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October Meeting: Newspapers

Gems from Genealogists



Newspapers on Microform (3 vols.) tells which issues and what newspapers were published near the town and the time period you are searching in order to identify the correct newspaper. It can be found on LDS microfilm #1145942.

This microfilm can be rented at your local Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Dug up by: Dick Warren

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“The Value of Newspapers in Genealogical Research”



LYNNA KAY SHUFFIELD will speak on the “The Value of Newspapers in Genealogical Research.” Find out why these labor-intensive newspaper resources will benefit your search for family and local history.

The use of newspapers is essential in genealogical research in regions and time periods where no vital records were kept, or did exist but have been destroyed. The advertisements, legal notices, editorial comments, local news, high school graduation lists, arrest reports, and "gossip" found in newspapers can provide interesting genealogical research leads. Newspapers in port cities often printed lists of ships that were arriving or departing. These reports included the ship's name, its captain, the type of vessel and the port of origin or in the case of an outbound vessel its destination. Sometimes the names of the persons importing the cargo and the cargo itself were identified.

Lynna Kay is a native Houstonian, and a former major in the State Military Forces of Texas. She is a graduate of the U.S. Marine Corps Command and General Staff College in June 1998. U.S. Army Military Police Officers Basic & Advance Schools, and the Combined Arms & Services Staff School (Reserve Component).

She writes the *Our Loose Ends* genealogy column that is published weekly and is available online at: www.geocities.com/lks_friday/COLUMN-001.htm. This website also lists some of the books she has helped create.

Lynna Kay is Texas Gen Web (TXGenWeb) County Coordinator for Milam County and San Jacinto County websites. She received the Outstanding Genealogy Website in Texas award, presented by Texas State Genealogical Society, for her Milam County TXGenWeb site in 2003 and 2004. In 2004, the Texas State Genealogical Society also honored her as Volunteer of the Year, the highest award that is presented to a genealogist in Texas every year.

She is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, and many local and state genealogical societies including the Daughters of the American Revolution and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She lectures frequently at major colleges and universities throughout the United States as well as for genealogy and historical societies and veteran groups.

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Message from the President

Loren Martin

Our September Family Tree Maker seminar was a tremendous success! It was very well attended and was a very active educational occasion that demonstrated that BAGS is a wonderful genealogical organization. Attendees became more informed about BAGS and several actually became members. Of the many out-of-town attendees, one individual had even come from as far as Fort Worth. The committee did an excellent job of preparing, advertising and conducting the seminar. They deserve a very big "Thank You!" from our membership.

Lessons learned from hosting a seminar and the wonderful synergy obtained from this experience can now be carried forward to our March 2007 joint seminar with the Clayton Library Friends, featuring Claire Miré Bettag.

BAGS was formed to be an educational organization. We need to build on similar seminar experiences, continue with our great monthly speaker program, expand our work with various area libraries and look for new opportunities to provide genealogical assistance to teachers and students in the local school systems.

Remember to:

- tell others about BAGS and make them feel welcome at our meetings and special events;
- submit articles, five-generation charts and other information to the excellent BAGS publications;
- always consider what you "CAN DO" to help BAGS be even better. We are blessed with a wonderful, dependable core of membership who are responsible, active "CAN DO" people. BAGS needs your help to maintain this very high level of accomplishment.

Loren



Family Tree Maker (FTM) provides a wonderful online tutorial to help you get started entering your family information, printing family charts and reports, and sharing your information with others. The tutorial includes video clips demonstrating how to use FTM features. The tutorial, knowledge base, message boards, and software patches can be found online at: <http://www.familytreemaker.com/help>

Another source for FTM help can be found online at: http://www.genealogy.com/help/ftm_curr.html

Family Tree Maker Workshop Report

The Family Tree Maker workshop was a roaring success; 91 individuals attended out of the 98 registered. They came from Wharton, Huffman, Dickinson, Friendswood, Palacios, La Marque, League City, Texas City, Kingwood, Fort Worth, Seabrook, Santa Fe, Webster, Pearland, San Antonio, Port Lavaca, Danbury, Baytown, Nassau Bay, Missouri City, Deer Park, Rosharon, and Houston. They know more about Family Tree Maker and how it helps them establish, research and add to their family trees.

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Alice Braud-Jones, Carole Varnado, Leo Waltz, Neil Miserendino, Paula Perkins, Resa and Eric Hennings, Rose Mary Fritz, Susie Ganch, and Tammy Frey whose ideas, work, and friendliness made the workshop a success. Also, thanks to Russ Hannig and David Van Valkenburgh of MyFamilyinc.com for providing the free Family Tree Maker Software as a door prize. This program netted \$2,075.35 for BAGS to sponsor future educational events and projects.



Rose Mary Fritz and potential members



Ann Fogelman and Paula Perkins

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Ron Cox and Paula Perkins

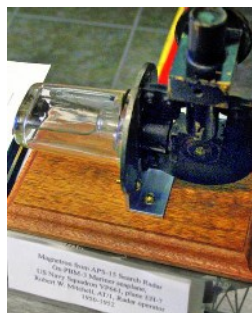


October is officially “Family History Month” at Freeman Public Library. BAGS is, once again, the featured exhibitor during this month. BAGS display theme honors “Americans in Military Service” and pertains to all who served in any branch of our military, during any war or conflict. Our membership has provided objects of outstanding interest from the military genres. Be sure to visit the exhibit during the month of October. The display committee deserves everyone's thanks for a great job in collecting and cataloging many items at the September general meeting, and installing them in the lobby display cases.

The contributed items may be picked up at the Freeman library at the end of the display, November 1st, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.



Paula Sinning Resa Hennings Carole Varnado Shirley Lindquist



PHOTOS BY LEO WALTZ



IGHR Registration Begins

Alice Braud-Jones

Registration for Samford University’s Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), scheduled for June 10-15, 2007, is now open. The new registration system is simple to use.

Registrants may pay online by credit card or elect to send a check. You may also register for the limited dorm space. Choose your preferred week-long class from the 11 courses being offered and make plans to receive training from the genealogical community’s most elite instructors.

More information, including course descriptions, biographies, etc., may be found at: <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr>.

Texas State Library Renovation

Tracy Kuhn

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is undergoing a multi-year renovation of its main facility in Austin to expand and modernize.

The Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building will remain open during the renovation but the hours of operation have changed. The Genealogy Collection will be open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. and will be closed Saturdays and Sundays. Renovation information is available online at: www.tsl.state.tx.us/friends.

(Ms Kuhn is Executive Assistant, TSLAC.)

Events Calendar

BAGS Meetings are held at University Baptist Church (UBC) Members are invited to attend all meetings	
■Monday, October 23 rd , 2006	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■Friday, October 27 th , 2006	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2 nd Floor, UBC “The Value of Newspapers in Genealogical Research” Speaker: Lynna Kaye Shuffield
■Fri. - Sat., October 27-28 th , 2006	Texas State Genealogy Society 2006 Conference MacGorman Conference Center, Ft. Worth, Texas Sessions for beginners thru advanced researchers
■Tuesday, November 7 th , 2006	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
■Monday, November 13 th , 2006	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■Friday, November 17 th , 2006	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2 nd Floor, UBC “Lost in 1890 ? - What to Do when the Census is Missing” Speaker: Emily Croome
■Monday, December 11 th , 2006	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■Friday, December 15 th , 2006	6:00 pm BAGS Holiday Party, Great Room, 2 nd Floor, UBC “Against All Odds - Victory at Yorktown” Reenactor: James Hodges, Ph. D
■Tuesday, January 16 th , 2007	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
■Friday, January 19 th , 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, <i>Chapel, 1st Floor</i> , UBC <i>Topic and speaker to be announced</i>
■Thursday, February 15 th , 2007	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
■Saturday, March 24 th , 2007	BAGS and Clayton Library Friends Joint Seminar Speaker: Claire Miré Bettag

March 24th, 2007 Seminar at University Baptist Church

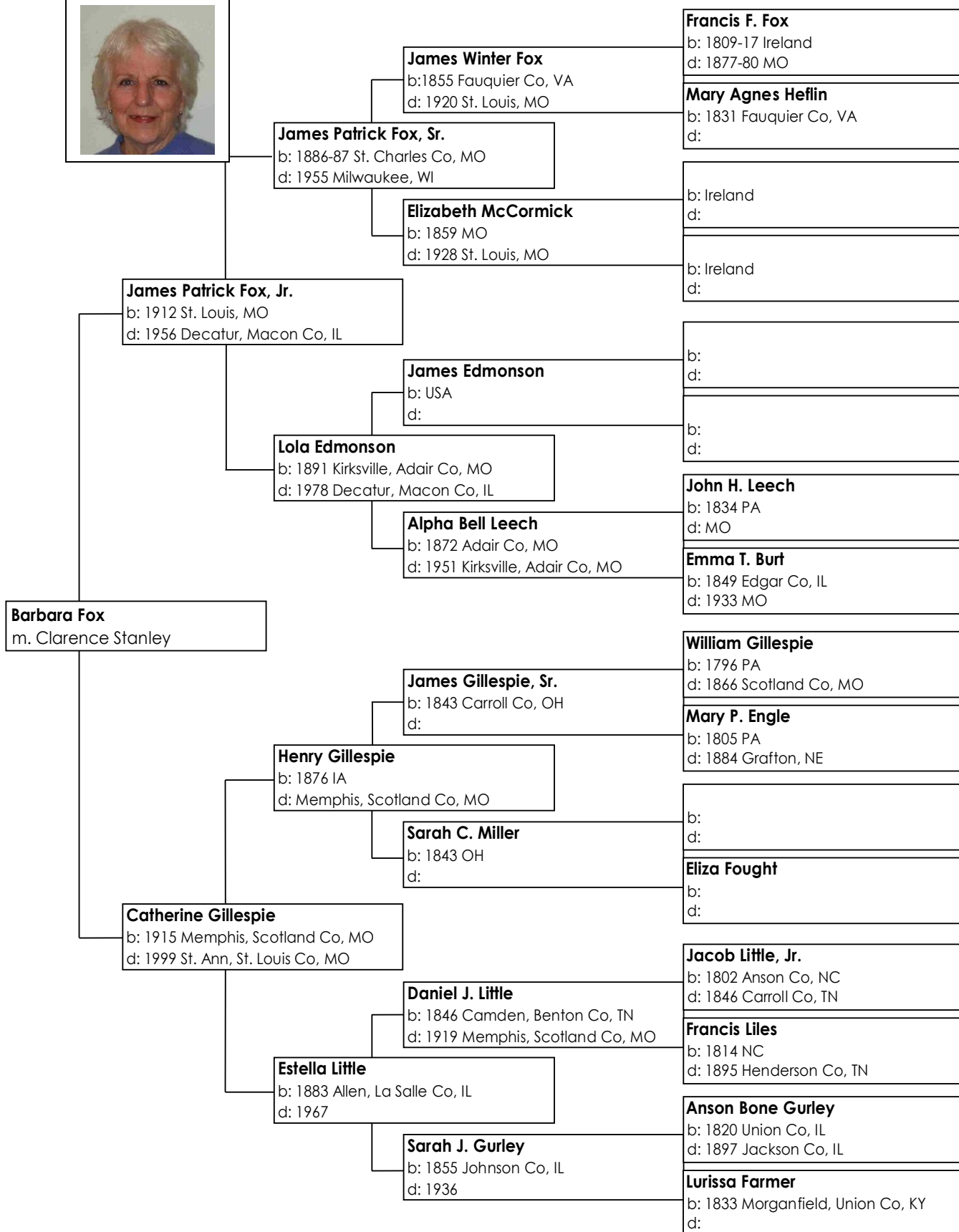
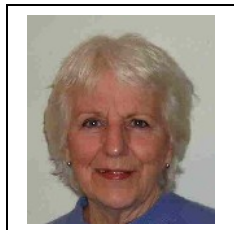
Houston, TX 9:00 am. – 3:00 pm. (8:30 am Registration)

A one-day seminar featuring popular speaker Claire Miré Bettag, Washington, D.C. based Director, National Archives and Records Administration’s (NARA) National Institute of Genealogical Research. Ms. Bettag will enlighten members, guests and interested family history buffs on the following topics:

- Assumptions in Genealogical Research – Your Own Worst Enemy
- Historical Documentary Publications as Genealogical Resources
- Homestead Records at the National Archives
- NARA Records and Information at Your Fingertips

A registration form is included with this newsletter, or may be printed from our website, <http://txbayareagen.org/seminars/BAGS-CLF-RegForm.pdf>

Ancestors of Barbara Fox Stanley



Committee News

Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

We have three trips to Clayton Library scheduled through February of next year. Please see our Events Calendar on page 5 for those dates.

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 for Clayton Library and leave the library at 3:00 pm. We will arrive back at 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 email me at lmartin497@aol.com. We will also have sign-up sheets at our general meetings. We always have an interesting time searching for ancestors, and we enjoy visiting on the bus and exchanging ideas.

The Society's website, www.TxBayAreaGen.org, always has a current listing of library trips. Bring a sack lunch and join us to see what you can find.

Quarterly Report

Susie Ganch, Editor

Our September quarterly will be handed out at the October general meeting. I think we received some really good input from our members which is the life blood of our quarterly. We have many quarterlies yet to publish so don't miss an opportunity to have your family history in print. Volume 6 of our quarterly starts in December.

Please submit your family histories, your vital records and any other articles you think would be of interest to our members and other genealogical researchers. Many thanks to those who have submitted the wonderful articles we have published in the Quarterly over the last five years.

BAG\$ Report

Resa Hennings, Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$4,070.58
Income	+\$3,224.75
Expenses	-\$2,503.37
Balance on hand 9/30	\$4,791.96

The increase in income and expenses was due to hosting the Family Tree Maker Workshop.

Membership

Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar

Membership renewals are being accepted for the 2006-2007 year until November 1st. After that date, members who are not current in their dues will be dropped from the membership roster. You don't want to miss out on the many services and upcoming programs provided by your BAGS. **RENEW NOW**. Membership applications for new or renewing members can be found on the BAGS website. You may take your application to the next BAGS meeting on Friday, October 27th or 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

We are pleased to welcome a bumper crop of new members to the society. Meet and greet Keith Stine of Houston, Maurine Lee of Pasadena. Laresa Evans of Kemah, Jane Ebrom of League City, Howard Spalding of League City, Fred and Lynn Finger of League City, Ed Harris of Nassau Bay and Wally Davenport of Houston. Happy to have you all with us.

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

Newsletter Distributor Wanted

Kim Zrubek, Newsletter Editor

If you have 4 hours free once a month, please consider serving as our newsletter distributor. The job requires retrieving copies from the printer, folding, stamping, labeling, and mailing approximately 40 newsletters to our fellow BAGS members (most of the members receive it online). BAGS reimburses for the printing and postage.



Building the Freeman Library Exhibit



**Checking
It
Out**

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REMINDER
 General Meeting
 Friday, October 27th, 6:00 pm,
 Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC

Deadline for
 November Issue is
October 28th, 2006



BAGS website:
www.TxBayAreaGen.org

Bay Area Genealogical Society & Clayton Library Friends

Seminar Registration Form

Featuring **Claire Miré Bettag**

Saturday, March 24, 2007 - 8:30 am.

University Baptist Church – 16106 Middlebrook Dr -- Houston, TX 77059

Name: _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

I am a member of the _____ Genealogical Society

More Info? Check out: <http://www.TXBayAreaGen.Org>
<http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org>

Registration Fees: (Circle One)

Super Early Registration = **\$30.00** postmarked or received by the registrar by **31 December 2006**

Early Registration = **\$35.00** postmarked/received by **31 January 2007**

Registration = **\$40.00** postmarked /received by **17 March 2007**

Registration at Door = **\$45.00** (NO Lunch Available)

Box Lunch = \$8.00 Choose: Roast Beef _____ Ham _____ Tuna _____
Turkey _____ Veggie _____

____ Registration(s) in the amount of	\$.00
____ Lunch(es) in the amount of	\$.00
Contribution to the BAGS or CLF (circle one) in the amount of	\$.00
Grand total:	\$.00

Mail your registration fee and this form

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