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

Dick Eastman presents "Putting the Genes in Genealogy"

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](#))**

Dick Eastman created the *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* (www.eogn.com) as a weekly e-mail publication in 1996 addressing topics such as current events, technology, and latest record resources. The newsletter is now published daily to be received by e-mail, web-enabled cell phones, RSS feeds, or viewed as blog entries posted on the home page.



DICK EASTMAN

Eastman's website also offers a discussion forum, a community calendar for upcoming genealogy events, and a 24/7 chat room where he hosts a chat session open to any genealogy topic every Tuesday evening at 10:00PM ET. Everyone may read the discussion forum postings. To post a new message or to reply to an existing message, you must register a username and password. Registration is free.

On Saturday, March 27, 2010 Dick Eastman will conduct a full-day seminar for Clayton Library Friends covering *Techniques and Technology in the New Decade "What's Hot and What's Not!"* A registration form for that seminar is available in this newsletter and on the Clayton Library Friends website at www.claytonlibraryfriends.org.

**Emily Croom Seminar coming
Saturday, May 1 from 9:00am – 3:00pm
at College of the Mainland!**

Pickup your 2009-2010 BAGS Yearbook

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April 1 is Census Day

Reminding us to return completed 2010 census forms. 2010 Census Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will be available all over our area. If you need help completing the 2010 census form or have a question, contact the Dallas Regional Census Center at (214)-267-6900 to identify a QAC location near you.

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Message from the President

Tina Medlin-Chatham



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Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone.

The weather is getting much better so maybe winter is finally over?? I look forward to springtime as it is when I like to do a lot of my cemetery visits on weekends. I enjoy getting out in the spring air. Hope everyone has some time to enjoy the outdoors when the weather is nice. But don't forget to be here for the BAGS general meeting on March 26. Dick

Eastman will be out speaker. Don't want to miss that. Look forward to seeing all of you.

Tina

Welcome New Member!

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest member, **Liz Fleming** of League City!

Genealogical tourism provides an irreplaceable dimension of material reality that's missing from our postmodern society

-- Carla Santos, University of Illinois
recreation, sport and tourism professor

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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BAGS presents

EMILY CROOM

Seminar on Saturday, May 1, 2010

from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at College of the Mainland

Auditorium (Room L-131) in the Learning Resources Center (LRC) on the Main Campus at 1200 North Amburn Road, Texas City, Texas 77591 ([online map](#))

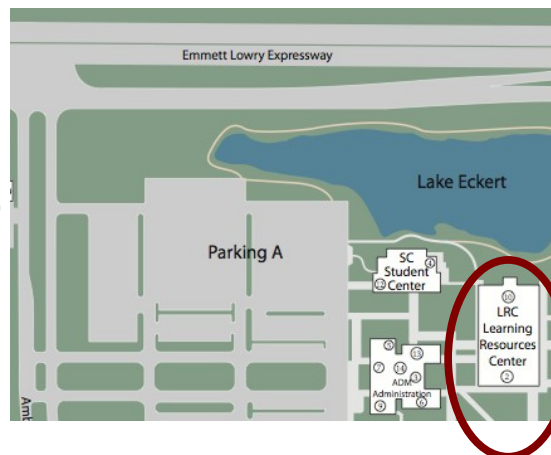
Early Registration Fee: \$25

A box lunch can be purchased for \$8 when you register by the deadline of April 24th.

Registration Fee at the Door \$30

Seminar Topics:

- (1) *Lost in 1890? What To Do When the Census is Missing*
- (2) *Hidden in Plain Sight: Details We Sometimes Miss*
- (3) *You Be The Judge: Considering the Evidence*



Native American Research Resources

If you ever have the chance to listen to one of Lem Guthery's programs on the history and genealogy resources for the Five Civilized Tribes, take the time to attend. Lem has a wealth of knowledge on the history of the tribes' forced migration along with 25+ years experience tracking down Native American ancestors. One online resource Lem recommends is the *Access Genealogy* "Native American – Indian Genealogy" website www.accessgenealogy.com/native to identify the possible available census, cemetery, and roll records. This site links to numerous free and paid sources. He reminds people the roll applications are more value for

genealogy purposes than the roll membership card. Lem Guthery is a 12th generation Native American. He grew up in the Choctaw Nation located in Oklahoma and currently lives in Friendswood, TX. Lem has experience with DNA testing in verifying ancestor relationships.

The article "Indian Census Records and Name Rolls" published in the October 2009 issue of *Internet Genealogy* magazine (available at Friendswood Library) discusses the issues with searching Native American ancestors by name and summarizes available research.

Family History Library - Free Online Classes

The *FamilySearch* Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah is now making its popular on-site classes available online at www.FamilySearch.org, where anyone can access them for free at a time that is convenient for them.

The following Family History Library classes are available online:

- Beginning Research for England
- Beginning Research for Ireland
- Beginning Research for Latin America
- Reading German Handwritten Records
- The history, geography, records, and resources for Russian research
- Courthouse, Revolutionary War, Civil War, and pre-WWI military records for United States research
- Descendancy Research
- Using Family History Library Catalog
- Using Research Logs
- Research Principles and Tools

The classes vary in length from 6 to 58 minutes, with most lasting about 25 minutes. The format of the class varies, depending on the content being presented. One type of class shows a video that

alternates between the teacher and the Microsoft PowerPoint slides. Another kind of class integrates video of the presenter, the accompanying Microsoft PowerPoint slides, and links to supplemental materials all in one screen.

Several of the classes are interactive, such as a course on reading German handwriting. In these classes, the teacher is represented with still photographs and audio narration, and the student can actively participate in learning activities, such as matching English and German characters or transcribing selected words from a document. As a student types, the correct text appears in green and incorrect answers appear in red, providing immediate feedback.

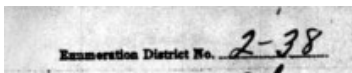
FamilySearch is continually adding new online offerings. All of the classes can be accessed on www.familysearch.org by clicking on **Free Online Classes** on the home page (under the "Family History Library" column).

From *FamilySearch* March 12, 2010 press release "[Family History Library Classes Now Available on Internet](#)"

1930 US Census Available Free of Charge on the *Internet Archive*

From *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, March 02, 2010 blog entry.

Browse online or download digital images from the 1930 census microfilm for free. If your ancestors resided in cities, the enumeration district is a valuable piece of information that allows you to zoom in on the correct neighborhood quickly although you will still need to look at a lot of images to find what you seek. The ED is written in the upper right corner of the census page.



Use the online tool "Obtaining EDs for the 1930 Census in One Step" (<http://stevemorse.org/census/index.html>) to determine the enumeration district based on the state, city, and street. If you do not know the street, pick the first one in the list to get a starting ED. For example, choosing Indiana, Fort Wayne, 1st Street provides the ED 2-38.

Select state: Indiana 1st

Select a city: Fort Wayne

The ED you want is 2-38 View

Once you know the ED, access the *Internet Archive* website at www.archive.org/details/1930_census, select the state, then choose the entry that includes that ED. For example, entry for Indiana ED 2-38:

[15th census, population, 1930, \[microform\] \(Volume Reel 576. Allen, Fort Wayne City EDs 2-31, 2-34, 2-32 to 2-33, 2-35 to 240, 2-47, 2-81, 2-48, 2-82, 2-49 to 2-66\) - United States. Bureau of the Census](#)
Microfilm copy of original data as collected by the Census Bureau

Select browse online or download with a specific format to view census volume. Jump pages until you locate the section with that ED in the upper right corner of the page.

View the book

[Item image]

Read Online (~1112 pg)
PDF (2.0 GB)
DjVu (536 MB)

All Files: HTTP
[Help reading texts](#)

Ancestry.com provides search interface to the 1930's census. Access for free in any Houston or Harris County public library.

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, March 22, 2010	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, March 26, 2010	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Speaker: Dick Eastman, founder of <i>Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter</i> (www.eogn.com), presents "Putting the Genes in Genealogy". In the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
Wednesday, April 7, 2010	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
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
Wednesday, May 26, 2010	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Friday, May 28, 2010	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
Wednesday, June 2, 2010	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
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
Wednesday, July 28, 2010	9:00 am BAGS bus trip to Clayton Library
Friday, July 30, 2010	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
Monday, August 23, 2010	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, August 27, 2010	7:00 pm BAGS Annual Show & Tell with Dinner in the Chapel

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library Mary Martin, County Coordinator

On March 10, fourteen people traveled to Galveston to see the "Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America through Galveston Island" exhibit at Moody Gardens and, we ate lunch at Casey's Seafood Cafe on Seawall Boulevard. The exhibit was very interesting and informative. I think that everyone had a very pleasant day.



Scheduled dates for future bus trips are:

Wednesday, April 7
Wednesday, May 26
Wednesday, June 2
Wednesday, July 28

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.

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 haven't been to the Clayton Library, consider going with our group this spring. 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.

Mt. Olivet Cemetery Transcription Progress Report

Neil Miserendino

The Mt. Olivet cemetery transcription project is making steady progress. We have about half of St. Bonaventure section electronically transcribed and ready for final verification before publishing the information in the *BAGS Quarterly*.

Part of the St. Catherine section is electronically transcribed but needs final formatting and verifying before the information can be published.

We will be looking for transcription volunteers again. Don't worry if you have not been trained, we can have another training session. Also, for those of you who know that the cemetery can get too hot to work for more than a short time, you may still contribute by working on the electronic transcriptions.

Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

For January, 54 members and 11 visitors attended the general meeting and 13 members attended the board meeting.

For February, 50 members and 7 visitors attended the general meeting and 13 members attended the board meeting.

Want to help make the BAGS Emily Croom Seminar a success? Contact Neil Miserendino to volunteer.

BAG\$ Report for February

Bill Mayo, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,233.35
Income	\$66.20
Expenses	-\$251.21
Balance on hand 2/28/2010	\$3,048.34
CD Balance	\$5,226.98

Need Help With Your Research?

Friday, March 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. Access to searching *Ancestry.com*, *HeritageQuest*, and the DAR website will be available. For more information call Deborah Gammon, 281-334-4950. Ask Deborah about the 15 generation charts.

Come Walk In My Moccasins

Saturday, April 24 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

at Friendswood Public Library

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

Barbara Moore, a fellow BAGS member, will explain how she found her Native American heritage while doing her genealogy research.

Barbara Moore is a retired teacher with a B.A. in History and Biology. She began working on her family genealogy 18 years ago to answer questions about her European and Native American heritage. Barbara is a member of the Council on Native American Ministries, Alvin Museum Society, Bay Area Genealogy Society in Clear Lake, Houston Genealogy Forum and the Walton County, Florida Museum and Genealogy Society. Come hear about her adventures and computer pathways that may help you during your search.

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](#)).

Snowbird School Friday, March 26

Whether you come from the north to the south for the winter or you live in the south all year, consider attending one or more of these free classes at the Clayton Library. To register, call the library at 832-393-2600.

10:30 am - 11:30 am Organizing your Research

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Basic Genealogy Reference Sources

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Using Newspapers To Flesh Out Your Genealogy

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Understanding the Census: Tips and Tricks for Locating Hard to Find Ancestors

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm PERSI: The Periodical Source Index - Using Genealogy Periodicals in your Research

Lock-in at Clayton

Friday, March 26 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Extended hours at Clayton Library! In conjunction with the Clayton Library Friends Annual Seminar weekend, the Clayton Library is offering a special lock-in at Clayton for the first 50 registrants.

The Main House of the Clayton complex will reopen Thursday, April 1, 2010!

The Clayton House will be open to researchers using our new Texas city directory collection, newly acquired from the Central Library's Texas Room. Soon the LDS microfilm rental program will be moved in from the main library to the main house. **In order to open the Clayton House, volunteers are needed to staff the welcome desk and to work with customers who come in for research! Consider volunteering 2 hours per week on one**

of the following days/times:

Monday, Friday, Saturday shifts: 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, 3-5
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday shifts: 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, 3-5, 5-7, 7-9

Training sessions scheduled for Tuesday, March 23 (2:00 – 3:30pm) and Wednesday March 31 (2:00 – 3:30pm) at the Clayton House. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact me, Steven Bychowski, Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator, at steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net or by phone at 832-393-2600.

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REMINDER

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

Deadline for
April Issue is
Saturday, April 3, 2010

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proudly presents an

EMILY CROOM

Seminar

Saturday, May 1, 2010 ~ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

College of the Mainland, 1200 North Amburn Road, Texas City, Texas 77591
in the Auditorium of the Learning Resources Center (see Map or go to <www.com.edu>)

SEMINAR TOPICS

- ***Lost in 1890? What To Do When the Census is Missing***
- ***Hidden in Plain Sight: Details We Sometimes Miss***
- ***You Be the Judge: Considering the Evidence***

Registration Form

YOUR NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Registration Fee \$25 (if received by the April 24 deadline)
Walk-in Registration Fee \$30 (at the door; box lunch *not* available)

You may bring a sack lunch from home,
or make your selection for a box lunch, \$8 each:

_____ ham bread choice: _____ white
_____ roast beef _____ whole wheat
_____ tuna salad _____ rye
_____ turkey

Box lunches consist of sandwich, chips, pickle, and a brownie.
Coffee, water, and soft drinks will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Registration	\$	25.00
Box Lunch (\$8)		____.00
Your Tax Deductible gift to BAGS Thank You!		____.00
GRAND TOTAL:		\$ ____ .00

Please mail this Registration Form and your check made payable to "BAGS" to:

BAGS Registrar
Emily Croom Seminar
P.O. Box 891447
Houston, TX 77289-1447

Suggestion: make a copy of this Form and Map for your records!

Questions?? <www.TxBayAreaGen.org> 832-439-0187



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,
 P. O. Box 271078,
 Houston, TX 77277-1078