

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) – General Membership Meeting Agenda
Friday, September 30, 2022, 7:00 pm
Zoom Webinar

Call to Order – Lisa Smith, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Welcome to Visitors and New Members – Lisa welcomed visitors to the meeting. Lisa reminded visitors that they may attend two meetings prior to joining BAGS.

Announcements

- **Membership Report:** Lisa announced that the number of current members is 174.
- **Announcements from the floor:** Raise your hand to make any announcements.

Future Events – Lisa encouraged members to attend the following events and to access the various genealogical events that are posted on the sidebar of the website.

- **Members Helping Members:** Designed to provide an avenue for member sharing about recent research discoveries or accomplishments and provide a means to ask for assistance with roadblocks. See the website for additional details.
 - **Online via Zoom #1 – Monday mornings at 10:00 AM**
Moderators: Renee Ball and George Porterfield
 - **Online via Zoom #2 – Monday evenings at 7:00 PM**
Moderator: Kim Zrubek
 - **Sunday sessions** Moving to in-person meetings; see below for next meeting at the Helen Hall Library.
 - **In-Person – The Friendswood Family History Center on 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 AM**
Next session October 19. This session is open only to BAGS members. Members may bring their own laptop and use the Library's Wi-Fi or they may use one of the Library's six computers.
 - **In-Person – Helen Hall Library (Board Room) Sunday, November 6, 2:00 PM**
The Library is located at 100 W Walker Street, League City, TX 77573. This session is open only to BAGS members. Members may bring their own laptop and use the Library's Wi-Fi or they may use one of the Library's computers.
- **German Special Interest Group – Online via Zoom 2nd Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**
Next session October 12. Moderators: George Porterfield and Karen Engelauf.
- **Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group – Online via Zoom Monday afternoons at 1:00 PM**
Next session October 3. Moderator: Renee Ball.
- **Educational Session – Hybrid session on Tuesday, December 6 at 2 pm at Friendswood Public Library**
Members may attend either in-person or virtually. A video from the Texas State Genealogical Society, Surname Distribution Maps: A Valuable Tool for Genealogical Research by Bernard Meisner, will be shown followed by a group discussion.
- **Clayton Library Bus Trips – November 9, December 7**
Members will meet at 16511 Diana Lane, Houston at 9:15 AM with departure scheduled for 9:30 AM. Members are encouraged to bring a lunch, coins/dollar bills, and a flash drive to save records. We must have 10 members confirmed to attend at least 2 weeks in advance. For more information and to sign up, please contact Kathleen Williams at CountyCoord@txbayareagen.org or go to the sidebar or Trips page of the website.
- **Meet and Munch Social – Sunday, October 23 and November 6 at 4 PM at Red River BBQ in League City**
Members and family members are invited to eat an early dinner and spend time visiting. This event follows the MHM session at the Helen Hall Library.

BAGS Publications – Journal & Newsletter

- Lisa encouraged members to contribute an article to either the Journal or the Newsletter. Lisa announced that the Journal is submitted to the Allen County Public Library, Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research and to the Texas State Genealogical Society.

Contact the Board of Directors if you have questions or suggestions about BAGS programs at
info@txbayareagen.org.

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Today's Program – Google Earth by Gale French

- Lisa introduced the speaker, Gale French, a member of BAGS, who has been interested in genealogy for over 30 years. Mr. French published two family history books with DNA test and he presented at several local genealogy societies, several Family Search conferences, Southern California Genealogical Jamboree Conference and at numerous Roots Tech conferences. Mr. French showed a taped presentation which he previously presented at a Texas State Genealogical Society conference. Mr. French held a short Q & A session following the presentation.

Next General Meeting – Friday, October 28, 2022, at 7:00 PM via Zoom

- Lisa announced that the speaker for the October meeting is Shera LaPoint who will present the topic “Law Enforcement Use of Genetic Genealogy”.

Adjournment – Lisa adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.