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Friday, April 27, 2012:
BAGS 10th Anniversary Celebration and
Emily Croom presents
"Seeing is Not Always Believing: Avoiding False Assumptions"

Come Celebrate!

We will meet in the Chapel on the first floor of the University Baptist Church located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Clear Lake City ([online map](#)).

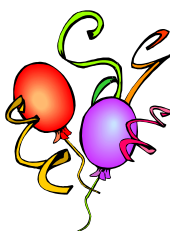
Please park in the lot closest to Middlebrook Drive.

Registration and socializing begins at 6:00pm.

The Anniversary Celebration will start at 6:30pm.

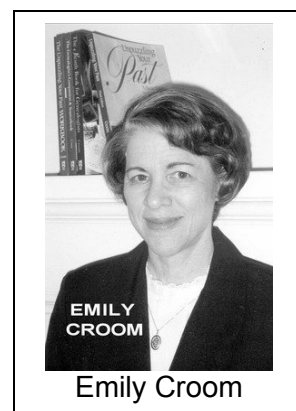
A group picture will be taken during the celebration.

The public is invited.



At 7:00pm, Emily Croom will present her program "Seeing is Not Always Believing: Avoiding False Assumptions."

Genealogical records are full of facts, both true and false. With examples from public records and compiled genealogies, this session explores ways to avoid contaminating our family histories with untrue assumptions.



Besides numerous published articles and several family histories, Ms. Croom is the author of 5 well-known books on genealogy: *Unpuzzling Your Past*, *The Unpuzzling Your Past Workbook*, *The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook*, *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists*, and *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors* co-authored with Franklin Smith. Many of the local area public libraries carry these books.

Visit her website *Unpuzzling Your Past with Emily Anne Croom* at www.unpuzzling.com to find Emily's articles, research tips, speaking schedule, and a list of her lecture topics.

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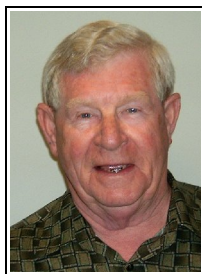
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Message from the President

Bill Mayo



BILL MAYO

Last month, there was a great turn-out (56) for Gay Carter's program on how to use newspapers for genealogical research. As usual, she provided useful information on researching our ancestors as well as some living family members. I personally benefited greatly from her previous lecture on using the internet for genealogical research.

For BAGS members, April is an exciting month. First of all, the 1940 U.S. Census was be

released on Monday, the 2nd of April. Everyone has been looking forward to this census for the last several years. Secondly, BAGS will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary on April 27th. It is hard to believe that ten years have already passed since BAGS was founded.

From what I have heard, the census that is being released is only indexed by enumeration precincts; one has to go to the enumeration precinct and then examine each entry to find a family. BAGS has joined other genealogical societies in the indexing of the 1940 census so that one can search the census by names or other fields. So far, we have several members who have signed up to assist in the project. I encourage all members who have computer access to the Internet to consider joining in this effort. Kim Zrubek is the BAGS project officer, so be sure to let her know if you join in this effort, so that BAGS will receive recognition for your effort.

BAGS will be celebrating its 10th anniversary with a special program on Friday, the 27th of April. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm, so that the celebration can begin at 6:30pm. Some of our charter members will discuss the founding of BAGS and its early days prior to our guest speaker Emily Croom presenting her program. Please make a special effort to attend this celebration. ***There will be cake and punch!!***

I am looking forward to seeing you at the 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Bill

Welcome New Members

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

Dorothea "Deta" Rogillio of Friendswood

Donna Morrison of Baytown

BAGS Program Recap

In February, Irene Walters from the Clayton Library walked us through some of the ins and out of researching immigration. Irene explained the major law changes since 1790 that created ways for people to gain, lose, and regain citizenship. Irene recommended using *Guide To Naturalization Records Of The United States* by Christina K. Schaefer (Clayton Library call# 323.623 S294 USA) as a wonderful resource for locating repositories by state, county, and city. The entries indicate the types of records held (declarations of intentions, petitions, case files), their dates of coverage, and the location of original and microfilm records. Online resources include *Ancestry.com* and *Fold3.com* (both accessible for free within a Houston Public Library). Try using the one-step search tools provided by Stephen P. Morse at <http://stevemorse.org> to locate online records from Ellis Island, Castle Garden, *Ancestry.com*, and *Footnote.com*.

In March, Gay Carter discussed how to expand our research using newspapers. Her handout is a great resource for online databases and a list of helpful research guides. Consult [online article](#) "7 Tips For Searching Historic Newspapers Online" by Kimberly Powell published on *About.com* for help in refining your search techniques. Gay suggested to also search for a person's occupation, company, or town. Often advertisements and community news will give clues to an ancestor's life. Access a state-by-state directory of links to many (not all) historical newspapers available online for free or for a fee in the *FamilySearch Wiki* [article](#) "United States Newspapers."



BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Invites you to join us for our

**10th Anniversary
Meeting Celebration**

Our speaker will be Emily Croom

Topic: "Seeing is Not Always Believing"

Friday, April 27, 2012
Registration at 6:00 p.m.
Celebration at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

University Baptist Church
Chapel, 1st Floor
16106 Middlebrook Drive
Houston, TX 77059

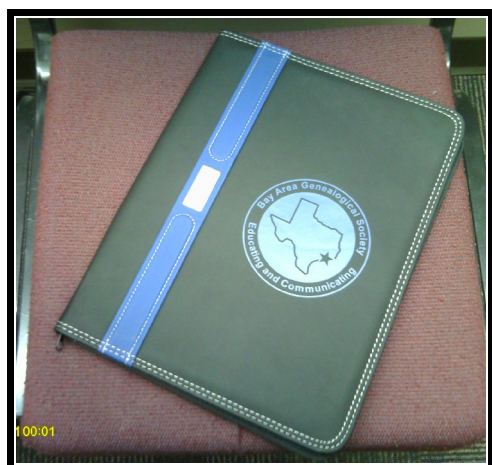


Pickup the *Quarterly*
March 2012 issue
and
the 2011-2012 *Yearbook*.

1940 U.S. Census

Want to find someone in the 1940 U.S. Census before the index is available?

Access the National Archives page <http://1940census.archives.gov/getting-started> for three searching options. If you know the street location where the person lived, click on orange button "Start Your Search." Then on the left side, choose State, County, City, and Street. You may only see the major cities and streets in the pull down list. If your city or street is not listed, choose an entry that is closest geographically. Then at the top of the results, you can narrow the list by choosing a cross street. You may have to try several different cross streets until you find the right area. Polly Swerdlin found her grandmother and two uncles in Pennsylvania and discovered what jobs they held before WWII. Annette Bowen found her parents (before they had met) in Wisconsin and Mississippi. She also found her husband as a baby. *Who have you found?*



Grab a BAGS Padfolio at the general meetings for \$20. This is a good item to take to reunions for information gathering or give as gifts.

BAGS Giving Back!

BAGS members are having fun indexing pages of the 1940 U.S. Census. The index produced is accessible worldwide from FamilySearch. At the time of printing, 12 members had indexed over 12,674 names. Patsy Chappellear leads the group with 4,000 names indexed. **Good Job Patsy!** This community project has completed an index for the Delaware, Colorado, and Kansas. Indexes are almost completed for states Idaho, Indiana, Nevada, and New Hampshire, Oregon, Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming. Follow the progress for states you are interested in at www.familysearch.org/1940census and click on "View All States" under "Overall Progress" section.

If you would like to volunteer or learn more about the indexing process, send Kim Zrubek an e-mail at newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org. If you would like some help to begin indexing a 1940 U.S. Census page, consider attending one of the following training sessions held in the Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX ([online map](#)) on

Monday, April 30 at 10:00am
Wednesday, May 2 at 7:30pm
Tuesday, May 8 at 2:00pm

Free Family History Conference

Several members attended last month's free Family History Conference in Kingwood. There were plenty of presentation topics from which to choose, ranging from specific records, specific ethnicities, and using new technology. You should consider attending next year's conference in Friendswood on **April 27, 2013.**


Save the date! Information about the workshop will be posted at www.houstonfamilysearch.com



BAGS Events 2012 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, April 23	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Wednesday, April 25	9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library (details on pg. 6)
Friday, April 27	 <p>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Come celebrate BAGS 10th Anniversary. Emily Croom presents “Seeing Is Not Always Believing: Avoiding False Assumptions” Meet in the Chapel on 1st Floor at UBC Registration at 6:00pm and Celebration begins at 6:30pm</p>
Monday, May 21	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Wednesday, May 23	9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library (details on pg. 6)
Friday, May 25	<p>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Melodey Hauch presents “The Importance of Cluster Genealogy” Meet in the Great Room on 2nd Floor at UBC <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i></p>
Monday, June 25	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, June 29	<p>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting - Speaker: Jennifer Ross-Nazzal, PhD discusses the life of suffragist Emma Smith DeVoe. Meet in the Great Room on 2nd Floor at UBC <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i></p>
Wednesday, July 18	9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library (details on pg. 6)
Monday, July 23	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, July 27	<p>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting - Meet in the Great Room on 2nd Floor at UBC <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i></p>
Monday, August 27	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, August 31	<p>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting : Annual Show & Tell Meet in the Chapel on 1st Floor at UBC Setup starts at 6:00pm. Pot luck dinner begins at 6:30 pm</p>

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Catch the bus on:

Wednesday, April 25

Wednesday, May 23

Wednesday, July 18

We 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 parking lot before **4:00 pm**. 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. A current listing of library trips is published in each newsletter and on the BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

BAG\$ Report for March 2012

Loren Martin, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,115.43
Income	\$135.50
Expenses	<u>-\$332.23</u>
Balance on hand 3/31/2012	\$2,918.70
CD Balance	\$6,344.27

Mt Olivet Cemetery Transcription Project

BAGS members Neil Miserendino, Deborah Cole, Regina Flynn, Chester Karrick, and Kim Zrubek completed the process of recording names and capturing photos of grave markers in the St. Edith Stein cemetery section on Saturday, April 14. This information will be transcribed and printed in a future *BAGS Quarterly* issue.

Membership

Deborah Cole, Registrar

As of the end of March 31, 2012, our membership for the 2011-2012 year is as follows: 9 new members, 146 renewed members, and 2 life memberships for a total of 157 members.

Please welcome our newest members:

Dorothea "Deta" Rogillio of Friendswood

Donna Morrison of Baytown

If you have any changes or corrections to your contact information, please notify me at Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

For March, 51 members and 5 visitors attended the general meeting and 13 members attended the Board meeting.

BAGS On Display...

Information promoting genealogy and BAGS is on display at the Parker Williams Branch Library located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd, Houston ([online map](#)) during the month of April. This display will be relocated to the Evelyn Meador Branch Library located at 2400 North Meyer Avenue, Seabrook ([online map](#)) in May thanks to the efforts of Polly Swerdlin.



BAGS Display At Parker Williams Library
(more pictures on page 8 of online newsletter)

Local Area Events & Classes

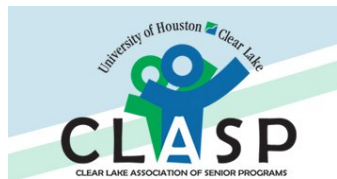
LDS Library Research Trip

The Humble Area Genealogical Society invites everyone to join their 11th research trip to Salt Lake City. The trip is planned for June 12 – June 19, 2012. This trip is open to anyone interested in genealogy research and not just members of the Humble society. Arrangements include 7 nights at the Plaza Hotel at Temple Square next door to the LDS Library. Rooms each have 2 queen size beds, a small refrigerator, coffee maker, microwave and free high speed Internet. Rates include hotel room, transportation and baggage handling to and from the hotel, and a free 1 hour seminar presented by heritage Consulting.

Room rates are per person for 7 nights depending on how many are in a room:
Single \$584.00+tax/person,
Double \$297.00+tax/person,
Triple \$217.67+tax/person, and Quad \$165.75

For more information or questions, call Pam Walton 281-358-6449 or e-mail at pj1976@embarqmail.com

CLASP Programs



"History of the Four Presidents of the Republic of Texas" presented by Tom Green, SRT on **Friday, May 4 from 10:30 to noon** at Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane, Houston ([online map](#))

"Memories to Memoirs" (3 sessions)
Mondays, May 7, 14, and 21 from 10:00am to 11:30am presented by Dion McInnis, Associate Vice President For University Advancement, UHCL at Melvin Knapp Center, 2424 South Park Avenue, Pearland ([online map](#))

Free Genealogy Programs at Clayton Library

For the following programs, reservations are required. Call the library 832-393-2600. The library is located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas 77004 ([online map](#)).

Accidents Happen: Protecting & Saving Family Treasures

Friday, April 27 from 10:30am to 12:00pm

Accidents and disasters happen. When they do, are you prepared? Are your family treasures stored safely in your home or elsewhere? How do you save your photos when they've been submerged in flood water? What do you do if your books smell mildewy? This session features the American Library Association's webinar "Accidents Happen: Protecting & Saving Family Treasures," which provides tips and tools for checking out possible hazards around the house, dealing with mold and salvaging keepsakes, documenting damage for insurance purposes, and keeping your family safe.

Mold Prevention and Remediation

Friday, April 27 from 12:30am to 2:00pm

Join us for the American Library Association's webinar "Mold Prevention and Remediation." This webinar introduces participants to the basic types of mold and describes the environmental conditions that promote mold growth in home and library collections. It also covers prevention as well as remediation should mold growth occur.

Preserving Your Personal Digital Memories

Friday, April 27 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Digital photos, electronic documents, and other new media are fragile and require special care to keep them useable. But preserving any kind of digital information is a new concept with which most people have little experience. As new technologies appear for creating and saving our personal digital information, older ones become obsolete, making it difficult to access older content. Join us for the American Library Association's webinar "Preserving Your Personal Digital Memories." This webinar will teach about the nature of the problem as well as recommend some simple, practical tips and tools to help you keep your digital memories safe.

**BAGS Display at the
Parker Williams Branch Library in Houston, TX
during April 2012**



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Celebrating 10 years

REMINDER

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(1st Floor) UBC
10th Anniversary Celebration begins
at 6:30 pm

Have any news to share?

Send information to
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