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Working Without the 1890 Census

It seems without a doubt that each of us has some vital data missing from our research that the 1890 census would provide if only it were available. The presentation of our January speaker, Don Pusch, is entitled, "The 1890 Census: Sifting Through the Ashes." It will suggest some ways we can compensate for the missing data. Attendees will be provided a handout listing some "gap-filler" books and microfilm at Clayton Library.



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Don is a native Houstonian. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1965 and entered the United States Air Force. After his retirement as a lieutenant colonel, he moved to El Lago, where he and his wife now reside.

From 1989 to 1993, Don was editor of "Reflections," the newsletter of the Founders of Natchitoches. In 1992, he became editor of the Clayton Library Friends Newsletter. He served as president of that organization for the 2000-2001 year and currently serves as its treasurer. He has been a member of the board of directors for several years.

Don is a published author. Among his publications are "The Capture of the Chariot Royal," *Le Réveil Acadien*, 18:79-84; "Employees of the Marine in the Colony of Louisiana, 1759" *LGR*, 47:69-87; *Selected Papers of Winston De Ville* (editor); *Mississippi Valley Mélange*, vol. 4 (coeditor with Winston De Ville); and "The French Flûte *Fortune* and Her Encounter with the Slave Ship *Judy*," a talk given to the Paul Carrington Chapter SAR, Armed Forces Day, 2002.

It is hoped that some of you will skip the Super Bowl and be on hand to hear him tell what was lost and what was salvaged of the 1890 Federal Census.



December guest speaker, Victor Lang visits with Dick Warren, BAGS 2nd Vice President

From the President

by Carolyn Traweek Hellen



I hope each of you had a Christmas filled with joy, companionship, and love. Our Christmas was especially memorable because we were able to be with all three of our

children for the first time in years and were able to fellowship and spend time remembering years past. It seems the older I get, the more important this is to me. However, I can't say much for sunny California. The sergeant-at-arms and I were in the San Francisco area, and if any of you had watched the weather reports, you would have seen that it rained almost every single day. Our son lives in Salsalito, just on the other side of the Golden Gate Bridge. The weather would clear off at night, and the view was breathtaking. The sky would look like it had been washed, and the lights on the bridge and the skyline stood out like diamonds.

We spent Christmas Eve and Christmas day in Placerville, Ca., the place where gold was first discovered. We walked around Sutters Mill and visited the museum, seeing life as our ancestors saw it. We arrived home on Saturday evening just in time to get started on our costumes for the holiday party. **Wasn't it fun!** It was so great seeing each of you in a relaxed atmosphere where we were able to visit and learn more about one another. I hope the pictures turned out; I can hardly wait to see them. If you haven't brought your gift for the society yet, plan to do so at the next meeting. Ralph and Sue Hall spent the summer in Colorado, and Ralph is very

enthusiastic over what he was able to purchase for the society at a school sale. Please make copies or printouts of your research and place them in a manila folder. Label it with the most common surname. I would like to see a very full file cabinet; that is when we get one.

I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings. If you can drag yourself away from the television, be sure to be on hand to hear Don Pusch explain some of the ways to get around the loss of the 1890 census. It should be very interesting.

See you at the next meeting!

Carolyn

Family History Magazine Drive

The magazine drive for Everton's Family History magazine is drawing to an end. To date, we have sold 25 subscriptions and added \$232.73 to our treasury.

If you have not purchased a subscription, you will have another chance at the January meeting. For only \$28.95 a year, you will receive issues packed with expert tips, instructional articles, and information that can save you time and money in your research. Each issue features articles on every aspect of research all over the world to help you connect with your family. Also in each issue, you will find 4,000 plus indexed surnames, over 100 of the best web sites listed for genealogical information, and tricks to improve and

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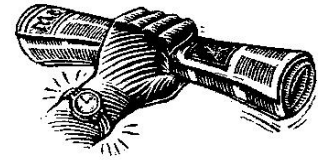
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Committee News



Hospitality Committee

Leslee Fehlman, Hospitality Chairperson

Due to our holiday party in December, we did not need people to bring the refreshments. I will resume calling eight members to bring either sandwiches, fruit salad, chips and dips, or dessert for the January meeting. I was pleased with the "light suppers" that were brought this last year. Thank you all so much!

Member Updates

Tammy Frey, Membership Chairman

Thanks to those of you who have made us aware when one of our members is in need of encouragement and support. I know there are others who could be listed here, but the following people have been recently mentioned to us. The Cox's have had an especially difficult time this past month as they are dealing with the deaths of two close family members. Please keep these fellow members in mind:
Illness or surgery: Carolyn Kvidera and Ann Julian;
Death in the family: Larry Chapman and Ron and Lynda Cox.

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 at tfrey99@hotmail.com or 281-286-1486.

Quarterly

Resa Hennings, Editor

The "Quarterly" is in need of original articles, research tips, family histories, anecdotes, and queries. We especially need queries. Please send your material to me at 439 Bayou View Drive, El Lago, Texas 77586 or by email to resa@resa.us.

Thanks to University Baptist Church

Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman

Our society is very blessed to be able to meet at University Baptist Church because of all the benefits they extend to us. Their state-of-the-art sound system allows our speakers and members to be heard clearly and the music to inspire us. They set up the rooms with chairs and tables and remove them when we finish. They provide a custodian to stay late and clean up after we leave. They publicize our meetings, provide last minute copying, and set out signs to direct visitors to our meeting place. They provide comfort when our members are in need and are always ready to assist in any way they can. With their white table clothes, real dishes, and table decorations, they helped make our holiday party tasteful and elegant.

These are just a few of the things University Baptist Church does for us of which you may not be aware. If you happen to see one of the staff members or helpers, take a few minutes to say thank you.

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preserve your family history documents and photos.

Not only will you enjoy reading the magazine, you will also be able to participate. Submit a compelling short story of your family history research, and if it is printed, Everton's will pay you \$50. Submit your story of research success, and if it is printed they will pay you \$75. You can also submit articles **for free** about your family association or upcoming family events.

And, best of all, if you subscribe from BAGS instead of buying at the newsstand, the society will receive 30% of the subscription, which is eventually spent on you. So bring your checkbook and order a subscription at the next meeting.

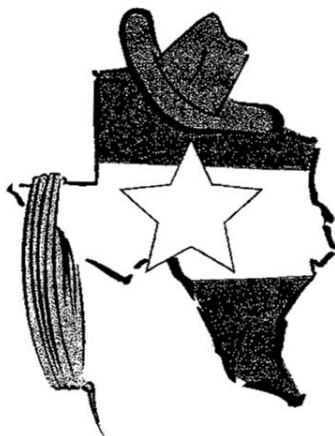
The Five Generation Chart - Texas Research

by Neil Miserendino

One big advantage our members have in Texas research is that many records can be reached in less than a day's drive. From Clayton Library in Houston, to the state archives in Austin, many state records are fairly nearby. The Clayton Library has such a rich collection of Texas records that you should first consult with one of their subject guides for Texas researchers. There are published inventories of many Texas counties that can save you time in finding the best genealogical sources. An uncommon resource for Texas researchers is the fact that Texas has some church records for the major religious denominations in state repositories, where access is possible. Also, city and county records are not only available at the county level, but microfilm copies are preserved at various Texas repositories.

Our society is planning a bus trip to the **State Archives and Library in Liberty**. If you are looking for a city or county record in Texas, join us for this trip. Trip details will be in the events calendar and mentioned in our monthly meetings.

Here is a list of members who are researching ancestors in Texas. You may want to share your experiences and help each other find more about your Texas ancestors. Members researching in Texas include: Larry Barner, Mary Drummond Brandhorst, Lowell H. Brigham, Doreen Brubaker, Martha Callery, Johnnye Carlson, Gay E. Carter, Larry & Marilyn Chapman, Don & Kay Cherry, Gerald & Maryanne Clingan, Ginger Compton, Leona Barber Cook, Flo C. Cox, Ron & Lynda Cox, Bill and Ann Davidson, Gloria Dupuy, Mary Engeling, Bill & Carolyn Farmer, Leslee Fehlman, Martha Fetterman, Joy Foster, Rosanne Frazier, Chuck & Tammy Frey, Douglas Fullilove, Marilyn S. Atkinson Ganch, Garry Garrett, Patty Goins, Nate Grimes, Ralph & Sue Hall,



Ronica Hall, Wayne & Joy Hampton, Ann Hausinger, Roy & Carolyn Hellen, Judy Henderson, Resa Hennings, Liz Hicks, Gus & Joan Homann, John E. Hoover, Marilyn Hughes, Nancy Maynard Irle, Cindy

Jones, Robert & Ann Julian, Joe & Dorsey Kastetter, Jeanine Lawrence, Judy Mayfield, Dianah Miller, Loren & Mary Martin, Russell & Jinny Mason, Billy C. Mayo, John & Patsy McCall, Kathleen H. McConathy, Mike & Sue McCowen, Jim & Hattie McKinley, Carol Moody, Michael & Kathryn Morrow, Lorna Nelson, Pauline Ohsie, Carole Lynn O'Neal, Rosemary Parks, Norma & Don Parnell, Mary E. Pearson,

Jean Ponder, Pete & Virginia Quattrini, Paula Sinning, Stephanie Bragg Struby, Bill & Oletia Teas, Diane S. Thompson, Deidre Thomson, Joanne Clinton Truman, Phillip Van Nordstrand, Will & Carole Varnado, Leo Waltz, Dick & Glenda Warren, Ed & Delores White, Doug & Polly Wilson.

Something New at Clayton

Clayton Library has added something new for your convenience. It is now possible to scan information from microfilm or microfiche. The Minolta machines in the upstairs microprint room will scan the microfilm or microfiche and save the image as a TIF file. If you are running MSWindows 95 or later on your computer, you should be able to view single-page and multi-page TIF images using the Wang Imaging for Windows software that is included with Microsoft Windows.

To use this feature, you **must** have your own ZIP disk to scan onto. Clayton does not sell these disks or have them to loan. The cost for scanning is 25 cents per page. The funds from scanning are used to help provide supplies and service for the equipment in this room. Instructions on how to use this new feature are available at Clayton Library.

EXPANDING YOUR RESEARCH SKILLS

A Seminar by Trevia Wooster Beverly

Saturday, February 15, 2003 at University Baptist Church

Program

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| 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 |

LAST CHANCE!

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

Mail check to: BAGS, Attn: Research Seminar, P.O. Box 891447, Houston, TX, 77289-1447


OR visit our website for a form: www.rootsweb.com/~txbags/baygen.html

OR call Carolyn Hellen at 281-486-0406.



Our Year At A Glance

by Carolyn Traweek Hellen, President



A new year always seems like the time to take stock and see how we have progressed and where we are headed. This is true for individuals as well as organizations. We are in the second quarter of our second year, and I continue to be amazed at the enthusiasm, dedication and hard work that everyone puts forth to see that this society continues.

Our goals the first year included getting organized and finding out what each job entailed. The election of a slate of officers and committee chairmen who were willing to give 110% enabled us to fulfill these goals.

One regret is that we will be losing Resa Hennings this year. She will be moving back to her hometown. Her efforts with the quarterly have been very appreciated. Finding someone to take her place will be difficult. Her move will also leave us without a first vice president. The quarterly was a goal for the first year that was met in a timely manner and one that has made us proud.

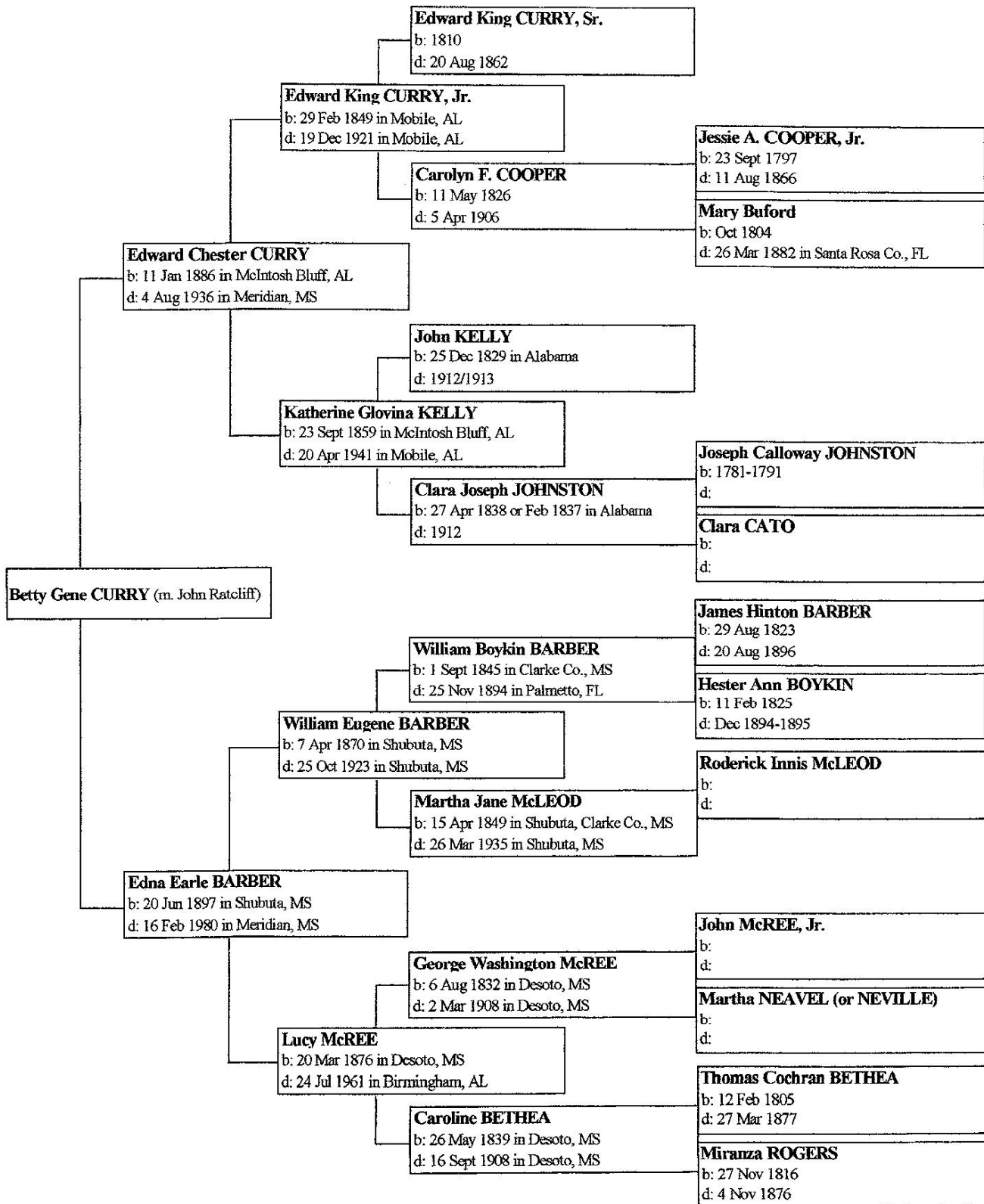
Engaging speakers to give us research knowledge and entertain us was a goal we had from the beginning. Second Vice President Dick Warren has spent sleepless nights trying to fulfill this goal, and I think you will all agree that he has done an outstanding job.

Diane Thompson did an outstanding job as recording secretary, and Carol Moody took her place with ease and grace. Carol, however, has had to resign, due to a family situation.

Without Tammy Frey, so much would go undone. She keeps in touch with our members who are ill, moving, bereaved, or have something special going on in their lives with cards and letters. Her attention to detail enables us to have a newsletter which provides us with a means of communication and of sharing new ideas, tips, and hints for new research. Linda Carrington has worked into the night on more than one occasion to see that the newsletter is on

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Ancestors of Betty Gene Curry (Ratcliff)



Bay Area Genealogical Society Membership Form

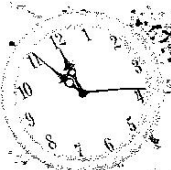
If you are interested in joining the Bay Area Genealogical Society, please fill out this form and send it with your check for \$10 for full-time student, \$20 for individual, \$25 for family, or \$30 for businesses and organizations. Make your check payable to **Bay Area Genealogical Society** and send 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

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Our Year continued



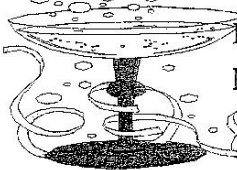
time, professionally laid out, and something of which we can be proud. Thanks to the efforts of our distributors, we are able to send out the newsletter in a timely manner.

Without Dottie Crabb and Neil Miserendino, getting organized might not have been accomplished. Their attention to detail, Dottie as treasurer and Neil as registrar, has kept the society and myself on the straight and narrow, keeping the society's checkbook and records in top-notch condition, always doing what needs to be done without prodding or fanfare.

Education is another one of our primary goals which has been fulfilled through our Family Tree Maker Seminar, our speakers, our publications, and our speaking engagements. Through social hour at the meetings, covered dish dinners, holiday parties, and working together, we have come to know one another better and have been able to make new and lasting friends. I feel that we have progressed and have more than met our goals.

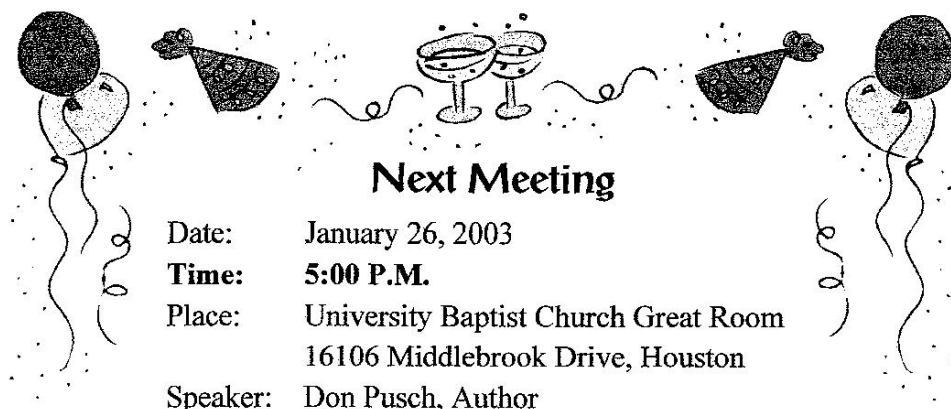
As this new year progresses, we plan to publish our cookbook, make inroads into the Jack Rowe Funeral Home project, produce another yearbook, continue with our quarterlies and newsletters, produce an outstanding seminar, and set more goals that will help us grow and prosper. I feel we are headed for another outstanding year, and with your help nothing is impossible.

Upcoming Events Calendar



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. 18 , 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
Mar. 24, 2003	BAGS Board Meeting at 4:30 pm; University Baptist Church
Mar. 30, 2003	BAGS General Meeting at 5:00 pm; University Baptist Church

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Next Meeting

Date: January 26, 2003
Time: 5:00 P.M.
Place: University Baptist Church Great Room
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston
Speaker: Don Pusch, Author
Subject: Working Without the 1890 Census

This newsletter is a monthly publication of the Bay Area Genealogical Society. All officers are volunteers. Articles on genealogy are most welcome. Inclusion is based on space available and material is subject to editing. Mail submissions to: BAGS, P.O. Box 891447, Houston, TX 77289-1447 or email to tfrey99@hotmail.com.

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Check out the BAGS website at:
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