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Friday, May 28, 2010 at 7:00pm:

**Susan Kaufman presents
"Unusual resources...or...that is some cool stuff!"**

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](#))**



Susan Kaufman, MLIS

Susan Kaufman is the Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research – Houston Public Library (www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton). She has worked as a genealogy librarian for over 20 years. Six of those years were spent at the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana holding the largest genealogy collection in a public library. Her career began as the genealogy librarian in Peoria, Illinois at the Peoria Public Library.

Susan offers expertise in genealogical historical reference, collection development and educational outreach. Her collection development skills include acquiring one-of-a-kind resources, government documents and other hard-to-find research materials. Susan is currently the President-Elect of the

[Texas State Genealogical Society](#), a Director on the [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#) board, and a speaker at local, state and national conferences.

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presented by Jerry Woodman

July Program

"Everything Old Is New Again: Electronic Government Information and Genealogy" presented by Gay Carter, Reference/Documents Librarian at the UHCL Alfred R. Neumann Library

If you do not already have the BAGS Quarterly March issue, pick up your copy at the next general meeting.

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Message from the President

Tina Medlin-Chatham



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Hope you all enjoyed the Demolition Day at April's meeting. I know I learned some new things and that is always exciting for me. Always seems to be so many things I hadn't thought of in my research and it's great to hear about those new avenues. Or sometimes, just to be reminded of sources that I knew of but just haven't explored. And I'm sure those of you who attended the Emily Croom seminar had a great time and learn new things to aid in your research.

Look forward to seeing you all at the May meeting.

Tina



Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members!

Terry Van Wagner Stubblefield of Houston
Tina Wehner Provenzano of Pearland

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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Discover A Gold Mine in Your Backyard ... The Clayton Library

Primary source materials for advanced genealogy research are a principal focus of Clayton Library's print and microprint holdings. The following list (ordered by U.S. States) highlights a few of the significant manuscript collections at Clayton.

South Carolina: Andrea Collection

Connecticut: Barbour Collection 1640-1850

Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas: Cuban Papers (Papeles Procedentes de Cuba or Legajos)

Georgia: Cook Collection

Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee: Draper Manuscripts 1740-1850

Maryland: Calvert Papers, 1516-1804

Massachusetts: Cape Cod Families

Massachusetts and neighboring states: Corbin Manuscript Collection 1650-1850

Tennessee: Barnes Collection 1812-1956

Texas: Robert Bruce Blake Research Collection

Virginia: Carter Family Papers 1659-1797

Content, date coverage, format, and organization details for each these manuscript collections is provided on the library's [website](#).

Houston Public Library system also provides a number of electronic databases for genealogy research that can only be accessed from inside a HPL branch or only HPL Clayton Library branch due to licensing constraints. The rest can be accessed from home with a valid Houston Public Library card.

These electronic databases include:

Ancestry Library Edition (access in any HPL branch only)

Ancestry.com is one of the largest collections of family history data online.

American Civil War Research Database

Online resource for researching the soldiers, regiments, and battles of the American Civil War contains indexed, searchable information on over four million soldiers and thousands of battles, together with fifteen thousand photographs.

Access NewspaperARCHIVE (access in any HPL branch only)

The largest historic newspaper source online, containing tens of millions of searchable newspaper pages dating as far back as the 1700s.

Black Studies Center

Black Studies Center is a fully cross-searchable gateway to Black Studies including scholarly essays, recent periodicals, historical newspaper articles, and much more.

Footnote (access in any HPL branch only)

Almost 40 million images of primary source materials. Many are available here for the first time.

GenLine (access in Clayton Library only)

Swedish Church Records from the 16th - 20th century.

Jewish Data (access in Clayton Library only)

Jewish Genealogical resource that includes 500,000 records including images of tombstones, school yearbook pages and Citizen Declaration documents.

New England Ancestors (access in any HPL branch only)

Genealogical data from the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

19th Century U. S. Newspapers Digital Archive

Digital facsimile images for hundreds of 19th century U.S. newspapers. Includes The Galveston Daily News from 1874 until 1897 (see listing under Houston, Texas)



If you have not visited the Clayton Library, consider joining us on a bus trip this summer and see what you can discover about your ancestors. Dates and times for the trips are on page 6 of this newsletter.

Several experienced genealogists go on the BAGS bus trips to Clayton Library. They may be able to share some helpful ideas with you. The Clayton librarians are always available to help you get started finding your ancestors and there is also a packet of information the library gives to first time visitors which is very helpful. The BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org and newsletter always has a current listing of library trips.

FamilySearch Adds 300 Million Names

Have you been indexing records for LDS Family Search? Well someone has.

On April 28, Family Search announced they are publishing an additional 300 million names to its existing family history database to be researched online for free. These names come from extracted original sources national and worldwide. The record collections indexed range in date from pre-1700 to present covering mainly vital records in Europe, India, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, North & South America, and Samoa. Also included are the Civil War pension index cards and Revolutionary War pension and bounty land warrant applications files with links to the images that reside in Footnote.com, a subscription resource you access for free within any Houston Public Library branch.

Research this new set of record collections at the Family Search beta test website <http://fsbeta.FamilySearch.org>. On the home page, click on the "All Collections" [link](#) to see and access each new record collection, 289 collections in all. That site and several other online tools and resources, can be accessed at <http://labs.familysearch.org>. Family Search intends to migrate these resources to its main www.FamilySearch.org website later this year.

Emily Croom Seminar – A Success!

by Neil Miserendino

We had a successful seminar with Emily Croom on Saturday May 1, 2010 at the College of the Mainland. Thank you to the people who were involved in the planning and coordination to make this event a success by securing the location, distributing publicity, providing guidance and equipment, processing registrations, ordering lunches, shopping, providing food and refreshments, donating door prizes and selling BAGS goodies.

Thank you to Annette Bowen, Alice Braud-Jones, Leslee Fehlman, Tammy Frey, Claudia Grafton, Melodey Hauch, Resa Hennings, Lewis Jarman, Shirley Lindquist, Loren Martin, Billy Mayo, Paula Sinning, and Robert Shelby who missed another event and assisted his wife, Emily Croom, at our seminar.

A big THANK YOU to Emily Croom who not only was the focus of the seminar but also donated four door prizes. You may follow her future events on her website *Unpuzzling Your Past with Emily Anne Croom* at www.unpuzzling.com.



Melodey Hauch and Paula Sinning



Left to Right & Top to Bottom

Kathleen Maca, Joyce Herrmann,
Dorothy Crabb and Shirley Lindquist

Thanks to Neil Miserendino !

We want to give a big **THANK YOU** to Neil Miserendino for all his hard work in chairing the Croom Seminar Committee. There are many details to coordinate for an event such as this, and it is very time consuming. Neil graciously took on this responsibility and put a lot of time and effort into it. The result was an excellent seminar. **Thank you, Neil!**

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, May 24, 2010	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Wednesday, May 26, 2010	9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library
Friday, May 28, 2010	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Speaker: Susan Kaufman, Clayton Library Manager, presents "Unusual resources...or...that is some cool stuff!" In the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
Wednesday, June 2, 2010	9:15 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 Speaker: Jerry Woodman presents "The Master Genealogist – Don't be Intimidated" In the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
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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 Potluck Dinner In the Chapel on 1 st Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for potluck dinner

**RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IN AUGUST FOR
2010-11 YEAR**

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Scheduled dates for future bus trips are:

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



We won't have any more scheduled trips until October 2010.

We meet in front of the **Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Lane** ([online map](#)). The county bus departs at **9:15 am** and leaves the Clayton Library at **3:00 pm** to arrive back at the parking lot before **4:00 pm**. The departure time has changed from 9:00 am to 9:15 am because the Clayton Library is now opening at 10:00 am. Bring a sack lunch, use the library's drink and snack machines, walk to the first floor deli at Park Plaza Medical building, or ride the bus to a nearby restaurant.

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.

BAGS Quarterly

Melodey Hauch, Quarterly Editor

The BAGS Quarterly always needs new articles about your family history research. Please submit information about your families, and remember they do not have to be Texas or Bay Area residents. We also enjoy reading about family cemeteries, no matter where they are. If you have not given Eleanor Caldwell a five-generation chart yet, you don't need to wait until every blank has been filled. You may find a cousin in BAGS. I did when mine was published last year. See me at the next meeting if you have suggestions or questions or e-mail me at rmhauch@comcast.net.

Membership

Tammy Frey, Registrar

What a month April was! Our Demolition Day meeting was quite interesting. It was a great opportunity to listen to what other people are working on (and stuck on!) and to hear what suggestions were made. We have some excellent genealogists in our group! I learned some new and helpful things that I am anxious to try in my genealogy work. As if that weren't enough, the very next day was the Emily Croom Seminar, which was outstanding. I can hardly wait to see what's planned next! Will you be there? I will!

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.



Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

For April, 43 members and 4 visitors attended the general meeting and 12 members attended the board meeting.

BAGS Cookbooks

Consider taking a cookbook to your summer family reunion as a gift, door prize, or silent action item.

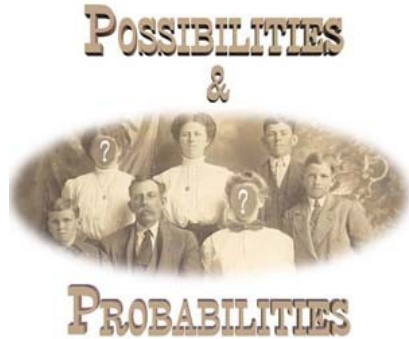
They are available at each general meeting.

BAG\$ Report for April

Bill Mayo, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,005.84
Income	\$1,225.50
Expenses	-\$388.22
Balance on hand 4/30/2010	\$3,843.12
CD Balance	\$5,242.62

14th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference



July 15-17, 2010 in Lufkin, Texas

Featured speakers are **Barbara Brixey Wylie** and her husband **John Vincent Wylie**. Along with other speakers, attendees will have over 24 sessions from which to choose.

Note that two optional all-day Thursday workshops are also offered. The land workshop by **Kelvin Meyers** is a hands-on session and is limited to 25 people. Early registration is recommended if you want to get in this one! A variety of research possibilities before and after the conference are noted - come early and stay late.

Conference sessions, times, registration information, and forms are available online at www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html

Comments or questions, please contact Trevia Wooster Beverly by phone 713.864-6862 or e-mail treviauwbeverly@comcast.net



3 Free Classes

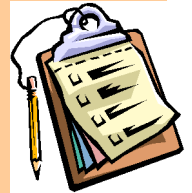
Clayton Library Center
for Genealogical Research

All on Saturday, June 19

Library Orientation
10:30 am – 11:30 am

Beginning Genealogy Basics
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Census Research Basics
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm



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

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

Unlocking Harris County's Past

Monday, June 28 at 10:00 am

at Friendswood Public Library
([online map](#))

Sarah Canby Jackson, CA will review genealogy resources available to the public at the Harris County Archives.

Ms. Jackson is the archivist for Harris County and assists with both county and public individual researchers in accessing records preserved at the archives (www.hctx.net/archives)



Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference

August 18-21, 2010 in Knoxville, Tennessee

Co-hosted by East Tennessee Historical Society and
Kentucky Historical Society

Program schedule, speakers, special events, registration,
hotel and travel information is published on the conference
website www.fgs.org/2010conference

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REMINDER

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Socializing at 6:30 pm

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June Issue is
Saturday, June 5, 2010