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Friday, August 27, 2010: Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner

Public Invited. Join us at 6:30pm for potluck dinner.

We meet at the University Baptist Church
(16106 Middlebrook Drive, Clear Lake City - [online map](#))



Here is your chance to tell a brief family story about a treasured item, important family event, or research discovery. Tables are available to display your memorabilia.

Dinner and the program will be held in the Chapel located on the 1st floor at UBC. Park in the lot nearest to Middlebrook Drive and use the entrance facing that street.



You may arrive beginning at 6:00 pm to setup food dishes and items for the program. We will begin eating at 6:30 pm and start the program at 7:00 pm.

The Society will provide BBQ meats for the potluck dinner. Members are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert. Please remember to bring serving utensils.



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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

I've decided what my Grandma used say is true: *the older you get, the faster time goes*. It seems to get away from me lately. I sure hope everyone is enjoying the summer and having the kids and grandkids out of school. I had so many plans for getting genealogy trips done this summer and haven't accomplished but a few. Hope all of you are having better luck with your summer 'to do' lists. Remember to keep "attend BAGS meetings" on that list. I'm really excited about this month's Show & Tell program. I am always so fascinated by all the things our members have found or accomplished while working on their genealogy. Have a great summer!

Tina



Welcome New Members!

Polly Swerdlin of Houston

Doug Payne of Houston

*We are delighted to welcome
these new 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.

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Membership – It's Renewal Time!

Tammy Frey, Registrar

It's that time of year again! Our new Society year begins September 1, so the August meeting is the time to renew if you have not already done so. You may mail in your check if you can't attend the meeting. Thank you to all of you who have already renewed! There were many renewals at the July meeting, and we were delighted to gain two new members as well.

What wonderful resources we have within our membership! Gay Carter, who was our July speaker, is a charter member of BAGS and is the Reference/Documents Librarian at UHCL. Her presentation of electronic governmental resources for genealogy research was quite impressive and helpful. I couldn't wait to get home to check on some of them! If you missed it, you will at least want to get a copy of the hand out.

The August meeting will be fun with our potluck dinner and getting to see what we all bring for the Show & Tell. Bring a friend, some food for the potluck, and something from your genealogy to share. You know you want to. I haven't met a genealogist yet who doesn't love to share his or her stories! We want to hear them, and this is a great time to share!

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.

Government Resources

At last month's meeting, Gay Carter demystified the use of several electronic government resources to locate family history information.

For example, access the U.S. official web portal [USA.gov](http://www.usa.gov) (www.usa.gov) and enter "genealogy" in the search box (optionally add state or county names as additional qualifying terms). The result identifies Federal, State, and municipal government, library, and society resources. Try clicking on the "Images" link at the top of the page or the "Truly Free Genealogy Sites" link on the left-hand side of the results page.

The screenshot shows the Search.USA.gov website. The search box contains the word "genealogy". Above the search box, the words "Government Web" and "Images" are circled in red. Below the search box, the text "Results 1-10 of about 1,180,000 for 'genealogy'" is visible. On the left side, under "Related Searches", there is a list of links: "Free Genealogy Sites", "Free Genealogy Search", "Truly Free Genealogy Sites" (circled in red), "Free Genealogy Search Engines", and "Mormon Genealogy". On the right side, there are several search results, including "NARA: Genealogy", "Genealogy - U.S. Census Bureau", "Genealogy - Plano Community Library District", and "Genealogy at the Wisconsin Historical Society".

Viewing the images can lead you to resources such as USGS maps, NARA photo archives, and Maryland State Archives beginning genealogy workshop presentations. Looking for Native American record resources? Perform a search using the quoted terms "Free Native American Genealogy Sites".

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Help From Our Members

We can all benefit from the knowledge and experience of others. Here are the areas in which some of our members can possibly assist others.

Rosalva Aulenbacher - Spanish record translation

Renee Ball - NY, MD

Mary Bishop - Mayflower desc., DAR

Annette Bowen - Swedish & Norwegian, most Southern states

Terry Bowers - East Texas Research

Joe & Dolores Fields - DNA genealogical research

Claudia Grafton - Native American (civilized tribes)

Gus & Joan Homann - Partin, Gibbons

Ron & Lynda Cox - Cox

Connie McDonald - Online research with Ancestry

Janet Sikkenga - Indiana, Michigan

Surnames Our Members Are Researching

Joe & Dorsey Kastetter - Corder, Dorsey, Bentley

Judith Jackson - Jackson, Bruning, Ory, Lestrade (all in Louisiana)

Nancy Irle - New, Miles

Ludolf & Melinda Ingwersen - William Murdoch

Signe Hawley – Howze

Jim &Carolyn Gunderson - Gunderson, Hill, Peevey, Sanner, Knowles

Rose Mary Fritz – Nicholson

Joe & Dolores Fields - Fields, Radcliff, Coleman

Dottie Crabb - Fetter, Edwards

David & Bonnie Conrad - Morris, Paul, Vanpool, Leslie, Merritt, Sparks, Harmon, Jones, Watson, Hughes, Murray, McNamee, Beard, Buffington, Palmer, Nelson, Woolery, Woodall, Hutchinson

Deborah Cole - Powell, Wilson, Jaeger, Farrow, Edwards

Alice Braud-Jones - Aycok, Berteau(d)

Visit the *World Digital Library* (www.wdl.org) to study international history through primary materials from countries and cultures around the world. Read the actual *Journal of Captain Cook's Last Voyage to the Pacific Ocean, 1776-1779*. Listen to 101-year-old Fountain Hughes recalling his boyhood as a slave, the Civil War, and life in the United States as an African American from the 1860s to the 1940s. Watch the arrival of emigrants at Ellis Island in 1906. Browse by country, time period, format (books, journals, manuscripts, maps, prints and photographs, films, and sound recordings), or institution to access these rare and unique documents. Click on an image to access a historical description of that item and a link to access the complete book, map, photo, audio or video clip.

Government Resources (continued)

Catalog of U.S. Government Publications website (<http://catalog.gpo.gov>) provides a basic index to both depository and non-depository documents from all agencies. Try a search using the term "genealogy" (optionally add state or event as additional qualifying terms). Find a document of interest? If an electronic copy exists, a link will be provided under the Internet Access column. Otherwise, write down the "SuDoc Number" and contact reference librarian at the UHCL Neumann Library (281) 283-3910 to request the item.

Title	Year	Author	SuDoc Number	Internet Access
Application of Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act in the state of Hawaii : hearing before the Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate, One Hundred Eighth Congress, second session, on oversight hearing to receive testimony on the application of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act in the state of Hawaii, December 8, 2004, Honolulu, HI.	2005	United States.Congress.Senate.Committee on Indian Affairs (1993-)	Y 4.IN 2/11:S.HRG.108-768	http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS61275
Ancestry: 2000/	2004	Brittingham, Angela.	C 3.205/8-2:35	http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS54095
Historic trail map of the Leadville 1° x 2° quadrangle, central Colorado /	2004	Geological Survey (U.S.)	I 19.91/3:2820	http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS60087
Patriots of color : "a peculiar beauty and merit" : African Americans and Native Americans at Battle Road & Bunker Hill /	2004	Quintal, George.	I 29.2:P 27	
Black family research : records of post-Civil War federal agencies at the National Archives /	2003	United States.National Archives and Records Administration.	AE 1.124:108/2003	
Using maps in genealogy.	2002		I 19.127:099-02	http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS37866
Black family research : records of post-Civil War federal agencies at the National Archives /	2001	Washington, Reginald,	AE 1.124:108	

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, 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 use the entrance facing that street. Setup begins at 6:00 pm. Potluck dinner begins at 6:30 pm. BAGS will furnish BBQ meats and drinks. Bring a side or dessert and utensils.

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.

Free Classes at Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

For the Love of Paper! Scrapbook Storytelling and Your Family History

Saturday, August 21 2010 at 1:00-2:30pm

Wanted Dead or Alive, the Parents of Eli Hugh Davis

Saturday, August 28 2010 at 10:00-11:00am
Follow a case study to learn multiple research strategies used to discover the documents and paper trail left behind.

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

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

Irish Are Coming...Back! Scots/Irish Genealogical Seminar

Saturday, October 16, 2010
from 10:15am to 3:30pm at Clayton Library.
Details on insert in this newsletter.

CLASP Daytime Mini-course

“Memories to Memoirs” by Dion McInnis, associate vice president for university advancement, UHCL. **Three sessions on Mondays, September 13, 20, & 27 at 9:30-11am** in the Melvin Knapp Center on 2424 South Park Avenue in Pearland ([online map](#)) Reservations are requested for all mini-courses. Contact clasp@uhcl.edu, or call 281-283-2019 Visit www.uhcl.edu/clasp for complete schedule.

Committee News

HELP WANTED

We need a volunteer to take over leading our Telephone Committee.



Please contact Tina or any of the Board members for information or to volunteer.

BAG\$ Report for July

Bill Mayo, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,473.83
Income	\$590.15
Expenses	<u>-\$735.35</u>
Balance on hand 7/31/2010	\$3,328.63
CD Balance	\$5,259.23

BAGS Quarterly

Melodey Hauch

Don't forget to send in articles, Bible records, cemetery or military information on your ancestors for the *BAGS Quarterly*. Our publications are an important part of the society and we need your contributions. We try to publish a five-generation chart in every issue, so please send those to Eleanor Caldwell. Blanks are fine, you may find a distant cousin to help fill in those blanks.

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

Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

For July, 42 members and 4 guests attended the general meeting and 11 members attended the board meeting.



Ways You Can Be Involved

- Visit the BAGS Boutique during general meetings to purchase a cookbook or tote bag.
- Submit a family story or research article to Melodey Hanch for publishing in the *BAGS Quarterly*.
- Submit a five-generation pedigree chart of your family line to Eleanor Caldwell. The chart does not need to be complete and information about living relatives may be omitted. The charts are published in the *BAGS Quarterly*.
- Assist Neil Miserendino in transferring written Mt. Olivet Cemetery transcriptions into an electronic format.
- Assist Kim Zrubek in proofreading, editing, or organizing the *BAGS Newsletter*.

Research Bus Trips

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Scheduled research bus trips to Clayton Library resume in October, 2010.



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.

**San Antonio Genealogy and
Historical Society**

51st Annual Fall Seminar

Featuring Dr. John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.

October 16, 2010

at Doubletree Hotel Downtown,
502 W. Durango, San Antonio, TX ([online map](#))

Dr. Colletta is a faculty member of the Institutes of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University and the Salt Lake Institutes of Genealogy. Books published by Dr. Colletta include *They Came in Ships*, *Only a Few Bones*, and *Finding Italian Roots*.

Dr. Colletta's topics for this seminar will be:

- *Breaking Through Brick Walls – Use Your Head*
- *Using Newspapers for Family History Research*
- *Using Original and Derivative Sources: How to Evaluate Evidence*
- *How to Assemble and Write a Narrative Family History*

Costs, registration form and schedule are available [online](#). Alternatively contact the Society by phone 210-342-5242 or e-mail saghs@sbcglobal.net. The Society's website is <http://rootsweb.com/~txsaghs2>

Rice University Continuing Studies

Historic Houston Neighborhoods

**Eight Mondays, September 13-November 1,
7:00-8:30pm**

Co-sponsored by the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance, local historians Stephen Fox, Betty Trapp Chapman, and Courtney Tardy discuss the planning, birth, growth, rebirth and preservation attempts for the neighborhoods Westmoreland, Broadacres, Shadow Lawn and Shadyside, Country Club Place and Idylwood, Garden Oaks and Oak Forest, Independence Heights and Magnolia Park and Courtlandt Place.

Real Pirates and the Science of Shipwrecks

**Seven Tuesdays, September 21-November 9,
6:30-8:00pm (no class November 2)**

A companion course to an Houston Museum of Natural Science [exhibition](#) explores the fascinating



**Texas State Genealogical Society
2010 Annual Conference in Waco, TX**

**Featuring Barbara Vines Little, CG of
Orange, VA & Teri Flack of Austin, TX**

November 5-6, 2010

at the Hilton Waco,
113 S University Parks Drive ([online map](#))

Barbara Vines Little, CG specializes in Virginia and West Virginia record sources, land platting, lineage applications, and compiled genealogies. She will present the topics:

- *Using All the Census Data: Agricultural, Manufacturing, Population, Slave, Social*
- *Teasing the Silent Woman from the Shadows of History*
- *Born in Virginia: How Do I Find Him*
- *Digging Deeper in Virginia: What We Can Learn from Colonial Land Patents*

Teri Flack of Austin, TX will present

- *Finding Your Ancestors in the Republic of Texas*
- *Keeping the Home Fires Burning: The Texas Homefront During the Civil War*

Registration form, schedule and hotel information are available [online](#) in one PDF document or access TSGS website at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs and then click on the "Conference" link.

science of marine archaeology, the slave trade at the time of the Whydah (1715-1717) and the lives of real pirates versus their romanticized movie counterparts. Lecturers include marine archaeologists, shipwreck researchers and Barry Clifford, the underwater explorer who found the Whydah and who continues to excavate its remains.

Complete descriptions for both courses are printed on page 7 & 8 in the 2010 Fall Course Schedule which is available [online](#) in PDF format. Page 49 provides registration information. For more information, access their website www.gscs.rice.edu or call 713-348-4803 during business hours Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

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REMINDER

Show & Tell
Friday, August 27 at 7:00 pm
Chapel (1st Floor) UBC
Potluck Dinner at 6:30 pm

Deadline for
September Issue is
Saturday, September 4, 2010

Membership Application

Please bring to meeting or mail to above address with payment.

Membership: New _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

Full Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Preferred Name for Name Tag (include maiden name?) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP Code _____

E-mail _____ Phone # _____

If this is a family membership, list the other family members' full names & name tag preferences:

Occupation or, if retired, previous occupation of primary member _____

Occupation or, if retired, previous occupation of other member(s) _____

May we print your address, e-mail address and phone number in the Society's yearbook? Yes ___ No ___

Research interests, surnames _____

I need help with _____

I can help with (e.g., German translation, NY research...) _____

The Society needs your participation. Check the committee(s) on which you are willing to serve:

- | | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auditing | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail | <input type="checkbox"/> Member Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Master |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ | | |

Payment – To calculate your payment, please choose one from each category:

Single membership \$20

Family membership ... \$25 \$ _____

Quarterly & Yearbook by mail ... \$5 \$ _____

(Mailed all together at year end; included at no additional charge if picked up by end of Society year)

Donation ... (see suggested levels below) \$ _____

Make checks out to "BAGS" Cash Check # _____ TOTAL \$

Please consider a higher level of support for the Society:

Contributor - \$30-\$49, **Patron** - \$50-\$599, **Lifetime** membership - \$600 or higher.

BAGS is a non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Contribution confirmation letters may be requested from Registrar and picked up at the following meeting.

The Irish are Coming.....back!

Clayton Library Friends
Presents

Scots/Irish Genealogical Seminar
Brian Trainor and Fintan Mullan
Ulster Heritage Society

Saturday, October 16, 2010

10:15a.m. – 3:30p.m.



at Clayton Library – Carriage House

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

Donation:

\$30.00 until September 15th

\$40.00 – September 15th - until October 10th

Optional Lunch - \$10.00 with registrations received by Oct.10

Lunch Sandwich Choice: (circle one)

Turkey Roast Beef

Veggie Tuna

ON

White or Wheat



Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Amount Included: \$ _____ Check #: _____

Make Checks to: Clayton Library Friends and note “Irish Seminar”

Mail Registration To:

Clayton Library Friends, P. O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078

For More Information Contact: president@claytonlibraryfriends.org