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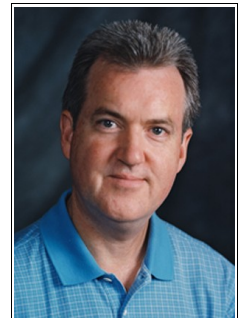
January 2011

Friday, January 28, 2011: James P. Bevill presents “Behind the Battle: Financing the Texas Revolution”

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](#))**

The audience will be treated to a visual journey through the financial instruments used by the Provisional Government of Texas (1835-1836) and how it relates to the dramatic events which enabled Texas to gain her independence from Mexico. This powerful presentation puts the audience at the epicenter of the fund raising efforts for the rebel government and reveals the inner workings of a precarious financial system. The issuance of promissory notes kept the revolutionary government afloat until the dramatic funding of a lifesaving loan from land speculators in New Orleans in April 1836. It offers a surprising revelation about the role which land speculation and money played in the present day location and the founding of the City of Houston.



James P. Bevill

James P. Bevill is the author of *The Paper Republic: The Struggle for Money, Credit and Independence in the Republic of Texas*, a non-fiction work on the social and economic history of Texas from the colonial period through the annexation by the United States in 1845. His book was named as the 2010 winner of the Summerfield G. Roberts Award by the Sons of the Republic of Texas, and as the Best Specialized book on U.S. Paper Money by the Numismatic Literary Guild at the American Numismatic Association World's Fair on Money in Boston. Mr. Bevill is a graduate of University of Houston-Clear Lake, past President of the Texas Numismatic Association, and an honorary member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas for his preservation of

the history of the money and the economy of the Republic of Texas. He lives in Houston and works as a wealth management advisor with a primary focus on retirement asset management. Check out the [online interview](#) “A chat with James Bevill” published on December 20, 2009 in *Houston Chronicle: Bayou City History* blog by J.R. Gonzales.

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*Pick up your copy of the
BAGS Quarterly December 2010 issue
during the January meeting.*

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Message from the President

Tina Medlin-Chatham



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Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season and lots of time spent with family and friends. I've made my New Year's resolution list and over half of the list relates to the many genealogy projects I have going. I have several that I plan to finish this year. I have two projects that I carried over for 2010 but at least I'm over half done with them so maybe this will be the year I finish them. As all of you think of your resolutions I hope you include attending more BAGS meetings on that list. I look forward to seeing all of you at the January meeting.

Tina



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.

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Got Travel Plans for the New Year?

Consider attending a genealogy conference or workshop this year to discover new tools or resources and get energized! Now is the time to register and plan travel. Get the latest scoop on conferences worldwide from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter [conference blog](#).

Washington, D.C. Research Tour: DAR, LOC, NARA on March 6–13, 2011 hosted by New England Historical Genealogy Society. www.americanancestors.org/events

Family History Library Research Retreat on April 10-15 and October 30-November 4, 2011 at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah. www.familyhistoryexpos.com

National Genealogical Society 2011 Family History Conference: Where the Past is Still Present on **May 11-14, 2011** at Charleston Area Convention Center in North Charleston, South Carolina. www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research Education Forum on June 12-17, 2011 at the Samford University Library in Birmingham, Alabama. www4.samford.edu/schools/ighr

Angelina College Genealogy Conference: Family Myths and Realities on July 15-16, 2011 at the Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas. www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html

BAGS Quarterly

With the December 2010 issue, the BAGS Quarterly will begin its tenth year of publication. This latest issue will be available at the January meeting.

Make a New Year's resolution to write a piece of your family's history for publication in our Quarterly.

FamilySearch Conference on Family History and Genealogy: *Strengthening Ties That Bind Families Together Forever* on July 26–29, 2011 at the BYU Conference Center in Provo, Utah. <http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgeneal>

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference: *Pathways to the Heartland* on September 7-10, 2011 at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Illinois. www.fgs.org/2011conference/index.php

Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference in the Fall. Details to be announced. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs

Land Record Research Notes

Want to know how to decipher the land location description that includes the terms of meridian, township, range, section, aliquots and lots? The glossary entry [Rectangular Survey System](#) on the Bureau of Land Management's General Land Office website (www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov) provides a concise explanation of the terms and links to an illustrative [guide](#).

A [beta version](#) of the General Land Office records database is available. This new version has all the same record information and images but provides an extra feature, “**Related Documents**” tab, allowing you to easily discover the people involved in owning the surrounding land patents. Other planned features are map-based searching and record land locations linked to Google Maps.

From 1788 to 1855 the United States granted military bounty land warrants as a reward for military service. In the land warrants, the military rank and service is often listed with the person who received the military warrant, the warrantee. For example 12/15/1859 warrant lists warrantee William Carrick, Senior, Private, Captain Gray's Company, Virginia Militia, War 1812 and warrant 8/15/1860 lists warrantee Margaret Carrick widow of William Carrick, Private, Captain Allen's Company, New York Militia, New York Frontiers Disturbances.

The land patent records for sales of Federal Government lands to individuals may include information such as maiden name, alias, heirs, assignees, company name, or state.

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness

www.raogk.org

Look for a volunteer or be one.

In every U.S. State and many international locations, people are donating time to do simple research favors for free.

Requestors must cover expenses for postage, copy/print, etc.

Research Volunteers Wanted

The Harris County Archives (www.hctx.net/archives) is creating a GIS map of the Harris County precinct boundaries from 1900 – 1910. Sarah Canby Jackson, HCA's Archivist, is asking for volunteers to locate and send biographical information about the Justices of the Peace officers and Constables that held office during 1900-1910. She already has bios on several JPs, constables, commissioners, and county judges. At time of printing, Sarah needed information on the following officials (names, terms, and precincts are listed). Mail, e-mail, or fax information to Harris County Archives located at Criminal Justice Center, 1201 Franklin, 12th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002; sarah.jackson@itc.hctx.net; 713-368-7640 and (fax) 713-437-4140.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

W. B. Hill, 1901-1902, Precinct 1
M. McDonald (Pos. 1), 1906-1910, Precinct 1
M. F. Bell, 1900-1904, Precinct 2
R. A. Milam, 1902-1910, Precinct 2
Charles A. Tomlinson, 1900-1906, 1910, Precinct 3
E. M. Kincaide, 1906-1908, Precinct 3
William Gibson, 1908-1910, Precinct 3
Sam J. Perkins, 1900-1904, Precinct 4
Nick Lambrecht, 1904-1908, Precinct 4
F. K. Wise, 1908-1910, Precinct 4
Gus Seidel, 1900-1902, Precinct 5
William Martens, 1902-1910, Precinct 5
J. B. Reeves, 1900-1902, Precinct 6
Frank Peterson, 1902-1910, Precinct 6
J. G. Dupale, 1910-, Precinct 6
Thomas Pevoteaux, 1900-1904, Precinct 7
J. W. Hobson, 1904-1906, Precinct 7
Charles Klein, 1906-1910, Precinct 7
J. Hamblen, 1910-, Precinct 7
M. McDonald, 1900-1904, Precinct 8
C.F. William Schulz, Jr., 1904-1906, Precinct 8
B. Claussenius?, 1906-1908, Precinct 8
E. Gaul, 1908-1910, Precinct 8

Roots in Germany?

“Deutsch Lands” by James M. Beidler in *Family Tree Magazine* December 2009 issue, pages 47-53 provides a good general introduction to records, books, organizations and online resources available for researching Germany’s historical regions:

Prussia, Palatinate, Wurttemberg, Ostfriesland, Schleswig-Holstein, Hesse, Saxony, Thuringia, Baden and Bavaria.

This article is available [online](#) and the magazine is available at your local library.

CONSTABLES

W. W. Glass, 1900-1904, Precinct 1
Frank Smith, 1908-1910, Precinct 1
Tom Williams, 1900-1902, Precinct 2
W. H. Burke, 1902-1904, Precinct 2
W. C. Coghlan, 1904-1906, Precinct 2
E. E. Isgitt, 1906-1910, Precinct 2
T. W. Tompkins, 1900-1904, Precinct 3
W. C. Wade, 1904-1906, Precinct 3
J. B. Magee, 1906-1908, Precinct 3
Thomas Parkins, 1908-1910, Precinct 3
A. N. Donelson, 1910-, Precinct 3
E. H. Durdin, 1900-1902, Precinct 4
Will Humble, 1902-1908, Precinct 4
W. F. Bunn, 1908-1910, Precinct 4
Herman Imhoff, 1910-, Precinct 4
Jacob Michel, 1900-1904, Precinct 5
Fritz Thies, 1904-1906, Precinct 5
W. Peters, 1906-1908, Precinct 5
F. Treichel, 1908-1910, Precinct 5
H. L. Metzler, 1910-, Precinct 5
J. Pie, 1900-1902, Precinct 6
Charles Almond, 1902-1904, Precinct 6
Aug. Kalbrow, 1904-1906, Precinct 6
Charles Dolan, 1906-1908, Precinct 6
Herman Gueldner, 1908-1910, Precinct 6
G. Piel, 1910-, Precinct 6
Riley Fussell, 1900-1902, Precinct 7
L. Bonin, 1902-1904, Precinct 7
S. O. Harvey, 1904-1906, Precinct 7
Lee Burroughs, 1906-1908, Precinct 7
W. C. West, 1908-1910, Precinct 7
A. G. Sellers, 1910-, Precinct 7
J. J. Blaske, 1900-1904, Precinct 8
J. W. Ojeman, 1904-1908, Precinct 8
W. Howard, 1908-1910, Precinct 8

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, January 24, 2011 6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
- Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library
- Friday, January 28, 2011 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Speaker: James Bevill, author of *The Paper Republic*
Meet in the Great Room on 2nd Floor at UBC
Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
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- Wednesday, February 16, 2011 9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library
- Monday, February 21, 2011 6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
- Friday, February 25, 2011 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Speaker: Cary Hall presents “Wanted Dead or Alive,
the parents of Eli Hugh Davis”
Meet in the Great Room on 2nd Floor at UBC
Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
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- Monday, March 21, 2011 6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
- Friday, March 25, 2011 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Speaker: Nick Cimino
Meet in the Great Room on 2nd Floor at UBC
Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
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- Monday, April 25, 2011 6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
- Friday, April 29, 2011 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Program: *Annual BAGS Demolition Day: Breaking
down your research “brick walls”*
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- Monday, May 23, 2011 6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
- Friday, May 27, 2011 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Meet 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

Make a New Year's resolution to catch the bus to Clayton Library on one of the following dates:



**Wednesday, January 26, 2011 and
Wednesday, February 16, 2011.**

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 Rec Center parking lot before **4:00 pm**. 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.

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 have a current listing of library trips.

If you have not been to the Clayton Library, consider going with our group and see what you can discover about your ancestors. We have several experienced genealogists who go on the bus and may be able to share some helpful ideas with you. The librarians are always available to help you get started finding your ancestors. There is also a packet of information the library provides to first time visitors which is very helpful.

*Interested in serving as the
Telephone Committee Chairperson?
Contact Tina Medlin-Chatham*

Membership Tammy Frey, Registrar

Another new year is here! That fresh start is always so exciting, filled with renewed hope and good intentions. We hope that one of your resolutions is to become even more involved with BAGS this year. Our BAGS family is a great resource of genealogical knowledge and skills. Let's make the best use of them this year! ...See you at the January meeting!

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.



Lynn Finger, BAGS Historian, is collecting items for the 2010 scrapbook.

Please send her pictures, newspaper clippings, flyers, program materials, and any other item of memorabilia that records BAGS events. Specifically, Lynn needs materials from the Emily Croom seminar. She is also interested in newspaper clippings about BAGS members.

BAG\$ Report for December Bill Mayo, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,826.82
Income	\$20.00
Expenses	-\$31.30
Balance on hand 12/31/2010	\$3,815.52
CD Balance	\$6,290.18

Free Genealogy Programs

The [Clayton Library](#) is offering free classes in January. Reservations are required. Call the library at 832-393-2600. The library is located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas 77004 ([online map](#)).

The library will be closed January 16 & 17 for Martin Luther King Day Observance.

Daughters of the American Revolution Day Saturday, January 22 from 10:30am to 4:30pm

Ever wonder how to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)? Representatives from local DAR chapters will be at Clayton Library for consultation and research help in preparing lineage papers for submission to the DAR. Reservations are not required.

20th Century Military Research

Saturday, January 29 from 10:30am to 11:30am

Explore how to find elusive military service records for your family members and why they are important to your research. This session will include on-line resources to assist you with finding documentation of your family member's patriotic service in the United States military from World War I through Vietnam. Although seating will be theater style (no tables set up), please feel free to bring your laptop to follow along with the web examples. However, personal laptop help will not be offered during this session.

War Dead Research from World War I through the Gulf War

Saturday, January 29 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm

This presentation offers what files are available, what to ask for, and where to go to get information on your family members who have paid the ultimate price in the defense of our country. The class will assist you in finding the answers to many questions about the individual's death while in the military. Although seating will be theater style (no tables set up), please feel free to bring your laptop to follow along with the web examples. Personal laptop help will not be offered during the session.

Clayton Library Friends Meeting

Susan Kaufman, Manager of the Clayton Library, will present a program on the new collections at Clayton and their use. **Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Clayton Library.** Register at 10:15am and the meeting starts at 10:30am.

Trevia Wooster Beverly presents "Proving Ancestral Residence in the Republic of Texas"

Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 9am to 12pm at the Baytown Community Center on 2407 Market Street, Baytown (the building to the right of the Baytown City Hall, [online map](#))

This seminar will guide you from the entry points into the Republic, through repositories and records, and special collections available for research during the Spanish, French and Mexican periods through the Texas Revolution in 1836.

Seminar hosted by the Baytown Genealogy Society and the Atascocita-Kingwood Genealogy Society. Pre-registration fee is \$12 prior to February 21, 2011. For further information, please contact James Winston at piper965@aol.com.

Land Deed & Tax Records

Monday, January 24 at 10:30am in the Friendswood Public Library ([online map](#))

Nancy Royce from the Friendswood Family History Center will explain how to search, locate and understand the information in these records. Program is free and open to the public.

The Master Genealogist (TMG) Software Training Sessions

Jerry Woodman hosts these sessions on the 3rd Saturday of every month (except July and December) from 9:00 am to noon at the HAL-PC Headquarters, 4543 Post Oak Place Dr., Suite 200, Houston (in the Galleria area, [online map](#)). **The afternoon sessions scheduled at the Parker Williams Library have been cancelled.** These meetings offer a Q&A session along with a presentation on some aspect of TMG. The group meets as a Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Houston Area League of PC Users (HAL-PC). HAL-PC membership is not required to attend the meetings, but encouraged since dues help defray expenses. For more information, contact Jerry by e-mail woodmajh@hal-pc.org.

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REMINDER

Next General Meeting is
Friday, January 28 at 7:00 pm
Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC
Socializing at 6:30 pm

Deadline for
February Issue is
Saturday, February 5, 2011

