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Friday, November 21, 2008 at 7:00pm

Happy Holidays Party



**Come munch, mingle and listen to holiday music.
Take time to enjoy each other's company
and get in the holiday spirit!**



**Please bring your favorite appetizer or
dessert.**



**We meet at the University Baptist Church
in the Great Room, 2nd floor.**

(16106 Middlebrook Drive, Clear Lake City- [online map](#))

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.

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Need gift ideas for the holidays?

*Consider giving the gift of a BAGS
tote bag (\$20) or cookbook (\$15).*

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Message from the President

Resa Nichols Hennings

As the year winds down and we approach Thanksgiving, it is the time to reflect and consider our blessings. Having just suffered through Hurricane Ike and watching a volatile Wall Street, many of us may not feel so charitable...what blessings? Sometimes we must search our hearts and minds extensively to find those elusive blessings. They are there.

This Friday is our "Munch and Mingle" celebration—7 p.m. at the church. It will truly be like our ancestors' old time "social." Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre or dessert. And the more the merrier...friends and family and neighbors are more than welcome. Bring an entourage! I know some pleasant surprises are in store for us as Tina Chatham and her Holiday Party committee have been working overtime.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the next general meeting: January 30, 2009—coffee at 6:30 p.m. And the meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. The next Board meeting will be January 26 at 6:30 p.m. As usual, all members are encouraged to attend Board meetings.

Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Resa

Thank You Susie Ganch

Volume 7, Number 4 of the *Quarterly* was the last one for Editor Susie Ganch. From December 2004 to September 2008 she has served spectacularly...16 issues! That milestone was accomplished by much hard work and hours and hours of effort. We are most fortunate to have had Susie and are grateful for the fine publication she produced.

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

Question: My great grandmother's maiden name is not on the U.S. Census. I don't know where to find it.

Answers:

Melodey Hauch suggests 9 methods of finding a female ancestor's maiden name.

1. If you know where she was buried, first check the tombstone. It may have her maiden name and then a "Wife of" inscription.
2. Check for death records. If she died recently enough that there is a death certificate, it should have her parents' names.
3. Check for newspaper obituaries. Look at the public libraries near where they lived for old newspapers on microfilm. Often it will mention her deceased parents or a brother as a survivor.
4. Check the county marriage records where they were living at Clayton and online. For online searching, start with www.USGenWeb.org, go to the state that you need and then the possible county or counties. Check the Clayton books for those county records or the microfilm records for those counties on the second floor.
5. Check family history books at Clayton and the county heritage books. They may include both families.
6. If these don't work, you need to look at every single census they appeared on together. They may have lived with the wife's parents at the beginning of the marriage. Quite often, the wife's widowed mother or a younger brother or a sister will be in the household.
7. Try probate records and will books in the county where they lived. If there are published records at Clayton, look for her married name. Often the father's will lists his daughters' married names or their husbands' name.

8. Check land records. Land may have passed from father to daughter. The deeds may have the married names of the daughters.
9. If none of these methods provide the answer, you need to start looking at families listed around them on the census, before and after they got married. In the censuses before they married, try to find a woman with the same first name and approximate year of birth nearby. I hope her first name isn't Mary or Elizabeth. If she has an unusual name, be sure to check for different spellings. Good luck.

Mary Martin expands on #4 in Melodey's list by explaining there is a series of books that are compiled, extracted, and transcribed by Liahona Research that are done by states such as Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, etc. There are also other books that contain marriage records by state. Many of the county histories have marriage records in them, and some counties have a marriage index for their county. Some of the states have a marriage index on the Internet; Illinois is one that Mary has used that has a tremendous set of records. She has also found marriage records for Tippecanoe County, Indiana and Daviess County, Missouri on the Internet.

Alice Braud-Jones recommends the book *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Female Ancestors* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack available at Clayton, HCPL Parker Williams (10851 Scarsdale at Beamer), Helen Hall (League City) and Texas City libraries. Continuing #9 in Melodey's list, Alice suggests looking at the previous census and the neighbors' names. It is very possible that she is in one of those families. If that fails, look at the local/county histories and family histories of parents, brothers and sisters from other researchers of the same name. It is possible that someone has included the last name of this individual in their work.

RESEARCH: CAN YOU HELP?

Here are some things with which our members have indicated they need help. If you can help, please contact the member if you have their information, or else notify the Registrar. Your assistance would be appreciated!

Doreen Brubaker: **Breaking down brick walls; selecting genealogy software**

Eleanor Caldwell: **Afro-American research prior to 1860**

Linda Carrington: **Finding primary sources**

Jane Ebrom & Howard Spalding: **Family charts**

Fred & Lynn Finger: **Spanish translation**

Dean Glenn: **John Glenn, 1800-1820, Gallatin, KY**

Lewis Jarman: **Jarman family**

Barbara Larsen: **German relatives**

Maurine Lee: **German (Prussian) research; looking for grandparents' information from Posen, Germany (Poznan, Poland)**

Glenn & Peggy Mathis: **Everything!**

Tina Medlin-Chatham: **German research**

Rosemary Parks: **Grandmother's maiden name (wife of Jules Dreyfus)**

Jessica Morgan: **Gathering data, census info, filing system, sourcing**



Welcome New Members!

We have several new and returning members to welcome into our Society:

Richard and Jan Alexander of Dickinson are returning members

Randy McDaniel of Webster

Shirley Hamilton of League City

Joyce Herrmann of Houston

Hey, Cousin!

Here are the surnames some of our members listed on their renewal forms. Do any of these match one of your surnames? If you think there may be a connection, check it out! If you end up with an interesting story, be sure to share it with us!

Betty Ryman: **Monk, Grant, Ryman, Teal, Sideck**

Jerry & Paula Sinning: **Scott, Earp, Henderson, Hoskins, Miller**

Geri Smith: **Rosenburg, Barlow**

Gene Swartzell: **Burgher, Dunbar, Craig, Boyd, West, Jack/Jacque, Swartzell, Sword, Casey**

Bill & Oletia Teas: **Teas, Lowther, Booker, Smith, Walker, Hart**

Leo Waltz & Mary Margaret Carlisle: **Waltz, Bush, Carter, Carlisle, Bloesch**

Ed & Delores White: **White, Massey, Brasher, Hollingsworth**

Doug Wilson: **Wilson, Smith, Steinman, Giddings**

Polly Wilson: **McGinnis, Kramer, Vertz, Young**

Kim Zrubek: **Karrick, Schondelmair, Babcock, Moore**

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.**

Friday, November 21, 2008	7:00 pm HAPPY HOLIDAY PARTY Come munch and mingle. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre or dessert . In Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC
December 2008	Happy Holidays! No meetings this month.
Wednesday, January 14, 2009	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, January 26, 1009	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, January 30, 2009	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: Irene Walters discusses <i>Using Newspapers To Flesh Out Your Genealogy</i>. In Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC No pot luck supper. Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Wednesday, February 4, 2009	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, February 23, 2009	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Thursday, February 26, 2009	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Friday, February 27, 2009	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: Bruce Lockett discusses <i>Civil War History In East Texas</i>, providing an update on steamboat salvage and archaeological finds. In Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC No pot luck supper. Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 12, 2009	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, March 23, 2009	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, March 27, 2009	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: Emily Croom presents "Not a Brick Wall until...", discussing extreme research techniques. In Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC No pot luck supper. Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Monday, April 20, 2009	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, April 24, 2009	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: Demolition Day workshop to help you tear down a research brick wall. In Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC No pot luck supper. Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Committee News

Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Our scheduled bus trip dates to the Clayton Library are: **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 you would like to join us for a trip to the library, bring a sack lunch. The library has drink and snack machines in the snack room if you have never been to the library.

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.

THANK YOU to all the BAGS committee chairmen!

Cookbook Committee, Paula Sinning
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Membership

Tammy Frey, Registrar

I guess it's true that Texans are tough. Despite all that we have been through and are still dealing with as a result of Hurricane Ike, our membership drive was an outstanding success! These are some truly dedicated genealogists – they may be rebuilding their homes, but they are not going to neglect their family history! As of 10/31/08, our renewed membership now totals 166. We look forward to a great year together!

It is important to keep our information up to date. If you have any changes in or corrections to your contact information during the year, please notify us at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

In July, 64 members and 5 guests attended the general meeting and 17 attended the board meeting.

In August, 44 members and 7 guests attended the general meeting and 14 attended the board meetings.

2007-2008 general meeting average attendance was 63 people.

The complete meeting attendance matrix is available online on the BAGS website at www.txbayareagen.org/attendance.htm

BAG\$ Report for October Tina Chatham, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$1,533.83
Income	\$1462.50
Expenses	-\$120.00
Balance on hand 10/31/2008	\$2,876.33
CD balance	\$5,115.09

New Name Tags

Tammy Frey, Registrar

You may have noticed a change in the BAGS name tags. A number of people have noticed and asked questions about some of the changes. There are several things that may be noted on the tags. One is "Charter Member" status. Although each of our members is equally important to us, we do appreciate and want to recognize those pioneering individuals who banded together to start our Society. Generally, this recognition is listed below the member's name. However, if they hold a position within the Society, which would instead be noted below their name, their "Charter Member" recognition will be listed on, or in some cases beneath, the Texas symbol.

Another change is the one that has raised the most questions. "Why are some of the Texas symbols colored yellow or green ... or even red?" The purpose of this is to show our grateful recognition of those who have generously contributed over and above their basic dues amount. You will notice that the yellow Texas symbol contains the word "Contributor". The green symbol says "Patron", and red is "Lifetime". The contribution amounts for these levels are listed at the bottom of the membership application form.

Some of you may not have noticed the opportunity to make an additional donation to the Society. If you wish, you may certainly give an additional amount to reach one of the donor levels. Just send a check (be sure to look at *this year's* form) and a note to the Registrar. We will be happy to update your name tag! We hope you all enjoy the new name-tag style!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Betty Dunquez was named a TSGS Fellow at the Texas State Genealogical Society's Annual Conference in Abilene on October 24, 2008

Melodey Hauch's article, "Arcadia Evergreen Cemetery of Santa Fe, Texas" was awarded first place in the manuscript category at the same conference.

Classes at Clayton Library (5300 Caroline, Houston, [online map](#))

Clayton Library Orientation on Saturday, December 20 at 11:00 am.

Review the resources available at the library. No reservations needed. Program is free and for adults and teens.

Native American Resources on Thursday, December 11 at 2:00 pm.

This class will highlight many of Clayton's unique collections on Native American research, including Indian Census Rolls, Dawes Rolls, and more. Reservation is required; call the library at 832-393-2600. Program is free and for adults and teens.

IN MEMORIAM

(an update from the October issue)

The obituary for Glenda Brown Warren, wife of Dick Warren, was published in the *Houston Chronicle* on October 29, 2008. The article and guest book are accessible on the *Houston Chronicle* website:

<http://www.legacy.com/HoustonChronicle/DeathNotices.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=119481931>

Our prayers go out to Dick and his family.



Genealogy Is Keeping Your Family History Alive
October 2008 BAGS display at the Freeman Memorial Library

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REMINDER

Next General Meeting
Friday, January 30, 2009 at 7:00
pm
Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC
Socializing at 6:30 pm

Deadline for
December Issue is
Saturday, December 6, 2008