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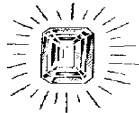
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October Meeting: Alecyia Gallaway

Gems from
Genealogists



**Topic: "Reflections of a Watershed:
A Pictorial History of Clear Lake and Clear Creek"**

If you would like to conjure the spirit of your ancestors at this year's Thanksgiving meal, consider cooking one of the dishes from The Frugal Gourmet On Our Immigrant Ancestors: Recipes You Should Have Gotten From Your Grandmother by Jeff Smith, 1990. The book presents recipes for 35 American immigrant ethnicities covering Europe, Middle East, Asia, Africa, Central and South America.

Dug up by: Kim Zrubek

Alecyia Gallaway is a historian with a background in marine biology. For the past ten years she has researched the ecological history of Galveston Bay from pre-European settlement to World War II. She is currently working on a history of the salt grass cattlemen of Texas, and collaborating with Chambers County historian Kevin Ladd of Wallisville Heritage Park on the history of gunfights around the bay. Thanks to her work, the communities of San Leon and Bacliff now have Texas Historical Markers, and the San Leon Cemetery has a Texas Historical Cemetery Designation. Alecyia has received several awards for her civic involvement and as an advocate for Galveston Bay. She was inducted into the Hall of Pioneers of the State of Texas in 2001. She leads a Heritage Tourism Project for Galveston County. Her research on the Butler Family, a salt grass ranching family of northern Galveston County, is being used as the focus of the Butler Longhorn Museum and Heritage Park of League City. In addition to these and many other achievements, Alecyia has served as the court-appointed chairperson of the Galveston County Historical Commission since 1999.

Alecyia Gallaway will present the story of the historic communities and resources that brought the people to settle the watershed from Friendswood to Galveston Bay. Please mark your calendars for this special evening and take the opportunity to meet one of our state's most recognized citizens, Alecyia Gallaway.

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**Friday, October 26, 6:00 pm at
University Baptist Church
16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake City**

**6:00pm – Supper (Bring something yummy to share)
7:00pm - Program**



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President's Message

Resa Nichols Hennings

It's a new BAGS year and I am eager to serve as BAGS President!

We have a team of seven officers and seventeen committee chairmen to lead the work of this society. These people represent new members, returning members, and members who founded the organization in 2001. We are fortunate to have such exceptionally talented and dedicated people on board. It's quite exciting!

It looks like a good year ahead. We have some excellent speakers lined up to inform us about research techniques, particulars on certain geographic areas, and Internet/electronic usage, among other topics. This year we will again sponsor a national level day-long seminar, our Christmas party always has a surprise or two, the Harris County bus will continue to transport us to Clayton Library for research trips, and the cemetery transcription and cookbook committees are hard at work.

And who knows what new areas will be cultivated? The sky is the limit and our imaginations can soar.

I'm hopeful each of you will make it a personal goal to serve on at least one BAGS committee or to work on a particular project this year. We very much need your help! Please don't be shy—step right up. We have a job tailor-made for your interests and talents and I just know you'll have some fun in the process.

Resa



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:

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Welcome New Members!

George and Carolyn Corbin of Webster

Loretta Derrick of League City

Jerry Sinning of Friendswood

*We're delighted to have you
in our organization!*

Genealogical research is a fascinating process for those of us who are addicted. We revel in piles of dark, dusty, nearly illegible documents. It all means something to us. However, many family members and friends do not find this clutter quite as interesting as we do.

What can we do to make our history more exciting family and friends? Here are some hints that may help you write an article, using your research material, that others would find interesting.



Start with the bare bones of your family tree, on whatever line you wish to record information. You have the places and dates of births, deaths and marriages. You know which children belong to which parents. Next build an outline, connecting the family members you wish to include. Now, you are ready to build the body of the article. Always include your sources to authenticate your findings. If you find out from a Bible page when Uncle John was born, write "According to the Jones Family Bible, John Jones was born in Austin, Texas on July 10, 1910." If you know anything personal about Uncle John, even if it is family legend, mention it! If it is only family legend, you need to say that. For instance, write "Family tradition has it that John was...but it has never been proven."

Include any pictures you might have of your ancestors. Also, include pictures of family heirlooms such as quilts, china or linen. Include pictures of utensils or clothing from that time period. Scan the family bible pages containing your ancestor's handwriting. If you don't have pictures, include images of area maps or dress of the day. Trace a migration route on a map showing how your family moved from area to area. Include images of trains, cars, carriages, or ships of that time period representing their mode of transportation. You should be able to find transportation pictures from every era in libraries and museums and on the Internet.



If you know your ancestor's occupations, find pictures of buildings where they worked or of the tools they may have used. If your ancestor attended or taught school, use a library

or the Internet to find a picture of that school or pictures representative of schools of that era. You might even be able to find a yearbook from the school.



If your ancestor served in the military, include pictures of them in uniform, a group of military servicemen in the uniform your ancestor may have worn, or applicable particular battlefields.

Did your ancestor play a musical instrument? Find pictures and information about them and include it in your article.

Put it all together chronologically. You could also use timelines found in libraries and on the Internet to include who was president or what events happened during the time you are writing about. Use **dMarie Time Capsule**, www.dmarie.com/timecap, to discover the news headlines, songs, and prices for bread, milk, etc. for a given date between 1800 and 2002. The electronic resource **Facts On File World News Digest** (accessible through a public library) provides full-text U.S. and World news articles published on a specific date between 1940 to the present.

Now you have an article which your family and friends will enjoy reading!

Don't forget, you can publish it in the BAGS Quarterly to preserve it for all time!

The BAGS Quarterly needs your help!

We need articles from members. Our quarterly publishes members' articles about their families, their histories, and their roots. We can use family history articles or historical articles about our area. We can use bible records, vital records, and cemetery records. If you submit an article, please include information that shows your relationship to the person or family discussed. You may also include contact information with your article.

Please send submissions to Susie Ganch either by E-mail, sganch@verizon.net or by mail to 2393 Golden Shores Lane League City, TX 77573.

Mt. Olivet Cemetery Project - Update by Neil Miserendino

We have made much progress!

Many of the gravesites have been transcribed onto paper forms. There is still much work remaining to transfer the paper forms into electronic form and to validate the electronic database. The transfer of the paper forms for the mausoleum section into electronic form should be complete by the day this newsletter is printed.

We will continue the electronic recording and validation of the Mt. Olivet gravesites section by section until this project is complete.

We plan to begin publishing Mt. Olivet Cemetery transcriptions in the BAGS Quarterly in a few months. Our goal is to include the mausoleum section of the cemetery in BAGS Quarterly January 2008 issue, Vol. 7, No 1. Additional sections of the cemetery will be serialized in subsequent quarterly publications.

BAGS Cookbook Update by Paula Sinning

We are thrilled with what we have received to date. We are continuing to collect recipes and memories from you. The committee is still in need of recipes in the following categories: appetizers, special diets, and side dishes. Please remember to include a story or two with your contributions. Bring your tried and true or favorite recipes to the general meetings and deliver them to Mary Martin, lmartin497@aol.com or Neil Miserendino psrambling@aol.com.

Share-A-Ride

If you need a ride to the BAGS general meeting, call Jeanine Lawrence at 281-334-6100. She will arrange transportation with someone living in your area.

Alternatively, if you are willing to provide a ride to the meetings, please give Jeanine your contact information.

BAGS 2007 - 2009 Officers



Left to right:
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Nancy Irle, Recording Secretary
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Ed Harris, Treasurer
Claudia Grafton, 2nd Vice President
Alice Braud-Jones, 1st Vice President
Tammy Frey, Registrar

“Our Women Ancestors” BAGS exhibit on display at the Friendswood Public Library through October 26, 2007.



BAGS 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, 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, Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaker: Alecyia Gallaway, Chairman of the Galveston County Historical Commission ● October library display items will be returned to members. ● New BAGS Quarterly issue, Vol. 6, Number 4 will be available for pickup.
Wednesday, November 7, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, November 12, 2007	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, November 16, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC Speaker: Dick Warren on "Bulletproof Your Genealogy Files and Let Your Computer Be Your Friend!"
Monday, November 26, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, December 3, 2007	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, December 7, 2007	BAGS ANNUAL HOLIDAY, Chapel, 1st Floor, UBC



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE...

Annual BAGS Holiday Banquet

Friday, December 7, 2007

This year we will be offering a **prime rib dinner with all the fixings**, along with holiday delights and untold surprises throughout the evening. More information will be forthcoming. Our holiday committee will be taking reservations for seating and hosting a table at the October and November general meetings. We will have a limited amount of tables, so please register early.



Local Genealogy Events

League City Historical Society Annual Ghost Tour of Fairview Cemetery: “Descendants of the Blue and Gray” Saturday October 27, 2007

The Texas 1st Infantry re-enactment group will camp on the grounds of the West Bay Common School at 210 North Kansas Street, one block off Main Street. They will be joined by Larry Hoff, a blacksmith who will demonstrate his craft. Guest speakers will be Mark Dewalt, PhD, Director of Graduate Studies at Wintrop University, Rock Hill, SC and Kevin Burke, a local historian. Dr. Dewalt is the author of [Amish Education in the United States and Canada](#). Mr. Kevin Burke will discuss his research and findings on Leslie B. Scott, a local boy killed in the Great War and interred at Fairview Cemetery.

The tour begins at West Bay Common School Children’s Museum and after the brief talks from the guest speakers, visitors will travel on their own a short distance down Kansas Street to Fairview Cemetery. Here visitors will be greeted by “ghosts of the past” depicting the stories under the stones. Tours are scheduled for 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 and 5:00 pm and reservations are required. Tickets are available for sale at the museum (281-554-2994) or through society members. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. For more concerns, call BAGS member Deborah Gammon, chairman at 281-334-4950.

Native American Ministries 3rd Annual Powwow Saturday November 17, 2007 in Quillian Sports Complex, located at 3660 Westcenter Drive (Beltway 8 & Westpark). Grand Entries at noon and 7:00 pm. Prizes for first three places in all dance styles and categories. Native American crafts and exhibits available from noon to close. Contact Glenna Brayton for information 713-557-8756 or access their website www.houstonmethodistpowwow.org.

The Master Genealogist (TMG) SIG Group Saturday, October 20 and November 17 at 1:30 pm meet in the Parker Williams Library Room D, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Houston, TX 77089-5743. This group is open to beginners and advanced users. There will be instructions, discussion and handouts. For more information call 409-744-4359, 281-337-1054, 713-946-7555 or E-mail bdunquez@aol.com.

Clayton Library Program Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 2:00 pm
A mini-education session is provided to explain using military records in genealogical research. Do you have relatives who served in the "modern" military? Come and discover what records would have been created about their service and how to get copies of those records from the Spanish American War to the present.

The Texas State Genealogical Society 2007 Annual Conference November 9-10, 2007
Hosted by the East Texas Genealogical Society in Tyler, Texas. Speakers – The Genealogy Guys – George G. Morgan and Drew Smith. Visit their website at www.genealogyguys.com More information on www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs

Clayton Library Friends November 10, 2007
Speaker Trevia Wooster Beverly – Where to Die? Civil War Hospitals and Prisons. Meeting will be at the Jugman Library, 5830 Westheimer, Houston, TX 832-293-1860. Contact Trevia at treviawbeverly@comcast.net

Friendswood Public Library Program Monday November 12, 2007 at 1:00 pm
Deborah Gammon from the League City Historical Society will discuss the research resources she used to investigate local Civil War soldiers. For information call 281-482-7135.

League City Genealogical Society Monday November 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm in League City United Methodist Church's Family Life Center, located at 1411 West Main Street. Terry Bowers will discuss organizing your research. Website: www.rootsweb.com/~txlcgs2

Committee News

Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Thirteen people attended the September 20 bus trip. We have six more trips scheduled to the Clayton Library **Wednesday, November 7; Monday, November 26; Tuesday, January 15, 2008; Tuesday, February 5, 2008; Wednesday, February 20, 2008; and Tuesday, March 4, 2008.** We were able to schedule four extra trips because some dates were not chosen after all of the groups made their choices.

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 her at lmartin497@aol.com.** Sign-up sheets are also available at the general meetings.

The BAGS 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

Tammy Frey, Registrar

Thanks so much to the many of you who have already renewed your membership. If you have forgotten, all is not lost but time is short! You have until **November 1** before being dropped from the membership roster. So don't delay, **RENEW NOW!** You won't want to miss a minute of the wonderful events that are planned for this year!

Renewing is easy! There is a link on the BAGS home page to the membership application form. Application forms are also available at the meetings. You may either bring your completed application and payment to the next meeting on October 26, or you may mail the application and payment to:

BAGS Registrar
P.O. Box 891447
Houston, TX 77289-1447

Members, please help us keep our information up to date. If you have any changes in or corrections to your information, such as address, E-mail, phone number, or other, notify us at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

Attendance Record

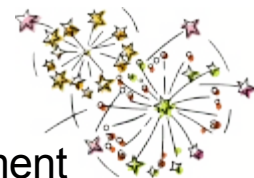
Jeanine Lawrence

For 2007, the monthly general meeting attendance averaged 68 people and the board meetings averaged 14 people. Since 2001, the general meeting annual attendance has averaged 69 people for each meeting. Find individual monthly and yearly attendance figures on the [BAGS website](#).

BAG\$ Report

Ed Harris, Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$6,146.67
Income	\$1,703.50
Expenses	<u>-\$328.22</u>
Balance on hand 9/30/2007	\$7,521.95



BAG\$ Financial Statement Fiscal Year 9/1/2006 - 8/31/2007

Resa Hennings, Treasurer

Retained Income 9/1/06	\$5,438.08
Total FY Income	\$9,685.95
Total FY Expenditures	<u>-\$8,977.36</u>
Retained Income 8/31/2007	\$6,146.67

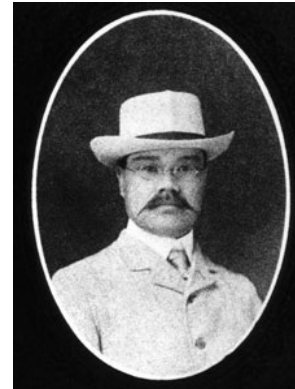




(LEFT) MITSUTARO KOBAYASHI BESIDE AN ORANGE TREE, WEBSTER, TX C 1983

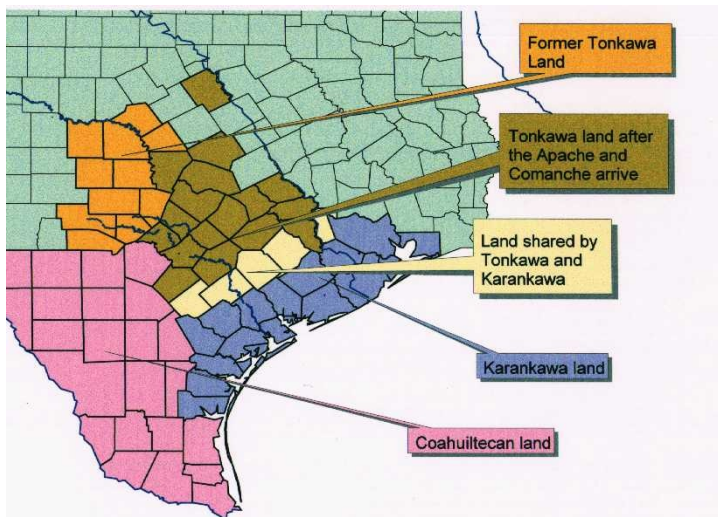
(RIGHT) SEITO SAIBARA, BEGAN RICE FARMING 1903, WEBSTER, TX.

FROM JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE: HOUSTON CHAPTER



THE KARANKAWA INDIANS SETTLED THE GULF COAST AREA. THE MAP SHOWS THE GENERAL SETTLEMENT AREA AND NEIGHBORING TRIBES.

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REMINDER

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

Deadline for
November Issue is
October 27, 2007