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Friday, May 25, 2012: Melodey Mozeley Hauch presents "The Importance of Cluster Genealogy"

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](#))**

Cluster genealogy is also called the "whole family" or the "big picture" approach. The cluster includes the next of kin, the extended family, the friends, neighbors and associates and finally, people with the same surname. Melodey will share some techniques that help researchers not to break through brick walls but instead to work around them with information found in the nine types of records left by members of the cluster.

Melodey Mozeley Hauch was born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina, moving with her family to Atlanta where they lived for many years. She graduated with a B.A. in Psychology from Agnes Scott College in 1971 and moved to Texas in 1980 with her husband Robert. The Hauchs have been residents of League City since 1984 where they raised their two sons.

Melodey is currently an active member of six local lineage and historical societies. She started researching her family history nearly thirty years ago and became addicted to the hobby on her first visit to Clayton Library when she saw her grandmother listed on the 1900 census as a teenager.



Melodey Mozeley
Hauch

Always interested in old cemeteries, Melodey has been researching and writing about local cemeteries since 2003 and is particularly interested in the historic graveyards in the area. She researched and compiled biographical sketches on all of the persons buried in three vandalized cemeteries, Sandy Point Cemetery in Brazoria County, Arcadia Evergreen Cemetery in Santa Fe and Campbell's Bayou Cemetery in Texas City. Melodey has won eight personal writing awards for her books and articles from the Texas State Genealogical Society and has been the editor of the *BAGS Quarterly* since December 2008. Husband Robert is listed as providing tech support for the *Quarterly* – he frequently rescues her when she cannot figure out how to get the computer to do what she wants.

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Message from the President

Bill Mayo



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BAGS 10th Anniversary Celebration was a great success with seventy-nine members and seven guests attending! Thirty-three of the charter members were able to attend. Everyone was delighted to see BAGS first president Carolyn Hellen and her husband Roy, who drove all the way from Alabama to attend. While members were having cake and punch, Ned Yelverton entertained with

"Old-Time piano music. Deborah Cole's power point presentation of photos from past events brought back memories for many, and her program handout will serve as an important souvenir of this anniversary event. Members and visitors enjoyed the BAGS scrapbooks displayed by Lynn Finger. Jeanine Lawrence and Carolyn Hellen spoke about the origin of BAGS and its early history. Many of us at the meeting were unaware of how BAGS came into being. The guest speaker Emily Croom provided a great program "Seeing Is Not Always Believing," which demonstrated some of the pitfalls of blindly accepting what we read in various sources. All in all, everyone enjoyed this important event in the history of BAGS. I would like to thank Shirley Lindquist, the committee chairperson, and all the members who made this celebration a success!

Our participation in the effort to index the 1940 U.S. Census is going quite well, but more volunteers are needed. Twenty-three members had signed up and seventeen members are actively indexing the census. For the month of April, BAGS members indexed 18,868 names, with one member indexing more than 6,500 names. Please join the effort to get the census indexed if you haven't already. Kim Zrubek is our project administrator and can help you get started; if you decide to start on your own, please e-mail Kim (newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org) your FamilySearch user name so that BAGS will get credit for your efforts.

At BAGS May meeting, Melodey Hauch, the editor and publisher of the BAGS Quarterly, will be the guest speaker. The topic of her presentation will be "Cluster Genealogy." This is a topic that I have not heard before, and I am looking forward to learning about cluster genealogy. Mark your calendars for this program on May 25th and be sure to attend.

Bill

BAGS 10th Anniversary Celebration April 27, 2012

by Shirley Lindquist

"What A Good Time We Had", was heard repeatedly. The event was the first celebration for an anniversary by our society. The program provided special appeal for genealogists to enjoy!

Emily Croom, an outstanding speaker, was as captivating as ever. She's a nationally known educator, and author of many books. Her reputation preceded her, as she is well-known in the "genealogy world". We've been fortunate to enjoy her presentations in the past.



Emily Croom and
Robert T. Shelby



Jeanine Lawrence and
Resa Hennings

Carolyn Hellen, founder of BAGS, had the vision to develop a society in this area. She had been attending Houston groups and recognized the need for a local group. Carolyn described the early BAGS years since 2001. Carolyn and her husband, Roy, drove all the way from Alabama to be with us. It was touching for many long time members to hear Jeanine and Carolyn share their memories.



Doug Wilson and
Carolyn Hellen

Ned Yelverton, long-time member, provided entertaining piano music to make the celebration festive. He played traditional, classic, and "old-time" music for upbeat fun. During this time, Deborah Cole's power point presentation of memorable photos was shown for all to enjoy.



Ned Yelverton at the piano

Our society is fortunate to have so many gifted folks. We're grateful for their contributions through the years.

Eighty-six members and visitors attended the celebration...the greatest attendance since 2003. We have forty-seven current charter members, and thirty-three of those charter members attended. For some members, perhaps, the most enjoyable part of the evening was talking to other members, who had not attended recently. Some folks seemed to be having a bit of a reunion with those they had worked with on projects in the past. We know genealogists are a special population, and those relationships or friendships are precious!

Many thanks to the volunteers who assisted the celebration committee to make the event the success it was. We appreciate each one. The celebration committee consisted of Deborah Cole, Susie Ganch, Melodey Hauch, Bill Mayo, and Shirley Lindquist.



Celebration Committee: Deborah Cole, Bill Mayo, Shirley Lindquist, Melodey Hauch, and (not shown) Susie Ganch

Emily Croom's moto to all is...

Think! Apply Logic! Research!

Emily stressed the importance of identifying good dates of events in order to move forward in your research to find more facts, and citing the sources used to establish those facts. This is your best defense against published information that contains errors.

During her presentation to BAGS, Emily discussed many resources she uses to flush out facts including:

Julian and Gregorian calendars since countries did not transition at the same time.

Records found at a state's Adjutant General's Office. Try a Google search using the the terms: *texas Adjunct General's records*

Military and civilian national personnel records at the National Archives in St. Louis (www.archives.gov/st-louis)

Remember you can access military records within *Fold3.com* and *Ancestry.com* for free when using the Internet access within a Houston Public Library branch (e.g. Clayton Library). Use the library's public Internet stations or take your own laptop. Following the links in the section "Revolutionary War Online Records" on the website *American Revolutionary War* (www.myrevolutionarywar.com) to access search interfaces for specific Revolutionary War records that can be found within *Fold3.com* and *Ancestry.com*.



BAGS Presidents (L-R): Carolyn Hellen, Neil Miserendino, Resa Hennings, Loren Martin, Tina Medlin-Chatham, Bill Mayo



A copy of the 10th Anniversary Celebration program is included in the electronic version of this newsletter.

Reference to BAGS history documented by Carole Varnado documented BAGS history in the *BAGS Quarterly* volume 4, number 4, page 102.

Native Americans in 1940

If your Native American ancestor was enrolled in a tribe and living on an Indian Reservation in 1940, you may find them in the NARA microfilm publication M595, *Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940* (totaling 692 rolls). The National Archives has provided a table on their [website](#) and in a [PDF document](#) listing the contents of each roll, the jurisdiction and coverage dates. The rolls are available for viewing at the Clayton Library in cabinet C67, drawer D01. The library notes for this resource are:

- *See: Intro At Beginning of Rolls.*
- *Not Indexed.*
- *Alpha by Agency, Location or Tribal Affiliation.*
- *Information on Rolls Vary.*
- *Not a Census for Every Reservation or Group of Indians for Every Year.*
- *Only those Who Maintained a Formal Affiliation with a Tribe.*
- *Descriptive Pamphlet Available.*
- *Also see: informative article on these censuses by Karen Stein Daniel, CG, CLF, in Ethnic Finding Aid Notebook, Native American section.*

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.

Friday, May 25	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Melodey Hauch presents “The Importance of Cluster Genealogy” 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	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, June 29	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 2 nd Floor at UBC <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i>
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	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, August 27	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, August 31	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
Monday, September 24	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, September 28	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, October 22	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, October 26	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>

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Catch the bus on: **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.

1940 U.S. Census Community Project

At the time of printing, 17 members had indexed over 44,171 records of which 24,653 records have been indexed during the month of May. Many of the members have indexed over 1000 records in May. Patsy Chapplear leads the group with 13,800 records indexed, followed by Annette Bowen with 5,179 records and Bill Mayo with 4,240 records.

Great Job Everyone! Thanks to this community project, there is now a search interface where you can enter surname/given names, county, gender, and race to find people included in the 1940 Census living in Delaware, Colorado, Kansas, New Hampshire, Oregon, and Virginia. Access the search interfaces and follow the progress of other 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.



BAGS On Display...

Polly Swerdlin setup a display of information promoting genealogy and BAGS during the month of May at the LaPorte Branch Library (a Harris County Public Library) located on 600 South Broadway Street, LaPorte ([online map](#)).



BAGS Display at LaPorte Branch Library

Attendance Report

Jeanine Lawrence

For April, 79 members and 7 visitors (3 of which were former members) attended the general meeting and 11 members attended the Board meeting. The BAGS membership still includes 47 charter members.

BAG\$ Report for April 2012

Loren Martin, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,918.70
Income	\$52.66
Expenses	-\$483.85
Balance on hand 4/30/2012	\$2,487.91
CD Balance	\$6,347.79



Grab a BAGS Padfolio at the general meetings for \$20.

Local Area Events & Classes

Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference

This year's conference titled "A Family Search" is scheduled for July 20-21, 2012 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Eight speakers offering 24 sessions. There will be exhibitors and vendors. Optional workshops offered Thursday, July 19 from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Choose one from either: Trevia Wooster Beverly's presentation *Genealogy. It's A Family Affair!* or Debbie Parker Wayne's presentation *Statute and Story: Laws and Social History in Family Research*.

A Family Search



The conference is held on the Angelina College Campus located at 3500 South First Street, Lufkin, TX ([online map](#)). Details about the conference can be found online at www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html

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

Beginner Genealogy Classes

Alvin Community College (ACC) [Continuing Education Program](#) is offering three week classes for a fee. BAGS member and professional genealogist Nick Cimino will teach the classes. Learn 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 data. In addition, Nick will provide an overview of the most common records used to conduct genealogical research and instructions on how to access them. The course will describe records to search for in family homes, identify sources for locating existing family histories, and provide guidance on where and how to obtain original records.

The classes are scheduled as follows:

Thursdays at 6:00pm on June 7 – June 21 at Alvin ACC campus ([map](#)) Session open to all ages.

Thursdays at 6:00pm July 12 – July 26 at Alvin ACC campus ([map](#)). Session is open to senior adults.

Thursdays at 6:00pm August 2 – August 16 at the Pearland ACC campus ([map](#)). Session is open to senior adults.

For more information and registration, contact ACC CE Deptment at 281-756-3787 or e-mail ce@alvincollege.edu.



Polly Swerdlin serving anniversary cake

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Celebrating 10 years

REMINDER

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Room (2nd Floor) UBC Socializing
begins at 6:30 pm

Have any news to share?

Send information to
the editor at
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