



Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter

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May Meeting: Irene Walters will present "Researching in New York"

May 30
5 pm,
at UBC



Irene B. Walters was born and raised in rural New York State. She earned a Master of Library Science degree from the State University of New York (SUNY), located in Buffalo. She has been a librarian at the Houston Public Library's Clayton Library for Genealogical Research since 1997. Her interest in genealogy extends back to her years as a teenager, and encompasses much onsite research within New York State's court houses, town clerk's offices,

historical societies, churches, libraries and archives. Her personal genealogical research is concentrated in New York State, France and Ireland.

Please join us for Irene's presentation on May 30th, at 5:00pm. This month's meeting will be held in the Chapel of University Baptist Church.

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8th ANNUAL ANGELINA COLLEGE GENEALOGY CONFERENCE
Thursday - Saturday, July 22 - 24, 2004

Local Speakers include:

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The Federation of Genealogical Society 2004 National Conference will be held September 8-11, in Austin Texas. The Texas State Genealogical Society and the Austin Genealogical Society are Co-hosting this Conference, and our goal is to bring a National Conference to Texas for all levels of genealogy. We have not had a national conference in Texas since 1997, and we invite you to come and enjoy these educational, entertaining, and outstanding speakers, as well as visit the best vendors that are available in genealogy. Dean Hunter, President of FGS, will open the conference with sessions on "Society Support." The sessions are to help societies increase their membership, publish their records, budgeting and planning, managing the business, and much more. There is also a track given by the Association of Professional Genealogists that will give you information on becoming a professional speaker, research genealogist, and answer questions about APG. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be nationally known speakers in a variety of subjects. You are sure to find something that interests you.

For more information, visit the conference web site at

<http://www.fgs.org/2004conf/FGS-2004.htm> or call 1-888-FGS-1500 toll-free.

Postal mail: Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940.

For questions about this event you may contact Betty Dunquez at Bdunquez@aol.com, and the TSGS District Representative is Darwin Gilmore (281-332-1395) for local information or inquiries.

Events Calendar	All meetings are held at University Baptist Church (UBC)
Monday, May 24, 2004	4:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting; Room LC-210, UBC
Sunday, May 30, 2004	5:00 pm BAGS General Meeting; Chapel, UBC Irene Walters on researching in New York
Monday, June 21, 2004	4:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting; Room LC-210, UBC
Sunday, June 27, 2004	5:00 pm BAGS General Meeting; Great Room, UBC
Wednesday, June 29, 2004	9:00 am Library trip to the George Memorial Library in Richmond Meet in front of the Clear Lake Community Assoc. and Rec Center at 16511 Diana. See page 7.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Now that we have been in operation for a few years, the current practices and Texas requirements indicates some changes to the bylaws are needed. The proposed amendments are located on page 4 and 5 of this issue.

Please bring a copy of the original bylaws, along with the amendments in this issue, for questions at the May Meeting. A copy may be found in the 2004 yearbook, or on the BAGS website. A very limited amount of original bylaw copies will be available at the May general meeting.

These six amendments will be read at the May 2004 general meeting, and there will be a question and answer period on the agenda. Voting on the amendments will occur at the June general meeting. Members choosing to Absentee vote must mail their ballot to BAGS no later than Tuesday, June 15th, in order to be counted. Members voting by mail can copy the ballot below, write in their name, circle their choice, and mail it to:

Bay Area Genealogical Society - Amendments
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2004 BAGS BYLAWS AMENDMENT BALLOT

Member Name:	Circle One	
Amendment 1: Remove the membership classification of "Student".	YES	NO
Amendment 2: Require the President to submit a Texas Franchise Tax Public Information Report.	YES	NO
Amendment 3: Require the Treasurer to submit a Texas Franchise Tax Report.	YES	NO
Amendment 4: Remove the unnecessary use of "Director" and "at large" from the bylaws.	YES	NO
Amendment 5: Change "Membership card" to "nametag".	YES	NO
Amendment 6: Start the election process earlier in the year.	YES	NO

Amendment 1: Remove the membership classification of Student.

Specifically located in Article I Membership Section 3, this amendment will remove the line:

A. Student (any person attending school full time) \$10

Recommendation on how to vote on amendment 1: The Board of the Society recommends a vote in favor of removing the classification of Student. We do not have any student members and the price of \$10 is too low to pay for the cost of membership. If this amendment passes, a student would have to join as either an individual member or as part of a family membership.

Amendment 2: Require the President to submit a Texas Franchise Tax Public Information Report.

In Article IV DUTIES OF BOARD Section 2 President add the sentence:

"Upon installation of the new officers, the President shall submit a Texas Franchise Tax Public Information Report listing all of the newly-elected officers of the Society."

Recommendation on how to vote on amendment 2: The Board of the Society recommends a vote in favor of spelling out this duty for the President. The Texas Franchise Tax Public Information Report is required of all corporations (both non-profit and profit). The Report makes the persons holding office in a corporation public information. After the new officers are installed, the Report should be sent to the State as required by law.

Amendment 3: Require the Treasurer to submit a Texas Franchise Tax Report.

In Article IV DUTIES OF BOARD Section 7 Treasurer add the sentences:

"The Treasurer shall submit a Texas Franchise Tax Report to the state of Texas. This Report shall be based upon the information at the end of the Society's fiscal year which ends on August 31."

Recommendation of how to vote on amendment 3: The Board of the Society recommends a vote in favor of spelling out this duty for the Treasurer. When the yearly account for the Society is completed, the income information should be reported to the State.

Amendment 4: Remove the unnecessary use of "Director" and "at large" from the bylaws.

Part A in ARTICLE III ELECTIONS Section 1. TIMING OF ELECTIONS Change the sentences: "Officers and at large members of the Board serve at the will of the general membership and ... (the sentence continues)" to "Officers of the Board serve at the will of the general membership ... (the sentence continues)"

Change "Other officer and director positions require only that the nominee be a voting member of the Society." to "Other officer positions require only that the nominee be a voting member of the Society."

Change "The nominating committee shall present a slate of officers and Directors At Large to the Board ... (the sentence continues)" to "The nominating committee shall present a slate of nominees to the Board ... (the sentence continues)"

Change "The Board of Directors will present the slate of nominations for Officers and Directors for election ... (the sentence continues)" to "The Board of Directors will present the slate of nominations for Officers for election... (the sentence continues)"

Change "Installation of newly elected Officers and Directors will take place ... (the sentence continues)" to "Installation of newly elected Officers will take place ...(the sentence continues)"

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Part B in ARTICLE V MEETINGS Section 2.
Attendance

Change "Officers, Directors, and Standing Committee Chairmen have the responsibility to attend all meetings. An Officer, Director or Committee Chairman.... (the sentences continue)" to

"Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen have the responsibility to attend all meetings. An Officer or Committee Chairman ... (the sentences continue)"

Change "Failure of the Officer, Director or Committee Chairman ... (the sentence continues)" to "Failure of the Officer or Committee Chairman ... (the sentence continues)"

Part C in ARTICLE VI "DIRECTOR AND OFFICER SUCCESSION AND REPLACEMENT" change to "OFFICER SUCCESSION AND REPLACEMENT"

In ARTICLE VI Section 1 Resignations

Change "An Officer or Director who intends to resign their position ... (the sentence continues)" to "An Officer who intends to resign their position ... (the sentence continues)"

In ARTICLE VI Section 2 Filling Vacant Officer or Director positions change to "Filling Vacant Officer positions"

In ARTICLE VI Section 2 "Director At Large and other officer vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term ... (the sentence continues)" to "Officer vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term ... (the sentence continues)"

Recommendation on how to vote on amendment 4: Vote yes. The Board of the Society consists of elected Officers and appointed committee chairs. There are no "Directors". The bylaws should reflect the administrative structure.

Amendment 5: Change Membership card to name tag

In ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF THE BOARD Section 9. REGISTRAR

Change the second sentence "... provide each new member with a Membership card ..." to "... provide each new member with a name tag ...".

Recommendation on how to vote on amendment 5: Vote yes. The Society does not issue "Membership cards"; we do supply nametags to members.

Amendment 6 Start the election process earlier in the year.

In ARTICLE III ELECTIONS Section 1. TIMING OF ELECTIONS

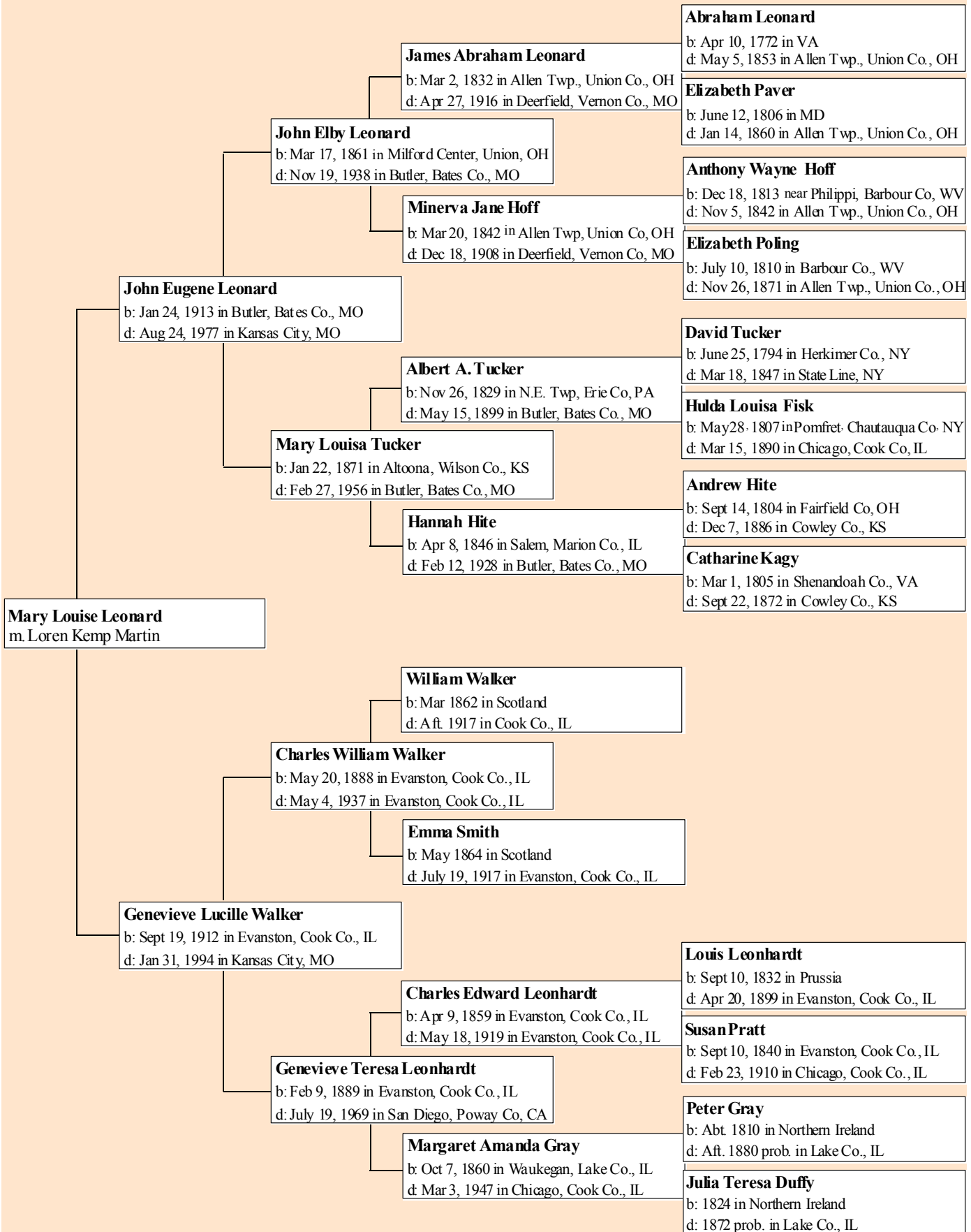
Change "In May, the President shall appoint a nominating committee composed of.... (the sentence continues)" to "In March, the President shall appoint a nominating committee composed of ... (the sentence continues)"

Change "The nominating committee shall present a slate ... to the Board of Directors at their June meeting." to "The nominating committee shall present a slate ... to the Board of Directors at their May meeting."

Change "The general membership will vote on the nominations at the August general membership meeting." to "The general membership will vote on the nominations at the July general membership meeting."

Recommendation on how to vote on amendment 6: Vote yes. The members who served on the previous nominating committee felt the nomination process did not start soon enough.

Ancestors of Mary Louise Leonard (Martin)



Committee News

BAGS thanks Tommy Burns for her wonderful and informative April presentation. Here's a webpage with Confederate research microfilm listings, to add to Tommy's handout: www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton/clmcm2.html.

Hospitality

Wanda Yelverton thanks the following people for bringing food to the April meeting:

Annette Bowen	Carole Lynn O'Neal
Joan Marie Homann	Dennis Rohlfing
Shirley Hughes	Glenda Warren
Patsy McCall	Gail Wittich
Mary Olsen	Wanda Yelverton

Quarterly

The Quarterly needs your input! Please submit original articles, family histories, anecdotes, queries, research tips, Letters to the Editor... 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.

From the Registrar

Please send any changes or new information regarding name, email, phone number, or address, to me.

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BAGS is seeking a photographer. The duties include photographing the society's meetings and events. Pictures must then be given to newsletter layout person or editor. All interested members call 281-286-8343 or send an e-mail message to President@TXBayAreaGen.org.

Library Trips Planned on the Harris County Bus

Mary L. Martin, County Coordinator

The trip on Tuesday, June 29, 2004 has been changed. We will go to the George Memorial Library in Richmond instead of the Clayton Library. Bring your sack lunch and a drink, and we will eat in a room provided by the library. Last year, the bus driver stopped at a quick stop, so we could all get a drink for the ride home. We might ask him or her to do it again this year.

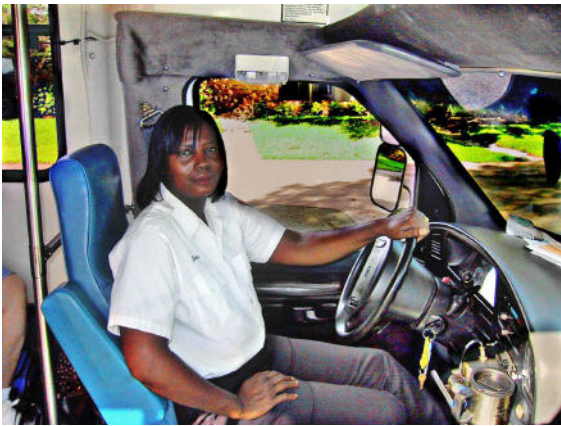
We will meet in front of the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Street. We will depart in the county bus at 9:00 a.m. and leave the Clayton or George Memorial Library at 3:00 p.m. We will be back at the Community Center by 4:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are available in the back of the room at our monthly meetings, or please call me at (281) 332-2435, if you would like to join us.

The George Memorial Library is a very nice library. Our group visited it last summer, and everyone enjoyed the trip. The library's collection contains:

- Non-current government records and indexes for Austin, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Matagorda, Waller and Wharton counties
- A very nice Civil War Collection
- The 1930 Federal Censuses for Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas Virginia, and West Virginia
- American Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files
- Books from many Texas counties
- Books from other states
- DAR lineage books and indexes
- Family histories
- Immigration records (passenger lists)
- Local histories for the southeastern U.S.
- Periodicals (genealogical, historical and family publications)
- A special collection of the Czech Heritage Society of Texas
- Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics: birth and death indexes, and newspapers (Fort Bend County only, starting with 1911).

There are about half a dozen readers and a copier in the genealogy room of the George Memorial Library. Copies can be made from one of the readers, so bring some dimes because the machine doesn't give change.

A library trip to the Clayton Library remains scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2004.



All aboard
for the trip to Clayton Library!!

This was the scene on May 18 as BAGS members were welcomed by Jana, the Harris County driver for the trip to the Clayton Library. We hope the members had a productive trip on this day.



The Newsletter would like to hear some success stories that resulted from any of our county bus trips.



Thanks to Mary Martin (shown on the lower right) for coordinating the bus trips.

ONLINE EXTRA

Next Meeting



Date: May 30, 2004
Time: 5:00 PM
Place: Chapel, University Baptist Church
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX
Speaker: Irene Walters
Subject: "Researching in New York"

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**Deadline for
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June 5, 2004**