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*To You And Your Family,  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*



(front to back, left side) Deborah Gammon, Melodey Hauch, Alice Braud-Jones; (right side) Lewis Jarman, Tammy Frey, and Mary Olsen

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

*Annual Holiday Party  
Members and guests enjoying  
friendship and food  
at the Hope Village Cafe*

*More pictures in  
this issue.*

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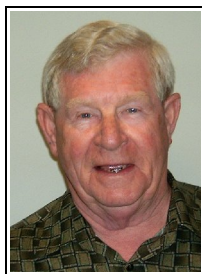
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## Message from the President

Bill Mayo



BILL MAYO

I was glad to see a good turnout at the BAGS holiday party at Hope Village this year, and, as usual, Kim Zrubek did an outstanding job of planning and arranging the party. We had the opportunity to enjoy each other's company and good food as well as to get a little shopping in. We were pleased to learn that Melody Hauch won two prizes at the Annual Texas State Genealogical Society Conference last

month, one prize for the BAGS Quarterly and another for a book that she has published.

December is one of the busiest months of the year when we are preparing for the holiday season - exchanging cards, purchasing gifts, decorating, preparing for family get-togethers and all the other things that make this season memorable. Be sure to update your genealogical records while you are enjoying yourself. I hope that everyone has a safe and very happy holiday season and am looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting.


Bill





## U.S. Service Branch Resource

Member Annette Anderson Bowen published an article about her uncle's military career in the *BAGS Quarterly*, March 2011 issue, titled "Lt. (jg) Randolph Mitchell Holder, USN 1918-1942." Searching for Holder's name in Google, Annette discovered someone honored her uncle by creating a profile within a social networking website called *Together We Served* ([www.TogetherWeServed.com](http://www.TogetherWeServed.com)) for veterans and active duty personnel of United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Police service branches. This resource allows them to re-connect with lost brothers and sisters, share in the camaraderie of other servicemen and women, and create a permanent record of their service to share. Annette suggests including this resource when researching lost relatives who have served in the military. The profile could provide good investigative leads.

Holder, Randolph Mitchell (Navy Cross), LTJG	
Service Photo	Service Details
	<b>Last Rank</b> Lieutenant Junior Grade
	<b>Last Primary NEC/NOC</b> 131X-Unrestricted Line Officer - Pilot heavier than air or lighter than air
	<b>Last NEC/NOC Group</b> Officer
	<b>Last Duty Station</b> 1942-1942, CINCPACFLT/COMPACFLT
	<b>Previously Held NEC/NOC</b> 139X-Unrestricted Line Officer - in training as a pilot
<b>Service Years</b> 1939 - 1942	

Partial profile entry on TogetherWeServed.com

Members of the general public are not eligible to join this website. However, the general public **can** access indexes to view the profiles entered for living and fallen service personnel. The profiles can contain service details, personal details (e.g. birth and casualty information), earned ribbons, duty stations, and additional photos.

To access a service profile, click on one of the links at the end of this article. They correspond to the member login for each branch except Police. On the login screen, look for two links either just above or below the login box that will access profiles for living and fallen servicemen and women. Click on one of those links to

access an index list of personnel names. Click on one of the names to view the corresponding profile.

### Army

<http://army.togetherweserved.com>

### Navy

<http://navy.togetherweserved.com>

### Air Force

<http://airforce.togetherweserved.com>

### Marines

<http://marines.togetherweserved.com>

### Coast Guard

<http://coastguard.togetherweserved.com>

## German Resources

Member Sharon Cress provided this list of resources she found helpful when researching German records.

### Books at the Clayton Genealogical Library, Houston, TX:

*In Their Words: A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin, and Russian Documents* by Jonathan Shea and William F. Hoffman, 2002 (call# S539 RUSSIA)

*German Church Books: Beyond the Basics* by Kenneth L. Smith, 1993 (call# S653 GERMAN)

*How to Read German Church Records Without Knowing Much German* by Arta F. Johnson (call# J66 GERMAN)

### Online help from FamilySearch.org:

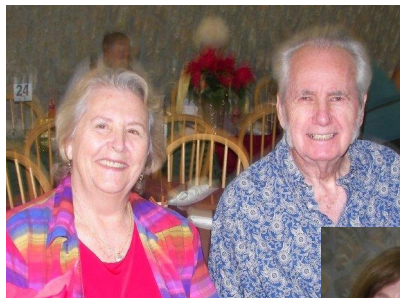
On the [German research outline](#) refer to the individual topics down the left side of the page. You will find word lists and dictionaries under the ["Language and Languages"](#) topic. "Handwriting & Typefaces" section in the [German Script Tutorial](#) teaches gothic handwriting for each alphabetic and numerical character. A citation within the "Extraction Guidelines" section pointed to another book available at the Clayton Library called *Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents: Analyzing German, Latin, and French in Vital Records written in Germany* by Roger P. Minert (call# M664 GERMAN)

The online Learning Center offers the free three lesson series "Reading German Handwritten Records." Click [here](#) to access all the German online classes offered by FamilySearch.

## Food for Thought

Did you ever think about the scenario where your ancestor immigrates to America under an assumed name? According to the article "Brazos County Czech Pioneer Frank J. Zubik," Frank immigrated under the name of his friend John Motil. Having received two boat tickets from family and future employer, John shared one of those tickets with Frank. Lesson, think outside the box when researching. Frank was a tailor who settled in College Station and opened the business Zubik's Uniform Tailors at Northgate in College Station that made Texas A&M Corps of Cadets uniforms up until 1982. Texas Czech Genealogical Society printed this article in their book *Brazos County 1900-1910 Czech Census Extractions*. The book was given to registered attendees at the November 2011 TSGS Conference. This labor of love represents hours of Helen Layman's time reviewing and extracting data from U.S. Census on microfiche. The book contains a brief history of Czechs immigration to Brazos County. Send Kim Zrubek an [e-mail](#) if you are interested in looking at the book. You can purchase a copy from the TCGS Society. Ordering information is posted online. Access [www.txczgs.org](http://www.txczgs.org) and click on "Brazos County." The society meets in Caldwell, Texas on January 28, April 21, June 16, and November 9-10, 2012. Thank you to TCGS for sharing this book with us!

## BAGS Holiday Party Pics



Anita Cooper,  
Charles Sterling

(L to R) Shirley  
Brasseaux, Oletia Teas



## For Mac Users:

*TopTenReviews.com* published "2012 Best Mac Genealogy Software Comparisons and Reviews" ([access online](#)) listing features and rankings for seven Mac genealogy programs.

Family Tree Maker for Macintosh version 2 by Ancestry.com is now available. Feature description and systems requirements printed on [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) website.

MacFamilyTree 6.2 and MobileFamilyTree Pro 1.1 by Synium Software are now available. MacFamilyTree feature description and systems requirements are printed on [Synium Software](http://Synium Software) website. MobileFamilyTree Pro app works on iPad, iPhone, and iPod Touch with iOS version 4.2 or later. More app details printed [online](#).

(L to R) Walena  
Medlin, Tina  
Medlin-Chatham,  
Eleanor Caldwell



JoAnn and Chester  
Karrick, Shirley  
Robbins

Glen and Sharon  
Cress



Bill Mayo, Mike and  
Sue McCown

Kim Zrubek, Deborah  
Gammon, Deborah  
Cole, Melodey Hauch



# 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.**



**No general meetings in  
November and December**

Monday, January 16, 2012 <b>(DATE CHANGE)</b>	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 <b>(DATE CHANGE)</b>	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Thomas Bruce Green III on Texas History using 50 historic flags Meet in the Great Room on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i>
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: Irene Walters from Clayton Library on “A Nation of Immigrants: US Naturalization and Genealogy” Meet in the Great Room on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i>
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 <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i>
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
Monday, May 21, 2012	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, May 25, 2012	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Meet in the Great Room on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i>
Monday, June 25, 2012	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210



## 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.



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.



2011-2013 Officers

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

### 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.

### BAG\$ Report for November 2011

Loren Martin, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,305.64
Income	\$276.00
Bank Adjustment *	\$0.05
Expenses	-\$60.76
Balance on hand 11/30/2011	\$3,520.93
CD Balance	\$6,330.20

\* Check #531 to CopyDR for printing September 'Newsletter' was written for \$5.28, yet copyDR only deposited \$5.23. The \$0.05 difference was not added to bill for October printing of 'Newsletter.'

Standard Reoccurring Monthly Expenses: Printing of 'Newsletter' & Meeting room set-up fees.



Melodey Hauch, editor of the *BAGS Quarterly*, received a first place writing award from the Texas State Genealogical Society at their annual conference in November 2011.

## Local Area Events & Classes

### Clayton Library Free Programs

The library is located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston ([online map](#)).

#### Daughters of the American Revolution Day Saturday, January 21 from 10:30am to 4:30pm

Ever wonder how to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)? Representatives from local DAR chapters will be at Clayton Library for consultation and research help in preparing lineage papers for submission to the DAR.

#### Clayton Library Orientation

**Saturday, January 21 and February 18 from 10:30 to 11:45am**

Learn about the vast family history research resources at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. No registration required.

#### Finding Free Persons of Color in Louisiana from the Early French Period to the Civil War

**Saturday, February 25 from 10:30 to 11:30am**

Learn how to research Free Persons of Color in Louisiana from a research that shows a valuable case study. The presentation will offer resources and records that are valuable for Louisiana researchers who want to learn about their Free Persons of Color. Reservation is required for this program. Call the Clayton Library at 832-393-2600 to make a reservation.

#### Lineage Help Nights

**Each Wednesday in January and February from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** at the Clayton Library.

*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.

### Cherokee History, Culture and Language

**Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00pm** at the Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood ([online map](#))

Larry Pearl, a resident of League City, was born in Oklahoma and is a descendant of the Cherokee people. He will be giving a presentation that will cover many aspects of early Cherokee life. He will share his knowledge about this important part of our American history and demonstrate how European and Cherokee cultures were influenced and developed over centuries of contact. This will be a fun and entertaining evening for all.

### Digital Photo Basics/Editing

**Part 1: Thursday, January 19 from 1:30pm to 4:00pm**

**Part 2: Thursday, January 26 from 1:30pm to 4:00pm**

Both sessions are at the Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston ([online map](#)).

Have a digital camera? Well, bring it with you\* and we'll learn tips and tricks about online photo sharing, editing, etc. We will also have photo taking tips for the everyday point-and-shoot amateur. Don't miss it!!! Sign up in advance.

*\*Digital Camera not required to attend class*

### History of the King James Translation

**Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00pm** at the Friendswood Public Library.

Rev. Mark T. Crawford will discuss the historical and political setting of 17<sup>th</sup> century England as it pertains to the King James translation of the Bible and also discuss that translation's lasting impact on the world of literature. Rev. Crawford was educated at SMU, Dallas and Oxford University before completing his Doctor of Ministry Degree at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He is currently the Staff Chaplain at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in the Texas Medical Center.

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## REMINDER

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