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Friday, February 27, 2009 at 7:00pm: Bruce Lockett presents “Last Of The Mound Builders”



Do you remember listening to Bruce Lockett’s wonderful stories about discovering and reclaiming lost steamboats on the Trinity River in May 2008? We had the opportunity to see and touch a number of recovered artifacts.

Well, Bruce is back to discuss evidence found about the lives and culture of the Native Americans in this area, Atakapa Indians. These coastal Indians are considered the first tribal group in Texas and possibly the last mound builders in the United States. The Texas Archaeological Studies Association (TASA) has found over 7 village sites and over 200 camp sites of Atakapa Indians where hundreds of artifacts and arrowheads have been documented.

Bruce also plans to report on several major discoveries due to Hurricane Ike

and provide updates on current salvage and archaeological find projects. For example, TASA and Vidor Historical Society of Texas have planned an expedition this month to review the remains and determine the cause of a vessel wreck off the Texas coast, currently called the Quebedeaux wreck site.

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Join us at 6:30pm for coffee and socializing.

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

Pick up your issue of the
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BAGS Yearbook 2008-2009

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March program: *Emily Croom discusses extreme research techniques.*

April Program: *Demolition Day - break down your brick wall by asking for help. Get your question ready!*

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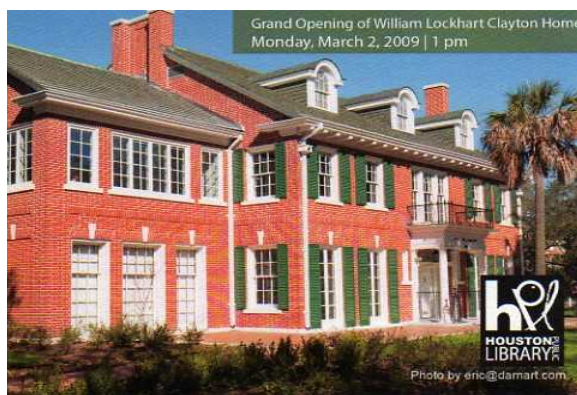
Message from the President

Resa Nichols Hennings

I have invited our officers to write a message in lieu of the usual President's message. This month's column comes from 2nd Vice President, Claudia Grafton. Claudia has been a member of BAGS since the summer of 2003 and she has been quite active in the society since that time. From working on the Christmas parties each year, to helping with the Freeman Library display, to serving as editor of the newsletter, Claudia is always doing something for BAGS. *Resa*

I'd like to extend to all of you, a special invitation to the Opening Ceremony of the Clayton Center. I'm proud to have served on the Clayton Library Friends Board during the entire time of renovation and personally witnessed the incredible teamwork of the capable and considerate participants on all levels of this project from beginning to end. The result is a beautiful new campus with the Clayton House, Guest House, Carriage House and grounds, ready and waiting to accommodate the needs of the genealogical and historical community. 2009 will be a year of "fine tuning" for the campus. Beginning March 2, we will see Clayton improving everyday with the constant support of the Clayton Library Friends and staff. Numerous people were essential in making this a completed project. The list is too long for this article, but I'd like to sincerely thank Dick Warren (past CLF President) for bringing me onto the 2006 CLF Board and allowing me to experience all that this project entailed. It was a heck of a ride and I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Claudia Grafton



*Mayor Bill White, Dr. Rhea Brown Lawson,
Staff of Houston Public Library, Clayton Library Friends and the Clayton Family*

Invite you to the grand opening of the newly renovated
William Lockhart Clayton Home
at Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research
5300 Caroline

Monday, March 2, 2009 | 1 PM

Reception and tours to follow.
Special thanks to Inversion Coffee House, Central Library's new coffee café.

*Parking available courtesy of Holocaust Museum Houston.
Please use entrance off Austin at Calumet.*



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Welcome New Members!

Four new members joined our society at the January meeting. Be sure to give them a warm welcome!

Patsy Stallings Chappellear of Houston
Eileen Wilkins Darbonne of Friendswood
Ronnie Samms of Houston
Terry Stone of Houston

“The Portal” FREE Seminar hosted by BAGS and LDS Church

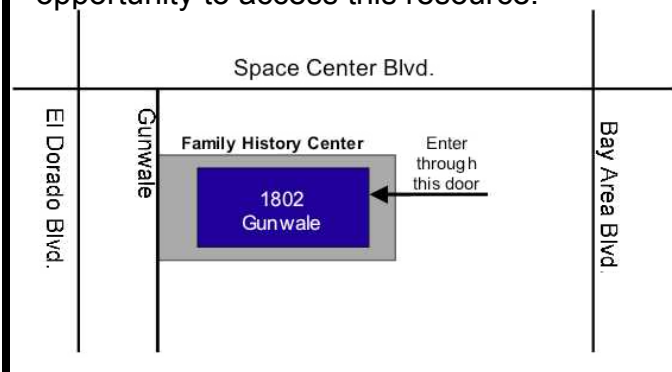
Saturday, March 7, 2009

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

in the Family History Center
at The LDS Church
1802 Gunwale, Clear Lake City
(near Space Center Blvd.,
see map below, or [online map](#))

NO REGISTRATION needed.

Original documents at the National Archives will be available online through “The Portal” program in the future. This program is currently available only in LDS Family History Centers. Kelly Thomas, Director of the Clear Lake Family History Center, and Kathryn Morrow Black, local historian, will present the potential of this resource for online research and will provide an opportunity to access this resource.



SURNAMES OUR MEMBERS ARE RESEARCHING

Wouldn't it be helpful to find another person who was also researching some of your surnames?

You might just find that person right within our Society! It has been known to happen. Here are the surnames listed by some of our members on their membership registration forms. Read over them carefully. Even a collateral line might provide a missing link in your research!

Terry Stone (new member): Stone, Bell, Bryant, Minnich

Mary Martin: Leonard, Tucker, Hite, Kagy, Siple, Bibler, Hoff, Poling, Bennett, Wagoner, Pauer, Leonhardt, Duffy, Gray, Pratt, Adams, Willard, Flagg, Gates, Child, Walker

Loren Martin: Martin, Callaway, Davidson, Kemp, Large, Wagoner, Thompson, Edgington, Marshall

Kathleen Maca: Haverfield, Shanahan, Reed, Scott, Maca

Ann Little: Cook, McHugh, Thurmond, Whitfield, Kilgore

Maurine Lee: Schmidt

Jeanine Lawrence: Dillenback, Gill, Elliott, Brantley, Green, Hunt, Gates, Cook, Read, Austin, Cooper, Bratton

Betty Pace Lava: Pace, Divine, Reed, McDowell

Barbara Larsen: Laing, Norton

Diane Kropp: Parker, Nix, Ford, Graham, Rogers

The Library of Congress has launched a prototype online resource called *Chronicling America*. Access this resource at www.loc.gov/ChroniclingAmerica

Currently, this resource provides two features. **The first feature allows you to search and view the full-text of American newspaper pages published between 1880 and 1910 from the states of California, Florida, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and District of Columbia.** By 2011, this resource will contain historically significant newspapers from all the states and U.S. territories published between 1836 and 1922.

To search, select a state and enter one or more key words such as a surname, place, or event. Try different spellings. Optionally, narrow your search by choosing a specific newspaper or date range. Sort your result list by state, title, or date. Each match is a photographic image of a specific page. The matches to your key words are **highlighted in color** for easy identification. Use the “draw zoom box” feature to read a specific area of the image. Move to sections of the image by grabbing and dragging the image in any direction. Also view the image as text only or as a PDF file.

During last month’s program, Irene Walters suggested researching newspapers published near the place of interest. Often those papers include a local column detailing the events in smaller communities in the surrounding areas. As an example, I chose Kentucky and entered the surname Karrick. I know this family lived in Bath County around Salt Lick, KY. I received matches within *Owingsville Outlook*, published in Owingsville, KY approximately 9 miles from Salt Lick, and *The Mt. Sterling Advocate*, published in Mt. Sterling, KY approximately 21 miles from Salt Lick. I found an elopement notice that includes father and grandfather names as character references, a fiddler contest announcement, murder, estate sales, and family visits.

In the meantime if this resource does not provide your state or time period of interest, use this resource’s second feature

Newspaper Title Directory to discover the title and location of existing historical newspapers published between 1690 to present. Search by publisher location (state, territory, city, county), date range, ethnicity and labor press type. Within the directory entry, click on “View complete holdings information” link to find the society or library that has the newspaper, the formats and issues. This is not a complete directory. If you do not find a newspaper of interest, try another directory. Irene Walters provided a handout listing many newspaper directory resources.

TWO WEDDINGS.—Banks W. Coyle, son of Andrew Coyle, of Prickly Ash, and Miss Lizzie Karrick, daughter of Thomas Karrick, of the Salt Well section, eloped to Maysville July 4th and were united in marriage at the Central Hotel by Rev. H. T. Cree. The bride is a stranger to the writer, but she comes of one of the best families in upper Slate section, being a daughter of Thomas Karrick and granddaughter of John Karrick, prosperous good farmer citizens, and no doubt is a worthy representative of her family. The bridegroom is a steady, industrious, moral young man and will be with a husband should be as provider and head of a family.

The Fiddlers' Contest

At the Court House on Thursday evening was a success financially and otherwise. Owing to sickness the four lady contestants from Powell county failed to come.

There were five contestants, G. W. Karrick, age 70, from Salt Lick; T. J. Breeze, G. T. Tipton, A. Risner, of Powell county; James Salyer, aged 16, from Jeffersonville.

The judge were, L. R. Veatch and Chas. H. Rice, of this city.

Mr. Karrick and T. G. Wills, of Powell county, grand father and bore date of 1796.

Mt. Olivet Cemetery Transcription Project

The cemetery work days scheduled for February 19 and 24 were canceled and will be rescheduled. Work days are necessary to complete sections not previously transcribed and to search for graves which have been added to those sections covered in the earlier transcription process.

- Alice Braud-Jones

It has come to my attention that we overlooked recognizing Carolyn DuBois in assisting with this project. We wish to thank her now. For anyone else who we may have overlooked, we will update the list in future *BAGS Quarterly* issues.

- Neil Miserendino

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 visit general meetings.**

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>Last Of The Mound Builders</i> and provides an update on steamboat salvage and archaeological finds. In the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC 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 the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC 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 In the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Tuesday, May 26, 2009 ***	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, May 29, 2009	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: Charlie Gardes presents "Meet Me At The Raccoon Lodge", discussing use of fraternal organization records. In the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Monday, June 22, 2009	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, June 26, 2009	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: speaker Cary Hall presents "Using City Directories in Genealogy" In the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC 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: Thursday, February 26, 2009 and Thursday, March 12, 2009.

We had 22 people go with us to the library on Wednesday, February 4. Many of them were signed up to go to the ProQuest Program which gave us information using HeritageQuest Online and the Ancestry Library Edition. We were given a lot of interesting information about what these two programs offer. We were part of nearly 90 people who gathered in the meeting room of the newly renovated Carriage House. This was the first large group to meet there, and we felt special.

We meet in front of the **Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Lane ([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. Sign-up sheets are also available at the general meetings.

The BAGS' website, www.TxBayAreaGen.org and the current newsletter always have a current listing of library trips. 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.

We enjoy riding on the bus together and sharing information with each other. Sometimes, someone else has a clue to solve your problem. Think about joining us for a trip to the library.

Membership

Tammy Frey, Registrar

Wow! The new calendar year is off to a great start for BAGS! We had a record crowd at the January meeting. Four visitors joined the Society and three others renewed their membership. It was an exciting evening with an excellent speaker and an enjoyable group of fellow researchers. Our current membership total is 182 members. Invite a friend and join us for another great meeting on February 27!

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

For January, 74 members and 18 visitors attended the general meeting and 14 members attended the board meeting.

BAGS Cook Book Sales

Neil Miserendino

January, we have sold another eleven cookbooks. Why are some members continuing to purchase cookbooks and encouraging people they know to buy the cookbooks? The answer is that the food we eat is a part of our culture. The more cookbooks that we sell, then the better the chance is that we will not only pass on our genealogical research but also a little of our culture through the foods that we like. I hope these words will encourage you to buy more of our cookbooks!

BAG\$ Report for January

Tina Chatham, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,138.91
Income	\$363.30
Expenses	-\$187.24
Balance on hand 1/31/2009	\$3314.97

Genealogy Seminar on Military Research

Saturday, February 28, 2009

**8:30 am to 3:00 pm in The Galloway School
at 3200 W. Bay Area Blvd., Friendswood
([online map](#)).**

Come listen to Lynna Kay Shuffield speak on researching records from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Lynna is an engaging speaker and maintains a wealth of knowledge in this research area.

This seminar is hosted by Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Bluebonnet Branch Chapter in Friendswood as a fund raiser to create a Texas traveling trunk for 3rd grade presentations on Texas History.

Registration deadline is Saturday, February 14. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Please make check payable to Bluebonnet Branch Chapter DRT. Send registration (name, address, phone, e-mail, phone, and payment) to: DRT Seminar Registrar, 15010 Vistamont Dr, Houston, TX 77546. For more information contact Judy Henderson at judy38@hal-pc.org

The Irish Are Coming! Saturday, March 14, 2009

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Clayton Library Friends Presents
Mr. Fintan Mullan and Dr. Brian Trainor
The Ulster Historical Foundation
at the Clayton Carriage House
**NO ADMISSION CHARGE BUT
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**
See registration form in this issue.

The League City Historical Society
presents

THE GREATEST GENERATION:

Veterans of WWII

GHOSTS OF THE PAST

(a family friendly event)

Saturday, March 7, 2009

1:00pm - 5:00pm

**at West Bay Common School Children's
Museum and Fairview Cemetery on North
Kansas Ave. in League City ([online map](#)).**

The ghost tour originally scheduled for October 25, 2008 had to be rescheduled due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Ike on our county.

Costumed "ghosts" will enlighten you with tales of the lives of men and women WWII veterans interred on the banks of Clear Creek in Fairview Cemetery. Tours every half hour beginning at 1:00pm until 4:30pm. The cost of the tour is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors over 60 years and \$5.00 for students ages 4-18. For more information call Deborah Coggins. Gammon, co-chairperson 281-334-4950.

Come join us for a day of history!

Deborah C. Gammon wanted to announce a heritage book will be published later in 2009 for **Edgecombe County, NC** by Ancester.TV, a service of County Heritage, Inc. This company has already published heritage books for several counties in Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Details about the county and community history contents and the counties covered can be found on the website www.ancestry.tv.

Did you pickup the latest issue of the BAGS Quarterly (December 2008 issue)?

- This issue features the Mount Olivet Cemetery project's first published transcription which covers the mausoleum's main building.
- Deborah Coggins Gammon shares the life stories and pictures of eight WWII veterans interred in Fairview Cemetery and who are featured in this year's ghost tour.
- Published list of Galveston County cemeteries and their locations.

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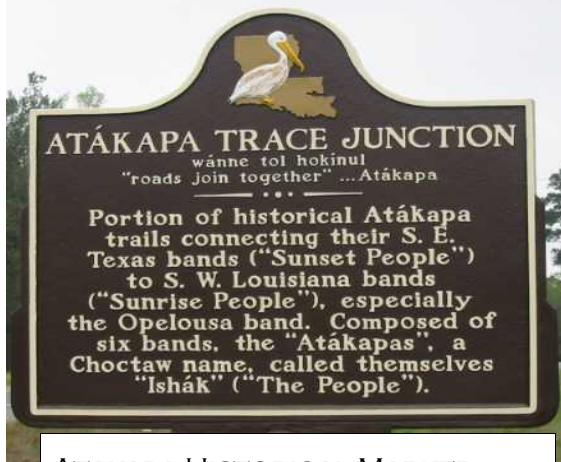
BAGS New and Renewing Members



Eileen Darbonne



Mona Ray



ATAKAPA HISTORICAL MARKER
LOCATED BETWEEN DERIDDER AND
MERRYVILLE, LOUISIANA AT
INTERSECTION OF US HWY 190
AND LA HWY 111

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REMINDER

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Friday, February 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm
Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC
Socializing at 6:30 pm

Deadline for
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