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Friday, April 25, 2008 at 6:00pm: DEMOLITION DAY *Breaking Down those "Brick Walls"*

The BAGS April General Meeting will offer members and guests alike an opportunity to concentrate on problem areas of their genealogical research projects. BAGS will have a panel of experienced members to respond to specific areas of concern and answer question cards received at the March 2008 general meeting. Additionally, anyone participating in the April "Demolition Day" event can contribute information and advice. This forum will allow members to "share the wealth" of their own research experience in order that all may discover successful ways to progress with lineage quests.

**Join us Saturday, May 3, 2008 for the seminar with
Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG**

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

Still time to register for lunch. Otherwise come that day.
Registration form available in this newsletter and online at
www.TxBayAreaGen.org/seminars.htm

Please plan to include as much information and as little explanation and personal description in your inquiry as possible, since the panel will need to address everyone's concerns and cannot allocate more than a couple of minutes per person. And remember, the panel is not the only option for results! At the end of each question, the audience will be queried on whether they can offer additional insight on a specific subject. Also, if more time is needed, attendees can arrange to speak with one of the panel or other attendees after the formal question and answer session.

Following our usual potluck dinner, this two-hour meeting will be structured to allow for as much shared information between members as possible. The goals are:

- 1) We share and give attention to all problem areas discussed.
 - 2) The membership realizes the wealth of experience and information we have in each other, computers and local venues.
 - 3) This program will be scheduled annually for the members.
- BAGS Board and panel members will try to assist and direct you on your genealogical way, which reminds me of an old saying:
"GIVE A MAN A FISH – HE EATS FOR A DAY
TEACH A MAN TO FISH – HE EATS FOR A LIFETIME."

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**Join us on Friday, April 25 at 6:00 pm and let's go fishing!!!
We meet at the University Baptist Church
in the Great Room, 2nd floor.
(16106 Middlebrook Drive, Clear Lake City- [online map](#))**

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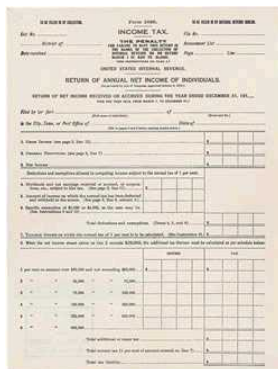
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Shirley Robbins

Message from the President

Resa Nichols Hennings

It's tax time! Did you know that the first Form 1040 was used in 1914 and before that government revenues came only from taxes on liquor, beer, wine, and tobacco? Every citizen having a net income of \$3,000 or over was required to file a return. The tax rate was a whopping 1%! There was a surtax of 6% on incomes over \$500,000.



The very first revenue-raising effort, however, was signed into law by President Lincoln in 1862 to pay for the Civil War. At that time a Commissioner of Internal Revenue was created and the tax rate was set at 3% on incomes from \$600-\$10,000 and 5% on incomes over \$10,000. After the war was over Congress was pressured by the public and cut the tax rate. In 1872 income tax was repealed.

President Taft proposed a constitutional amendment in 1909 that would give the government the power to tax income. With World War I on the horizon, Wyoming was the 36th and last state needed to ratify the 16th Amendment, giving Congress "the power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived..."

During World War I the top rate was 77%! The bottom rate was 2%-6%. It dropped afterwards, 24% in 1929, but rose again during the Great Depression from 4% for the bottom bracket to 63%-79%, high bracket. During World War II Congress instituted payroll withholding and quarterly tax payments. The top rates during the war were 81%-94% and 10%-23% was the low rate.

The Revenue Act of 1942 increased tax rates and created deductions for medical and investment expenses. Employers were required to withhold taxes from their employees and submit quarterly payments in 1943. The standard deduction was introduced in 1944, President Eisenhower changed the name to Internal Revenue Service in 1953, and the following year the

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Welcome To Our New Members!

We are happy to announce two new BAGS members:
Mona Dillon Ray of Dickinson, and Earl "Ray" Brown of League City.

Be sure to give them a warm BAGS welcome!

President's Message (continued from page 2)

filing deadline was changed from March 15 to April 15. The computer age was ushered in at IRS in 1961 when the National Computer Center was dedicated in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and the first toll-free telephone line was set up in 1965. Limited electronic filing began in 1986 and that method reached an all-time high of 40.2 million returns in 2001. Today, the IRS employs more than 100,000 people in its four operating divisions: Wage and Investment Income, Small Business/Self-Employed, Large and Mid-Size Business, and Tax Exempt and Government Entities.

Resa

For additional details and resources, refer to the Library of Congress "History of the US Income Tax" guide compiled by Ellen Terrell (available online at www.loc.gov/rr/business/hottopic/irs_history.html). View the original 4-page 1040 Form, first used in 1914, online at the IRS website "Brief History of IRS" (www.irs.gov/irs/article/0,,id=149200,00.html).

In Memoriam

Emogene Hoot Brummerhop passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2008. She presented entertaining programs to the BAGS membership in September 2007 and July 2006. Our prayers go out to her children and their families. Her obituary was published in *Houston Chronicle* on March 21, 2008.

Member Spotlight

New member **Mona DILLON RAY** has been doing genealogy "since people looked at you funny when you mentioned it." Her current research interests include **Pike Co. and Marion Co., MS** and **Washington Parish, LA**. She could use some help in researching the **TAYLOR** family in **Angelina Co., TX**, especially in regards to land and Civil War. Mona can help others in using the advanced search on the **HeritageQuest** census and with **federal land records**, particularly in **MS**. She also has a program that will plot **metes and bounds**. If you wish to contact Mona, e-mail us at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org, and we will forward your message to her.

Membership Report

by Tammy Frey, Registrar

At the March general meeting several people expressed an interest in BAGS membership and two joined. With these, our membership now totals 177. Do you want to widen your circle of fellow genealogy enthusiasts? Claudia Grafton is doing a great job preparing outstanding programs for our meetings. Bring your friends and family and encourage them to learn more about discovering their family histories.

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.

DATA, DOOR PRIZES, FRIENDS AND FUN

by Alice-Braud Jones

What are the 4 elements of a successful seminar?

- Outstanding Data
- Excellent Door Prizes
- Good Friends
- Plenty of Fun

BAGS 2008 seminar featuring nationally acclaimed author, lecturer and professional genealogist, Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG, offers all 4 elements to attendees.

Nearly 70 local and out of town genealogists have made their reservation to enjoy "A Day With Christine Rose" on Saturday, May 3, 2008. To be held at University Baptist Church, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, with lectures on Estates, Abstracting and Transcribing, Military Records

and Problem Solving in 25 Hours or Less, the seminar promises to be our best yet!

Have you made your reservation? If not, go to the BAGS website at www.TxBayAreaGen.org/seminars.htm, fill out the registration form and forward it to Tammy Frey for her receipt no later than April 25 to receive the best available rate and assure your lunch choice is included.

Door prizes include professional research books, genealogical publications, magazines, software, memberships, subscriptions, an orthopedic pillow for your "after research" aches, and an exercise ball to stretch those tired muscles - just to name a few!

Don't miss this great opportunity to join the fun and learn from the best!

Library Corner

by Kim Zrubek

"Library Corner" highlights resources available at our local area libraries. Please contact the newsletter editor if you would like to share a specific local library resource that was particularly helpful to your research.

Need motivation to continue your research?

- Attend the BAGS general meeting
- Attend a genealogy workshop
- Visit with a reference librarian at Clayton Library, Galveston and Texas History Center Rosenberg Library, or Texas City Moore Memorial Public Library
- Visit with the research volunteers at a local Family History Center.
- View the inspirational research stories presented in the PBS series *Ancestors: Discovering Your Heritage* produced by BYU Television, 2000. This series is available on DVD at the Friendswood Library. Read and view the same stories online at the companion website www.byubroadcasting.org/ancestors

Book resources that may provide an idea for your current research problem:

***The Sleuth Book for Genealogists: Strategies for More Successful Family History Research* by Emily Anne Croom, published by Betterway Books in 2000.**

Mrs. Croom provides strategies for effective use of census records, probate records, land records, and tax records. Examples of the search process to find a parent generation and slave ancestors illustrates the research tips presented in this book.


***The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook* by Emily Croom, published by Betterway Books in 1994.**

Mrs. Croom includes special focus on African-American and Native American research resources by providing bibliography samples of the books and libraries that specialize on these topics. Mrs. Croom provides lists of available material that can motivate the researcher. The lists include: the many roll records available through NARA for the Five Civilized Tribes; state censuses and territory papers records (continued on page 6)

BAGS Events Calendar

BAGS meetings are held at University Baptist Church (UBC) located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059 (Clear Lake City) – [online map](#).

Members are invited to attend all meetings.

Monday, April 21, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, April 25, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner, Great Room, 2 nd Floor, UBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program: “Demolition Day - Breaking Down Those Brick Walls ”
*** Saturday, May 3, 2008 ***	 <p>8:30 am – 3:30 pm BAGS Presents Christine Rose, a Family History Seminar at University Baptist Church. Registration and program information are available on the BAGS Workshops & Seminars webpage and are included as an insert in this newsletter.</p>
Tuesday, May 20, 2008	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Tuesday, May 27, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC ** Date change due to Memorial Day
Friday, May 30, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner, Great Room, 2 nd Floor, UBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program: Bruce Lockett on Civil War Shipwrecks in East Texas Rivers.
Tuesday, June 17, 2008	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, June 23, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, June 27, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner, Great Room, 2 nd Floor, UBC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program: Casey Edward Greene, Head of Special Collections, Rosenberg Library on “Trimming the Family Tree: Genealogical Sources in the Rosenberg Library.”
Wednesday, July 16, 2008	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, July 21, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, July 25, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner, Great Room, 2 nd Floor, UBC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Speaker: Carey Hall
Wednesday, August 6, 2008	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Friday, August 29, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, <i>Chapel, 1st Floor</i> , UBC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Show and Tell – Please consider bringing something to share with the group.

Local Area Genealogy Events & Resources

FREE Master Genealogists SIG

This group will meet the 3rd Saturday each month (**May 17 and June 21**) at 1:30 PM in Room D at the [Parker Williams Library](#), 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Houston, TX 77089-5743 ([online map](#)). **This group is open for beginners to advanced users and the cost is free.** There will be instructions, discussion and handouts. For more information call 409-744-4359, 281-337-1054, 713-946-7555 or e-mail Betty Dunquez at bdunquez@aol.com.

Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs (CLASP)

Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 5:30 pm in the UHCL Bayou Building Garden Room

CLASP hosts the program “**Ordeals of Sea and Land: Stories of the British submarine 'Seal' in WWII & Storms over Bolivar Peninsula**” by Melanie Wiggins, historian and author. All programs are open and free to the public, free parking is available in Lot R. Tokens are given during the program to exit the lot. For special accommodations, or more information, please contact us at 281-283-2021. See complete class and lecture series schedule online at www.uhcl.edu/clasp.

Texas Research Ramblers Genealogical Society

If you are in the College Station area on the last Wednesday of the month, be sure to stop by and visit the Texas Research Ramblers and attend their meetings which are held at the Active Advantage Medical Facility at 1651 Rock Prairie Road, College Station, TX. You may also contact them at: Texas Research Ramblers, P.O. Box 1195 College Station, TX 77842-1195 or by e-mail:

info@texasresearchramblers.org. Brazos, Robertson, Washington, Burleson, Grimes, Madison and Leon Counties are their counties of research specialization. Checkout their website at www.texasresearchramblers.org.

Clayton Library Programs

A First-Timers Visit to the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City, UT Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 2:00 pm

Get helpful tips for your first trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. **Free, but registration required;** call 832-393-2600. For adults and teens.

BAGS Cookbook

by Neil Miserendino

Progress has been made! About half of the recipes have been electronically entered. Pre-ordering may be available to help determine the number of books to print.

While I was transcribing the submissions, I found ingredients that were new to me: Cushaw squash and bead molasses. Cushaw squash is a large, green-striped sweet squash. The cookbook will include descriptions of these and other uncommon ingredients.

Library Corner

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available by location and time period; and agricultural, industry/manufacturing, mortality, social statistics, and defective, dependent, and delinquent schedules available by location and years.

***The Genealogist's Question & Answer Book* by Marcia Yannizze Melnyk published by Betterway Books in 2002.**

Feeling overwhelmed, not sure where to begin or how to proceed in your research? Try looking at this book. Ms. Melnyk presents common questions regarding record types, documentation, computer resources, research facilities, and terminology.

Committee News

Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Fifteen people attended the April 9 Clayton Library bus trip. There are five more trips to the Clayton Library scheduled for

Tuesday, May 20; Tuesday, June 17; Wednesday, July 16; Wednesday, August 6, and Tuesday, September 16.

We have had interest expressed in going to one of the other libraries in our area. The libraries suggested so far are: Tyrrell Historical Library in Beaumont, TX; Rosenberg Library in Galveston, TX; Stephen F. Austin State University Ralph W. Steen Library in Nacogdoches, TX; Sam Houston Regional Library & Research Library Center in Liberty, TX; and George Memorial Library in Richmond, TX. If you would like to go to one of these libraries on one of our trips instead of the Clayton Library, please let me know which one you would enjoy visiting.

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.

Join us for a trip to the library and bring a sack lunch. We enjoy our trips to and from the library and eating lunch in the snack room. We enjoy sharing information and ideas that may lead to the discovery of an ancestor. Sometimes, someone will share a common ancestor with another person that they meet or they may come from the same area of the country and have ideas about how to locate ancestors.

Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

In February, 56 members and 12 guests attended the general meeting and 17 members attended the board meeting.

In March, 62 members and 11 guests attended the general meeting and 12 members attended the board meeting.

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 a meeting, please give Jeanine your contact information.

Please Volunteer Your Help Is Needed

- Assistance with the Christine Rose Seminar – contact Alice Braud-Jones
- Successor to Leo Waltz as the BAGS webmaster – contact Resa Hennings
- Successor to Suzie Ganch as the BAGS Quarterly editor – contact Resa Hennings
- Assistance with the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Transcription Project – contact Alice Braud-Jones
- Submit your favorite recipes for the BAGS cookbook to Mary Martin

BAG\$ Report

Ed Harris, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$7,103.01
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	<u>-\$318.85</u>
Balance on hand 03/31/2008	\$6,784.16

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REMINDER

General Meeting
Friday, April 25, 6:00 pm
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Deadline for
May Issue is
Saturday, May 3, 2008



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"BAGS" Presents

Christine Rose

CG, CGL, FASG

Saturday, May 3, 2008

University Baptist Church

16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX

(Clear Lake City - [online map](#))

8:30am - 3:30 pm

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 and local seminars including New York Genealogical and Biographical Society in New York City; seminars in Chicago, Illinois; San Francisco, California; and Long Island, New York. 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 the 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 \$45.00 & Non-Members \$50.00 (received by April 25, 2008)

Check the BAGS website at: www.TxBayAreaGen.org for registration details

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Presents

Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG

Seminar Registration Form

Saturday, May 3, 2008

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[online map](#)

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
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 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

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ .00

Questions: Go to: www.txbayareagen.org or
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