

Found ring from Mother and asked for assistance in decoding the Society initials. Members gave several suggestions.

One member has learned how to compile Blended families and offered to assist if anyone had questions.

A person with a Black Sheep in the family used Ancestry to find information that assisted her in completing his history.

A member's father was in Army AF and had bag/kit that would like identified and members were able to identify it possible use for her.

NASA Alumni records are being collected and could be used for future genealogy information or just great memories for family research.

Members were told how to donate files and where to make an oral history of their career. Also discussed grandfathers book that talked learning of the death of George Washington and another item of mustering the troops to tell them of death of Abraham Lincoln.

A Charter member gave a review of BAGS history from when Society was organized to present. Survival of Hurricane Harvey and how it affected members of our society. Read a scripture to society.

Member found picture from the 1750's of relative which showed where she and some family members inherited a small chin and a cliff in their chin.

Another member had relatives that were farmers in 1899 and came to America through Russia to Germany, to Mexico, entered US at Brownsville then thru San Antonio and settled in Oklahoma.

One member has published several books and has about six ready to send to the publisher. He is tracing grandparents on both sides. If you would like to use his publisher or need some direction on assembling a book he uses Family Tree Maker and would be glad to advise you.

A lucky member attended a family reunion in Germany and after the ceremony was given information on historical books located in the city book store that traced her family back over 200 years. The information came from the hotel staff and they were able to find her a copy for \$60 Euro. What a deal for so much history.

If you go to the National Archives be sure you are not in a hurry. One member was running late and later discovered the person she thought was her 4th great grand father was an Uncle from the same generation (oh those duplicate names struck again). So be careful.

Finding Judy was an exceptional example of discovering long lost relatives thru DNA. Although they were from different generations there were very few members in this family to locate. Judy left her historical information to this member as well as pictures where she had documented the names of his relatives that he had not even known of.

Nick announced that members check the future Events on the Agenda and try to attend.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:12 pm