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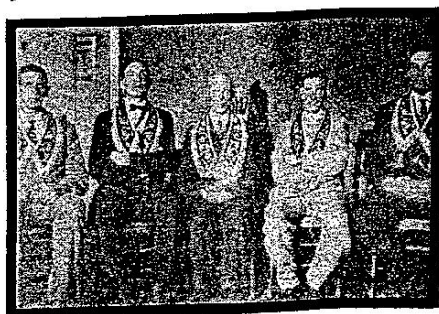
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Next Meeting

Date: November 25, 2001
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Place: University Baptist Church Great Room
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059
Speaker: Mark Lambert, Archivist for the South Texas
School of Law
Subject: Preservation of Photos, Newspapers, Paper
Records, etc.

Preserving Your Family Papers and Artifacts By Mark Lambert

Learn how to care for your old
photos at the next meeting.



Brothers of the Uncas Lodge #161,
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
who served as District Deputy Grand
Officers, 1913-14. (photo from Linda
Carrington)

Houston, Texas is one of the worst places to attempt to preserve history. Hurricanes, tornadoes, rising tides, humidity, vermin, bugs, the inherent vices within materials, and the worst villain of all, humans, make it hard to protect your family papers, old photographs, and artifacts.

At the next general meeting, archivist Mark Lambert will talk about how to best preserve your family history. Mr. Lambert is the Special Collections and Government Documents Librarian at the Fred Parks Law Library at the South Texas College of Law here in Houston. He will be handing out a small, published, introductory guide to preservation and will also provide a list of excellent web sites containing detailed preservation and conservation information. Don't miss it!

Get Started

by Bill McQuary

Someone said, "The best time to plant a tree is ten years ago, the next best time is last year." This advice applies to genealogy, too. Your Mac and the Internet are two exceptionally powerful tools for researching your ancestors. But the trail to your past is growing cold, so the sooner you take a project like this off the 'back burner,' the better.

You'll run into problems if you wait. The kind of problems I have in mind aren't necessarily determining who beget whom back to the Mayflower and beyond, although that can be challenging. Where procrastination results in harm concerns, surprisingly, the most recent several generations of your family.

That's because valuable information about them is being lost at a surprising pace. This isn't true if your research objective is simply to produce a descendant chart that depicts your lineage and your ancestors' names and their respective dates of birth, marriage and death. But if you want to produce a real family history, one that documents the essence of how and where those people lived, time's a wasting.

That's what I'm trying to do and, because I waited until I was 60 years old to get started, I've run into problems that may now be impossible to solve.

One example is my current difficulty in identifying individuals in old family photographs. I have too few surviving relatives to get the job done. As a result, I have several wonderful old photos, particularly of family groups, but either can't determine who everyone in them is or,

equally frustrating, I end up with conflicting identifications of some of the individuals depicted. Getting positive identifications of these relatives ten years ago would have been a snap.

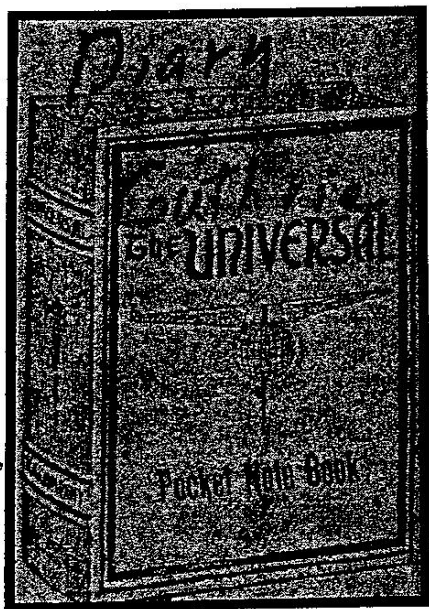
Starting now has other advantages. Because members of my family know I'm researching our family history, they occasionally send me useful documents. I recently received a packet from a

sister-in-law containing two pictures, a letter and a diary. These articles were all returned to her

after being discovered by a neighbor at the bottom of a box of old stuff the neighbor bought at Jenny's garage sale. These old papers, which date between 1916 and 1920, had belonged to my late Uncle Hal. They all provide information and valuable leads about my family.

From the diary I learned that in 1916 my uncle was teaching history and industrial arts at a school, probably the high school, in Guthrie, OK, that his parents lived in Sedalia, MO, and that he was madly in love with Veda Marie Hudson, then living in Oak Grove,

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Uncle Hal's Diary
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MO. (He would subsequently marry my Aunt "Mimi" on 22 Mar 1919 at Walsenburg, CO.)

Just to illustrate the difference between a descendant chart and a family history, here's an excerpt from the diary:

"February 26, 1916. I have been hoping every day since Wednesday that I would get another letter from Veda today but none came, although I begged her in my last letter to answer immediately. I guess she doesn't intend to answer until she gets good and ready. She hinted in her last letter that she wanted to stop writing ("for a while," she said). I do not think she is treating me right."

"Why do I love her? Because she is beautiful in face and figure; because she has such modest, and cute ways; because she is so natural, original and sweet in her ways; because she is talented along several lines; because she loves me and has always forgiven my faults; because she is a pure, gentle, virtuous little woman. Thank God for her! I verily believe I'll love her till I die (which may be soon if I don't get some nice letters from her.) Went to the Gem tonight and saw a chapter of 'Lord John's Journal.'"

Priceless treasures like this one are apt to be lost while you procrastinate.

You'll need a genealogy software application for the task and the best one for the Mac is Reunion (\$99.95) by Leister Productions (www.leisterpro.com). It uses a card metaphor on which to record data about individuals, allows photos of an individual to be shown on a card, uses the cards to generate a variety of charts and reports, can export a HTML version of all your data to the Web, and enables you to exchange data with other Mac and PC researchers via the GEDCOM (stands for GENEalogy Data COMMunication) standard.

There are a host of genealogy sites on the Internet. The commercial ones, like Ancestry (www.ancestry.com) and Family Tree Maker (www.gengateway.com/formula.htm) have their pros and cons. On the plus side,



Uncle Hal's Shop

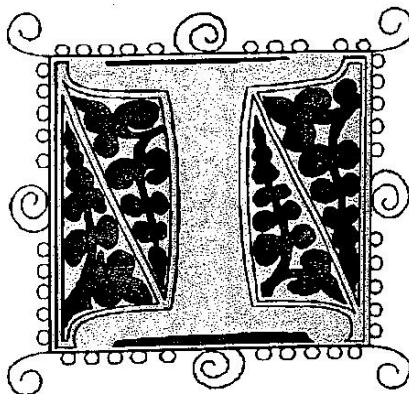
they're a great springboard for getting started and a means of finding others who are researching your family with whom you can establish direct contact.

On the other hand, much of the data they make available for a fee, either by subscription or on CDs, isn't reliable. That's because they accept data from everyone, then compile and sell it without any regard for its accuracy. Moreover, the CDs some sell don't work on Macs.

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Thoughts From the President

By Carolyn Hellen



I am so excited about the formation of the Bay Area Genealogical Society. It has been amazing how the membership has grown and the way everyone has been

so willing to help. I feel as though the quality, energy, and drive that has been shown already indicates that we have an organization we can all be proud of for many years to come. Any club, organization, or society is only as good as the people that make up the membership and we have some of the very best people in ours. A very special thank you for the efforts every one of you has put forth to make this dream a reality.

I look forward to the meetings ahead. The November meeting should be very informative. "How To Preserve Your Papers and Artifacts" is a subject we all need to know more about. Mark is

an experienced archivist, and I can't wait to hear him.

Our holiday party sounds like so much fun, and since it will be held just two days before we move forward to a new year, the committee decided we should step back in time and dress as one of our ancestors. I can't wait to get started on my costume.

I apologize to all of you who planned to take my class on November 10th. The Texas State Genealogical Convention made this date impossible and so the new date is Saturday, December 8. The class will be held at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church on the corner of Bay Area Blvd. and Reseda. The morning session is "Introduction to Genealogy" and will begin at 9:00 a.m. We will stop at noon for lunch and continue until 4:00. Most of the afternoon session will deal with organization. You don't have to be new to genealogy to learn from this class. Call Jeanine Lawrence at 281-334-6100 or myself at 281-486-0406 to register. Hope to see you there.

Get Started Concluded

My experience leads me to believe that the real advantage of the Internet is for establishing contact with others who are either researching my family or who are located somewhere important to my family's history. Only by establishing those relationships can you be confident of both the contributor and the veracity of the research.

Once established, a network of sources

consisting of researchers around the country is a real force multiplier. For instance, I can ask my contact in Missouri to stop by a county courthouse and get a copy of a marriage license for me. In return, I do research here in Colorado at the request of other members of the network. All this takes time. But the longer you wait the more difficult the task becomes. There's no time like the present to get started.

Queries

AXSOM – Need death record for Mary Jane (AXSOM) MATTHEWS (dau of Hezekiah, Samuel David, Joseph H.). She married Aquilla James MATHIS, 1874, IN, Brown Co., moved to TX, and then to Indian Territory OK. Don CHERRY, 910 Halewood Dr., Houston, TX 77062, cherrydnk@aol.com.

CHERRY – Willing to share info. Samuel M.; Solomon; Willis T.(NC, KY, IL); Jesse Leslie b. 1805 in NC, moved to KY, IL; Jesse Logan b. 1861 in IL, from NC to KY to IL, White Co. to Okla Terr and OK. Don CHERRY, 910 Halewood Dr., Houston, TX 77062, cherrydnk@aol.com.

CLIFTON - Who was Job's father? Davis LeRoy (1885-1954) OH, Van Wert Co., son of Landy J. CLIFTON and Laura SHEETS (daughter of Frederick and Nancy Ann SHEETS). Landy J. CLIFTON (1854-1920), son of Daniel CLIFTON (1826-1865) of Pickaway Co. and Van Wert Co., OH; Daniel son of Job CLIFTON (Ross Co., OH). Kay CHERRY, 910 Halewood Dr., Houston, TX 77062, cherrydnk@aol.com.

CLINTON - Need parents/siblings for Zachariah, b. 1795 in SC; d. 1859 Jackson Co. IL. On 18 Nov 1821 he married Sarah HANKS in Hopkins Co. KY. (Sarah b. July 1797 TN; d. 1861 Jackson Co. IL, daughter of John HANKS & Charity GATLIN.) Reply to Joanne Clinton TRUMAN, 1207 Lake Country Drive, Taylor Lake Village, TX 77586, (281) 474-7019, Jtruman342@aol.com.

DAVOLT/DEVOLT – Need death record for Isaac, (b TN 1800-1830, lived in MO and d aft 1870 perhaps TX). Have info on his son, David Yourasmus (Ras) (now DaVOULT) b 1864 MO, Linn and Macon Co. and in 1870 to TX, Cooke Co., married in Overbrook, OK, Indian Territory 1897, then moved to Carter, McClain, and Garvin Counties, OK. Don CHERRY, 910 Halewood Dr., Houston, TX 77062, cherrydnk@aol.com.

DYKER - Seeking information on DYKER (DIKES/DYCHE), Peter, b 1814 in TN, married MOUNCE, (MOUNTS), Nancy, b 1820 KY. Both died in Pulaski Co., KY. Carolyn FARMER, cafarmer@wt.net.

FOSNAUGHT - Seeking other descendant info and connections of Melissa Malinda (1863-1938), dau of Harrison FASNACHT (1821-1893) and Julian STEBELTON (STEEPLETON), b OH, Fairfield Co and IN, Huntington Co. Melissa married John Charles FRY, Feb 15, 1883 in IN, Wells Co. Kay (FRY) CHERRY, 910 Halewood Dr., Houston, TX 77062, cherrydnk@aol.com.

FRY - Need parents of John FRY (1814-); OH and IN, Wells Co., his son John Charles FRY (1860-1933). Kay (CLIFTON, FRY) CHERRY, 910 Halewood Dr., Houston, TX 77062, cherrydnk@aol.com.

HOCHSTETLER - Willing to share info. Martin A., Albert S., Samuel, Henry, John (1731-1800) and Jacob

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from Switzerland. Kay (CLIFTON, FRY) CHERRY, 910 Halewood Dr., Houston, TX 77062, cherrydnk@aol.com .

KERBY/KIRBY - Need death record for Dicy (KERBY) DAVOULT after 1880. Dicy was in MO 1870 and in TX 1880 (mother, Sophia RIGSBY), (father, John W. KERBY, son of Asa and Martha (HIGHSMITH) KERBY, in MO, 1850's. Don CHERRY, 910 Halewood Dr., Houston, TX 77062, cherrydnk@aol.com .

LEWIS - Seeking information on LEWIS, Samuel, married MCLAIN, Elizabeth in PA ca 1803. Elizabeth MCLAIN LEWIS moved to Pickaway Co, Ohio in 1839 from PA with her son, Samuel McLain LEWIS. They then moved to Hardin Co, Ohio where Elizabeth died in 1840. Carolyn FARMER, cafarmer@wt.net.

MATTHEWS / MATHIS - Need death record for Aquilla James MATTHEWS., b Aug 10, 1851 in NC, Smithton Co., married Mary Jane AXEM / AXSOM 1874, IN Brown Co, (moved to TX, Indian Territory, OK) and died in OK? Don CHERRY, 910 Halewood Dr., Houston, TX 77062, cherrydnk@aol.com.

MOUNCE/MOUNTS - Seeking information on MOUNCE, Nancy, b 1820 KY and marr Peter DYKER (DIKES/DYCHE), b 1814 in TN. Both died in Pulaski Co, KY. Carolyn FARMER, cafarmer@wt.net.

RENO - Seeking information on RENO, James William, b 1845 in TX, married 1883 Emma E. (?) and died 1923 in TX. Carolyn FARMER, cafarmer@wt.net.

REYNOLDS - Seeking information on REYNOLDS, Joseph, b ca 1825 possibly KY, married 1845 in KY, to MORRIS, Esther, b ca 1828 possibly KY. Carolyn FARMER, cafarmer@wt.net.

SCOTT - Need death record for William Clinton SCOTT (aka W.C. SCOTT). (b 1851 in Iowa, Van Buren Co.), marr Sophia Jane HAHN, Jul 17, 1871 in TX, Cooke Co.; son of Solomon Lewis SCOTT and Nancy Ann BENNEFIELD. Don CHERRY, 910 Halewood Dr., Houston, TX 77062, cherrydnk@aol.com.

SWOVELAND - Will share information. William Elzy b 1875 in OH, Van Wert Co marr Ordella MOREHEAD 1903, d 1927 in OH, Van Wert Co. Wm Elzy son of Peter and Mary Catherine WEAGLEY, son of Jacob b1815 in PA, son of John A b abt 1783 in PA, son of Peter b about 1750 in Germany, son of Peter b about 1714 in Germany. Kay (CLIFTON) CHERRY, 910 Halewood Dr., Houston, TX 77062, cherrydnk@aol.com.

We are on the Web! Check out the BAGS website at: <http://www/rootsweb.com/~txbags/baygen.html>.

Upcoming Events Calendar

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| Nov. 25, 2001 | BAGS General Meeting at 5:30 p.m.; University Baptist Church |
| Nov. 26, 2001 | BAGS Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m.; University Baptist Church |
| Dec. 8, 2001 | BAGS Beginning Genealogy Class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; House of Prayer Lutheran Church on Reseda (see President's article page 4) |
| Dec. 8, 2001 | CLF Beginners Seminar from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Houston Public Library Central |
| Dec. 30, 2001 | BAGS Holiday Party at 5:30 p.m.; University Baptist Church |
| Jan 10, 2002 | Van Trip to Clayton Library leaves at 9 a.m., University Baptist Church. For more information, call Jeanine Lawrence at 281-334-6100. |
| Nov 1-2, 2002 | Texas State Genealogical Society Conference in Galveston, Texas |



Check out these traveling members! Carolyn Hellen, Wanda Yelverton, Mary Anne Clingan, Carolyn Farmer, Oletia and Bill Teas researched on October 30, 2001 at the State Archives and Library Building in Austin.

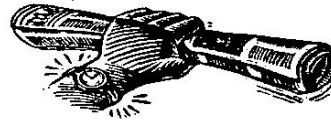


Check It Out

Are you finding interesting names for why your ancestors died? Check out this site which may be able to help answer those questions on **Colonial Diseases**. Here is the website:
www.mayflowerfamilies.com/colonial_life/colonial_diseases.htm.

On Saturday, December 8, 2001, Ms. Marje Harris, manager of the Clayton Library, will conduct a **beginners seminar**, focusing on topics that are especially useful for the beginning researcher and those not familiar with the Clayton Library collection. It will be held in the Concourse meeting room, HPL Central, 500 McKinney, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To attend, you must be a member of Clayton Library Friends and you must pre-register; however, all seminars are at **NO** cost to attendees.

Committee News



Letter from the Editor

By Carole Varnado

Thanks to everyone who submitted information for the newsletter by the deadline. Articles are due on the fifth of the month. You can submit articles by email to me or put them in the bag at the general meeting. When you send an article for the newsletter to me via email, please send it as an **attachment** to help facilitate putting the newsletter together. My email address is carolev@ev1.net.

We are always looking for genealogy articles that are of general interest. When submitting articles, don't forget to include your sources. Also be sure to get permission to reprint the article if necessary.

Special thanks goes to Linda Carrington for her excellent work in formatting our newsletter this month and to Kay Cherry for coordinating the entire effort.

Email Committee

By Mary Ann Clingan, Chairman

Some of you still aren't receiving your Email concerning the Bay Area Genealogical Society and I have found out one of the reasons. Some of your servers will not accept Email with a lot of addresses unless the person who is sending the Email is already in your address book. If you are not getting the group messages, you might try putting my Email address in your address book. It is Clingan@hal-pc.org. If you still don't receive the group messages please call me at 281-487-2197 and check on the address I have for you.

Quarterly - Call for Articles

by Resa Hennings, Chairman & Editor

Are any members doing research of people who lived in the Bay Area "back in the olden days"? If so, the Quarterly can use interesting articles, Family Group Sheets, Pedigree Charts, Wills, Marriage Records, Queries, just anything relating to those people. We also need help in writing feature articles and interviewing locals.

Please send your contributions for the Quarterly to me by **December 10th** using email to hennings@firstnethou.com or via snail mail to 439 Bayou View Drive, El Lago, TX 77586 or call me with your ideas: (281) 326-4936.

Holiday Party Committee

By Wanda Yelverton, Chairman

The BAGS holiday party committee has met and decided that our party will be on December 30th at our regular meeting time and place. Everyone is asked to dress as one of their ancestors. Get out your sewing machine, shopping shoes, yellow pages, housedresses, or overalls so that you can be in costume. Since, we will not have a regular program, there will be ample time to visit one another and have lots of fun! Also, be prepared to share something of interest about your ancestor. The church has agreed to serve dinner at the following prices: Chicken at \$6.00, Roast Beef at \$7.00, and Steak at \$8.00. You will be asked to vote on your preference at the next meeting. Let's all join in the spirit and make plans now to attend.

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1st Vice President Report

by Carolyn Farmer

I want to thank those members who signed the "Example" Surname Database Sheet at the October 28th meeting. However, in order to prepare the database and put the surnames with the members who are looking for them, I need the information in the following format. This is because every member will be assigned a permanent number and that number will be placed beside the Surname in the Database.

On a sheet of paper to be put in the 1st V.P. Bag at November 25th meeting, or emailed to me, please use the following format:

Your Name, Address, Phone, Email (across top or bottom of page)

<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>STATE/S</u>	<u>TIME FRAME/S</u>
Benson (40)	IN/IL	1830-1856
Benson (40)	TX	1856-Present
Kerr (18)	IN	1860-1940

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

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