



Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter

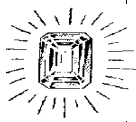
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Friday, August 28, 2009 at 7:00pm: “Annual Show & Tell – Potluck Supper”

Gem from Genealogists



*Psst: Spread the word....
Ancestor membership
records for secret societies
are no longer kept secret.
So start submitting
requests.*

*Per Charlie Gardes,
May BAGS Program*



RESA NICHOLS
HENNINGS,
BAGS PRESIDENT

This month's meeting is our popular annual Show & Tell. It is always so informative, with members bringing things from home to share with everyone. Through the years we've had some very interesting items brought in and discussed...a quilt from the 1800s, specially-made family trees, heirloom pieces such as muskets, scrapbooks and family albums and diaries, old photographs, maps, dishes and other household goods, war mementos, vintage clothing, books, and so much more.

I encourage each of you to look through your house and find something for Show & Tell. I am sure there's at least one thing you have that we'd all enjoy seeing and hearing about. Please bring it with you on August 28th.

Special Announcement

**Dick Eastman is coming to BAGS
Friday, March 26, 2010 !**

Details on page 5.

Don't forget that the Show & Tell program includes a pot luck dinner! As is the tradition, BAGS provides the meat for the meal. This year we're getting an assortment from Red River BBQ. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre, vegetable, casserole, salad, or dessert to round out the menu.

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**Pot Luck Dinner begins at 6:30pm.
Public invited.**

**We will meet at the University Baptist Church
in the Chapel on the 1st floor.
(16106 Middlebrook Drive, Clear Lake City
- [online map](#))**

New Society year starts September 1, 2009.

It is time to renew your membership!

Membership form enclosed.

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*We want to welcome two new
BAGS members!*

Walena Medlin of Pasadena
is Tina Medlin-Chatham's mother

John Dale Medlin of Pearland,
is Tina Medlin-Chatham's uncle.

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

Tammy Frey, Registrar

We had a wonderful total of 42 people join BAGS this past month! Two are new members and the rest are renewals. The new Society year begins September 1, and we are off to a great start already with membership. The application form is in this newsletter and is also available online. If you are renewing and your information is still the same, you do not have to complete the application form again this year. You may just send in your dues with a note that all is the same or noting any minor changes such as surnames being researched.

If you have any changes in or corrections to your contact information during the year, please notify us at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

BAGS Yearbook

It is important for the publication of the *BAGS Yearbook* that we have all your correct contact information. Please look at this year's yearbook and be sure that there are no changes. If your photo was not included, or if you would like to change the existing photo, either ask to have your photo taken at a meeting or submit a photo you already have.

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:

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Late Medieval English Soldiers

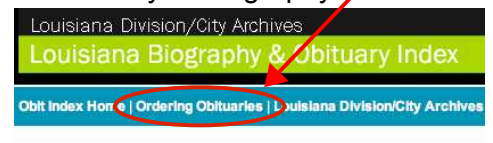
Through a research grant working with records from The National Archives (TNA) of the UK Government, an online resource focused on the medieval England soldiers has been created and is now available for free public access. This resource provides three databases for searching. The first database contains muster rolls of almost 90,000 service records for soldiers who saw repeated service as well as those who served more continuously in English royal armies between 1369 and 1453. The second database contains protection and attorney records of almost 20,000 soldiers who indicated an intention to serve, rather than actual service between 1369 and 1453. The third database is in draft form containing over 110,000 service records from mainly French repositories and record service for the English crown, in the occupation of Normandy between 1415 and 1453.

The search forms allow you to specify either first, surname, status, rank, or captain name, etc. Find something interesting? Click on the TNA entry in the reference column to access the TNA catalog entry for the record collection containing that soldier. Click on "Request This" to order an electronic or paper copy of the record for a fee. Read more about the project online at *The Soldier in Later Medieval England* www.medievalsoldier.org and access the search forms by clicking on the "Database" link located on the left hand side of the home page.

| First Name | De | Surname | Status | Rank | Captain Name | Commander | Year | Nature of Activity | Reference | Membrane | |
|------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------|------|--------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| John | junior | Smart | | Archer | Smart, Roger | King Henry IV? | 1400 | Exped Scotland | TNA E101/41/1 | m56 | Request this > |

Louisiana New Online Resource

The *Louisiana Biography and Obituary Index* references obituaries and death notices published in New Orleans newspapers from 1804-1972 and biographical information published in older Louisiana collective biographies. The original index, housed in the Louisiana Division of New Orleans Public Library, is an alphabetical card file of more than 650,000 names. Access this index online for free at www.nutrias.org/~nopl/obits/obits.htm. The basic search form handles variant spellings and you can search by the surname, first name, middle name and date of death. An advanced search form is available to narrow search by honorific, gender, age, birth date, and cause of death. Found an ancestor match? Copy the citation and follow this link to order a copy of an obituary or biography.



Karrick, Mary E (Golver)
 Death date: 1919-05-21
 Sex: F
 Obituary citation(s):
 • [TIMES-PICAYUNE, 1919-05-23, Pg. 2 col. 7](#)

Ancestry.com Home vs. Library

What *is* in the Ancestry.com consumer license you can purchase for home access that is **NOT** in the Ancestry® Library Edition (ALE) you can access for **free** within the Houston Public and Harris County libraries? **Answer:** Not as much as you would think. The following list is based on information published in Spring 2008.

One World Tree: A computer-generated pedigree database.

The third-party content in Ancestry's Historical Newspaper and Obituary Collections:

Also includes the obituaries obtained from ProQuest, which are available to libraries in the ProQuest Obituaries product.

ProQuest's books in Ancestry's Families and Local Histories Collection:

These books are

available for free through any Texas public library's HeritageQuest Online subscription.

PeopleFinder: public records to locate living people.

Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists and Gale's City Directories:

These databases are owned by Gale Group and are licensed to only Ancestry.com.

Biography & Genealogy Master Index:

Owned by Gale Group

Ancestry World Tree and Ancestry Message Boards:

These are read-only in ALE. Users may search and browse, but cannot upload data, post messages or reply to messages.

Comparison between ProQuest's HeritageQuest Online and Ancestry® Library Edition was printed in the BAGS Newsletter July 2009 issue.

Member Spotlight



Charter BAGS member John Hoover was recently recognized in an article published July 30, 2009 in the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*. The article highlights some of John's many accomplishments, such as his distinguished career at the NASA Johnson Space Center, his many awards, and his deep interest and involvement in many historical and genealogical associations. Access the article online at www.southbeltleader.com/Leader7-30-09.pdf scroll to page 3 to find the article titled "South Belt resident is part of history" by Matt Griesmyer.

Have news you would like to share with the BAGS membership? Please send details to Kim at newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org

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 '08/'09 Society Year by making an additional donation along with their membership fee.

Thank you!
Your support makes a difference!

Patron Level (\$60-\$599)

Alice Braud-Jones
Resa and Eric Hennings
Jeanine Lawrence
Loren and Mary Martin
Jim McLane
Kathryn and Michael Morrow

Donald and Laura Pusch

Contributor Level (\$40-\$59)

Bonnie and David Conrad
Wally and Norma Davenport
John Hoover

BAGS Surnames Search

With the end of this Society year, we also finish our current members' surname lists. If you have new or additional surnames that you would like to have mentioned, let us know. Another way to get your surnames out there and to possibly connect with other researchers is to submit your five generation chart for publication in the *BAGS Quarterly*. It does not have to be complete, just turn in what you have to **Eleanor Caldwell**. It can be handwritten or typed or computer generated – whatever is easiest for you. The main thing is to turn it in so it can be published!

To update your surname list contact **Tammy** at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

Ray Brown: Brown, Stanley, Wiseman, Belcher, Gross, Poor

Lowell Brigham: Brigham, Jenks

Alice Braud-Jones: Braud, McCoy, Dennis, Rochel

Hubert & Shirley Brasseaux: Eley, Ham(m)

Elaine & Larry Brammer: Parten, Riels, Beckham, Mosley

Terry Bowers: Smith, Ransavall, Richardson, Walden, Walters

Annette Bowen: Holder, Limerick, Bowles, Stuart, Bowen, Hoover

Renee & Joe Ball: Dudley, Amberman, Chattaway, Styles, Ball, Darley, Taylor

Tony & Myrna Alvarez: Ryan, Cole, Floriencia, Alvarez

Richard & Jan Alexander: Alexander, Tatum, Claybourn, Davidson

Sharon Alderman: Broome, Thornton, Lee, Jones, Saxon, West

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

Monday, August 24, 2009

6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC

Friday, August 28, 2009

7:00 pm BAGS Annual Show & Tell & Potluck Dinner
In the Chapel on 1st Floor at UBC
Bring a item to show the group.
Bring a covered dish for dinner. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm with program beginning at 7:00pm
Last opportunity to renew your society membership for next year.

Monday, September 21, 2009

6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC

Friday, September 25, 2009

7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: Alecyia Gallaway of the Galveston County Historical Commission presents *IKE: One year after: an update on Galveston County and status reports on genealogical points of interest*.
In the Great Room on 2nd Floor at UBC
Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Installation of new officers for 2009-2011 term.

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library

Monday, October 26, 2009

6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC

Friday, October 30, 2009

7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: David Bowles, Texas historian and author, will share research techniques.
In the Great Room on 2nd Floor at UBC
Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Dick Eastman is coming!

Friday, March 26, 2010

Mark your calendars, Dick Eastman will present BAGS a program entitled "Putting the Genes in Genealogy".

Mr. Eastman is founder of *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* (www.eogn.com) providing daily postings, a discussion forum, and genealogy bookstore for printed material (by state or country), software and equipment.

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Eighteen people participated in the July 8th trip. We had a good time getting to know each other and sharing information on the trip. If you are new at genealogy or have not visited the Clayton Library, consider going with our group. We have several experienced people doing genealogy who go on the bus, and the librarians are always available to help you get started finding your ancestors. There is also a packet of information that the library gives to first-time visitors that is very helpful.

Next scheduled bus trip to the Clayton Library is Tuesday, September 29.

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 want to reserve seating, 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.

Tell your friends about the BAGS Research Award

BAGS is sponsoring an annual award of \$250 to encourage new research in Texas history and Texas family history.

**Submissions are accepted from
September 1, 2009 to December 1, 2009.**

**The award will be presented at the March
2010 general meeting.**

Papers submitted must be new, previously unpublished Texas history research or Texas family history, completed no more than two years prior to deadline.

The entry form, complete submission guidelines and instructions are available on the BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

Mt. Olivet Cemetery Transcription Report

by Neil Miserendino

As you may have noticed, the transcriptions of the Mt. Olivet Cemetery are being published in the *BAGS Quarterly*. We have finished the mausoleum and we are currently finalizing the transcription of our first section, St. Bernadette, for the next edition of the *BAGS Quarterly*. The tombstones that are parallel to the road in the St. Bonaventure section have been transcribed electronically. Despite the Texas summer heat, the project continues for the remainder of this section by using the alternative and more efficient method of working from tombstone photographs. Upon completion, we will be scheduling a re-training program so our BAGS volunteers may assist in this project from the comfort of their air conditioned home.

BAGS Quarterly

Melodey Hauch, Quarterly Editor

The September 2009 issue of the *BAGS Quarterly* will be available at the September meeting.

If you have not picked up your copies of the *Quarterly* for this year (December 2008 through September 2009) you can either pick them up at the next three meetings or send in \$5.00 to cover postage.

If they are not picked up or the postage paid by December 1, 2009, we will assume you do not want your copies. If you think you paid for mailing but are not sure, e-mail Tammy at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

BAG\$ Report for July

Tina Chatham, Treasurer

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Balance Brought Forward | \$2,399.60 |
| Income | \$793.50 |
| Expenses | -\$354.90 |
| Balance on hand 7/31/2009 | \$2,838.20 |
| CD Balance | \$5,203.34 |

Telephone Road, Texas

Last month, Burton Chapman shared his passion for documenting and preserving the history of people, places, and events in the southeast Houston area.

Burton encouraged us to visit The 1940 Air Terminal Museum housed in Houston's original art-deco air terminal at William P. Hobby Airport, 8325 Travelair Street, Houston, TX ([online map](#)) located on east side of Telephone Road at Neuhaus Street.

"The Museum showcases the rich heritage of civil aviation, including the airlines, general aviation and business aviation. ... Although the Museum has been open in the 1940 Air Terminal's north wing since January 2004, the Museum is completing expansion into the newly restored ticket lobby and south wing. Beginning this spring, the Museum will also include historic aircraft exhibits in the newly restored 1928 Carter Field Airmail Hangar."

(Quoted from museum's website "Welcome" page at www.1940airterminal.org)

As part of the trivia, Burton noted THREE artists have written songs about life on Telephone Road in Houston. The albums and artists are:

***Houston Kid* by Rodney Crowell**, February 2001 recorded at Sugar Hill Studios, Houston. [Listen](#) to the song at *Country Music Television (CMT)* website.

***El Corazon* by Steve Earle**, October 1997 [Read](#) the lyrics at *CMT* website.

***Telephone Road Houston, Texas* by Mark May & the Agitators**, November 1997 [Listen](#) to the song on *YouTube*™ website, however, the video consists of photos that do not represent the Telephone Road area.

Burton is working on a second edition to Telephone Road, Texas and a new book on southeast Houston. If you have information to share, contact Burton Chapman at burtonandmusic@earthlink.net.

Wings & Wheels Women in Aviation Day!

Saturday, September 19, 2009

10:00am to 5:00pm

at the 1940 Air Terminal Museum

8325 Travelair Street, Houston ([online map](#)).

Salute all of the women who have contributed to the field of aviation over the years. Representatives from women's aviation organizations The Ninety-Nines, Women in Aviation International, and Girls With Wings will be on hand for this event, Members of these organizations will receive half off their admissions. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under, and fly-in visitors are free. Admission includes access to the museum, static aircraft and vehicle displays, and lunch.



Hosted by SAGHS in our 50th Year

November 6-7, 2009

**Texas State Genealogical Society
2009 Conference in San Antonio**

at the Omni Hotel,

9821 Colonnade Blvd. at IH 10 N

For conference registration, speaker list, schedule, and hotel information, access the Texas State Genealogical Society website

(www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs) and click on the conference links located on the left hand side. **Interested in attending and looking for a carpool, contact BAGS member Lewis Jarman.**

While you are in San Antonio, consider visiting the following research resources:

San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society Library ([website](#)) 15 minutes from the Omni Hotel.

San Antonio Central Library ([website](#)) in downtown San Antonio. [View](#) information about the *Genealogy and Texana Collections'* holdings.

Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library ([website](#)) on the Alamo grounds.



**BAGS SHOW & TELL
WITH POT LUCK DINNER
IN AUGUST 2006**



THE HOUSTON MUNICIPAL AIR TERMINAL: 1940-1954

**- FROM 1940 AIR TERMINAL WEBSITE
WWW.1940AIRTERMINAL.ORG**

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Bay Area Genealogical Society



REMINDER

Next General Meeting
Friday, August 28, 2009 at 7:00 pm
Chapel (1st Floor) UBC
Potluck Dinner at 6:30 pm

Deadline for
September Issue is
Saturday, September 5, 2009

Membership Application

Please bring to meeting or mail to above address with payment.

Membership: New _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

Full Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Preferred Name for Name Tag (include maiden name?) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP Code _____

E-mail _____ Phone # _____

If this is a family membership, list the other family members' full names & name tag preferences:

Occupation or, if retired, previous occupation of primary member _____

Occupation or, if retired, previous occupation of other member(s) _____

May we print your address, e-mail address and phone number in the Society's yearbook? Yes ___ No ___

Research interests, surnames _____

I need help with _____

I can help with (e.g., German translation, NY research...) _____

The Society needs your participation. Check the committee(s) on which you are willing to serve:

| | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auditing | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail | <input type="checkbox"/> Member Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Master |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ | | |

Payment – To calculate your payment, please choose one from each category:

Single membership \$20

Family membership ... \$25 \$ _____

Quarterly & Yearbook by mail ... \$5 \$ _____

(Mailed all together at year end; included at no additional charge if picked up by end of Society year)

Donation ... (see suggested levels below) \$ _____

Make checks out to "BAGS" Cash ___ Check # _____ TOTAL \$

Please consider a higher level of support for the Society:

Contributor - \$30-\$49, **Patron** - \$50-\$599, **Lifetime** membership - \$600 or higher.

BAGS is a non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Contribution confirmation letters may be requested from Registrar and picked up at the following meeting.