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Friday, January 20, 2012: Thomas Bruce Green III presents "Flags of Texas"

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](#))**

Tom Bruce Green III will discuss the history of Texas using 50 historical flags that will be on display during the program. Tom is a member of the North American Vexillological Association (the study of flags) and has collected or made over 70 historic flags of both the American Revolutionary and the Texas Revolutionary periods. He has presented more than 500 historic flag programs. His knowledge of flag history is considerable; however, he always enjoys hearing a new story about the flags from the audience.

Tom completed programs at North Texas University in Denton, Texas, U.S. Navy Officer's

Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, and U.S. Navy Deep Sea Diving School in Washington, D.C. Tom served on the USS *Cree*, a seagoing salvage vessel, which served in the Viet Nam theatre. He served as Diving Repair Officer, First

Lieutenant, Gunnery Officer and Navigator on the USS *Piedmont*. Tom completed six years of active duty in Key West, Florida as Training Officer of the U.S. Naval School for Underwater Swimmers, where most of the U.S. military divers were trained for duty in Viet Nam at that time, including some of the first S.E.A.L. team members.



Tom Green

Tom has been an active member in the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). He was inducted as a Knight of the Order of San Jacinto at the annual convention of the SRT, which is the highest award of the SRT. Tom was named Texan of the Year by the San Jacinto Descendants in 2005, and was awarded the National Merit Award by the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge in 2007.

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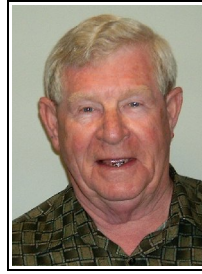
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Message from the President

Bill Mayo



BILL MAYO

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very enjoyable and safe holiday season and looking forward to the new year. 2012 promises to be an exciting year for genealogy with the release of the 1940 U. S. Census in April of this year. During the holidays I had a telephone call from a gentleman at the LDS in Utah asking if any of our BAGS members would be interested in providing assistance in generating an index for this census. From his phone call and things that I have read and/or heard, I expect a lot of activity when the census is finally made public.

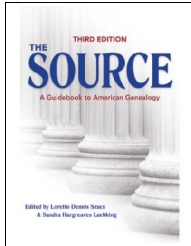
Our next meeting is on **January 20th** (a week earlier than usual), so be sure and mark your calendars. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting of the new year.

Bill



Help! – Quick References

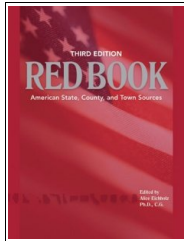
Looking for some tips or hints in how to proceed with your current research? Remember three resources to consult: *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy* 3rd ed.; *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources* 3rd ed.; and *Family Search Research Wiki*.



The Source is a comprehensive guide to the full spectrum of genealogical resources in America. Chapters address specific record types or ethnic research written by an expert in a specific genealogical field that

shows what sources are available, how to find them, and most importantly, how to use them.

The Red Book presents research information for each of the fifty U.S. states and the District of Columbia. Each state includes a history, description of record coverage, contact information for Archives, Libraries, and Societies, county map, and tabular list of county record coverage and location.



These two books are usually accessible at any local public library. However, you can also access the content online. *Ancestry.com* digitized these books and provides free online access to the public within its wiki. You do not need a subscription. Click on these links to access [The Source](#) and [Red Book](#). Within the wiki entry, scroll down to access the “3rd Edition Table of Contents” section. Click on a topic in the list to access its contents. On the next page is an introduction and subtopics listed in the box on the right hand side of the page.

Use the *FamilySearch.org* research wiki for help in researching records in other countries as well as the United States. The wiki is a collection of family history articles provided by family history enthusiasts from around the world. Click [here](#) to access the countries and their research guidance.

FREE Houston Family Search Genealogical Conference

Saturday, March 24 from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the LDS Kingwood Stake Center located at 4021 Deerbrook Drive, Kingwood ([online map](#)). Michael J. Hall, Chief Deputy Genealogical Officer of FamilySearch is the keynote speaker. He will present “FamilySearch 2012”.

Choose to attend three classes. The topics include 1) Basic US Research, Using Ordinary and Not-So-Ordinary Sources; 2) Unusual Sources for Genealogical Research; 3) Basic & Intermediate Spanish Research (taught in Spanish); 4) Apple Computers and Genealogy; 5) The Role of Priesthood in Family History, What Would Success Look Like?; 6) Beginning & Advanced British Research; 7) Social Networking in Family History; 8) Geographical Survey; 9) New Avenues in Genetic Genealogy; 10) Folklore and Facts; 11) Funeral Records, the Last Event; 12) Google Basics; 13) Census Research; 14) African-American Research; 15) How to Get the Most Out of That Newspaper; 16) Bones, Flesh, and Souls; 17) German Research; 18) Google Advanced and Genealogy in the Cloud; 19) Courthouse Research; 20) City Directories, The Forgotten Resource; 21) Preparing Names for LDS Temple Work; 22) Finding Your Adoptive “Roots”; 23) Beginner Indexing.

View class descriptions and schedule, presenters, registration, and lunch information online at www.HoustonFamilySearch.com The registration and lunch order forms are included in this newsletter.

Want to play a game of cards?

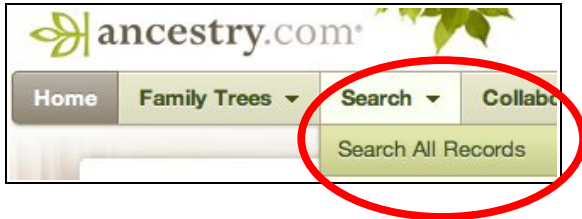


Playing cards using a personalized deck is a great way to share family history and have fun in the process. There are many personalized gift websites that offer customized playing cards.

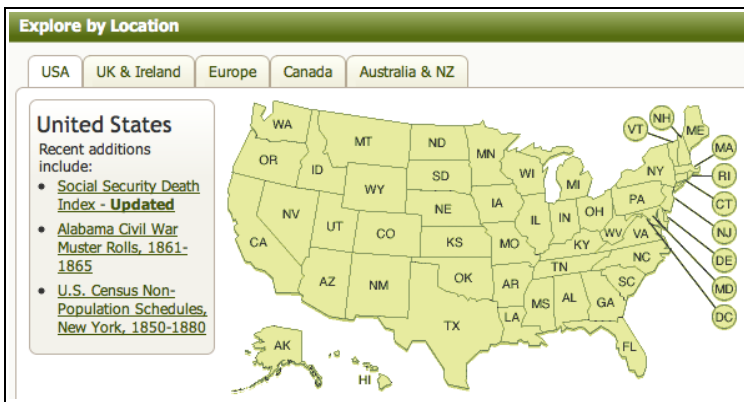
However, a couple of companies will create a standard deck of cards based on your family history facts and pictures. You determine the combination of kids, parents, grandparents, etc. Ancestry Games (www.AncestryGames.com) will create a four-generation deck. Our Family Pastime (www.OurFamilyPastime.com) will create a three and five-generation decks. Have fun playing games similar to “Go Fish,” “Memory Match,” and Dominos (i.e. create pedigrees).

Ancestry.com Tip

Within Ancestry.com, narrow your searching to a specific U.S. state, country, or record collection. On the home page, click on the “Search” menu and select “Search All Records” entry to explore by location.



On the next page, scroll down to the U.S. map. Click on a specific U.S. state or one of the country tabs (and then a specific country) to see the list of records available in Ancestry.com for that location.



Click on a specific data collection to narrow your search to those specific records. Or, to the right of the “data collections” list is a “Search” button that will enable you to search for ancestors against records for that specific location.



Plus, click on “Resources” button to get a list of recommended libraries, societies, and other online resources for research in that location.



Space Shuttle Historic Recordation Site

To record the history of the Space Shuttle program, JSC and NASA Headquarters have been leading the effort to compile historical and educational information about the Space Transportation System (more commonly referred to as the space shuttle) and its stack elements (orbiters, external tank, space shuttle main engines and solid rocket boosters). This undertaking has been ongoing for the last four years and is being worked in partnership with the National Parks Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the State Historic Preservation Offices of Alabama, California, Florida and Texas.

As part of this effort, a website “Space Shuttle Recordation”

(www.nasa.gov/agency/crm/shuttle/index.html)

has been created to serve as a public outreach tool and will contain many interesting documents, timelines, drawings, photographs, videos, historical narratives, 3-D Shuttle flythrough, and the final Space Shuttle Recordation Package (which will also reside in the Library of Congress upon its completion).

Have an older version of Family Tree Maker that you would be willing to sell?

Member Oletia Teas would like to use version 2008 or older for Windows XP.

Phone cameras – the new scanner

Since resolution of cameras on phones continues to improve to provide better detail, consider using your phone’s camera as a scanner. For example, the iPhone 4S offers an 8 megapixels camera that captures images at 2448x3264 resolution. Watch for phone apps (e.g. ShoeBox for iPhone and CamScanner for Android) that turn the phone camera into a pocket-sized photo scanner providing crop, rotate, date, tag, PDF conversion, merge, email, and upload functions. Watch a YouTube video “[CamScanner Application Review and Tutorial](#)” to understand how these types of apps can work.

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, 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 – Speaker: Thomas Bruce Green III on Texas History using 50 historic flags Meet in the Great Room on 2 nd 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 nd 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 nd 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 nd Floor at UBC <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i>
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 nd 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
Friday, June 29, 2012	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting Meet in the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i>
Monday, July 23, 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

New trip dates will be assigned the beginning or March.



Meet in front of the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Lane ([online map](#)). The county bus departs at 9:15am 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. 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.

Historian Needs Material

Please send Lynn Charney Finder, Historian, any pictures or materials from BAGS events in the last two years for her to put in the BAGS scrapbook. One of the scrapbooks will be on display in the back of the room during the next general meeting.



At The January General Meeting:

- Help setup and tear down a display of 50 historic flags the speaker is bringing for the presentation.
- Pick up the new *BAGS Quarterly* December 2011 issue
- Free 3-ring binders are up for grabs, a donation by member Patsy Chappellear
- Book *Manners, Customs, and History of the Highlanders of Scotland & Historical Account of the Clan MacGregor* by Sir Walter Scott is up for grabs, a donation by Kim Zrubek

BAG\$ Report for December 2011

Loren Martin, Treasurer

No income or expenses were submitted.

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,520.93
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	-\$0.00
Balance on hand 12/31/2011	\$3,520.93
CD Balance	\$6,330.20



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.

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.

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.

Support Clayton Library – Be a Friend!

Tammy Frey, CLF Membership

We are so fortunate to have the benefit of a great research facility right in our own city! Clayton Library is one of the top genealogical libraries in the nation, and we can just hop in the car and go whenever we want. The facility is beautiful and the resources are excellent and constantly growing. Don't you love it? One of the things that has helped Clayton's growth is the support it receives from people like you and me. Joining Clayton Library Friends is an inexpensive way to give back – just \$20 per individual or \$25 for 2 people at the same address. Your support not only helps your own research, but builds a legacy for the future. Won't you join today? Your support is important. Together we can make a difference! For more information or to join, go to www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org. Be a part of something special this year!

“Gone With The Wind Dolls”

Monday, February 6 at 1:00pm at Helen Hall Library located at 100 W. Walker Street, League City ([online map](#)). An antique doll program presented by BAGS member Deborah Gammon as part of the Antiques Round Table series.



Deborah Gammon presenting her antique doll collection.

RootsTech 2012 at Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah on February 2-4.

This family history and technology conference is designed to bring technologists together with genealogists of all skill levels, so they can learn from each other and find solutions to the challenges faced in family history research today; hence the lineup of speakers this year from Google, Instructure, Ancestry.com, and FamilySearch! Go to www.rootstech.org to explore the full list of topics, sessions, speakers, and conference offerings.

Genealogy Workshop

Saturday, February 18th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in the parish hall located at 2041 Trinity Street, Liberty, TX ([online map](#)). Presented by the Liberty County Genealogical Society. Sessions include: 1) Introduction to Genealogy; 2) Finding Civil War Ancestors Online; 3) Thinking Outside the Box; and 4) Newspaper Archives: Opening Windows to Your Ancestors. Cost is \$25.00 plus \$10 for lunch.

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REMINDER

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January 20 at 7:00 pm Great Room
(2nd Floor) UBC Socializing begins
at 6:30 pm

Have any news to share?

Send information to
the editor at
newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org

HOUSTON FAMILY SEARCH GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

MARCH 24, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
4021 Deerbrook Drive
Kingwood, TX 77339

Pre-Registration

Please complete and submit this form online or print and mail to:
Houston Family Search c/o Karen Rasmussen
3414 Willow Ridge Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339

Name _____

Address: _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about the Conference?

Genealogical Society Lineage Society LDS ward/stake Friend Other

Do you need handicapped parking _____ other services? _____

LUNCH: Bring your own, visit local eateries, or view "Lunch" under registration tab to order pre-paid box lunch. Box lunches must be ordered by March 10, 2012. One hour is planned for lunch to facilitate idea sharing. Please confine eating to designated area of the building.

WORKSHOPS: View "Schedule" tab and indicate the sessions you are most likely to attend to assist in coordinating room assignments for the presenters.

Session #1 _____

Session #2 _____

Session #3 _____

The Conference is free. Pre-registration is not required but is requested to help in logistical planning. Packets will be prepared only for those pre-registering. Walk-in registration and packet pickup for pre-registrants begins at 8:00 a.m.

Please contact the Conference Director for registration questions:

Karen Rasmussen

karenasmus@yahoo.com or TX_Kingwood@ldsmail.net

281-358-9329

HOUSTON FAMILY SEARCH GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

LUNCH PURCHASE ORDER -- \$10 PER BOX LUNCH

Please enter order online and mail a check payable to "Kingwood FHC" to:
Or print form, complete, and mail with a check payable to "Kingwood FHC" to:

Houston Family Search c/o Karen Rasmussen
3414 Willow Ridge Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339

Name _____

Address: _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

LUNCH: Bring your own, visit local eateries, or purchase a pre-paid box "Lunch" using this form. Box lunches must be ordered by March 10, 2012. One hour is planned for lunch to facilitate idea sharing. Please confine eating to designated area of the building.

BOX LUNCH CONTENTS, Provided by Chick-fil-A: \$10 Each

Choice #1: Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich (A boneless breast of chicken seasoned and served on a toasted buttered bun with dill pickle chips. Comes with chips, fruit cup, fudge nut brownie, and bottled water)

Choice #2 Chick-fil-A Chargrilled Chicken and Fruit Salad (Slices of grilled chicken breast on a fresh blend of romaine and iceberg lettuce surrounded by shredded red cabbage and carrots, monterey jack and cheddar cheeses and a refreshing variety of fruit-- strawberries, grapes, apples, mandarin oranges--served with Harvest nut Granola and Berry Balsamic Vinaigrette dressing. Bottled water.)

Indicate Choice and Quantity:

_____ Choice #1, Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich \$10 Each

_____ Choice #2, Chick-fil-A Chargrilled Chicken and Fruit Salad \$10 Each

Check # _____ for \$ _____ enclosed.