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Next Meeting

Date: June 23, 2002
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Place: University Baptist Church Great Room
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston
Speaker: Charlene Wilson, Clayton Library Supervisor
Subject: Oklahoma and Indian Research

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Clayton Library Supervisor to be Guest Speaker

Charlene Wilson, guest speaker for our June meeting, was born and raised in Oklahoma where she learned the value of family history as a babe upon her mother's knee. She watched and listened as her mother reminisced while sorting through old trunks filled with mementos, old photo albums, tintypes, and the family Bible.

Because of her long association with Oklahoma, most of her forty years of research has been centered on that state and the territory before it became a state. Her research into the Indian Territory of Oklahoma led to the assumption by associates and friends that she was an



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From the President

by Carolyn Traweek Hellen



To all of you who have asked about my trip to Alabama to visit "my stuff," I am happy to report that it is all doing just fine living in Alabama without me. I was able to sit

in my 1890 buggy, read by my lamps, sit on my sofas, and generally enjoy my furniture that has been living there since June of 2001 while I remain in Houston. The home was built in 1829 and is going to be a great joy to Roy and me, if and when we ever move.

I was glad to get home just in time to hear Gay Carter explain at our last meeting how the University of Houston at Clear Lake can be used for genealogical research. On Thursday following the meeting, several members accompanied me to the University Library to get an overview of what is available and where it is located. Those of you who did not make that trip can join me on Wednesday, June 19th at the University Baptist Church parking lot for another trip if you are interested. Otherwise you really must go over yourself and ask for Gay. She said she would be happy to show you around. We stayed on after the tour was over to actually put to use the knowledge

we had gained. Gay is so enthusiastic about the University Library that her enthusiasm will spill over to you.

A number of our members have had to cope with difficult times recently. There have been illnesses, serious surgeries, and even deaths of loved ones. Events like these cause us to reflect on our lives and priorities. We realize that, with the passing of time, we are becoming the "older generation."

Many of us have spent time talking to the older generation, asking for details of their lives and recording their stories. Now it's time to give some thought to writing down our own memories and stories. Maybe we can form a class to encourage each other in this endeavor.

Charlene Wilson will be our June speaker. She is an expert on Indian research and on the Oklahoma Territory. Be sure to make plans to hear her on June 23rd. See you at the next meeting.

Carolyn

Isn't Genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!

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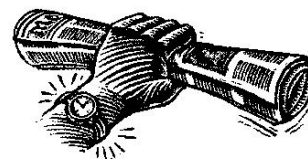
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Committee News



Member Updates by Tammy Frey

We want to be able to offer our sympathy and condolences in support of our BAGS members. We can do that if you will let us know of those who are experiencing illness or loss. Please encourage and support these fellow members:

Condolences to: Annette Bowen on the death of her father-in-law, Resa Hennings on the death of her father, Mary Anne Clingan on the death of her uncle, and Billy Mayo on the death of his brother.

If you know of a BAGS member who is ill or who has experienced the loss of a loved one and would like for us to send a card, please contact Tammy Frey: tfrey99@hotmail.com or 281-286-1486.

From the Newsletter Committee

The newsletter committee is continuing to work on making the newsletter available in an electronic format, via email or the internet. One of the issues is choosing a format that would be accessible by most, if not all, of our members. We are presently consulting with some software people to get their input and are open to suggestions. We feel that this will be an exciting option for our members to choose, if they wish, and we are working to make it available as soon as possible. We do want to offer a quality product, however, so it may take some time. Meanwhile, everyone will continue to receive their newsletters through the mail.

As usual, the newsletter committee is looking for articles to publish. We prefer original articles written by our members, but can use previously published articles if written permission from the original publisher/author is included. Many of you have interesting information to share, and we would all like to benefit from it. For the July newsletter, the submission deadline is June 29th. Please make your submissions to Tammy Frey (tfrey99@hotmail.com) or Nate Grimes (nategeneal@aol.com) or you may place them in the newsletter bag at the June 23rd meeting.

Clayton Library Trips by Jeanine Lawrence

Once a month, BAGS members have an opportunity to go to Clayton Library on a van provided by University Baptist Church for a donation of \$2. We meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and try to return around 4:00 p.m. Bring a lunch to eat in the library's snack room where drink machines are available.

Thirteen people were at the library to do research during the May trip. Our next trip will be Thursday, July 11th. If you do not know how to get started doing your research, people are available to help you. The sign-up sheet will be on the back table at our next meeting, or call **Jeanine Lawrence at 281-334-6100**. (Please note that Jeanine's telephone number was wrong in the May issue). You will be contacted the week of the trip to see if you still can go with us.



Jack Rowe Funeral Home Project **by Jeanine Lawrence, Chairman**

The volunteers involved with transcribing the records at Jack Rowe Funeral Home have completed the years of 1958, 1959, and 1960 and are working diligently on 1961.

A special thanks to Mary Pearson, Carole Varnado, Diane Thompson, Ginger Compton, Mary Martin, Neil Miserendino, Doug Wilson, Polly Wilson, Tammy Frey, Carolyn Hellen, Carol Moody, Karla Chenault, Resa Hennings, Stephanie Struby, and Annette Bowen for the time they have given to deciphering the handwritten records and recording information onto our forms. This is an ongoing project and more volunteers are needed if we anticipate completing this enormous project sometime this century.

A sign-up sheet is available at each meeting for members to indicate if they have a couple of hours they can spend with the group at the funeral home. However, some have been to the funeral home by themselves when the group time wasn't convenient. This is not a hard job - just time consuming. If you are able to help record the statistics at any time, please call Jeanine Lawrence, chairman, at 281-334-6100.

After the records are complete, we hope to have them printed in book form to sell. Doug Wilson has volunteered to put the information on a disk for the computer. If you can help input the information into the computer, please call him at 281-326-3823, and he will explain the format.

Hospitality Committee **By Leslee Covington Fehlman**

Our "**Thanks**" to Linda Carrington, Dorsey Kastetter, Shirley Reynolds, Larry Barner, Philip Van Nordstrand, Frank Morgan, and Marilyn Proctor for bringing the refreshments to the May meeting. The food was greatly appreciated by all.

Message from the Vice President **by Carolyn Farmer**

Summer is here, and our organization is nearing the end of its inaugural year. The **surname database** continues to be an important project of the society to connect members to a new outside venue by putting the names on the BAGS Website, which is free. Just think - a free insertion on a website.

Please continue to submit your surnames in the format shown below. Put your names in the VP bag at the general meeting, email them to me at cafarmer@houston.rr.com, or call me at 281-480-6419 if you have any questions. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

EXAMPLE:

Your name, Telephone # and Email Address

<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME FRAME</u>
Smith	VA, GA, MISS	1700-1900
Hill	VA, NC, TN	1670-1880

National Society United States Daughters of 1812

By Diane S. Thompson

One of the smaller and lesser-known lineage societies for women is the National Society United States Daughters of 1812. As the newly elected 3rd Vice President of the Texas Society, USD of 1812, I would like to tell you a bit about the organization. Formed in 1892 on the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, the society promotes patriotism and preserves and increases the knowledge of the history of the American people by:

1. Preserving documents and relics,
2. Marking of historical sites,
3. Recording family histories and traditions,
4. Celebrating patriotic anniversaries,
5. Teaching and emphasizing the heroic deeds of the civil, military, and naval life of those who molded this government between the close of the Revolutionary

War and the close of the War of 1812,

6. Urging Congress to compile and publish authentic records of men in civil, military, and naval service from 1794 to 1815, and

7. Maintaining a museum and library of memorabilia of the 1784-1815 period at its National Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Any woman, over 18 years of age, of good character, who offers satisfactory proof of lineal descent from an ancestor who rendered civil, military, or naval service to this country

during the years 1784-1815, is eligible for

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expert on Indian research, although she has no personal Indian heritage that can be proven at this time. Her searches to answer their questions, requests, and queries on Indian lineage and on how to research their ancestors has almost made their assumption a fact.

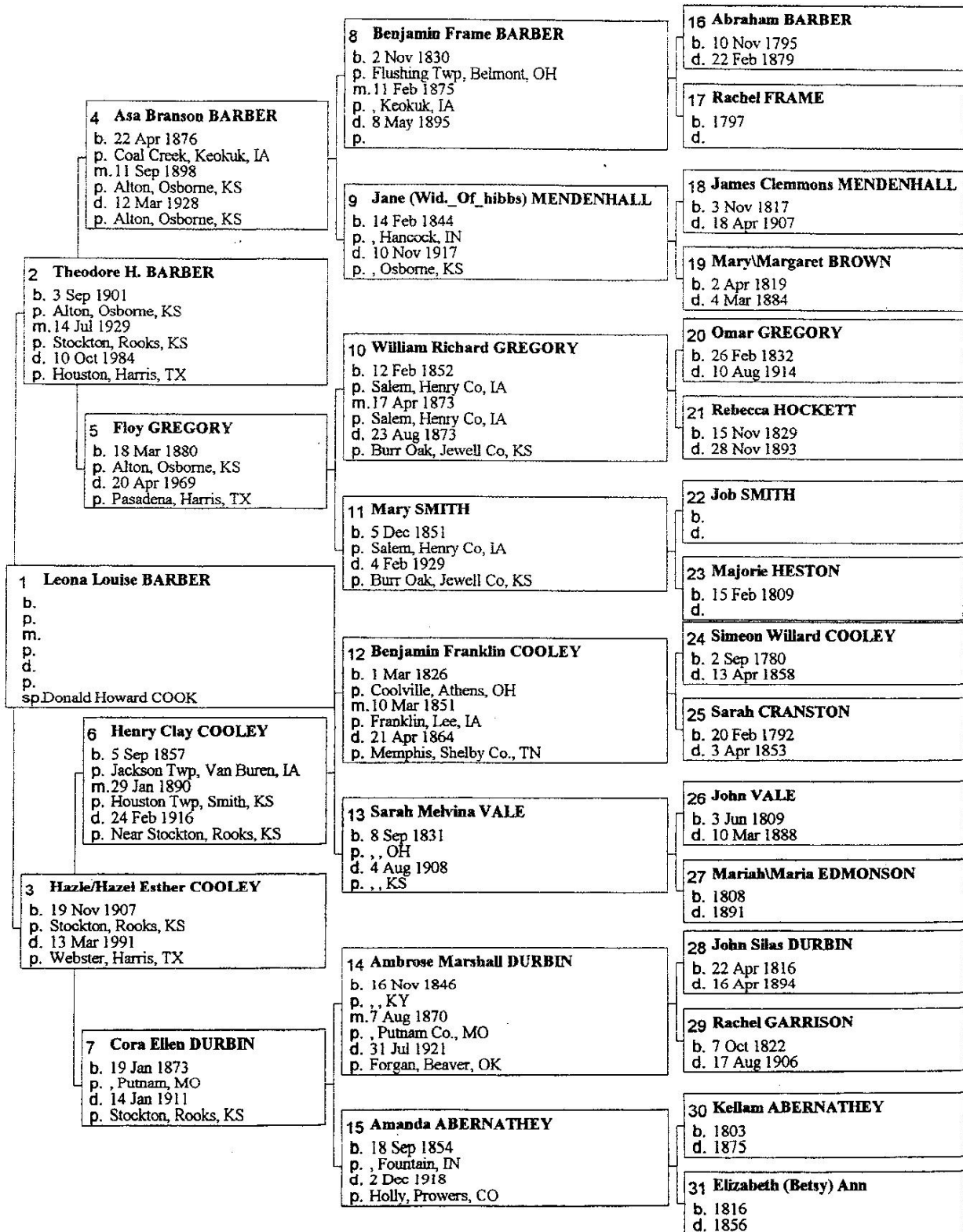
Charlene has been on the staff at Clayton Library for the past sixteen years. She spent two years volunteering her time at the library before she was asked if she would like to join the Library System. She is now supervisor for all Clayton Library assistants and is responsible for training all incoming library staff. Due to her

interest in the library and in genealogy in general, she has abstracted and published a number of books on birth, death, and marriage records from turn-of-the-century newspapers from Oklahoma and Texas and one on the Carolina Church from Alabama.

Make plans to attend the June meeting and hear her share her knowledge on Oklahoma and Indian Research. Even if you do not have Indian heritage or ancestors who passed through Oklahoma, I am sure you will learn something from her interesting talk.



Ancestors of Leona Louise BARBER



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 \$10 for full-time student, \$20 for individual, \$25 for family, or \$30 for businesses and organizations. 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. ☐ Check here for Renewal

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

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membership, provided the applicant is acceptable to the society. There are 19 chapters in Texas, and Texas has 1/6th of the national membership in its active chapters. The nearest chapter to us is the Francis Fleshhart Chapter in Texas City. If you want additional information on this society, please call me at 281-337-3672 or e-mail me at dst@hal-pc.org.

Men are similarly eligible for membership in the General Society of the War of 1812.



Door prize winners with Mic Barnette
at the Family Tree Maker Seminar

**Deadline for July
Newsletter is
June 29, 2002**

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



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Upcoming Events Calendar

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| June 17, 2002 | BAGS Board Meeting at 4:30 pm; University Baptist Church |
| June 22, 2002 | Texas Genealogy and Family History Fair, Huntsville, Texas. |
| June 23, 2002 | BAGS General Meeting at 5:30 pm; University Baptist Church |
| July 11, 2002 | Trip to Clayton Library, leaves UBC at 9 a.m. |
| July 15, 2002 | BAGS Board Meeting at 4:30 pm; University Baptist Church |
| July 21, 2002 | BAGS General Meeting at 5:30 pm; University Baptist Church |
| July 25-27, 2002 | Sixth Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference in
Lufkin, Texas. |
| Aug. 8, 2002 | Trip to Clayton Library, leaves UBC at 9 a.m. |
| Aug. 19, 2002 | BAGS Board Meeting at 4:30 pm; University Baptist Church |
| Aug. 25, 2002 | BAGS General Meeting at 5:30 pm; University Baptist Church |
| Nov 1-2, 2002 | Texas State Genealogical Society Conference in Galveston,
Texas |

