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Friday, September 25, 2009 at 7:00pm: Alecya Gallaway presents "IKE: One Year After"

Gem from Genealogists



Want an easy way to create a family history photo album that looks wonderful? Try Ancestry.com MyCanvas at <http://ancestry.mycanvas.com>. Different layouts and paper patterns are available per page. Upload photos, add text and embellishments.

Per Susie Ganch,
August Show & Tell

Alecya Gallaway will discuss the destruction and recovery of the Bolivar Peninsula and at San Leon historic cemeteries and Galveston County Historical Museum due to Hurricane Ike landfall on September 13, 2008.

Alecya is a historian with a background in marine biology. She serves as chairwoman on the Galveston County Historical Commission and as environmental historian for the Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH) at University of Houston, Clear Lake. She taught ecology classes in Clear Creek Independent School District, established "Sea Campus Kids" summer program at Texas A&M University Galveston, and published several books, papers, and weekly newspaper articles. Alecya's books include *The Settlement Community* (2006) presenting a history of Texas City (available at Moore Memorial Library), *The History of San Leon* (1999, available at Clayton and Rosenberg Libraries), and *The State of the Bay: The Characterization of the Galveston Bay Ecosystem* (2002, available through Amazon.com). According to her EIH staff biography, "she is currently working on a history of the saltgrass cattlemen of Texas and collaborating with Chambers County historian Kevin Ladd of Wallisville Heritage Park on the history of gunfights around the bay."



ALECYA
GALLAWAY

Meeting begins at 7:00pm. Public invited.

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](#))**

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BAGS Quarterly September 2009 issue will be available at the general meeting.

October Program
David Bowles, genealogist and author, speaks on techniques for relating your family history to a historical timeline.

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Message from the President

Resa Nichols Hennings



This is my last president's message, as a new slate of officers will be installed at the September 25 general meeting to begin their two-year term. I encourage each of you to give them your best efforts, just as you have done for me.

It has been a wonderful term! The society has accomplished much: we opened two certificates of deposit totaling \$5,000; BAGS is now a 501(c)(3) organization; the long-anticipated award plan is now a reality and we will be giving cash awards of \$250 to history researchers in Texas; the *BAGS Cookbook* was published; and possibly best of all, membership continues to grow and we now have just under 200, as of last count.

These are the results of the hard work expended by the officers, committee heads, and members. Each of you needs to give yourself a great big pat on the back! I will extend my heartfelt "thank you" for having had the opportunity to work with such a great group of people! You have been wonderful and I will miss it all.

I want each member of BAGS to give your support to incoming President, Tina Chatham, and the new officers and Board. They do not work in a vacuum—your help and support are sorely needed. I know you will rise to the occasion.

And "good luck" as you continue in your genealogical research.

Resa

THANK YOU

Resa Nichols Hennings
Alice Braud-Jones

BAGS extends grateful appreciation to Resa and Alice for their outstanding service to the society as BAGS president and first vice-president, respectively.

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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Welcome New Members!

We want to welcome new member **Vicki Mayo** of League City, wife of BAGS Treasurer Bill Mayo.

Also, we are delighted to welcome back returning BAGS member **Barbara Moore** of Alvin.

New BAGS Officers

The slate of officers elected at the July general meeting will be installed and assume responsibilities at the September general meeting.

Five-Generation Charts

Per the society's bylaws, all members are encouraged to submit a five-generation pedigree chart of their family line. The chart does not need to be complete and information about living relatives may be omitted. The charts are published in the *BAGS Quarterly*. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Eleanor Caldwell.

Society Bylaw Changes

During the August general meeting, the **membership approved the following language changes** to the bylaws, *ARTICLE V, MEETINGS, Section 1: Schedule* (published on pages 44-45 of the *BAGS Yearbook 2008-2009*) effective October 1, 2009 (old wording is included but crossed out, **new wording is printed in bold**).

General membership meetings will be held ~~monthly~~ **periodically** from September through August.

Any changes in the schedule ~~must~~ **will** be published in the Newsletter one (1) month prior the change **if time permits**.

The Board of Directors will meet ~~monthly~~ **periodically, but not less than bi-monthly**. **Meetings may be held via electronic means (E-mail, teleconference, etc.) or personal representation.**

A quorum for Board of Director meetings will be met only if eight (8) or more of the members are ~~present~~ **in attendance and via the specified medium, either electronic, or by personal representation.**

Annual Show & Tell



VERNON GILLETTE

Thank you to Annette Bowen, Ray Brown, David Cate, Eileen Darbonne, Ann Davidson, Lynn Finger, Susie Ganch, Vernon Gillette, Melodey Hauch, Barbara Larsen, Bill Mayo, Barbara Moore, Connie Ogden, Mary Olsen, Oletia Teas, and Wanda Yelverton for sharing their family memorabilia.

Leo Waltz created a photo summary of the evening (a 4 page 2.6MB PDF file) that can be viewed online.

To view, click [here](#) or access the BAGS Website and click on the "Info for Members" link. Individual photos are available

online for download from a Picasa™ web album created by Leo. Access the album using the direct link <http://picasaweb.google.com/leo.waltz/BAGS2009August?feat=directlink> Photos shown here are retrieved from that album.



ANN DAVIDSON



RAY BROWN



Now accepted submissions for BAGS annual award of \$250 to encourage new research in Texas history and Texas family history.

Tell your friends about the BAGS Research Award

Deadline December 1, 2009. The entry form, complete submission guidelines, and instructions are available on the BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

The Portal To Texas HistorySM

A Texas Counties Resource

Galveston County Historical Commission sponsored the creation of a three volume set titled *Inventory of County Records, Galveston County Courthouse, Galveston, Texas* which is available at Clayton, Moore Memorial and Rosenberg libraries and is accessible online for free through *The Portal to Texas HistorySM*, created and maintained by the University of North Texas Libraries' Digital Projects Unit. This set describes the records of each county office, lists the available county records, and lists the records deposited at the Galveston County Historical Museum.

| Property | |
|---|------------------------|
| County Deeds (Deeds) | 1951-1975 |
| (Filing Index) | 1838-- |
| Index to Names in A | 1838-- |
| Galveston City Company Deeds | Undated |
| Deed Record Texas City Improvement Co (Leases Public Land Book) | 1878-1902 (dates vary) |
| Record of Leases (Oil and Gas Lease Record) | 1893-1916 |
| | 1901; 1954-1975 |
| | 1904-1905 |
| | 1935-- |

Inventory of County Records, Galveston County Courthouse, Galveston, Texas, Volume 1, p. 163

To access the books online, click on this [link](#) or go to the portal (<http://texashistory.unt.edu>) and enter the search terms with quotes "Galveston County Historical Commission". The result shows three books. Click on the title or picture of an individual book. On the next page (bibliographic record information) click on the "All Pages" link shown on the right side to view the entire book.

The Portal to Texas HistorySM provides keyword search and browse by Texas counties to view full text and images of books, historical maps, photos, and newspapers covering a time period from prehistory to the present day. This resource enables "you to explore unique collections from Texas libraries, museums, archives, historical societies, genealogical societies, and private family collections. The Portal continues to grow as additional partners contribute digital versions of their collections." (from "About The Portal" webpage <http://texashistory.unt.edu/about/portal>)

There are a number of Texas counties that have published *Inventory of County Records* books. View these books at either the [Clayton](#) and [Rosenberg](#) libraries or through The Portal to Texas HistorySM.

Angelina College Genealogy Conference

submitted by Lewis Jarman

The 13th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference was held in Lufkin, Texas on July 16-18, 2009 this year. The genealogy conference was a great success for me and the trip was well worth the cost. There were three sessions of classes on Friday and Saturday. I was disappointed I could not attend every class. Fortunately, all the handouts were included in the handbook provided by the conference. Friday and Saturday lunch plus Friday dinner was included. The after dinner speaker was Kelvin Meyers. He presented "A Happy Home Without Husbands: The Women's Commonwealth of Texas". What a great presentation, including how he researched the material he presented.

The all day class on Thursday was "Writing Your Family History" by Pat Gordon of Fort Worth, Texas. Pat's presentation covered four sessions: "Writing a Family History: Getting Started", "Publishing a Family History: Book parts", "Digitizing & Editing Images", and "Publishing a Family History: Layout & Design". The class presentations and handouts were great! It was just too much to take in such as short time period.

The Vendors and Exhibitors were in Hudgins Hall. Books and all kinds were available to purchase. One outstanding book I bought was *Census Substitutes & State Census Records, Volume 1 – Eastern States* by William Dollarhide. If you have not seen this book, take a close look at it. The book is available at Clayton Library.

Wherever I go, I look in the local telephone book and call all the people that are possibly related to me. On this trip, I found some Wheats living in Lufkin, Texas. The family was Woody Gann and his mother was Wheat. Yes, we are related, but you have to go back to the mid to late 1700's to make the connection.

If you have never attended this genealogical conference, put it on your list for next year. It is held at the Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas in July. Information will be published online at <http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html>



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.**

- 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**
- Wednesday, October 14, 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
- Wednesday, November 18** **9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library**

Texas History Traveling Trunk Program

Monday, October 19, 2009 3:00pm

at Friendswood Public Library
(416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood)
No reservations needed.

Join Judy Henderson in a hands-on experience with items used by people living in Texas between 1830 and 1840.

Judy is a BAGS member and a member of the Friendswood Bluebonnet Branch Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Her DRT branch chapter created this traveling trunk to share with school children studying Texas history.

Free Classes at the Clayton Library

Reservations required.
Call the library 832-393-2600.

U.S. - Mexico Border Crossing Records - Early 20th Century, Saturday September 26th at 10:00am

LDS Microfilm Rental Affiliate Program, Thursday October 1st at 5:00pm

Using City Directories in Genealogy, Saturday October 3rd at 11:00am

Roots Television: African American Genealogy Research Brown Bag Discussion, Wednesday October 7th at 11:00am

ProQuest: Ancestry Library Edition Webinar, Wednesday October 7th, 2009 at 5:00pm

New York (State) Genealogy Research, Thursday October 8th at 6:00pm

Committee News

Bus Trips – New Dates!

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

New dates have been added to the Clayton Library bus trip schedule:

Tuesday, September 29

Wednesday, October 14

Wednesday, November 18

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Sixteen people participated in the August 19th 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.

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.

Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

For July, 47 members and 8 visitors attended the general meeting and 13 members attended the board meeting.

For August, 45 members and 9 visitors attended the general meeting and 13 members attended the board meeting.

The attendance with monthly and yearly averages since 2001 is maintained on the BAGS website page:
www.TxBayAreaGen.org/attendance.htm

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

Tammy Frey, Registrar

Thank you to all of you who have already renewed your BAGS membership! Twenty-two people joined last month, including one new member and one returning member. Our new Society year has now begun, so if you have not yet renewed, it is time to do so! **Renewals are easier than ever this year. If your information is still the same, you do not have to complete the application form again. You may just send in your dues with a note that there are no changes.**

With the new Society year, the Yearbook committee is already at work. It is important for the publication of the *BAGS Yearbook* that we have all your correct contact information. **Please look at last year's yearbook and confirm that there are no changes.** If your photo was not in the yearbook, or if you would like to have a different photo included, either ask to have your photo taken at a meeting or submit a photo you already have.

Be sure to join us for a year of fun, fellowship, and great educational programs!

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

THANK YOU

Neil Miserendino

Barbara Stanley

Christina Terrell

for outstanding service to the society as yearbook editor, proofreader (for at least 4 years), and publicity chairman, respectively.

BAG\$ Report for August

Tina Chatham, Treasurer

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Balance Brought Forward | \$2,838.20 |
| Income | \$580.00 |
| Expenses | -\$259.09 |
| Balance on hand 8/31/2009 | \$3,159.11 |
| CD Balance | \$5,203.34 |

Stealing Your Email Address and Passwords is Easy – Unless - - -

submitted by Dick Warren

The names highjacker, thief, criminal, spammer, and cyber terrorist are interchangeable. Be warned!

You would have thought I learned my lesson about safe surfing on the Internet after having my Hotmail email account hijacked. No, it had to happen a second time before I woke up to the threats from email and Internet surfing. Fortunately, everyone in my address book knew I was (and am) home in Houston, Clear Lake City and wasn't stuck in Africa or India and I didn't need money to get home. Several let me know what had happened and I was able to take action to neutralize the highjack threat.

I used my first and last name in my email address (firstname.lastname@isp.com). This format left me open to theft. Sure enough it happened! The thief highjacked my email account, broke my password, changed my secret questions (used to reset or recover the password), and changed my alternate email address to his own.

What to do When an Email Account has been Hijacked

I was able to recover my Hotmail account from Microsoft but I had to answer some pretty tough questions that follow:

(1) My Windows Live ID, (2) My first and last name, (3) My date of birth (month/date/year), (4) My country, (5) My state, (6) My postal code, (7) My IP address, (8) List the IP addresses from each computer that I use to access my account, (9) The answer to my secret question, (10) My alternate email address, (11) My Internet service provider, (12) The last date and time when I successfully signed in, (13) The names of any folders that I created in addition to the default folders, (14) Names and email address of contacts in my address book, (15) Subjects of any old mail that is in my inbox or mail folders (16) Names of contacts on my contact list (include the email address), (17) My Windows Live Messenger nickname (display name) (17) customers who have paid services, (18) Last 4 digits of the credit card that I used, (19) Full Name as it appears on my credit card, (20) Expiration Date as it appears on my credit card and (21) Security Code from the back of the credit card.

Safe Surfing with Strong Passwords

I looked for ways to stop hijacking in the first place.

No method is absolutely fool proof, but careful use of password management can shift the odds significantly in my favor. How to manage strong passwords for all my email and online accounts? Getting hijacked once can be chalked up to ignorance. The second time serves as a big kick in the a##. I needed to know more about the threat and how to apply it to my situation.



Two articles helped to identify why strong passwords were important and then how to create them. "Gmail flaw shows value of strong passwords" by Becky Waring in *Windows Secrets Newsletter*, issue 209, published August 6, 2009 and available online at

<http://windowssecrets.com/comp/090806> (scroll down past the ads) explains the benefits of a strong password and provides tips for using and keeping those passwords safe. The second article, "Create strong passwords" from *Microsoft Online Safety* website

www.microsoft.com/protect/fraud/passwords/create.aspx, lists password strategies to avoid. A strong password consists of a minimum of 8 characters providing sufficient complexity and variability, serving as a deterrent for cracking. These articles suggest creating a strong password by plucking the first (or second) character from each word in a memorable sentence and substitute symbols or numbers for a few of the characters to make the password complex. For example: Use the sentence **My genealogy research has hit a brick wall**. Pull out the first character of each word to create the string **mgrhhabw**. Then substitute numbers, symbols and capitalization for several characters to create a strong password **m9rHH@6w** Use an online password checker such as *Microsoft Online Safety* [password checker](#) to verify strength of the chosen string.

Passwords are the keys you use to access personal information that you've stored on your computer and in your online accounts. If criminals steal this information, they can use your name to open new credit card accounts, apply for a mortgage, or pose as you in online transactions. In many cases you would not notice these attacks until it was too late.

August 2009 Show & Tell



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REMINDER

Next General Meeting
Friday, September 25 at 7:00 pm
Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC
Socializing at 6:30 pm

Deadline for
October Issue is
Saturday, October 3, 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.