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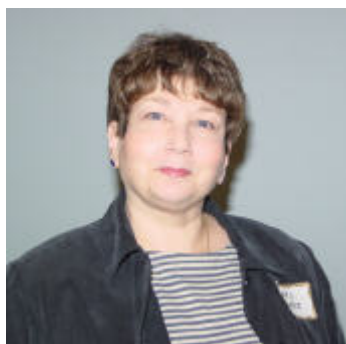
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October Meeting: Marje Harris will present "Stepping Back in Time – Problem Solving"

The Bay Area Genealogical Society is fortunate to have Marje Harris, Manager of Clayton Library, the genealogical research unit of the Houston Public Library, as guest speaker on October 26th. Her talk will be Stepping Back in Time - Problem Solving.



Marje Harris

Photo courtesy of Lowell Brigham

Not only is Marje Harris knowledgeable, having obtained an MLS (Master of Library Science) from Texas Woman's University and a BA in Library Science/Education from the University of North Texas, she is an entertaining speaker. Her credentials are varied, from certified Genealogical Records Searcher, to teacher at Rice University's continuing education program and Houston Community College.

Ms. Harris continues her personal education by taking classes from the National Genealogical Society, the Institute for Genealogical Research, the Houston Genealogical Institute, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and she has completed the genealogical Home Study Program through the National Genealogical Society.

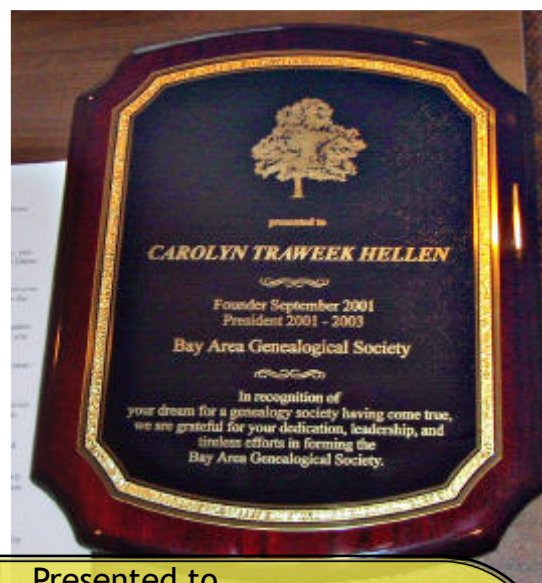
Her interest includes many patriotic and hereditary societies. She is a member of Colonial Dames of America, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Magna Carta Dames, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

Ms. Harris has worked for the Houston Public Library for twenty-seven years and at Clayton Library for twenty-two years. She is qualified to speak on any genealogy subject and on the Clayton Library. She has spoken on Colonial Records of Virginia; Introduction to Research in England; Afro-American Research; Immigration, Naturalization and Migration; Civil War Research; Probate Records; Research in Texas During the Time of Spain and Mexico; Migration Trails; Military Records; Problem Solving Techniques and many more topics.

The meeting is open to the public and will be held at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake City at 5:00 on Sunday afternoon, October 26, 2003. The Society now boasts of more than two hundred members. If you are a beginner it will help you get started, if you are experienced it will help you overcome brick walls. For more information about the meeting or the society call Dick Warren 281-461-1472.

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Presented to
Carolyn Traweek Hellen
 Founder 2001
 President 2001-2003
 Bay Area Genealogical Society

In recognition of
 your dream for a genealogy society having come true,
 we are grateful for your dedication, leadership,
 and tireless efforts in forming the
 Bay Area Genealogical Society.

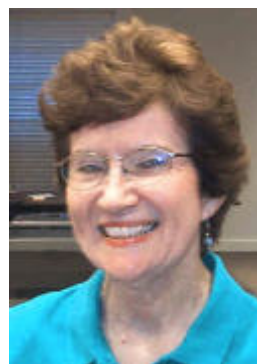
Carolyn receives plaque from Doug Wilson Sept 28, 2003. Inscription wording shown on right.

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 August meeting.

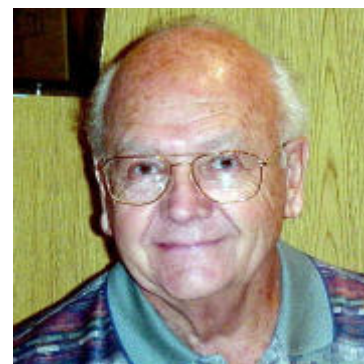
Last month we
 featured photos of four
 of the new officers.
 This month we have
 photos of the other
 three:



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Give to Get

From the President Neil Miserendino

Today I am writing about "giving to get." Many times we overlook the need to give. Perhaps it is because you feel it will take too much time or too much money. That is not true.

After tropical storm Allison, I ran into someone who was a research scientist at the Medical Center downtown. I remembered how the buildings at the Medical Center experienced flooding in their basements. As you may recall, the basements were where the medical research laboratories were located. The news reported years of research were lost because of the flooding.

Making conversation, I said that must have been terrible. She explained to me that it was bad, but not necessarily as bad as reported. Some researchers had habits where they regularly shared their work with other people around the country. While their research suffered some setbacks, those researchers that shared their work, even before their research was complete, were able to recover most of what was lost.

She further stated that those researchers who did not share just suffered a loss. To paraphrase her words, "I feel bad for those researchers who did not share their work because they lost more and may not be able to recover from the loss. But I do not feel too bad." She meant that those researchers who did not share in this case suffered the full loss. Those researchers that shared received the gift of being able to recover their work.

As a result of that conversation, I re-examined my family research. I had accumulated my family research and planned to present it to my relatives after I produced a book. Now, I realize that was wrong. I made copies of my research and gave it to other relatives. I now know by giving my relatives my genealogical research, even though the research is in progress, I am getting the security of having backup storage.

Aside from the security of knowing that you will not have to research twice in an event of an emergency, I would guess that many members have received documents, pictures, and memorabilia from other relatives. Just by sharing (giving) that they are researching the family tree.

For example, my family never had pictures of my great-grandparents. I shared my research with an aunt and she sent me pictures of my great-grandparents. I never knew those pictures existed. I definitely "got by giving."

I hope all of our members can relate another story where they have given research or knowledge and received something in return. If not, no matter how much or how little research you have, I encourage you to "give to get."

Here is a little tip to keep track of what documents you have shared. On the back of the copies of your documents, write down the person with whom you shared the document. For example, if you gave a second copy of your grandparents' birth records to your cousin Sue, write down "cousin Sue" on the back of your copies. This giving can encourage other relatives to participate in researching the family tree, so you will get help even without asking for it.

I have heard of instances where one member has received help from another member. While this giving and receiving may not be a direct exchange, our total society in general is receiving a benefit. We are receiving a benefit because the total research of our members is increasing.

Another area where our members can "give to get" is volunteering. By volunteering at Clayton Library here is what you will get. Clayton will continue to be open more hours to be more accessible to you and other people. You have already spent the time to go to Clayton. Therefore, when your volunteer hours are over, you will get the opportunity to research at one of the finest genealogical libraries in the country.

To reach Volunteer Services at Clayton, go to the website <http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton/> or call (832)393-1481.

So remember that you can "give to get."

Outside of the main topic, I thank Jan Miller for her help in getting the list of members who wished to receive the newsletter by e-mail. She called as many of you as possible and corrected phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Genealogy Research in Tennessee

By Neil Miserendino

The State of Tennessee archives web site is:

<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/tslahome.htm>



There is no state census for Tennessee. To get census information for the period prior to when Tennessee became a state you may consult one of these books:

Partial Census of 1787 to 1791 of Tennessee as Taken from the North Carolina Land Grants by Lucy Kate McGhee

1770-1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements: Davidson, Sumner and Tennessee Counties by Richard C. Fulcher.

Tennessee has been included in the national census since 1810. The national censuses for the years 1810 and 1820 only list a few counties for Tennessee. Some information for the mostly destroyed national census of 1890 can be found in: Enumeration of Male Inhabitants of Twenty-one Years of Age and Upward, citizens of Tennessee, January 15, 1891 by Sue S. Reed. (Note: the complete title is much longer.)

The best way to search the censuses for the years 1810 to 1870 is to consult the Tennessee statewide surname indexes that have been published.

For anyone researching in Tennessee, my highest recommendation is to get the Research

Outline for Tennessee that is available from the Family History Library. At a cost of \$1.00 it is a great help and is organized to tell you what to do. This research guide contains a research record table that can help any researcher get organized.

For example, you want to find the children of an ancestor. The research table tells you to look in Vital Records, Church Records, Newspapers, or Obituaries. Then you can search Census, Military Records, Naturalization and Citizenship records or Cemeteries. Further in the research guide is information about how or where you can get the Vital Records, Church records, etc.

Even for members who do not research in Tennessee, you can use the research table as found in the *Tennessee Research Outline* to organize your research in other states. I will bring the Research Outline to the October meeting. I will spend a minute to hold up the Research Outline. During the social hour, I will put the *Tennessee Research Outline* on a table to the side so that our members can get an in-person demonstration of what I am writing about.

message from the Registrar

Many of you have not renewed your membership. If you want to re-new or join our Society, send a check for \$20 (single membership) or \$25 (for a family) made out to "BAGS" to this address

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Events Calendar	unless noted otherwise, all meetings are held at University Baptist Church (UBC) 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059 (Clear Lake City)
Monday, Oct 20, 2003	BAGS Board* Meeting at 4:30; Room 329, UBC * Members are encouraged to attend the Board Meetings
Sunday Oct 26, 2003	BAGS General Meeting at 5:00; Chapel, UBC "Stepping Back in Time – Problem Solving" with Marje Harris
Wednesdays	Heritage Scrapbook Workshop, work anytime from 2-8pm, Rm 209-210, UBC
Sundays	BAGS classes, 2-4pm, varied topics, to be announced at next General Meeting.

Upcoming non-BAGS Events

Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8, 2003: Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference. Hilton Austin Airport Hotel, 9515 New Airport Drive, Austin, Texas 78719. Hotel #: (512)-385-6767.

Saturday, November 15, 2003: Clayton Library Annual meeting at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, Houston. Start time: 10:00am (one block east of Beltway 8 between Richmond Avenue and Westpark Drive). <http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton/clf.html>

Grab your BAGS & Join us at the Family History Library Salt Lake City, Utah

BAGS will travel to Salt Lake City February 4-11, 2004 for a week of research and genealogical camaraderie. To take advantage of the best air-fares and hotel rates, we plan to depart Houston Hobby on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 and return on Wednesday, February 11, 2004

The Best Western - Plaza Hotel (immediately adjacent to the Family History Center) will be our Headquarters and will sponsor a genealogical seminar for our group. 6 nights = \$65.00** per double room per night plus tax. An orientation of the Family History Library will be conducted by FHL personnel and assistance given to those with special research challenges.

Doug and Polly Wilson, who research frequently at the Family History Center, have graciously agreed to do a seminar for us on "How to Plan for your Research at the Family History Center". Details on this in the very near future. It is important to begin your research plan now to maximize your time at the Family History Center.

Southwest Airfares to Salt Lake

Southwest has their internet special to and from Salt Lake for February 4/11 for \$141 each way this week. This is a very good rate considering it was \$200. each way last week!

Flights listed on the internet for February will be the most current and they will be:

February 4, 2004

SWA 644/2055 departing HOU 8:40 a.m. arriving SLC 1:15 p.m. Changes in Las Vegas with no other stops

--OR--

SWA 675/925 departing HOU 9:20 a.m. arriving SLC 2:40 p.m. Changes in Albuquerque and makes one stop

February 10th or 11th (or later)

SWA 2615 departing SLC 11:15 a.m. arriving HOU 4:00 p.m. one stop, no change

--OR--

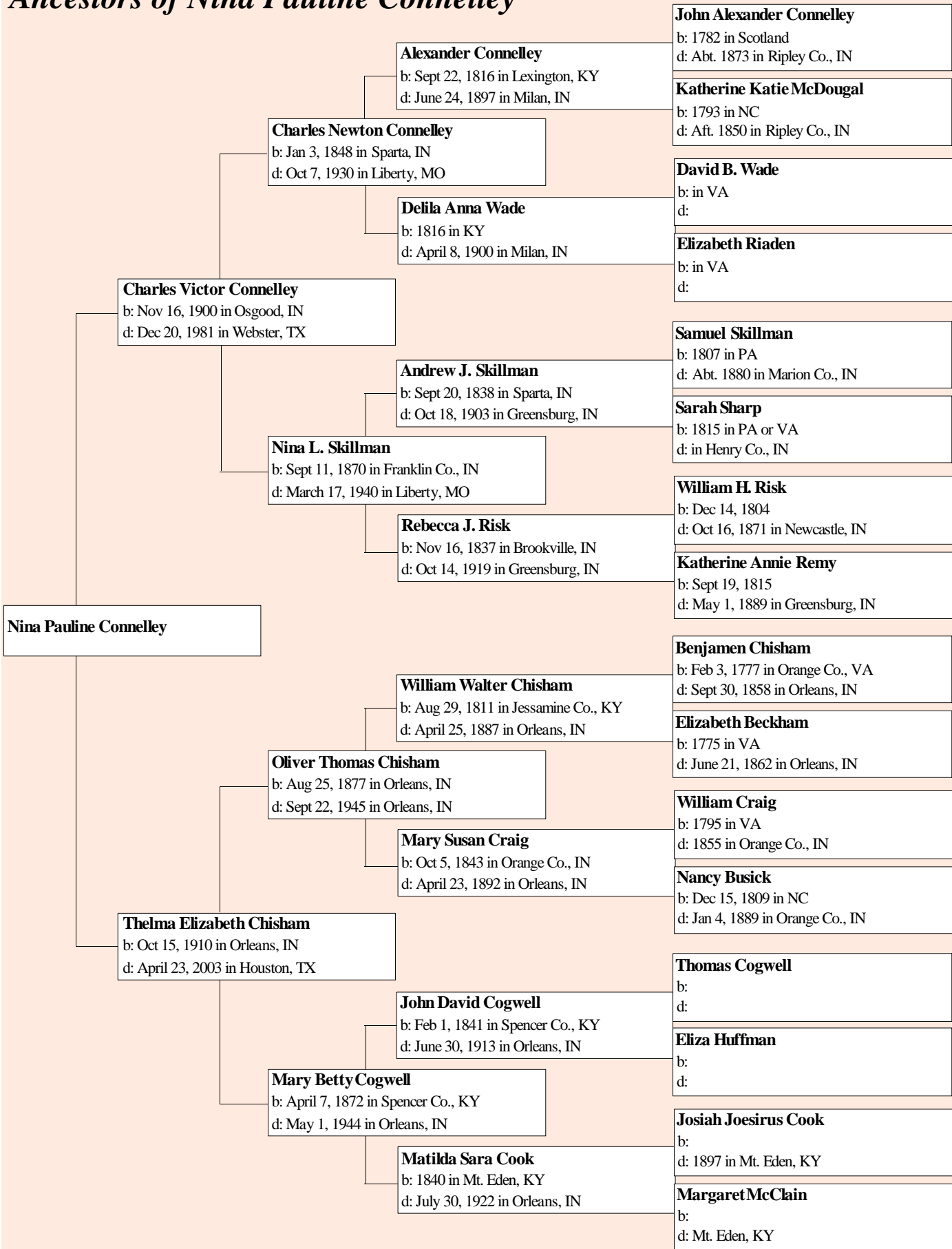
SWA 1618 departing SLC 11:35 a.m. arriving HOU 5:05 p.m. one stop, no change

Questions??? email:

genealijonz@houston.rr.com or
lbcook@houston.rr.com

**\$65.00 + Tax Rate = 5 nights at \$79.00 + Tax, with the 6th night free. Nights 1-5 and 7 through the 11 are at \$79.00 + tax per double room per night. Night 12 would be free. Guests may extend their stay past the above departure date at the group rate.

Ancestors of Nina Pauline Connelley



Committee News

Library Trips Planned on the Harris County Bus

Mary L. Martin, County Coordinator

Three library trips to the Clayton Library have been planned until March 2004. The scheduled trips are:

1. Wednesday, November 5, 2003
2. Monday, February 23, 2004
3. Wednesday, March 17, 2004

We will meet in front of the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Street. We will depart in the county bus at 9:00 a.m. and leave the Clayton Library at 3:00 p.m. We will be back at the Community Center by 4:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, and we will eat in the snack room at the library. There are drinks and chips in the snack room.

It is possible that we can change one of these trips to another library. I need to give the East Harris County Bus people about two weeks notice of a change. Other libraries that have been suggested are: George Memorial Library in Richmond, Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Beaumont, Lake Charles Library, and Montgomery County Library in Conroe. If you have a special interest in a library or would like to go on the bus to the libraries, please let me know at (281) 332-2435. There will also be sign up sheets in the back of the meeting room at the general meetings.



Attention: If you are a **BAGS member** reading this newsletter on a printed paper copy that was mailed to your postal address, then you should be aware of the following:

- This and future issues are available in electronic format as a PDF file.
- You may not receive a future postal mailed copy unless you do not have Internet access and have submitted your request to continue receiving a paper copy. You may request by signing a sheet at the next General Meeting, or drop us a postcard if you are unable to attend.

Quarterly

The Quarterly needs your input! Please submit original articles, family histories, anecdotes, queries, research tips, Letters to the Editor...just whatever you have that will be of interest to the membership. Send them to Resa Hennings at: 439 Bayou View Drive, El Lago, TX 77586 or <resa@resa.us>.

Hospitality

We thank the following people for bringing in food for the September 2003 meeting:

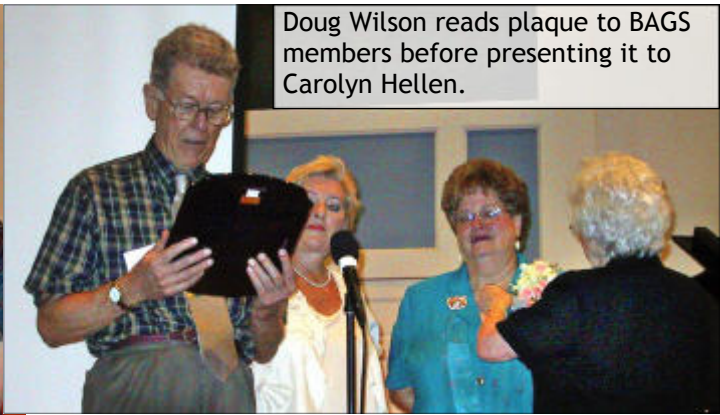
Ginger Compton	Kathleen McConathy
Nina Connelley	Pat Bates
Rosanne Frazier	Mary Kimzey
Jan Miller	Ann Fogelman
Jackie Wittschen	Gwen Welsh

Five Generation Charts Needed!

When you joined BAGS, you were asked to submit a five generation chart. While many of you have done so, there are some who still have not and some who would like to update their information. If you are unsure of the format, look at a Newsletter or Quarterly. In each edition of the Newsletter and Quarterly a member's five generation chart is published. You may look at these for an example. Many of you use genealogy software which will print a chart similar to this. If not, we have blank forms that you can complete by hand. As you can see, many people do not have information on every one of their ancestors so far back. That doesn't matter; just include what you know so far. If you do not want your five generation chart to be published, make a note on it. You are encouraged to turn in an updated chart if you have more current information. On the back of your chart, please indicate the date it was completed and, for married women, the current surname. Charts may be given to Tammy Frey, tfrey99@hotmail.com.



New BAGS Officers with Past President
 Back: Linda Goerland, Ron Cox, Shirley Lindquist.
 Front: Resa Hennings, Neil Miserendino, Carolyn
 Hellen, Mary Martin. Not pictured: Dick Warren



Doug Wilson reads plaque to BAGS members before presenting it to Carolyn Hellen.



Carolyn "builds" the new board one element at a time.



Karen Stanley was the featured speaker.

Online Newsletter fills address area with these pictures from Sept meeting.

Next Meeting

Date: Oct. 26, 2003
 Time: 5:00 PM
 Place: Chapel, University Baptist Church
 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX
 Speaker: Marje Harris
 Manager, Clayton Library
 Subject: "Stepping Back in Time - Problem Solving"



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www.TxBayAreaGen.org

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Articles on genealogy are most welcome. Inclusion is based on space available and material is subject to editing. If articles are copyrighted, then please include permissions with the submittals.

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 November 8, 2003**