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August Meeting: "Show & Tell" and "Pot Luck"

Aug 29, 5 pm,
UBC Chapel

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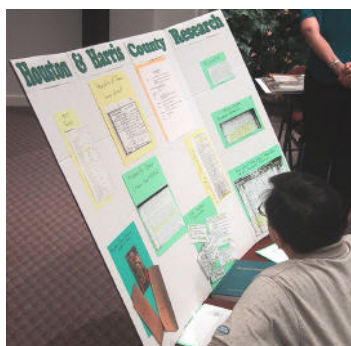
The August meeting will be a combined member "Show and Tell" and "Pot Luck Supper" program. This is the annual event where we share our food and fancy with all our old and new genealogy friends and guests. For the "Pot Luck", bring your favorite dish or a traditional recipe. It can be the one that everyone talks about or the one that is easy to do and tastes good too. The only speaker will be those who share their genealogy story. Get Dick to tell you about his closet relative, the one that is on a par with Lizzy Borden.



For "Show and Tell", bring your favorite story told by, or about a family tree member. You could share a story about a "Black Sheep" ancestor, one from

the closet, (some of these are really juicy) or the project where by a technique, you worked your way around a very high brick wall. Show how a scrapbook brought an ancestor to life, or give us the history of a town through land and legal documents. Oh, and don't forget that pictures, props, and period dress, helps to accent your story. The coordinator for the program is

Dick Warren. By all means contact him at 281-461-1472, email: dick.warren@merlins-web.com.



**All Photos are from
the August 2003
meeting**



Message from the President

Neil Miserendino

We have assembled a new staff for the BAGS Quarterly. Resa Hennings, the current editor, will be relinquishing her position on the quarterly at the end of October, and the transition to the new staff will transpire at that time. The new quarterly editor is Susie Ganch. Assisting with the quarterly will be BAGS members Annette Bowen, Tina Chatham, Lynda Cox, Mary Pearson and Barbara Stanley. We thank you all for volunteering.

Keep submitting your articles; we have all of next year's issues to fill!

The preparations for next year are underway. Some of our plans are to include each member's genealogical specialty in either the yearbook or an edition of the quarterly. As a part of that effort, we are changing the application form to ask members what geographical areas they research. You may also add other specialties. (US military, US and foreign military records, Census research, Civil War research, etc.). By publishing this information for our members, we hope to

encourage members with common interests, to meet with one another.

We want everyone to update their information on the new application form. We begin accepting membership renewals for next year at the August meeting. The costs remain the same as last year: \$20 for a single membership and \$25 for a family membership.

The latest news about Mic Barnette's column in the Houston Chronicle seems to be that the column will NOT return to the printed edition. His column will only be available on the Internet. I realize that many of us contacted the Houston Chronicle both times the column was removed. This time our efforts have not been heard. Mic has appreciated all the support by the BAGS members on his behalf.

I'd like to request of people who bring food to our functions, that they bring a list of the recipe ingredients. Some members are allergic to common foods, or are on restricted diets. Please be considerate of those members.

VA web site for National Cemeteries

The Department of Veterans Affairs has made it easier for the public to get answers about family history, old war buddies or famous war heroes. The agency has put on the web 3.2 million records for veterans buried at 120 national cemeteries since the Civil War.

The nationwide grave locator contains more than three million records of veterans and dependents buried in Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) 120 cemeteries since the Civil War. It also contains some records of burials in state veterans' cemeteries and burials in Arlington National Cemetery from 1999 to present. The web site query displays the same detailed information visitors find on kiosks or in written ledgers to locate gravesites.

To use the site go to: http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1

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The primary resource for American military records is the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

The military records through the NARA are available by the use of order forms. The two main order forms are NATF 86 and Standard Form 180.

NATF Form 86 is only good for Army records. To find Navy and Marine Corps records or to get more information about the location of Army records by year, refer to the back page of Standard Form 180.

This back page of Standard Form 180 is a valuable chart that lists 15 custodians for United States service records. The 15th record custodian is the location of records for the Public Health Service.

There is a rule that only one person is to be requested on one order form. You can mail multiple forms for different people in one envelope. The web link to get the forms or to find more information is at the bottom of this article.

To order military (Army) records from 1775 up to 1916, fill out NATF Form 86. From the year 1916 to the present, order military records using the Standard Form 180.

On NATF Form 86 you will have to provide the veteran's name, the war, state, and dates from which he served. Certain additional information will greatly assist in finding the records: the name of the unit, if the person was an officer or enlisted, and

the person's date and place of birth and death.

Copies of these forms are accepted. If you attend our meetings, our organization can provide copies. If we have run out of copies, fill out your request at one of our display tables. If you cannot make it to our meetings, you can order NATF Form 86 by using the Internet address provided below or by writing to:

National Archives and Records Administration
Attn: NWCTB
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC, 20408-0001

For copies of Standard Form 180, the address to write is:

The National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132

There is a limit of five copies of the forms being ordered at one time. There is no charge for failed searches. On NATF Form 86 the charge is listed as \$17 for a successful search. Standard Form 180 lists the service as being free to the service member and surviving next of kin. Surviving next of kin means immediate family members. For the Standard Form 180, you will be contacted if a fee will be charged.

After you have sent NATF Form 86, your wait can be up to 12 weeks. If you have not received the records in that time, contact the Customer Service Center at 1-800-234-8861 (Monday through Friday 8:30 – 5:00 ET).

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/obtain_copies/veterans_service_records.html

Brigham Young University offers a number of free genealogy courses online, leading to a Certificate in Family History/Genealogy. Many of the courses are free of charge. Courses include:

- Finding Your Ancestors
- Providing Temple Ordinances for Your Ancestors (an LDS-specific course)
- Introduction to Family History Research (\$22 tuition)
- Writing Family History (\$22 tuition)
- Helping Children Love Your Family History
- Family Records
- Vital Records
- Military Records
- Numerous courses on genealogy research in France, Germany, and Scandinavia

For more information, look at:

<http://ce.byu.edu/is/>

Ancestry.com (a division of MyFamily.com) offers interactive online genealogy training websites to help you discover what genealogy is all about. There are eight lessons in each course, which you must download. The instructor covers two lessons a week. You can work at your own pace on your own schedule. The class is an independent study course where the course materials are provided online. Some instructors may offer class chats.

Each course costs \$36.95. Details on Ancestry.com's online genealogy courses may be found at <http://www.myfamily.com/isapi.dll?c=h&htx=onlinetraining&school=GEN>

Genealogy.com sponsors a number of free online training classes, including the following:

- Beginning Genealogy
- Internet Genealogy
- Tracing Immigrant Origins
- Researching with Genealogy.com

You can start the classes on Genealogy.com at any time AND these courses are free of charge. You can find more information at <http://www.genealogy.com/university.html>.

About.com. offers a free class by Kimberly Powell entitled "Introduction to Genealogy". This 6-lesson class is self-paced, so you can go as slowly or quickly as you desire. Most students

average one lesson per week. The course is designed to take you step-by-step through the process of genealogical research. It introduces you to the resources and techniques needed to locate information about your family's history and to build a family tree. It is intended for beginners and for people who have been doing genealogy for a while but need some assistance in certain areas. You can find more information at <http://genealogy.about.com/library/lessons/blintro.htm>

Heritage Genealogy College is billed as "the educational branch of Know Your Heritage Organization." This organization is affiliated with Salt Lake Community College and the Utah Electronic College. Accordingly, classes are available in person and online. Credits may be earned towards a certificate in genealogical research, an associate degree in genealogical research, or a bachelor's degree in genealogical research. More information is available at <http://www.genealogy.edu/index.html>.

Another distance learning genealogy course is sponsored by the **National Genealogical Society (NGS)**. While it is not an online course, the NGS "American Genealogy: A Basic Course" has been heralded by professionals for years. It is administered by correspondence, not online and is designed for all family historians wanting to research their ancestors more effectively and efficiently. Sixteen lessons provide an introduction to each of the major record groups used in American genealogical research and require "hands-on" experience. Students are given instruction in basic record keeping, source documentation, and evaluation of evidence along with many other valuable tools.

The NGS "American Genealogy: A Basic Course" costs \$375 for non NGS members, and only \$295 if you are an NGS member. Since membership in the National Genealogical Society only costs \$55, go ahead and join and enjoy the benefits of membership! You can find out more information about the NGS' "American Genealogy: A Basic Course" at:

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/eduhsc.htm>

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Events Calendar	All meetings are held at University Baptist Church (UBC)
Monday, August 23, 2004	4:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting; Room LC-210, UBC All BAGS members are invited to attend.
Sunday, August 29, 2004	5:00 pm BAGS General Meeting; Chapel, UBC Members' Annual "Show & Tell" - Everyone is asked to bring a "Pot Luck" dish.
Monday, September 20, 2004	4:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting; Room LC-210, UBC All BAGS members are invited to attend.
Sunday, September 26, 2004	5:00 pm BAGS General Meeting; UBC Speaker: Robert de Berardinis

The Federation of Genealogical Society 2004 National Conference -- September 8-11 in Austin Texas. For more information, visit the conference web site at 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.

The East Texas Genealogical Society presents an all-day seminar with Emily Anne Croom. Time and date will be from 8:30 to 3:30 on Saturday, October 9, 2004.

The seminar will be held at the Smith County Historical Society Auditorium (Old Carnegie Library across from Tyler Public Library), 125 South College Ave., Tyler TX 75702, (903) 592-5993.

The event fee is \$25 if registered before 10/1/04 and \$30 after 10/1/04. A box lunch is available for an additional \$10.

For more information, topics, registration, and directions, please contact: Scott Fitzgerald at (903)592-6576, (903)597-7865. e-mail: scottfitzgerald@tyler.net

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Samford University's Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research is held each June and offers a wide variety of classes for every level of genealogical study. Held on campus in Birmingham, AL, in 2005 the Institute will convene June 11-17 and offer the following curriculum:

- Techniques and Technology
- Intermediate Genealogy and Historical Studies
- Trans-Appalachian South
- Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis
- Advance Library Research: Law Libraries and Government Documents
- Genealogy as a Profession
- Advanced Military Records

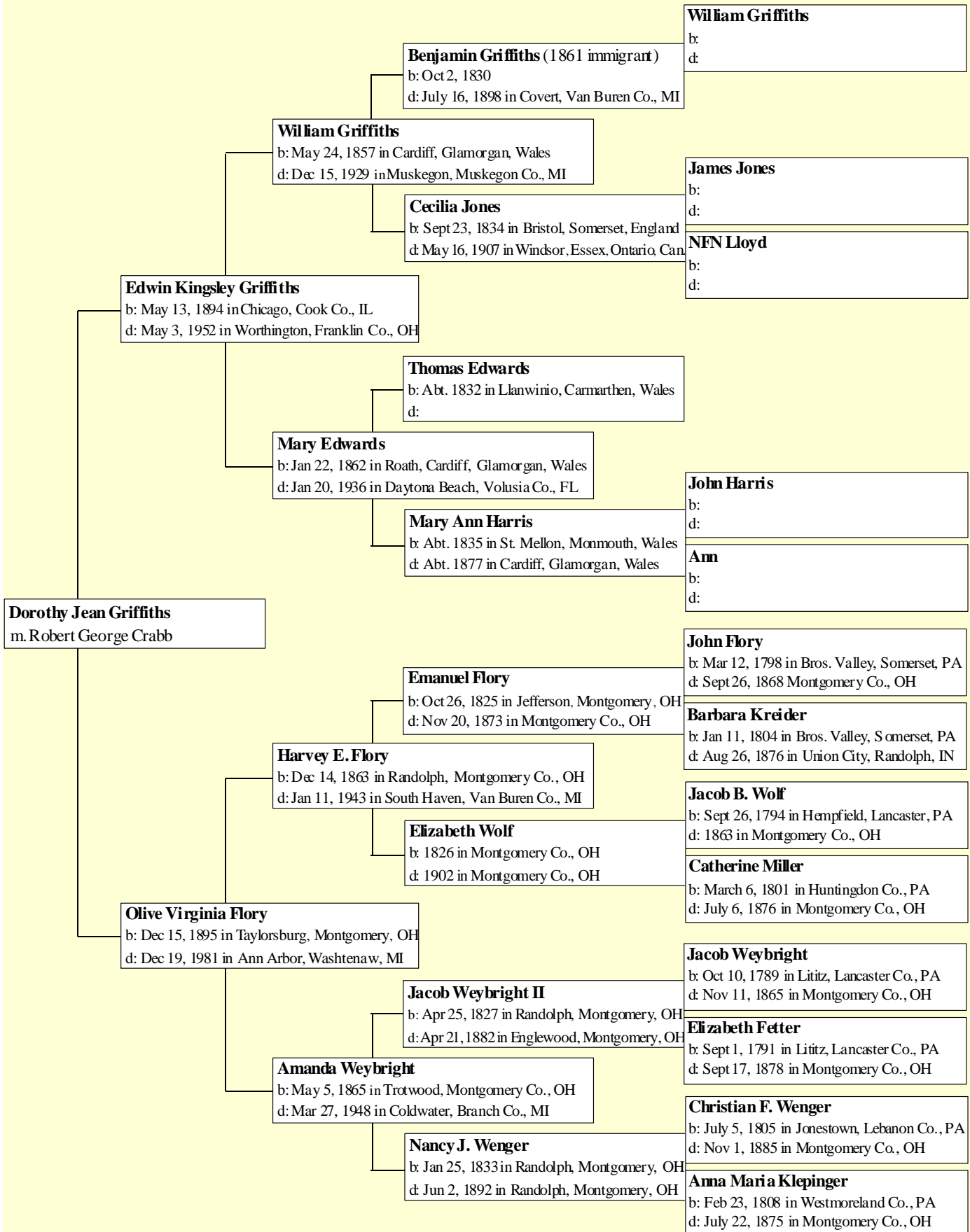
- Advanced Use of Genealogical Software
- Understanding Land Records
- Irish Research

Early registration is \$350 and includes the majority of class materials. Instructors are the finest in the U. S. and are accessible to students for the week. What a bargain!

Dormitory rooms are offered to students who are willing to provide their own linens and the institute also contracts with local hotels for reduced rates which include bus service to and from the campus at no cost. Meals are also provided in the campus cafeteria at an excellent cost.

You can find out more information about Samford University's IGHR at: <http://library.samford.edu/ighr>.

Ancestors of Dorothy Jean Griffiths (Crabb)



Committee News

Hospitality Committee

Lee Jared, Chair

Thanks to the following people for bringing food to the July meeting:

Patricia Berry	Rose Mary Fritz
Renee Ball	Emma Lou Gilmore
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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.

Library Trips Are Not Scheduled Yet

Mary L. Martin, County Coordinator

The next four library trips will be scheduled in September. East Harris County will call me and ask what we would like to have. They have a rotation system for their calling. We are assigned a new number each year, and they call us in that order. We don't always get our first choices.

Check with the Society's website www.TxBayAreaGen.org sometime in September to find out what has been scheduled. I will give the schedule to Leo Waltz, Webmaster, as soon as I get it. It will be published in the newsletter as soon as we know the dates. I will try to get a trip scheduled in October. See you at the library soon!

BAGS Eye-View

I have posted the Table of Contents of each Quarterly edition on the BAGS website. This provides a convenient place to see what articles were published and when they appeared. The content of the BAGS Quarterly articles is not available online, just the titles.

Leo Waltz, BAGS Webmaster

Correction: The name of University Baptist Church administrator Jeff Newpher was misspelled in our last issue.

Member Services - Scrapbooking Workshop

We have arranged for those who expressed interest in a work group on scrapbooking, to meet on Saturday, August 21st and 28th, from 2:00 - 5:00, in Room 113 (Fellowship Hall), at UBC. The cost for the month is \$5.00.

Please bring your own materials, tools, and pages to work on. This will be a chance to compare ideas and resources while you are preserving your heritage. The August 29th BAGS Meeting is a member "Show and Tell" program, and you will have an opportunity to display your work.

If there is sufficient interest, we may be able to extend the workshop sessions beyond August.

Doug Wilson

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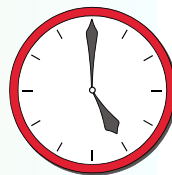


Old family and genealogy related photos can be submitted for inclusion on this page as space permits. Photos shown here are of Christian "Chris" Waltz, grandfather of Leo Waltz, BAGS webmaster. Chris' business in Denison, TX dates back to 1883. For more info, visit the web site at <http://pages.prodigy.net/leo.waltz/gen/chrwaltz.htm>

Next Meeting

Pot Luck Supper

Date: Aug 29, 2004
 Time: 5:00 PM
 Place: Chapel, University Baptist Church
 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX
 Speaker: BAGS Members
 Subject: Annual Showing of Member Projects



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