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Betty Crockford

Butch and Sundance - the Real Story with Outlaw Genealogy

Many may have met the two outlaws in the movie of the same name. "Butch Cassidy" was one of many aliases of Robert Leroy Parker from Utah and "The Sundance Kid" the nickname for Harry Alonzo Longabaugh from Pennsylvania. The most current research on their final days in Bolivia will be explained, and their genealogies briefly detailed. Butch's folks were English Mormons and Sundance's folks were Germans who became very strict Baptists. Raised in such strict environments did not prevent them from turning to crime.



BETTY CROCKFORD

**Join us at 6:30pm for
beverages and socializing.
Pot luck dinners have been
canceled.**

**We meet at the
University Baptist Church
in the Great Room, 2nd floor.
(16106 Middlebrook Drive,
Clear Lake City- [online map](#))**

Betty serves UHCL in a voluntary capacity with the Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs (CLASP), for which she has developed programs on historical figures and presented lectures in various outreach venues. Her next lecture will be "Charlie Chaplin: The Little Tramp" November 18th at the Freeman Library. See the complete program schedule online at www.uhcl.edu/clasp. Betty serves as the Registrar for the Sam Houston Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a Harris County Master Gardener, a

member of the Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church and a Clayton Library Friends volunteer.

**Genealogy is Keeping Your
Family History Alive**

**This is the theme for this year's
BAGS public exhibit.**

**View the exhibit located in the Freeman
Memorial Library entry-way during the
month of October.**

Thank You to the Display Committee:

**Paula Sinning, Mary Martin, Kathryn Black
Morrow, Rosanne Frazier, Rosemary
Parks, and Maurine Lee**

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Message from the President

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My goodness, we've all had quite a time of it since Friday, August 29—the date of our last general meeting! That's putting it mildly. Those of us under mandatory evacuation did so a day or two before Hurricane Ike made landfall September 13 around 2 a.m. The eye of the Category 2 storm passed right over Stewart Beach in Galveston, charged up the Bay, crossed Morgan's Point, passed near the Fred Hartman Bridge, and onward over Crosby, Hoffman, and Tyler. It became Tropical Depression Ike near Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Interestingly, my niece Holly Schillinger who is a junior at Ohio State University said the power was out in Columbus on Sunday, September 14 due to Ike. There were white caps on the Ohio River! Parts of Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio had winds of 80 mph and power was out for several million people throughout the Midwest. It's an absolutely amazing journey for a wave that formed September 1 west of the Cape Verde islands in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean.

The damage in our area is varied. From total devastation closer to the shore to "just some limbs in the yard", BAGS members are digging out. From my vantage point, I have seen much kindness and generosity...neighbors helping neighbors...helping total strangers—we are pulling together. Whether it's helping someone carry soggy ruined furniture out to the front yard, piling branches and sharing power saws, taking a lost dog running wild and scared to an animal shelter, or crying with our best friend over the total loss of her home, we are all being pulled and tried emotionally. Let us each continue to help everywhere and every way we can. For so many of us "it could have been much worse" surely applies. We must be grateful and count our blessings.

Resa

The BAGS Newsletter September 2008 issue was not published. The October 2008 stands as the first issue for the BAGS 2008-2009 year.

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.

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POST HURRICANE IKE NEWS

HURRICANE IKE ANTHOLOGY

Hurricane Ike was a devastating event for our area. With your help, BAGS is going to publish a chronicle documenting this historical event. We are asking that all of our members participate in this anthological publication for preserving the history of our area. Please submit a narrative about your experiences before, during and after Hurricane Ike. Please include the following items in your narrative:

- What you did to prepare before the hurricane
- Did you evacuate? If so, where did you go and when did your return
- If you didn't evacuate, what was your reaction as the storm approached and then hit our area?
- What damage did you have to your property, was your power out – for how long, what damage did you observe?
- How were your family members affected? Were you able to keep in touch?
- Were you here during a previous hurricane? If so, how did it compare to Ike?
- Include any pictures you may have of the weather, damage, etc.

Send all information to sganch@verizon.net.

ROSENBERG LIBRARY

The library is located on Galveston Island and home of the Galveston & Texas History Center, a wonderful source for Texas genealogical materials. The storm surge devastated the first floor departments and electrical and mechanical systems.

The staff are updating the library's website with progress reports on their recovery process. Currently you can help by providing a tax deductible contribution to the Rosenberg Library Hurricane Ike Recovery Fund either online at their website or by mail Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Street, Galveston, TX 77550-2220

Home webpage: www.rosenberg-library.org

Rosenberg Library blog posts a few images of the conditions after the storm:

www.rosenberglibrary.blogspot.com

RED CROSS

Leo Waltz and Mary Margaret Carlisle are working at the Red Cross Hurricane Ike command center and headquarters located in Clear Lake City. Leo reports Red Cross has served over 7.5 million meals in Texas with over 1600 Red Cross volunteers assigned to work in Texas. Photo essays of Red Cross shelters and their volunteers can be seen online at <http://hurricaneike.wordpress.com>

BAGS NEW YEAR

With Ike and the aftermath, all our attention has been focused on that. BAGS, however, moved into a new fiscal year September 1 and several changes have been made to board and committee membership.

We are saying "goodbye" to several people:

Corresponding Secretary, Lee Jared

Historian, Gerry Higgs

Quarterly Editor, Susie Ganch

Webmaster and Photographer, Leo Waltz

Sergeant-at-arms, Bill Teas

You have each been most generous with your time and worked very hard on behalf of BAGS-- we just couldn't have asked for more.

Thank you, thank you so much for your fine contribution. The Society has benefited from your service.

I am quite excited to welcome our members:

Corresponding Secretary, Lynn Finger

Historian, Susie Ganch

Quarterly Editor, Melodey Hauch

Webmaster, Linda Carrington

Sergeant-at-arms, Lewis Jarman

Welcome New Members!

Mary Louise Bishop of Friendswood
Stewart Coffman of Pearland, husband of member Shirley Coffman
Kent Drummond of Houston
James and Donna Gale LeNoir, Jr. of Waller
Charlie and Glora de Valcourt of Seabrook.

Be sure to greet them at the next meeting

IN MEMORIAM

Glenda Brown Warren, a BAGS Charter Member and wife of Dick Warren a BAGS Charter Member and past 2nd Vice President, passed away Friday, October 17, 2008.

Michael Ellis Pearson, son of Charter Member Mary Springer Pearson, passed away Tuesday, October 14, 2008. *Houston Chronicle* published his obituary on October 16.

Our prayers go out to these families.

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE RESEARCHING

Dean Glenn is looking for information on surname Glenn (John), 1800-1820, Gallatin, KY.

Mary Louise Bishop is researching surnames Strong, Hotalling, and Rice. She can help with Mayflower descendants and lineage societies such as DAR.

Kent Drummond is interested in research of surnames Drummond and Doherty.

James and Donna Gale LeNoir, Jr. are researching the LeNoir, Harrington, Wilson, Griffin, and Bonham surnames.

Mary Martin is looking for Hoff, Anthony Wayne. What happened to him? It was presumed that he was murdered because he was going to testify at a trial, but his body was never found. His horse came back home without him after he had gone for a ride. He was born 18 Dec 1813 in Philipi, Randolph/Barbour Co., WV, son of William Hoff - removed to Union Co., OH before 1840 probably when his parents moved - disappeared in Allen Twp., Union Co., OH 5 Nov 1842 - married Elizabeth Poling in March 1833 in Philipi, Barbour Co., WV

APPRECIATION FOR OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

We want to recognize and to express our deep appreciation to those members who showed their support for BAGS in the '07/'08 Society Year by making an additional donation along with their membership fee.

Patron Level (\$50-\$599)

Alice Braud-Jones
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Contributor Level (\$30-\$49)

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Rosemary Parks

TAX EXEMPT APPROVED

BAGS' application for tax exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code has been approved by the IRS. This means that contributions to us are deductible, we do not have to pay State of Texas Sales Tax, and we could be eligible for federal grants. Details will be forthcoming as to what portion of the dues you pay to BAGS will be tax deductible for you.

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 invited to all events.
Public invited to all general meetings.**

Monday, October 20, 2008	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, October 24, 2008	6:30 pm BAGS General Meeting Speaker: Betty Crockford discusses <i>Butch and Sundance - the Real Story with Outlaw Genealogy</i> .
Wednesday, November 5, 2008	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, November 17, 2008	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, November 21, 2008	6:30 pm BAGS HOLIDAY PARTY
December 2008	Happy Holidays! No meetings this month.
Wednesday, January 14, 2009	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Friday, January 30, 2009	6:30 pm BAGS General Meeting Speaker: Irene Walters discusses <i>Using Newspapers To Flesh Out Your Genealogy</i> .
Wednesday, February 4, 2009	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Thursday, February 26, 2009	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Friday, February 27, 2009	6:30 pm BAGS General Meeting Speaker: Bruce Lockett discusses <i>Civil War History In East Texas</i> , providing an update on steamboat salvage and archaeological finds.
Thursday, March 12, 2009	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library



Happy Holidays Party.



Make plans now to attend the annual BAGS Holiday party on November 21.

This year we will be celebrating an entire year of Holidays, Favorite Days, and Special Days all in one. Join us as we celebrate Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Years, Easter, 4th of July, Labor Day, or any other day you want to celebrate.

Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert and we will "munch and mingle" and listen to holiday music. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Chatham.



Committee News

Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Our new bus trip dates to the Clayton Library are: **Wednesday, November 5, 2008; Wednesday, January 14, 2009; Wednesday, February 4, 2009; Thursday, February 26, 2009; and Thursday, March 12, 2009.** The dates are posted on the [BAGS website](#).

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 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 visit.

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.

BAG\$ September Report for August

Tina Chatham, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$1,756.08
Income	\$1,950.00
Expenses	<u>-\$1,367.54</u>
Balance on hand 08/30/2008	\$2,338.54
CD balance	\$5,084.59

BAG\$ October Report for September

Tina Chatham, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,338.54
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	<u>-\$804.71</u>
Balance on hand 09/30/2008	\$1,533.83
CD balance	\$5,111.36

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Tammy Frey, Registrar

Welcome to the BAGS '08/'09 Society Year!

As of the middle of October, we have 92 new and renewed memberships. If you have not yet renewed your membership, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

The information on the application form has changed, so please be sure to complete the new one to submit with your payment. The new form is available online at www.txbayareagen.org.

You will notice that the name tags for this year are different. We hope you enjoy the change! Members' name tags will be updated with membership renewals. Ladies, if you want your maiden name on your name tag, please be sure to specify that on your application form!

To be included in the BAGS Yearbook, you will need to renew your membership by the end of October. If your picture was not in last year's yearbook or if you are a new member, 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 yearbook.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

BAGS QUARTERLY NEW DISTRIBUTION PLAN

If you have not picked up your copies of the *BAGS Quarterly* for this year, you can either pick them up at the next two meetings or send in \$5.00 to cover postage. If they are not picked up or the postage paid by December 31st, we will assume you do not want your copies.

October is Family History Month!

Clayton Library:

There are several free programs offered each week during October. See the complete program schedule on their website www.houstonlibrary.org/branches/cla_home.html or call the library at 832-393-2600.

Helen Hall Library in League City:

Wednesday, October 29 at 6:30pm - Instructional class on using HeritageQuest family history database, a free online resource available through your local public library. Call the library to register, 281-554-1101.

Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00pm – Alice Braud-Jones, BAGS 1st Vice President, will present her program “My Heroes, the Code Talker, the Commandant and the DAR”.

Friendswood Public Library

Monday, October 27 at 10:30am - Nancy Royce will discuss Virginia research resources and ancestor migration from Virginia westward.

The League City Historical Society's “Ghosts of the Past” Tour scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2008 has been postponed until Spring 2009 due to hurricane Ike.

The BAGS Beginning Genealogy class scheduled for Saturday, October 4 was canceled. An announcement will be made later this year about a re-scheduled class in 2009.

THANK YOU

LEO WALTZ

**for all your help and support
from the newsletter staff.**

After serving as BAGS webmaster since 2003, Leo Waltz is leaving that position due to time constraints. We are pleased to welcome Linda Carrington as his replacement and are grateful that Leo is working with her for several weeks, making for a smooth transition.

Leo's service to the Society has been tremendous.

Our website was established in October 2001, and Leo took it over the following year.

In September 2003, he volunteered to convert our newsletter to a web-viewable document and handled all the layout and composition—basically serving as Editor. He wanted to reduce the expense of mailing the newsletters and also to provide a more professional, color, publication. After an editor was named, Leo continued with layout and composition for the next sixteen issues. Most of his energies continued with the newsletter until 2005, when he truly became webmaster and concentrated strictly on the website. The site has grown from a rather simplistic format to 103 megabytes containing 934 files in 39 folders, and ownership of our domain name! It is all a result of Leo's fine work, long hours, and his desire to make our site special. His goal was accomplished and we can never thank him enough.

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REMINDER

Next General Meeting
Friday, October 24, 6:30 pm
Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC

Deadline for
November Issue is
Saturday, November 1, 2008