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Friday, February 26, 2010 at 7:00pm:

Bruce Lockett presents "Current Marine Salvage Projects"

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](#))**



BRUCE LOCKETT

Bruce Lockett, director of the Texas Archaeology Study Association (TASA), is interested in saving the treasures of Texas and documenting sites of historical value. Specifically, TASA focuses on locating and investigating shipwrecks, Civil War and early plantation sites, and Atakapa Indians' coastal villages and camp sites. Their work involves underwater marine archaeology, forensic archaeology, anthropology and paleontology. Do you remember listening to Bruce Lockett's wonderful stories about discovering and reclaiming lost steamboats on the Trinity River at BAGS in May 2008? We had the opportunity to see and touch a number of recovered artifacts.

Come discover
TASA's current

projects and maybe Bruce will even bring
some show & tell items.

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Dick Eastman is coming in March!

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.

You have two chances to hear Dick Eastman speak next month.

On Friday, March 26, Mr. Eastman will present "Putting the Genes in Genealogy" at the BAGS March general meeting.

On Saturday, March 27, Mr. Eastman will present a seminar *Technology and Techniques in the New Decade "What's Hot and What's Not!"* sponsored by the Clayton Library Friends. Refer to the insert in this newsletter for more information and registration form.

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Message from the President

Tina Medlin-Chatham



TINA
MEDLIN-CHATHAM

Happy Valentine's and President's Day this month!

It was great to see a lot of you at the January meeting. And, Irene as always was very informative. Hope you all enjoyed the information she provided. I know I did. I'm looking forward to Bruce Lockett this month. Hope to see you all there.

Tina

Welcome New Members!

Clinton E. "Gene" Calvert of Nassau Bay

Deborah Cole of League City

Ludolf & Melinda Ingwersen of Houston

Margaret Parnell of Houston

Carolyn Stafford of Friendswood

Please seek them out to say hello at the next meeting.

In Memoriam

Ray Lava, husband to fellow BAGS Member Betty Lava, passed away Sunday, December 20, 2009. Houston Chronicle published his obituary on December 21, 2009.

Edward James Dworsky passed away Sunday, February 7, 2010. Ed and his wife Nettie Lamb Dworsky joined BAGS in 2003 and were members for several years. *Galveston Daily News* published his obituary on February 10, 2010 and it is currently available [online](#).

Our prayers go out to Betty and Nettie and their families.

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.

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2010 Census Is Coming!

Residents regardless of citizenship are expected to participate in the United States decennial 2010 Census. The census form will be mailed to you in March with an expected return by April 1. Census workers will visit households that do not return forms to take a count in person.

Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will be available to assist those unable to read or understand the census form. For those with visual impairments, the language assistance guide will be available in large print and Braille. Deaf and hard-of-hearing persons who do not have access to Video Relay Service (VRS) can call the TDD number, 1-866-783-2010. In addition to these options, language assistance guides will be available in 59 languages at all QAC locations. Contact Dallas Regional Census Center at

(214)-267-6900 for more details about the types of assistance available and for QAC locations in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

2010 Census questionnaire language assistance guides are available in a variety of languages accessible online at

<http://2010.census.gov/partners/materials/inlanguage.php>

Fact sheets written in English addressing tribal governments, colleges & universities, and immigrants are available at <http://2010.census.gov/partners/materials/outreach-materials.php>

More information and example of the form can be found online at www.2010Census.gov

Creatively Sharing Family History

During August 2009 Show & Tell program, Melodey Hauch shared a framed original cover of the *Saturday Evening Post* October 24, 1959 issue. The cover art was Norman Rockwell's painting titled *Family Tree* that illustrates the colorful complexity of American heritage. *Ancestry* magazine July 2004 issue used this same painting as the cover art to advertise an article about creatively illustrating your family tree. Illustrations are a great way to introduce family and friends to the depth and breadth of your research without scaring them off with mounds of binders, folders, boxes, etc. Consider enticing people to your obsession by summarizing your research using one of the following illustration methods.

Personalized maps. Google offers a free online worldwide mapping resource. Use Google Maps "My Maps" to create a personalized and annotated map of your ancestors as you trace them across the globe. Set markers, descriptive text, and embed photos or videos to document family members. Keep a map private or share and collaborate. To create or edit maps, you must sign in to your Google Account. If you do not have an account, create one for free. For more information about using Google Maps click [here](http://maps.google.com) or access Google Maps (<http://maps.google.com>) and click on "My Maps" and then "Learn more" links.

Fan, Bowtie or Picture Pedigree charts.

Photo montage, collage, or generational arrangement.

Quilts, cross-stitch, or embroidery that include printed photographs, hand prints, or named tree leaves.

Shadow boxes of mementos and memorabilia.

Photo albums or scrapbooks manually or digitally prepared and presented as books, presentations, or movies. Local companies are available to scan and convert negatives, 35mm slides, VHS, paper and audio into digital CD or DVD format. Ask fellow BAGS members Lynn Finger about her DVD of the family's 35mm slide collection and Susie Ganch about her digitally prepared scrapbook.



You know you're an "addicted" genealogist when...

You store your clothes under the bed and your closet is carefully stacked with notebooks and journals.

WWI Draft Registration Cards

What is this?

This is a good resource to identify a male ancestor born between September 13, 1873 and September 12, 1900. Three civilian registrations for the U.S. World War I draft were conducted between June 1917 and September 12, 1918 for men of age 18 to 45 regardless of citizenship. Only a subset of these registrants was actually drafted for military service.

A draft registration card contains a wealth of information that can help you locate other family members.

A typical card has the man's full name and signature, home address, age, birth date, citizenship status, occupation, employer's name and address, race, dependents or nearest relative, and physical description. For registrants born between 6 June 1886 and 28 August 1897 (45 percent of the total), the cards also give city or town, state, nation of birth, previous military service and marital status. (See Tips 1-3)

How to find them?

Locate an image of the registration card through Ancestry.com accessible for free using a public Internet station in one of the Harris County or Houston Public Libraries (e.g. Freeman Memorial in Clear Lake City, Parker Williams on Scarsdale, or Clayton Library in Houston).

At Clayton Library or your local Family History Center, look at the National Archives microfilm M1509 titled *World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*. Clayton library has rolls for Louisiana, North Carolina, and Texas draft registrants.

The draft registration cards are organized by state, county, draft board, and then by surname. A draft board was created for every 30,000 people meaning large cities had more than one draft board. (See **Tips 4-5**)

Tips

1. Men who resided in British territories sometimes listed themselves simply as British citizens without noting their origin in Canada, Australia, Ireland, Jamaica, etc
2. Some immigrants wrote their last names first, resulting in some cards being filed under first names.
3. Since Hispanics often have two surnames, one derived from their father and the other from their

mother, look for their cards under either part of their surname.

4. A registrant not living in his hometown could register elsewhere and the card would be sent to his home draft board.

In some rural counties, it may have been easier to travel to the bordering county to register and request that the registration be sent on to the actual county.

Because it's possible that some registrations were never transferred, look for an individual's card in a neighboring county or state.

5. For large cities, use boundary maps to locate home draft board and surrounding draft boards. Browse these boards looking for ancestors. At Clayton, view the boundary maps on microfilm titled *Boundary Maps of Selected Cities and Counties of World War I Selective Service Draft Registration Boards, 1917-1918* (National Archives roll ID# M-1860, Cabinet C52, Drawer D04). These maps are arranged roughly alphabetically by city, but a number of New York and Pennsylvania cities and counties are grouped at the end of the film. See: the order of the cities and counties on page 3 of the beginning of the roll. The film contains maps of the following cities or counties (from Clayton catalog entry):

Atlanta, Georgia; Baltimore, Maryland; Birmingham, Alabama; Boston, Massachusetts; Bridgeport, Connecticut; Buffalo, New York; Chicago, Illinois; Washington, DC; Cleveland, Ohio; Cincinnati, Ohio; Hartford, Connecticut; Dallas, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Indianapolis, Indiana; Jersey City, New Jersey; Kansas City, Kansas; Kansas City, Missouri; Louisville, Kentucky; Los Angeles, California; Providence, Rhode Island; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; New Orleans, Louisiana; Minneapolis, Minnesota; New Haven, Connecticut; New Jersey; San Diego, California; St. Paul, Minnesota; Seattle, Washington; Toledo, Ohio; Pennsylvania: Allegheny, Luzerne, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Reading, Scranton, Westmoreland; New York: Albany & Rensselaer, Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Richmond (Staten Island), Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse.

Through your local Family History Center, a similar film is available ask for FHL film# 1498803 titled *List of World War One Draft Board Maps*.

This information was pulled from "Historic maps: The World at Your Fingertips" by Michael L. Strauss, AG published in Family Tree Magazine July/August 2004 pg. 39 (accessible [online](#)) and Family Search Research Wiki online article "[World War I United States Military Records, 1917 to 1918](#)"

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, February 22, 2010	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
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. In the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
Wednesday, March 10, 2010	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Monday, March 22, 2010	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
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Monday, April 26, 2010	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, April 30, 2010	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Annual BAGS Demolition Day: Breaking down your research "brick walls". In the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
Monday, May 24, 2010	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, May 28, 2010	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
Monday, June 21, 2010	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, June 25, 2010	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
Monday, July 26, 2010	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, July 30, 2010	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library and Galveston, TX

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Plan ahead to catch one of the bus trips scheduled this year:

Wednesday, February 24

Wednesday, March 10

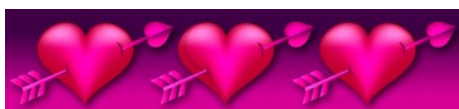


On Wednesday, February 24th we will go to the Clayton Library. On Wednesday, March 10th, we will go to Galveston to see the exhibit at Moody Gardens entitled "Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America Through Galveston Island" "Ellis Island of the South". More details for the trip to Galveston will be forthcoming in the next newsletter and on the website.

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. The BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org and the current newsletter always has a current listing of library trips.

If you haven't been to the Clayton Library, consider going with our group on February 24. We usually have several experienced genealogists in attendance that may be able to share some helpful ideas with you. Clayton's on-staff librarians are always available to help newcomers get started finding their ancestors and the library provides a packet of information which is very helpful for first time visitors. You may wish to bring a sack lunch. The library has drink and snack machines in the snack room and a casual type restaurant within walking distance at Park Plaza Medical building.



Membership

Tammy Frey, Registrar

It was so nice to see everyone at the January meeting and have a chance to visit! Add a great (as always) presentation by Irene Walters, and it was a pleasant way to kick off 2010. We had quite a few visitors to swell our crowd, and we were delighted that six of them elected to join our Society! Along with the renewal of three members, our current membership is now 169 and growing! Do your friends a favor and bring them to hear this month's presentation by Bruce Lockett who has fascinating information on the salvage of historic marine vessels. See you there!

It is important to keep our information up to date. If you have any changes in or corrections to your contact information during the year, please notify us at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

BAGS Quarterly

Melodey Hauch, *BAGS Quarterly* Editor

The December 2009 issue of the *BAGS Quarterly* was available at our January meeting.

Please consider sending in articles for future issues. A new feature will be introduced in the March issue: "BAGS Old Family Photos." The first one is 100 years old and has 18 family members posed on the front porch. Details for submitting your old family photos will be provided in March.

BAG\$ Report for January

Bill Mayo, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,755.60
Income	\$243.00
Expenses	-\$765.25
Balance on hand 1/31/2010	\$3,233.35
CD Balance	\$5,226.98

***Tracing Ancestors Among the Five
Civilized Tribes***

**Saturday, February 20
from 1:00pm to 4:00pm**

at Friendswood Public Library
(416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood,
[online map](#))

Lem Guthery will present a short history of the tribes, discuss how and where to find ancestral records, and address questions on Native American genealogy research. Mr. Guthery is a former board member of the Cherokee Cultural Society of Houston and grew up in Oklahoma in the Choctaw Nation.

***Civil War Military Service
Records & Pensions***

**Saturday, March 27, 2010
from 10:00am to 3:00pm**

at Bayland Community Center
(6400 Bissonnet, Houston, TX, [online map](#)).

Craig Scott, CG, will discuss researching Federal and Confederate Civil War military records and pensions. Sponsored by Houston Genealogical Forum (www.hgftx.org).
Online [Registration Form](#) and [Flyer](#).

**[Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America
Through Galveston Island](#)** is on exhibit in Moody Gardens' Discovery Pyramid (Galveston, TX), open daily 12pm to 6pm with last entry at 5pm through September 11, 2010. The BAGS bus trip on March 10 will travel to this exhibit. See bus trip details on page 6.

The exhibit chronicles the Port of Galveston's largely forgotten history as a major gateway to American immigration from 1845 to 1924. Forgotten Gateway builds on a growing scholarly and public interest in the history of migration patterns to America and Galveston's place as one of the nation's top immigrant ports in that history.

A cultural speaker series is ongoing in conjunction with this exhibit. Local descendants and cultural organizations discuss immigration through Galveston Island on the first and third Saturdays. The presentation schedule is available [online](#) but is tentative and subject to change.

Research Help

Friday, February 19 from 10:00am to 1:00pm
at Friendswood Public Library
No reservations needed. Walk-ins welcome.

Deborah Gammon, a fellow BAGS member, will be available to assist you in membership information for the Daughters of the American Revolution or other genealogy research.

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

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

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

**From Piles of Stuff to Polished Prose: Writing
a Narrative History**

Saturday, February 20 at 2:00 pm

This popular talk presented by Kathryn Black-Morrow helps novice writers get over the big hurdle of having too much data, memorabilia, or stories, and what to do with it.

Uncovering Slave Ancestors: A Case Study
Thursday, February 25 at 2:00 pm

Long ago ancestors left record trails of evidential information wherever they went. Follow the collection of documentation about the Umstead family of North Carolina and learn how to interpret recorded information in family research and uncover slave ancestors.

**Online at HPL: Highlight on African American
Databases for Genealogy Research**
Saturday, February 27 at 10:00 am

Many databases the Houston Public Library subscribes to can help in the pursuit of African American family history research. An overview of these resources, many accessible from your home computer, will be presented.

**African American Genealogical Research: How
to, Hints for, and Highlighted Sources**
Saturday, February 27 at 2:00 pm

The Foundation of Family History Research is a good general introduction laced with specifics. This program offers information that benefits African American family history research. An overview of research methods and specific sources will be presented.

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REMINDER

Next General Meeting
Friday, February 26 at 7:00 pm
Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC
Socializing at 6:30 pm

Deadline for
March Issue is
Saturday, March 6, 2010



Clayton Library Friends Presents
 Mr. Dick Eastman, EOGN Author and Publisher
 Technology and Techniques in the New Decade
 "What's Hot and What's Not!"

Saturday, March 27, 2010
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
3471 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX

\$30.00 - CLF Members until March 17, 2010
 \$35.00 for members after March 17, 2010 (No lunch available)
\$35.00 Non-Members until March 17, 2010
 \$40.00 Non-Members after March 17 (No lunch available)
\$45.00 at the door (no lunch available)

\$10.00 for Optional Box Lunch from "Picnic Box"
Includes sandwich or salad box lunch with sides and drink

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration, coffee, etc.
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Program (Various topics including techniques, resources and industry advances in DNA studies and latest technological tools for researchers)
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Questions and Answers

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Clayton Library Friends
Dick Eastman Seminar

Enclosed is my check # _____ which includes: \$30.00 CLF Member Registration
\$35.00 Member Late Regt. (3-18)
\$40.00 Non-CLF Member Registration
\$45.00 Non-Member Late Regt. (3-18)
\$20.00 Membership Fee
\$.00 Other Donation Amount
\$10.00 for **Optional box lunch**

A variety of sandwich and salad box lunches ordered from the "Picnic Box" will be available for those who elect box lunch option. I prefer a **Sandwich Box Lunch** **Salad Box Lunch**

Total of check made payable to Clayton Library Friends and included herewith : \$ _____ .00

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

City : _____ **St.** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Tel:** _____

E-Mail: _____ **Member of CLF: Yes** _____ **No** _____

Note: If you checked and paid membership fee, please obtain a membership form from website www.claytonlibraryfriends.org and include it with this registration and payment

Mail to: **CLF - Dick Eastman Seminar,**
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