



# Bay Area Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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**Members and their guests are invited to**

### ***BAGS Annual Holiday Party***

**Saturday, November 19**

**from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the**

**Hope Village Cafe' (Tea Room)**

**located at 4541 FM 2351, Friendswood, TX  
(a map is provided [online](#) and as an insert in this newsletter)**

**Entrance to the Tea Room is located on  
the south side of FM 2351 between Hope Village Road  
and the Lord of Life Lutheran Church.**

***Enjoy the holiday spirit and a pleasant lunch  
with friends among the designer Christmas trees,  
wreaths and holiday decor.***



**Lunch is dutch.** Meals cost \$6-\$15.  
Choose from a variety of soups, salads,  
sandwiches, and desserts.

***Benefits Foundation for Hope Village.***

[www.hope-village.com](http://www.hope-village.com)



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**The regular  
general meetings  
resume in  
January 2012.**

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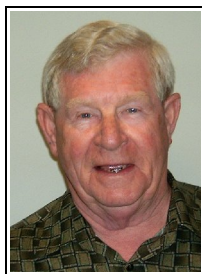
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## Message from the President

Bill Mayo



BILL MAYO

This year has flown by for me (and for others, I bet), and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Now is the time of year that we look forward to being with family and friends, so that we can share our memories, catch up on family gossip and make plans for the holidays. Of course, it is also an excellent time to update our family history records and share new family history with them.

BAGS will be having its annual holiday party at the Hope Village Cafe' (previously called the Tea Room) on Saturday, November 19 from 11:00am to 1:00pm. For those who have not attended a holiday party there, this is an opportunity to purchase various tree ornaments/gifts as well as have a nice lunch. All purchases benefit Foundation for Hope Village. Hope to see everyone there. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Bill

***THANK YOU Deborah Cole for managing the BAGS table during the TSGS Conference!***

***Also a big THANK YOU to TSGS, Clayton Library Friends, BAGS members, and other volunteers that participated in hosting this year's TSGS Conference.***



Deborah Cole & Tammy Frey at BAGS table during the 2011 TSGS Conference

## DNA testing basics in a nutshell

Thanks to Jane Buck's presentation last month, the group gained a better understanding of the different DNA tests and how those tests can help identify surnames, ethnicities, and genetic cousins. In short, there are three types of DNA inheritance that are helpful to genealogical research: Y-DNA, mitochondrial DNA, and autosomal DNA. Y chromosomes are passed down from father to son so only men can participate in the Y-DNA testing. The test results identify ancestors only in the direct paternal line. For women to benefit from Y-DNA testing, a brother, father, uncle, or grandfather must be tested. Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) is passed down from mother to all sons and daughters so both men and women can participate in the mtDNA testing. The test results identify ancestors only in the direct maternal line. Both the Y-DNA and mtDNA tests can help identify a person's deep ancestral ethnic and geographical origins. Autosomal DNA is passed down from both parents to all children. That mixture of autosomal DNA in the children is combined with future mates' autosomal DNA and passed down to the next generation of children, and so on. Therefore, your autosomal DNA is a mixture of all previous generations of your family tree. Testing autosomal DNA is relatively new and both men and women can participate. Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) calls this test "Family Finder." The test results help identify members in all branches of your ancestry between 2 and 6 generations back. This works because each person participating in the autosomal DNA test provides their list of identified ancestral surnames based on their previous genealogical research. The test identifies other participants whose DNA haplotypes (values for a set of markers across a stretch of DNA) closely match and therefore are more closely related. The number of differences between two participants' haplotype can tell approximately how many generations they must go back to find a common ancestor. At this point, the participants (i.e. genetic cousins) review the list of known ancestral surnames to begin researching the common family relationship.

Sorenson Molecular Genealogical Foundation (SMGF) offers several short videos [online](#) introducing the types of DNA and how they help identify ancestry. FTDNA published online [Genetic Genealogical Tutorials](#) explaining how to pick the right person for testing, how the tests are



Jane Buck, Customer Relations Supervisor for Family Tree DNA

## BAGS IS A WINNER !



At the annual conference, the Texas State Genealogy Society announced BAGS was the winner of several writing awards.

★ **BAGS Quarterly received 1<sup>st</sup> place and \$100.00**

★ **BAGS' member Melodey Mozeley Hauch received 1<sup>st</sup> place in the nonprofessional reference book category for her book *Our Ancestors Wore Gray*.**

The book presents updated and compiled biographies of the 140 Confederate ancestors of Melodey's United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter, Fort Virginia Point Chapter of Texas City.

***Congratulations on a job well done to Melodey and the Quarterly staff!***

conducted, and understanding the test results.

Free public databases are available for people to compare their personal DNA test results with others. [SMGF](#) provides free public accessible Y-DNA and mtDNA databases you can search without previously participating in a DNA test. By looking at the entries in one of these databases, you can discover which surnames have participated in a DNA test. The entries include pedigree charts providing names with possible birth, marriage, death dates and locations for 2+ generations back. This information could provide a research clue or persuade you to participate in DNA testing. As an example, I created an account on the SMGF website (which only required name, e-mail, and a password) and searched the MOORE surname

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## Congratulations to Nick Cimino!

He is now Director of Business Operations at the Italian Cultural and Community Center of Houston.

*Interested in Italian genealogy?* Contact Nick by e-mail at [ncimino@hotmail.com](mailto:ncimino@hotmail.com) to participate in a new Italian genealogy club he is organizing.



## DNA testing basics (continued from page 3)

using their provided default genetic values. I selected the search options: "Exact" surname, include country and include all maternal-line surnames. The results represent people that have been tested whose genealogical research has shown relationships to MOORE in Arkansas, Ohio, Tennessee, and Georgia. I viewed corresponding pedigree charts for several of the result entries looking for any ancestral connections to names, countries, states, counties and dates.

**Search the Mitochondrial Database**

Please select the appropriate Input Parameters and/or enter Mutation Values. Click the **Search** button to begin searching or choose one of your **saved searches**.

**Parameters**

Select DNA Testing Company: Other

Select HV Region: ☒ HVR1 ☒ HVR2 ☒ HVR3

☒ Search By Surname: MOORE ☒ Exact ☐ Approximate

☐ Search By Differences: ☐ None ☐ 1 Difference ☐ 2 Differences

Results Display Includes: ☒ Country ☒ All Maternal-line Surnames

**Values**

Please enter the locations and base values as shown on your test report.

Example Values Clear Values

HVR1 (16024 to 16569) HVR2 (00001 to 00437) HVR3 (00438 to 00576)

16519C 263G 315.1C

**Mitochondrial Search Results**

Lab Standard: Other, Regions: HVR1 HVR2 HVR3

Result	Pedigree	Differences	C
1	0	16311 16519 00263 00309.1 00315.1	
2	0		MOORE[USA-Alabama], LASSITER[USA-Alabama]
3	0		MOORE[USA-Tennessee], DELANY[USA-Tennessee], WHITLOCK[USA-Georgia], NANCE[USA-Georgia]

**Pedigree for Match #3**

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
	Dawson David WHITE b. 8 Apr 1892 Aaltpa, Clarke, Alabama, USA		James Kendrick WHITE b. 13 Jun 1861 Clarkesville, Clarke, Alabama, USA
	Grace Pearl POLLOCK b. 13 Aug 1890 Lewistown, Fulton, Illinois, USA		Mary Estelle MARTIN b. 20 Sep 1860 Coffeeville, Clarke, Alabama, USA
			William Ward POLLOCK b. 6 Apr 1854 Arkansas, USA
			Eliza Flora WHEADON b. 1856 Havana, Mason, Illinois, USA
			James Madison NICHOLAS b. 15 Apr 1853 Beartown, Choctaw, Alabama, USA
			Mahalia Lee PERRY b. 7 May 1864 Isney, Choctaw, Alabama, USA
			Isaac Washington MOORE b. 15 Jan 1851 Ridersville, Chilton, Alabama, USA
			Emma Boone LASSITER b. 27 Oct 1861 Autauga County, Alabama, USA

FTDNA offers two similar public databases: [www.YSearch.org](http://www.YSearch.org) and [www.MitoSearch.org](http://www.MitoSearch.org). FTDNA also offers surname, lineage, and geographical projects for people to explore at [www.familytreedna.com/projects.aspx](http://www.familytreedna.com/projects.aspx)

## Want to dig a little deeper?

Several books containing basic information are available at your local library:

*Trace Your Roots With DNA: Using Genetic Tests To Explore Your Family Tree* by Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak and Ann Turner

*The Genetic Strand: Exploring A Family History Through DNA* by Edward Ball chronicles the author's personal experience with DNA testing and research into his own family.

*Unlocking Your Genetic History: A Step-By-Step Guide To Discovering Your Family's Medical And Genetic Heritage* by Thomas H. Shawker.

Megan Smolenyak<sup>2</sup> has compiled a list of online articles concerning DNA/genetic genealogy (referred to by her as "genetealogy") that are accessible at on her website at [www.honoringourancestors.com/library\\_dna.html](http://www.honoringourancestors.com/library_dna.html)

*Cyndi's List* compiled a list of online resources covering locality and ethnic specific mailing lists and projects, different companies and organizations performing DNA testing, and a list of publications and software accessible at [www.cyndislist.com/dna](http://www.cyndislist.com/dna)

# 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.**

**Saturday, November 19**

**Annual Holiday Party in Hope Village Cafe' (Tea Room)**  
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**11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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**No general meetings in  
November and December**

**Monday, January 16, 2012**  
**(DATE CHANGE)**

**6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

**9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library** (details on pg. 6)

**Friday, January 20, 2012**  
**(DATE CHANGE)**

**7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting**

Meet in the Great Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC  
*Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.*

**Monday, February 20, 2012**

**6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210**

**Friday, February 24, 2012**

**7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting**

**Speaker: Sue Kaufman, Manager of Clayton Library**

Meet in the Great Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC  
*Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.*

**Monday, March 26, 2012**

**6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210**

**Friday, March 30, 2012**

**7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting**

Meet in the Great Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC  
*Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.*

**Monday, April 23, 2012**

**6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210**

**Friday, April 27, 2012**

**7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting**

Meet in the Great Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC  
*Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.*

## Committee News

### Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

#### Plan to catch the bus on

**Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

Meet in front of the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Lane ([online map](#)). The county bus departs at 9:15am and leaves the Clayton Library at 3:00pm to arrive back at the Rec Center parking lot before 4:00pm. 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.



### 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](mailto:resa@resa.us), or call her at (936) 588-6752.

### Attendance Report

**Jeanine Lawrence**

For September, 54 members and 5 visitors attended the general meeting.

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](mailto:lmartin497@aol.com). Sign-up sheets are also available at the general meetings. The BAGS website [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://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.

### BAG\$ Report for October 2011

**Loren Martin, Treasurer**

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,374.47
Income	\$153.00
Expenses	-\$221.83
Balance on hand 10/31/2011	\$3,305.64
CD Balance	\$6,330.20



#### 2011-2013 Officers

(left to right) Nick Cimino, Shirley Lindquist, Loren Martin, Deborah Cole, Bill Mayo, Susie Ganch. Not shown is Annette Bowen.





## Local Area Events & Classes

**Clayton Library will be closed  
November 24-28 and December 23-26  
for Thanksgiving and Christmas  
holidays.**

### Lineage Help Nights

**Each Wednesday in November and December 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.

### Clayton Library Orientation

**Saturday, December 17 from noon to 1:00pm.** Learn about the vast family history research resources at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. No registration required.

### Clayton Library needs volunteers

Volunteers needed to staff Welcome Desk at Clayton House:

Wednesdays 12-2

Fridays 12-2

Fridays 2-4:30

Saturdays 12-2 (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays only)

[\(more information available online\)](#)

Volunteers needed to help shelf books:

Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat (times flexible)

[\(more information available online\)](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Steven Bychowski, Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator, at 832-393-2600 or [steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov](mailto:steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov)

### Beginner Genealogy Classes

Alvin Community College (ACC) [Continuing Education Program](#) is offering three week classes at two locations. BAGS member Nick Cimino will teach the classes. One class will meet on Mondays from 6pm to 8pm on the Alvin ACC campus ([map](#)) beginning November 28. The second class will meet on Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm at the Pearland ACC campus ([map](#)) beginning November 30. For more information and registration, contact Rhonda Myers at ACC by phone at 281-756-3729 or e-mail [RMyers@alvincollege.edu](mailto:RMyers@alvincollege.edu).

### Historic Homes Tour

**Saturday, December 10 from 10am – 5pm**

Sponsored by League City Historical Society. For more information, call West Bay Common School Children's Museum at 281-554-2994. Details on the six tour locations are available online on the [website](#), [brochure](#), and [flyer](#).

### La Sicilia in Bocca Project

*Know a high school student that has Sicillian ancestry?* The Italian Cultural & Community Center of Houston (ICCC) is now accepting applications for their La Sicilia in Bocca Project where five American high school students of Sicilian ancestry will travel on a grant to Sicily in June 2012 for seven days of immersion in Sicilian culture and participate in a gastronomy workshop at FESTA ITALIANA in Houston, October 2012. View application requirements and form [online](#) or contact ICCC office by phone 713-524-4222 or e-mail [program\\_development@iccchouston.com](mailto:program_development@iccchouston.com)

### SAVE THE DATE November 1-3, 2012

Next year's TSGS Conference will be in Ft. Worth, TX at the Riley Center, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The featured speaker will be Curt B. Witcher, Genealogy Center Manager at Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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*Celebrating 10 years*

## REMINDER

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## ***Have any news to share?***

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