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November Meeting: 1890 Census Substitutes – Emily Croom

Gems from Genealogists



Ms Shuffield's discussion of the importance of newspapers to genealogists included the difficulty of accessing the LDS library catalog because of complications with the indexing by subject and place. Fortunately, the keyword indexed search is now working. For example, entering in the Keyword Search box, "monmouth new jersey newspaper" retrieves not only the microfilmed newspapers, but also scrapbooks, Bible records, DAR, and other documents, where "newspaper" appears in the source description.

The LDS catalog can be accessed at: http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp.

Dug up by: Doug Wilson

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Do the 1880–1900 years loom as a dark hole before you? What parts of the 1890 census survived? What options do you have for making progress without that census? Your research may not be doomed after all. Use the same strategies when other censuses are missing or when existing schedules missed your ancestors.

An avid genealogist for more than thirty years, Emily Croom was first introduced to genealogy during a seventh-grade field trip to the local public library: "When the librarian asked us to name all our great-grandparents, I was surprised that I could name only four. Immediately I knew I had to learn about the other half. It was in this pursuit that I began my genealogical journey."

Emily holds bachelor's degrees in history and music and a master's in history; she taught history in public schools for twelve years. Her genealogy teaching includes classes for the local community college; an online class; and seminars and workshops. A frequent speaker at genealogical, historical, and lineage society meetings, Emily also speaks at various community venues.

Emily is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, Clayton Library Friends, local and state genealogical societies. Besides numerous articles in magazines and society journals, she has written a number of family histories and widely acclaimed books on genealogical research.



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Message from the President

Loren Martin

Each year in November, we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Besides the many personal things for which each of us has to be thankful, as genealogists we also need to remember to be thankful for what has helped the study of our ancestors .

The BAGS organization has been a blessing to all of us. We need to express our thanks to all the individuals who were instrumental in the creation of the organization (especially Carolyn Hellen), those that have served as officers or committee chairpersons for every year of our existence (to name just a few; Resa Hennings, Dick Warren, Neil Miserendino, Jeanine Lawrence, Doug and Polly Wilson, and Leo Waltz), those that have produced our excellent publications (Tammy Frey, Claudia Grafton, Linda Carrington, and Susie Ganch), and all the others who have given many hours working in various capacities (to name just a few; Mary Martin, Dottie Crabb, Leona Cook, Ron Cox, Alice Braud-Jones, Rose Mary Fritz, Carol Varnado, Shirley Lindquist, Bill Teas, Linda Goerland, Lee Jared, Wanda Yelverton, Paula Sinning, Diane Kropp, Barbara Stanley, and Gloria Dupuy). Those listed are only some of many individuals who deserve our heartfelt thanks. Hopefully, I have not unintentionally failed to mention any other hard-working members.

We have been blessed with many excellent speakers, including the staff at the Clayton Library, who have educated and entertained us at our monthly meetings. Another area for thanks is the wonderful food that all the members have generously provided at these monthly meetings.

I would like to personally thank every member who has provided whatever support they were able that has made BAGS the excellent organization that it is today. I am confident that the "CAN DO" attitude of our members will result in BAGS becoming an even better genealogical organization.

Loren



Researching Western Massachusetts

Mary Martin

Many of the towns in Massachusetts have their vital records published in book form. However, there are quite a few towns in western Massachusetts that don't have their records published in books that are available on either microfilm or computer disk. I have used the "Corbin Collection" which is on microfilm for the town of Monson in Hampden Co., Massachusetts. This collection of records can be found at the Clayton Library on the second floor. The "Corbin Collection" is a collection of handwritten vital records. On this microfilm, I have found birth, death, cemetery, marriage, church records, baptism records, and other records. I found the records of when my g-g-g-g-grandmother joined the Congregational Church in Monson as a widow which gives me a date closer to the date that my g-g-g-g-grandfather died. I found the baptisms of four of her seven children including my g-g-g-grandmother recorded about a month after she joined the church. In some places the records were indexed on the microfilm, so you don't have to look at the entire text.

The other towns in Massachusetts in the "Corbin Collection" are: Amherst, Belchertown (formerly "Cold Spring" plantation), Bernardston (formerly "Falltown" plantation), Blandford (formerly "Suffield Equivalent Lands" commonly called "Glasgow"), Chesterfield (formerly "New Hingham" plantation), Easthampton, Enfield (annexed to Belchertown, New Salem, Pelham & Ware in 1938), Goshen, Granby, Hadley (formerly the "New Plantation"), Hancock (formerly "Jerico" plantation), Hatfield, Hawley (formerly "No. 7" Plantation), Lanesborough (formerly "New Framingham" plantation), Leverett, Monson, Northhampton, Northfield (formerly "Squakeag" plantation), Paxton, Rowe (formerly called "Myrifiel"), Russell, Savoy, Shutesbury (formerly

"Roadtown" plantation), S. Hadley, Southhampton, Springfield, Sunderland, Wales, Ware, Warwick, Westfield, Westhampton, and Wilbraham. These towns are located in these Massachusetts counties: Hampshire, Franklin, Hampden, Berkshire, and Worcester.

I found this information in a wonderful book entitled *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*, 3rd Edition; by Marcia Wiswall Lindberg, C.G.; New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, MA 1993 (available at Clayton Library, call # 974 G324 USA). This book has been a wonderful tool for me to do New England research.

National Gravesite Locator

submitted by Neil Miserendino

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides an online National Gravesite Locator (<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>) to search for burial locations of veterans and their family members in VA National Cemeteries, state veterans cemeteries, various other military and Department of Interior cemeteries, and for veterans buried in private cemeteries when the grave is marked with a government grave marker. The person's information may include the rank, military branch, war, grave location, and date of birth and death.



New Members

Shirley Lindquist

Sharon Alderman, Eunice Bowling, Jane Chichester, Wally Davenport, Jane Ebrom, Laresa Evans, Fred & Lynn Finger, Ed Harris, Mary Ann Hearon, Maureen Lee, Lone Marie Milhoan, Ron Schoolcraft, Howard Spalding, and Keith Stine

Welcome to these new members who joined BAGS in July – September 2006.

Whether you're a beginner or experienced genealogist we want you to "make the most" of your BAGS membership and enjoy your family search. I will call you before the next meeting, introduce our organization, and offer answers to your questions. Additionally, a BAGS New Member Packet with helpful forms, research ideas, etc., will be available for you to pick up at the November 17, 2006 meeting.

U.S. Newspaper Program – Texas

Neil Miserendino

The newspaper collection at the Center for American History, University of Texas contains more than 4,500 Texas, Southern, U.S., and non-U. S. titles and is the largest collection of its kind in Texas. The division is also home to the newspaper clippings morgues of the *NY Herald-Tribune*, the *New York Journal-American*, *New York Times*, and *Newsweek Magazine*.

Use the online indexes to determine if the Center holds the title(s) and date range(s) you seek. Many titles on microfilm may be borrowed through interlibrary loan (ILL) or a duplicate copy purchased. Online indexes and details for ILL requests is available at http://www.cah.utexas.edu/services/finding_item_s/newspapers.php

Other U.S. State resources for the U.S. Newspaper Program can be found at <http://www.neh.gov/projects/usnp.html>

Bockstruck Tips to THAGS and BAGS

Alice Braud-Jones

Lloyd Bockstruck, AB, MA, MS, FNGS, genealogist extraordinaire and Dallas County Public Library's Supervisor, Genealogical Section, delighted and humbled BAGS members Mary Brandhorst, Rose Mary Fritz, Marilyn Hughes and Alice Braud-Jones at The Humble Area Genealogical Society's (THAGS) annual Fall seminar, Saturday, October 14, 2006 at Kingwood College. Mr. Bockstruck's topics covered: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor, U. S. Military Records, The Carolinas, and Identifying the Maiden Names of Females.

All in attendance learned that a colonist is a person coming from one part of a country to a satellite of the same country; that an immigrant is a person going to a foreign country and an emigrant is one who came from a foreign country. Small details but big difference! Also, that in 1750 there were about one million people in the English Colonies and about 60,000 in New France (today's U.S. Gulf Coast region). There were four waves of Europe to the US immigration: 1790 to 1830 about 350,000 and the largest protestant immigration, 1830 to 1860 about 4.5 million, and 1860 to 1890 about 9.1 million.

In 1820 to 1892 over 11.8 million immigrated to New York City and another 1.1 million into Boston, followed by Philadelphia with 860,000 and Baltimore with 800,000. New Orleans had 640,000 and other ports such as Galveston, Charleston, Portland, Maine, etc. were close behind.

Did you know that "indenture" means "toothed", a name given to documents of the same name because of the way the documents were cut in two pieces in a wavy "toothed" fashion, with each party receiving one piece? If challenged, both pieces would be presented and if the "teeth" fit together, the document's authenticity was proven.

Mr. Bockstruck advised in his final segment that a "real genealogist" is one who can track the maiden names of his or her female ancestry for 14 generations. That just shows how much more research is necessary to conquer our family trees and the myriad of opportunities which exist for doing so. Thanks to The Humble Area Genealogical Society for a great program!

Events Calendar

BAGS Meetings are held at University Baptist Church (UBC) Members are invited to attend all meetings	
■Monday, November 13th, 2006	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■Friday, November 17th, 2006	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC “Lost in 1890 ? – What to Do when the Census is Missing” Speaker: Emily Croom
■Wednesday, December 6th, 2006	9:00 am Harris County Archives trip, meet @ Clear Lake Bible Church, El Dorado @ Hwy 3, contact Judy Henderson, 281-482-7888 or judy38@hal-pc.org
■Monday, December 11th, 2006	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■Friday, December 15th, 2006	6:00 pm BAGS Holiday Party, Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC “Against All Odds – Victory at Yorktown”
■Tuesday, January 16, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library
■Thursday, February 15th, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library
■Saturday, March 24th, 2007	BAGS and Clayton Library Friends Joint Seminar Speaker: Claire Miré Bettag

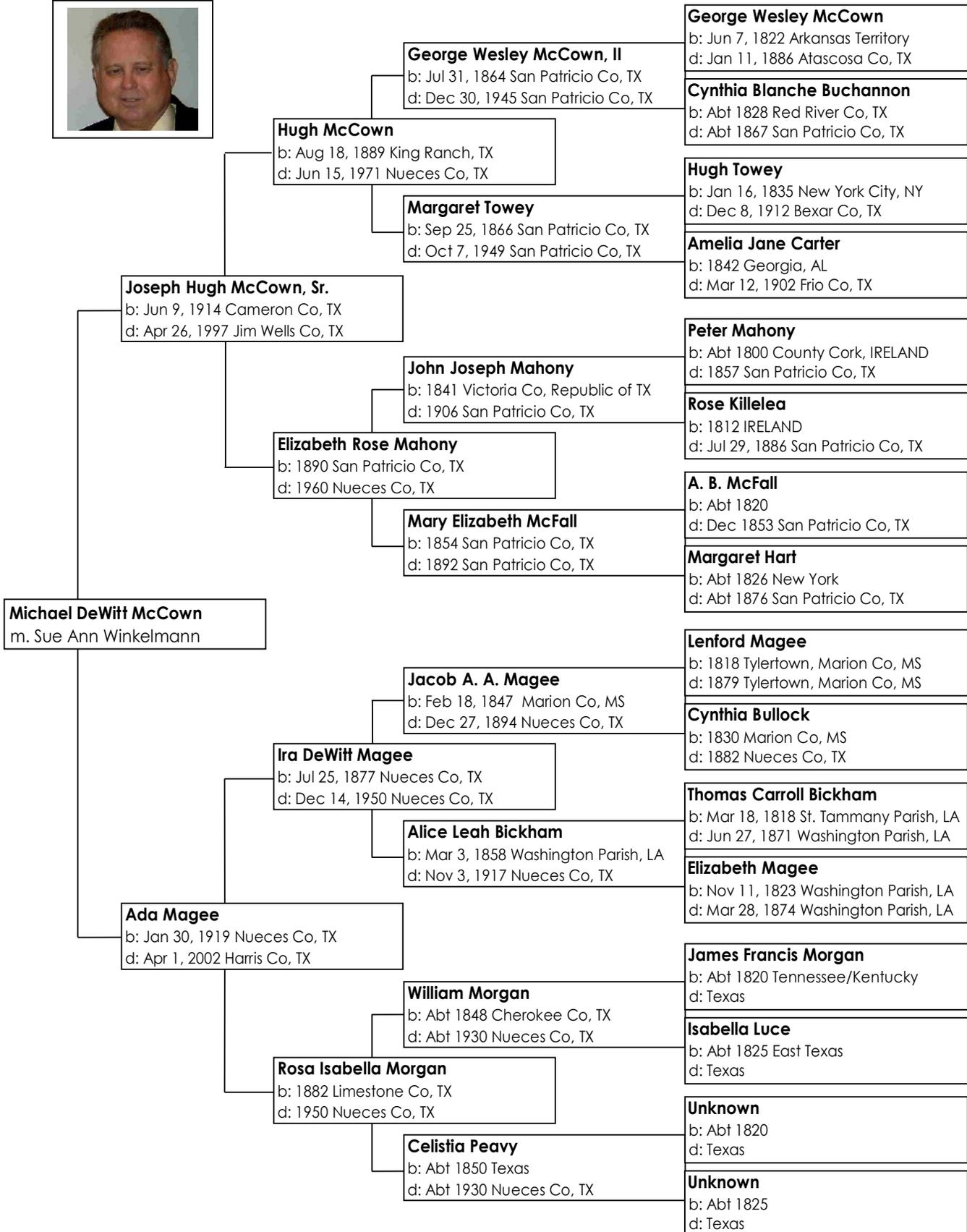
DAR Library Presentation by BAGS VP at Friendswood Public Library

BAGS 1st Vice President Alice Braud-Jones delivered a one-hour presentation at the Friendswood Public Library on October 16, 2006 covering the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Library in Washington, D.C. The presentation covered the DAR Library's location, access, on-line catalog (<http://www.dar.org/library/onlinlib.cfm>), special collections, research options, general holdings and member applications. This library, the world's largest heritage society research facility, is owned and operated by members and employees of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, a 116-year old heritage society whose tenets are promotion of patriotism, preservation of this country's heritage and education of our children. Alice Braud-Jones is the DAR National Vice-Chair, Genealogy, New Chapter Development, state and national speakers bureau member, and local chapter committee chair for the NSDAR and Sam Houston Chapter of Houston, TX.

See you at the BAGS Holiday Banquet on Friday December 15th. Spend an evening with George Washington (James Hodges). Enjoy Matt Stites playing the piano. Visit with friends and partake of good food. Register by November 30th. Details are included in this newsletter on page 9 in the electronic format and as an insert in the printed newsletter.



Ancestors of Michael DeWitt McCown



Committee News

Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

We have two 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 are back to the parking lot before 4:00 pm. If you have any questions or would like to attend the trips, please call me at 281-332-2435, or email me at [lmartin497 <at> aol.com](mailto:lmartin497@aol.com). We will also have sign-up sheets at the meetings. We have an interesting time searching for ancestors, and we enjoy each others company riding 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.

Membership

Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar

Are you interested in any of these family names? If so contact one of our members.

For *Bass* or *Davidson* see Richard Alexander. Contact Annette Bowen for *Holder*, *Bowles*, *Dunbar* and *Hughes*. Ruth Czigan is interested in *Stechann*, *Scherer*, *Friedley* and *Luzader*.

Membership applications for new or reinstating members can be found on the BAGS website. You may bring your application to the next BAGS meeting on Friday, November 17th 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

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.

Quarterly

Susie Ganch, Editor

We have just completed 5 years of publishing our BAGS Quarterlies, and in my opinion, BAGS has a lot of which we can be proud. Resa Hennings was the editor for the first 3 years, before I assumed the editorship two years ago. During that time, we have received wonderful articles from you, our members, which have entertained, educated and amused us all.

We should all be proud that The Bay Area Genealogical Quarterly is considered a viable research tool to our members and to genealogists who can access our information in local libraries and through *PERSI*, maintained at Allen County Public Library in Indiana.

I look forward to the next 5 years of articles and records from our members. This is what helps our society remain a quality genealogical organization and gives hearts and souls to our membership and their ancestors. Let's keep those articles coming and publish the many stories and records we have found in our genealogical exploration.

Please feel free to continue to email your submissions to me at sganch@verizon.net.

Call for Five-Generation Charts

Carole Varnado, Chairman

Please submit your Five Generation Chart to be published. Also, if you have added information to your chart since it was published, please resubmit it to:

Carole Varnado
3711 Canary Grass Lane
Houston, TX 77059
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BAG\$ Report

Resa Hennings, Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$4,791.96
Income	+\$2,610.85
Expenses	-\$545.24
Balance on hand 10/31	\$6,857.57



Good Music – Matt Stites



Good Stories – Loren Martin



Good Food --
Shirley
Brasseaux's
Table

**Memories of Holiday Parties Past
2005**

REMINDER
General Meeting
Friday, November **17th**, 6:00 pm,
Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC

Deadline for
December Issue is
November 25th, 2006

BAGS website:
www.TxBayAreaGen.org



6TH ANNUAL B.A.G.S. HOLIDAY BANQUET

DATE: Friday, December 15, 2006

TIME: 6 – 9 PM

LOCATION: Great Room (2nd floor)
University Baptist Church

THEME:

“THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS”

SPEAKER: Dr. James Hodges
(complete with period costume)

TICKET PRICE: \$12.50 per person,
includes catered meal and
holiday cheer

'Tis the season and we are now preparing the final 2006 event of the Bay Area Genealogical Society.

The theme for this year is “The Twelve Days of Christmas” and we are, once again, requesting members to volunteer as a table host/hostess. Each table centerpiece will be one of the “twelve days of Christmas” and will be provided by the holiday committee. Hosts/ hostesses will only be asked to supply a complete place setting for each person at their table. If you would like to host one of the twelve tables, please contact Linda Goerland at (281) 326-1476 or egoerland1@houston.rr.com.

The evening will be filled with good cheer and holiday spirit and sounds, followed at 7:30 with our speaker, Dr. James Hodges. So come celebrate, socialize, and visit with old and new friends during this special season.

DEADLINE for all seating and table reservations is November 30th. Please send your check or money order to Resa Hennings, 439 Bayou View Drive, El Lago, TX 77586. Or you may make your payment to the holiday committee at the November general meeting. Contact Resa at (281) 326-4936 or resa@resa.us with any questions.

Please check for details or changes regarding this event on our website:
www.TxBayAreaGen.org.



Due to the fact that everything must be scheduled in advance, no one will be admitted without a pre-paid reservation.



Super Early Registration For This Event Ends December 31, 2006!
REGISTER NOW TO RECEIVE BEST PRICE!

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)
and
Clayton Library Friends
Host NARA Top Genealogist
Claire Miré Bettag, CG, CGL
Saturday, March 24, 2007
8:30 am – 3:00 pm
University Baptist Church
Houston (Clear Lake City), TX



Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS), and Clayton Library Friends (CLF) are co-sponsoring a one-day seminar featuring popular genealogical speaker Claire Miré Bettag, CG, CGL.

When: Saturday, March 24, 2007
Where: **University Baptist Church,**
16106 Middlebrook Dr,
Houston (Clear Lake City), TX
Time: **8:30 am Registration**
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Program (inclusive of lunch break)

Ms. Bettag, Washington, D.C. based Director, National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) National Institute of Genealogical Research; a contributing author to *Professional Genealogy*, has also published articles in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and *APG Quarterly*. A Samford University IGHR Program Coordinator, Claire will enlighten BAGS and CLF members, guests and interested family history buffs on the following topics:

General Records:

- Assumptions in Genealogical Research – Your Own Worst Enemy
- Historical Documentary Publications as Genealogical Resources

Federal Records:

- Homestead Records at the National Archives
- NARA Records and Information at Your Fingertips

To register for this national event go to:

[http:// www.txbayareagen.org](http://www.txbayareagen.org) OR <http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org/>