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### Friday, June 29, 2012: Jennifer Ross-Nazzal, PhD presents "Winning the West for Women"

*Public Invited. Join us at 6:30pm for coffee and socializing.*

**We meet at the University Baptist Church in the Great Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.  
(16106 Middlebrook Drive, Clear Lake City - [online map](#))**

Dr. Jennifer Ross-Nazzal's book "Winning the West for Women" documents the life of Emma Smith DeVoe, an leader in the suffrage movement, who moved across the country organizing, raising money, and helping make the West central to achieving the vote for women. The National Council of Women Voters, whose members were predominately western women, played an important role in securing the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. This biography describes the real experiences of women and their relationships as they struggled to win the right to vote. Dr. Ross-Nazzal will discuss her research for writing this book. Books will be available for sale and autograph. Dr. Ross-Nazzal received

her PhD from Washington State University, was involved in the oral history project for NASA and is now the historian at NASA Johnson Space Center.



Jennifer  
Ross-Nazzal, PhD

#### **Related:**

Texas Women's University maintains a major research collection on the history of American women. The library first began collecting the biographies of great women in 1932 at the suggestion of its president, Dr. Louis H. Hubbard, "to serve as role models" to students. The collection has since grown to over 78,000 books, 6,200 cubic feet of manuscript collections, 25,000 photographs, approximately 2,000 periodical titles, 600 oral history projects, and major manuscript and book collections on microform. These materials cover the subjects of women's suffrage movement, equal legal rights, authors, educators, athletics and competitive sports, artists, health sciences, and the military. A catalog of these materials is available [online](#). This collection serves as the official archive of the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II (WASP) including photographs, wartime documents, uniforms, and artifacts. Select "WASP Photographs" on the [WASP catalog](#) to browse over 3900 digitized photographs of women and men involved in the program. Also view WASP class listings.

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## Message from the President

**Bill Mayo**



**BILL MAYO**

Summer time has arrived! Many of us are looking forward to traveling, attending family reunions and expanding our genealogy research. Of course, family reunions offer us an opportunity to share our knowledge of family history as well as expand upon it. Melodey Haunch's program on cluster genealogy might prove useful if we are visiting areas where numerous family ancestors lived.

The BAGS board of directors is disappointed that Susie Ganch resigned as 2nd Vice President but appreciate the great job that she did in arranging guest speakers. These guest speakers have included Alecyia Gallaway, David Bowles, Irene Walters, Bruce Lockett, Dick Eastman, Susan Kaufman, Jerry Woodman, Gay Carter, Sue Yerby, Blaine Hedberg, James P. Beville, Cary Hall, Nick Cimino, Ann Dunphy Becker, Eric Sandifer, Linda Jamison, Deborah Cole, Jane Buck, Thomas Bruce Green III, Emily Croom and Melody Hauch. The topics have been varied and would require too much space to identify all of them. However, they have included such areas as Clayton Library resources, internet research techniques, electronic government information, Norwegian ancestry, Italian ancestry, various Texas topics, Huguenots ancestry, orphan trains, genetic genealogy, Federal Genealogical Society conference topics, the Civil War, etc. One of these programs resulted in my breaking down a 20 year old brick wall, so I am especially grateful to Susie for the speakers that Susie arranged. We can also thank Susie for the procurement of the BAGS pad folios that many of us enjoy using. Thank you, Susie, for the great job!

Alice Braud-Jones has volunteered to serve the remainder of Susie's term as 2nd Vice President, and the board warmly welcomes her to that position. Alice has served on the board previously and is currently deeply involved in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery project. She has already done a fantastic job of arranging speakers for the remainder of the year.

BAGS members continue to assist in the 1940 U.S. Census Indexing Project. Overall, the census indexing project is about 55% complete with some states now being searchable. If you haven't volunteered, please consider doing so; if you do, please send your "user ID" to Kim Zrubek so that BAGS will get credit for your effort. One interesting thing that I learned was that there were indexing projects in work other than the census. You might want to check the list of projects that are ongoing to see if data you are interested in is being indexed. After the census project is completed, I will probably volunteer to index various records in states that I am doing research.

Hope to see you at the June meeting.

**Bill**

## Online WWII Newsreels



Do you remember sitting in the movie theatre and watching the black and white newsreels? Some of these newsreels are being digitized and published online for free viewing.

"Fox Movietone News: the War Years, 1942 – 1944," provides free online access to over two hundred *Fox Movietone News* newsreels released in American theaters from September 1942 through August 1944. During the war, two newsreels (8 to 10 minutes long) were released per week by each of the five major American newsreel companies (*Fox Movietone News*, *Universal News*, *Hearst News of the Day*, *Paramount News*, and *Pathé News*). View the newsreel released Saturday, November 18, 1942 covering America's progress one year after the Pearl Harbor attack. The footage includes Roosevelt declaration of war and ends with a short helicopter demonstration. The Tuesday, June 13, 1944 newsreel summarizes the offensive strategies used during the D-Day Allied invasion on Normandy. Browse the list of newsreels by month and year or country, or search the cataloged descriptions by key words.

The site also provides access to archival paper records associated with each theatrical release. These paper records (also known as "dope sheets") show the editorial decisions made by the staff at *Fox Movietone News*. This digitized collection is the result of collaboration between the University of South Carolina and the Library of Congress. The collection is to be used for educational purposes only, and items are not to be reproduced without permission from Moving Image Research Collections, 707 Catawba Street, University of South Carolina, SC 29208.

Access the newsreels and dope sheets at <http://library.sc.edu/digital/collections/mvtnw/arfilms.html>

**Please extend a warm welcome  
to our newest BAGS member**

**Bob Demchak**

## Mapping Antique Photos

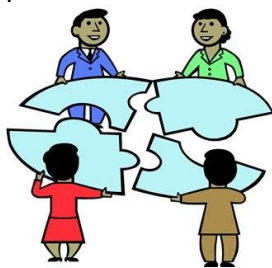
You may have heard of *Pinterest.com*. There is a similar website called **HistoryPin** ([www.historypin.com](http://www.historypin.com)) devoted to collecting vintage photographs, audio, and video accompanied with captions and pinning them to the related geographic location. Then people can search by geographic location and refine by date and subject to locate photos of interest. A short audio clip of "Houston we have a problem" is pinned to the location of the Johnson Space Center. HistoryPin has been developed by the not-for-profit company We Are What We Do, in partnership with Google. The site's goal is to share small glimpses of the past and to build up the huge story of human history. Museums, archives, libraries, and individuals across the globe are posting photos on this website. Click on the "Map" tab to begin searching by location, date, or subject for photos already pinned. Click on "Tours & Collections" tab to view themed groupings of the pinned photos (e.g. events, locations). Click on "Channel" tab to view all photos pinned by a specific contributor (e.g. US National Archives, Imperial War Museum, Nova Scotia Archives, Manchester Archives).

This site has the potential of being a good resource but at this point the content is sparse. Suggest adding this site to your list of online resources to search periodically for new content.

Similar site with a different set of photos is *What Was There* ([www.whatwasthere.com](http://www.whatwasthere.com)). This site links historical photographs of buildings, landmarks, locations, etc. to current Google Maps street view worldwide. By overlaying old photos onto current day street images of the same location, you get an idea of how the area looked like in the past. For example, a search for Houston, TX retrieves a list of photos that include City Hall, Nichols-Rice-Cherry home, H E Hinrichsen Grocery, Alabama Theatre, and Sunken Gardens. Click on one of the photos and then click the "Google Street View" button on that photo to see the historic image overlapped with a current view of the same location.

## Cluster Genealogy – May Program Recap

Melodey provided some great examples of how she used the cluster method to uncover information on several generations of many people. Cluster genealogy allows her to “sneak up on the information” she really wants, by looking at the well known record types for the next of kin, extended family, friends, neighbors, and people with the same surname. It really works! For example, if you cannot find an obituary, try looking at the



Fraternal announcements. These can document the person's death through the printed instructions to the order's members concerning the funeral arrangements. Nick Cimino suggested looking for wedding anniversary notices in the newspapers because the content can list all the family. Melodey pointed out that pension records may include an actual copy of a marriage or death certificate for proof to receive or stop pension, respectively. Pension records are filed in the state the person was living not the where they originally fought.

Want to learn more? Read Chapter 3 “Broadening the Scope: Cluster Genealogy” in Emily Croom's book *The Sleuth Book For Genealogists: Strategies for More Successful Family History Research* available at your local library. The use of cluster genealogy method is sprinkled throughout the book in case studies. Thank you Melodey for providing a great program!

## FGS Radio

*Did you know the Federation of Genealogical Societies has its own radio show?*

“My Society” is broadcasted each Saturday afternoon live on the Internet at 1:00 pm Central and focuses on the issues that confront genealogical societies. Each episode is archived and available for playback at a later date. Available past episodes include *Internet Tools for Societies*; *Facebook and Your Genealogy Society*; *What's New with Mocavo?*; and *WordPress for Your Society Website*. All you need to listen to FGS Radio is a computer or mobile device (e.g. smartphone or tablet) with Internet access and speakers or headphone jack in order to listen. Access [www.BlogTalkRadio.com/MySociety](http://www.BlogTalkRadio.com/MySociety), scroll down to either the **Upcoming Broadcast** or **On-Demand Episodes** section, and click on the episode title.

**Pst... You can now access Fold3.com from home for free through the Houston Public Library (HPL) website.**

**In the past, you had to go into a HPL branch to get free access. The HPL website still states “in library use only”. Just click on Fold3 on the webpage [www.houstonlibrary.org/genealogy](http://www.houstonlibrary.org/genealogy) and enter all 14 digits of your HPL Power Card number. Don't have one? You can get one for free by visiting any HPL branch. Otherwise, register online at <https://catalog.houstonlibrary.org/selfreg/onlineereg> to receive a temporary card that provides access to databases such as Fold3.com for 30 days.**

**Pst..You can also access content in *NewspaperArchives.com* from home for free through the Galveston Rosenberg Library website. Access their [eLibrary](#), click on “Newspaper Archives,” and enter all 14 digits of a valid Rosenberg Library card, available for free to Texas residents.**

**- Information from members at the May meeting.**

## BAGS Quarterly

The June issue of the *BAGS Quarterly* will have an unexpected Civil War theme. I had written an article about a Civil War diary found in a special collections library with author's credit given to the wrong soldier. Then Annette Bowen submitted an article about the Confederate service of one of her ancestors, complete with a number of letters. Later, Jinny Mason gave me an article written by her great-great-grandmother about their family's experiences during the war. I have also received permission from Rosenberg Library's Special Collections Department to publish a series of letters written by two brothers serving in a Texas regiment to their sister in Galveston. If you have stories or letters about your ancestor's military experience, I hope you will consider submitting them to the *Quarterly*.

- Submitted by Melodey Hauch, *Quarterly* editor

## 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, June 25	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, June 29	<p>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting - <b>Speaker: Jennifer Ross-Nazzal, PhD discusses the life of suffragist Emma Smith DeVoe.</b></p> <p>Meet in the Great Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – Speaker: Eric Sandifer presents “The Escape and Suicide of John Wilkes Booth”</p> <p>Meet in the Great Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 : <b>Annual Show &amp; Tell</b></p> <p><b>Meet in the Chapel on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor at UBC</b></p> <p><b>Setup starts at 6:00pm. Pot luck dinner begins at 6:30 pm</b></p>
Monday, September 24	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, September 28	<p>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Charlie Gardes presents “It's A Gusher”</p> <p>Meet in the Great Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i></p>
Monday, October 22	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, October 26	<p>7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Susan Kaufman presents “The 1940 Census”</p> <p>Meet in the Great Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i></p>

**THANK YOU Susie Ganch** for selecting  
programs and scheduling speakers for the  
general meetings and serving as the speaker's  
hostess since 2009.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org).

### 1940 U.S. Census Community Project

Giant leaps in progress have been made this month. A 1940 Census search interface is now available for the states of Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wyoming, and Virginia. Access the search interfaces and follow the progress of other states at [www.familysearch.org/1940census](http://www.familysearch.org/1940census) and click on "View All States" under "Overall Progress" section.

At the time of printing, members have indexed 76,831 records of which 19,197 records were indexed in the month of June. A BIG Thank You to the members that have spent the last several months indexing: Annette Bowen, Patsy Chappelle, Gloria Dupuy, Robert Loyd, Loren Martin, Bill & Vicki Mayo, Kenneth Nelson, and Douglas Wilson.

If you would like to volunteer or learn more about the indexing process, send Kim Zrubek an e-mail at [newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org](mailto:newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org).



### BAGS On Display...

Polly Swerdlin setup a display of information promoting genealogy and BAGS during the month of June and July in the Evelyn Meador Branch Library located at 2400 North Meyer Road, Seabrook ([online map](#)).



BAGS Display at Seabrook Branch Library

### Attendance Report

Deborah Cole

For May, 51 members and 1 visitor attended the general meeting and 8 members attended the Board meeting.

### BAG\$ Report for May 2012

Loren Martin, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,487.91
Income	\$68.55
Expenses	<u>-\$175.59</u>
Balance on hand 5/31/2012	\$2,380.87
CD Balance	\$6,347.79



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

## Local Area Events & Classes

### Quick Start your Genealogy!

**Wednesday, June 27, 2012**

Free multi-session program at the Clayton Library located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston ([online map](#)). Reservations are required, please call the library 832-393-2600.

1:30-2:00pm: *HPL Catalog*;

2:10-2:50pm: *Ancestry Library Edition & FamilySearch*

3:00-3:30pm *Ordering microprint from Salt Lake City*

### 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 will present 24 sessions. There will be exhibitors and vendors.

*A Family Search*



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*.

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](http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html)



**Clayton Friends presents All-Day Seminar featuring J. Mark Lowe, CG**

**Saturday, August 18 from 10:00am – 3:00pm** in St. Luke's United Methodist Church located at 3471 Westheimer Rd, Houston ([online map](#)). See newsletter insert for seminar topics. Hosted by Clayton Library Friends. Registration available online at [www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org](http://www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org)

### Beginner Genealogy Classes

Alvin Community College (ACC) [Continuing Education Program](#) is offering three week classes **August 2 – August 16** (Thursdays at 6:00pm) at the Pearland ACC campus ([map](#)) 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. For more information and registration, contact the ACC CE Department at 281-756-3787 or e-mail [ce@alvincollege.edu](mailto:ce@alvincollege.edu).

### The Federation of Genealogical Societies 2012 Conference



**August 29 – September 1** at the Birmingham Convention Center in Birmingham, Alabama. July 1 is the early registration deadline. Visit the conference website

[www.fgs.org/2012conference](http://www.fgs.org/2012conference) for registration, travel, lodging, programming, and activities.

You do NOT have to be a member of a genealogical society to attend--the conference is open to all. Visit *FGS Conference News Blog* [www.fgsconferenceblog.org](http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org) to get the latest information on hotels, speakers, Society Showcase, and transportation tips.

BAGS Display at Evelyn Meador Branch Library, Seabrook, TX



# BAGS

Bay Area Genealogical Society



*Celebrating 10 years*

## REMINDER

Next General Meeting is  
**Friday, June 29** at 7:00pm in 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](mailto:newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org)



CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS presents:

## **All-Day Seminar** featuring **J. Mark Lowe, CG**

**10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, August 18, 2012**  
**St. Luke's United Methodist Church,**  
**3471 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX**

### **Seminar Topics**

(not necessarily presented in this order)

- ***Cold Mountain: A Case Study of a Tarheel Soldier in the Civil War***  
Discover the real records of William P Inman, the subject of the controversial book and movie, who lived and died in North Carolina.
- ***Confederate Yankees in the Southland***  
A number of Union blue soldiers maintained close ties to the Confederacy. Many crossed the line to change uniforms. Learn about your border ancestor and finding their uniform of choice or no uniform at all.
- ***My Ancestor, the farmer: Shaping a profile for Your Rural Ancestor***  
Farming is a proud and honorable occupation. Develop a rich profile of your farming ancestor and community using available resources.
- ***Whiskey, Brandy, and Southern Migration***  
Understanding why our Ancestors were searching for limestone-filtered flowing springs and abundant fruit and grain will help tighten their travel routes and destinations. Learn basic distillation process as well.

**Register Now –**

**CLF members: \$25 before August 1<sup>st</sup>, \$35 after August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Non-CLF members: \$35 before August 1<sup>st</sup>, \$45 after August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Registration forms available at: [www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org](http://www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org)**