



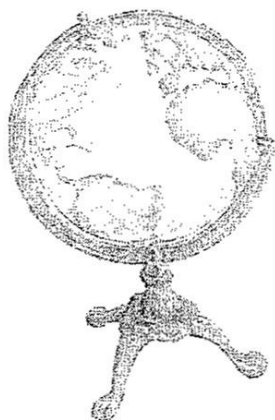
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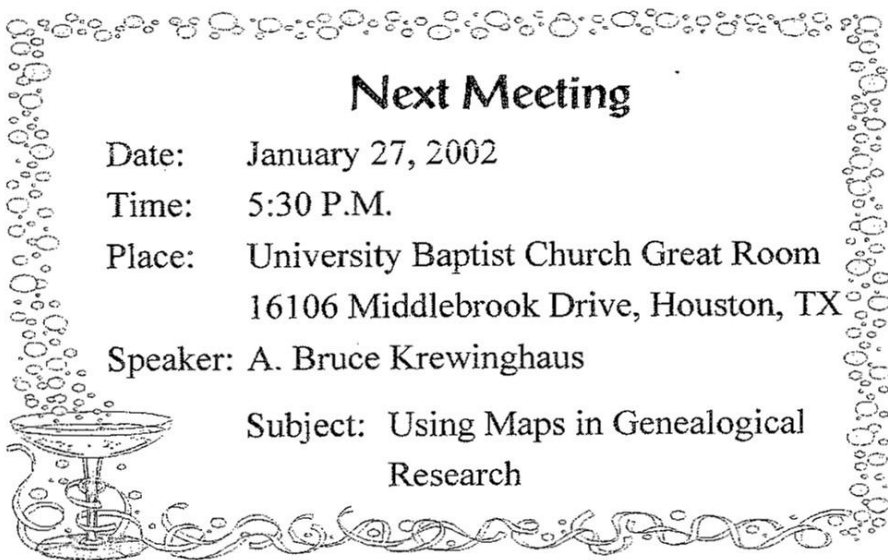
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Next Meeting

Date: January 27, 2002
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Place: University Baptist Church Great Room
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX
Speaker: A. Bruce Krewinghaus
Subject: Using Maps in Genealogical Research



January Meeting to Feature Maps

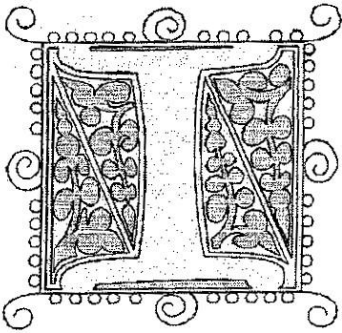
by A. Bruce Krewinghaus

At the next general meeting, Bruce Krewinghaus will talk about the use of maps in genealogical research. Bruce has been interested in maps from early childhood and has an extensive collection of atlases and maps. He has been involved in genealogical research for about 30 years with particular interest in Germany, Maryland, Illinois, Missouri, and New York. He recently volunteered at Clayton Library to identify maps in their collection that will particularly help researchers. Bruce has a number of handouts that resulted from the first phase of that effort. His talk will illustrate how maps have helped him and can help others in their family research.

Bruce is a member of the Clayton Library Friends and is a second-term Director of Clayton Library Friends. Bruce retired from Shell in 1999 after 33 years. He has a PhD in Chemical Engineering from MIT. He served in the U. S Army Chemical Corps as a Captain. Bruce and his wife have lived in Houston for 30 years.

From the President

by Carolyn Hellen



f everyone attending
the Bay Area
Genealogical
Society's holiday
party had as much fun
as I did then you were

Carolyn Farmer, and Tammy Frey for their efforts. As chairman of the holiday party committee Wanda Yelverton is to be commended.

The New Year is upon us and we need to get our new projects underway. For an update on our current special projects please see page 5. If you have an idea for a project for the society to undertake give me a call at 281-486-0406. This is the most willing group of people that I have ever had the privilege to work with. If you can come up with it, they will do it!

blessed. It was such a joy to see the enthusiasm with which everyone joined in the spirit of the theme. As each member introduced the ancestor they were representing, you could tell they were enjoying talking about their ancestor as much as the audience was enjoying listening to the story. They were dressed as statesmen, farmers, nurses, housewives, etc. Some stories were as dramatic as holding off the British single handed and as simple as honoring a mother who was missed and remembered.

Ned Yelverton did an outstanding joy on the piano throughout the evening, the food was delicious, and the entertainment was some of the best I have heard in a long time. Jeremy Holzbach and Dom Falbo are a singing duo that bears watching as they climb to stardom. The table decorations were outstanding - a special thanks to Jeanine Lawrence, Wanda Yelverton, Mary Ann Clingan, Bill and Oletia Teas, Leslie Fehlman,

Letter From The Editor

By Carole Varnado

Be sure to submit those general articles you find about genealogy for the newsletter. Please send them as an attachment to me at carolev@ev1.net. All articles are subject to editing.

Thanks you to Linda Carrington for this month's newsletter layout and all her effort.

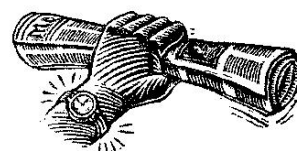
Let us know if you have any suggestions for the newsletter and we will consider them. See you at the January meeting!

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Committee News



First Vice-President Message

By Carolyn Farmer

A Happy New Year to all our enthusiastic BAGS researchers. I need an influx of **surnames** for our **Surname Database**. I currently have only 25 members who have submitted a list of names. Family relationships have already been established among our BAGS membership. It can be a small world.

A deadline for inclusion in the **2002 Surname Database** will be announced soon. We would like all of our members to participate in this 2002 Project. This is an excellent opportunity to obtain name exposure of your elusive ancestors. Refer to the previous newsletters for the format and drop your sheet into the 1st VP bag at the January meeting or email it to me at cafarmer@houston.rr.com (please note new email address). See you at the Meeting.

ATTENTION!

Be sure to look in your January 10th issue of the Houston Chronicle for an article on the Bay Area Genealogical Society. It will be in the "This Week" section.

Membership Report

By Neil Miserendino

We had one new member join in December. As of January 5, 2002, we now have: 66 Single memberships, 43 Family Memberships, and 162 Total Members.

Email Committee

By Mary Ann Clingan, Chairman

Some of you still aren't receiving your Email concerning the society and this may be 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.

A group Email message was sent out on January 2nd. If you didn't receive this message, please call me at 281-487-2197 and check on the address I have for you.

Clayton Library Trip

By Jeanine Lawrence

The next trip to Clayton Library will be Thursday, February 7, 2002. We will leave University Baptist Church at 9:00 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m. To reserve a seat on the church van, call Jeanine Lawrence, 281-334-6100. Anyone is welcome to go with us.

Hospitality Committee

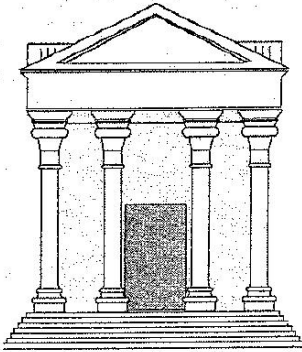
By Leslee Fehlman

Many thanks to the following people who brought food to the November meeting: Resa Hennings, Sharon Jones, Tammy Frey, Diane Thompson, and Tim Kavala.

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Searching For Missing Records

by Carolyn Traweek Hellen



After exhausting every normal means of finding the information you need to complete your research, it is time for some creative thinking. Search the courthouse thoroughly. Look for miscellaneous papers that are often filed with courthouse cases and even sometimes with marriage papers. These are usually considered "Loose Papers" and can often prove to be a fountain of information.

Once you have researched the county courthouse thoroughly where your ancestors have lived for generations, it is easy to get discouraged and want to give up. Now is the time to branch out. Try the parent county by looking up the date the county was organized. Any transactions prior to that date will still be located there.

Next, if you know the location of the community they lived in, find the closest county courthouse to this community. It may be located closer than the county seat of the residence county. Most people take the course of least resistance. If the closest courthouse is only a couple of hours away by horseback and the county seat of their home county is a two-day trip, chances are the record was recorded in the closest county.

If they owned land in more than one county, the information will be found in the deed books.

Remember - every county where he owned land would have received a

copy of his will, and he would have had to pay taxes there.

If certain records were destroyed, try other records in the same courthouse. If the Will Book was destroyed, try the Deed Book or Court Records. Always check military records while at the courthouse. Application papers may be among them and these provide invaluable information. If the courthouse was destroyed, try District Courts or Higher Courts of Appeals Records. Check to see if they were copied and sent to the State Archives.

In the 1930's, during the depression, when Roosevelt accepted the nomination for president he said, "I pledge you, I pledge myself to a new deal for the American people." After he was elected president, on March 4, 1933, the programs and policies that made up the "New Deal" contained a section called the Works Progress Administration. It was founded in 1935 to provide work for needy persons on public works projects. One of these projects was copying records in government offices. So be sure to check the WPA Survey Records for the state you are interested in to see what exists and where these records can be found.

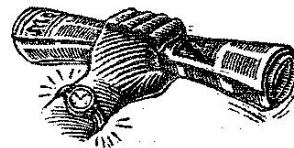
Most WPA records can be found at the State Library or Archives. However, these records are only as good as the people who copied them were conscientious. Use them for clues and find another source for proof.



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Committee News Continued



Printing Chairman Report

By Leona Cook

Arrangements have been made with Copy Dr., 196 S. Friendswood Drive in Friendswood, 281-482-7500, to do the printing of our monthly newsletter and Quarterly. They have done a very nice job and worked with us on a good price. A charge account has been set up so that our Treasurer can pay the bill rather than having to reimburse members after the fact. Our other printing requirements will need to be evaluated on an individual basis. There are occasional specials that would be beneficial at other places for self-serve. Copy Dr. offers \$.03 copies on Saturdays. If you have any questions please call me at 281-326-4157.

Special Projects

By Carolyn Hellen

Carol Moody is chairman for our **Heritage Cookbook**. If you have some recipes ready, email them to her at cmoody1273@aol.com, mail to 2254 Nancy, Alvin, Texas 77511, or bring to the January meeting.

If you have a few hours a week or once a month that you could help at **Clayton Library** with reshelving books, contact John McCall at 281-476-5682.

A meeting with Katherine Morrow and Gay Carter at the University of Houston, Clear Lake in December kicked off the **Freeman Memorial Library project**.

Plans are underway to start indexing **Rowe Funeral Home**. Jeanine Lawrence and Dunham Swift will be heading up that project.

Joanne Truman is working on the **yearbook**, which will include our bylaws plus names and addresses. The yearbook will be completed as soon as the bylaws are available.

Searching for Missing Records Continued

Many records that are missing may have been reconstructed. This is especially true of some colonial records. Other states may have reconstructed records from various time periods. Many states have gone to considerable trouble to try and reconstruct the 1890 census with tax lists, land records, etc.

Next, try newspapers for the period you are researching. These could tell you what records, if any, were saved and where they have

been relocated.

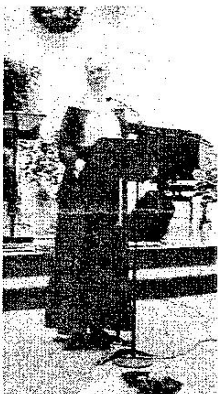
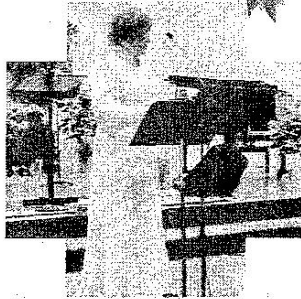
Write to the chairman of the history department of a college or university and inquire if there are any records about the county you are researching in their possession.

Visit the cemeteries of long lost relatives. Many graves have a great deal of information carved on the tombstone.

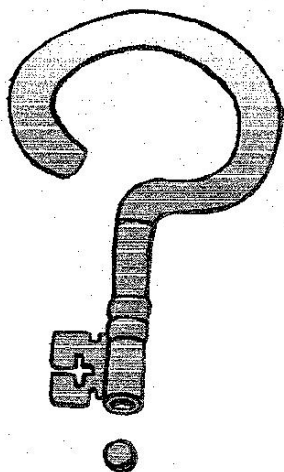
Last, but not least, **do not give up.**

Information comes to those who persevere.

Holiday Party Dec 30, 2001







Queries

BRILL – Seeking parents and descendants of Solomon W. BRILL, b. 1803, Dutchess Co., NY, d. 1882/3 in Gonzales Co., TX; m. ca. 1842/3 to Hepsabay DAY, b. 1823/4 in SC, d. 1916 in Harris Co., TX. Reply to Carolyn FARMER, cafarmer@houston.rr.com.

COVINGTON - Would like to correspond with descendants of Charles Thomas COVINGTON (b. 18 March 1828, Russell Co., Alabama m. Sarah Rebecca COOPER b. 18 Oct. 1835, Edgefield Co., SC) and his children: David Hadley Alonzo b. 26 June 1853, Russell Co. AL--Henry Augustavus b. 24 July 1834,

AL--Martha Almira b. 14 Mar 1856, AL--Frances E b 7 Dec 1857, AL--Isabella C. b. 27 Aug 1859, AL--Susie Ella b. 26 Nov 1860, AL--Sarah Elizabeth b. 18 Mar 1862, AL--Anna D. b. 21 Mar 1864, AL--John T. b. 25 Sept 1865, AL--David Crockett b. 25 Sept 1869, Freestone Co., TX--William Thomas b. 25 Aug 1869, Coryell Co., TX--Rosberry E. b. 3 Mar 1871, X.--James Collier b. Nov 25 1873, TX--Margaret Ora COVINGTON b. 18 Oct. 1875, TX. Reply to Leslee Covington FEHLMAN, 15214 Poplar Springs, Houston, Texas 77062; 281-286-8300; email lcf@hal-pc.org.

DILLENBACK – Seeking information on family of William DILLENBACK, b. Nov. 1848 in Canada of Dutch descent. He served in the U.S. Civil War and never went back to Canada. Need names of his parents and siblings and where he was born in Canada. Reply to Jeanine LAWRENCE, 281-334-6100.

GILL – Need parents' names and birthplace of Presley GILL, b. 1798 in KY. He came to Texas in 1824 as an employee of William SCOTT, who had resided in Wayne Co. KY. Reply to Jeanine LAWRENCE, 281-334-6100.

JOHNSON – Seeking parents and descendants of Joshua JOHNSON, b. 1818 Albemarle Co., VA, d. 1854/55 Surrey/Albemarle Co., VA; m. Frances Ann VIA, b. 1837 Albemarle Co., VA. Reply to Carolyn FARMER, cafarmer@houston.rr.com.

McKINNA - Looking for descendants of Albert McKINNA (McKinney, etc) b. 1812 NC m. Martha ORR b. 1814. Children: James E. (Elihu?) b. 1843 Henderson Co., NC--Prusa F. b. 22 Nov. 1848, NC, m. George Washington HILL b. 12 April 1852--Orpha F. b. 25 March 1846, NC, relic of Joseph Gamblin--John Bailey b. 1849 NC, m. 6 Jan 1875 to Nancy E. FORE b. 1857--Rutha A. b. 1841 NC, m. 24 Dec. 1871 Gilmer Co., GA to Joseph GAMBLIN--Naomi Jane b. 7 July 1853, Gilmer Co., GA, m. John Yancy WELLS 4 Nov. 1875--Martha Ann b. 1856, Gilmer Co., GA, Unmarried. She made the Cherokee Strip land rush by herself in 1893. Reply to Leslee C. FEHLMAN, 15214 Poplar Springs, Houston, Texas 77062; 281-286-8300; lcf@hal-pc.org.

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