

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

CAROLE VARNADO, EDITOR

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KAY CHERRY, CHAIRMAN

OCTOBER, 2001

NEXT MEETING

DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2001

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH GREAT ROOM
16106 MIDDLEBROOK DR., HOUSTON, TX 77059

SPEAKERS: TERRY SMITH-BOWERS, AREA REPRESENTATIVE FOR TEXAS
STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AND
DONALD PUSCH, PRESIDENT OF CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

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BE ONE WEEK AFTER EACH MEETING. THE NEXT DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 5, 2001.**

REPORTS FROM THE BAGS

PRESIDENT - CAROLYN HELLEN - 281-486-0406 - CRHellen@att.net

I am so excited over the response we have had for our Society. Monday's Board meeting was super. At this point we have (92) ninety-two people in this area who want to be a part of this Society of which 62 have paid. We have such big plans and are looking for help from each one of you to see that they are carried out.. Be sure and attend the next meeting, Don Pusch will explain in more detail how to use the 1880 CD's. I plan to teach a one day class on Beginning Genealogy on the 10th of November at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church on Reseda, starting at 9 a. m. The class will cost \$25.00 and will include a workbook. The profits from this class will be donated to the Society. Tell someone about it that wants to learn how to research.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT - CAROLYN FARMER - 281-480-6419 - cafarmer@wt.net

The First Special Project the Society will undertake will be the forming of a Surname Database. To be a part of this project just submit on a sheet of paper or through e-mail, all surnames that you are researching. Use the following format: SURNAME - STATE(S) - TIME FRAME. No other information about your ancestors is requested, just the name, where they are from, and the year. A special BAG will be set up at the October meeting in which you can place your list. When completed, this list will be made available to all members.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT - DICK WARREN - 281-461-1472 - dick@merlins-web.com

It is vital that the programs selected for the Society reflect the interest of the members and further the objective of education and genealogical research. Please send any program ideas and speaker suggestions to me at the above e-mail address, call me for my mailing address, or bring them to the next meeting.

RECORDING SECRETARY - DIANE THOMPSON - 281-337-3672 - dst@hal-pc.org

Since we are all new to each other, it is important that you stand and state your name when making a motion or speaking on any subject that should be included in the Society's minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY - TAMMY FREY - 218-286-1486 - tfrey99@hotmail.com

One of my duties is to see that cards are sent to our membership such as condolences, get well, etc. I will have to rely on you to let me know when such a card is needed. Please call me at the above number or send me the information including address, to the above e-mail address.

TREASURER - DOTTIE CRABB - 281-326-4076 - dotcrabb1@juno.com

We now have sixty one paying members counting all those on a family and the individual membership. New applications are being received daily. We have a balance as of this time of \$765.00. A reminder to anyone making purchases, you will have to submit a receipt before any bill can be paid.

COUNTY COORDINATOR - NANCY IRLE - 281-482-8261 - nan@pointecom.net

The Bay Area Community Center through County Commissioner Jim Fonteno's office has a bus available free of charge for persons over 55 for overnight trips. Those of you who were at the last meeting heard about a trip to Fort Worth mentioned several times without explanation. The United States Federal Census for 1930 will be released in April and will be available at all Federal Depositories. Fort Worth is the closest one to us and genealogists everywhere will be storming their doors, we want to be among them.

HISTORIAN - KARLA CHENAULT - 281-282-9805 - karlam@prodigy.net

Any time you see the name Bay Area Genealogical Society in print, please cut it out and give it to me at the next meeting me, I would rather have 10 to many than none at all. If you take pictures at any event sponsored by or attended by any of our members please have a copy made for our scrapbook. I also need a committee of members who are familiar with "Scrapbooking". If this is one of your hobbies please contact me so we can get the scrapbook started immediately.

REGISTRAR - NEIL MISERENDINO - 281-286-8243 - psrambling@aol.com

If you attend any meetings where there might also be people interested in Genealogy, please take some copies of the Membership Application with our P. O. Box Number on it and hand them out. You can contact me for a copy or use our format and type your own. Just make sure the entire address is at the top.

E-MAIL - MARY ANN CLINGAN - 281-487-2197 - clingan@hal-pc.org

Please contact me if your e-mail address changes or is incorrect. If you aren't receiving messages or notification of meetings from the Society, then I do not have your correct address.

EDUCATION - DUNHAM SWIFT - 281-332-7733 - swiftboy@aol.com

Thanks to Wanda Yelverton and Jackie Wittschen for volunteering to help. However, many more are needed. The school has been contacted and we are now working on putting together the study booklets. You can help by coming up with games, puzzles, etc. to be included and bringing them to the next meeting.

DECORATIONS - Wanda Yelverton 281-326-2079 - yelv@ghg.net.

I would like someone to be in charge of decorations for each meeting. This would mean nine to twelve members minimum on this committee. If this is of interest to you, please contact me at the above number.

HOSPITALITY - Leslee Fehlman - 281-286-8300 - fehlman@hal-pc.org

A special thanks to Stephenie Struby, Bonnie Conrad, Carolyn Hellen, Joanne Truman, Nancy Irle, Carolyn Farmer, Mary Ann Clingan, Kay Cherry and Carole Varnado for furnishing the refreshments for the last meeting. We still need four hosts/hostesses for October, if you can help this month please contact me.

LIBRARIAN - John McCall - 281-476-5682 - lassie@wt.net

A Bag will be available at the meetings for five-generation charts. Please place yours inside the folder. I will accept charts run off the computer. We have a great opportunity available to us to help someone's spouse go through genealogy material and get it ready to donate to a library. You will be hearing more about this.

MEETING ROOM & BUS - (Jeanine Lawrence - 281-334-6100)

University Baptist Church has a bus that is available to the genealogy group for trips to Clayton Library. We pay according to the mileage, it usually winds up to be about \$2.00 each. If you are interested in going to Clayton, call me for the day and time of the next trip. The church supplied the tea, and coffee with the trimmings, (sugar, cream, ice etc.) They also supplied the cups, plates, and napkins all for only \$13.00. I feel this is very reasonable and it keeps us from having to carry everything back and forth. Let me know what you think about the arrangement.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION - Nathan Grimes - 281-990-0644 - nategeneal@aol.com

NATE'S NOTES: We will have one of our members share something of a genealogical nature at each meeting. If you are proficient on a subject related to genealogy and can relate it to our members in about 15 minutes, please contact me at the above phone number or e-mail so I can schedule you a time to share your ideas or information. If you have something you would like to know more about tell me, others may have the same questions and I will try to find someone who can speak on the subject.

NEWSLETTER CHAIRMAN - Kay Cherry - 281-488-4355 - cherrydnk@aol.com

We need volunteers to help seal, stamp and address each newsletter and also print the labels. If you have a couple of hours a month that you can work, contact me so we can set up a place and time. If you change your mailing address, please make sure you notify someone on the Newsletter committee. Contact me!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Carole Varnado - 281-488-7223 - carolev@ev1.net

Articles/Queries for the Newsletter can be placed in the special blue Newsletter Bag at the meetings, or contact me at the above numbers. I appreciate the officers and committee chairmen sending in their reports by the deadline. Remember, everything submitted is subject to editing and every article submitted may not make the current newsletter.

PHOTOGRAPHER - Jerry Clingan - 281-487-2197 - clingan@hal-pc.org

If you would like to have pictures taken by me at an event, please call me as far in advance as possible. It may be useful for each committee chairman to have a disposable camera for their own use. If there is something in particular at a meeting that you want a picture of, please tell me before the meeting starts.

PRINTING - Leona Cook - 281-326-4157 - lbcook@houston.rr.com

Trying to find out the cost of printing is like trying to find that proverbial needle in a hay stack. If you happen to be in a print shop see if you can pick up a price list and bring it to me. It would be so appreciated.

PUBLICITY - Bonnie Conrad - 281-486-0890 Bonashdav@aol.com

Seven different newspapers received notice of our last meeting, by the response we had some must have been printed. I would like to send a notice to all of the area subdivision newsletters. Please bring a copy of your newsletter to the next meeting and put in my bag or at least the address. We would like to invite all area Genealogy groups to attend our meetings, so give me the address of any in which you are a member.

QUARTERLY PUBLICATION - Resa Hennings - 281-326-4936 - hennings@firstnethou.com

This committee needs members! We will be designing the publication from scratch -- from front cover to index and it's not too early to start. We need people to help with research, write articles, help fill it with information, and to bring ideas forward and ultimately into print. If you would like to help with any of this, join our committee by contacting me.

TELEPHONE - Anna May Heser - 281-488-3750 rheser@aol.com

If you have information you want everyone to know about contact me. I will contact anyone without an e-mail address by telephone and help to spread the word.

WEB MASTER - Stephanie Struby - 281-412-4618 - stephstruby@earthlink.net

Roots Web has agreed to host our web site the address is at the top of this newsletter. I hope each of you will visit the site and let me know if you think anything should be changed. I have picked colors, etc. at random and they can be changed easily. I need your input as to topics and material.

YEARBOOK - Joanne Truman - 281-474-7019 - jtruman342@aol.com

The Yearbook is under way and at this time no help is needed. Once it is completed, a committee will be needed to help put it together and get it distributed. The cover has not been designed at this time. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. Also let me know if you will help on this committee.

This is the only Newsletter you will receive without membership. To continue receiving the newsletter as well as the Quarterly and Yearbook fill out the membership application on the back page and mail. It is not necessary to attend meetings to be a member.

1880 FEDERAL CENSUS AVAILABLE ON COMPUTER DISK

By Carolyn Traweek Hellen

One of the most exciting tools since the advent of the computer is now available through the Mormon Church's Family History Center concerning the 1880 Federal Census.

The 1880 census has been a problem census until now, due to the fact that a family had to have a child under the age of ten in order to be included on the Soundex, a tool used to locate people by the sound of their name. Many do not know this and after checking the Soundex they would assume their ancestor wasn't. Those who were aware of this quirk still had a difficult time because the only other method available to them would be to know the state and county in which they lived and go through it on the microfilm line by line.

After many years of diligent work the Mormon Church has compiled every name found on the United States population census for the 1880 Census into fifty-five compact disks. These CD-ROMS are available for your use at Clayton Library, or the Mormon Family History Centers, and you can purchase them for your own personal use.

You do not have to know where your ancestor lived, either state or county. You simply click on the 1880 icon on the menu, insert the National Index CD corresponding to the alphabet letter of your ancestor's name and type in the name. The more information you know, the faster you will have results. But by the same token the more information you put in the fewer choices you have. There is a section for information such as birth date, color, sex, region and state, but the only thing you really need is the name. The CD will then instruct you to go to another CD and this will bring up an abbreviated view of everyone by that name who is on the census giving their age, whether they are head of household, wife or child, and the state and county in which they are living. If you have little information to go on, you can choose them one by one looking at each for additional information. As you choose each one, the head of household will appear with everyone living with them, the state they are living in, the county and the page number on that county census. You can then go to the original record for verification or copying. You can also bring up a detailed description, giving the occupation and place of birth of the father and mother. To do this, place the cursor on the household and click the *Show Details* icon on the tool bar.

As with everything else in Family Research, there are no guarantees. This brings into play another useful features on the CD: *The advances query search*. You can search for specific words or phrases that appear in the record such as minister, judge, physician, any occupation or place of origin such as Sweden, Romania, etc. For example if you had always heard that the person you are researching was a saddle maker you would type in this word. Then every saddle maker in the Census would appear on the screen and you may find him with a spelling that had never crossed your mind. Another exciting feature is the Neighbor bar. Once you locate your ancestor, you can then access everyone living around him. They are listing the same way as they were on the actual census. Hopefully you will find your grandmother's parents nearby. To start the advanced search, click on *Search* from the menu, then *Neighbors-Advanced Query* from the pull down menu. This will cause the advanced query screen to appear, and you can input words or phrases you want to search. Once you find useful information, it can be printed for later scrutiny.

These wonderful disks are available for purchase from the Mormon Church by going to one of their Family History Centers or logging on to www.familysearch.com. The cost for all fifty-five disks is only \$49.00 and it certainly worth the money.

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Check out our web site - <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txbags/baygen.html>

CHAIRMEN NEEDED

BEGINNER SUPPORT

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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SERGEANT AT ARMS

QUERIES

JOHNSTON - John and Elizabeth, came to Austin Co., TX. ca 1843 and their children. A son, Lemuel Linder JOHNSTON, married Susan EVETTS. Need death dates, burial places, and marriage of L. L. and Susan. Reply to Mary Springer Pearson, 13511 Briar Falls Ct., Houston, TX, 77059, 281-282-9070.

MAYNARD - England, La.; **FRENCH** - La.; **Mc CONATHY** - Georgia, La., Texas; **PEDDY** - La. Reply to Nancy Irle at nan@pointecom.net

TRAWEEK - TRAWICK - TRAWICK - Researching all spelling of this name. I have 4,000 connected back to 1699. If you have anyone by this name in your family contact me. Carolyn Hellen 281-486-0406 CRHellen@att.net

ADAMS - Need parents of William Henry ADAMS, b. 7 January 1846 , d. 15 March 1913. He was married to Josephine MITCHELL, b. 25 February 1851, d. 23 January 1929. They lived in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Reply to Stephanie Struby at stephstruby@earthlink.net

PAUL - Looking for the grave site of Jane (Jeannie) Lemon wife of Walter Paul. She died sometime bf. 1940 in Long Beach, California. Bonnie Conrad Bonashdav@aol.com

SMITH - Need parents of Sarah Ann SMITH, b. ca 1825 in Ga., m. 29 January 1846 to Commodore D. Pevey in Copiah Co., MS.. Sarah Ann died 5 May 1856 in Copiah Co. and is buried there. Reply to Diane Thompson at dst@hal-pc.org.

MILLER - Need parents of Frank J. MILLER who was born August 1850 in AL. He married Mary Drew (Mollie) McCOMB on 9 Oct. 1883 in Houston Co., TX. Mollie was born 13 Mar. 1857 in Attala Co., MS. All five children were born in Houston Co., TX. He appears in the 1910 and 1920 censuses in Houston Co. Reply to Nate Grimes at nategeneal@aol.com

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BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASS SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH 9-4 P. M. BRING A SACK LUNCH
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1515 BAY AREA BLVD. CLEAR LAKE CITY, HOUSTON, TEXAS
\$25.00 INCLUDES WORKBOOK AND REFRESHMENTS
Call 281-486-0406 to register.

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are interested in joining the Bay Area Genealogical Society, please fill out this form and send it with your check for \$5 full time student, \$20 for individual, or \$25 for family, payable to Bay Area Genealogical Society, to: Registrar, P. O. Box 891447, Houston, TX 77289-1447. If you have any questions about the society, please call Carolyn Hellen at 281-486-0406.

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