

# Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter

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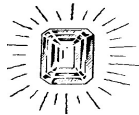
**Jul 31**  
**5:00 pm**  
**UBC**

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## July Meeting: The DNA Project

### Gems from Genealogists



A useful genealogical website can be found at:

<http://www.genealogyencyclopedia.com/>

Here is a glossary of genealogical terms, abbreviations, occupations, illnesses, and census contents.

What may be of even greater interest are links to regional online sources, specialized search engines, and census maps

*Dug up by:* Leo Waltz

### “How You Can Benefit from Contributing to the DNA Pool.” Max Blankfeld

Max will be lecturing at this month's meeting about genetic genealogy and the area of DNA family research. Since its inception, in April of 2000, Family Tree DNA has been associated with the Arizona Research Labs, led by Dr. Michael Hammer. Dr. Hammer is one of the world's leading authorities in the field of genetics. Having other renowned scientists on its [advisory board](#), Family Tree DNA is the only organization in the field of genetic genealogy that has been constantly developing the science that enables many genealogists around the world to advance their families' research.

The Y chromosome is passed from father to son unchanged, except for a mutation about every several generations. Testing the Y chromosome will provide you with a genetic fingerprint consisting of 12, 25 or 37 numbers. By comparing this fingerprint to others one can determine relatedness. We will look into the basics of genetic genealogy, so that next time someone comes across the subject, they will be very comfortable in understanding how it works and how it can help a person's genealogical research.

Please join us this July for Max Blankfeld and what should be an interesting and enjoyable lecture regarding the subject of DNA. Our meeting will be held at 5:00 pm at the University Baptist Church Chapel on July 31<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to seeing you and the public is invited.



Max Blankfeld is the son of Holocaust survivors and he emigrated from Brazil to the US in 1991. He has earned degrees in Journalism/Political Sciences, Business Administration, and an MBA from Rice University. After selling the previous business in 2001, he partnered with Bennett Greenspan to help transform Family Tree DNA from a hobby into the world's leading company in the area of genetic genealogy.

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### Election of Officers

These are the nominees for officers of the Bay Area Genealogical Society for 2005-2007. The election will be held at the General Meeting of July 2005.

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This newsletter is a monthly publication of the Bay Area Genealogical Society, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the people of Harris and Galveston counties, Texas, who have an interest in genealogy.

Articles on genealogy are welcome. Inclusion is based on space available and is subject to editing. Please include permissions with copyrighted material submissions.

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## Message from the President

Ron Cox

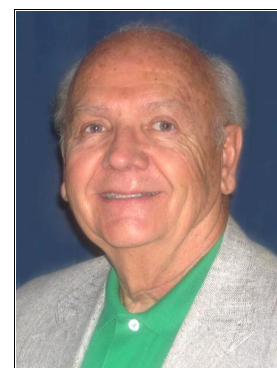
Here's hoping you all are coping with the dog days of summer. None of us should be surprised that it's hot and dry. After all it's July and we live in Texas. One of the great things about summer is that we get a chance to honor our mothers and our fathers. Those days to honor them have now passed and I hope that you were able to visit and celebrate with your parents, or in some way honor their memory. At the same time, it is hoped that someone was honoring you.

I lost my mother in 2003 and my father six months later. They both had lived a long life, most of it together. They were married 72 years. Though we had done our best to prepare ourselves for those inevitable days when we would lose them, it's not possible to really be ready. As those of you who have had this experience well know, hardly a day passes that you don't think of something that you wished you had talked to them about. I say that because now that I have learned something about genealogy, I realize they had information about our family that I failed to get. Actually I am better off than many of my peers in that my Dad did talk about his family when prompted to do so. I pride myself in that a number of years ago I asked Dad to leave the family a legacy by just writing down on paper what he remembered about his life. That turned out to be a 300-page document of which I and our family are most proud.

I try each month to keep this little column impersonal. Sometimes that is difficult. What I hope is the result of what is said is that some of you will seek out family information. If you have family members still living, now is the time. Get out those pencils and tape recorders and quickly put them to use. What better way to always have a happy Mother and Father's Day!



Ron



I took a short trip to New Jersey that included genealogical research. As part of that trip, I searched past issues of various newspapers.

To prepare for the trip, I had to locate the repositories for old copies of newspapers published in New Jersey. I will use this state as an example and I will provide an additional list of reference guides to newspapers for some of the other states.

In the New Jersey section at Clayton Library, I found an excellent reference guide to the newspapers that were published in New Jersey: Directory of NEW JERSEY newspapers, 1765-1970 / [edited by] William C. Wright, Paul A. Stellhorn. Clayton Library Call number [974.9 D598 NJ](#)

I would like to report that my search of the Dover Advance newspaper was successful, but it failed. That newspaper had neither obituaries nor death notices. Well, I learned one more piece of information - that I should have called the library ahead of time to ask if the newspaper published either obituaries or death notices. The good news for me is that the trip to the library was not a failure as I found useful information in their copies of city directories.

The good news for the readers is that you can locate repositories of newspapers for the states you are researching with reference books that are available at Clayton Library.

I want to save some of our readers the time it takes to search other states, so I am including the titles and call numbers of some states. I have not examined these books, but I feel it is likely that this list contains some reference books that you can use. More on Microfilm in a future issue.

GEORGIA newspapers on microfilm at the UGA libraries. 975.8 U58 GA

INDIANA newspaper project microfilm catalog/ Indiana Historical Society Preservation Microfilm Lab. 977.2 139 IND

Newspaper collection of the State Historical Society of IOWA. Compiled by L.O. Cheever. With an intro. by William J. Petersen. 977.7 S797 IOWA

History of KANSAS newspapers. A history of the newspapers and magazines published in Kansas from the organization of Kansas territory 1854 – January 1, 1916. 978.1 K16 KAN

LOUISIANA newspapers, 1794-1961: a union list of Louisiana newspaper files available in public, college, and university libraries in Louisiana. 976.3 M168 LA

A guide to the microfilm collection of newspapers at the MARYLAND State Archives. Clayton Library Call number 975.2 M393 MD v.1990. Note: Also available by inter-library loan. Contains 140 titles of Maryland newspapers by city/county.

MISSISSIPPI newspapers, 1805-1940; a preliminary checklist of Mississippi newspaper files available in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. 976.2 H673 MISS

MISSOURI newspapers on microfilm at the State Historical Society of Missouri. M678 MO

The newspapers of NEVADA: a history and bibliography, 1854-1979/ Richard E. Lingenfelter and Karen Rix Gash. 979.3 L755 NEV Note: May be available on electronic format.

NEW MEXICO newspapers: a comprehensive guide to bibliographical entries and locations. 016.07189 G883

NORTH CAROLINA newspapers on microfilm; a checklist of early North Carolina newspapers available on microfilm from the State Department of Archives and History. 975.6 J78 NC

PENNSYLVANIA newspapers and selected out-of-state newspapers. 974.8 S797 PA

TEXAS newspapers, 1813-1939. A union list of newspaper files available in offices of publishers, libraries, and a number of private collections. 976.4 H673

Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820. Part XVIII: VIRGINIA-WEST VIRGINIA. 975.5 B855 VA

WISCONSIN newspapers, 1833-1850: an analytical bibliography/ by James L. Hansen. 977.5 H249 WIS

Guide to WYOMING newspapers, 1867-1967, by Lola Homsher. 016.071 H768

The need for volunteers to help run our society has been mentioned at our meetings and in our newsletters. We have 178 members and yet only a handful of members volunteer their services to help in all areas of our organization. If you are a member and have not volunteered, I would like to share my experience with you.

I am a charter member of BAGS. I was new to this area and just beginning to do some genealogy research. When I saw the ad for the Bay Area Genealogical Society, I thought it might help to learn more about it. I joined at the third meeting I attended because this was just what I needed. The meetings were great...there were very knowledgeable speakers covering areas of genealogy that I didn't even know existed. The newsletter was wonderful and very informative and I really enjoyed the quarterly. I attended meetings for two years and never volunteered for anything, other than providing snacks for a few meetings. There were several reasons I didn't volunteer to do anything else. Time was one reason; I worked full time and had a lot of other things going on in my life. Also, I was just beginning to learn about genealogy. What could I offer a group of genealogists when I was just learning how to find my ancestors and had no experience to share?

At one of the meetings, the president told us that our quarterly needed a new editor. I had submitted one article for the quarterly and loved seeing it in print, so I thought I might enjoy trying my hand as editor. But, I didn't say anything. At the next meeting, the president said that if we didn't find a new editor (Resa Hennings, who had done such an outstanding job as editor was retiring from the position) then our society would no longer have a quarterly. That finally got me to speak up and volunteer for the job...or at

least to give it a try. As it turned out, I have loved receiving the articles from our members and putting them together into a publication.

As I became more active and began to meet more people in BAGS, I discovered that they were not all professional genealogists, but were still learning just like I was. Their common goal was to help with the tasks required to keep our society going. You don't have to be a professional genealogist to greet new members, to make telephone calls to members, to bring refreshments to the meetings, to prepare charts for the newsletter and quarterly, to make name tags, or any of the other things we need for our officers and committees to do. All you have to have is a desire to see that our society survives and continues to thrive so that we can all continue to learn and promote the Bay Area Genealogical Society.

Find a committee list at our meeting and offer your help in whatever area you would like to serve. I know we need someone by September to edit the newsletter and also someone to help with member services. There are many other areas where we need help. Check with any Board member to learn what other volunteer opportunities are available. Some of our members have been doing these jobs for the last 3-5 years and need a well-deserved break.

Give it a try. I did, and it has been very rewarding...and we still have a quarterly.

And now, for my own plugs...while you are thinking of ways to contribute, think about submitting an article for the quarterly. We need original articles about your family or anything to do with area history. Queries are also welcome. You may email them to me at [sganch@verizon.net](mailto:sganch@verizon.net)



## Events Calendar

Meetings are held at University Baptist Church (UBC)

Members are invited to attend all meetings

- Monday, July 25, 2005 4:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
- Sunday, July 31, 2005 5:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Chapel, UBC  
“The DNA Project and How Our Members Can Benefit from Contributing to the DNA Pool.”  
Speaker: Max Blankfeld
- Monday, August 22, 2005 4:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
- Sunday, August 28, 2005 5:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Chapel, UBC  
“The Annual Show & Tell and Potluck Supper”

**The election of officers of BAGS for two-year terms will be held during the general meeting of July, 2005. The new officers will be installed at the beginning of the September 2005 meeting.**

### **GALVESTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

“Pictures of Andersonville”, speaker: Herman Taube, Galveston, TX, August 4, 7:00 pm.

(<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgalves/gcgs.htm>)

### **THE LEAGUE CITY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

“So you're Going to the National Archives”, speaker: Doug Wilson, First Methodist Church, League City, TX, August 8, 7:00 pm. (Dean Glenn 281-332-3225)

### **FRIENDSWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY GENEALOGY WORKSHOP**

“German Ancestors from Immigration & Naturalization Records”, speaker: Wolf VonMaszewski, Friendswood, TX, August 15, 1:00 pm. (281-482-7135)

### **THE FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES and THE UTAH GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

FGS/UGA Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, September 7-10 (<http://www.fgs.org/2005conf/FGS-2005.htm>)

### **THE HOUSTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AND THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS**

Seminar - The Records of Early Texas 1715-1836, Houston, TX, September 24 (<http://www.hgftx.org/>)

### **TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

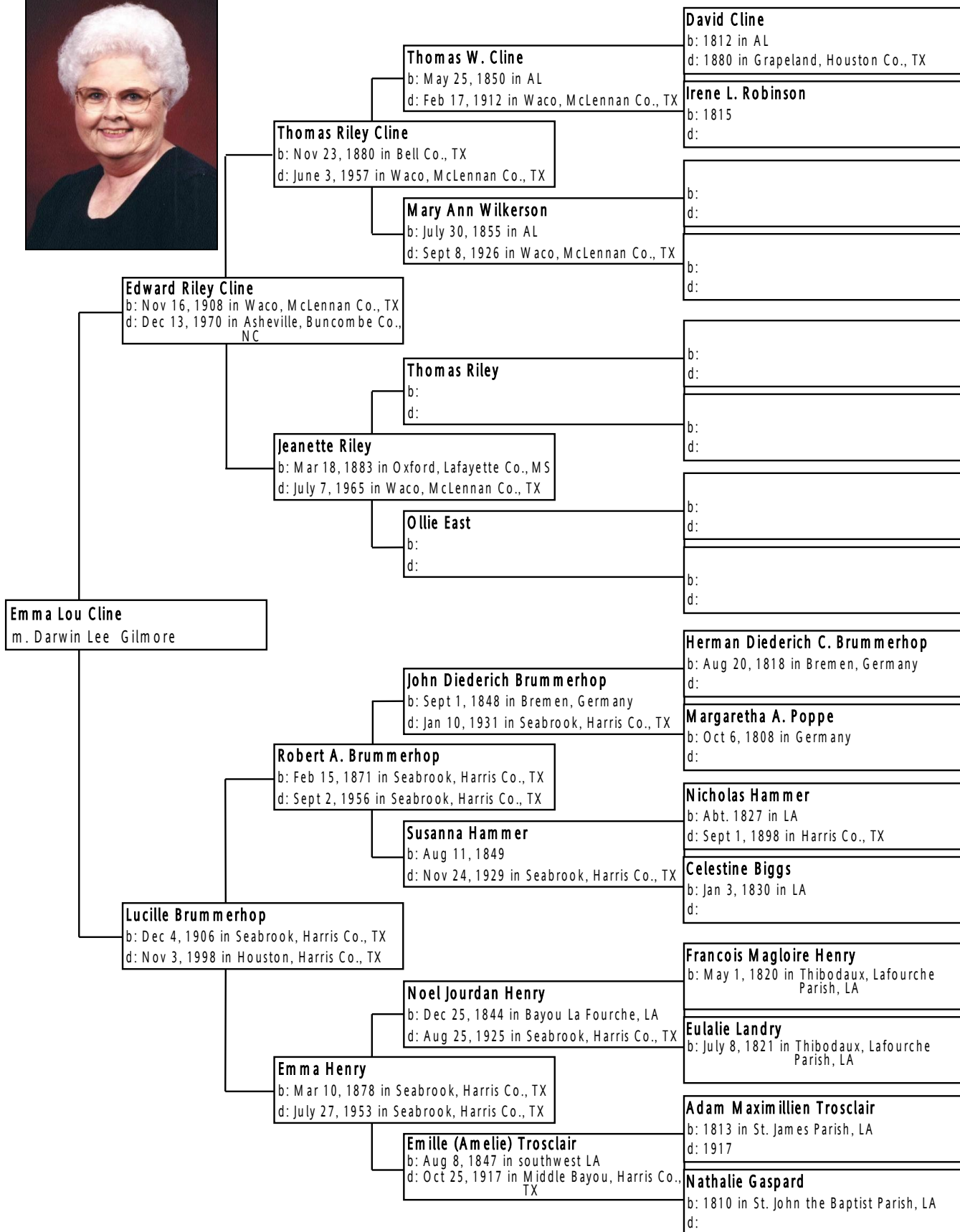
Annual Conference, Lubbock, TX, October 21-22 (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs/>)

### **THE HOUSTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AND THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS**

Seminar – Irish Research, Houston, TX, October 22 (<http://www.hgftx.org/>)

This summer's social event will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup>. In place of a designated speaker, members are invited to share their own family memorabilia, artifacts, scrapbooks, lineage, or anything else of historical interest, with our membership. We also skip the sandwiches and all members contribute to a potluck supper. Our request is that all members bring a family story (with visual aids) in addition to a dish that's an “old family favorite” (include a copy of the recipe). There will be sign-up lists at the July general meeting. We all look forward to this event, so please don't leave before reserving time and space for your “show & tell” and food for the “potluck”. It's great fun and never disappoints, so invite your friends and come for an evening of good food and priceless stories.

# Ancestors of Emma Lou Cline (Gilmore)



# Committee News

## Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Our trips scheduled to the Clayton Library are:

Wednesday, August 10

Wednesday, September 21.

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 am and leave the Clayton Library at 3:00 pm. We are back to the parking lot before 4:00 pm. If you have any questions or would like to schedule the trips, please call me at 281-332-2435, or we will have sign-up sheets at the meetings.

If you haven't been to the library with us, we hope that you will think about joining us. We occasionally have extra seats on the bus and, if we get full, they will probably let us have a larger bus. We always have a good time sharing information with each other and learning all the things that we can do to research.

The Society's website, [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org), always has a current listing of library trips. Join us and see what you can find.

## Membership

Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar

Let's give a warm welcome to new members Richard Lee Alexander, Jr. and wife Jan Ellen Claybourn Alexander of Dickinson.

If you have a friend who is interested in BAGS membership, please let them know that the membership application form can be found on the BAGS website. They should send the completed form and check to: BAGS Registrar, 5001 Casa Grande, Dickinson, TX 77539-7504. Better still, invite them to a meeting where they can join. Members, please notify me of any changes in name, address, e-mail, or phone number at [registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org](mailto:registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org).

## Hospitality

Lee Jared, Coordinator

These people prepared food for the June table:

Shirley Brasseaux	Marie Krnavek
Linda Carrington	Mary Martin
Ann Davidson	Bill Mayo
Nettie Dworsky	Mike McCown
Claudia Grafton	

Thanks for your generous contributions!

## BAG\$ Report

Resa Hennings, Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$2496.03
Income	+\$45.00
Expenses	-\$63.77
Balance on hand	\$2477.26

## June

## Houston Archives

Neil Miserendino, Reporter

On Saturday July 9, 2005, Clayton Library Friends started a project to inventory the Houston Post. Sarah Jackson opened the archives to twelve volunteers on the weekend to get this project started. Six of the volunteers were BAGS members: Ann Davidson, Annette Bowen, Claudia Grafton, Resa Hennings, Paula Sinning and myself.

The volunteers were trained to classify the condition of each bound issue of the Houston Post. This determination will guide the archivist in deciding whether a volume is to be made available to researchers or whether conservation will be needed.

In the few short hours that we worked, we processed perhaps six years of the Post. Considering the many years that the newspaper was published, there is considerable work to be done.

Do you wish that more records were available? The only way it will happen is for volunteers such as yourself to put in the effort and help out. There are many opportunities at the Houston Archives; the next time a sign up sheet is presented at our general meetings or written about in this Newsletter or sent by e-mail, please join those people who make a difference!

Contact: Judy Henderson at 281-482-7888 ([judy38@hal-pc.org](mailto:judy38@hal-pc.org)) or Sarah Jackson, archivist, at 713-368-7640.

Annette Bowen   Resa Hennings   Neil Miserendino



## It's Farewell, Not Goodbye

Roy Hellen was feted at the Hilton on Clear Lake, Friday, July 1, upon his retirement. He will be living in Alabama with spouse, Carolyn. She is founder and past president of BAGS. Pictures of the retirement festivities appear on page 8 of the online edition of the Newsletter.



## On Line Extra

Photos by Leo Waltz. Visit the BAGS website to see a slide show of many other pictures.



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