



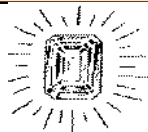
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Gems from Genealogists



Old Chinese Proverb say:

"When someone shares something of value with you and you benefit from it, you have moral obligation to share it with others."

Dug up by Dick Warren

NEXT MEETING

Friday, November 16, 6:00 pm at
the University Baptist Church,
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Clear
Lake City

Potluck Supper @ 6:00 pm
Bring some of your Finest
Program @ 7:00 pm

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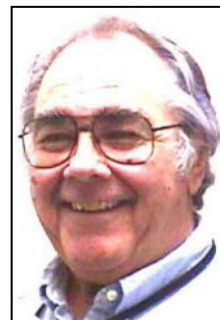
November Meeting: Dick Warren

Bullet Proof Your Genealogy: Making Friends With Your Computer an Introduction to Automated Computer Backup and Protection

Everyone who uses a computer at some point in time loses files they REALLY want to keep. It is only a matter of time. There are lots of ways to lose electronic genealogical gems. The hard drive can seize. Files get corrupted, accidentally deleted, or overwritten. Lightning strikes burn computer hardware components. Sometimes a computer is stolen. Trojan backdoor thieves, viruses, worms, malicious code, or a computer hacker can assault your computer. Most people do not back up files because they perceive the process complicated or time consuming. Creating a file backup is simple with the use of automation and some freeware. Dick will introduce computer automation and demonstrate steps to create an automated, scheduled file backup and virus scan on a Windows computer. Following these procedures will automatically save your files without further action – set it and forget it!

Dickie K. "Dick" Warren is the Clayton Library Friends (CLF) President, Emeritus. He has served as CLF First Vice President and CLF Director. He is a founding member of the Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) and is the Second Vice President, Emeritus

for member programs. His other genealogical affiliations include National Institute for Genealogical Research (NIGR) program graduate, Houston Genealogical Forum member, and Cherokee Cultural Society member. Dick is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in physics. He is a former U.S. Air Force officer and fighter pilot. Dick has served on technical management positions with NASA and NASA-affiliated contractors specializing in Flight Crew and Mission Operations. He has been involved in every manned space program from Project Mercury to Space Station, serving tours of duty at Johnson Space Center, Goddard Space Flight Center, Kennedy Space Center, and NASA headquarters. Dick has been recognized with a Presidential Community Service Commendation for his work with public education in the Friendswood public schools and for his service on the Friendswood Board of Education.



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President's Message — Resa Nichols Hennings

The following e-mail has been going around. I received it again last week and it made me think about days past. It is amazing how much daily life changes in such a relatively short period of time. The following is just within the last two or three generations--think how our earliest ancestors lived life each day! Unfortunately no one signed their name to this essay, so credit cannot be given.

"One of my grandchildren asked the other day, "What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?" "We didn't have fast food when I was growing up," I said. "All the food was slow." "C'mon, seriously, where did you eat?" "It was a place called 'at home,'" I explained. "My mother cooked every day and when dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what was put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.

'Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country, or had a credit card. In their later years they may have had something called a revolving charge card at Sears and Roebuck.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds and only had one speed (slow). We didn't have a television in our house until I was 11, but my grandparents had one before that. It was, of course, black and white, but they bought a piece of colored plastic to cover the screen.

I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza and it was called 'pizza pie.' When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. That's still the best pizza I ever had.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home; but milk was.

We didn't have a car until I was 15; before that the only car in our family was my grandfather's Ford. He called it a 'machine.'

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party-line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers. I delivered a newspaper six days a week. It cost 7¢ a paper, of which I got to keep 2¢. I had to get up at 4 o'clock every morning. On Saturdays I had to collect the 42¢ from my customers.

If you grew up before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren or great-grandchildren. Life isn't what it used to be, is it?"

Author Unknown



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.

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“Bless Us, Every One” 7th Annual BAGS Holiday Banquet

Bring your family and come celebrate this holiday season, at our annual holiday banquet and gathering! The event price is \$15.00 per person, which includes full course prime rib dinner with dessert, holiday music extravaganza, and a night full of countless opportunities to socialize and make memories. Consider reserving an entire table for your friends and relations.



Serving as a table hostess is a wonderful chance to share your favorite holiday settings and decorations with society members. As an individual or team hostess, you will need to provide plates, silverware, and a centerpiece. Each table arrangement is different; your theme can be funny or fantastic. You are limited only by your imagination. Tables will seat 6 to 8 people and our hostesses can begin set-up at 3:00 pm that day.

**Friday, December 7, 2007 at
6:00 pm University Baptist
Church, Chapel , 1st Floor**

BAGS Holiday Committee will be taking seating and hostess reservations at the November general meeting on Friday, November 16, 2007 or by e-mail to Claudia Grafton at: claudiamg10@gmail.com. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Saturday, December 1, 2007.

Our theme this year is “Bless Us, Every One.” Let us be grateful for our own daily blessings, share with those who have less and send blessings to those who cannot be with us during this season. We have had a wonderful year and would like nothing better than to share the start of the New Year with you, so come and enjoy!

NARA Increases Copy Fees Reported by Alice Braud-Jones

The National Archives and Records Administration has made an announcement on their final decision on reproduction fee increases, effective 1 October 2007.

- Complete pension file, up to 100 pages: \$75 (currently \$37). Pages in excess of 100 can be ordered at \$0.65 per page.
- Basic pension documents: \$25 (currently \$14.75).
- Military service records: \$25 (currently \$17).

The complete statement is available in the Federal Register, Friday, August 17, 2007 , Vol. 72, No. 159, Rules and Regulations, pp. 46145-46148, or at this link:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-16233.pdf>

Here are some of the key facts cited by NARA as justification for the increases:

- current fees are based on a 1999 cost study, and there have been no fee increases since 2000.
- in FY 2006, costs for fixed-fee copy services were more than double the revenue received for them.
- in FY 2006, NARA completed 7700 orders for full Civil War pension files.
- in FY 2006, NARA completed 2677 orders for the basic pension documents packets.
- when it established the current \$37 fixed-fee for full pension files, NARA estimated the average page count to be 40-50 pages. NARA 's statement indicates that it significantly under-estimated the number of pages, and states that the average full file is now 106 pages. They set the 100-page limit on the basis that it will accommodate more than 65% of the requests. It is believed that NARA responded to the input, that the proposed \$125 fee, regardless of size, was unreasonable.

Welcome New Members!

Ned Yelverton, husband of Wanda Yelverton, is a returning member, Norma Davenport, wife of BAGS member Wally Davenport, and Laurel Stine, wife of BAGS member Keith Stine.

It's great to have you in our society!

Reflections on the Mayflower Compact (Thanksgiving – More than a Holiday) by Dick Warren



The book Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick is a story of courage, community and war. It is a history of the pilgrims' travel to the New World including the trials and tribulations they faced in Leiden, Holland before actually setting sail to Plymouth.

Not far into the book Philbrick calls attention to the Mayflower Compact. Philbrick wrote, "Some of them were sick and two had already died. Still others were clamoring for a rebellion that would have meant the almost instantaneous collapse of their settlement and more likely their deaths". They could have

subdued the rebels he continues, "Instead they put pen to paper and created a document that ranks with the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution as a seminal American text". To see for myself what he meant I and to explore the Mayflower Compact and its history, I went to <http://www.nationalcenter.org/MayflowerCompact.html>. I was so impressed with the Compact and its impact on the United States that I included the complete text herewith:

The Mayflower Compact

by William Bradford November 11, 1620

The Mayflower Compact was drawn up on the Mayflower, under the circumstances described by Governor William "Bradford, This day, before we came to harbour, observing some not well affected to unity and concord, but gave some appearance of faction, it was thought good there should be an association and agreement, that we should combine together in one body, and to submit to such government and governors as we should by common consent agree to make and choose, and set our hands to this that follows, word for word".

IN THE name of God, Amen.

We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland king, defender of the faith, etc., having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions,

and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape-Cod the 11 of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign lord, King James, of England, France, and Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth.

Anno Domini 1620.

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| 1. John Carver | 22. Edward Tilly |
| 2. William Bradford | 23. Johon' Craxton |
| 3. William Brewster | 24. Thomas Rogers |
| 4. John Alden | 25. John Goodman |
| 5. John Howland | 26. Edward Fuller |
| 6. Stephen Hopkins | 27. Richard Gardner |
| 7. Edward Winslow | 28. William White |
| 8. Gilbert Winslow | 29. Edmund Margeson |
| 9. Myles Standish | 30. George Soule |
| 10. John Allerton | 31. James Chilton |
| 11. Issac Allerton | 32. Francis Cooke |
| 12. John Billington | 33. Edward Doty |
| 13. Thomas Tinker | 34. Moses Fletcher |
| 14. Samuel Fuller | 35. John Rigdale |
| 15. Richard Clark | 36. Christopher Martin |
| 16. Richard Warren | 37. William Mullins |
| 17. Edward Leister | 38. Thomas English |
| 18. Thomas Rogers | 39. Richard Bitteridge |
| 19. Thomas Williams | 40. Francis Eaton |
| 20. Peter Brown | 41. John Tilly |
| 21. John Turner | |

The list of 41 male passengers who signed was supplied by Bradford's nephew Nathaniel Morton in his 1669 *New England's Memorial*. There are no surviving first-hand accounts of this information.

Nathaniel, Philbrick, *Mayflower*, Penguin Books, 2007, p 42



BAGS Events Calendar

Friday, November 16, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC, Speaker: Dick Warren on "Bullet Proof Your Genealogy: Making Friends With Your Computer!"
Monday, November 26, 2007	9:00 am BAGS Bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, December 3, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LCD-210, UBC
Friday, December 7, 2007	BAGS ANNUAL BANQUET "Bless Us, Every One" 6:00 pm.Chapel, 1st Floor, University Baptist Church
Tuesday, January 15, 2008	9:00 am BAGS Bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, January 21, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LCD-210, UBC
Friday, January 25, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC

Trips to Clayton Library—Mary Martin, County Bus Coordinator

Come join us for a trip to the Clayton Library on **Monday, November 26; Tuesday, January 15, 2008; Tuesday, February 5, 2008; Wednesday, February 20, 2008; and Tuesday, March 4, 2008.**

The trip on Monday, November 26, 2007 may be a hard one to fill because it is the Monday after Thanksgiving; see if you can join us. This will be the last trip this year.



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.

Clayton Library Programs

DAR Workshop, Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 10:00 am

Determine family members' correct American Revolution military service, civil service, or patriotic service. This is the first session of a three-part DAR program. The second session is scheduled for Saturday, January 5, 2008 covering family lineage. Registration required; call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

Biographical Source Directories,

Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 2:00 pm

A mini-education session is provided to explain using the American Biographical Genealogical Index and other biographical source directories. Check to see if a family history has already been written. Learn about compiled family histories, how you find them, and how they differ. Registration required; call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

Share-A-Ride—Jeanine Lawrence

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 Bulletin Board



More BAGS Tote BAGS are available

Just in time to serve as Christmas gifts. They are wonderful quality. Look for Susie Ganch at the general meetings to purchase a bag and pickup the latest issue of the BAGS Quarterly.

A limited number of beginning genealogy class packets are available for purchase (\$5.00) at the general meetings. The packets contain forms and a computer disc of starter information. Shirley Lindquist will be available at the next general meeting for those who are interested in purchasing a packet.

Attendance Report by Jeanine Lawrence

In September 2007, 68 members and 10 visitors attended the BAGS general meeting and 15 members attended the board meeting. In October 2007, 47 members and 4 visitors attended the BAGS general meeting and 17 members attended the board meeting. I am proud to report BAGS received 131 visitors at the general meetings during the last fiscal year.

Membership Tammy Frey, Registrar

I am pleased to report that we currently have 145 new and renewed BAGS members, and several others have contacted me to say that their renewals are on the way. This is a great beginning for our new year! If you have friends or family who are interested in genealogy, encourage them to attend a meeting with you.

As always, 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 through E-mail Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org or regular mail at:

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BAGS Wants to Put YOU in the Spotlight!

Some of you have a lot of research tips that you could share with others. Many of our members need help in specific areas. Maybe you have an interesting research story. Whatever your specialty, please consider taking the opportunity to help other BAGS members get to know you better. You never know, maybe you'll find a cousin – or some help with your brick wall. Or, perhaps you will be able to offer your expertise to assist someone else.



Either way, we would like to showcase some of our members. We will ask you some questions, then compile a brief article on your research interests. If you are willing, please contact Tammy Frey at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

Preservation Tip of the Month by Becky Schipper, from the Fort Wayne Library

The Library of Congress has a great web page offering simple instructions and links to more in-depth information regarding preserving family documents. The web page is titled, "Preparing, Protecting and Preserving Family Treasures." It is an enjoyable and informative collection of data and links to explore. Go to <http://www.locweb.loc.gov/preserv/familytreasures/index.html>.

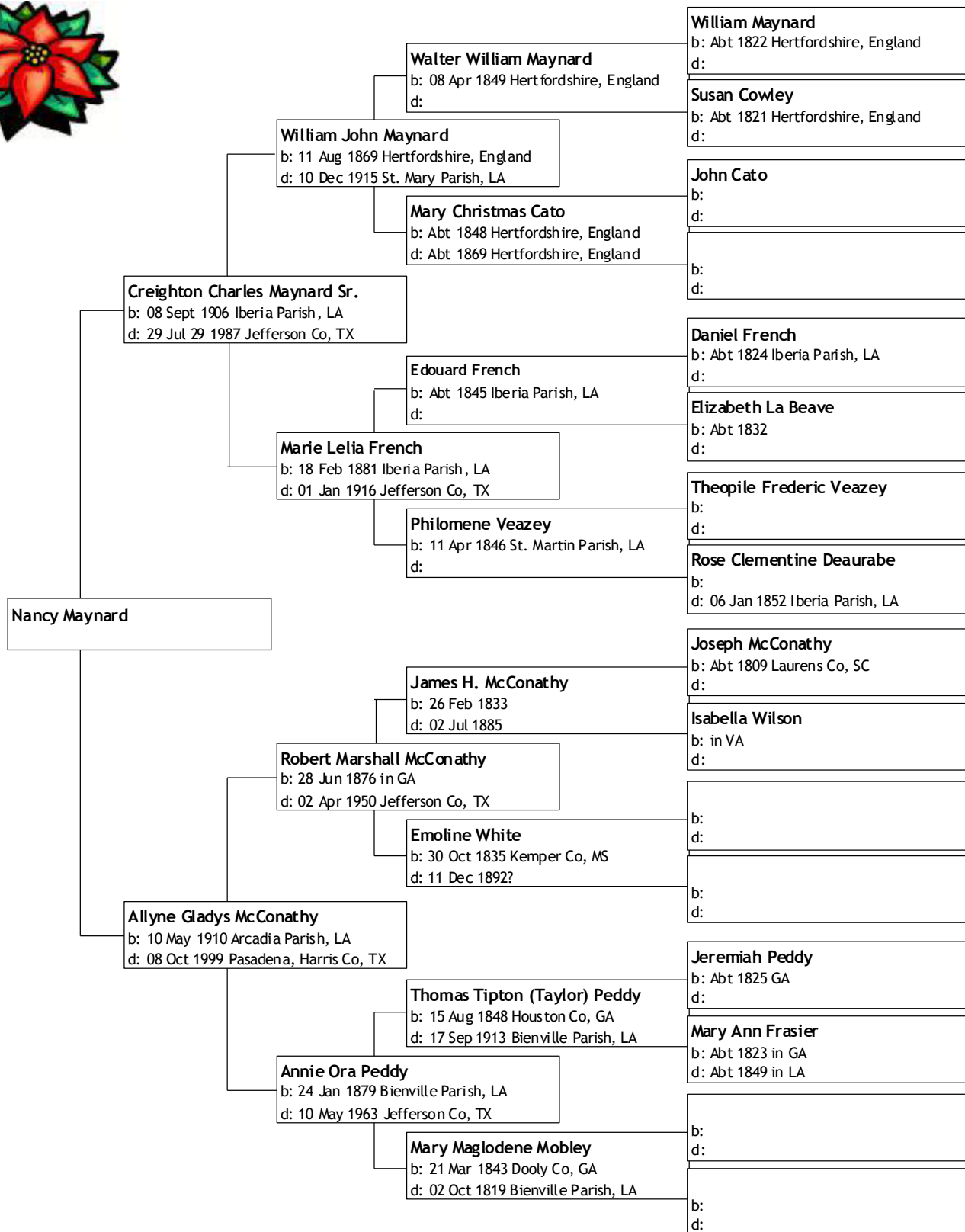
Current Genealogical Events Calendar

For current Houston area genealogical events go to <http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org/Calendar/tabid/88/Default.aspx>.

Treasurer's Report—Ed Harris

Bal Brought Forward	\$7,521.95
Income	\$ 742.40
Expenses	-\$317.72
Bal on hand 10-31-07	\$7,946.63

Ancestors of Nancy Maynard Irle





Holidays Past



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