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January Meeting : "But How Do I Know That? Cite Your Sources!" -- Gay E. Carter

Don't miss out on an opportunity to have your own BAGS tote. For only **\$20**, you can have this great tote with our BAGS logo for carrying your genealogical material on trips to Clayton Library and everywhere else.

This sporty tote has a roomy zippered main compartment with shoulder length handles. It features a front slip pocket, pen and business card pockets on the front, cell phone pocket and mesh water bottle holder on sides.

These totes will be on sale starting at the January meeting.



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Does documentation sound about as much fun as going to the dentist? Have you been happily collecting family information and now don't know where it all came from? Don't panic! Find out how to work with what you have, how to make citing your sources a natural part of your research habits (and why you should), and how to find a citation style that works for you. Gay Carter will use examples from a variety of works to illustrate the "dos" and "don'ts" of documentation. She'll also include tips from the experts, showing you how to adapt the ideal to the practical.



Gay E. Carter is the Reference/Documents Librarian at the Alfred R. Neumann Library, University of Houston–Clear Lake. A graduate of Texas Woman's University, she has been with the university since it "opened its doors" in 1974 and holds a Master of Library Science degree. A government documents librarian since 1980, she supervises the Neumann Library's U.S. federal depository and Texas state depository collections. She is active in the Government Documents Round Table of the Texas Library Association, serving as chair-elect in 1990-91 and as chair in 1991-92.

Engaged in genealogical research for over 25 years, she is a member of several genealogical organizations and is an alumna of the Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR). A popular speaker at Houston area genealogical societies, she was invited to speak at the Federal Depository Library Conference in Spring 2001 and Fall 2002, the 2004 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Austin, Texas, and was a lecturer in Course 5 (Advanced Library Research: Law Libraries and Government Documents) at the 2005 IGHR. Her article on using university libraries for genealogical research appeared in the December 2004 National Genealogical Society *NewsMagazine*.

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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.

Questions or comments on the BAGS Newsletter should be addressed to:

Editor, P.O. Box 891447,
Houston, TX 77289-1447, or
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Message from the President

Loren Martin

At our December party, we were privileged to hear from Dr. James Hodges in the role of General George Washington. If you were not there, you missed an educational and entertaining experience!

As we begin a new calendar year for BAGS, I would again ask all members to consider what you “Can Do” to help make our society even better. Some of the areas where you can choose to participate in a manner that suits your availability and skills are:

- volunteering time to committee and/or board activities,
- increasing your donations to further our educational goals,
- sharing information in our monthly “Newsletter” and the “Quarterly” (contact Kim Zrubek and Susie Ganch),
- joining the staff who produce the above publications,
- participating on the team to conduct the March ‘07 seminar featuring Claire Miré Bettag (contact Alice Braud-Jones),
- helping with the creation of the BAGS Cookbook (contact Claudia Grafton or Resa Hennings),
- purchasing one of the new BAGS totes, now available from Susie Ganch,
- assisting in the ideas and implementation of organizational improvements, and
- bringing prospective new members and refreshments to our meetings.

Each year we try to “spread our wings” and support new activities for BAGS. In 2006, many members assisted in making the September Family Tree Maker seminar a tremendous success. Additionally, we conducted an extremely interesting August “Show and Tell” meeting, improved our member services activities, created a unique tote bag for our society, and continued to publish excellent publications which are now available to all via the Allen County Library PERSI facilities.

We have the privilege of belonging to a very good genealogical society and of having an opportunity to make it an excellent, model genealogical society. I am looking forward to working with each of you in 2007 toward our continued BAGS growth.

Thank you,

Loren



IMPORTANT--ALL MEMBERS PLEASE READ

The Board of Directors of BAGS passed a Resolution on November 13, 2006, recommending that we make some necessary legal changes in our corporate structure. Since we are organized as a voting non-profit corporation in the State of Texas, all BAGS members in good standing are entitled to cast a ballot on the Resolution.

The Board wishes to file for tax-exempt status with the IRS, but to do that we must first amend our Articles of Incorporation with the State. There are several good reasons to become tax-exempt:

1. the society can make purchases and not be charged state sales tax
2. members will be able to consider a portion of their BAGS annual dues as a charitable contribution
3. BAGS can apply for government grants (something we may be interested in down the road)

We also wish to make a minor change in our corporate name, dropping the word "The."

So, the ballot allows for changing the name of the corporation, and (to comply with IRS requirements) changing the article relative to the purpose of the corporation and amending two articles--one that addresses net earnings and non-involvement in political campaigns, and the other which makes provisions if we should ever dissolve the corporation.

The Board of Directors is in favor of these changes. For it to become effective, though, two-thirds (2/3) of the membership must approve.

--There will be a voice vote on this at the January 26, 2007, general meeting. **If** you plan to **attend that meeting, do not** submit the paper ballot.

--If you are **not** going to attend the January 26, 2007, general meeting, **then vote the paper ballot (see page 8 for ballot)** and send it to Resa Hennings, 439 Bayou View Drive, El Lago, Texas 77586 or send her an e-mail at resa@resa.us with your "yea" or "nay" relative to the Resolution.

DO NOT VOTE TWICE!

EITHER VOTE THE PAGE 8 PAPER BALLOT, (ONE VOTE PER MEMBER)

OR VOTE IN PERSON AT THE JANUARY 26 MEETING.

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YOU ARE VOTING ON ALL 4 OF THESE ITEMS

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Change Article 1-Corporate Name from "The Bay Area Genealogical Society" to "Bay Area Genealogical Society."

Change Article 6-Purpose to

Said corporation is a non-profit corporation, organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes the furtherance of genealogical research and knowledge, and the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The primary purpose of the corporation is educational, engaging in genealogical activities that promote public interest in genealogy and providing knowledge and assistance to persons interested in genealogical research.

Add Article 7-Net Earnings and Non-Involvement

The corporation is constituted so as to receive substantially all of its support from memberships, dues, fees, and assessments from its members, and has not been formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Sixth hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Add Article 8-Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Events Calendar

BAGS meetings are held at University Baptist Church (UBC) Members are invited to attend all meetings	
■Monday, January 22, 2007	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■Friday, January 26, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC “Cite Your Sources!” -- Gay Carter New member meeting canceled
■Until Tuesday, January 30, 2007	Friendswood Library (416 S. Friendswood Drive) A display promoting the BAGS organization is on exhibit
■Thursday, February 15, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library
■Saturday, February 17, 2007	9:30am-12:00 noon Beginning Genealogy Class, UBC
■Monday, February 19, 2007	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■Friday, February 23, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC Speaker and Topic to be Announced
■Saturday, March 24, 2007	8:30 am Joint Seminar, BAGS and CLF Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC

Of Interest...

A Beginning Genealogy class is scheduled for Saturday February 17th 9:30AM at University Baptist Church. Register for the class at the January General meeting. Fee: \$8.00. Contact Shirley Lindquist 281-286-4125.

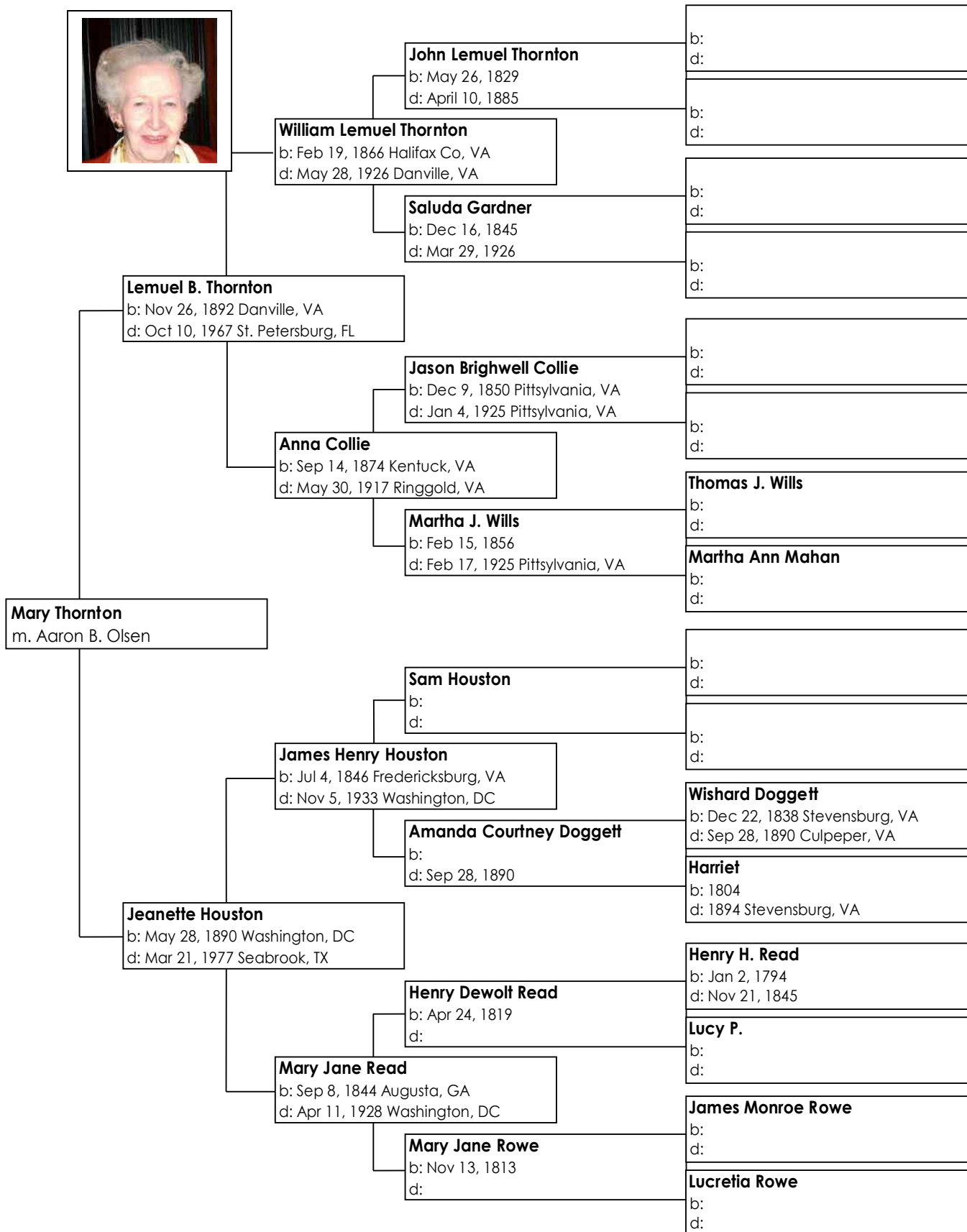
A brand new Special Interest Group for The Master Genealogist Software will hold its first session Saturday, January 20, 1:30-3:30 pm. at the HAL-PC facility in Webster, Suite 210, 400 Medical Center Boulevard. Jerry Woodman will be presenting tutorials for beginner and advanced genealogists on the third Saturday of every month (except July and December). Must register by calling 281-316-0768.

REMINDER

General Meeting
Friday January 26, 6:00 pm
Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC

Deadline for
February Issue is
February 3, 2007

Ancestors of Mary Thornton Olsen



Committee News

Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Our scheduled BAGS trip to the Clayton Library are **Wednesday, January 31; Thursday, February 15; and Tuesday, March 6, 2007.**

We meet in front of the **Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Street.** The county bus departs the Rec Center at 9:00 am and leaves the Clayton Library at 3:00 pm, to arrive back at the parking lot before 4:00 pm. If you have any questions or would like to join the group, please call Mary Martin at 281-332-2435, or email Mary at lmartin497@aol.com. Sign-up sheets are also available at the general meetings.

This is a good time to get started with the genealogy projects you have been putting on hold. It is also a good time to chat with other society members and possibly learn some new things that you can try to locate your ancestors.

The BAGS website, www.TxBayAreaGen.org, always has a current listing of library trips. Occasionally, we are able to plan an extra trip if a spot becomes available and it will be listed on the website as soon as it is scheduled. Bring a sack lunch and join us to see what you can discover about your ancestors!

Quarterly

Susie Ganch, Editor

Family history articles, Bible records and vital records needed for the quarterly. Please email submissions to sganch@verizon.net. The December issue of the Quarterly Report will be distributed at the January general meeting.

BAG\$ Report

Resa Hennings, Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$6,535.37
Income	\$1,920.10
Expenses	<u>-\$1,234.00</u>
Balance on hand 12/31/06	\$7,221.47

2006 Holiday Party



Jim "George Washington" Hodge & Loren Martin

Membership

Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar

We welcome new members Colleen and Glenn Ecord of Houston. They are researching the Ecord, Bruce, Sorrell and McGowan families. May we all find some nugget that adds a new branch to the family tree in 2007.

Membership applications for new or reinstating members can be found on the BAGS website. You may take your application to the next BAGS meeting 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.

Holiday Party 2006 - Good Memories



NED YELVERTON



MATT STITES



FIFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS



EIGHTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

BALLOT

Yes, I am in favor of the following corporate changes. (One vote per member.)

No, I am not in favor of the following corporate changes.

Your name

1. Change Corporate Name.
2. Change Purpose.
3. Add Net Earnings and Non-Involvement.
4. Add Dissolution.

(See page 4 for details.)

Send this ballot to:

Resa Hennings
439 Bayou View Drive
El Lago, Texas 77586

or send her an email at resa@resa.us with your "yea" or "nay."

Early Registration For This Event Ends January 31, 2007!
REGISTER NOW TO RECEIVE BEST PRICE!

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)
and
Clayton Library Friends
Host NARA Top Genealogist
Claire Mire 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 Mire 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, is a contributing author to *Professional Genealogy* and 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)

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)

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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