

Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter

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Professional Actor Featured in December

We are in for a very special treat with the speaker for the December 29th meeting. His name is Victor Lang, and he is a native Galvestonian. He will entertain us with the history of Galveston when it held the dubious title of "Sin Capitol of the World." Lang is a professional actor who has performed his one-man show at the Strand in Galveston, and he was the Keynote Speaker at the 2002 Texas State Genealogical Conference. His credentials are very impressive but too numerous to mention.

Before his performance, dinner will be served. The cost of this marvelous program and dinner is only \$10.00. What a deal! **Call Jeanine Lawrence at 281-334-6100 by the 26th to make a reservation.** Period dress is optional so put on your glad rags and join us. Make reservations for you, your spouse, your friends, and your neighbors, but not your ancestors.

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Mormon Church Announces Free Census

The Mormon Church recently held a news conference at their Broadway location for a nation-wide announcement about the United States 1880 census and the Canadian 1881 census.

The news is that both censuses are now available free on-line from their web site: www.familysearch.org. Many of you may not be aware of the fact that a family had to have a child under the age of ten living in the household in order to be on the 1880 soundex. The soundex was done in the early 1930s for the express purpose of finding out how many would be eligible for social security if it were established. To save money, not every household was soundexed. If you

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Giff Neilson, Channel 11 Sports Announcer, is congratulated by Carolyn Hellen for the talk he gave during the news conference.

From the President

by Carolyn Traweek Hellen



It was wonderful visiting my "stuff" in Alabama; however, I really missed being here for the November meeting. This was the only meeting I have missed, and I look forward to not missing another one before we move.

I understand that Robert de Berardinis did an excellent job during his talk on land records. I wish I could have heard it.

Our next meeting promises to be one of the best yet! The air simply crackles with plans for the holiday party. The theme this year is the "Gay Nineties," and for those of you who have asked, that is the 1890s, not the 1990s. I hope you are getting your costume ready and have a friend to bring because the committee has some special things planned for our party this year. It was fun last year seeing what members dreamed up. But please remember that period dress is optional.

I'm sure the sergeant-at-arms will dress up again as his ancestor who was a farmer. Because we have 200 acres of timberland in Alabama, he thinks that makes him a farmer, and he has big plans for a huge garden. I keep telling him that he can have as big a garden as he wants, but when I get ready to go on a genealogy trip, I'm leaving and don't want to be told we can't go because some crop is "coming in." If he does, he can just leave the door open and let it come on in, because I'm out of there. You have to keep your priorities straight, and genealogy is MY priority.

Bay Area Genealogical Society was on the lips of everyone at Clayton Library when the Austin Genealogical Society brought a chartered bus and 52 members down to research. I took a huge platter of sandwiches from the society and put them in the lunch room with a sign that said "Compliments of Bay Area Genealogical Society, have one on us." I figured someone always leaves his or her lunch at home and would appreciate a sandwich. As it turned out, they had been told there were places to eat within walking distance. When 12:00 o'clock arrived, we were having one of our "gully washers" and the streets were completely flooded. You can imagine how thankful they were for something to eat. They could buy a drink and chips and were in business for lunch. We received a special thank you card from the staff at Clayton, and they have a sign on the bulletin board thanking us also. Several of our members could be seen shelving books

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Carolyn Hellen signs in one of the Austin Genealogical Society members while volunteering at Clayton Library.

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Committee News



Hospitality

Leslee Fehlman, Hospitality Chairman

Many thanks to the following members who brought refreshments and were greeters at the November meeting: Bonnie Conrad, Pauline Ohsie, Diane Thompson, Linda Goerland, Joy Hampton, Lee Jared, Laura Marcinkowski, and Sharon Cress. Your thoughtfulness helped to make the meeting an overwhelming success!

Registrar's Report

Neil Miserendino, Registrar

With the end of the membership renewal period, we now have 183 members. I am confident that, with the amount of publicity our organization has generated and continues to generate, we will have more than 200 members in the year 2003.

Quarterly

Resa Nichols Hennings, Quarterly Editor

It is with regret that I must resign as Editor of the Quarterly, since I will be moving from Houston next summer. Therefore, I am hopeful someone will volunteer to take over the job. It is really an enjoyable project and not as time consuming as one might think, due to the wonderful capabilities of computers. Please contact me or Carolyn Hellen if you would like to discuss becoming the new editor.

In the meantime, the Quarterly is still in need of your original articles. Please send them to me at 439 Bayou View Drive, El Lago, TX 77586, or [<resa@resa.us>](mailto:resa@resa.us). Also needed are queries, research tips, family histories, etc.

Not Getting Group Emails?

Mary Anne Clingan, Email Chairman

Many email filters will filter out email messages that are sent to groups. In order to receive these group emails, you need to have the address of the person sending them in your email address book. That tells your filter that messages from this person are okay. I am still getting emails back because some members do not have me listed in their address book. Please put my email address in your address book:

clingan@hal-pc.org.

Genealogy Magazines in UBC Library

Joy Foster, Librarian

Past issues of the following magazines are available in the University Baptist Church Library for BAGS members: 1) American Spirit (DAR), 2) Ancestry, 3) Genealogical Computing (quarterly journal), 4) Genealogical Helper (1990-1998), 5) The Genealogical Record (quarterly), 6) Genealogy Bulletin, 7) Hempstead Trails (Hempstead County, Arkansas), 8) Heritage Quest, 9) Indiana Genealogical Society, 10) Indiana Genealogist, 11) National Genealogist Society Quarterly, 12) Prologue (NARA Quarterly), 13) Ohio, 14) Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter, 15) The Report (Ohio), 16) Upper South Carolina Genealogy and History, 17) The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine, 18) Victoria-Crossroads of South Texas, and 19) Wagon Wheels (Logan County-Arkansas).

The library will be open 30 minutes before each monthly meeting. You may look at the magazines in the library, or take them with you. If you want to borrow them, please sign them out on the BAGS Sign

Five-Generation Chart: Georgia Research

by Neil Miserendino



While I write these articles to assist members in filling out their five-generation chart, I also want to feature genealogical sources that may

be unique to each state or country. Distinguished resources for Georgia genealogical research include the lists of land lotteries. These lotteries were held in 1805, 1820, 1821, 1827, and 1832. If you had an ancestor living in Georgia during those years, then you need to search the land lottery lists. In common with the other states, Georgia land deed records are held in the various counties. You will have to search the county records if you need to get genealogical information from a land deed.

Georgia is another state with state census records. Since the state census records exist for certain counties for the years from 1786 to 1890, you should look at

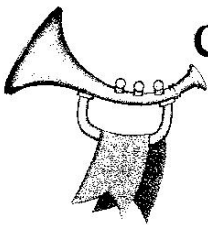
the published indexes of the state census records. If you are able to locate an ancestor in a census index, you can order a copy of the original record from the Georgia State Archives.

Because of the large number of Georgia residents who fought for the Confederacy, if you are searching for a male ancestor during the war years, you can search in the "Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia," which is an index in book form.

The Bay Area Genealogical Society members who are searching in Georgia for their ancestors are: Annette Bowen, Toi Bragg, Mary Brandhorst, Johnnye Carlson, Gay Carter, Mary Anne Clingan, Ginger Compton, Ron Cox, Glen Cress, Gloria Dupuy, Carolyn Farmer, Leslee Fehlmann, Rosanne Frazier, Tammy Frey, Susie Ganch, Nate Grimes, Ralph Hall, Carolyn Hellen, Judy Henderson, Resa Hennings, John Hoover, Nancy Irle, Cindy Jones, Joe Kastetter, Jeanine Lawrence, Ann Little, Billie Mayo, Katie Merritt, Kathryn Morrow, Lorna Nelson, Pauline Ohsie, Pat Overby, Norma Parnell, Mary Pearson, Jean Ponder, Betty Ratcliff, Paula Sinning, Stephanie Struby, Oletia Teas, Diane Thompson, Joanne Truman, Carole Varnado, Dick Warren, Al Welch, Delores White, Bill Whatley, Wanda Yelverton, Martha Fetterman, Lee Jared, and Gus Homann.



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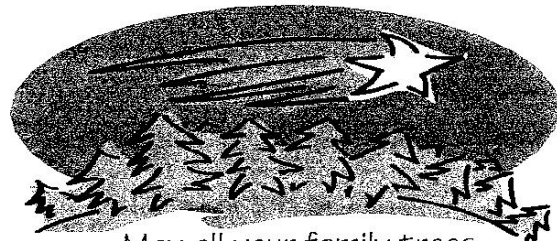


County Bus Program

Nancy Irle, County Coordinator

As a reminder, these are the upcoming BAGS trips on the East Harris County Buses: **Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003 - Rosenberg Archives and Library in Galveston, and Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2003 - State Archives and Library in Liberty.** Both depart from the Clear Lake Courthouse Annex at 9 am and return by 3 or 4 pm, so a sack lunch is suggested.

If you have any questions or wish to join the fun, research, and inexpensive travel, please contact Nancy Irle at 281-482-8261.



May all your family trees
branch towards the stars!



EXPANDING YOUR RESEARCH SKILLS

A Seminar by Trevia Wooster Beverly

Saturday, February 15, 2003 at University Baptist Church

Program

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Welcome Remarks
9:15 a.m. Research at the Clayton Library
10:30 a.m. Meet Mr. Draper and the Rev. Shane – Two important collections every researcher should be familiar with
11:30 a.m. Remarks from BAGS President, Carolyn Hellen
11:45 a.m. Lunch (Included in Registration Cost)
1:00 p.m. Information is Everywhere: Knowing How and Where to Look
2:15 p.m. Remembering the Days of Old
3:15 p.m. Adjourn

\$35.00 Pre-Registration (Received by Feb.7,2003) OR \$40.00 At the Door

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<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txbags/baygen.html>.



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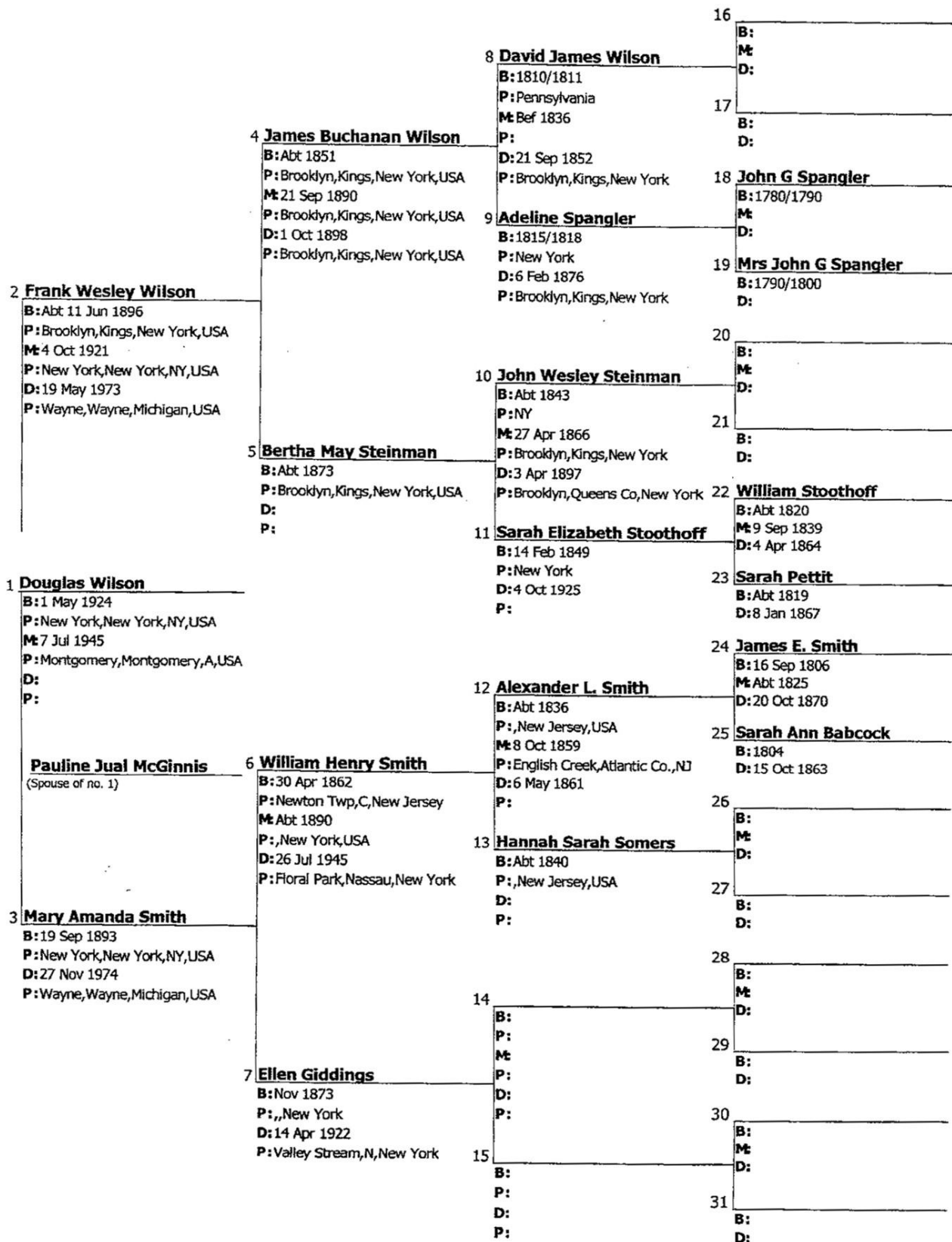
searched the 1880 census without this knowledge, and your people did not have a child under the age of ten, you might have thought they were not on the census.

For the past 28 years, the LDS Church has been compiling a record of the 1880 census, listing every person on the census. This is a valuable tool for researchers for more reason than one. If you could not find your ancestor but knew the state in which he was living and the fact that he was a blacksmith, you could search by that category in the state, and the program

would bring up every blacksmith in the state during 1880. You might find your ancestor with a name spelling you had not thought of.

When the U.S. census first came out, the 54 disks were for sale for \$49.95, and many people purchased them. With this free on-line service, it is easier than ever to access the 1880 United States census. And, if you have a Canadian ancestor, the Canadian 1881 census will also be of much benefit to your genealogy research.

Ancestors of Douglas Wilson



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): _____

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and doing other volunteer work at Clayton on this unusually busy day.

We are glad to have a fundraiser chairman, Alice Jones. You will be hearing a great deal from her in the new few months. The next fundraiser she has planned is the seminar on the 15th of February. Trevia Beverly is the featured speaker. She is an excellent speaker, and I know she will give an outstanding seminar. She was featured at the seminar at Angelina College in the spring and covered a great deal of information.

See you at the Holiday Party!

Carolyn



Upcoming Events Calendar

Dec. 29, 2002	BAGS General Meeting at 5:00 pm; University Baptist Church
Jan. 7, 2003	County Bus to Rosenberg Archives and Library in Galveston
Jan. 20, 2003	BAGS Board Meeting at 4:30 pm; University Baptist Church
Jan 26, 2003	BAGS General Meeting at 5:00 pm; University Baptist Church
Feb. 13, 2003	County Bus to State Archives and Library in Liberty
Feb. 15, 2002	Expanding Your Research Skills Seminar; Univ. Baptist Church
Feb.17, 2002	BAGS Board Meeting at 4:30 pm; University Baptist Church
Feb. 23, 2002	BAGS General Meeting at 5:00 pm; University Baptist Church

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Next Meeting

Date: December 29, 2002
Time: 5:00 P.M.
Place: University Baptist Church Great Room
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston
Speaker: Victor Lang
Subject: History of Galveston

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Check out the BAGS website at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txbags/baygen.html>.



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