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Friday, July 30, 2010 at 7:00pm:

Gay Carter presents “Everything Old Is New Again: Electronic Government Information and 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](#))**



Gay E. Carter

Gay E. Carter will present an in-depth look at key government web sites genealogists should be using and how to use them, especially focusing on the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and a few that may be new to you!

Ms. Carter is the Reference/Documents Librarian at the Alfred R. Neumann Library, University of Houston–Clear Lake (UHCL). The library has been an official [Federal Depository Library](#) for selected U.S. government publications since 1980 and a [Texas Depository Library](#) for Texas state publications since 1988. She supervises the library's U.S. federal depository and Texas state depository collections and is active in the Government Documents Round Table of the Texas Library Association.

Ms. Carter holds a Master of Library Science degree from Texas Woman's University.

She has been with UHCL since it “opened its doors” in 1974 and became a government documents librarian in 1980. Engaged in genealogical research for almost 30 years, she is a member of several genealogical organizations that include BAGS and is an alumna of the Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR).

Access a description of the UHCL Government Documents Collection [online](#).
Access the UHCL Archives & JSC History Collection Archives Catalog [online](#).

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August Program

Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner
Plan to share a family story or memorabilia.
Setup starts at 6:00 pm with dinner beginning at 6:30 pm and the Show & Tell at 7:00 pm

July & August is
Membership Renewal Time

The 2010-2011 Society year begins September 1.
The application form has not changed.
If your information is the same, you may renew by simply paying your dues either at the general meetings or by mail.

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Message from the President

Tina Medlin-Chatham



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MEDLIN-CHATHAM

As I write this on July 4th, I think of all the freedom we enjoy in this country and those who have died fighting for that freedom. I am so grateful for those that have gone before us. And, for those who still fight for our freedom. I love being an American! And, as I have worked through my genealogy and made a trip to Ellis Island, I can't even imagine the hardships my ancestors faced before they came here and after they arrived. In one line of my family, I'm only the third generation born here. For them just getting here was a hard journey and then wondering if you would be well received or sent back had to be stressful. I am so grateful that they made that journey and stuck it out and settled here so that I can be the person that I am. God Bless America!



Tina



Welcome New Members!

Anita Cooper and Charles Sterling
of Houston

Don Versluys of Friendswood
(a returning member)

*Please extend a warm welcome
to our newest members.*

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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Resources: Texas Archives

Archives are wonderful research resources! Each archive maintains a unique set of materials. In most cases the materials themselves are not available online. In general, archives do not share a standard catalog or locating system for their housed materials. If you are interested in a specific archive, ask the staff if finding aids or pathfinders are available for the holdings. A finding aid provides the scope, contents, and inventory description for a specific record collection available for research. A pathfinder is a subject inventory for the holdings that lead you to a specific collection's finding aid. Many Texas archives publish finding aids to their holdings on the Web at [TARO](#) (Texas Archival Resources Online).

The Harris County Archives publish finding aids and pathfinders on their website www.hctx.net/archives. Look for the links in the navigation bar on the left-hand side of their website.

Archives of the Houston Area published a list of area archives including links to archive websites and summary brochures online at <http://houstonarchivists.org/area-archives>

The TXGenWeb Project has their own Texas archives database of records transcribed by volunteers that you can search on key terms (e.g. surnames) by county and record type at www.usgwarchives.net/search/search.cgi/searchtx.htm

Individual Texas county records are available on microfilm located at regional historical resource depositories (RHRD). Indexes for those county records are available online at www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/index.html. Choose a specific county to view the index and determine where the films are located. **For example, the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty, TX maintains records for Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, and Tyler counties.** The Galveston Country records available on microfilm through inter-library loan from Sam Houston Library include Census 1880, County Court Civil Minutes 1867-1908, deed records 1838-1886, marriage records 1838-1907, (naturalization) declarations of intention records 1876-1906; voter registration 1853-1873, 1894; tax rolls 1838-1910; District Court general docket 1840-1913 and civil minutes 1839-1909; and probate: wills 1838-1879, minutes 1838-1906, returns of sale 1848-1879, inventory 1848-1874,

final accounts 1836-1879, administration bonds 1848-1879. ([access index online](#))

The list of RHRD depositories, contact information, and county holdings is published online at www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/depositories.html.

June

BAGS Quarterly

Pickup your copy at the next general meeting.



Can You Help?

Here are some areas in which our members have requested help. If you are able to provide any assistance, please contact the member.

Gene Calvert - Everything!

Leona Cook - Colonial records in NJ, PA - early 1700's

Ron & Lynda Cox - Davis

Joe & Dolores Fields - Fields, Field, de la Feld, Coleman

Regina Flynn - 1785 father of Peter Skeffington, Meath Co., Ireland

Ludolf & Melinda Ingwersen - Finding location of family farm in this area

Jim & Marie Krnavek - Jones, Stewart

Betty Pace Lava - Divine, Byers, Pace, Reed, McDowell

Connie McDonald - Finding g-grandmother's name on father's side

Mary Olsen - Birthplace of James H. Houston - Fredericksburg, VA?

Margaret Parnell - Locating paternal g-g-grandfather Nathaniel Smalley b. 1813 Washington Co., PA

Terry Stubblefield - England Research locations, (Derby) & Barnsley

Trish Taylor - Irish Genealogy

TMG! TMG! TMG!

After seeing some of the features and capabilities *The Master Genealogist* (TMG) application (version 7) has to offer, I am singing its praises! Jerry Woodman provided a wonderful introduction at the June meeting. I had not seen TMG before and only heard negative comments that the application has too many features and configurable items to learn and use. However from what I saw, those features and items are fantastic benefits! For example, you can record multiple names for a person, multiple versions of a person's event with citations which handles tracking data discrepancies. No assumptions on relationships allows you to successfully document adoptive and foster child situations. Attach your family stories, digitized images (e.g. newspaper clippings, and pictures) to individuals. Import data directly from Family Origins, Family Tree Maker, Generations, Legacy, PAF Roots, Ultimate Family Tree, Family Gatherings, and Visual Roots.

Jerry Woodman will repeat this introduction at the Friendswood Public Library on Saturday, August 14 at 3:00pm.

Interested in learning more about TMG? Jerry hosts meetings for Q&A and discuss various aspects of TMG on the third Saturday of every month except July and December at 1:30 pm in Jury Room D located in the parking lot of the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Houston, TX ([online map](#)). Contact Jerry Woodman via e-mail woodmajh@hal-pc.org for more information and receive meeting reminders. While you are there, access *Ancestry.com* for free within the Parker Williams Library, a Harris County Public Library. Also get more information about TMG, view the user guide, and access a free 30-day trial license form the Wholly Genes website www.whollygenes.com.

Consumer Search, Inc. published a six-page article "Genealogy Software Review" in March 2010 [online](#) that covers options for both Windows and the Mac computers.

"2010 Genealogy Software Review Product Comparisons" by TopTenREVIEWS, Inc. provides an [online](#) matrix comparison of the top ten applications available for Microsoft Windows platforms.



Cool & Unusual Stuff: Research Progress Report

An update from last month's newsletter article (June 2010 issue, page 3) on researching my ancestors on the Kentucky's Nonpopulation Census Schedules 1860 & 1870. I submitted inter-library loan requests at my local public library to borrow two specific microfilm rolls. The requests were returned unfilled because the holding libraries were not willing to release the films. My next step is to contact the holding libraries directly to determine if they will provide paper copies of specific pages off the individual rolls for a fee. Stay tuned. – Kim Zrubek

Surnames Our Members Are Researching



Below is a continuation of the list of surnames of interest to our members. If you see someone who is researching one of your surname interests, contact them. If you find a connection, let us know!

Tina Medlin-Chatham - Medlin, Dunaway

Jim McLane – Gilliam

Randy McDaniel – Richardson

Mike & Sue Ann McCown - Bickham, Geraghty, Bradley, Brumfield, Buchanan, Bullock, Hart, Killelea, Luce, McFall, Morgan, O'Boyle, Peavy, Carter, Mahony, Towey

Bill & Vicki Mayo - Melton, Eads, Eaton

Mary Martin - Pauer (Peauer), Priest (Degory), Warren (Richard)

Loren Martin - Glazebrook, Elmore, Ping, Ellis

Bob Loyd - Loyd, Lloyd, Whitaker, Berry, Merriam

Maurine Lee - Gerome, Maley, Spagnola

Betty Pace Lava - Hopkins, Slaughter, Dinkins, Ford, Butts, Clanton, Foote, Byers, Glen, Hayward, Darling, Rice, McAlpin

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, July 26, 2010 6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Wednesday, July 28, 2010 9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library

LAST Bus Trip Until October!

Friday, July 30, 2010 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Speaker: Gay Carter, Reference/Documents Librarian
at the UHCL Alfred R. Neumann Library, presents
“Everything Old Is New Again: Electronic Government
Information and Genealogy”
In the Great Room on 2nd Floor at UBC
Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
Renew your membership for 2010-2011 year.
Pickup the new *BAGS Quarterly* June 2010 issue

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 1st Floor at UBC.
Park in the lot nearest to Middlebrook Dr. and enter
the Chapel door.
Setup begins at 6:00 pm.
Potluck dinner begins at 6:30 pm. BAGS will furnish
BBQ meats and drinks. Bring sides and desserts.
Renew your membership for 2010-2011 year.

New Society Year Begins September 1, 2010

Monday, September 20 2010 6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, September 24 2010 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
In the Great Room on 2nd Floor at UBC
Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.

Monday, October 25 2010 6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, October 29 2010 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
In the Great Room on 2nd Floor at UBC
Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Wednesday, July 28 is the last bus trip until October!

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.



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. For lunch, 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.

BAGS Quarterly issues published between 2001 and 2009 are available for purchase at the general meetings for \$3.00 per issue or \$10.00 for a set of 4 issues.

BAG\$ Report for June

Bill Mayo, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,408.33
Income	\$127.00
Expenses	<u>-\$61.50</u>
Balance on hand 6/30/2010	\$3,473.83
CD Balance	\$5,259.23

Membership

Tammy Frey, Registrar

Summer is off to a great start at BAGS! I must say that I am truly impressed at how knowledgeable and helpful our speakers are. Last month, Jerry Woodman made an excellent presentation about *The Master Genealogist*. His knowledge, his well-organized presentation, and his ability to answer all manner of difficult questions were all very informative. I'm thankful he was willing to give up his Friday evening for us!

After the meeting, we added three new members, which brings our total to 186. Since the new Society year begins September 1, **we are now accepting renewals** and new applications for the 2010-2011 Society year. The application form has not changed, so if your information is the same, you may renew by simply paying your dues either at the general meeting or by mail.

Don't forget to keep your information updated. It is especially important for us to have your current contact information. However, we also like to know of updates to the surnames you are researching and areas in which you can help individual members or the Society as a whole. You may contact me at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

For June, 46 members and 9 visitors attended the general meeting and 10 members attended the board meeting.

(Correction from last month's newsletter) For May, 49 members and 9 visitors attended the general meeting and 8 members attended the board meeting.



Galveston Historical Foundation

provides a number of tours and classes throughout the year. The calendar is [online](#).

There is a weekly *Behind The Scenes Tour of Bishop's Palace*.

On August 22 this tour is free.

For information and reservations, call 409-762-2475.

The group also hosts a weekly *Stand Walking Tour* call 409-765-7834 for information & reservations.

Ghosts of the Past

October 30, 2010

presented by the

League City Historical Society at the Fairview Cemetery in League City, TX

German-Texan Heritage Society

31st Annual Meeting

September 24 – 26 in

Fredericksburg, TX

at the Zion Lutheran Church

The schedule includes genealogy sessions, presentations on Fredericksburg churches, Admiral Nimitz, Grapetown, and Hermann Lehmann. Tours will be offered of private homes and cemeteries and field trips to areas of significant German-Texan history, including the very spot where Baron von Meusebach signed the treaty with the Comanches. Program information, registration, lodging, and a map can be found online at www.germantexans.org, call toll free 866-482-GTHS, or e-mail at info@germantexans.org.

Presented by Donald L. Pusch, Lt. Col. (Ret.), former President and Treasurer of Clayton Library Friends (CLF), Author and Genealogist

Saturday, August 14

at the Clayton Library Carriage House, located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas 77004 ([online map](#)).

Registration will be at 10:15, with the CLF meeting starting at 10:30. **Guest welcome!**

This talk should be of special interest to anyone having French ancestors who originally came to Louisiana as soldiers, as a great many of these men came to the colony on ships such as the Chariot Royal.

More information on the CLF [website](#).

“The Master Genealogist - Don't be Intimidated” presented by Jerry Woodman from HAL-PC

Saturday, August 14 at 3:00 pm
at Friendswood Public Library
([online map](#))



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

Next General Meeting
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Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC
Socializing at 6:30 pm

Deadline for
August Issue is
Saturday, August 7, 2010