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Gems from Genealogists



To protect your research after your death, create a codicil to your will. Make your wishes be known as to the disposition of your genealogical records so it will be not be discarded. Direct your heirs not to destroy your research and files but to give them to a genealogical society, repository, etc. of your choice.

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NEXT MEETING

Friday, December 7, 6:00 pm at
the University Baptist Church,
16106 Middlebrook Drive,
Clear Lake City
7th Annual BAGS Holiday
Banquet

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December Meeting: 7th Annual BAGS Holiday Banquet

"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! The deadline for purchasing tickets is Saturday, December 1, 2007.



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President's Message — Resa Nichols Hennings

I had the great pleasure of attending the third annual Wholly Genes Software Genealogy Conference and Cruise this past October 28-November 4 on board the *Caribbean Princess*. Wholly Genes is the maker of the popular genealogy program, The Master Genealogist (TMG). It is a wonderful and very powerful program for Microsoft Windows users. Eight members of the Houston TMG Users Group attended, including BAGS member Don Versluys and his wife Michelle.

There were a total of 25 lectures, seven being hands-on instruction for using the TMG program. The other eighteen lectures were on a variety of genealogical topics. We were fortunate to hear such speakers as Cyndi Howells, owner and webmaster of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet (<http://www.cyndislist.com>); Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, lead researcher for the PBS award-winning *Ancestors* series, among many other accomplishments and television appearances; Henry Z. Jones, FASG, author of the acclaimed two-volume set The Palatine Families of New York-1710, television star, movie actor, singer and song writer; Dick Eastman, author of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (<http://blog.eogn.com>) read by more than 25,000 genealogists around the world; Robert Charles Anderson, FASG, one of the outstanding genealogists of this generation, probably best known for his two-volume work The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1633; Lee Hoffman, John Cardinal, and other excellent speakers.

I would encourage anyone interested in genealogy to attend next year's cruise. Check the Wholly Genes website for the latest information <http://www.whollygenes.com/cruise.htm>.

I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and wonderful genealogy research finds in the new year.

Resa



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Let BAGS Help You Make Research Connections!

Do you ever wonder who else might be working on the same surnames as you are? Wouldn't you like to find someone who had already breached your stubborn brick wall?

Have you already struggled through a difficult or interesting research problem? Your willingness to share how you accomplished it could provide valuable tips and encouragement for others.



Do you have an area of expertise, such as language translation, a particular surname, research in a particular area, etc? Let us help you get the word out! We are looking for members who would like to share their research interests, problems, and/or areas of expertise. If you might be interested, contact Tammy Frey at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

Congratulations to Melodey Mozeley Hauch

Melodey received a writing award from the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS) for her book Sandy Point Cemetery. This cemetery is located on private property in Brazoria County, Texas about one mile south of Sandy Point and three miles north of Rosharon off FM 521. The Handbook of Texas Online provides a short description of the Sandy Point area (<http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/SS/hns16.html>). TSGS awarded Melodey with 1st place for a reference book published by a non-professional genealogist. The awards were presented on November 9, 2007 during the TSGS annual conference in Tyler, Texas. Next year's TSGS conference is scheduled for October 24-25 in Abilene, Texas.

Attendance Report by Jeanine Lawrence

Sixty-five members and seven guests attended the BAGS November general meeting. The November board meeting was canceled.

Research Assistance Available at the Moore Memorial Library

Members of the Texas City Ancestry Searchers provide free research assistance at Moore Memorial Library (1701 9th Avenue North, Texas City, TX 77590) on Wednesdays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and on Saturdays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Membership Services - Future Workshops by Shirley Lindquist

The topic "Writing Your Family History" generated the most interest during our member survey at the October general meeting. Therefore, a workshop on that topic will be scheduled for February 2008. A specific course description, date, and time will be forthcoming in BAGS January 2008 newsletter.

Thank you to Dick Warren for his excellent presentation on "Bulletproofing Your Genealogy" at the November general meeting. In response to the member survey, Dick will offer a more detailed workshop tentatively scheduled in January 2008. His work-in-progress as it is developed will be posted on the BAGS Website at <http://txbayareagen.org/programs>. He will add updates on software, cost, and forms to aid in developing your own unique backup plan. Be sure to revisit our BAGS website for the updates. A specific course description, date, and time notice will be made to the membership.

Membership by Tammy Frey, Registrar

As of the November 16 meeting, we have 165 new and renewed BAGS members. Some visitors at the November general meeting also expressed an interest in joining. Be sure to encourage your friends and family to come and see what they have been missing!

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 at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

Welcome New Member!

We are pleased to welcome Peggy S. Mathis of Houston as a new member to BAGS!
It's great to have you in our society!

BAGS Events Calendar

BAGS meetings are held at University Baptist Church located at 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77059

Monday, December 3, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC 210, UBC
Friday, December 7, 2007	6:00 pm BAGS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET "Bless Us, Every One", Chapel, 1st Floor, UBC
Tuesday, January 15, 2008	9:00 am BAGS Bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, January 21, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC 210, UBC
Friday, January 25, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2nd Floor, UBC
Saturday, May 3, 2008	8:30 am – 3:30 pm BAGS Presents Christine Rose, a Family History Seminar at University Baptist Church. Registration Information and Program on the BAGS Website and in the BAGS Newsletter.

Trips to Clayton Library—Mary Martin, County Bus Coordinator

Come join us for the research trips to Clayton Library on **Tuesday, January 15, 2008; Tuesday, February, 5, 2008; Wednesday, February 20, 2008; and Tuesday, March 4, 2008.** While you are working on holiday preparations, see if you can steal a few moments to look at your five-generation charts and family group sheets to see what you would like to start working on in January. Make a few notes of information that you would like to search for and maybe where you could find the information. January will be here before you know it.

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. The BAGS website, www.TxBayAreaGen.org, always has a current listing of library trips. Think about joining us and bringing a sack lunch if you have never gone with our group to the library. We have a good time chatting with each other and sharing information. You never know who may have a clue to help you solve one of your brick walls.

Clayton Library Programs

DAR Workshop Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 10:00 am

Learn how to research and document the correct lineage between yourself and your American Revolutionary patriot. This is the second session of a three-part DAR program. The third session is scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2008 covering DAR membership application preparation. Registration required; call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

Genealogy Computer Programs Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 2:00 pm

A panel discussion about three of the most prominent genealogy programs, their functionality, issues and highlights. Included will be Family Tree Maker, PAF, RootsMagic and/or Legacy Family Tree. Registration required; call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

Houston Genealogical Forum / Hispanic Genealogical Society: Records of Early Texas 1717-1835 Seminar

Saturday, December 15, 2007 at 9:30 am – 2:30 pm at the Bayland Community Center (6400 Bissonnet, Houston)

This seminar discusses four major colonial collections as presented by four speakers: Brother Robert D. Wood, SM., Linda Reynolds, John Wheat, and Robert de Berardinis. Additional information about the speakers, cost, map, and a

registration form can be found online at <http://www.hgftx.org/Content-Public/Calendar-Of-Events/Page.asp>. This was originally a joint CLF and HGF venture in 2006 but was disrupted by the Hurricane..



**Bay Area Genealogical Society
"BAGS" Presents
Christine Rose
CG, CGL, FASG
Saturday, May 3, 2008
University Baptist Church
16106 Middlebrook Drive
Houston (Clear Lake City),TX
8:30a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Christine Rose is a Certified Genealogist, Certified Genealogical Lecturer, and Fellow, American Society of Genealogists. Her lecturing experience includes national conferences (National Genealogical Society, Federation of Genealogical Societies), and many regional seminar and local seminars including New York Genealogical and Biographical Society in New York City; seminars in Chicago, Illinois; San Francisco, California; Long Island, New York, and many others. In addition, she served on the faculty of the Institute of Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C., and has been on the faculty as an instructor, and a coordinator of Samford University's Institute of Historical and Genealogical Research since 1992. Christine was elected Fellow, American Society of Genealogists in 1988. This honor is bestowed by peers based on the quantity and quality of publications, and is limited to only 50 at any one time. She has also been awarded the prestigious Donald Lines Jacobus award for two genealogies, and received top reviews for the book she co-authored, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy*. She has authored more than 15 additional books, including *Courthouse Research for Family Historians*.

Christine is a past VP for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, past VP for the Association of Genealogical Societies, and is presently a trustee of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. She has been interviewed on CBS evening news (San Francisco, California), W.H.O. (Des Moines, Iowa), and others. She has also been subject of extensive news articles in the *Des Moines Register*, the San Jose [California] *Mercury-News*, and others.

Program Topics

Estates: A Goldmine!
Abstracting and Transcribing – The Techniques and Legalese
Military Records for Problem Solving
Solving the Problem "On-site" in 25 Hours or Less

Members \$40.00
Non-Members \$45.00 (Received by 2-29-2008)

Check the BAGS website at: www.txbayareagen.org for seminar information and registration details

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)
Presents

Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG

Seminar Registration Form

Saturday, May 3, 2008

University Baptist Church

16106 Middlebrook Drive

Houston (Clear Lake City), TX 77059

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
Early Registration (Received By 02/29/2008)	\$40.00	\$45.00
Regular Registration (Received By 04/25/2008)	\$45.00	\$50.00
Registration at the Door (No Lunch)	\$50.00	\$55.00

Name: _____ E-Mail _____

Address: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

City, State: _____ I belong to the: _____ Genealogy Society

# _____	Member Early Registrations	(By 2/29/08)	X	\$40.00	=	\$ _____ .00
# _____	Non-Member Early Registrations	(By 2/29/08)	X	\$45.00	=	\$ _____ .00
# _____	Member Regular Registrations	(By 4/25/08)	X	\$45.00	=	\$ _____ .00
# _____	Non-Member Regular Registrations	(By 4/25/08)	X	\$50.00	=	\$ _____ .00

Box Lunches: \$8.00 each (includes sandwich, chips, cookie, & coffee or tea)

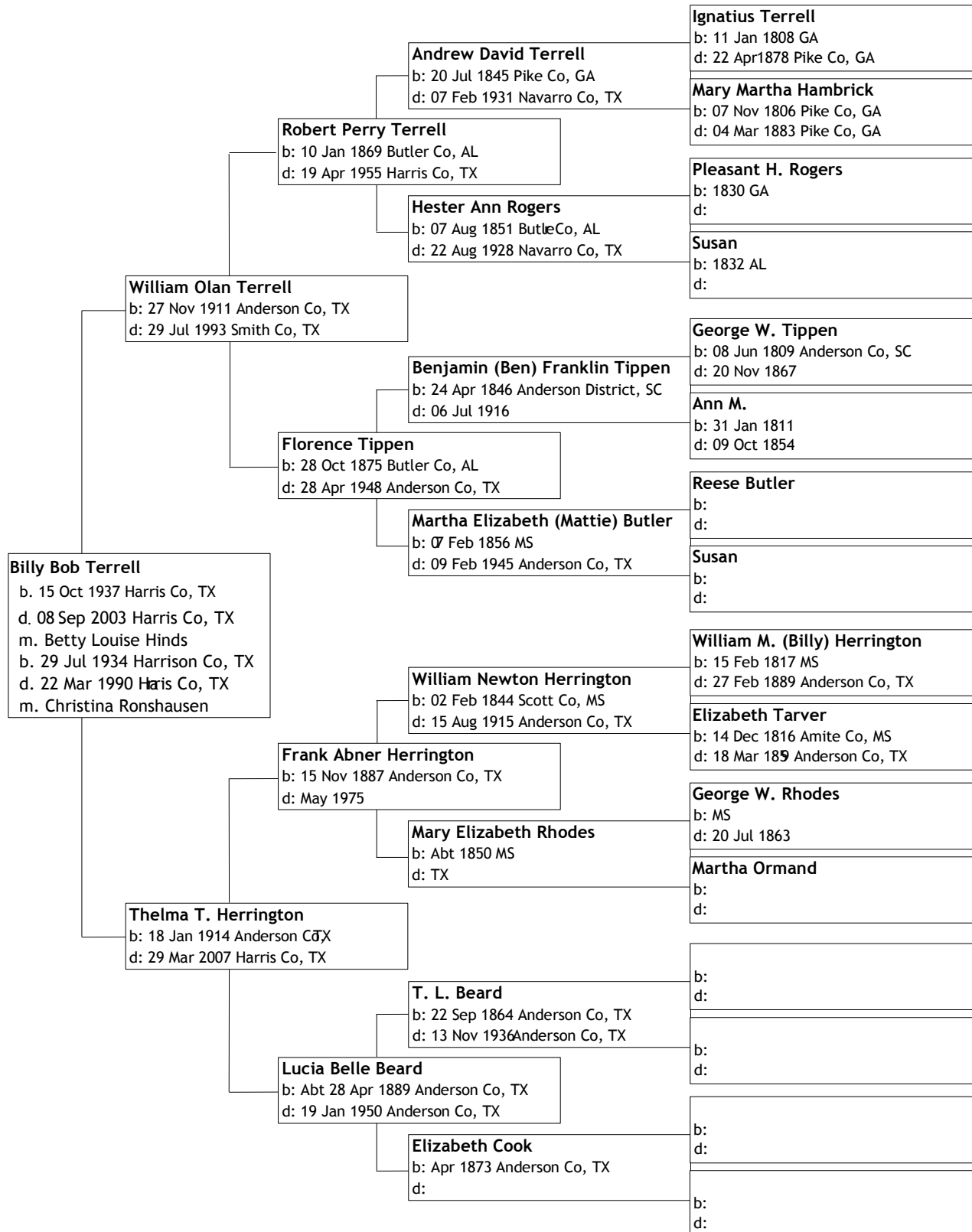
_____ Turkey # _____ Roast Beef # _____ Tuna # _____ Veggie

\$ _____ .00 Registration
\$ _____ .00 Lunch
\$ _____ .00 BAGS Contribution
\$ _____ .00 Total Enclosed

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Ancestors of Billy Bob Terrell submitted by Christina Ronshausen Terrell





Holidays Past



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