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## Friday, April 24, 2009 at 7:00pm: Demolition Day *Breaking Down Those "Brick Walls"*



Did Emily Croom's presentation at the March general meeting get you fired up to push forward on your research? Still stuck or unsure how to proceed?

Come ask questions and discuss research options during this month's general meeting. Attendees will have two avenues to inquire about their genealogical research "problem areas". First, a panel will address your research questions submitted prior to the meeting. Second, "round table" discussions on

specific themes will be available for you to sit in on and brainstorm with BAGS experts.



PLEASE REMEMBER this is a two-hour (maximum) meeting and the purpose is to GUIDE YOU to a more successful research. State your inquiries with basic information of dates, location and person's name (no need to include relationships).

Please no personal embellishments.  
Save those for our "Show and Tell"  
August 2009 program.

**Come help your BAGS friends "break down" research walls.**

### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.  
(16106 Middlebrook Drive, Clear Lake City  
- [online map](#))

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**June Program:** *Cary Hall presents "Using City Directories in Genealogy"*

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## Message from the President

Resa Nichols Hennings

This month's guest columnist is Lynn Finger. Lynn and her husband, Fred, joined BAGS in October of 2006 and she enthusiastically accepted the position of Corresponding Secretary shortly thereafter. Lynn is doing an excellent job and we are most grateful for her service. Please help her keep informed of cards or notes that need to be sent on BAGS' behalf.

Resa



Okay, I give up...who is Lynn? She's so quiet. What does she do for BAGS? Well, I write letters and notes...things like thank you notes to the speakers and get well cards to ill members. In order to do this, I have to find out life events about our members' lives. That means I need to hear from **you**, the members. So let me know when a BAGS member 'needs a card'. E-mail me at [LMCharney2@aol.com](mailto:LMCharney2@aol.com). Thanks!

Which leads me to my 'other' identity problem: my last name. I have gone by 'Charney' for a long time, but it is my first husband's name. Fred and I have been married for 20 years so I guess it's time to go by Lynn Finger. My maiden name is 'Sennhenn'. But 'Lynn' is best!

And lastly, I am handicapped...but not in visible ways. I am very **hard** of hearing. Unfortunately, hearing aids don't really help me. And I am recovering from brain damage (a 'fatal' heart attack 10 years ago). So, to talk to me, be sure to get my **attention** first! I'm not un-friendly; I just can't hear you! And, if I can, I'm a little slow in understanding.

Lynn Charney Finger,  
BAGS Corresponding Secretary



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## LONDON RECORDS

The London Historical Records from 1500s to 1900s is accessible via the Internet through a subscription to [Ancestry.co.uk](http://Ancestry.co.uk). Key record types include parish and workhouse records, electoral rolls, wills, land tax records and school reports. The current Ancestry.com subscription accessible through the Houston Public Library system does provide some London and British records but does not include the London Historical Records at this time. Refer to the online press release for details [www.ancestry.co.uk/about/default.aspx?section=pr-2009-3-26](http://www.ancestry.co.uk/about/default.aspx?section=pr-2009-3-26)

## The Fort Bend County Libraries offer a free online obituaries database

The Genealogy Department at George Memorial Library has spent many years collecting, compiling, and publishing a record of all the cemeteries and obituaries for Fort Bend County in a five-volume set (with supplements) entitled *Registry of Cemeteries in Fort Bend County, Texas*. The [Obituaries Database](#) is a digital version of this information is available for online access. The contents include obituaries of Fort Bend County residents, as well as some obituaries of former long-time Fort Bend County residents who have left the area. Most of the obituaries appeared in the *Fort Bend Herald* and its predecessors. Entries, representing obituaries published in the *Fort Bend Herald* from August 1, 2007 to the present, include a .jpg image of the original article. Images of obituaries dating before August 1, 2007, will be progressively added each month.

To access the database, go to the Fort Bend County Libraries Catalog (<http://ipac.fortbend.lib.tx.us>) and click on the "Obituaries" tab. Search the contents by names, birth and death dates, cemetery of burial, and notes. Browse by names, source, or cemetery. Read the search tips to understand date and wildcard search formats.

-- From Fort Bend County Libraries News [www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/news/ObitDatabase.html](http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/news/ObitDatabase.html)

## SURNAMES OUR MEMBERS ARE RESEARCHING

Continuing in our quest for cousins, or at least for research clues, here are the surnames some more of our members are researching. Read over these names. Even if they aren't in your family line, you might run across one of them in your own research and be able to help a fellow BAGS member!

If you have other surnames you would like to add to your list, send them to me at [Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org](mailto:Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org) and those names will be included in a future newsletter.

**Vernon Gillette:** Flavin, Gillette, Hickman

**Darwin Gilmore:** Gilmore, Parker, Moore

**Emma Lou Gilmore:** Cline, Brummerhop, Henry, Hammer

**Morton & Camille Glazer:** Boardman, Warren, DePaoli, Sadler, Dunn

**Dean Glenn:** Glenn, Barber, Wright

**Claudia Grafton:** Burnaugh, Mason, Keener, Howard

**Shirley Hamilton:** Turner, Williams, Pyle

**Melodey Hauch:** Mozeley, Tankersley, Albea, Hauch, Campbell, Dram

**Signe Hawley:** Nelson, Gustafson, Hanson, McKay

**Judy Henderson:** Bergin, Hix, Cleveland, Weiche

Example of the Obituaries Database's interface and record content.

Name: Burton, Horace J.  
Birth: 1869 Aug 6  
Death: 1895 Jan 18  
Source: Unknown  
Cemetery: Morton  
Note: Son of Walter Moses & H.M. Burton. Burial Section RMCW. Lot 124.

Name (any order):	Birth (i.e., Jan 2 1916):	Death (i.e., Dec 1897):	Cemetery:	General Keyword:
Burton, Horace J.	1869 Aug 6	Jan * 1877	Morton	Son of Walter Moses & H.M. Burton. Burial Section RMCW. Lot 124.

## Veterans: Life Stories, Marking Graves, Searching Cemeteries - Resources

Deborah Gammon, member of BAGS, League City Genealogy Society, and League City Historical Society (LCHS) provided a wonderful presentation at the Friendswood Library concerning her research methods used to uncover a person's life story starting with a grave site. Deborah uncovered and collected the life stories of WWII veterans buried in the Fairview Cemetery located in League City, TX. These stories were reanimated during the *Ghost of the Past Tour* presented by LCHS last month. Deborah has performed similar research for Civil War veterans buried in the same cemetery. That information was published in booklet form and is available through LCHS. LCHS meets monthly on the last Thursday of every month except July and December. Meetings start at 7pm in the Barn Museum located at 210 N. Kansas, League City, TX 77573. For more information call 281-554-2994 or [www.oneroomschoolhouse.org](http://www.oneroomschoolhouse.org)

Deborah's enthusiasm for genealogy and touring cemeteries is contagious. The following is one of her many helpful tips. Spread the word...

**The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) will furnish a free headstone, marker, medallion (Summer 2009) or memorial headstone/marker for:**

- Veterans who died **after** September 11, 2001 whose graves are marked or unmarked.
- Veterans who died **before** September 11, 2001 whose graves are **unmarked**.

Veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable are eligible for this benefit.

Submit a formal request using the VA Form VA40-1330 *Application For Standard Government Headstone or Marker for Installation in a Private Cemetery or State Veterans' Cemetery* (available online at [www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-1330.pdf](http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-1330.pdf)). VA Applicant Assistance is available by phone toll free at 1-800-697-6947 or via e-mail [mps.headstones@va.gov](mailto:mps.headstones@va.gov). The application requires a copy of the veteran's discharge certificate (DD Form 214 or equivalent).

Complete eligibility details for this benefit are posted by the VA online at [www.cem.va.gov/hm/hmelig.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/hm/hmelig.asp)

**"How to Request Military Service Records or Prove Military Service"** online article and related links published by the National Archives ([www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html)) explain how most veterans, their next-of-kin, and the general public can obtain copies of a veteran's DD Form 214 (Report of Separation).

The VA website [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) under the link **"Burial and Memorials"** provides information on benefits, examples of headstones and markers, and a list of national, state, and overseas veteran cemeteries maintained by the VA, individual states, Department of the Army, National Park Service, and American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC).

This site also provides access to the [Nationwide Gravesite Locator](#) to search these cemeteries for the burial locations of veterans and their families.

Search by cemetery, last name, first name, middle name, birth date, death date.

**Nationwide Gravesite Locator**

[Nationwide Gravesite Locator](#) > Search Results

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1. **KARRICK, GEORGE W**  
PVT US ARMY  
DATE OF BIRTH: 01/14/1881  
DATE OF DEATH: 08/11/1955  
BURIED AT: SECTION H SITE 1698 [View Map](#)  
[WILLAMETTE NATIONAL CEMETERY](#)  
11800 SE MT. SCOTT BOULEVARD PORTLAND, OR 97266  
(503) 273-5250

Access [ABMC](#) website to search for service members buried in overseas cemeteries using the feature **"Search ABMC databases"**.

Search by last name and optionally first name or initial.


AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION  
WORLD WAR I HONOR ROLL

**Preston Karrick**

Private, U.S. Army  
165th Infantry Regiment, 42nd Division

Entered the Service from: Kentucky  
Died: July 28, 1918  
Buried at: Plot A Row 2 Grave 11  
Oise-Aisne American Cemetery  
Fere-en-Tardenois, France

Awards:



## 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.**

<b>Friday, April 24, 2009</b>	<b>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: Demolition Day</b> In the Great Room on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, May 20, 2009</b>	<b>9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 26, 2009 ***</b>	<b>6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC</b>
<b>Friday, May 29, 2009</b>	<b>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: Charlie Gardes presents "Meet Me At The Raccoon Lodge: Researching in The International Order of Hoo-Hoo and Other Fraternal Organization Records"</b> In the Great Room on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, June 3, 2009</b>	<b>9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library</b>
<b>Monday, June 22, 2009</b>	<b>6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC</b>
<b>Friday, June 26, 2009</b>	<b>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: speaker Cary Hall presents "Using City Directories in Genealogy"</b> In the Great Room on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, July 8, 2009</b>	<b>9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library</b>
<b>Monday, July 27, 2009</b>	<b>6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC</b>
<b>Friday, July 31, 2009</b>	<b>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: Burton Chapman, author of the book <i>Telephone Road, Texas</i>, discusses the eclectic history of Telephone Road in Houston.</b> In the Great Room on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, August 19, 2009</b>	<b>9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library</b>
<b>Monday, August 24, 2009</b>	<b>6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC</b>
<b>Friday, August 28, 2009</b>	<b>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: Annual Show &amp; Tell</b>
<b>Monday, September 21, 2009</b>	<b>6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC</b>
<b>Friday, September 25, 2009</b>	<b>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 29, 2009</b>	<b>9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library</b>

## Committee News

### Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Our scheduled bus trip dates to the Clayton Library are:

**Wednesday, May 20**

**Wednesday, June 3**

**Wednesday, July 8**

**Wednesday, August 19**

**Tuesday, September 29, 2009**

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](mailto:lmartin497@aol.com). Sign-up sheets are also available at the general meetings. **We had 24 people signed up to go on the April 8 trip to the library, and 17 were able to go with us. Several have been ill, but I think that everyone is getting better now with the weather getting warmer.**

The BAGS' website, [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://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. Think about joining us for a trip to the library, we always have a good time looking for ancestors and sharing information. Almost everyone finds something new on each trip.

### BAG\$ Report for March

Tina Chatham, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,988.46
Income	\$87.26
Expenses	-\$363.47
Balance on hand 3/31/2009	\$2,712.25
CD Balance	\$5,176.38

### March 2009 BAGS Quarterly

The March 2009 issue of the BAGS Quarterly will be available at the April general meeting as well as the December 2008 issue in case you were not able to pick it up.

The March issue includes a very interesting Bible record, an article on Texas pioneer Warren D. C. Hall by member Rose Mary Fritz and the second installment of the Mount Olivet transcription. Please be thinking about articles you would like to submit for future issues.

-- Melodey Hauch, Editor

### Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

For March, 50 members and 5 visitors attended the general meeting and 9 members attended the board meeting.

### Free Online Courses

**Family History Library [Research Series Online](#) is featuring England records research.** The course is presented in five lessons, 20-35 minute long. Each lesson offers a video presentation (Adobe Flash Player), class outline, handouts, and a printable presentation slides.

**Brigham Young University offers free online Family History/Genealogy courses through their Independent Study program.** Current courses offered include military records, French records, German records, Huguenot research, Scandinavia records, writing family history, and finding your ancestors. To begin a course, access the [course list](#) and click on the name of the desired course. A brief registration (e-mail, name, city, state, ZIP, country) is required the first time a free course is accessed.

## Genealogy Events & News

### World War I Prisoner Records

The Red Cross Museum in Geneva has thousands of card and dozens of registers compiled between 1914 and 1918 which include capture, death, or burial of servicemen from over 30 countries drawn into World War I; personal effects, home addresses and grave sites. During that period the Red Cross acted as a go-between, logging, and passing on information among the 30 countries. The Red Cross hopes to have the archive online by 2014. Read the complete story "Piecing together the past" by Robert Hall, *BBC News* online at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7940540.stm>

-- Submitted by Annette Bowen

### "America Through Native Eyes: We Shall Remain" 5-part series presented on PBS started Monday, April 13, 2009 at 8 pm CT.

This American Experience production "shows how Native peoples valiantly resisted expulsion from their lands and fought the extinction of their culture" from the 1600s to the present. Details on specific episodes can be found online at [www.pbs.org/weshallremain](http://www.pbs.org/weshallremain)

Consider reading *Meant To Fly*, the latest book written by local professional researcher and BAGS member, Kathryn Black Morrow. The following review of the book was written by Erik D. Carlson, Ph.D., past Coordinator of the History of Aviation Collection at the University of Texas at Dallas.

*A.J. High's memoir is a pure delight to read. It is a window into the early history of the U.S. commercial airline industry in Texas from the 1940s through the onset of economic deregulation in the late 1970s as seen from the Captain's seat! High's book chronicles a little-known part of Texas' aeronautical heritage— the growth of local service carriers. This first-hand account of Trans-Texas Airways and Texas International Airlines is a must read for anyone who has a passion for aviation history.*

-- Submitted by Kim Zrubek

### Early Louisiana Ancestry

**3rd Annual Foundations of Pointe Coupée Community Series Forum featuring Spanish Colonial Foundations of Pointe Coupée: 1769-1800**

**Saturday May 30, 2009 from 9 am to 6pm at the Julien Poydras Center, 500 West Main Street, New Roads, LA ([online map](#))**

This year's conference is devoted to the second half of the colonial period, when Anglo-Americans began to arrive, and the French population continued to thrive. Experts will offer a variety of programs on genealogy and history, featuring Fr. LaVerne "Pike" Thomas III. Documents from Spanish archives that have never been seen in modern times will be highlighted. Registration fee is \$25.00. Contact Creole West Productions 1521 Hillside Drive Fort Collins, Colorado 80524, or by e-mail at [director@creolewest.com](mailto:director@creolewest.com). Registration form and more details available online at [www.pointecoupeehistory.com/index.php/page/view/620](http://www.pointecoupeehistory.com/index.php/page/view/620)

### National Archives Genealogy Fair

Consider planning a trip to Washington, D.C. for this time next year to attend the Sixth National Archives Genealogy Fair. The Fifth Genealogy Fair was held April 22-23, 2009. The fair is free and open to the public, and presented in partnership with the Foundation for the National Archives and The Generations Network. The schedule of lectures and demonstrations is available online at [www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/genealogy-fair](http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/genealogy-fair).

### Who Do You Think You Are?

NBC has postponed airing the U.S. version of the BBC *Who Do You Think You Are?* genealogy-based television series with no new date announcement.

-- All submitted by Alice Braud-Jones

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## REMINDER

Next General Meeting  
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Socializing at 6:30 pm

Deadline for  
May Issue is  
Saturday, May 2, 2009