

Bay Area Genealogical Society

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Friday, September 28, 2012: Charlie Gardes presents "It's A Gusher"

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)

Black Gold, Texas Tea, Bubbling Crude are all monikers given to oil. This may not be "The Beverly Hillbillies," or "Spindletop," but find out what happens to a deceased farmer's estate when oil is discovered before the estate is settled. Follow an actual probate case of heir verification requiring research back to reconstruction era complete with multiple wives, numerous children, some legitimate and some not, all with a common surname.

Mr. Gardes has been a faculty member of the Angelina College Genealogy Conference in Lufkin since 2005 and has also served on various Internet-based mailing lists on the RootsWeb system in a mentoring capacity. Charlie teaches beginner level classes for the

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Spring Branch ISD Community Education Department. He is a contributing author to the book *The Desperate*<u>Genealogist's Idea Book</u>

published to help support the www.Deadfred.com, a free online genealogy photo



archive. Sections of the book are available free for reading through **Google Books**. Charlie's three-year search in finding and proving his German roots has been detailed as an immigration case study in Emily Croom's *The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook* (available at most local public libraries). He has been a self-employed construction consultant and project manager in Houston since 1983 and was the project manager for the 7.5 million dollar Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research renovation completed in 2009.

Mr. Gardes presented "Meet Me at the Raccoon Lodge" to BAGS in May 2009 which was an entertaining look at what genealogical information can be obtained through the records of fraternal organizations.

Pick up your copy of the new September 2012 *Quarterly* issue.

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Message from the President



BILL MAYO

Bill Mayo

BAGS annual "show and tell" program and buffet in August concluded another successful year for our society. For BAGS, New Years Day is the 1st of September. During this past year we have had many interesting speakers in addition to celebrating BAGS 10th anniversary with a special program.

During the coming year, Alice Braud-Jones has lined up some interesting guest speakers. In September, Charlie Gardes will present a program on "*It's a Gusher*." Although it revolves around "Texas Tea" or "Black Gold", it also describes the research required in identifying the heirs of a land owner who dies and oil is found between the time of death and the conclusion of the estate probate.

Please remember that membership renewals are due this month. It is a **great help** to the BAGS registrar if you pay your membership promptly, and it also insures that you will be included in the new directory.

Polly Swerdlin has volunteered to fill the BAGS position of Member Services. The previous Telephone Coordinator position has been combined with Member Services. Polly has done a fantastic job of setting up BAGS displays at various libraries in the area. Please assist her in fulfilling her new duties if the need arises.

The BAGS annual holiday party will be held on the 17th of November at the Hope Village Cafe. The Hope Village normally has holiday items for sale, so you can get some Christmas shopping done before and after lunch. Please mark this date on your calendars.

Bill

Welcome New Members!

Jocelyn "Lynn" Mathes from League City
Bradley "Brad" & Denise Scarborough
from La Porte
Susan "Sue" M. Shelley from Houston
Laura Smith from Pasadena

Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference

Saddlebags to Social Networking: Following Ancestors Through History

story

Thursday-Saturday, November 1-3 at Riley Conference Center, 4726 Stanley Ave., Fort Worth, TX (online map) on the campus of Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary.

The conference promises an exciting weekend featuring networking for results, cutting-edge technology, productive sources, effective research methods, ethnic research (Native American, African American, and Hispanic), society management, beginning genealogy, plus much more!

Thursday, November 1, is a free day with sessions for society management, librarians, FamilySearch.org, and beginning genealogists. A "Best of the Southwest" Genealogy Expo kicks off the conference weekend on Thursday night with scores of exhibits featuring the best genealogy resources in the Metroplex and throughout the southwest.

Featured speaker is Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, ISGF. Witcher is the Senior Manager for Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, where he manages The Genealogy Center. He is a former president of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the National Genealogical Society (NGS), and the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society (IGS). He currently serves as vice-president of development for FGS.

Programs, lodging, pricing, registration, sponsorship, exhibit, and advertising information are available online at:

www.txsgs.org/Conference/conference.html

RIDE - SHARE



Not driving at night? Too far to drive alone? Willing to share? Want company?

Give us a call, we'll match you up! We know who lives nearby...

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OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH: Celebrate Every Day!

There are a number of free genealogy programs offered during the month at Clayton Library and George Memorial Library. Refer to page 7 in this newsletter for the program schedule.

The National Park Service's (NPS) National Register of Historic Places supports family history month by providing lesson plans that focus on family heritage using maps, readings, and images to help put historical people and places in context to understand beliefs, actions, and attitudes of that time period. The lesson plans can be accessed by state, theme, or time period online at

www.cr.nps.gov/NR/twhp/descrip.htm

Traveling by car this year? Add a stop to visit a historical property along the way. Almost every county in the United States has at least one place listed in the National Register. Photographs of these historical properties are posted on **Flickr** as a challenge to get a snapshot of America's historical properties and places.

Access a list of travel destinations by region on the NPS "Travel Itinerary Series" webpage at www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/index.htm. Scroll halfway down the page to this image and the regional lists will follow.



NPS "Travel Itinerary Series"

Each link accesses a list of recommended sites for the trip with corresponding histories, descriptions, photos, and exact location addresses. The vast majority of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places are privately owned so please respect privacy and all private property rights.

Alternatively, use the <u>National Register database</u> to a search a specific county and state to get a list of properties. (Retrieving the search results takes a minute.) The entries provide links to digitized photos and the original nomination form submitted for each property.

[NPS resource suggested by Shirley Lindquist]

Message from the Registrar



September begins our new Society year, which runs from September to August. Thanks to everyone who has renewed so far. BAGS has a total of 98 members!. There are 7 new and 91 renewing memberships for 2012-2013 Society year as of September 25, 2012. The renewing memberships include additional donations of 2 Lifetime, 6 Patrons, and 2 Contributors. Tammy Frey will be working on our Membership Directory and hopes to have it complete for the October meeting.

If you have not done so already, please fill out a new membership form and return it to me along with your payment at the September meeting or mail into: BAGS, Attention: Registrar, P.O. Box 891447, Houston, TX 77289-1447. Your membership dues must be received by September 28 for your information to be listed in the Directory. If you have any questions, feel free to email Deborah Cole at registar@TxBayAreaGen.org or contact her at 281-686-4478 (cell).

Five-Generation Charts

Have you submitted your five-generation chart to BAGS? All members are encouraged to submit a pedigree chart of their family. The chart does not need to be complete and information about living relatives may be omitted. The charts are published in the BAGS Quarterly. If you prefer that your chart not be published, you may certainly make a note of that. However, publication does have its benefits! BAGS does receive queries regarding five-generation charts found in the Quarterly issues. Getting your information out there may provide a connection that will help you to fill in those frustrating gaps in your genealogy! What are you waiting for? If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Eleanor Caldwell.



KEEP A FILE OF UNRELATED FOLKS

Keep a file of all the "other folks," that is all those that we have not been able to document as related, in a family file database. Someone may be related by blood, others may have been listed as a witness of a birth in pension papers, attended the same birthday party according to a local newspaper, or just had the same name and lived in the same area. Those "other folks" can appear anywhere. When a name sounds familiar I open my "other folks" file to check if they are relatives. I've found several relatives in the file later. [Suggestion provided by Shirley Lindquist]

Thanks to Our Generous Supporters!

We want to recognize and to express our deep appreciation to those members who showed their support for BAGS in the 2011-2012 Society year by making an additional donation along with their membership fee.

Thank you!

Your support makes a difference!

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Shirley & Stewart Coffman Norma & Wally Davenport Resa & Eric Hennings Barbara Larsen Jeanine Lawrence Bob Loyd Loren & Mary Martin Terry Sutton

HELP WANTED

The upcoming Quarterly year starting with the December 2012 issue will be Melodey Hauch's fifth and last serving as the editor. BAGS will need a new Quarterly Editor starting with the December 2013 issue. Please consider taking this important position in our society and ask her any questions you have about what the job entails.

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, September 28	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Charlie Gardes presents "It's A Gusher" Meet in the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
Monday, October 22	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, October 26	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Susan Kaufman presents "The 1940 Census" Meet in the Great Room on 2 nd Floor at UBC Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.
Saturday, November 17 (tentative date)	Annual Holiday Party in Hope Village Cafe' Members and guests are invited. 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Entrance to the tea room is located on the south side of FM 2351 between Hope Village Road and the Lord of Life Lutheran Church. (online map)



No general meetings in November and December

Friday, January 25, 2013	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Trevia Beverly presents "A Harvey Girl or a Soiled Dove"
Friday, February 22, 2013	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Casey Greene, Head of Special Collections of the Galveston Library
Friday, March 22, 2013 (date change)	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Lynne Brooke former DAR genealogist and Jane Powers, a member of over 100 Lineage Societies present "Researching and Proving Your Ancestors for Lineage Societies"
Friday, April 26, 2013	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Melvyn Douglass, President of Highland Games Association, discusses Scottish Clans
Friday, May 31, 2013	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Sue Yerby, SPG, discusses Court House Research.

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Plan to catch the bus on:

Tuesday, October 16, 2012 Wednesday, January 16, 2013 Wednesday, February 13, 2013



These research bus trips to the Clayton Library depart from 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 Imartin497@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.

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.

BAG\$ Report for August 2012

Loren Martin, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward \$2,486.79 Income \$749.00 Expenses -\frac{\$396.26}{\$2,839.53} CD Balance \$6,352.81

Attendance Report

Deborah Cole

For August, 51 members and 8 visitors attended the general meeting and 9 members attended the Board meeting.

BAGS On Display...

Polly Swerdlin sends a Thank You to all who contributed items for display through the Summer and this Fall. A public display of information promoting genealogy and BAGS is on exhibit during September at the Freeman Memorial Library and will be on exhibit during October at the Friendswood Public Library. BAGS brochures are at the front desk for public interest.



BAGS Display at Freeman Library during September









Local Area Events & Classes

October – Family History Month Free Programs at Clayton Library

These programs are free and open to the public. Seating is limited, registration is required. Call Clayton Library at 832-393-2600 to sign up. The library is located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston (online map).

Inter-Library Loan: What's That?

Thursday, October 4 from 10:30am to noon

Genealogy Based Boot Camp

Saturday, October 6 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Crossing the Wide Blue Sea: Passenger Lists of our Ancestor

Tuesday, October 9 from 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Beginning German Research

Friday, October 12 from 10:30am to noon

City Directories

Wednesday, October 17 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Lineage Day – Representatives from different lineage societies will be present for assistance. Saturday, October 20 from 10:30am to 4:00pm

Unusual Resources

Wednesday, October 24 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Beginning English Research

Saturday, October 27 from 10:30am to noon

Quick Start Your Genealogy

Wednesday, October 31 from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Clayton Library Book Sale of duplicate family history books will be ongoing during the month of October.

Houston Genealogical Forum presents Dick Eastman

Saturday, October 6 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Bayland Park Community Center located on 6400 Bissonnet, Houston (online map). Eastman will discuss Mocavo, blogging, and "the cloud."

Free Programs at George Memorial Library

Library is located at 1001 Golfview, Richmond, TX (online map). These programs are free and open to the public. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call the library's Local History and Genealogy Department at 281-341-2608 to sign up.

Build Your Family Tree Online

Tuesday, October 23 at 10:00am

Genealogy 101

Tuesday, October 30 at 10:00am

Alvin Continuing Education Classes

BAGS member Nick Cimino is teaching two classes this fall through the Alvin Community College Continuing Education program. There is a fee for the class. Information and registration is available online (click here to access) or contact Rhonda Myers at 281.756.3729 or email specialinterest@alvincollege.edu.

His **Beginner Genealogy** class is a three-week class that will meet at the Pearland Campus (online map) on Mondays, October 1 thru October 15 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The same class will meet at the Alvin Campus (online map) on Thursdays, November 1 thru November 15 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

His *Genealogy Research Techniques* class is a three-week class that will meet at the Alvin Campus on Thursdays, October 4 thru October 18 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The same class will meet at the Pearland Campus on Thursdays, November 29 thru December 13 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society's Fall Seminar

Saturday, October 20 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at John Calvin Presbyterian Church located at 8102 Midcrown at Walzem, San Antonio (map). Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG presents "Genealogical Proof Standard," "Rites of Inheritance," "Bounty Land," and "Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions." For more information call SAGHS at 210-342-5242 or email at saghs@sbcglobal.net.

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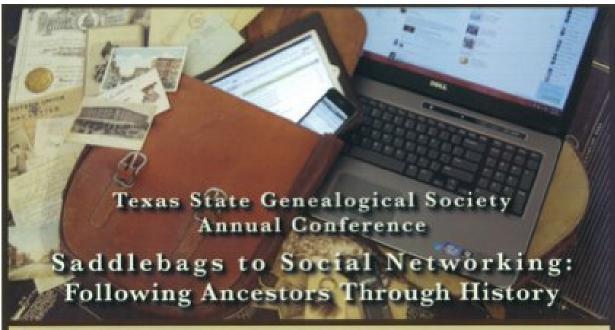


REMINDER

Next General Meeting is Friday, September 28 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



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Lloyd Bockstruck - Banquet Speaker

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