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Next Meeting

Date: August 25, 2002
Time: **5:00 P.M.**
Place: University Baptist Church *in the Chapel*
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston
Speaker: Society Members
Subject: Various Presentations



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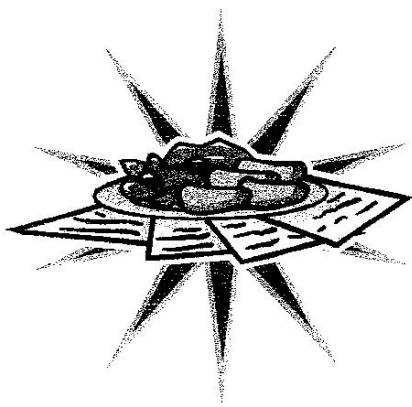
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August is Member Participation Month

For the August meeting, members of the society will share their secrets and display their treasures. The evening gets underway at **5:00 P.M.** at University Baptist Church **in the Chapel** with a covered dish supper. You are encouraged to bring your spouse, your friends, and your favorite dish. Bring your recipe, of course, so it can be included in our Heritage Cookbook. Take a few extra minutes to write down where you got the recipe or a little something about it.

During and after the meal, you will find tables containing notebook examples, filing system samples, grandma's glasses, and who knows what else. After the social time is over, Nate Grimes, Mike McCown, Bonnie Conrad, Dick Warren, John McCall, and others will give short talks on varied subjects. George Roy, head of the Clear Lake Houston Area League of Personal Computer users, will be on hand to tell us about HAL-PC.

If you have something you would like to share, please bring it. Call Nate Grimes, who is in charge of this meeting, at 281-990-0644 to let him know you need space.



From the President

by Carolyn Traweek Hellen



This month ends the first year of the Bay Area Genealogical Society, and what a year it has been! We have made a great deal of progress in structuring a society that is capable, friendly, resourceful, and beneficial to everyone involved.

The primary purpose of this organization has always been educational. The goal is to create, foster, and maintain interest in genealogy in our community. I feel we have accomplished this purpose in several ways. The speakers at our monthly meetings have been outstanding and informative. We have provided information and support through our publication of the newsletters, quarterlies, and a yearbook. To encourage research, we have arranged for transportation to Clayton Library each month. Other educational efforts have been the Family Tree Maker seminar and our beginner's support system. Our efforts continue through our ongoing projects such as the surname database, the Heritage Cookbook, and the Jack Rowe Funeral Home record transcriptions.

At every gathering in the genealogical

community, I hear others mention the great things we have accomplished in such a short time. It never fails to make my heart swell because I have enjoyed being your first president and am so proud of what we have accomplished. I hope that each of you has received something by being a member of this society and, that in some way, you have benefited from what we have had to offer.

The new officers will take over next month, and I hope that they will receive the same support that you have given the 2001-2002 group.

See you at the next meeting,

Carolyn

Genealogist's Prayer

May you ask the right
question of the right
person at the right time.
And, may the Saint of
Genealogists bless you!



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BAGS Wants YOU!

As you know, the Bay Area Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization. None of our officers or chairmen receive any type of remuneration for their services. The many programs and opportunities that we offer are made possible by the generous efforts of our members. While it is good to be able to read the publications and to come to the meetings, it is even more rewarding to become personally involved in the activities of the society. You have the opportunity to get to know your fellow BAGS members better, to share your talents or to learn something new, and most of all,



to have that wonderful feeling that comes from doing something worthwhile to help others.

Won't you consider volunteering your services? Most of the opportunities have flexible time requirements and are easy to learn. There are needs with the newsletter, with publicity, with scheduling activities such as our meetings and trips to Clayton library, and with the ongoing Jack Rowe Funeral Home transcription project. You may volunteer as much or as little time as you have available. Please give thoughtful consideration to how you can help. We can't do it without you!

Angelina College Conference by Carolyn Hellen

As the saying goes, "A good time was had by all." This three-day conference had something for everyone. All of the speakers were first class with a broad range of subjects, such as publishing your family history, Texas and Federal land records, researching in cemeteries, organizing your papers, and much more. There were many new books for sale, including the new edition of the Handy Book for Genealogists by Everton Press.

However, if anyone thinks these trips are for fun only, they are sadly mistaken. It was work! When Dottie Crabb, Carol Moody, and I returned to the motor home each evening, we were exhausted and soon fast asleep. Fortunately, we were in a good location. A convenient campsite was situated just around the corner from the campus with full hookups.

Vivian Cates did an excellent job arranging the conference, although it would be appreciated if she would talk the college into enlarging the parking spaces for next year. I managed to sideswipe two new trucks trying to get out of the parking space. Not only was the trip interesting, it was also expensive! I canceled my trip to Alabama so I could stay home and do penance.

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Committee News



Hospitality Committee

Leslee Fehlman, Hospitality Chairman

My "THANKS" to the following who brought refreshments to the July meeting: Michael McCown, Kathryn Morrow, Diane Pederson, Joy Foster, Susie Ganch, Judy Henderson, and Marilyn Hughes. Those of you who bring food really help make the meetings a success.

Member Update

Tammy Frey, Chairman

Please encourage Doug Wilson with your support and prayers. He recently had surgery and spent several weeks in the hospital.

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.

Membership Dues

Neil Miserendino, Registrar

The new year begins with the September meeting. For your convenience, you will find a renewal form in this newsletter. Regardless of the month you join, the membership fees are due in September. Back issues of all publications will be available at the August general meeting.

Completed forms and dues should be given to the treasurer at the meeting or mailed to Neil Miserendino (see renewal form for the address).

Nominating Committee

Dick Warren, Chariman

At our last general meeting, the Nomination Committee presented candidates for 2002-2003 BAGS Officers to the membership. They are: President, Carolyn Hellen; 1st Vice President, Resa Hennings; 2nd Vice President, Dick Warren; Treasurer, Dottie Crab; Recording Secretary, Carol Moody; Corresponding Secretary, Tammy Frey; Historian, Joanne Truman; and Registrar, Neil Miserendino.

These nominations were accepted by the membership. No additional nominations came from the floor. Election of officers will be held at the August meeting.

Angelina College Seminar

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Never one to miss an opportunity to tout the Bay Area Genealogical Society, while there I managed to get Emily Croom to agree to speak to us next year. I also met two prospects from our area, who promised to be at our next meeting, and talked Trever Wooster Beverly into giving a seminar in November. Trever is a very knowledgeable speaker on genealogical research and is a delight to hear.

A great bonus of the conference was that it was considered a college course and we received a certificate from the college giving our college credits. I highly recommend that you make plans now to attend next year.

Chasin' Wimmin' in Probate and Property Records

by Jim Fulton

The Problem: Since you don't know the maiden name, you don't know her father's surname and cannot find her parent's will by checking the index of testators.



- 1) Some (very few) courts have a "Beneficiaries' (Devisees') Index" which will list your lady by her married name, which you know, thus leading you to her parent's will.
- 2) Published county or regional abstracts of wills today should include an every-name index. There is a high probability that this index will list either your lady's married name or her husband's name, which you know, and this will lead you to her parent(s). An example: For twenty years I had been looking for the maiden name of Rosa, first wife of Owen Smith of Prince Edward Co., VA. One of my students subscribed to "The Southside Virginian," which lists records of about twenty counties. The index of one issue listed Owen Smith, which led to the will of Owen's father-in-law, Benjamin Hawkins. Though Rosa was not mentioned in the will, I now learned her maiden name was Rosa Hawkins. (If the will is that of your lady's mother, beware that the mother's surname is not that of a later marriage which will not be your lady's surname.)
- 3) When the widow is executrix of her husband's estate, co-executors often are her brothers or other family.
- 4) "Partitioning" records show the division of a father's estate among his children, but her

name probably won't appear in the court index.

- 5) As a last ditch effort, scan every will of the likely location and time for the name of your lady and/or her husband.

Property Records

- 1). A "Quit Claim Deed" signed by her and her husband, or by her husband or children if she has died, often refers to property owned by her parents or a brother. After twenty-five years of searching, I recently found the maiden name and parents of a g-g-gm through a Quit Claim executed in Ohio for land in Massachusetts.
- 2). Deed "for Love and Affection" or a "Trust Deed" from parent to married daughter.
- 3). Husband's mortgage was often carried by wife's father or brother. Here's a clue. Check the will of these mortgagors for your lady as a beneficiary.
- 4) Using the proximity theory (people married neighbors), copy the names of neighbors in many types of records, for example:
 - a) Deeds; the boundary description in the "metes and bounds" colonial system often lists adjoining neighbors.

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Ancestors of Nathan Wayne Grimes

2 Reverend C N GRIMES-44 B: P: M: P: D: P:	4 James F (Frank) GRIMES-35 B:Nov 26 1895 P:.,Cherokee Co.,TX M:Jul 15 1914 -- 9 P:.,Cherokee Co.,TX D:May 11 1976 P:Jacksonville,Cherokee Co.,TX	8 Robert Franklin GRIMES-30 B:Dec 5 1874 P:.,TX M:Jul 23 1893 -- 7 P:Jacksonville,Cherokee Co.,TX D:Dec 5 1945 P:.,TX	16 Robert S B GRIMES-26 B:May 15 1840 M:Apr 6 1865 -- 6 D:Sep 6 1902
			17 Anna E A GRIMES-17 B:Sep 7 1842 D:Jun 27 1918
1 Major Nathan W GRIMES-1 B: P: M: P: D: P:	5 Bertie E B GREGORY-42 B:Jan 19 1895 P:.,Cherokee Co.,TX D:Jun 7 1981 P:Tyler,Smith Co.,TX	9 Molly Elvina MCELYEA-485 B:Feb 10 1876 P:.,Oklahoma D:Jul 21 1910 P:	18 James P P MCELYEA-108 B:Jun 2 1848 M:Jan 27 1875 -- 171 D:Mar 5 1902
			19 Francis SMITH-483 B:1856 D:Abt Jul 25 1889
Elizabeth Pearl PAPE-2 (Spouse of no. 1)	6 Leonard Allen BEAL-917 B:Oct 19 1898 P:.,Houston Co.,TX M:Abt Sep 10 1920 -- 335 P:.,Houston Co.,TX D:May 3 1971 P:.,Houston Co.,TX	10 Sanford W GREGORY R-352 B:Apr 23 1858 P:Corsicana,Navarro Co.,TX M:Dec 10 1879 -- 133 P:.,Anderson Co.,TX D:Apr 29 1946 P:	20 Aaron W GREGORY-351 B:Abt 1822 M:Mar 13 1856 -- 131 D:Abt 1870/1875
			21 Missouri Ann WHITE-350 B:1833 D:
3 Mary Aline BEAL-47 B:Oct 24 1921 P:Kennard,Houston Co.,TX D:Apr 25 1988 P:Tyler,Smith Co.,TX	7 Louella D MILLER-901 B:Jan 17 1896 P:.,Houston Co.,TX D:1930 P:.,Houston Co.	11 Richard F CONAWAY-353 B:Aug 20 1862 P:.,Anderson Co.,TX D:Apr 1 1939 P:Jacksonville,Cherokee Co.,TX	22 James R CONAWAY-354 B:May 28 1826 M:Aug 9 1848 -- 134 D:
			23 Lucy Ann HASSEL-355 B:Jan 9 1832 D:
12 William J (Bill) BEAL Sr.-883 B:1858 P:.,TX M:Abt 1889 -- 333 P: D:1917 P:	13 Mary Elizabeth JUBERT-884 B:1868 P:.,Madison Co.,TX D:Jan 1917 P:	14 Frank Joseph MILLER-902 B:Aug 15 1850 P:.,AL M:Oct 9 1883 -- 336 P:.,Houston Co.,TX D:Dec 20 1923 P:.,Houston Co.,TX	24 L. Preston BEAL-872 B:Abt 1830 M:Abt 1854 -- 321 D:Aft Oct 31 1862
			25 C Ann GREENWOOD-910 B:Sep 29 1841 D:Oct 1919
14 Frank Joseph MILLER-902 B:Aug 15 1850 P:.,AL M:Oct 9 1883 -- 336 P:.,Houston Co.,TX D:Dec 20 1923 P:.,Houston Co.,TX	15 Mary Drew M MCCOMB-909 B:Mar 13 1857 P:.,Attala Co.,Mississippi D:Dec 17 1924 P:.,Houston Co.,TX	16 Robert S B GRIMES-26 B:May 15 1840 M:Apr 6 1865 -- 6 D:Sep 6 1902	26 Julian JUBERT-1496 B: M: -- 518 D:
			27 L J. HIGGINBOTHAM-1497 B:Abt 1846 D:
17 Anna E A GRIMES-17 B:Sep 7 1842 D:Jun 27 1918	18 James P P MCELYEA-108 B:Jun 2 1848 M:Jan 27 1875 -- 171 D:Mar 5 1902	19 Francis SMITH-483 B:1856 D:Abt Jul 25 1889	28 MILLER-7195 B: M: -- 2623 D:
			29 B: D:
20 Aaron W GREGORY-351 B:Abt 1822 M:Mar 13 1856 -- 131 D:Abt 1870/1875	21 Missouri Ann WHITE-350 B:1833 D:	22 James R CONAWAY-354 B:May 28 1826 M:Aug 9 1848 -- 134 D:	30 W H. MCCOMB , Jr.-1922 B:Jan 7 1830 M: -- 695 D:Sep 26 1906
			31 Sarah RIALS-1923 B:Oct 25 1832 D:Jul 20 1889

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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b) Road (maintenance) Orders for her area of the county or town.

c) Processioning Orders: check property boundaries, then scan the wills of these neighbors, hoping to find your lady as a beneficiary. Witnesses to all sorts of documents often were family.

5) Federal Census:

a) 1880 and later: The relationship of all household members to the head-of-household is shown. "Mother-in-law" is the name you want, if she has not remarried.

b) In censuses 1850-1870, the older woman may be a mother-in-law bearing the wife's maiden name. But Ma-in-law may have remarried and thus will send you up the wrong road! Or, less likely, she may be the mother of a deceased former wife of the head. Could be an aunt, etc. Look further!

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September 7, 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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| Aug. 19, 2002 | BAGS Board Meeting at 4:30 pm; University Baptist Church |
| Aug. 25, 2002 | BAGS General Meeting at 5:00 pm ; University Baptist Church in the Chapel |
| Sept. 23, 2002 | BAGS Board Meeting at 4:30 pm; University Baptist Church |
| Sept. 29, 2002 | BAGS General Meeting at 5:30 pm; University Baptist Church |
| Nov 1-2, 2002 | Texas State Genealogical Society Conference in Galveston, Texas |