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Members and their guests are invited to

BAGS Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, November 21

from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the
Hope Village Tea Room
located at 15403 Hope Village Road in Friendswood
([online map](#))

Enjoy the holiday spirit and a pleasant lunch with friends among
the designer Christmas trees, wreaths and holiday decor.

Lunch is dutch. Meals cost \$6-\$15.
Choose from a variety of soups, salads, sandwiches, and desserts.

Benefits The Hope Foundation for Retarded Children.

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**The regular
general meetings
resume in
January 2010.**

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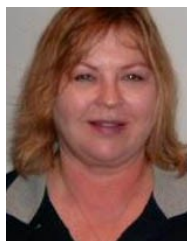
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Message from the President

Tina Medlin-Chatham



TINA
MEDLIN-CHATHAM

Can you believe it is already November and Thanksgiving is just around the corner? I am always grateful for my many blessing but at this time of year I like to take time to slow down and think back on the year. It always surprises me how many blessings have come my way. But then I think each new day is a blessing!

Be sure to read the updates in the newsletter, especially the next general meeting dates. Don't forget to mention the BAGS Research Award to family and friends.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Holiday Party.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Tina



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 and included in
this newsletter.**

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.

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Welcome New Members!

We are excited to announce quite a few new BAGS members!

Joe & Dolores Baird Fields
of Texas City

Roger Maddox, son-in-law of
Rosalva Aulenbacher

Judith Jackson of Houston

Jim &Carolyn Peevey Gunderson
of Houston

Candace Stevenson Tannery,
daughter of Connie Ogden

*Let's be sure to give them
a warm welcome!*

BAGS Members Win Writing Awards

Congratulations to former *BAGS Quarterly* editor Susie Ganch for winning 1st place for the 2008 *BAGS Quarterly* issues in the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS) writing award for society periodicals and a \$100 check for BAGS.



Current *BAGS Quarterly* editor Melodey Hauch also won 1st place in the TSGS writing award manuscript category for her article, "Thomas Jefferson Coffee, From Mississippi Politician to Texas Planter."

Both awards were presented at the TSGS Annual Conference in San Antonio on November 6, 2009.

Timeline View of Google Search Results

Dick Eastman published the article "Family Surname Timelines on Google" October 12, 2009 in his online genealogical newsletter (access the complete article [online](#)). This article inspired me to find a direct access route to Google's timeline view. I found it under the "Show Options" link. This link appears once you perform a Google™ search.

For example:

1. Go to www.google.com
2. Enter any search terms. For a genealogy example, I entered **Karrick family history**
3. On the page with the results, click on **Show Options** link which will produce a vertical list of options on the left side.

Google

Web Show options...

[Ancestry.com family trees](#)
ancestry.com Free online trees - to discover, preserve and share your history.

Did you mean: [Carrick family history](#)

[Karrick Family Genealogy Forum](#)
27 posts - 15 authors - Last post: Dec 21, 1999
tring to get a family tree....dustin karrick...dirk karrick..bob karrick ... Pictures an
Karrick Family - Carolyn Dyer 12/02/03 ...
genforum.genealogy.com/karrick/ - Cached - Similar

4. Click on **Timeline** under "Standard View" section of the Options list.

Google™ performs a search on your surname as related to family history and organizes the found results into a timeline view (shown on page 4).

The results come from a range of sources that include books digitized by Google™, digitized newspaper abstracts or articles, online genealogy records, newsgroups, and random private and public websites.

Google

Web Hide options

> All results

[Videos](#)
[News](#)
[Blogs](#)
[Books](#)
[Forums](#)

> Any time

[Recent results](#)
[Past hour](#)
[Past 24 hours](#)
[Past week](#)
[Past year](#)
[Specific date range](#)

> Standard view

[Related searches](#)
[Wonder wheel](#)
[Timeline](#)

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Annual Research Award sponsored by BAGS

December 1, 2009 Submission Deadline

The Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) will sponsor an annual cash award of \$250 to encourage new research in Texas history and family history. Entrants must be Texas residents. Papers submitted must be new previously unpublished research or family history completed no more than two years prior to deadline. The length of the paper may vary from 10 to 25 pages of text, single spaced. Attached pedigree charts, family group sheets, photograph pages, the index, bibliography and any other addenda do not count as text pages. All sources used in the paper must be completely documented according to accepted research standards, and the paper must contain a surname index and a bibliography or list of sources. BAGS reserves the option to publish the paper in its *Quarterly* and/or its *Newsletter*, either online or in print, one time. BAG's option to publish will not infringe upon the author's right to full publication later. As per copyright law, all photographs, artwork, charts or design elements created by another person must include the original author or artist's information and permission to use.

Submissions will be accepted from September 1st to December 1st of each calendar year. All entries for this year must be postmarked on or before December 1, 2009. Late entries will not be accepted. Three typed, single spaced copies must be mailed to the BAGS Secretary during that time

frame at:

Bay Area Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 891447,
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No entries may be handed to any member or officer of the organization for submittal. Each entry will be blind reviewed by the Award Selection Committee, which will be made up of members of the Bay Area Genealogical Society Board of Directors and Committees. **A copy of the entry form with the author's name, address and contact information must accompany all submitted work.** No name, address or contact information should appear on any page of the three submittal copies. The BAGS Secretary will remove the names as the entries are submitted and assign a number to each entry for the Award Selection Committee's review. The award will be presented at a ceremony at the March BAGS meeting, and the winner must attend this meeting to receive his or her award. The winner will also be required to present the paper at a scheduled BAGS meeting.

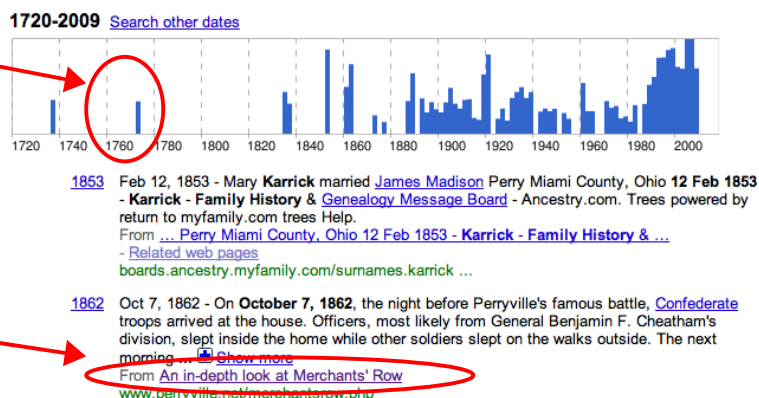
Members of the BAGS Board of Directors or Award Selection Committee, their spouses and children may not apply for the award while they are seated officers or committee members. A complete list of the guidelines and an entry form may be found as an insert to this newsletter.

Timeline View of Google Search Results (continued from page 3)

Each result appears as a **vertical bar** on the timeline.

Click on a specific century or decade to "zoom in" on the timeline and focus specifically on search results dated for that specific decade or century.

Found an entry of interest? At the end of the entry's summary is listed "From" followed by a link. **Click on that link to access the complete text for that dated entry.**



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.**

- Wednesday, November 18, 2009 **(NEW)** 9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Tyrrell Historical Library in Beaumont, TX. (Details on page 7)
- Saturday, November 21, 2009 **(NEW)** 11:00am – 1:00pm **Annual Holiday Party in Hope Village Tea Room located at 15403 Hope Village Road in Friendswood ([online map](#)).**
Members and guests are invited.

Happy Thanksgiving! - No general meeting this month.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – No general meeting this month

- Wednesday, January 20, 2010 9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
- Friday, January 29, 2010 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Speaker: Irene Walters from Houston's Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
- Wednesday, February 24, 2010 9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
- Friday, February 26, 2010 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Speaker: Bruce Lockett discusses his current marine salvage projects.
Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
- Wednesday, March 10, 2010 9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
- Friday, March 26, 2010 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Speaker: Dave Eastman, founder of *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* (www.eogn.com), presents "Putting the Genes in Genealogy".
Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
- Friday, April 26, 2010 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Annual BAGS Demolition Day: Breaking down your research "brick walls".
Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
- Friday, May 26, 2010 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Our trips are over for this year. I hope that everyone has a holiday season filled with special moments. **Our trips for early next year 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. The BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org and the current newsletter always has a current listing of library trips.

If you would like to join us for a trip to the library, bring a sack lunch. The Clayton Library has drink and snack machines in the snack room if you have never been to the library. You might make a resolution to go with us and find some ancestors that you haven't tried before or maybe you can find more information about the ones that you haven't worked on for awhile. If you are new at genealogy or haven't been to the Clayton Library, consider going with our group to the library. We have several experienced people doing genealogy who go on the bus who may be able to share some helpful ideas with you, 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.

Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

For October, 54 members and 7 visitors attended the general meeting and 10 members attended the board meeting.



Membership

Tammy Frey, Registrar

We are off to a great start this year! Currently we have 158 up-to-date members, and several more have told me that their checks are in the mail.

Quite a number of you came to hear David Bowles last month, and it was a real treat! His interesting and inspirational method of sharing his family history through historical novels is a sure way to capture the attention of both his own family and of others completely unconnected. Besides being an adept story crafter, he is also a gifted speaker, and those who attended were delighted with his presentation. Aren't you glad to be a member of BAGS? Invite your friends to come join us! They'll be glad you did!

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



Several suggestions David Bowles offered at the October general meeting are:

- There usually is a thread of truth in the family stories. Investigate them!
- Family members especially children and grandchildren enjoy learning about their family's history when written as a narrative.
- Creating a time line of the family events provides prospective.
- Organize a family reunion to include commemorating an historical event (e.g. marriage, acquired land, a battle).



BAG\$ Report for October

Bill Mayo, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,136.61
Income	\$895.45
Expenses	<u>-\$550.05</u>
Balance on hand 10/31/2009	\$3,482.01
CD Balance	\$5,214.42

**Catch the BAGS Bus Trip on
November 18 to
Tyrrell Historical Library
located in Beaumont, Texas.**



The group will depart from the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center on 16511 Diana Lane ([online map](#)) at 8:15 am and leave the library in Beaumont at 3:15 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.

**League City Historical Society
Historic Homes Tour**

**Saturday, December 12, 2009
10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**See six historical sites and hear
fascinating stories about League City
at the turn of the 20th century.**

Homes on the tour:

The Butler Building at 122 Michigan St.
The T.J. Dick Home at 720 Second St
The Medsger Home at 1015 Third St.
The Giessler Home at 1004 Third St.
The Cox-McQuirk Home at 1518 East Walker St
West Bay Common School Children's Museum,
Barn Museum & Ice House at 210 N. Kansas St.

Start at any of the six locations.

On the day of the event, tickets may be purchased for \$15 at all the locations.

Advanced tickets may be purchased for \$12 at Nana's Attic, Park Avenue Show Place, League City Chamber of Commerce, and the Web Bay Common School Children's Museum.

For more information call the museum at 281-554-2994.

A color flier for the event is available [online](#).

**Free Classes for Adults & Teens at
Clayton Library Center for
Genealogical Research**

Reservations required for all classes except the library orientation.
Call the library 832-393-2600.

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

**Crossing the Pond: Searching for Your 19th
and 20th Century English Ancestor**

Tuesday November 17th, 2009 at 2:00 pm
Many English citizens came to this country in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in search of a new beginning. Maybe one of your ancestors was among them? This session will help the beginning researcher identify the kind of records available to track down that elusive ancestor and where he came from. The emphasis will be on passenger lists and naturalization records in this country, and the Civil Registration index, censuses and parish registers in England.

The Jews of Texas: History and Records

Wednesday November 18th, 2009 at 2:00 pm
Jews who have been part of the history of the Lone Star state since the period of Spanish Texas have a rich history in the fabric of the state. An overview of immigration and the part Jews took in the development of Texas, and the records that were created by their impact will be presented.

**Harris County Naturalization Records - District
Clerk's Office**

Friday November 20th, 2009 at 10:00 am
Please join Harris County District Clerk Loren Jackson for an overview of online public access to Harris County naturalization records. These records available at www.hcdistrictclerk.com can be searched online from 1837-1914. The documents include naturalizations of individuals from over 30 countries. Come celebrate Citizenship Week Nov 16 - 20 at Clayton Library.

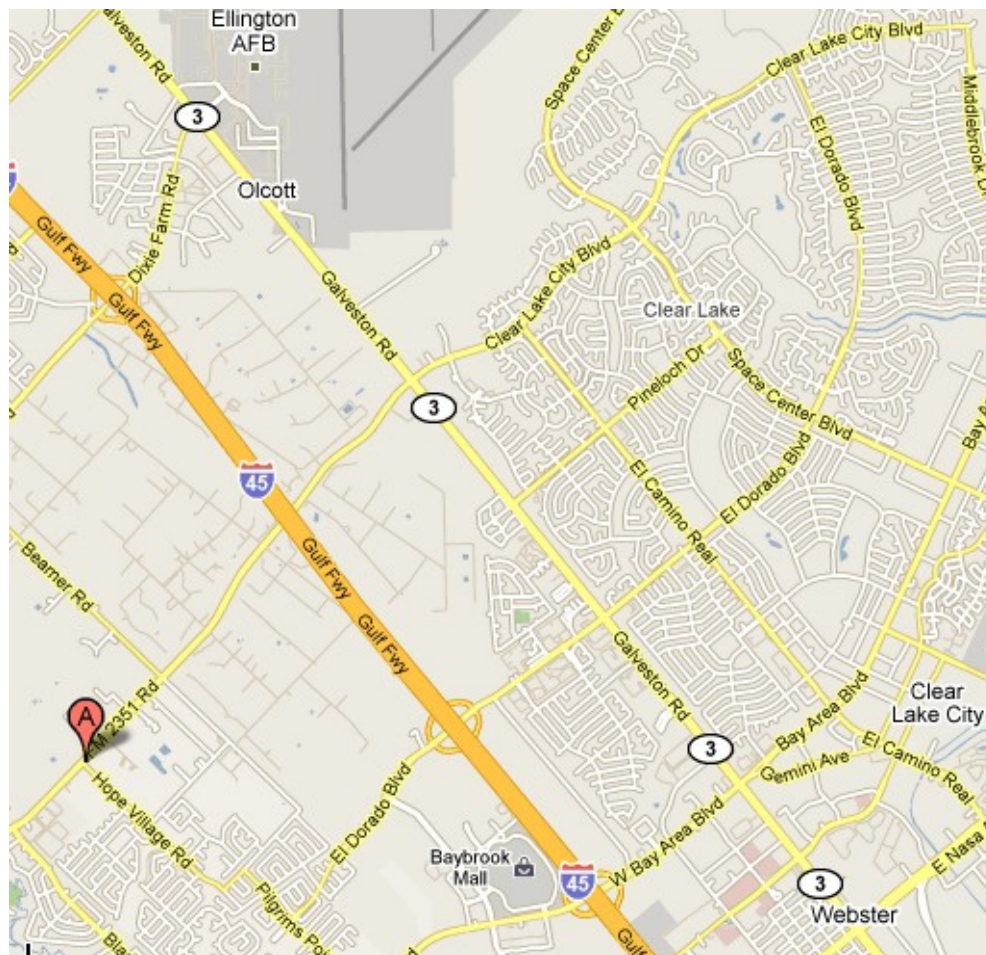
Clayton Genealogical Library Orientation

Saturday November 21st, 2009 at 10:30 am
Learn about the vast family history research resources at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, named "One of the 9 genealogy libraries you need to visit before you die" (*Family Tree Magazine* July 2008) on this tour of the facility.

Funerals: The Final Event

Saturday November 28th, 2009 at 2:00 pm
The final event of a life generates final records of a person's life. These records will be discussed including digital collections, printed and microfilmed sources, as well alternatives to traditional burials.

“Point A” marks location of Holiday Party at Hope Village Tea Room, 15403 Hope Village Road in Friendswood



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REMINDER
Holiday Party
Saturday, November 21
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
at Hope Village Tea Room

Deadline for
December Issue is
Saturday, November 28, 2009

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AWARD ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address _____

Title of Submission: _____

Date: _____ Number of pages: _____

BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR WORK TO BAGS, PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW AND SIGN WHERE INDICATED, SIGNIFYING THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT:

1. All materials submitted become the property of BAGS and will not be returned. Do not submit original documents or photographs, only photocopies.
2. Participants must be Texas residents, and should provide the Award Selection Committee with three typed copies of the paper. All sources used in the paper must be completely documented according to accepted research standards, and the paper must contain a surname index and a bibliography or list of sources.
3. Papers submitted must be new, previously unpublished research or family history.
4. Papers must have been completed no more than two years prior to deadline. Members of the BAGS Board of directors or Award Selection Committee, their spouses and children may not apply for the Award while they are seated officers or committee members.
5. Award cannot be given to the same person two(2) years in a row, or more than once in three(3) years.
6. No more than three papers may be submitted by one entrant for one award period. Papers not successful in receiving an award may be resubmitted.
7. Deadline for paper submittal is December 1 of the Award year. Late entries will not be accepted. Awardee will be notified by mail. If possible, a postcard or email will be sent to all non-awardees thanking them for their submittal. All papers become the property of BAGS, and no papers will be returned to the submitter.
8. Award monies will be presented at a ceremony at the March BAGS meeting. Winners must attend this meeting to receive their award, and will present their paper at the March or a future BAGS meeting.
9. Size; Length of the paper may vary from 10-25 pages of text, single spaced. Attached pedigree charts, family group sheets or photograph pages do not count as text pages. The index, bibliography, and any other addenda do not count as text pages.
10. BAGS reserves the option to publish the paper in its Quarterly and/or its Newsletter, either online or in print, one time. BAGS' option to publish will not infringe upon the author's right to full publication later.

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I understand and agree to all terms and Conditions

(Your Signature)

Date

(Your Printed Name)