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August Meeting: Annual Show & Tell

Gems from Genealogists



Dr. Roger Griffin, a retired professor of history, has developed an online index to Texas history source documents at www.tshaonline.com/lshl/texhisdocs.html. In many cases, the websites he links to have both images and transcriptions of significant Texas historical documents. Please be careful to follow Dr. Griffin's guidelines for use and citation.

Dug up by: Doug Wilson

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Every August is BAGS Show & Tell where you have a chance to share your family history and genealogy. You are the entertainment portion of the program. The evening also includes a potluck supper provided by all the chefs in our society. Believe it, BAGS has many extraordinarily good cooks.

Display artifacts, memorabilia, scrapbooks, with that infamous story or memory wrapped around them.

Tell your tale to the membership at BAGS Annual Show & Tell. It could be anything from a small photo with a brief description to something you have that's an important family event. We are a willing audience and you should know by now that every family has a great story somewhere. We particularly enjoy your sharing an amusing experience while accumulating your genealogical information. It's all fun and no one will be grading anyone's presentation.

The potluck supper has always been a delicious combination of family favorite recipes and traditional "trademark" dishes that we love sharing and eating. **We request that every attending member bring a dish and please include copies of the recipe.** Your participation turns a "good night" into a "great night."



Come with a smile, a dish and recipe, a story or memory, a friend or two. Take this sentimental journey with us Friday August 31 at 6:00 pm in the 1st floor Chapel. Plan to arrive at 5:30 pm to set up any visual aids.

See you there...

August 31, 6:00 pm University Baptist Church

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Message from the President

Loren Martin

With the upcoming election of officers at our August general meeting, my term as BAGS President is soon coming to a close. BAGS has accomplished a great deal in the last three years. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to each of you for giving me the opportunity to take part in that growth and further the vision of this organization. It has truly been an honor to serve in such a fine society with so many dedicated and talented individuals.

Four individuals are outgoing officers who have served faithfully and with distinction:

Dick Warren has been the BAGS Vice-President in-charge of programs from the very beginning in 2001. Dick arranged all of our monthly speakers and organized last year's Family Tree Maker seminar.

Shirley Lindquist has served as Corresponding Secretary since 2003 and has also served as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Library Committee, and the New Member Committee.

Rose Mary Fritz has served as our Registrar starting in 2004. Since that time she has willingly corresponded with new members, reminded us of annual dues, and served as our registrar for family history seminars.

Mary Martin took over as Recording Secretary in 2003. She also served as the County Coordinator for the Bus Trips since 2003 planning outstanding trips to various repositories.

Please join me in personally thanking them for their contributions to BAGS ongoing growth and success as a viable organization.

The individuals recommended by the Nominating Committee include several who have served BAGS well in many different capacities (see announcement on page 4). I am confident that the elected officers will provide great leadership and BAGS will grow into an even stronger organization. I look forward to working with these new officers and continuing to work with all of you to keep building BAGS.

See you Friday, August 31st, at our "Show and Tell" meeting and officer elections in the Chapel on the first floor of University Baptist Church.

Loren



Genealogy for Kids Internet Resource

Looking for a way to get your kids or grandkids interested in genealogy?

The Clayton Library now offers a set of web pages introducing kids to genealogy, the types of questions asked, and materials used to answer those questions. The resource includes a suggested reading list of kids books and links to other educational websites on genealogy for kids.

www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton/1kids_main.html

Clayton Library's New Internet Death Records Database

Clayton Library houses the records of two Houston funeral homes. The Fogle-West Funeral Home (Fogle West Undertaking Company) and the Boulevard Funeral Home (Boulevard Undertaking Company). Information that can be found in funeral home records is: last name, first name, middle name, nicknames, sex, age, death date, parents, place interred, copy of a death certificate, an obituary, information on an autopsy, last residence, insurance records, military service information, and potentially other details about a person's life.

A free Internet database is now available to search the indexes to these records, access:

www.houstonlibrary.org/cgi-bin/clayton/death_recordspl

Search by a death date range, last name, or first and middle name. In the search results, click on the death date to get retrieval information you need to locate the original record at the library.



Christine Rose, CG, CGL
Author, national lecturer, and
co-author of The Complete
Idiot's Guide to Genealogy.

"Our Women Ancestors" BAGS Exhibit

Plan to see the BAGS Exhibit "Our Women Ancestors" on display September 4 through 28 at the Freeman Library located in Clear Lake City, 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062.

Library hours are Mon-Thurs 10am-9pm, Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, and Sun 10am-1pm.

Members are asked to bring items for this exhibit to the August 31 BAGS general meeting. Items will be returned to members at the September 28 BAGS general meeting. All items will be secure, and much appreciated.

Texas State Genealogical Society 2007 Conference

The East Texas Genealogical Society is hosting the Texas State Genealogical Society 2007 Conference on November 9-10 in Tyler, TX at the Holiday Inn Select.

The theme is "The Road to the Future: A Map To Your Family History" featuring speakers are George G. Morgan and Drew Smith (www.genealogyguys.com).

Conference schedule, speaker biographies, registration form, hotel group rate, and map are available on the TSGS website

www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs or contact the registrar by E-mail mbryant@1starnet.com or call (903) 885-3523.

BAGS 2008 Seminar Announced

BAGS will host renowned genealogical expert Christine Rose, CG, CGL at their 2008 family history seminar. Watch the BAGS website and this newsletter for more information and registration particulars.

Welcome New Members!

Elaine & Larry Brammer of Pasadena
Lewis W. Jarman of League City
Martha Rolingson of Alvin
Bob Rolingson of Alvin
(Martha and Bob are siblings)

In Memoriam

BAGS Members who have recently passed away. Keep their families in your prayers.

Betty Leonard
Norma Parnell
Jo Ann Truman

Basic Level Beginning Genealogical Workshop

Saturday, October 13, 2007, 9:00am – 11:30am in Room LC 210 at the University Baptist Church (16106 Middlebrook near Bay Area Blvd., Houston)

Registration Deadline: Monday October 1, 2007

Cost to BAGS members is: \$10; non-members is \$15.

A 2.5 hour, basic level, hands-on workshop is being developed for beginner genealogists who have minimum or no genealogical research experience. Students will be guided step by step through exercises to complete a pedigree chart, family group sheet, and research log. Census and organization of research will also be discussed. This class will have a minimum of 8 students.

For information contact Jeanine Lawrence at 281-334-6100

BAGS Board Election

BAGS members will elect new officers during the August general meeting on Friday, August 31, 2007 at 6:00pm.

BAGS Nomination Committee has recommended the following members to serve as officers for the 2007-2009 term, effective September 1, 2007:

President: Resa Hennings has served as our Treasurer for the past three years and prior to that was 1st Vice-President for the first three years of BAGS. Resa also served as our Quarterly Editor during these first three years and has actively participated on many other committees and helped wherever needed.

1st Vice-President: Alice Braud-Jones is continuing in this role for another term to develop projects, organize our excellent seminars, and serve on various committees. Alice did a wonderful job organizing the co-sponsored Claire Miré Bettag family history seminar, designing and presenting the "Basic Genealogy" course, and chairing the cemetery transcription committee.

2nd Vice-President: Claudia Grafton formerly our Newsletter Editor and chairperson of several different committees including chairing the annual Holiday Party. Claudia energetically works on many projects to support BAGS since she has become a member.

Corresponding Secretary: Lee Jared has been a faithful and wonderful Hospitality chairperson for several years, organizing our monthly covered dish contributions and assuring that all are served during our meetings.

Treasurer: Ed Harris is a first time officer and board member, bringing accounting experience and a fresh new viewpoint.

We hope that you will consider the recommendations above and cast your vote in support of the candidates.

Events Calendar

**BAGS meetings are held at University Baptist Church (UBC) located at
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059 (Clear Lake City)
Members are invited to attend all meetings**

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, Chapel, 1st Floor, UBC Annual Members "Show & Tell" Pickup your June issue of the BAGS Quarterly.
Tuesday, September 4, 2007	"Our Women Ancestors" display setup at Freeman Library in Clear Lake City. Display exhibited through September 28.
Monday, September 24, 2007	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, September 28, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, UBC Program to be announced. September library display items will be returned to members.
Monday, October 1, 2007	"Our Women Ancestors" display setup at Friendswood Public Library. Display exhibited through October 26. Registration Deadline for October 13 Genealogy Workshop
Saturday, October 13, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Basic Level Beginning Genealogy Workshop Room LC 210, UBC
Friday, October 26, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, UBC Program to be announced. October library display items will be returned to members.
Friday, December 7, 2007	BAGS Annual Holiday Party (mark your calendars)

Alvin Senior Center now offers a monthly bus trip to Clayton Library

Depart 9am on Monday September 17 from Alvin Senior Center at 309 West Sealy, Alvin. Cost is \$3.00 and travelers are required to be at least 50 years of age. Call to reserve 281-388-4298. The trip will be canceled when less than 8 people are registered.

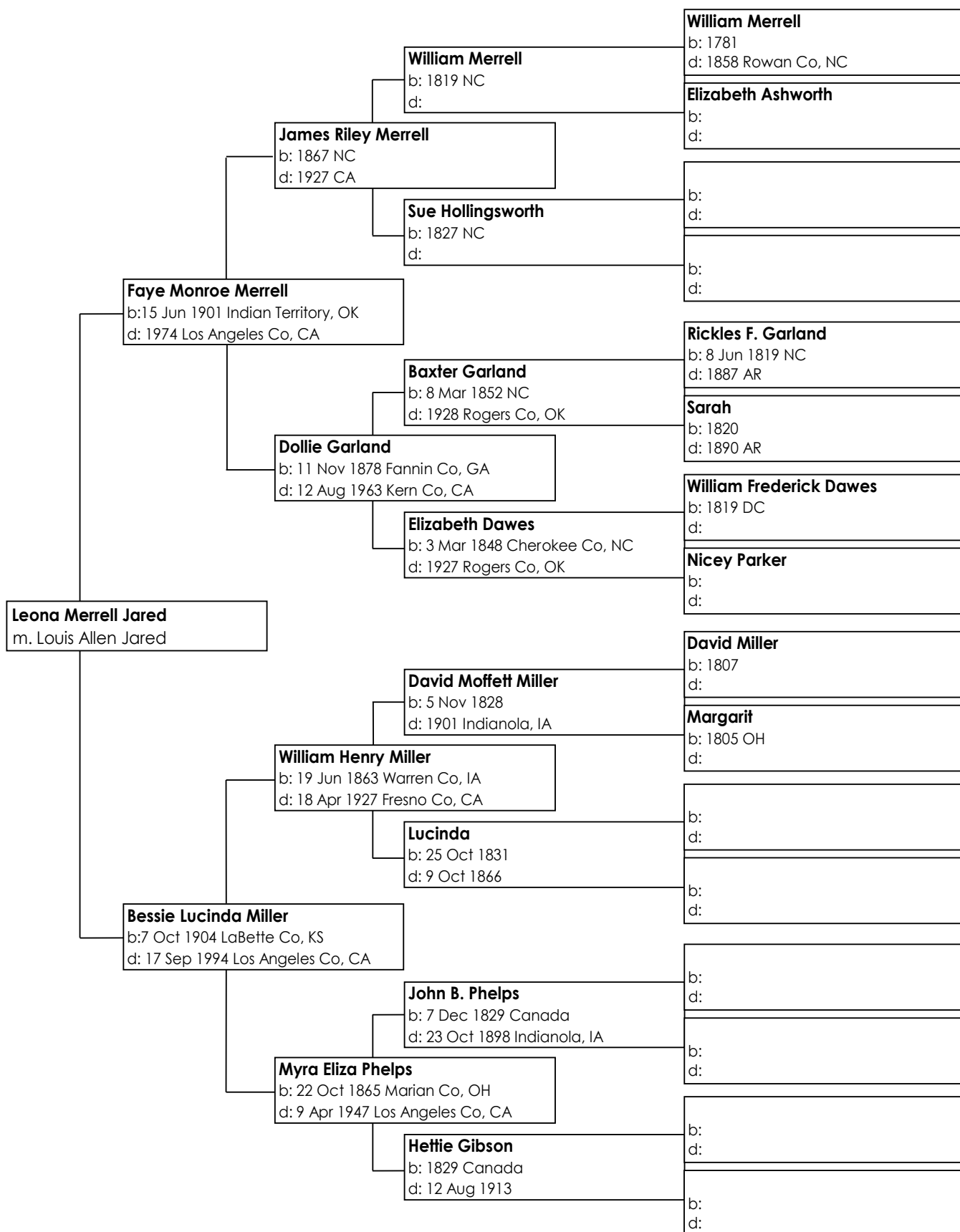
Thursday September 13, 2007 starting at 2:00 pm in Clayton Library

A mini-education session is provided to explain the use of criminal records in genealogical research. Criminal records are a rich source for finding not only black sheep, but also for finding names of upstanding citizens who play a part in the criminal court process. Prison records, court records, Internet and Clayton Library sources will be discussed. Reservations required; call 832-393-2600. Ages: Adults/Teens.

**Clayton Library has weekly programs scheduled throughout October to celebrate
Family History Month.**

Programming list is available online at www.houstonlibrary.org/branches/cla_home.html

Ancestors of Leona Merrell Jared



Committee News

Membership

Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar

We welcome new members Elaine and Larry Brammer of Pasadena, Lewis W. Jarman of League City, Martha Rolingson and her brother Bob Rolingson, both of Alvin.

We are coming to the end of the 2006-2007 year and you will elect a new Registrar at our August meeting. I want you to know that I have enjoyed being your Registrar for the last three years, especially have I enjoyed getting to know many of you better.

A new year in the Society's life begins September 1, 2007. Those who join in August will receive credit for dues payment for the 2007-2008 year. For continuing members, please pay dues early and avoid the rush.

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

BAG\$ Report

Resa Hennings, Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$6,128.10
Income	\$716.45
Expenses	-\$151.46
Balance on hand 7/31/2007	\$6,693.09

Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

In early September, we will be choosing the dates for four new trips. These dates will appear on the BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org and the September newsletter. I will also E-mail the dates to the members who usually ride the bus to the Clayton Library and the general BAGS membership.

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 E-mail Mary at lmartin497@aol.com. Sign-up sheets are also available at the general meetings.

THANK YOU

**Rose Mary Fritz
Shirley Lindquist
Mary Martin
Dick Warren**

**for all your help and support
from the newsletter staff.**

I want to personally thank Doug Wilson for his years of service and commitment to BAGS and specifically the BAGS newsletter. I am grateful for his endless supply of patience. Doug worked tirelessly each month to create a wonderful newsletter for the BAGS membership. The newsletter staff appreciates all the time and effort he dedicated to this publication. While we are still looking for a volunteer to generate the newsletter layout, I will be attempting to fill Doug's shoes. Thank you Doug for all the advice and training.

Kim Zrubek, Newsletter Editor

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PAULA SINNING, RESA HENNINGS, CAROLE VARNADO,
SHIRLEY LINDQUIST



SHIRLEY LINDQUIST, CAROLE VARNADO, ALICE BRAUD-JONES,
CLAUDIA GRAFTON, LINDA GOERLAND



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REMINDER

General Meeting
Friday, August 31, 6:00 pm
Chapel (1st Floor) UBC

Deadline for
September Issue is
September 8, 2007