



# Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter

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## May Meeting: Natural Disaster Preparedness

### Gems from Genealogists



Do you have ancestors in Iowa? If they are buried there, you should know about the Iowa Gravestone Photo Project. This is an IAGenweb undertaking that has a searchable database of over 297,000 burials with links to photos that you can download – for free! This project has been so successful that Colorado, Arizona and eight other states have used the program developed in Iowa. Check it out at <http://iowagravestones.org/>. Look in Madison County St. Charles Cemetery to see a lot of my McGinnis relatives.

*Dug up by:* Polly Wilson

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### Speaker: Susan Kaufman, MLIS



Natural disasters such as hurricanes are usually forecasted. However, events might occur for which you do not have days to prepare. How can we keep our family history documents, photos, notes, etc. together and ready to go at a moments notice? Especially when they are currently in boxes filling all the available space in our homes and possibly garages. Ms. Kaufman will

discuss preparedness, archival storage, and repair of materials all designed to get you going on saving your family history "stuff."

Susan D. Kaufman is currently Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research in Houston ([www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton](http://www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton)). She has worked as a genealogy librarian for 18 years. Six of those years were spent at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She began her career as the genealogy librarian in Peoria, Illinois at the Peoria Public Library.

Ms. Kaufman has been involved in genealogical librarianship and genealogical societies since 1987. She offers expertise in genealogical historical reference, collection development, and educational outreach. Her collection development skills include acquiring one-of-a-kind resources, government documents, and other hard-to-find research materials. She has worked with local, state, and national genealogical societies both as a board member and as a presenter at conferences. Currently, she is a director for the nationally recognized Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) board. In 2006, she served as annual FGS National Conference Co-Chair.

**May 25, 6:00 pm University Baptist Church**

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## Message from the President

Loren Martin

This is a very exciting time for BAGS. We have accomplished a lot during the past year and continue our endeavors to attain quality programs and impressive project outcomes.

In April we were privileged to have a second presentation from Dr. James Hodges at our general membership meeting. We learned about General Sam Houston from his wonderful reenactment and were provided an entertaining, educational experience. Every month since the organization of BAGS, Dick Warren, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and program chair, has continually arranged for great speakers. Thank you, Dick, for your dedication and effort on behalf of BAGS.

The Mount Olivet Cemetery transcribing project is progressing very well with the enthusiastic support of many individuals. Details are provided in this issue on page 3. Other local genealogical groups are assisting in this landmark project to transcribe over 6000 graves in the Catholic cemetery. In the upcoming months, you will begin to see the first results of this project published in the *BAGS Quarterly*. If you would like to join the project team, contact Alice Braud-Jones to receive training and begin the transcription process, or Neil Miserendino to assist in the data entry process.

The BAGS Cookbook project team, led by Claudia Grafton and Resa Hennings, is organizing recipes previously submitted and are eager to accept more of your family's "special" delicacies. Be sure to include a story or anecdote about the recipe for interest in the cookbook. Editing and compilation of the information into the final published product will take several more months.

Our organization is being publicized in the local newspapers and by using BAGS Totes at the Clayton Library and other places. Have you purchased your BAGS Tote yet? At only \$20.00 they are a great buy and an outstanding advertisement for our society.

We are fortunate to have a great organization driven by many wonderful dedicated members! See you at the Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Don't forget to bring a dish!

*Loren*



## Welcome New Members!

**Jane Campo of Houston**

**Marlene Endicott Ladner of Seabrook**

**Bill Robinett of Houston**

The Mt. Olivet Cemetery Transcription Project is moving along at a brisk pace. Fourteen teams consisting of 31 volunteers have completed the training process. Initial transcriptions of St. Bonaventure and the majority of St. Dominic are complete, along with most of the mausoleum. As the weather gets warmer, we anticipate a slow-down in the process but have planned for that event in our scheduled completion date of April 2008. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers within BAGS and the other local organizations who are assisting in this project: Sam Houston and George Washington Chapters of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; Fort Virginia Point Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy; and the League City Genealogical Society.

**Neil Miserendino is chairing the electronic data entry activities. He would appreciate your assistance.**

**Resa Hennings and Claudia Grafton are overseeing the “verification” process to validate each entry for accuracy. They would appreciate your assistance.**

**Have you signed up for the BAGS Cemetery Transcription Team? If not, contact one of the above parties to contribute to this worthwhile project.**

***Related:***

Melodey Mozeley Hauch provides a wonderful example of capturing the heritage of a cemetery and the lives of the people buried there in her article “Fairview Cemetery of League City, Texas” printed in the *BAGS Quarterly*, March 2007 issue. This article is the first of a four-part series to be published.

**The March issue of the *BAGS Quarterly* is still available for pickup at the May 25, 2007 general meeting.**



A free online searchable database containing one million names found in birth records from 1864-1877, marriages records 1864-1930, and death records 1864-1877 and 1908-1955 is accessible at [www.novascotiagenealogy.com](http://www.novascotiagenealogy.com). Each name is linked to a digital image of the original record. Viewing the digital image is free. For a fee, you can purchase a hard copy. You can view the digital images only after installing the Viewpoint® plug-in provided by the website. Plug-in system requirements are listed at [www.viewpoint.com/technologies/viewpoint-media-player.shtml](http://www.viewpoint.com/technologies/viewpoint-media-player.shtml)

### Traveling This Summer?

Consider planning research stops at libraries and family history centers along the way. Each may contain unique and special local history collections of books, newspapers, or public records. Visit Public Libraries website ([www.publiclibraries.com](http://www.publiclibraries.com)) to discover the holdings and locations of US state libraries, presidential libraries, public libraries, university and college libraries, and national libraries of the world. To find a Family History Center near you, enter country, state, and city on this website [www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHC/frame\\_set\\_fhc.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHC/frame_set_fhc.asp) to get complete address, phone number, and operating hours.



TRAVELING LIGHT?

### What's New at Clayton

#### Discover the newest books added to the Clayton Library collection:

1. Go to the Houston Public Library online catalog <http://catalog.houstonlibrary.org>
2. Click on the link "NEW Titles!"
3. Go to the second page and click on link "New Genealogy Titles at Clayton"

#### Clayton's Periodical Holdings Database is brand new!

Clayton Library has provided a free online search database for their periodical collection. Search by state or country to discover periodicals available at the Clayton Library for area of interest. Search by title, publisher, or ISSN to verify the library carries a specific periodical. In the list of matching results, click on the title to view details on the specific issues held at the library. Visit <http://www.houstonlibrary.org/cgi-bin/clayton/periodicals.pl> to search the database.



CLAYTON HOUSE

## Events Calendar

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

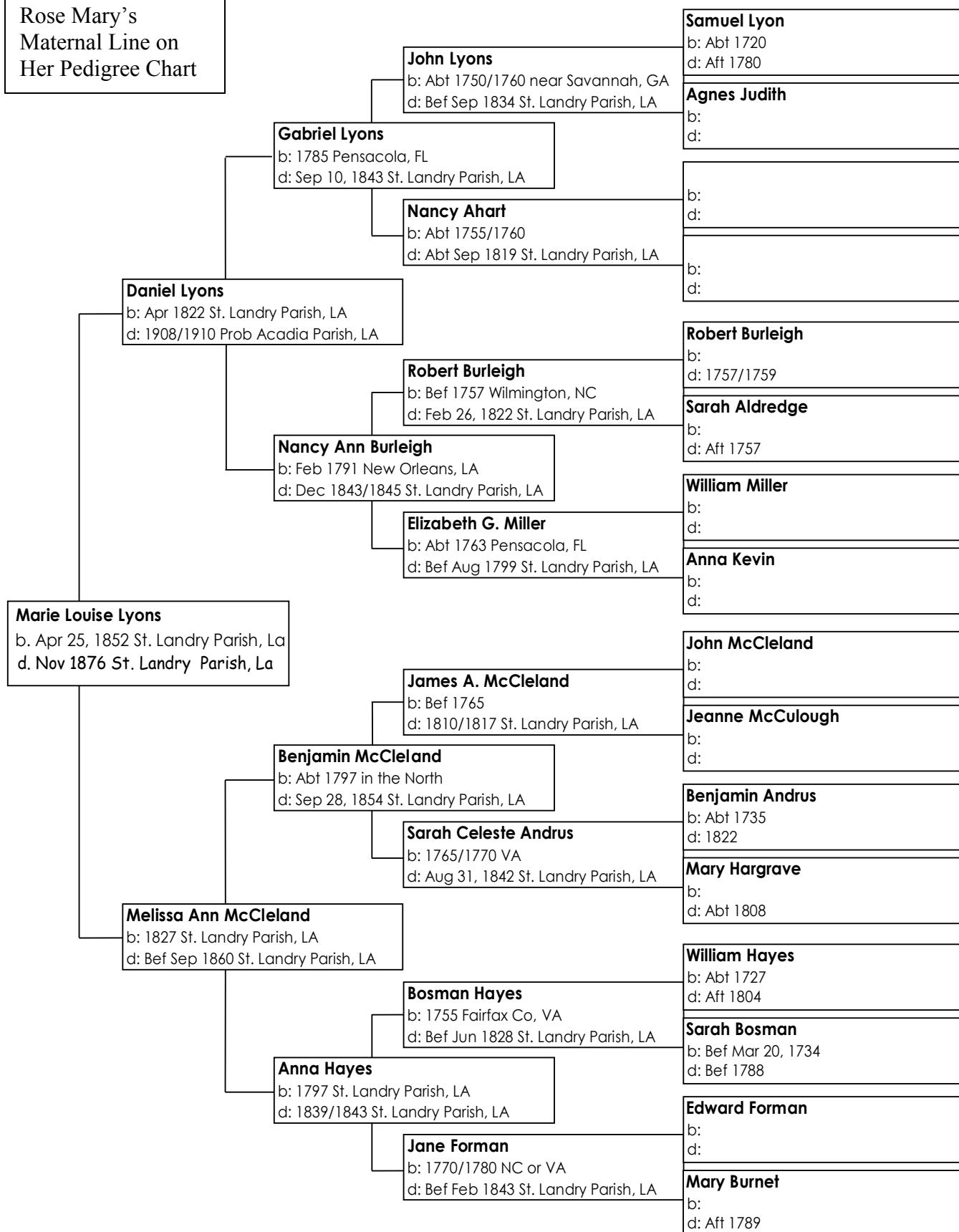
■Monday, May 21, 2007	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■Friday, May 25, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, UBC "Natural Disaster Preparedness" Speaker: Susan Kaufman
■Wednesday, May 30, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Bus trip to Clayton Library
■Monday, June 25, 2007	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■Friday, June 29, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, UBC "My Heroes! The Code Talker and the Commandant" Speaker: Alice Braud-Jones
■Monday, July 9, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Bus trip to Clayton Library
■Monday, July 23, 2007	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■Friday, July 27, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, UBC "West Virginia History and Research" Speaker: Ginny Tony
■Wednesday, August 22, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Bus trip to Clayton Library
■Monday, August 27, 2007	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
■Friday, August 31, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, UBC Personal Genealogy Show and Tell

## Events in the Area

- **Historical Photography** program at Clayton Library on Thursday June 14 from 2:00 pm to 3:00pm. To find out details and make a reservation, call 832-393-2600.
- **Monday June 18, 10am at Friendswood Public Library**  
Learn the ins & outs of the county genealogical information accessible for free through the [USGenWeb](#), [TXGenWeb](#), and [Galveston County TXGenWeb](#) Internet resources from Betty Dunquez, Galveston County TxGenWeb project coordinator.
- **The Master Genealogist (TMG) Software Training Class.** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA Parkway, Nassau Bay, TX. Enter the back of the building. Classes are for the beginner to the advanced genealogist, everyone is welcome, no charge. For more information call 409-744-4359 or 713-946-7555 or email Betty Dunquez (Galveston County TXGenWeb coordinator) at [Bdunquez@aol.com](mailto:Bdunquez@aol.com)

# Ancestors of Rose Mary McDaniel Fritz

A Continuation of  
Rose Mary's  
Maternal Line on  
Her Pedigree Chart



## Committee News

### Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator  
Come join us on a trip to the Clayton Library on **Wednesday, May 30**. We have two other trips scheduled for this summer on **Monday, July 9** and **Wednesday, August 22**.

We meet in front of the **Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Street**. The county bus departs 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 go with us on any of these trips, please call Mary Martin at 281-332-2435, or email Mary at [lmartin497@aol.com](mailto:lmartin497@aol.com). Sign-up sheets are also available at the general meetings.

The BAGS website, [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://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! There is a delicatessen on Caroline about two blocks from the library if you would like to take a walk and get a sandwich instead of bringing a sack lunch. We learn a lot from each other chatting on the bus and in the library. Maybe, one of the other members will have a clue that will help you with your ancestors, or they may have some helpful information about a particular location that you are researching.

### Wanted: Officers for 2007-2009

The Nominating Committee is in the process of considering nominees for positions on the BAGS Board of Directors. We'd appreciate your help. Please contact Shirley Lindquist at 281-286-4125 with suggested names to serve on the board.

### BAG\$ Report

Resa Hennings, Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$9,405.98
Income	+\$244.65
Expenses	-\$1,436.43
Balance on hand 4/30/2007	\$8,214.20

### Membership

Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar

**Jean Vohtz will be leaving us for her new home in Dallas.**

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

### Wanted: 5-Generation Charts

Publish your new or updated generation chart in the BAGS Newsletter. Provide Carole with your family information and she will create the newsletter chart. You will have the opportunity for final approval before publication. Send to Carole Varnado, 3711 Canary Grass Lane, Houston, TX 77059 or email to [cvarnado@houston.rr.com](mailto:cvarnado@houston.rr.com).

### Wanted – Newsletter Compositor

If you have one week available every other month, please consider serving as our newsletter compositor. Design and lay out the newsletter from articles and events gathered by the editor. Two compositors will share the job, responsible for publishing alternating months. The job requires Internet access and publishing software. Training and software suggestions will be provided. Contact Kim Zrubek, editor [newsletter@txbayareagen.org](mailto:newsletter@txbayareagen.org).



GENERAL SAM HOUSTON

PORTRAYED BY

JIM HODGES, PH. D.

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## REMINDER

General Meeting  
Friday, May 25, 6:00 pm  
Great Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) UBC

Deadline for  
June Issue is  
June 9, 2007