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February Meeting: Migration

Feb 24
6:00 pm UBC

Gems from Genealogists



There are many compiled resources available on CD – perhaps you own one or more. A number of them are available at Clayton Genealogical Library.

A group of dedicated volunteers will do look-ups on a wide range of CD's (and other resources), at <http://loricase.com/CDs/cdlist.html>.

Of particular interest are the disks published by Family Tree Maker; please be sure to follow the instructions on the website.

As with all requests to volunteers, we should respect their efforts by only making focused inquiries.

Dug up by: Doug Wilson

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“Migration Trails and Using Maps”

Bruce Krewinghaus



Kentucky Migration 1795

map courtesy Library of Congress

Bruce Krewinghaus was born in St. Louis in 1941. He has a PhD in Chemical Engineering from MIT. He served in the Army Chemical Corps from 1966 to 1968. Bruce is married and has two children and two grandchildren. He worked for Shell Oil for 33 years in research and in operations and retired in 1999.

Bruce became interested in maps during elementary school. That interest subsided for a while after he traced a map on his family's dining room table using a ballpoint pen. His mother was less than thrilled with having a copy of a map on her table top. He began his interest in genealogy in his 20s. He has traced his father's ancestors back to Germany. Bruce is working on a number of books involving genealogy and also about maps. He fervently hopes to finish one some time soon.

Join us Friday, February 24th, 2006 at 6:00 pm for an informative presentation by Dr. Krewinghaus on tracking our ancestors, using knowledge of the routes they may have taken, supported by maps. We meet at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston TX 77059 in the Great Room on the second floor. We will start the evening with a potluck supper, so bring a favorite dish to share if you wish. Visitors are always welcome.

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Message from the President

Loren Martin

The New Year has started off very well for the Bay Area Genealogical Society!

Our January '06 general meeting was well attended by both members and guests. We had the opportunity to hear from Lesley Douthwaite, an emigrant of Great Britain to the United States, on the subject of immigration and emigration. Lesley is Clayton Library's Assistant Manager and she also shared her personal experiences on the topic "Passenger and Immigration Records".

Additionally, the membership again stepped up and provided an abundant amount of food and generously contributed to the donation basket. The "pot luck" approach, under the supervision of our new Hospitality Chair Lee Jared, was a success. Many members have complimented the food and have requested recipes. Please consider providing recipes for the delicious food that you bring so that this information can be shared in the BAGS Cookbook which is in the process of being assembled. Recipes also help those of us who have dietary concerns with various ingredients.

We are always appreciative of Sergeant-at-arms Bill Teas, who leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America; and for John Hoover who led the members in the pledge to the "Lone Star" flag of Texas. Thank you, John and Bill!

On February 5th, one of our members was greatly honored when the official dedication was conducted at the Clear Creek Independent School District's newest facility – the Darwin L. Gilmore Elementary School. Darwin had for over 40 years served the school district with distinction in many positions and was recognized for this service and his many other community activities by having the school named in his honor. We are privileged and proud to have Darwin and Emma Lou as members of BAGS.

The Board has recommended to the membership that for the next seven months the monthly meetings be continued on Friday evenings at the University Baptist Church. Efforts will continue to investigate possible locations for the alternative of Sunday evening meetings. However, to establish stability and be able to schedule speakers it was necessary to make a decision.

Dottie Crabb is collecting quality genealogy books to be available at the planned BAGS Book Sale. If you have any materials to donate, please bring them to the monthly meetings or contact Dottie. We are finalizing the items for both the Telephone Committee (to improve member communications) and the BAGS "Ride Share" program (to match up members needing rides to meetings with members willing to provide rides). Please contact Jeanine Lawrence if you want to participate in the "Ride Share" program. Neil Miserendino is finishing up the tasks to publish the BAGS Yearbook.

Please remember to assist your BAGS Board with participation when approached. If everyone contributes their time and talent, we can make this a "**CAN DO YEAR**" and provide many services and benefits for our members. You are encouraged to "speak up" and also ask yourself "How can I help make BAGS better?" Assistance can be in many forms, depending upon your individual circumstances and talents; no contribution is too small.

See you at 6:00 pm. on February 24th at the BAGS general meeting at University Baptist Church.

Loren



Samford University has announced its program for the annual Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), to be held June 11-16, 2006. Their corresponding British Study Tour (BIGHR) will depart 29 June and return 22 July 2006.

Each year Samford welcomes approximately 300 family historians to its beautifully wooded campus in Birmingham, AL for the week long conference. Only the finest instructors are invited to coordinate the courses, which this year include:

Course 1 **Techniques and Technology**

Coordinator: Sandra Hargreaves Luebking

Course 2 **Intermediate Genealogy and Historical Research**

Coordinator: Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck

Course 3 **Research in the South - Part 1**

Coordinator: Carolyn Earle Billingsley

Course 4 **Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis**

Coordinator: Elizabeth Shown Mills

Course 5 **Advanced Library Research: Law Libraries and Government Documents**

Coordinators: Ann Fleming and Benjamin J. Spratling

Course 6 **Writing and Publishing for Genealogists**

Coordinator: Helen Leary

Course 7 **Researching French Ancestors**

Coordinator: Claire Mire Bettag

Course 8 **Researching African-American Ancestors**

Coordinator: Frazine K. Taylor

Course 9 **Scottish Genealogical Research: Here, There and on the Web**

Coordinator: Sherry Irvine

Course 10 **For Land's Sake! Advanced Analysis and Platting**

Coordinator: Mary McCampbell Bell

Other instructors include: John Philip Coletta, Christine Rose, Mark Lowe, Craig Scott, Alvie Davidson, and other icons of the genealogical community.

Pamphlets for the institute will be available at the February BAGS meeting or go to: <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html> to obtain a registration form and further information. If you haven't attended Samford's IGHR, you've missed a truly outstanding genealogical learning experience!

There are at least fourteen ways to find the maiden name of one of your female ancestors, keeping in mind that all fourteen ways will not work on every person. It depends on the time, place, and where the person lived. Try for three proofs, but get at least two. You'll find that it is not so difficult.

1. Lady's death certificate – within the last 100 years.
2. Death certificates of all children living into the 20th century.
3. Copy of her obituary. Check to see if her father or any brother survived her. One out of five obituaries gives a clear indication of her maiden name.
4. Marriage record; also check children's marriage certificates.
5. Printed church records or printed marriage records (in books and/or journals).
6. Unpublished church record of marriage. (Church of Latter Day Saints has many on microfilm).
7. International Genealogical Index (IGI).
8. Divorce papers.
9. Newspaper indexes, especially in burned counties.
10. County histories
11. Widow's military pension records.
12. Locate a family genealogy of the spouse. (New York Public Library estimates that 25% of their family genealogies are the only copies).
13. Wills and probate records.
14. Queries.

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BAGS to be Included in PERSI

BAGS is very pleased to announce that the Allen County Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, has joined BAGS and notified us that they are interested in filming our previous and future periodicals for inclusion in their Internationally known PERSI (periodical source index) database. Allen County Library is renowned as "the place for all county information" providing distribution of vast amounts of genealogical information via PERSI. Their PERSI coordinator has stated that the library is willing to cover all costs relative to the shipping, filming, and publication of our BAGS Quarterly and monthly newsletters, in addition to their BAGS membership fee. A big "Thank You" goes to Rose Mary Fritz, BAGS registrar, for her efforts in the inclusion of BAGS in the PERSI project.

It is time to mark your calendar and register for the Sixth Annual Battle of San Jacinto Symposium. We recommend early registration and early arrival at the event for good parking spaces and good seats!

The symposium will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel Conference Center at the University of Houston. For a map and directions, go to <http://www.hrm.uh.edu/?PageID=57>. The cost is \$40.00 which includes lunch and parking.

This year's theme is "**Two grand old men, three rising stars and a shipwreck....**". The program will be supplemented with Texana exhibits, plus book and art dealers.

The San Jacinto Symposium is moderated by **Dr. James E. Crisp**, associate professor of history at North Carolina State University. He says, "Our speakers for the Battle of San Jacinto Symposium VI are two grand old men of Texas history and three rising stars. One rising star will talk about a shipwreck."

Félix Almaráz – professor of history, University of Texas at San Antonio and former president of the Texas State Historical Association. Almaráz is an award-winning author, winner of the Spur Award for Best Biography in 2000 from the Western Writers of America, the Luciano Gujardo Award, and the Jima Parish Award from the Webb County Heritage Foundation. He is also recipient of the Medal of Civil Merit from King Juan Carlos of Spain and was inducted as the first U.S. historian into the ranks of El Colegio Coahuilense de Investigaciones Historicas, Saltillo, Coahuila.

Jerry Drake – director, Archives & Records, Texas General Land Office; Admiral, Texas Navy. Drake, an archaeologist, will discuss the shipwreck of a recently-discovered schooner, thought to be the 20-gun Mexican man-of-war Montezuma, discovered at Boca Chica on

Padre Island. The Montezuma faced the Texas Navy flagship Invincible in battle in 1836.

Jonathan Jordan – an attorney and frequent author of military history articles and author of a book coming out this fall, Lone Star Navy: Texas, the Fight for the Gulf of Mexico & the Shaping of the American West. About this book, adventure novelist Clive Cussler commented: "At last, a narrative on the incredible saga of the Republic of Texas Navy."

Archie McDonald – Regents' professor, Stephen F. Austin University, specialist in Texas history, historiography, Civil War and Reconstruction; executive director and editor of the East Texas Historical Society. McDonald's topic, "Texas Revolution in East Texas," will use his monograph, "The Trail to San Jacinto," as its introduction.

Andrés Reséndez – professor of history, University of California at Davis. Winner of Texas Institute of Letters prize for his book, Changing National Identities at the Frontier: Texas and New Mexico, 1800-1850. A member of the Texas Institute of Letters, Reséndez is one of few scholars accepted as a serious writer of historical literature.



The Battle of San Jacinto

Image courtesy of U.S. Navy

Events Calendar

**Meetings are held at University Baptist Church (UBC)
Members are invited to attend all meetings**

■ Monday, February 20th, 2006	4:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■ Friday, February 24th, 2006	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC “Migration Trails and Using Maps” Speaker: Bruce Krewinghaus
■ Thursday, March 2nd, 2006	9:00 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library
■ Saturday, March 11th, 2006	9:00 am – 4:00 pm Williamson County Genealogical Society 1st United Methodist Church, 1004 N. Mays, Round Rock, TX “Missouri & Virginia Research / Obscure Sources” Speaker; Dr. George Schweitzer http://www.rootsweb.com/~txwcgs/Registration_form.htm
■ Tuesday, March 14th, 2006	9:00 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library
■ Monday, March 27th, 2006	4:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■ Friday, March 31st, 2006	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC “Migration and Naturalization” Speaker: Marje Harris

Quarterly Update by Susie Ganch

2005 was a memorable year and new pages of history have been written. We were here...we lived it. From the tragedies of Hurricanes Katrina & Rita and the South Asia earthquake to the triumphs of Space Shuttle Discovery and the elections in Iraq, the year 2005 spanned disaster and success. President George Walker Bush took his second oath of office. Pope John Paul II, the charismatic pontiff who led the world's 1 billion Catholics for 26 years, died at the age of 84. In the deadliest attack in Britain since World War II, terrorist bombs exploded on London subway trains, killing 52 and wounding 700. Yes, many things happened in 2005.

Our personal histories also changed. There are new members in our families, either by birth or marriage, and we have lost family members and dear friends. As we reflect on this past year, we must remember to record our life events so that future generations will know how we lived and what events took place. Obviously, news sources will record national and international events of the past year. Who will record your personal events?

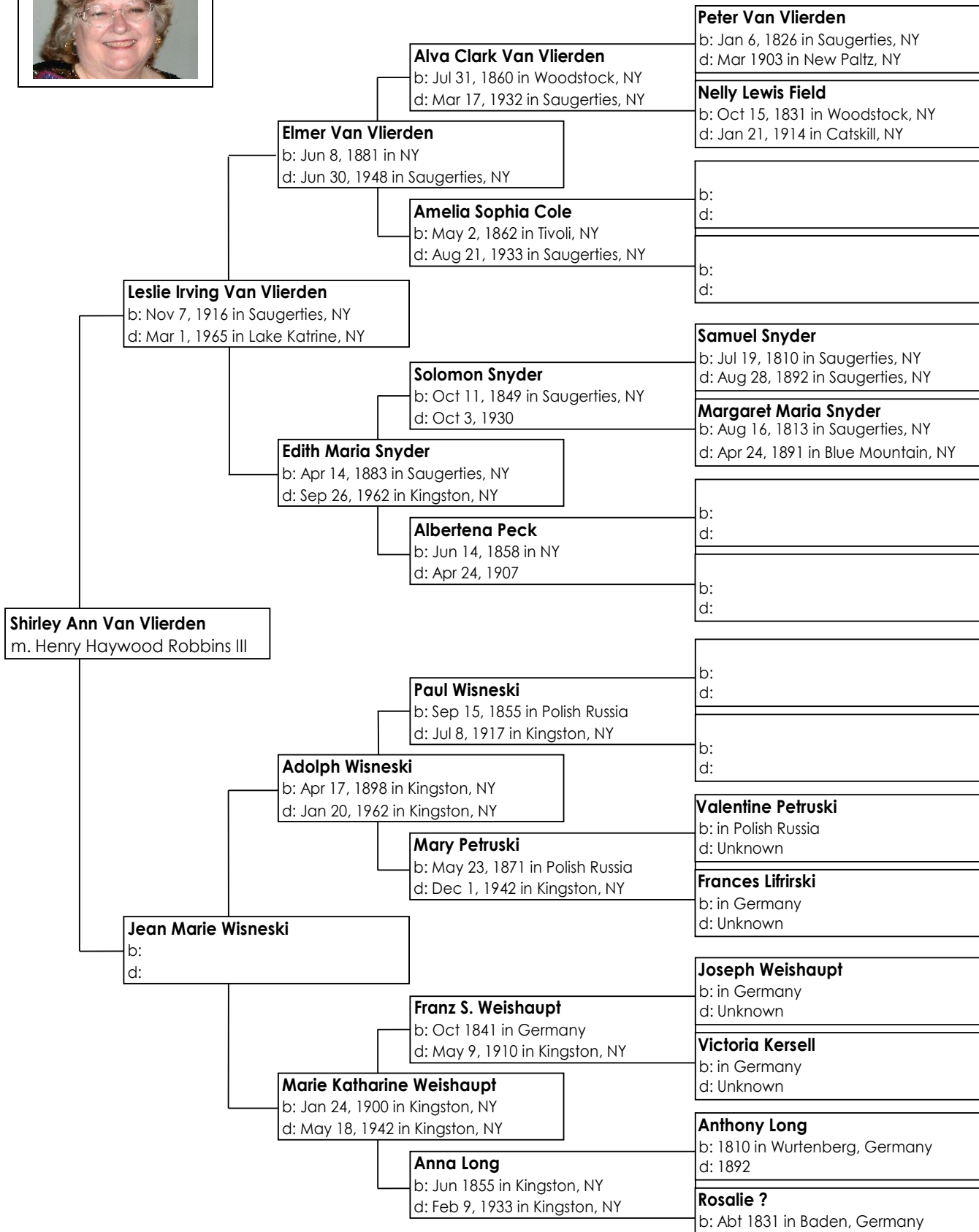
As genealogists, we know how exciting it is to

uncover family information from our past generations. In 100 years, our descendants will be looking for information about us. Will there be anything to uncover about our life events, our thoughts about the world as it is today? Did we label our photographs, recording names and dates? Did we record births, marriages, deaths and other significant events in our lives? Are we leaving our descendants information to find?

Remember, when you are considering historical stories and records to submit to our quarterly, you may want to submit personal histories of your life today. Hopefully, in 100 years, our descendants may find a copy of our quarterly and see the information about us for which they have been searching.

I hope these suggestions give you some ideas you can use to compose articles for our quarterlies. We are starting fresh on the March issue and there are **no submissions** thus far. Please email submissions to sganch@verizon.net, or standard mail to 2393 Golden Shores Lane, League City, Texas, 77573.

Ancestors of Shirley Van Vlierden Robbins



Committee News

Library Trips

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Our remaining trips scheduled to the Clayton Library are on **Thursday, March 2nd** and **Tuesday, March 14th**.

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 will be back to the parking lot before 4:00 pm. If you have any questions or would like to attend the trips, please call Mary Martin at 281-332-2435, or e-mail lmartin497@aol.com. Sign-up sheets are also available at our general meetings. Bring a sack lunch and join us for an interesting trip to the library. There are a couple of places where you can eat lunch that are within walking distance of the library.

The Society's website, www.TxBayAreaGen.org, always has a current listing of library trips.

Cookbook Project

Resa Hennings, Coordinator

Some years back we started to put together a cookbook to be sold as a fund-raiser for the society. The project hit several snags and never made it to completion. It's time to resurrect the cookbook!

I am hopeful all members will get behind this project and start helping now. And it is not difficult to help. We need your *favorite* recipes. Please send a copy of these favorites to me at resa@resa.us or to 439 Bayou View Drive, El Lago, TX 77586. Send as many as you like.

Please do your part and help us get the cookbook off to a good start!

BAG\$ Report

Resa Hennings, Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$4,415.96
Income	+\$95.00
Expenses	-\$823.45
Balance on hand 1/23	\$3,687.51

Membership

Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar

We welcome new member Constance Ogden of Dickinson who is researching Albin, Heart, Pence, Moyer/Myers, Parke, Pettit, and Swearingen families. We also welcome Marian Rouse of Houston, a new member who is researching Byrd, Jones, Rouse, and Bracken families.

Membership applications for new or renewing members can be found on the BAGS website. Send a completed application form and your check for \$20.00 for single membership or \$25.00 for family membership to:

BAGS Registrar
5001 Casa Grande
Dickinson, TX 77539-7504

Better still, bring your application to the next general meeting on Friday, February 24th.

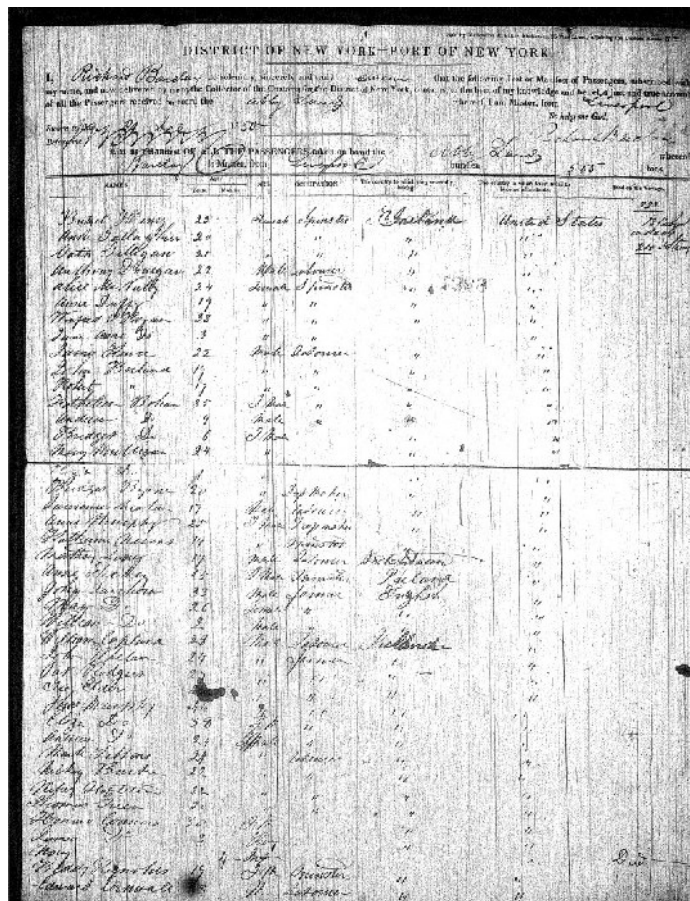
Members, please notify me at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org of any changes in name, address, email or phone number. We may need to contact you with important information.

Hospitality

Lee Jared, Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who brought food to the January BAGS meeting: Ann Fogelman, Diane Kropp, Paula Sinning, Carole Varnado, Mary Martin, Rose Mary Fritz, Connie Ogden, Shirley Lindquist, John Hoover, Tina Chatham, Bobbie Morrison, Ginger Compton, Betty Leonard, Carol Lynn O'Neal, Irene Smith, Mary Broadhorst, Neil Miserendino, Resa Hennings, Mary Pearson, John Voght, Polly Wilson, Susie Ganch, Shirley Brasseaux, Linda Carrington, Jeanine Lawrence, Leslee Fehlman and Claudia Grafton.

Thank you to everyone (you know who you are) who generously volunteered to help with setting up and cleaning up the serving table at the pot luck dinner. Not a single person was actually recruited; you just appeared and worked diligently to assure everything was perfect! Thank you all so very much.



Lesley Douthwaite of the Clayton Genealogical Library discussed the use of passenger and immigration lists as sources at the January 2006 meeting.

REMINDER
 General Meeting Friday
 February 24, 6:00 pm, Great
 Room (2nd Floor) UBC

Deadline for
 March Issue is
 March 11, 2006

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www.TxBayAreaGen.org

