



# Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter

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## Friday, August 29, 2008 at 6:00 pm Annual Show & Tell



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)

Here is your chance to tell a brief family story about a treasured item, important family event, or research find to the BAGS membership. Tables are available to display your memorabilia. Last year we had the opportunity to see some wonderful family treasures including quilts, jewelry, tools, scrapbooks, newspaper articles, and photographs.

At 6:00 pm enjoy a delicious potluck supper featuring family favorite recipes and traditional "trademark" dishes we love to share and eat. Bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert and include copies of the recipe.



MELODEY HAUCH SHARED HER EXPERIENCE IN CREATING A BOOK DOCUMENTING HER ANCESTORS

### **BAGS is providing barbequed beef and sausage for this meal!**

Come with a story, a dish, and a friend or two to enjoy this sentimental journey in remembering our families on Friday, August 29 at 6:00 pm. **The program will be held at the University Baptist Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the Chapel** (address: 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Clear Lake City- [online map](#)). You may arrive as early as 5:30 pm to setup your memorabilia.

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#### **Consider participating in BAGS by ...**

- Having your picture taken for the new *BAGS Yearbook* issue. A photographer is available at the general meetings.
- Attending the Beginner's Genealogy Workshop. Registration form on page 7.
- Contributing to the Freeman Library genealogical display scheduled for October 2008. Contact Paula Sinning.
- Assisting in planning the Annual BAGS Holiday Banquet, scheduled for November 2008. Contact Tina Chatham.
- Serving as the BAGS Recording Secretary

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## Message from the President

**Resa Nichols Hennings**



I thought you might be interested in the results of the “Tell Us What You Think” questionnaire offered to the membership in June. There were 64 responses, representing 36% of our members. Of the respondents, 29 have been a member for 5 years or longer and 27 have been a member for less than 5 years. Keep in mind not all questions were answered by every respondent and some questions had more than one answer—so the numbers are not going to jibe.

The top 3 favorite things about BAGS: 1) people/fellowship, 2) program, and 3) speakers. Favorite speakers are: 1) Emily Anne Croom, 2) Dr. James Hodges as Sam Houston, 3) Kathryn Black Morrow, and 4) “all the speakers bring something.” There was hardly any response to the “least favorite speaker” question. The program topic is the meeting attraction. Favorite topics run the gamut from local history, Internet, brick walls, state research, courthouses, computers, research techniques, and cemeteries to European research. “How to” programs are the most popular. The top four topics members would like to see in programming are: 1) learning more about the Internet, relative to genealogy, 2) having Clayton librarians address us regularly, 3) a comparison of computer genealogy programs, and 4) having BAGS members answer our questions.

Average attendance per responding member is 7.9 meetings a year. Conducting 12 monthly meetings is acceptable to 84%, however, 40 people prefer to not meet every month, with about a third preferring to skip December. Meeting on Friday evening is convenient for 88% while 15 people request Sunday meetings and 5 request Saturday meetings. For 78% of those responding, 6:00 pm is a convenient time to meet. The present meeting agenda and duration are acceptable by the majority. Several people believe the Invocation is too long. Potluck dinners are not important to 61% and an even higher percentage do not want catered dinners at regular meetings. The majority believe our annual dues are reasonable and 44% would be bothered by an increase (or depends on how much). About half of those responding visit the BAGS website more than once a month. (continued on page 3)

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:

Editor, P.O. Box 891447, Houston, TX 77289-1447, or [newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org](mailto:newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org)

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## Welcome New Members!

**We want to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:**

**Jessica Kaylor Morgan** and her two children, **Chris** and **JoAnna** of Pearland

**Jean Van Vlierden** of League City, mother of member Shirley Robbins

**Jo Ann Babcock Karrick**, mother of member Kim Zrubek

**Robert Hauch** of League City, husband of member Melodey Hauch

**Linda Johnson Cooper** of Texas City

## President's Message (continued from page 2)

Many respondents attended one or all three of our seminars and believe the admission fee to be reasonable. Most who did not attend were precluded by another commitment.

The majority of members who have not served as an officer or chairman say they do not have the time. One third did not answer this question. If asked, 42% said they would, or maybe would, help on a committee. Many said they are willing to assist in the areas of Welcoming, Library Display, Telephone, Holiday/special dinners, and Ride-Share. Very few wish to serve as Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Program, Fund Raising, and Webmaster.

Some general comments: *need more participation from members; I appreciate the efforts of everyone; attitude of board that this is a business—we started as a social group who enjoyed being together sharing knowledge; more classes; great organization; need better sound system; eat during speaker; eat during business meeting; drop eating; should have joined earlier; shorter meetings; kazoo band is for pre-school children; no suggestions—I am happy; someday I may get into this hobby.*

**The Board extends many thanks for each of your responses. RLSA**

## Research Books on New England

Mary Martin has provided a list of helpful resources for people researching ancestors in New England, especially Massachusetts. These books contain alphabetical lists of people who immigrated to the New England area in the early colonial period of this country. Most of the materials are available at the Clayton Library. A portion of that list is printed here. The complete list can be found online at the [BAGS website](#) and click on “Articles” link, or directly access the list [here](#).

1. *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1633*; Robert Charles Anderson. There are 3 volumes. They are located in the USA section of the Clayton Library.
2. *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635*; Robert Charles Anderson; Volumes A-B, C-F, G-H, I-L, M-P are in print. They are located in the USA section of the Clayton Library.
3. *The Pioneers of Massachusetts* by Charles Henry Pope. This volume is located in the Massachusetts section of the Clayton Library.
4. *A Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England* by John Farmer. This book is located in the USA section of the Clayton Library.

## You have research questions, your fellow BAGS members have answers...

**Question: My grandparents came from Holland. How do I trace them back “in the old country?”**

**Answer:** Alice Braud-Jones suggests consulting the Netherlands resources provided through *Cyndi's List* online directory [www.cyndislist.com/nether.htm](http://www.cyndislist.com/nether.htm) and the Netherlands and Dutch genealogy and family history resources listed on the *About.com* website <http://genealogy.about.com/od/netherlands>.

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**(Your research questions, continued from page 3)**

**Question:** Anyone working in Tennessee? My g.g.grandfather came home from the Civil War (home being Gilmer Co, GA). He ran away with the local widow woman to TN and was shot by Mast Defore – I don't know where in TN nor the lady's name. How can I find 1865 TN newspapers telling of the killing or possibly court records when I don't know the county in TN?

**Answers:** Melodey Hauch reports the 1860 Tennessee census does not have Defores but there are Devores in Henderson and Hickman Counties and Devours in Decatur County. Alice Braud-Jones suggests consulting the Tennessee newspaper lists provided by the *Cyndi's List* online directory  
[www.cyndislist.com/tn.htm#Newspapers](http://www.cyndislist.com/tn.htm#Newspapers)

**It Is Time To Renew Your Membership !**

**Tammy Frey, Registrar**

Have you renewed your BAGS membership? As you know, our new society year begins September 1, and membership fees are due at that time. We are currently accepting membership renewals as well as new memberships. The application form has changed, so please be sure that you complete the new one to submit with your payment. The new form is available on the BAGS website ([www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org)) home page.

This past month we had an exciting total of 39 people join our Society! Of those, 7 were new members and the rest were renewals. We have some great events lined up for this next year, so be sure to renew your membership as soon as possible. You won't want to miss a thing!

If your picture was not in the *BAGS Yearbook 2007-2008*, please either submit a photo or ask to have your photo taken at a meeting so that your picture can be included in the new 2008-2009 issue. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org](mailto:Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org)

**What Our Members Are Researching  
Information Wanted or Help Available**

**Mary Martin is looking for William Hoff's parents, brothers & sisters.** William was born in VA in Feb 1782 and removed to Union Co, OH before 1840. He died in Union Co 18 Mar 1856. He lived in Randolph/Barbour Co, WV before moving to Ohio. He married Rebecca Johnson, daughter of Robert Johnson in Randolph Co, in 1806. His children were: Anthony Wayne Hoff, Letitia Hoff, Robert Hoff, and Jane Hoff.

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**Jessica Kaylor Morgan and family** are researching surnames: **Lockey, Ratcliff, Allen, Morgan, Kaylor, Basinger, and Peyton.** Jessica would like help with gathering data, censuses, filing systems, and sourcing. She is willing to help with North Louisiana searches and software use.

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**Jean Van Vlierden and Shirley Robbins** are researching surnames: **Van Vlierden, Snyder, Wisneski, Weishaupt, Long, and Petruski.**

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**Melodey and Robert Hauch** are researching surnames: **Mozeley, Tankersley, Albea, Hauch, Campbell, and Dram.**

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**Linda Johnson Cooper** is researching surnames: **Johnson, Oliver, Stevenson, Simmons, Hamilton, Robnett, and Perry.** She is willing to help with beginner research at Moore Library in Texas City. She can also help with Texas research and with applications for Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Daughters of the American Revolution.

**You are invited to post research questions on the [BAGS website](#), just click on "Queries" link to access the message board.**

## 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, August 25, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, August 29, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, <i>Chapel, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, UBC.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Annual Show and Tell</b> – Please consider sharing a short story or family item with the group.</li> </ul>
Tuesday, September 16, 2008	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, September 22, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS Board Meeting
Friday, September 26, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting and Potluck Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Speaker: Kathryn Black Morrow on <i>Making the Most Out of Researching Ancestry.com</i></b></li> </ul>
Saturday, October 4, 2008	9:00 am BAGS Beginning Genealogy Workshop Registration Form on page 7 of this issue.
Monday, October 20, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS Board Meeting
Friday, October 24, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting and Potluck Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Speaker: Betty Crockford on <i>Butch and Sundance - the Real Story with Outlaw Genealogy</i></b></li> </ul>
Monday, November 17, 2008	6:00 pm BAGS Board Meeting
Friday, November 21, 2008	Annual Holiday Banquet (details to be announced)
December 2008	BAGS Board and General Meetings will not be held

**Using the LDS site** on Thursday, September 11 in the [Clayton Library](#) (5300 Caroline, Houston, [online map](#)) at 2:00 pm. This free website contains the International Genealogical Index, the Pedigree Resource file, the 1880 US census, and more. Ever wondered how it worked? **Reservation is required; call the library at 832-393-2600. Program is free and for adults and teens.**

**Southern U.S. Research** program on Saturday, September 20 at 10:30 am at the **Friendswood Public Library**. Join Nancy Royce in discussing Virginia resources and your ancestor's migration from Virginia westward. Mrs. Royce has spent the last 35 years enjoying genealogy research and 17 years volunteering at the Family History Center helping others research their ancestors.

The League City Historical Society presents **Veterans of World War II "Ghosts of the Past" Tour** on Saturday, October 25, 2008 (rain or shine) at historical **Fairview Cemetery** (end of N. Kansas in League City, [online map](#)). This is a kid-friendly event where representatives of the Vets will be costumed in period-correct attire to "tell their story". Also take a self-guided tour of the exhibit "Women and Children at War" at the West Bay Common School Children's Museum. Call the Museum for more information 281-554-2994 or access "Workshops & Seminars" section on the [BAGS website](#) ([PDF event flyer](#))

## Committee News

### Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

We have one more trip to the Clayton Library on **Tuesday, September 16**. We had 21 people go to the Clayton Library with us on Wednesday, August 6. I think that this is a record for us. We had some new people go with us and we all had a good time.

If anyone is interested in going to one of the other area libraries with a genealogical section, please let me know which libraries you would like to see. During the first two weeks in September, we will choose four trips for the next 6 months. The dates will be posted on the [BAGS website](#).

For Clayton Library trips, we meet in front of the **Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Street** ([online map](#)). 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](mailto:lmartin497@aol.com). Sign-up sheets are also available at the general meetings.**

### Awards Committee

Kathryn Black Morrow, Chairman

The Board began considering a way to promote good research in family history and formed the Scholarship Committee in January of this year. Since then, the Scholarship Committee has been gathering ideas and brainstorming about scholarships and award. Our primary goal was to make the award money really count for something so we went back to basics and took a look at the purpose of the organization as stated in Article II of the Constitution printed in *BAGS Yearbook 2007-2008*, page 37:

*The primary purpose of the Society is educational. This will be accomplished by engaging in activities that promote public interest in genealogy and by providing knowledge and assistance to persons interested in genealogical research.*

The committee decided that rather than a scholarship, we should focus our energy where it can fulfill the society's purpose. After much discussion and name change, the Awards Committee proposes that we honor our own field of endeavor by offering an award for outstanding family history/genealogy research projects. The requirements for submissions will be discussed in future newsletters.

### BAG\$ July Report for June

Tina Chatham, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$6,875.77
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	-\$151.80
Balance on hand 06/30/2008	
Checking	\$1,382.18
CD balance	\$5,072.71
Unsold tote bag inventory	\$269.08

Note: In the future, the unsold tote bag inventory will be reported to the Board but not included in this report. If anyone would like a report of the unsold tote bag inventory, please contact the Treasurer.

### BAGS Publicity : If the newsletter for

your subdivision or community does not include a monthly notice of our BAGS meetings, please contact **Chris Terrell, Publicity Chairperson**, at [bbtcar1993@hotmail.com](mailto:bbtcar1993@hotmail.com). Please provide the name, mailing address, and/or e-mail address of the newsletter/newspaper.

### BAG\$ August Report for July

Tina Chatham, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$1,382.18
Income	\$492.50
Expenses	-\$118.60
Balance on hand 07/31/2008	\$1,756.08
CD balance	\$5,084.59

## BASIC LEVEL BEGINNING GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Provided by  
BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
Saturday, October 4, 2008, 9:00AM – 11:30AM  
at  
UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
16106 Middlebrook (near Bay area Blvd.)  
2nd Floor, Room EB-212

A 2.5 hour basic level workshop for beginner genealogists who have minimum or no genealogical research experience. Topics discussed include: gathering family information, the pedigree chart, family group sheet, research log, census, organization of research, and much more.

**Pre-Registration is required.** Students may register at the August 29 and September 26, 2008 BAGS general meetings or send a check and this registration form to:

Shirley Lindquist  
16506 Shadow Path  
Houston, TX 77059

**This class will have a minimum of 8 students.**

**Cost to BAGS members is: \$15; non-members is \$20.**

**Payment must be received for registration by September 29, 2008**

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

### BASIC LEVEL BEGINNING GENEALOGY WORKSHOP 10/4/2008 REGISTRATION FORM

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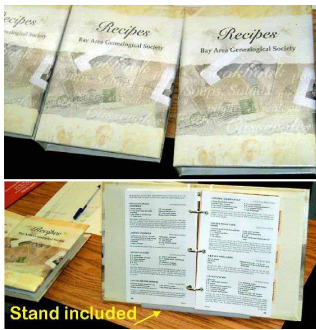
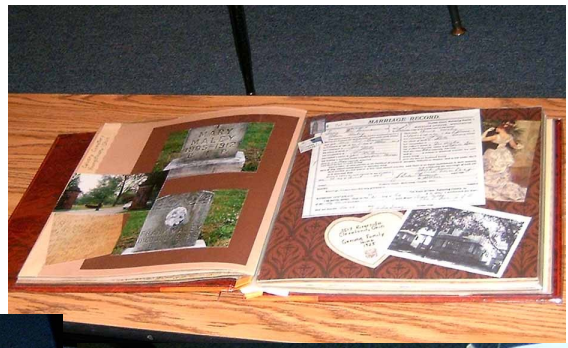
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July 2008 Program: *Scrapbooking Your Family History*

Top L-R: Cary Lynne Hall shared her passion for creating albums and feature interesting tools and materials available for these projects. Oletia Teas and Polly Wilson begin to browse one of the many family history albums exhibited by BAGS members attending the program.



**BAGS Cookbook**

**Copies available for \$15 at  
the general meetings**

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**REMINDER**

Next General Meeting  
Friday, August 29, 6:00 pm  
Chapel (1st Floor) UBC

Deadline for  
September Issue is  
Saturday, September 6, 2008