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Friday, July 29, 2011: Linda Jamison presents "The Orphan Trains"

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](#))**

Linda Jamison is a 7th generation Texan and avid genealogist who has helped well over 100 women complete their genealogical profiles for lineage based organizations, primarily Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Linda is presently writing two books compiling research that she has completed on her maternal and paternal lines and allied families as well as working on her board certification for genealogists. She is currently Regent of the [Libertad Chapter](#), DAR in Liberty, Texas; and a Correspondent Docent for the [DAR Museum](#) in Washington, D.C.; past President of the Franklin Hardin Chapter, [Daughters of the Republic of Texas](#); Past President of the [Liberty County Genealogical Society](#); and a member of the [National Society Colonial Dames 17th-Century](#), Huguenot Society, and Society of Boonesborough.



Linda Jamison

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Mrs. Jamison's program is the story of an ambitious and finally controversial effort to rescue poor and homeless children. It began in the 1850s when thousands of homeless children roamed the streets of New York in search of money, food and shelter, and were prey to disease and crime. Through the Children's Aid Society, a minister named Charles Loring Brace relocated these children to rural America in hopes of providing them a new and healthier life. The program is a fascinating glimpse into the lives of these children before and after they were placed on the orphan trains and what became the forerunner of the modern foster care system used today.

**Vote on the 2011-2013 Officer slate
at the July meeting. Details on page 4.**

It's Membership renewal time!

**The 2011-2012 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.
Details on page 6.**

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Message from the President

Tina Medlin-Chatham



TINA
MEDLIN-CHATHAM

One of the fun parts of family reunions for me (and my family seems to really enjoy) is showing off all the family history I have documented. There are so many ways you can do this. Displaying family tree charts and any family history books you have written will always be interesting. I also like to print a family group sheet for each family attending and ask them for any updates or additions that I may not have. I also bring along blank forms in case we have new in-laws in attendance.

To get more discussion started that gives me more stories to add to my family history, I have several things I ask family members to bring to the reunion. First, old family photos, especially those they have and cannot identify. My family has a great time helping each other identify old photos. This leads to discussions about who remembers that person and even stories about them that I can capture for my family history. I also bring a laptop and scanner to scan all the photos while we are there and add them to my family tree. I also make CDs for everyone to enjoy.

In addition to the photos, I ask people to bring family heirlooms for a show and tell. It is interesting to see some of the items that have stayed in the family for many years. Have a camera handy so you can take pictures of the items and the person who brought them.

Hope you are all having fun with family this summer.

Tina



Welcome New Members

*Please extend a warm welcome
to our newest BAGS members!*

Terry Talmadge Sutton of Seabrook

Linda Weseloh of Pasadena

Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration

Eleven newly published books on the Civil War [list by Randall M. Miller in *Library Journal* March 1, 2011 issue, pages 88-89] Ask your local library for a copy. Titles link to descriptive entries on Amazon.com.

[Discovering the Civil War](#) by National Archives Experience's Discovering the Civil War Exhibition Team features over 250 letters, diaries, photos, maps, petitions, receipts, patents, amendments and proclamations from the incomparable holdings of the National Archives. It takes a fresh look at the Civil War through little-known stories, seldom-seen documents, and unusual perspectives.

[The Civil War: A Visual History](#) by DK Publishing contains Smithsonian Institution collection material providing comprehensive timelines, revealing first-person accounts by soldiers and civilians, key political and military leaders, as well as examinations of broader topics, such as transportation, the economy, and the treatment of wounded soldiers.

[The Union War](#) by Gary W. Gallagher is a companion book to Gallagher's *The Confederate War*

[The Won Cause: Black and White Comradeship in the Grand Army of the Republic](#) by Barbara A. Gannon

[Dear Friend Amelia: The Civil War Letters of Private John Tidd](#) by Mary Jordan & Joyce Hatch

[Lincoln on War: Our Greatest Commander-in-Chief Speaks to America](#) by Harold Holzer includes selection of Lincoln's speeches, letters, memoranda, telegrams orders, and private statements on war.

[The Siege of Washington: The Untold Story of the Twelve Days That Shook the Union](#) by John & Charles Lockwood describes 12 days in April 1861 from the "first shot" of the Civil War at Fort Sumter to the relief of the federal capital by Union troops.

[The Civil War: A Concise History](#) by Louis Masur is a compelling narrative covering secession through Reconstruction.

[One of Morgan's Men: Memoirs of Lieutenant John M. Porter of the Ninth Kentucky Cavalry](#) by John M. Porter

[The Dogs of War: 1861](#) by Emory M. Thomas

[The Great Struggle: America's Civil War](#) by Steven E. Woodworth

BAGS charter member **Franklin D. "Frank" Roth** passed away on Thursday, June 16, 2011. An [obituary](#) is currently available online on the Crowder Funeral Home website.

Our prayers go out to his family.

Are you a Huguenot Descendant?

Last month Colonel William Barrett Travis (a.k.a. Eric Sandifer) presented the Huguenot cross, flags, and other items while reminding us how Huguenots provided significant contributions to American politics, culture and commerce. Learn more about the Huguenots' history on [The National Huguenot Society website](#) and [The Huguenot Society of American website](#). Find Huguenot genealogy research information on the [FamilySearch.org website](#).



Huguenot Cross

Texas City, TX Centennial Celebration 1911 – 2011

Moore Memorial Public Library staff created a permanent online historical exhibit about Texas City's history including a comprehensive overview of Texas City history as well as a photographic scrapbook of life in this community over the last one hundred and twenty years. Access "Texas City 100 Years Online Exhibition" online at www.texascity-library.org/TCH/index.html.

The *Texas City Sun* newspaper operated in Texas City from 1911-2004. Microfilm of this newspaper can be accessed in the [Moore Memorial Public Library](#) at 1701 9th Avenue North, Texas City, TX 77590 ([online map](#)).

2011-2013 Officer Slate

The slate of BAGS Officers for 2011-2013 will be voted on by the membership during the July 29 general meeting and installed at the September 30 general meeting where they will begin their duties at that time. The slate as presented at the June 24 general meeting is:

President: Bill Mayo who is currently serving as the BAGS Treasurer for the 2009-2011 term and has been a member for nine years.

1st Vice President: Shirley Lindquist served as the Corresponding Secretary 2005-2007, Member Services chairman 2008-2009, and organized the Freeman Library display for several years.

2nd Vice President: Susie Ganch a charter member who is currently serving as the BAGS 2nd Vice President and *Yearbook* Editor for the 2009-2011 and has served as the *Quarterly* Editor 2005-2007 and Historian 2008-2009.

Corresponding Secretary: Annette Bowen a charter member who has assisted with the *Quarterly*, cookbook, and cemetery projects.

Recording Secretary: Nick Cimino joined BAGS this year, active in local Italian heritage and genealogy activities, and a Clayton Library volunteer.

Treasurer: Loren Martin a charter member served as President 2005-2007 and on a number of BAGS committees.

Registrar: Deborah Cole joined BAGS last year.

August Program Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner

Consider sharing a brief family story about a treasured item, important family event or research discovery.

Setup starts at 6:00 pm with dinner beginning at 6:30 pm and the Show & Tell at 7:00 pm.

Hurricane Season

Plans, checklists and TxDOT evacuation routes can be found online at www.TexasPrepares.org



Know anyone that would need help evacuating in the event of a hurricane?

Register them in advance for a ride by dialing **2-1-1**. This includes people that:

- Have a disability or special health care need and require assistance to get out.
- Cannot drive and cannot arrange transportation.
- Do not have a vehicle and you have no one else to help you evacuate.

101 Best Genealogy Websites

Family Tree Magazine published their annual list of 101 best websites in the September 2011 issue, pages 20-28. Not all of the sites are free. You may find help from the individual U.S. State archives as well as local hero and ethnic specific sites featured in this list. Click [here](#) to access the article online.

Roots in the Appalachian Region?

Family Tree Magazine put together a toolkit of online resources for researching ancestors in the U.S. States that make up this region: Northern Alabama, Northeastern Mississippi, Northwestern Georgia, Eastern Tennessee, Western North Carolina, Northwestern South Carolina, Eastern Kentucky, Western Virginia, West Virginia, Eastern and Southern Ohio, Western Pennsylvania. The list was published in September 2009 and is accessible [online](#). The history of settlement and development of the region is discussed in the article "Mountain Climbing" by Sunny Jane Morton in *Family Tree Magazine*, September 2011 issue, pages 48-53.

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 25, 2011 6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
- Friday, July 29, 2011 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting
Speaker: Linda Jamison presents “The Orphan Trains”
Renew Your Membership – Deadline is September
- Wednesday, August 3, 2011 9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library (details on pg. 6)
- Monday, August 22, 2011 6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
- Friday, August 26, 2011 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Annual Show & Tell with
Potluck Dinner in the Chapel on 1st Floor at UBC.
Renew Your Membership – Deadline is September



TSGS Conference

Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS) Conference will be held at the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport, November 4-5, 2011. There will be a Pre-Conference day on Thursday, November 3 with events in the morning at Clayton Library and a writing workshop in the afternoon at the hotel put on by the Conference speaker Paula Stuart-Warren.

Topics presented by Paula Stuart-Warren on Saturday, November 5, 2011 are:

Finding and Using Manuscript and Special Collections Repositories: A lecture on how using manuscripts and special collections as sources of information can help fill in gaps in your family's history.

Southern Deeds: More than Land: To most people, deeds are nothing more than land transactions. Find out how Southern deeds can be the key to unlocking vaults of valuable information that would surprise many.

Railroad Records and Railroad History: Methods for Tracking: Many people's ancestors traversed the nation working for the railroad. This lecture demonstrates the wealth of historical materials available all across the US, and how to find it.

The WPA Era: What it Created for Genealogists: During the 1930's and 1940's the Works Progress/Projects Administration put many people to work and created a goldmine such as record transcriptions, courthouse and manuscript inventories, indexes, city/county histories, and histories of businesses and families. Learn here what may be available for you.

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Thirteen people attended the July 6 trip and had fun hunting for ancestors.

The next trip dates are:

Wednesday, August 3

**Wednesday, August 24 (NEW)
with lunch at Cleburne Cafeteria**

Wednesday, September 14

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. 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.



BAGS Display @ Local Library

We are planning for October's display in the lobby of Freeman Library. We have decided our theme this year will be "Time to Look Back". Some ideas already offered are some aprons from 6 generations, family pictures through the years, cameras, typewriters and timepieces as they have progressed.



Do you have some artifacts that can be matched with a modern item to show the changes? We would like to show something prior to 1900, then perhaps about 1950 or 1960, along with what we use now in 2011.

Please refer to the insert in this newsletter for more information and registration form for your contribution.

Polly Swerdlin ([e-mail](#)), Barbara Moore ([e-mail](#)), Oletia Teas ([e-mail](#))

Membership

Tammy Frey, Registrar

It's time to renew your membership! With the goal of having the *Yearbook* published and ready for distribution in October, the cutoff deadline to be listed in the *Yearbook* is the end of September this year. It will be here before we know it! Early renewals mean less last-minute work for the *Yearbook* Committee and will be much appreciated.

If your information is the same, you do not have to redo the membership application. You may bring a check to the general meeting or mail it to:

BAGS Registrar
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Thank you! We're looking forward to another wonderful year together!



Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

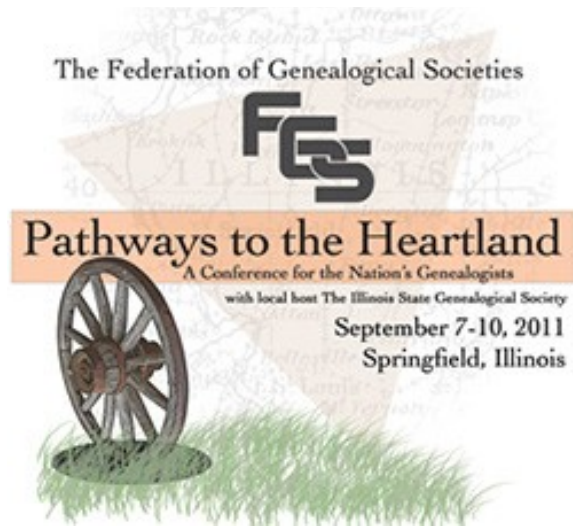
For June, 46 members and 6 visitors attended the general meeting and 13 members attended the Board meeting.

BAG\$ Report for June 2011

Bill Mayo, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,808.13
Income	\$553.50
Expenses	-\$399.90
Balance on hand 6/30/2011	\$2,961.73
CD Balance	\$6,316.68

Local Events



Conference will be held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center located on One Convention Center Plaza ([online map](#)). Program schedule, speakers, special events, registration, hotel and travel information is published on the conference website www.fgs.org/2011conference

Painted Churches Tour

Tuesday, September 20 Tour Texas's painted churches around the Schulenburg area. Trip includes a tour guide and entry into the churches. Cost is \$25 per person plus \$9 per person for lunch. Refer to the insert for more information and registration. Trip sponsored by Sam Houston Chapter DAR.

Clayton Library Free Program

Daughters of the American Revolution Day Saturday, July 23 at 10:30am – 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. **The library is located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas 77004** ([online map](#)).

Who Are The Chickasaw Indians?

Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00pm at the Friendswood Public Library ([online map](#))

Come hear Chickasaw Nation citizen Rebecca Hatcher Travis tell stories about her American Indian heritage and read from her award winning book, *Picked Apart the Bones*.

Texas City Museum Grand Re-Opening

August 11, 2011 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Includes ribbon cutting and museum tours. After which, the museum will be open Tuesdays – Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. Check out their model train exhibit on the second floor. The museum is located at 409 6th Street North, Texas City ([online map](#)).

David LeFevre Crawford's Civil War

Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00pm at the Friendswood Public Library ([online map](#))

David enlisted as Private in 13th Pennsylvania, wounded as Adjutant 139th Pennsylvania, 6th Corps just before Appomattox. Descendent W. N. Crawford will talk about the 6th Corps in two decisive battles at Gettysburg and Cedar Creek, and will recount the life and events of David LeFevre Crawford through story, images and song.

Clayton Library Friends Host:

Stephen Sloan from Baylor University to present "Library of Congress Oral History Project: interviewing your family members for posterity" at the general meeting **on Saturday, August 13 at 10:30am in the Clayton Library Carriage House Meeting Room** ([online map](#)).

Arlene H. Eakle, Ph.D. Seminar on Saturday, August 27 at 10:30am in Clayton Library.

Dr. Eakle is president and founder of The Genealogical Institute, Inc. Registration form is included in this newsletter and is [online](#). Topics include: 1) Migration Patterns from the British Isles to the Southern United States Before 1850 including people differences: English, Irish, Scots, Welsh; 2) Appalachian Triangle: Eastern Tennessee, Northwestern North Carolina, Southeastern Kentucky, Southwestern Virginia; 3) Naming Patterns: Your Key to Ancestral Origins in the Southern United States; and 4) Tracing a Southern Pedigree—Research strategies, finding aids, indexes, and under-used sources to by-pass burned courthouses.

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Eric Sandifer (dressed as Colonel William Barrett Travis)
and Susie Ganch at the June 24, 2011 general meeting



New Member
Linda Weseloh



New Member
Terry Talmadge Sutton

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REMINDER

Next General Meeting is
Friday, July 29 at 7:00 pm
Great Room (2nd Floor) UBC
Socializing at 6:30 pm

Deadline for
August Issue is
Saturday, August 6, 2011

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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 _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP Code _____

E-mail _____ Phone # _____

If this is a family membership, list the other family members' full names:

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 included at no additional charge if picked up
by end of Society year
☐ Quarterly & Yearbook by mail ... \$5 \$ _____
(Quarterlies mailed all together at year end)

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.



Bay Area Genealogy Society Display

Freeman Library - October 2011



CONTRIBUTION REGISTRATION

SURNAME

GIVEN NAME(S)

NAME OF ITEM

ID NUMBER: Panel ____ Shelf ____ Item ____ (assigned by committee members)

USER OF ITEM

RELATION TO DONOR

WHERE USED

TIME PERIOD USED

Do you have some artifacts that can be matched with a modern item to show the changes? We would like to display something from or prior to 1900, then perhaps about 1950 or 1960, along with what we use now in 2011. If you don't have a modern matching item to spare, we'll do our best to find one.

There are 16 shelves available, each 3' x 18" x 18". The shelves can be rearranged lower or higher, but the dividers are fixed at 3' wide. It is all kept under lock and key by the reference librarian.

Each item must have this registration filled out to allow us to display and return to rightful owners at month's end.

Items will be collected at the July 29 or August 26 meetings so the layout can be worked on during September. Installation is planned for Saturday October 1 from 8:30 am to 10. Removal is planned for Thursday October 27, also from 8:30 am to 10. Items not picked up that day will be brought to the October 28 meeting.



2011 Library Committee
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Oletia Teas 713-436-2606

Sam Houston Chapter DAR

Bus Trips - August & September 2011

1. **Wednesday, August 24th, 2011 - Clayton Library – No fee**
9:15 a.m. Depart from Clear Lake Rec Center Diana Lane parking lot. 24 max. attendees for the bus.
You may bring a lunch or the bus will take a group to **Cleburne Cafeteria** for a dutch treat lunch.
Return to Rec Center by 4:00 p.m. **Reservations due by Friday, August 19, 2011.**

2. **Tuesday, September 20, 2011 – A Tour of Texas' Painted Churches around Schulenburg, TX.** **Tour cost of \$25.00 per person** includes travel, entry to churches, tour guide, gratuities to guide and HC Seniors program (bus sponsor), etc. We will have a dutch treat "blue plate" type lunch at "Patty's" in Schulenburg. **Cost per person for lunch is \$9.00** – pay at the restaurant. **38 max attendees for the bus . Early DAR Reservations must be received no later than September 5, 2011. Trip opened on September 5th to other groups. All paid reservations required by Friday, September 16th**

NOTE: Harris Co. Seniors Program – Pct. 2 - Sponsors buses and do not allow children, smoking or food on the bus. Total fees will include travel, admission fees, tour guide/docent fees (if any), gratuities as appropriate and a small chapter donation. **Costs do not include lunch** which may either be brought (if appropriate) or purchased at restaurant designated for each trip.

Adult/Senior Guests are welcome to attend. Sam Houston Chapter members and their guests will have first choice of seats. If they are not paid for by the required date, we will then open the reservations to select other organizations in the area such as other heritage genealogical societies, in order to assure that we have met our minimum attendance quota. Reservations will be required for all trips.

For More information, contact: Alice Braud-Jones genealijonz1@comcast.net

Registration for DAR Bus Tour on:

Wed. August 24 th to Clayton Library _____	Tuesday, September 20, 2011 _____
No Cost for this trip	\$25.00 per person fee for this trip

Checks made out to: Sam Houston Chapter, NSDAR and mailed to Virginia Spiers, 3902 Village Corner Drive, Houston, TX 77059-5553

Name: _____ **Phone #** _____

E-Mail : _____ **Group:** DAR _____ UDC _____ BAGS _____

Or Guest of: _____ **in which group?** _____

Names of attendees: **August 24th:** _____

Check # _____ **included at \$25.00 each for Attendees on September 20, 2011:** _____

Names: _____
