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September Meeting: More Bay Area Roots by a Seabrook Native

**Date is set for our
next BIG Seminar!**

Saturday May 3, 2008

BAGS Presents:

**Christine Rose,
CG, CGL, FASG**

*For the
general
meetings,
please
consider
bringing
something yummy to share
or place a donation in the
basket to defer serving costs.*



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Speaker: Emogene Hoot Brummerhop

Not all historians are genealogists
but all genealogists are historians.

We are privileged to once again have Emogene Brummerhop, a long time resident of Seabrook, Texas, discuss the history of our Bay Area. Looking back to its history since 1938, Emogene will describe Seabrook when Ellington Field was in full swing as a training base for World War II aircraft navigators. She will discuss traveling to Galveston by trolley or by car driving two hours on Texas Highway 3. Do you remember when the bridge over Clear Lake was a drawbridge for tall masted sailboats, and NASA Road 1 was a two-lane road called FM 528? Emogene will describe the area before the existence of Interstate 45, big expensive yachts in Kemah, NASA Johnson Space Center, and the Kemah Board Walk.



Emogene was born in the little town of Sandrift, Texas located between Huntsville and New Waverly. Sandrift no longer exists. She says it dried up and blew away! Emogene graduated from LaPorte High School in 1938 and married Sidney Brummerhop soon after graduation. The Brummerhops moved up and down the Texas coast until their children were born, when they decided that the kids needed stability. They bought a "shotgun" house next to the Seabrook Elementary School ball field.

A professional volunteer for the local library, church, schools, senior citizens groups, Emogene served as a newspaper reporter for the Houston Post, Houston Chronicle, and the Baytown Sun. She loves to fish, play cards, and exercise. Emogene is now a great-grandmother.

September 28, 6:00 pm University Baptist Church

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Message from the President

Loren Martin

As my elected term as BAGS President ends, this is my last "Newsletter" President's Message. Last month, I expressed my appreciation to the other officers (Dick Warren, Rose Mary Fritz, Mary Martin and Shirley Lindquist) whose terms were also ending. This month I would like to thank a few of the other individuals who have served faithfully and with distinction.

Neil Miserendino has continually served BAGS from the very start. He has been a past president and registrar and has chaired many committees. Jeanine Lawrence has served from inception as the coordinator between BAGS and the University Baptist Church. Leo Waltz has applied his excellent computer skills to produce our wonderful website. Others who have "stepped-up" to whatever tasks needed to be accomplished include: Resa Hennings, Tammy Frey, Alice Braud-Jones, Doug and Polly Wilson, Claudia Grafton, Lee Jared, Susie Ganch, Carole Varnado, Paula Sinning, Diane Kropp, Leslee Fehlman and Bill and Oletia Teas, and Connie Ogden. New ideas and different viewpoints are always needed for an organization to grow.

Please join me in personally expressing your "thank you" to all of these who are greatly responsible for the success of BAGS. I look forward to working with all of you to keep building BAGS.

Loren



THANK YOU Loren!

Fourth in ancestral lineage of BAGS presidents since its inception, Loren Martin will be remembered as the "Can Do" officer. His invention of the list by the same moniker is reminiscent of his 40 year career in computer systems and database management, where Loren proved he "can do" everything from keypunch to analysis and repair of highly technical mainframes. During his term as BAGS President, Loren Martin has incorporated his "Can Do" attitude into the society's goals and objectives with outstanding results: a record level membership, wonderful past workshops and seminars that have put the society on the genealogical community map, and a healthy treasury for future programs.

BAGS extends grateful appreciation to Loren Martin and wife Mary for their outstanding service to the society and its members are looking forward to the couple's continued involvement in BAGS ongoing programs and activities.

Items and Stories Shared at the August 2007 Show & Tell

Barbara Moore started the evening by sharing heart warming stories about her maternal grandmother Dorothy Mabyne Fowler and the beautiful spoon pendant passed down from her.

Eunice explained how bread was made in the large wooden bread tray carved out of cypress by her father. She recalls its continued use through her high school years.



BARBARA WITH HER PENDANT & EUNICE'S BREAD TRAY

Ed Harris explained how the census, family interviews, and an old newspaper article helped uncover the romance and murder of his great-grandfather John Thomas Harris who left his wife and family and moved to Sapulpa, Oklahoma with a "friend" (second wife).

Oletia Teas shared her joy in discovering a photograph of her mother, Oleta Geraldine Hart, inside a box of discarded pictures. A true gift since her mother destroyed the only other copy, possibly because of a remembered "Dear John Letter".

Michael McCown exhibited his wealth of information on Irish ancestry research and current travel to Ireland.

Shirley Lindquist exhibited an 1885 stereoscope with photos of her husband's mother's family traveling in Christian Crusader Camps in the 1880's in Michigan. Christian Crusaders later became the Salvation Army. Shirley also shared the Lindquist-Branzell Family History book which she co-authored with a Lindquist cousin.

Polly Wilson shared her French ancestry research she collected on her grandparents. Through the Ancestry.com New York passenger list, she discovered the date, location, and on which ship they arrived in the U.S. She also exhibited a beautiful evergreen tree quilt made by her maternal



POLLY WILSON HOLDING HER GREAT-GRANDMOTHER'S QUILT

great-grandmother Catherine Bronner Kramer (French Kraemer) for her son circa 1858.

Lewis Jarmen exhibited an antique iron he remembers watching his paternal grandmother Alice Jarman use along with a cast iron stove.

Melody Hauch shared her experience in creating Our Tankersley Ancestors book consisting of over 3000 people. She used obituaries from local Lincoln County, Georgia newspapers to piece together family lives. The Family Tree Maker book feature easily organized history and automatically generated an index.

Susie Ganch shared a family tree quilt made by her sister. The quilt includes Susie's baby picture as well as a picture of her American Revolutionary ancestor, Major John Habersham, a brigade major of the First Georgia Continental Regiment, and twice a prisoner of war.

Vernon Gillette encouraged all of us to travel to the Family History Library in Salt

Lake City, Utah. Vernon is a wealth of information on where to stay and what to see. He recommends Crystal Inn, 5 blocks south of the library because they offer a shuttle to the library and a better room rate.

If you have stories like these, please consider printing the details with pictures (optional) in the BAGS Quarterly publication. The articles in the Quarterly then can be accessed nationwide by other interested folks through PERSI (PERiodical Source Index) available online through libraries that pay for the subscription. (PERSI is available within HeritageQuest through Texas public libraries thanks to the TexShare Program!). Susie Ganch is the editor of the BAGS Quarterly. Send submissions to her via email sganch@verizon.net or in person at the general meetings.



WITH LOREN MARTIN'S HELP, SUSIE GANCH POINTS TO HER PARENTS AND SIBLINGS (JOHN J. AND MAMIE ATKINSON WITH CHILDREN SYLVIA, JOHN R. AND SUSIE).

2007 Freeman Library Exhibit – “Our Women Ancestors”



Take time to visit this wonderful exhibit at the Freeman Library before September 28, located in Clear Lake City at 16616 Diana Lane. Library hours are Mon-Thurs 10am-9pm, Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, and Sun 10am-1pm. Additional photos of this exhibit will be available on the BAGS website.

Welcome New Members!

Joe Ball of Friendswood, husband of Renee Ball

Chester Preston Karrick, father of Kim Zrubek of Friendswood

Sally Legrand of La Porte

Joyce Regan of La Porte

Bettie Robinett of Houston, wife of Bill Robinett

Ed Rouse of Houston, husband of Marian Rouse

Joan Sophie Medulan Daniels Douglas of Houston who offers to help with Polish translation

Clever video advertisement "[Genealogy or Looking For One's Own Peeps](#)" is on YouTube created by Birmingham Public Library promoting genealogy and the library's resources using the Easter "Little Peeps" as the family subject.

Officer Election Results

Congratulations to our new 2007-2009 Officers!

President	Resa N. Hennings
1st Vice President	Alice W. Braud-Jones
2nd Vice President	Claudia N. Grafton
Recording Secretary	Nancy M. Irle
Corresponding Secretary	Lee M. Jared
Treasurer	Edwin "Ed" Harris, Jr.
Registrar	Tamara B. "Tammy" Frey

Officer installation occurs at the September general meeting.

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.**

Monday, September 24, 2007	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, September 28, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC “Our Bay Area Roots by a Seabrook Native” Speaker: Emogene Hoot Brummerhop 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
Tuesday, October 2, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Bus trip to Clayton Library
Saturday, October 13, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Basic Level Beginning Genealogy Workshop Room LC 210, UBC
Monday, October 22, 2007	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC First meeting for new officers and committee chairs.
Friday, October 26, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, UBC Program to be announced. October library display items will be returned to members.
Wednesday November 7, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Bus trip to Clayton Library
Friday November 16, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting (mark your calendars)
Friday, December 7, 2007	BAGS Annual Holiday Party (mark your calendars)

October is Family History Month

Clayton Library has weekly programs scheduled throughout October to celebrate Family History Month. A handout of the programming information will be available at the September BAGS general meeting. The same information is also available online at www.houstonlibrary.org/branches/cla_home.html

The Master Genealogist (TMG) SIG Group meeting location has changed.

For the October 29 and November 17 meetings, you can find them at the Parker Williams Library (located 10851 Scarsdale Blvd, Houston, TX 77089-5743, corner of Beamer) at 1:30 in Room D (Jury Room) of the Harris Court House Annex. This group is for anyone interested in learning how to use TMG Program from beginner to advanced. Jerry Woodman is the instructor, and he is very good. Questions, contact Betty Dunquez by phone 409-744-4359 or email bdunquez@aol.com.

**BASIC LEVEL BEGINNING GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
REGISTRATION FORM**

Provided by: BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Saturday, October 13, 2007, 9:00AM – 11:30AM

at

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

16106 Middlebrook (near Bay area Blvd.)

2nd Floor, Room L9 – I0

A 2.5 hour basic level, hands-on workshop for beginner genealogists who have minimum or no genealogical research experience. Students will be guided step-by-step through exercises to complete the Pedigree Chart, Family Group Sheet, and Research Log. Census and organization of research will also be discussed. Students will need to bring family data to the class to fill out Pedigree Chart and Family Group Sheet.

Pre-Registration will be required by October 1, 2007. Students may register at the September 28, 2007 BAGS general meeting, or send a check and this registration form to:

Carole Varnado
3711 Canary Grass Lane
Houston, TX 77059

This class will have a minimum of 8 students.

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

Questions, call Shirley Lindquist at 281-286-4125.

BASIC LEVEL BEGINNING GENEALOGY WORKSHOP 10/13/2007 - REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PAYMENT RECEIVED _____

Committee News

Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

We have four new trips scheduled to the Clayton Library on **Tuesday October 2, Wednesday November 7, Tuesday January 15, 2008 and Wednesday February 20, 2008.**

We were able to schedule an extra trip on Thursday, September 20, but it wasn't in time to put it in the newsletter. The Society's website, www.TxBayAreaGen.org, always has a current listing of library trips.

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. Bring a sack lunch and join us to see what you can find. 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.

Membership

Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar

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
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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	\$6,693.09
Income	\$64.82
Expenses	-\$611.24
Balance on hand 08/31/2007	\$6,146.67

Annual Membership Report

Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar

The 2006-2007 year began September 1, 2006 with 170 members and ended August 31, 2007 with 191 members. The gain in membership is largely due to the educational programs presented during the year and the excellent public relations initiatives undertaken by the Society. The Family Tree Software Workshop in October attracted the attention of many genealogists who joined the Society. Likewise, the Claire Miré Bettag seminar in March also brought out many area genealogists who joined the Society. On the negative side, some members either resigned their membership or failed to renew their membership. Three of our members died during the year. These losses were more than balanced by enrollment of 40 new members.

Three Library Memberships

Allen County Library
Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
Friendswood Public Library

Two Lifetime Memberships

Carolyn Helen, founder
Roy Helen

Seven Patron Memberships

Sharon Alderman
Alice Braud-Jones
Ed Harris
Resa & Eric Hennings
Loren & Mary Martin
James C. McLane
Don & Laura Pusch

Eight Contributor Memberships

Marlene Clark
Bonnie & David Conrad
Ron & Lynda Cox
Wally Davenport
Gloria Dupuy
Betty Leonard
Ione Marie Milhoan
Carole Lynn O'Neal

We are grateful to these members for their generous support of the Society.



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REMINDER

General Meeting
Friday, September 28, 6:00 pm
Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC

Deadline for
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October 6, 2007