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Friday, August 26, 2011: Annual Show and Tell with Potluck Dinner

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

**We meet at the University Baptist Church in the Chapel, 1st floor.
(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. The Society will provide BBQ meats for dinner. Members are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert. Please remember to bring serving utensils.

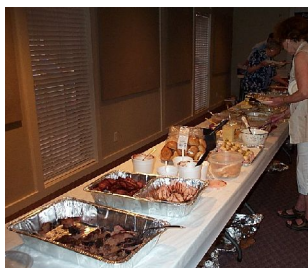


Jeanine Lawrence at the
2010 BAGS Show & Tell

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display. More information about the plan for the display on page 6.

Begin arriving 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.

Consider contributing your item for the October BAGS library

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 3.

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Message from the President

Tina Medlin-Chatham



TINA
MEDLIN-CHATHAM

As the heat and drought conditions continue here, I hope all of you are keeping cool. It's been a good time to spend indoors working on genealogy.

I had a family reunion last month and it was 117 one day. We stayed indoors and had a great time visiting, laughing, and reminiscing. I was thrilled that family members would travel in the heat to all be together. I'm glad they enjoy the family

reunions enough to make the trip. I hope some of my family reunion tips over the summer were helpful to you. I would love to hear from any of you that tried any of my ideas. And, if you have new ideas to share I would especially like to hear those.

Keep cool and hydrated and hope to see you all at the August Show and Tell!

Tina



New Members

*Please give a warm welcome
to our newest BAGS members:*

Mary Glenn of Webster

Shirley Weaver of Friendswood

Membership

Tammy Frey, Registrar

Thanks to those of you who have already renewed your memberships! For those who haven't done so yet, remember that the end of September is the deadline this year. If your information has not changed, you do not have to redo the application form. You may bring a check to the general meeting or mail it to: BAGS Registrar, P.O. Box 891447, Houston, TX 77289-1447

What a great presentation on the orphan trains Linda Jamison gave us last month! I'm still trying to wrap my mind around what it must have been like for the children who went out on the trains. This month will be our ever-popular Show and Tell with potluck supper. So come prepared for an interesting – and delicious – evening! See you there!

Orphan Train Ancestor Resources

The orphan train movement lasted from 1853 to the early 1900s and more than 120,000 children were placed. The Orphan Train Heritage Society (www.orphantraindepot.com) serves as a clearinghouse for researchers and operates an Orphan Train Complex in Concordia, Kansas. They have published the books *Orphan Train Riders: Their Own Stories* (4 vols.) in 1997; *Journeys of Hope: Orphan Train Riders, Their Own Stories* in 1999; and the quarterly newsletter *Crossroads*. Clayton Library has both books and issues of *Crossroads* between 1987-2005 with a few gaps. You can use PERSI found within the free online resource *HeritageQuest* to browse or search this newsletter's index for references to surnames of interest in issues published between 1987 and 2009. Ask your local library for login information to access *HeritageQuest*.

HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE



Within PERSI, choose the "Periodicals" search and enter *Crossroads* to access links to each issue and their indexes. Otherwise, choose PERSI's "People" search and enter a surname and *Crossroads* for the periodical name as shown in the following picture.

People

Search for information about ancestors or relatives in periodical articles.

To search the PERiodical Source Index, provide any of the following criteria and click the search button:

Surname	<input type="text" value="moore"/>	Examples: Smith, Smit*, Smith and Brown
Keywords	<input type="text"/>	Examples: Irish, Civil War, Quakers
Periodical	<input type="text" value="crossroads"/>	Examples: New England, Military, Everton's
<input type="button" value="SEARCH"/>		

The search results provides a list of articles that include the surname along with the volume and issue when the article was published.

Article Results List

[Refine search](#)

7 of 7 results for Surname: moore, Periodical: crossroads

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- ☐ [Selected listing of Helen Ashworth Moore Records, 1903-1996, Victoria Regional History Center](#)
Victoria: Crossroads of South Texas. Victoria TX: Fall 2008. Vol. 29 Iss. 3
- ☐ [A. F. Moore, realtor and insurance agent, biography, May 22, 1889](#)
Gallia Crossroads and Cornerstones. Gallipolis OH: Sep 2008. Vol. 4 Iss. 3
- ☐ [V. Carole Watkins recalls researching Simpson, Cloud, and Moore families](#)
Distant Crossroads. Rogersville TN: 2007. Vol. 24 Iss. 3
- ☐ [Moore family vital statistics in Moore Co. TX](#)
Victoria: Crossroads of South Texas. Victoria TX: Fall 2004. Vol. 25 Iss. 3
- ☐ [Thomas Moore bio., IN, TN](#)
Distant Crossroads. Rogersville TN: Jan 1998. Vol. 15 Iss. 1
- ☐ [Nanny Moore solved, 1868, TN](#)

Click on the article title to access details which includes a "request form" link. If the article is in an issue that Clayton does not have, use that form to purchase a copy of the article from Allen County Public Library.

The book *The New York Foundling Hospital: an Index To Its Federal, State, and Local Census Records (1870-1925)* by Carolee R. Inskeep is also available at Clayton Library. It provides the names of 13,000 children who lived in the New York Foundling Hospital, many of whom were sent to adoptive families in the West. The 1890 census used for this book is not the federal census, but the one taken by New York State known as the "1890 Police Census."

Also, the birth location and age indicator for a child on a Census record can serve as a flag that the child was adopted.

**Psst...You can access
Ancestry.com for FREE in your
local**

**Family History Center,
Houston Public Library, and
Harris County Public Library.**

Free Genealogy Classes presented by BAGS member Nick Cimino

**Thursdays, September 1, 15, 29, and
October 27 from 10:00am to Noon at Helen
Hall Library, 100 W. Walker St., League City, TX**
([online map](#)) Reservation is not required. Check
out Nick's genealogy blog titled *Ancestors Puzzles*
at <http://ancestorpuzzles.blogspot.com>

September 1: Beginning Genealogy Part 1: The Basics

This course will provide an overview of genealogical basics. By the end of this lesson you will understand: a variety of motivations for studying your family history; the building blocks of a family tree; how to identify the relationships in your family tree; how to record your family tree in a variety of formats; and the proper methods for recording names, dates and places.

September 15: Beginning Genealogy Part 2: Principles of Family History

Genealogical or family history research is the process of searching records to find information about your relatives and using those records to link individuals to earlier and later generations. Information will be provided on records to search for in your own home and in the homes of your relatives. In addition this course will provide an overview of the most common records used to

conduct genealogical research and how to access them. Sources for accessing compiled genealogies and family histories will be identified. The instructor will provide guidance on where and how to obtain original records in print, microfilm and online sources.

September 29: Computer & Internet Genealogy Part 1: Record Keeping

Computers and the Internet have greatly enhanced the ability of the genealogist to organize their family tree information, share it with others and obtain compiled and original records through Internet record portals and databases. Part 1 of this course will provide an overview of both computerized and online genealogical record keeping options. Both software and Internet sites will be discussed and accessed.

October 27: Computer and Internet Genealogy Part 2 : Introduction to Genealogy Databases

Genealogical databases are available through many public libraries including local public libraries and the Clayton Center for Genealogical Research in Houston. This course will provide an overview of the major genealogical databases available in local libraries. Special focus will be on methods to conduct searches in *Ancestry.com* Library Edition that is the largest database in terms of the number of records and the number of users. Students will be given a broad exposure to the compiled records and the original records available on *Ancestry.com*.

Thanks to Our Generous Supporters!

We want to recognize and to express our deep appreciation to those members who showed their support for BAGS in the '10/'11 Society year by making an additional donation along with their membership fee.
Thank you! Your support makes a difference!

Patrons (\$50-\$599)

Wally & Norma Davenport
Resa & Eric Hennings
Jeanine Lawrence
Bob Loyd
Loren & Mary Martin
Donald & Laura Pusch
Bob & Betty Wegner

2011-2013 Officers

The slate of new officers for 2011-2013 was presented and approved by the general membership during the July meeting. These officers will be installed during the September 30, 2011 general meeting where they will begin their duties at that time. Next time you see these people, please thank them for agreeing to lead our society.

President: Bill Mayo

1st Vice President: Shirley Lindquist

2nd Vice President: Susie Ganch

Corresponding Secretary: Annette Bowen

Recording Secretary: Nick Cimino

Treasurer: Loren Martin

Registrar: Deborah Cole

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 22	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Wednesday, August 24	9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library (details on pg. 6)
Friday, August 26	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner in the Chapel on 1 st Floor at UBC. <i>Renew Your Membership – Deadline is September</i>
Wednesday, September 14	9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library (details on pg. 6)
Tuesday, September 20	Texas's painted churches Tour (details on pg. 7 and insert)
Monday, September 26	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, September 30	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting



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.

Access complete TSGS conference schedule, and registration information [online](#).

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

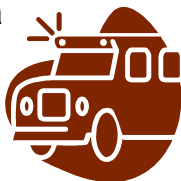
Mary Martin, County Coordinator

The next trip dates are:

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.



Help get the word out about BAGS!

Do you have a neighborhood newspaper in which we could list our meeting dates and speakers? Please forward the name of the paper and its e-mail address to Publicity Chair, Resa Hennings, at resa@resa.us, or call her at (936) 588-6752.



Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

For July, 50 members and 11 visitors attended the general meeting and 10 members attended the Board meeting.

BAGS Scrapbook

Submit any clippings or items for our scrapbook to Lynn Finger.

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 six 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](#))

Mt. Olivet Cemetery Project Update

Neil Miserendino

We have finished the electronic transcription of another section in the Mt. Olivet cemetery. In May we had a workday to photograph most of the St. Gregory section and finished photographing the St. Dominic section. The last part of the St. Dominic section was photographed and indexed by Melodey Hauch and Alice Braud-Jones. Neil Miserendino completed the electronic transcriptions. It is planned that Melody and her husband will complete the final verification of these records. These records will be published in the next one or two issues of the *Quarterly*.

BAG\$ Report for July 2011

Bill Mayo, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,961.73
Income	\$861.00
Expenses	-\$129.08
Balance on hand 7/31/2011	\$3,693.65
CD Balance	\$6,316.68

Local Events

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.

"How to Trace Your Ancestors in Italy"

Thursday, September 1 at 7:00pm

BAGS member Nick Cimino will present an encore presentation of Italian genealogy at the Galveston Genealogical Society's meeting located in the basement of the Moody Manison, 2618 Broadway, Galveston, TX ([online map](#)). Refreshments provided before and after the program.

Lineage Help Nights

Each Wednesday in August and September from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Clayton Library, 5300 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas ([online map](#)).

Need help with your genealogical Lineage Society Application? Visit our experts on lineage research each Wednesday night in the Clayton Library Main Library for a FREE consultation. Reservation is not required.

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 Friends Host:

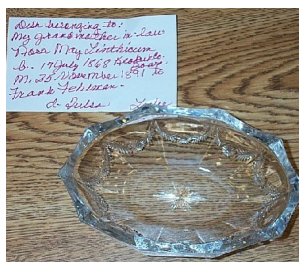
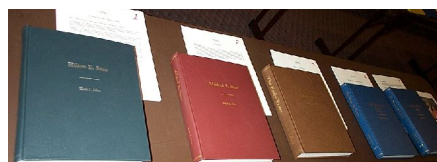
Arlene H. Eakle, Ph.D. Seminar on Saturday, August 27 at 10:30am in Clayton Library.

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.



Access complete TSGS conference schedule, and registration information [online](#).

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Some of the items shared
at the August 2010 Show & Tell

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REMINDER

Annual Show and Tell is
Friday, August 26 at 7:00 pm
Chapel (1st Floor) UBC
Potluck meal begins at 6:30 pm

Deadline for
September Issue is
Saturday, September 6, 2011

The Texas State Genealogical Society with 2011 Annual Conference Hosts The Clayton Library Friends
Present

From Allen's Landing to the Moon Landing: Destination Houston

November 4 – 5, 2011



FEATURING PAULA STUART-WARREN

Paula Stuart-Warren has been a board certified genealogist (CG) since 1988. Her research specialties include methodology, research planning, one-on-one consultations, the U.S. National Archives and its regional facilities, the Family History Library, Midwestern and Plains states, Minnesota Historical Society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Wisconsin Historical Society, American Indians and unusual records. Paula has worked for clients and her own family history on-site in courthouses, state archives, public and university libraries, and historical societies all across the U.S. and brings that knowledge to her audiences.



CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- Thursday, November 3, 2011 – A special writing workshop with Paula before the conference begins on Friday – sponsored by Clayton Library Friends
- Friday, November 4, 2011 – Conference begins -- A full day of multiple lectures each hour with a variety of experts
- Saturday, November 5, 2011 – a full day with Paula – 4 topics
- Don't miss the FREE vendor /exhibit hall
- An opportunity to research at one of the 5 best genealogy libraries in the United States, the Clayton Library before and after the conference
- Networking with other genealogists, getting hints, winning door prizes, maybe finding a new cousin, discovering a new research method... and so much more!

The Texas State Genealogical Society and
the Clayton Library Friends invite you for a
weekend shared by your fellow genealogists!
You never know who you will find!!

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For more information, please visit
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or
www.claytonlibraryfriends.org



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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
Polly Swerdlin 281-814-4606
Barbara Moore 281-756-9455
Oletia Teas 713-436-2606

Sam Houston Chapter DAR

Bus Trip – Tuesday, September 20, 2011

A Tour of Texas' Painted Churches around Schulenburg, TX.

Meet & Clear Lake Rec Center, Diana Lane Parking Lot at 7:30 a.m. 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 cash** at the restaurant. **37 max attendees for the bus . Receipt of paid reservations required by Friday, September 16th, with the registration form below at the address reflected below.**

NOTE: Harris Co. Seniors Program – Pct. 2 - Sponsors buses and allows NO children, smoking or food on the bus.

Total fees include travel, admission fees, tour guide/docent fees, gratuities as appropriate. 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 priority.

For More information, contact:

Alice Braud-Jones genealijonz1@comcast.net

Registration for SHC Painted Churches Bus Tour on: **Tuesday, September 20, 2011**

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

