

# Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter

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**Friday, October 30, 2009 at 7:00pm:**

**David Bowles presents research techniques to relate your family history to a historical timeline**

*Reminder: To be included in the BAGS Yearbook, your renewal must be received by the end of October.*

**BAGS Holiday Party details will be included in next month's newsletter.**

David Bowles is a Texas historian and author. He has written several books in his series, "The Westward Sagas" (<http://westwardsagas.com>), in which he creates fictional stories around factual history from his family genealogy research. The idea for these books came from researching his family history. David felt his family's story needed to be told...stories of ordinary people who became heroes because of the extraordinary history they lived through. At the October meeting, David will speak about the genealogical research techniques he used to acquire the information for his books, as well as some of the history he learned. He is a great storyteller and has a lot of interesting ideas in doing research.



DAVID BOWLES

David Bowles will be the keynote speaker for the awards banquet at the Texas State Genealogical Conference held November 6-7, 2009 in San Antonio. For conference registration, speaker list, schedule, and hotel

information, access the Texas State Genealogical Society website ([www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs](http://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.



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

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## Message from the President

**Tina Medlin-Chatham**



TINA  
MEDLIN-CHATHAM

First, I want to say THANKS to our outgoing President, Resa Hennings. Thank you for a great job. And also thanks to all the Board members that served with you.

I am very excited to be the new BAGS President. We have a great Board, as always. A lot of familiar faces and some new ones. I look forward to working with them all.

My primary goal is to continue to keep BAGS an organization that provides education and information (and some entertainment) to help our members in their genealogical research.

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions, please contact me. I look forward to serving as your President.

**Tina**

*October is*

*Family History Month*

*Clayton Library is offering a large number of free genealogy classes during this month. See the list on page 7.*

"We've uncovered some embarrassing ancestors in the not-too-distant past. Some horse thieves, and some people killed on Saturday nights. One of my relatives, unfortunately, was even in the newspaper business."

-- Former President Jimmy Carter

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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## New Digital Holocaust Collection

Through their partnership with the National Archives, Footnote.com™ has scanned and indexed valuable records that help tell the story of the Holocaust. Over one million Holocaust-related records including millions of names and 26,000 photos from the National Archives are available online. Explore Holocaust era assets, German war crime records, captured German records, Dachau concentration camp registers, Flossenburg concentration camp entry registers, Mauthausen death books, and WWII Nuremberg interrogation records. **This collection is accessible for free from home during October.**

Access the records at [http://go.footnote.com/holocaust\\_records](http://go.footnote.com/holocaust_records).

Footnote.com™ is a subscription web site but offers a basic free membership. **You can also get free access to Footnote.com™ inside a Houston Public Library** (e.g. Clayton Library or Bracewell behind Almeda Mall).

**Example Image:** Registry page dated 23 November 1944 from the Dachau Zugansbücher (translated as entry or arrival registers) which provides the names, "serial numbers," and details for over 150,000 prisoners. Originally established in 1933 for political prisoners, Dachau became a concentration camp for Jews and others from Eastern Europe, the Balkans, France, and Russia by 1941.

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**Now accepting 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](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org).

### **NARA Proposed Regulation 36 CFR 1254 submitted by Alice Braud-Jones**

The following notice was received from Marilyn Redman of the National Archives and Records Administration:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is proposing a revision to the current NARA regulations on Researcher Identification Cards. The proposed rule will require researchers using original records, NARA microfilm, and public use computers at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, to obtain a researcher identification card. Researchers at regional archives are also required to obtain a researcher identification card when there is no separate research room for the use of microfilm and public access computers. The proposed rule also updates our regulations to reflect changes in available technology and research room practices, such as abolishing the three-hour time limit for using microfilm readers.

The proposed rule is available at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-23225.htm>.

**Comments are due: November 24, 2009**

NARA invites interested persons to submit comments on this proposed rule. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods but we strongly encourage submission via online portal:

**Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Access portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

**Fax:** Submit comments by facsimile transmission to 301-837- 0319.

**Mail:** Send comments to Regulations Comments Desk (NPOL), Room 4100, Policy and Planning Staff, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

**Hand Delivery or Courier:** Deliver comments to 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD.

## Show & Tell Item



BILL MAYO

During the BAGS August Show & Tell, Bill Mayo introduced a slide show he had created for a family reunion using Microsoft® PowerPoint®. The show included pictures and text documenting the restoration of a family cemetery dating back to 1822. If you are interested in creating your own family slide show, Freeman

Library in Clear Lake City (16616 Diana Lane, [online map](#)), offers free classes on using Microsoft® PowerPoint®. Call the library for details 281-488-1906. HAL-PC Clear Lake Senior Learning Center offers basic computer literacy classes. For details on class schedule, call their office at 281-316-0768. Want to use a free product? Impress is a free product offered by OpenOffice.org that enables you to create multimedia presentations on Windows, Linux, and Apple systems ([www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org)). OpenOffice Writer is used to generate the BAGS newsletters.

## BAGS Quarterly

Melodey Hauch, Editor

We continue to receive great articles for the *BAGS Quarterly*. The September issue was available at our September general meeting and is the last one for the 2008-2009 society year.

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 October general meeting or send in \$5.00 to cover postage to the mailing address printed on page 1.

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, email Tammy Frey at [Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org](mailto:Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org).

## Galveston Museums & Library Recovery News

At the September meeting, Alecyia Gallaway showed a moving presentation illustrating the destruction Hurricane Ike dealt cemeteries located on the coast in Galveston County and their recovery progress one year later thanks to funding and volunteer efforts. In addition to the presentation, Alecyia shared news on the current recovery progress for several museums.

### The Galveston County Historical Museum

archives were saved. The museum and the Galveston County Historical Commission have moved to the Shearn Moody Plaza building located at 25th and Strand (123 Rosenberg), Suite 4157. Although, the museum currently has no exhibitions for the public to view, they are open to accept donations for the historical artifact collection and to assist with research and other inquiries. Call for an appointment 409-766-2340.

Lone Star Flight Museum is open and on Saturdays offers flight experiences on the B-17 Flying Fortress, B-25 Mitchell, T-6 Texan, and PT-17 Stearman.

Galveston Railroad Museum is currently closed due to sustaining up to 11 feet of water in the facility and the train cars. However, they plan to reopen in early 2010. On the main page of the

website are links to photos of the damage generated by Hurricane Ike and the recovery process aided by NASA Johnson Space Center.

The Rosenberg Library Museum is open with a number of exhibits including *The World at War: Memories of WWI & WWII* where you can view dozens of military uniforms, weapons, medals, photographic images, and other artifacts from the wars. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 am until 6:00 pm.

Galveston and Texas History Center at the Rosenberg Library is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00pm. Alecyia recommended calling ahead (409-763-8854 ext. 127) to request research items, allowing one of the two staff members time to pull the materials before you arrive. A sample list of the genealogy research materials available is listed online at [www.gthcenter.org/genealogy.htm](http://www.gthcenter.org/genealogy.htm). The center's staff has been assisting island residents in recovering from Hurricane Ike by establishing the age of a residence or building for insurance purposes. The staff is collecting memories of Ike and photographs taken in Galveston and Galveston County during and after the storm. Galveston residents who stayed or evacuated are encouraged to submit their written memories. For information, please visit the *Memories of Ike* web page (<http://12.185.240.10/ike/memories.htm>).

## 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.**

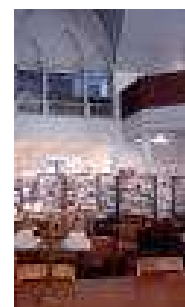
Monday, October 26, 2009	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC
Friday, October 30, 2009	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: David Bowles, Texas historian and author, will share research techniques. In the Great Room on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC Social time 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Wednesday, November 18, 2009	<b>(NEW) 9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Tyrrell Historical Library in Beaumont, TX.</b> (Details on page 6)
Wednesday, January 20, 2010	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Friday, January 29, 2010	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2010	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Friday, February 26, 2010	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2010	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Friday, March 26, 2010	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting: Dave Eastman, founder of <i>Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter</i> ( <a href="http://www.eogn.com">www.eogn.com</a> ), presents "Putting the Genes in Genealogy".

### BAGS Bus Trip is going to Tyrrell Historical Library on November 18! Trip details on page 6.



Built in 1903 in a modified Gothic style of architecture, the Tyrrell Library first served as the First Baptist Church. Captain W. C. Tyrrell purchased and donated the building for library purposes to the City of Beaumont in 1923. **This gorgeous building houses Texana and genealogical book collections and outstanding archives centering on Southeast Texas. A 24 page listing of the archive collections housed at this library is available online in a PDF formatted file ([click here to access](#)).**

The library is located at 695 Pearl, Beaumont, TX 77701 and is open Monday – Saturday 9:00am to 6:00pm. Contact the library at (409) 833-2759. The genealogy society affiliated with this library is Southeast Texas Genealogical & Historical Society. Their quarterly published since 1971 is called the *Yellowed Pages*.



# Committee News

## Bus Trips To Clayton & Tyrrell Libraries

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

**(NEW) Wednesday, November 18, we will travel to the Tyrrell Historical Library in Beaumont, TX ([online map](#)).** Tyrrell Library does not have a snack room so we will make plans to have lunch at a local restaurant. For this trip, we will depart from the **Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Lane ([online map](#)) at 8:15 am** and leave the library in Beaumont at **3:15 pm**. The Tyrrell Library is in a beautiful historical building that was once the First Baptist Church.

Our scheduled bus trips to the Clayton Library are: **Wednesday, January 20, 2010; Wednesday, February 24, 2010; and Wednesday, March 10, 2010.** 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. You may wish to bring a sack lunch. The library has drink and snack machines in the snack room.

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](mailto:lmartin497@aol.com). Sign-up sheets are also available at the general meetings. The BAGS website [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org) and the current newsletter always has a current listing of library trips.

## BAGS Publicity Resa Hennings



It's important that we keep the greater Bay Area informed of when and where BAGS meetings are held and who the monthly speakers will be. Please let me know if your local neighborhood, subdivision, or area newspaper does not have such a listing. If you will call me (281-326-4936) or send me an e-mail ([resa@resa.us](mailto:resa@resa.us)) containing the name of the publication and its telephone number or e-mail address, I will make arrangements for BAGS to be included.

## It's Time To Renew Your Membership!

Tammy Frey, Registrar



It's Fall! Isn't a new season exciting? Well, it's a new season for BAGS, as well! Our new society year kicked off last month with a fascinating presentation by Alecyia Gallaway which was received with great interest by those present.

Thank you to all of you who have already renewed your membership! **As of the end of September, we have an impressive 110 new and renewed members. Are you one of them?** This year, it is easier than ever to renew your membership. If your information has not changed, you do not have to complete the membership application again. Simply send in a note to that effect, along with your dues.

**To be included in the BAGS Yearbook, your renewal must be received by the end of October.** If your picture was not in last year's yearbook, or if you are a new member, please either submit a photo or ask to have your photo taken at a meeting so that your picture can be included in the new Yearbook.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org](mailto:Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org).**

## Attendance Report Jeanine Lawrence



For September, 52 members and 1 visitor attended the general meeting and 14 members attended the board meeting.

(Printing Correction) For August, 45 members and 4 visitors attended the general meeting.

## BAG\$ Report for September Bill Mayo, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,159.11
Income	\$485.25
Expenses	-\$507.75
Balance on hand 9/30/2009	\$3,136.61
CD Balance	\$5,213.06

## "Haunted Happenings" Tours

Galveston Historical Foundation presents Galveston's haunted history through three tours:

### Ashton Villa's Are We Haunted?

The one-hour tour shows the restoration in progress on the ground floor level, following damage by Hurricane Ike, then explores the undamaged second floor where ghostly memories still reside. Tours available at Ashton Villa, 2328 Broadway, every Friday in October at 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm and on October 31 at 3:00pm and 5:00pm

### Haunted Harbor Tours Aboard Seagull II

The one-hour narrated excursion around Galveston's harbor, aboard Texas Seaport Museum's Seagull II, stresses ghostly legends and lore based on the harbor's often tragic history. Tours available at Texas Seaport Museum, Pier 21, every Friday and Saturday in October at 4:30pm and on October 30 and 31 at 4:30pm and 6:00pm.

### Haunted Cemetery Tours

This guided dusk walking tour will come to life within the gates of the island's historic Broadway Cemeteries. The markers in the seven named cemeteries can tell stories that textbooks do not. Each marker is a piece of Galveston and Texas history. Tours available at the Broadway Cemetery, 41st and K, on October 29, 30, 31 at 6:30pm and 8:00pm.



Tickets for all the "Haunted Happenings" tours are available at GHF's website: [www.galvestonhistory.org](http://www.galvestonhistory.org). For more information, call GHF at 409-765-7834.

Visit the BAGS Boutique during the general meeting to purchase BAGS cookbooks and tote bags or pickup your copies of the *Quarterly*.



## Free Classes at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

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

Library located at 5300 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004 ([online map](#)).

### Understanding the Census: Tips and Tricks for Locating Hard to Find Ancestors

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

### Lineage Day at Clayton Library

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. No reservations. Members from many different lineage societies will be available.

### Convicts to the Colonies: Criminal Transportation from Great Britain pre 1776

Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

### Passenger and Immigration Records at the Clayton Library

Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

### PERSI: The Periodical Source Index - An Underutilized Source

Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm

### Beginning Genealogy

Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

### ProQuest: Historical Newspapers Webinar

Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

### Roots Television: Cemetery Records-Brown Bag Discussion

Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

### Unusual Sources for Genealogy Research - Hey that is Some Cool Stuff!

Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm

### Railroads and the Settling of America

Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am

During the month of October, Clayton Library is hosting a book sale of old, used, and duplicate materials.



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# BAGS

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## REMINDER

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

Deadline for  
November Issue is  
Saturday, November 7, 2009