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Friday, February 25, 2011: Cary Hall presents "Wanted Dead or Alive, the Parents of Eli Hugh Davis"

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](#))**

Genealogy involves using multiple sources to analyze and create a family narrative. This presentation is a case study about the discovery of documents and paper trail left by the Eli Hugh Davis family. Multiple research strategies will be discussed, as well as the importance of primary and secondary sources. Following case studies are a great way to learn more about how to use specific resources, understand how to solve specific research problems, and discover new research methodologies.



Cary Hall

A native Texan, Mrs. Hall began her genealogy obsession in the early 1980s during a Hall family reunion. This obsession led her to Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. She became a full-time employee at Clayton in July 1996 and has moved up into the position of Library Assistant Supervisor. Mrs. Hall is married, with two children and six grandchildren. Current hobbies include genealogy, photography, scrapbooking, electronics and travel.

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Need Volunteers for the Officer Nominating Committee

Three members from the general membership are needed to complete the officer nominating committee. In addition to these volunteers, two current Board members will serve on the committee. The slate of officers should be presented to the current Board of Directors at the May 2011 Board meeting. If you are willing to serve on the nominating committee, please contact Tina Medlin-Chatham by phone 281-479-6455 or email at President@TxBayAreaGen.org.

***Pick up your copy of the BAGS Yearbook
2010-2011 and the BAGS Quarterly
December 2010 issue at the next meeting.***

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Message from the President

Tina Medlin-Chatham



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MEDLIN-CHATHAM

Hope all of you are keeping warm in the crazy cold weather. The cold weather has kept me indoors more than usual and that has been great because I've used the time to catch up on several of my genealogy projects. Last week I was able to finish up two family cookbooks. Both families will be happy to see those soon since they have been waiting on me to finish them for two years! Hopefully I will finish up another project or two this month.

For those of you that attended the January meeting, wasn't it great? As a 5th generation Texan it was fascinating to me.

Keep warm and safe and look forward to seeing you all at the February meeting.

Tina

The Annual TSGS Conference is coming to Houston!

November 4-5, 2011 the Texas State Genealogical Conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel near Hobby Airport. Help is needed in planning and working this conference. If you are interested in being part of this event, contact Claudia Grafton via email at VicePresident@TxBayAreaGen.org

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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Maiden Name Research Notes

Submitted by Kim Zrubek

As a reminder on how common genealogy record resources can help you track down a female ancestor's maiden name, read the online article "[Top 10 Places to Find Maiden Names](#)" by Kimberly Powell published on *About.com Guide* website.

Locate print and online resources of primary source collections through a subject index and finding aides published on [American Women's History: A Research Guide](#) website provided by Ken Middleton, a reference librarian at Walker Library, Middle Tennessee State University. Follow Middleton's blog titled *Women's History Sources* (<http://womenshistorysources.blogspot.com>) for new and notable primary sources (exhibits, digital collections, books) in archives, historic sites, museums, and libraries.

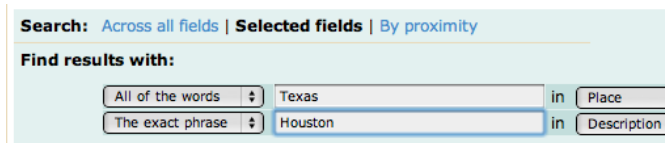
From Middleton's guide, I discovered a wonderful free online resource called [Discovering American Women's History Online](#). This database simplifies access to an existing set of free online digital collections consisting of primary sources (photos, letters, diaries, artifacts, etc.) that document the history of women in the United States.

There are approximately 490 diverse digital collections accessible through *Discovering American Women's History Online*. You may search this group of collections by keywords or browse by subject (150+ entries), U.S. State, time period (1600s to 2009), and primary source type (e.g. diaries, scrapbooks, yearbooks, quilts, census, newspapers).

I looked for collections involving either Houston or Galveston. I found the [Mary \(Mrs. Anson\) Jones Letters](#) collection from The University of Houston Libraries' Special Collections had been digitized and is accessible online at *Portal to Texas History*, hosted by University of North Texas Libraries. Mary was the first President of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. You can see and read the original documents for some of her land deeds, power of attorney, property lists and law suits. This is part of a large collection of her personal letters

discussing local affairs, family, and friends dated between 1866 and 1882. I used keyword searching to locate this collection. But browsing by U.S. State and choosing Texas would have been just as effective.

To search for collections involving a specific city, click on [advanced search](#) and then choose '**Selected fields.**' For example, enter **Texas** in the first box and choose '**Place**' for the first field name. Only U.S. States names are used in the '**Place**' field. Enter **Houston** in the second box and choose '**Description**' for the second field name. Specific cities are listed in the descriptions of the collections.



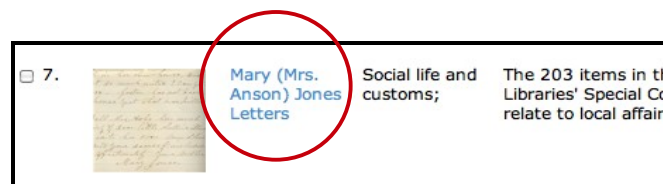
Search: [Across all fields](#) | **Selected fields** | [By proximity](#)

Find results with:

All of the words	Texas	in	Place
The exact phrase	Houston	in	Description

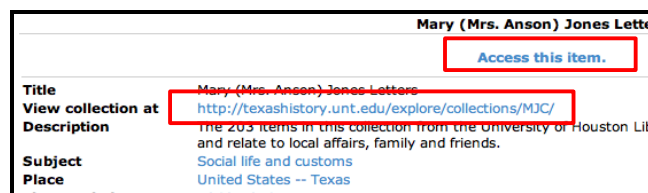
Advanced Search by Selected Fields

On the results page of searching or browsing, click on the title of one of the collections listed.



Search Results Listing

Within the collection's description, click on the **link** to the right of '**View collection at**' label or the '**Access this item**' link. This will access the collection's digital contents or a search interface for the contents.



Mary (Mrs. Anson) Jones Letters

[Access this item.](#)

Title: Mary (Mrs. Anson) Jones Letters

View collection at: <http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/MJC/>

Description: The 203 items in this collection from the University of Houston Libraries and relate to local affairs, family and friends.

Subject: Social life and customs

Place: United States -- Texas

Collection Description Page

[These ideas came from the article "15 Fantastic Sites For Tracing Female Ancestors" by Lisa A. Alzo published in *Internet Genealogy*, October/November 2010 issue, pages 34-35.]

Indian Trail Marking

Submitted by Neil Miserendino

The [Indian River Lagoon](#) in Florida spans nearly the entire coastal extent of Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties. An unusually shaped oak tree located along this lagoon caught my curiosity. I found information that explained how Native Americans would mark the trails by bending trees. Maybe this tree was bent to mark a trail long ago. Since this tree is not large, it may not be old enough. However, the saltwater and bending could have stunted the tree's growth. Nearby the [Bent Pine Golf Club](#) located in Indian River County is named after a similarly bent pine tree located on the eighteenth fairway.

Elaine Jordan wrote the book *Indian Trail Trees* discussing and documenting many bent trees in Ellijay, Georgia. This book was published by Jordan Ink Publishing Company in 1997 and is available on [Amazon.com](#).

The Mountain Stewards are sponsoring [The Trail Tree Project](#) in hopes of determining if the bent trees are from natural causes or a legacy from a former culture. The project established a central registry database to record information about probable trees existing today across the American Continent. Anyone can submit a tree for review and possible inclusion in the database. Do you have one in your neighborhood? Currently, there are over 1600 trees already collected and their graphic distribution is shown on an interactive map. Click on a map section to view individual tree pictures. This organization is currently applying for a grant to continue work in age determination and map correlation to natural or historical landmarks.

Got a GPS unit? The locations of interesting trail trees have been documented on [Waymarking.com](#) under the category [Native American Trail Trees](#). [Waymarking.com](#) is an online resource allowing people to share and discover unique and interesting locations on the planet by latitude and longitude coordinates. Try finding one when you are in the area.



Possible old trail marker along Indian River Lagoon, Florida

Tidbits from last month's program...

During last month's program, James Bevill provided an entertaining account along with images of original documents of the financial struggles and deals made by the Republic of Texas government representatives. Mr. Bevill mentioned several original documents and artifacts would be on display as part of ***Texas! The Exhibition: Making History Since 1519*** which opens Sunday, March 6 and runs through September 5, 2011 at the Houston Museum of Natural Science (5555 Hermann Park Drive, Houston, [online map](#)).

While you are in the area, take a look at the [Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum](#) located between Ben Taub Hospital and the Houston Zoo (1510 Cambridge Street, [online map](#)) and is open to the public on regularly scheduled afternoons. The museum's mission is to collect and preserve documents and relics relating to the early history of Texas, Texans, and Houston; and to encourage the study of Texas history through exhibits, literature and educational programs. The Log House is owned by the San Jacinto Chapter of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas [www.sanjacintodrt.org](#).

February 19 is Texas Statehood Day

Texas was officially annexed to the United States on December 29, 1845.

The state government was inaugurated in 1846.

From "TEXAS CENTENNIAL OF STATEHOOD"

Handbook of Texas Online

[www.tshaonline.org/handbook](#)

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, 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 2 nd Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
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 presents “How to trace your ancestors in Italy” Meet in the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
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 Speaker: Gay Carter, Reference/Documents Librarian at the Alfred R. Neumann Library, UHCL Meet in the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
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 2 nd Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
Monday, June 20, 2011	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, June 24, 2011	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Speakers: Eric and Glenda Sandifer present “Who Were the Huguenots?” Meet in the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Next bus trip is scheduled for

Wednesday, February 16, 2011.

New dates for future bus trips will be selected in March.

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.

Membership

Tammy Frey, Registrar

It was great to see so many of you at the January meeting after our holiday break! Our current enrollment is 159 members strong. There were so many people at the last meeting that we had to put out more chairs! And, it was a meeting well worth attending; James Bevill was an excellent presenter. If you missed it, you might want to buy a copy of his award-winning book *The Paper Republic: The Struggle for Money, Credit and Independence in the Republic of Texas*. Mark your calendars for the February meeting and bring your friends! We love to put out extra chairs!

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.

*Did you send a valentine
to a member of your
family tree?*



Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

For January, 56 members and 10 visitors attended the general meeting and 10 members attended the board meeting.

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

Ancestor ...



BAG\$ Report for January 2011

Bill Mayo, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,815.52
Income	\$86.00
Expenses	<u>-\$679.00</u>
Balance on hand 1/31/2011	\$3,222.52
CD Balance	\$6,290.18

Free Genealogy Programs at Clayton Library

Finding Ancestral Clues in Family Maps and Texas Land Survey Maps Series on Friday, February 25, 2011 from 10:30am to 11:30am

The Family Map Series are sets of original landowner maps at the county level and are nationwide. Join the creator of this series of very useful genealogical research maps for a deeper understanding of the material found in this series and how to utilize them to your best advantage. Reservations are required.

The First 12 Skeletons in My Closet on Friday, February 25, 2011 from 11:45am to 12:45pm

Visit with Greg Boyd, creator of the Family Map Series, who will share case study material offering some of the wild and woolly discoveries he's made about his family. He will discuss how talking about family dysfunction can help ease the family history research road traveled by future generations. Reservations are required.

Upcoming Digital Tools from Arphax Publishing Friday, February 25, 2011 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm

You will be among the first to learn of some of the most exciting new genealogical research tools to come along in a long time. See how Arphax Publishing intends to make meaningful historical / geographical research a simple reality. Reservations are required.

Is it a Cemetery if it's not on a Map? on Friday, February 25, 2011 from 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Greg Boyd will continue his discussion of Arphax's new research tools, and focus on a new cemetery location tool which encourages community involvement and sharing of information with the hope of assisting researchers and at the same time better preserve our nations' cemeteries and burial grounds. Reservations are required.

For class reservations, call the Clayton Library at 832-393-2600. The library is located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas 77004 ([online map](#)).

Foreign Language Records

Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00pm in the Friendswood Public Library ([online map](#))

Learn methods and tools for researching non-English records.

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum

Sunday, February 27, 2011 from 2pm to 5pm at 1510 Cambridge Street, Houston ([online map](#)).
Sponsored by San Jacinto Chapter of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas (www.sanjacintodrt.org)

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. The registration form is on page 9 in the electronic version of this newsletter. For further information, please contact James Winston at piper965@aol.com.

Modern Military Records presented by Craig Scott, CG

Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Bayland Community Center on 6400 Bissonnet, Houston ([online map](#))

Sponsored by Houston Genealogical Forum, this program will cover researching records of the Spanish American War, World War I and II, Indian Wars, and "records you may not know".

Cost:

HGF Members \$20 before March 6: at the door \$25
Non-Members \$25 before March 6: at the door \$30
Optional PICNIC box lunch order by March 16: \$10

The registration forms are on pages 10&11 in the electronic version of this newsletter. Or access the forms [online](#) at www.HGFTX.org

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REMINDER

Next General Meeting is
Friday, February 25 at 7:00 pm
Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC
Socializing at 6:30 pm

Deadline for
March Issue is
Saturday, March 5, 2011

Proving Ancestral Residence in the Republic of Texas

Saturday, March 5, 2011 * 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Tejas Room, Baytown Community Center
2407 Market Street (the building to the right of the Baytown City Hall)
Hosted by
The Baytown Genealogy Society & The Atascocita-Kingwood Genealogy Society
Speaker: Trevia Wooster Beverly

One Registration per person, please.

Full Name: _____

Ladies, please include your maiden name.

Address			
Street Address or P.O. Box	City/Town	State	Zip Code

Area Code & Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Member of Baytown Genealogy Society () Atascocita–Kingwood Genealogy Society ()

Other: _____

Registration Cost**

\$12 for pre-registration before Monday, February 21 ()

\$15 after February 21 and at the door ()

High School students:

Name of School: _____ Grade _____

\$10 pre-registration before Monday, February 21 ()

\$12 after February 21 and at the door ()

****MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BAYTOWN GENEALOGY SOCIETY**

Return completed registration form along with your registration fee to:

James Winston
7838 Hunters Peak Lane
Baytown, TX 77523-0761

Office use only:

Date received: _____
Amount \$ _____ Check No. _____ or Cash _____

Notes:



HOUSTON GENEALOGICAL FORUM
CELEBRATING 53 YEARS
1958-2011

10 A.M., SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2011
BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
6400 BISSONNET, HOUSTON, TX

Craig Scott, CG Seminar

Modern Military Records

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2011

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet

Optional catered lunch choices from PICNIC on back of this form

“Researching Spanish American War Military Records”

“Researching World War I & II Records”

“Researching Indian War Records”

“Researching Records You May Not Know”

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

PAYMENT IS NON-REFUNDABLE UNLESS THE PROGRAM IS CANCELLED.

Box Lunch is \$10 (Optional by March 16, 2011)

HGF members \$20 before March 6, then \$25 Non-members \$25 before March 6, then \$30

Registration\$ _____

Want to join HGF? (Save on our seminars!) **\$20/single, \$30/family** for one year\$ _____

Box Lunch (\$10 ea.) **Lunch Choice**\$ _____

Donation (HGF is a 501 c 3 tax exempt corporation)\$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed\$ _____

Make checks payable to:

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P.O. Box 271466

Houston, TX 77277-1466

More Information and additional registration forms at

www.HGFTX.org or call Genealogy (713) 968-9750

HGF Use: DATE PAID _____ CASH \$ _____ CHECK # & Amt _____

PICNIC BOX LUNCHES - These are great!

\$10 - Includes fresh fruit salad, chips, huge cookie, and pickle

CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH

Poached chicken, basil mayo, sun-dried tomato, red onion, and celery with lettuce on sourdough.

TUNA SALAD SANDWICH

Albacore tuna, celery, carrot, basil mayo, and lettuce on sourdough.

SMOKED TURKEY SANDWICH

Smoked turkey, Danish Havarti cheese, tomato, and avocado/basil mayo with lettuce on whole wheat.

ROAST BEEF SANDWICH

Roast beef, basil mayo, Dijon mustard with lettuce on whole wheat.

CHAR-GRILLED VEGGIE SANDWICH

Zucchini, Portabella mushrooms, red bell peppers, goat cheese, and avocado/basil mayo with lettuce and tomato on a baguette.

PORK TENDERLOIN SANDWICH

House roasted pork loin, pickled red onions, and ancho mayo on sourdough.

PIMENTO CHEESE SANDWICH

Made with Jack and Cheddar cheeses, pimento, red onion, and roasted poblanos with basil mayo on sourdough.

EGG SALAD SANDWICH

Made with green olives, basil mayo and Dijon mustard with lettuce on sourdough.

HAM & SWISS SANDWICH

Ham, Swiss cheese, basil mayo, and Dijon mustard on sourdough.

PICNIC BOX SALADS

includes fresh-baked roll, fresh fruit salad, dressing, & huge cookie.

Chef Salad: Ham, turkey, Swiss cheese, hard boiled egg, tomato and cucumber over mixed field greens.

Big Green Salad: Mixed field greens, tomato wedges, cucumbers and mushrooms.

Salad Combo: Chicken salad and tuna salad with tomato and cucumber over mixed field greens.

Spinach Salad: Spinach, hard-boiled egg, mushrooms, red onion, Swiss cheese, bacon, tomato and cucumbers.

Dressing Choices: Blue Cheese, Vinaigrette, or Spicy Ranch.

Note: If you do not indicate a choice of dressings, you will receive Vinaigrette.