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Document Preservation, Our Gift to the Future

The April meeting of BAGS will cover a subject dear to the heart of any genealogist or historian -- preservation of materials. We all appreciate having access to records from years ago that have been carefully preserved through the forethought of previous generations. Though our focus tends to be much on the past, it is important that we also look toward the future and to those who may one day benefit from materials we take the care to preserve today. To help us learn more about how to do this, speaker Teri Little will be joining us on April 27th.

Teri is the president of Chaparral Genealogical Society in Tomball, Texas, and is the historian for Perry Cemetery and Historical Association. She is very interested in cemetery preservation and documentation, having assisted 80 small family cemeteries in NW Harris County with things such as locating unmarked graves, writing historical marker applications, and clarification of cemetery laws. Teri has even testified in Austin regarding the plight of our historic cemeteries in Texas. Along with Trevia Wooster Beverly and the Harris County Historical Commission, Teri was instrumental in bringing together these cemeteries for the first Cemetery Symposium in NW Harris County. Teri and Trevia also taught a lecture series last year for the Houston Forum called The Day of Death.

Teri's personal interest in genealogy began upon her marriage to a fifth generation native of Cy-Fair, whose family settled the area. She is now a member of DAR and is eligible for Colonial Dames, U.S. Daughters of 1812, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy -- if she ever has enough free time to complete the application forms! Through her mother, who was born and raised in England, Teri is also eligible for the Daughters of the British Empire.

Be sure to join us on April 27th to hear Teri Little's presentation. She will share information on how to preserve photos, papers, certificates, and more. This promises to be a helpful and informative meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.



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From the President

by Carolyn Traweek Hellen



As I sit here in the Butler County Alabama Genealogical Library, I am reminded of the freedoms bestowed upon Americans. Because our ancestors left their homelands, enduring much hardship so that they could be free from persecution, we can also enjoy our freedom. We have the freedom to travel from one place to another without permission or duress. This freedom allowed me to travel to Montgomery, Alabama, to seek a death certificate for my grandmother and to go to county courthouses for other records.

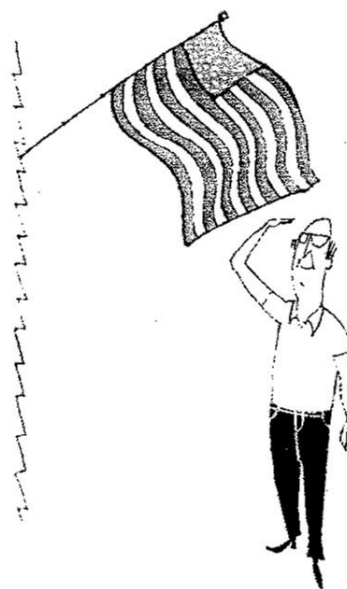
We have the freedom to express our displeasure over decisions made by state, federal, and local governments. We can protest acts that may restrict information about our ancestors' records or question decisions to close archives that maintain these records. Freedom is something we take for granted until it is threatened.

Now our country is at war, a war that many disapprove of and many others support. We even have the freedom to do this. However, now is not the time to show displeasure with marches and public protests criticizing our President and making a mockery of our freedom. Now is the time to show solidarity, regardless of our feelings.

It is a time for prayer and support for the brave women and men who fight for the cause of freedom, the same way our forefathers fought to preserve their freedom. Now is the time for each of us to stand up and be counted, to say we support these women and men and that we will do our part to see that these loved ones return home safe and sound. To quote the many billboards in the military town of Montgomery, Alabama, "GOD BLESS AMERICA - UNITED WE STAND."

See you at the next meeting,

Carolyn



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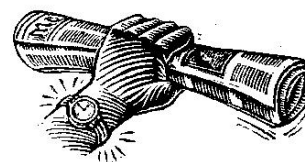
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Committee News



Hospitality Report

Leslee Fehlman, Chairman

The following members brought refreshments to the March meeting: Gloria Dupuy, Sue Ann McCown, Mary Ann Clingan, Tammy Frey, Resa Hennings, Lowell Brigham, Jeanine Lawrence, and Patsy McCall. Many "Thanks" to all of you. We have had many compliments and I really do appreciate all your efforts.



Supporting Our Members

Tammy Frey, Corresponding Secretary

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

Quarterly

Resa Hennings, Editor

Please submit your original articles, research tips, family histories, anecdotes, and queries for publication in the Quarterly. Send them to Resa Hennings, 439 Bayou View Drive, El Lago, TX 77586, or by email to resa@resa.us.

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More Upcoming Genealogical Events

"German Ancestry from Quill Pen to Cyberspace", 2003 National Conference of Palatines to America:

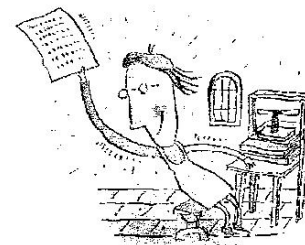
June 19-21, 2003 in Columbus, OH. Send email to sjbhall@aol.com or go to:

www.palam.org/conf/2003conf.htm.

"A Southern Perspective on the American Experience", Dallas Genealogical Society:

June 19-22, 2003 in Dallas, TX. Go to: www.dallasgenealogy.org or email to

info@dallasgenealogy.org.



The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Summer Camp for Family Historians:

June 23-27, 2003 in Philadelphia, PA. Go to: libertynet.org/~gspa.

Virginia Genealogical Society Institute of Genealogical Research, July 6-10, 2003 in Richmond, VA.

Go to: www.vgs.org/events.htm or telephone 804-285-8954.

South Carolina Genealogical Society – 32nd Annual Summer Workshop, July 11-12, 2003 in Columbia, SC. Telephone 813-282-5212 or go to: www.scgen.org.

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society "Unearthing Our Ancestors" featuring Hank Jones, October 24-26, 2003 in Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada. Go to: www.rootsweb.com/~sksgs/2003_seminar.htm.

Regional In-Depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGS) in cooperation with the National Archives

Southwest Region – Workshop, October 27-31, 2003 in Fort Worth, TX Contact

info@RIGSAlliance.org or go to www.RIGSAlliance.org.

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Three Trips to Libraries Planned

Mary Martin, Coordinator

There are three trips to local libraries planned for BAGS. We will meet in front of the **Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana** and travel via the Harris County Bus. This is a **change in the meeting place**, due to construction at the courthouse annex. We will depart for the libraries at 9:00am, leave the libraries at 3:00pm, and plan to be back to the center around 4:00pm. These are the remaining scheduled trips:

1) Wednesday, April 30, 2003, Clayton Library,

2) Monday, June 30, 2003, George Memorial Library in Richmond, and

3) Tuesday, July 29, 2003, Clayton Library.

There will be a sign-up sheet for all the trips on the table in the back of the room at the monthly general meetings. Call Mary Martin at 281-332-2435 if you would like to sign up or have any questions.

English Research

by Neil Miserendino

The "mother lode" of records is contained in the church records of England. These records of baptisms, marriages, and burials were common in the late sixteenth century. Transcript copies of these records exist (sometimes with indexes) and may be accessible in the United States.

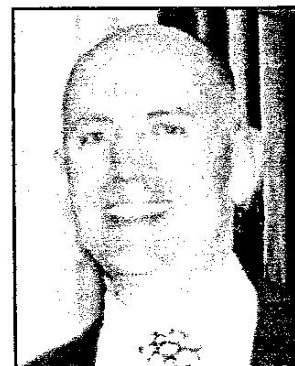
To get back far enough in your genealogical research of English records, it is helpful to know something about them. The civil records were recorded in the 1800s. The government started regular censuses in 1801, but the first genealogically useful census is considered to be the census of 1841. Because of the many active genealogical societies in England and the work of individual researchers, you may be able to locate census records using the various published surname indexes of the English censuses. The census records in England have a policy of sealing records for 100 years. If your English ancestral records were more recent, then you need to research other records.

The other records available are military records, church records, business records, and various governmental records - such as tax records. As we all know, it is hard to avoid taxes.

So even if your ancestors did not own land, they should have appeared on the tax rolls.

Civil registrations followed the European pattern where near-universal record keeping began in the 1800s. Because the civil registrations of births, marriages, and deaths are extensively indexed, they may be easily searched. Of course, since we have no language barrier, we have an advantage in being able to read and comprehend the more recent records. We can access some of the English genealogical magazines at Clayton library. Without needing translation services, we can write letters for obtaining copies of records. There are quite a lot of English records available on the internet, but many are only accessible via paid subscription.

If you are interested in English research, be sure to come to the May meeting. Marje Harris is scheduled to talk on this topic at our May 25th meeting. More information about this meeting will be in next month's newsletter.



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7th New England Genealogical Conference. "New England, America's Melting Pot". November 6-9, 2003 in North Falmouth, MA. Go to www.rootsweb.com/~manerge/conference_information.htm.

GENTECH 2004, January, 22-24, 2004 in St. Louis, MO. Go to: www.gentech.org/ngsgentech/main/Home.asp.

Ancestors of Linda Jean Matson (Carrington)

2 Ronald Claude MATSON B: 29 Sep 1926 P: Fabius, Onondaga, NY M: 16 Sep 1961 P: Syracuse, Onondaga, NY D: P:	4 Lawrence Bertrum MATSON B: 30 Aug 1902 P: New Berlin, Chenango, NY M: 8 Feb 1924 P: Lafayette, Onondaga, NY D: Abt Apr 1971 P: Lafayette, Onondaga, NY	8 Joseph H. MATSON B: Apr 1873 P: PA M: Abt 1898 P: NY D: 25 Dec 1930 P: NY	16 Albert MATSON B: Abt 1844 M: Abt 1864 D: Btwn 1876-1880
			17 Elizabeth ? B: Abt 1847 D:
1 Linda Jean MATSON B: 11 Aug 1962 P: Syracuse, Onondaga, NY M: 16 Aug 1986 P: Vail, Pima, AZ D: P:	5 Frances Irene FULLER B: 8 Feb 1906 P: Lafayette, Onondaga, NY D: 2 Jan 1983 P: Lafayette, Onondaga, NY	9 May N. BENNETT B: 15 Nov 1879 P: Fabius, Onondaga, NY D: Jan 1972 P: St. Lawrence, Jefferson, NY	18 Judson BENNETT B: M: D:
			19 Zetta PORTER B: D:
Thomas Earl CARRINGTON (Spouse of no. 1)	6 James William NUGENT B: 5 Feb 1909 P: Syracuse, Onondaga, NY M: 12 Dec 1936 P: Syracuse, Onondaga, NY D: 14 Feb 1989 P: Liverpool, Onondaga, NY	10 Claude M. FULLER B: Jun 1881 P: Lafayette, Onondaga, NY M: Abt 1903 P: NY D: 1946 P: NY	20 Andrew FULLER B: Sep 1828 M: 1876 D: 1900
			21 Julia CLARK B: Apr 1842 D: 1908
3 Nancy Anne NUGENT B: 26 Sep 1939 P: Syracuse, Onondaga, NY D: P:	7 Lucy Gertrude MCLAUGHLIN B: 25 Jul 1915 P: Norwich, Chenango, NY D: Jul 1989 P: Liverpool, Onondaga, NY	11 Nellie M. BAKER B: P: NY D: P: NY	22 B: M: D:
			23 B: D:
		12 James Frances NUGENT B: Nov 1884 P: NY M: Abt 1907 P: D: 1922 P: NY	24 James NUGENT B: Jan 1858 M: Abt 1878 D: Bef 1910
			25 Mary B: Jun 1859 D:
		13 Margaret GUILFOIL B: Abt 1883 P: NY D: P:	26 B: M: D:
			27 B: D:
		14 Frank W. MCLAUGHLIN B: Abt 1890 P: NY M: Abt 1914 P: D: 1928 P: NY	28 B: M: D:
			29 B: D:
		15 Marian Estelle CRAIG B: 20 Jun 1897 P: New Berlin, Chenango, NY D: 14 Dec 1987 P: Minoa, Onondaga, NY	30 James Herbert CRAIG B: 31 Mar 1874 M: 23 Sep 1896 (Div) D:
			31 Gertrude D. MCINTIRE B: 19 Sep 1873 D:

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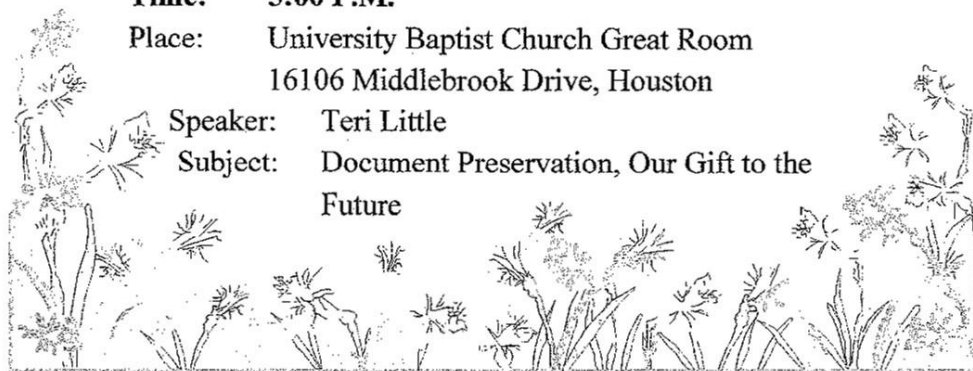
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Next Meeting

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Time: 5:00 P.M.
Place: University Baptist Church Great Room
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston
Speaker: Teri Little
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