



# Bay Area Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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### Friday, October 26, 2012: Susan Kaufman presents "The 1940 Census"

*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](#))**



Susan Kaufman

Susan Kaufman is the Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, a Houston Public Library branch. Access information about the library online at [www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton](http://www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton).

She has worked as a genealogy librarian for over 20 years. Six of those years were spent at the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana holding one of the largest genealogy collection in a public library. Her career began at the Peoria Public Library in Peoria, Illinois.

Susan offers expertise in genealogical historical reference, collection development and

educational outreach. Her collection development skills include acquiring one-of-a-kind resources, government documents and other hard-to-find research materials. Susan is the current President of the [Texas State Genealogical Society \(TSGS\)](http://www.txsgs.org). The 2012 Annual TSGS Conference titled *Saddlebags to Social Networking: Following Ancestors Through History* is scheduled for Thursday-Saturday, November 1-3 in the Riley Conference Center located at 4726 Stanley Ave., Fort Worth, TX on the campus of Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary. Information concerning programming, lodging, pricing, and registration is available online at: [www.txsgs.org/Conference/conference.html](http://www.txsgs.org/Conference/conference.html)

Watch the online video of a PBS *Houston8* with Ernie Manouse episode [Re-Building Our Past - Genealogy Today](#) featuring guests Susan Kaufman representing Clayton Library, George Allen representing Houston Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society, and Bennett Greenspan from Family Tree DNA. This program originally aired in 2012 on May 4 and May 6.

Susan last spoke to BAGS in May 2010 on the unusual and "cool" resources available at the Clayton Library.

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## Message from the President

Bill Mayo



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Although BAGS October meeting will conclude the monthly meetings for 2012, BAGS will hold one more meeting this year - the BAGS Holiday Party at Hope Village Cafe on November 17th. In addition to having a nice meal, everyone will have an opportunity to purchase items from their gift shop. Hope to see you at Hope Village!

In September, I attended a family reunion in East Texas and met several new "cousins," who were doing genealogy research. One of the cousins had started doing research recently and demonstrated to me how she was using her iPad to record data photographically. She had been visiting court houses and photographing pages out of deed books, marriage books, etc. Since her iPad has a high resolution camera, the results were quite good; another advantage that I observed was that she could hold the iPad directly over the document to see exactly what she was photographing before "clicking the button." This method sure beat what I have done in the past, which was trying to fit pages out of document books onto copying machines. I will have to give some serious consideration to purchasing an iPad or equivalent notebook before I start hitting the courthouses again. With the price that some courthouses are charging for copying, I might even save enough to pay for it.

During the coming months, BAGS will need several volunteers to fill important positions within the Society. Both Kim Zrubek and Melodey Hauch have decided to resign their positions as the editor of BAGS Newsletter and the editor of BAGS Quarterly as of 31 August 2013. Kim and Melodey have done outstanding jobs, as evidenced by the many awards that they have received. New officers will need to be elected in August to serve during the 2013 - 2015 period. For BAGS to continue as a viable society, members must step forward and volunteer to fill these important positions. Please consider how you can contribute to BAGS and volunteer for one of these positions.

Bill

## Welcome New Members!

Janet Barksdale from Friendswood

Mary Carrier from Houston

Jeannette & Ralph Weiss from Houston

## Annual Show & Tell Pictures



Members and guests partook of barbecue meats and potluck dishes.

Thank you to the following members and guests that shared family memorabilia

during the August 2012 Show & Tell program.

Guest Dan Robinson shared a family Bible

Guest (now member) Mary Carrier shared a funeral prayer card

Melodey Hauch presented a shadowbox of her father's World War II memorabilia.

Shirley Lindquist showed off a stereoscope with stereographs.

David Zwahr presented Masonic research items.

Ray Brown brought a collection of books related to a Mine War in West Virginia which was described as the largest insurrection in the U.S. after the Civil War.

Bill Mayo discussed his ancestor that was a bookbinder.

Mary Martin showed Bible records and old pictures that she copied in various colors, lightened and darkened and enlarged to preserve the images for long term.

## Discover History for Yourself Library Lock-In

Friday, October 19 at the Clayton Library located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston ([online map](#)).

This lock-in includes research time, genealogical advice, instruction, presentations, and light snacks. Registration for the event must be made in advance. Please read the insert in this newsletter for all the information.

Three presentation sessions are offered between 2:00pm and 5:15pm.

Three additional sessions are offered between 6:00pm and 10:30pm.

*Would you like to car pool?* Call or email Polly Swerdlin to reserve or provide a ride. She will attempt to fill both "orders" for the afternoon or evening sessions. Contact Polly at 281-814-4606 or [pmswerdlin@gmail.com](mailto:pmswerdlin@gmail.com)

### Reminder to pick up

**BAGS Member Annual  
Member Directory**

**September 2012 BAGS Quarterly**



## August Program Recap

Provided by Nick Cimino, Recording Secretary

Archivist Linda Reynolds presented a program on "Basic Preservation of Archival Objects and Materials" as well as our family treasures. She is the Director of the East Texas Research Center in the Ralph W. Steen Library at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, TX. The mission of the [East Texas Research Center](#) is to collect, preserve, and make available to the public, items pertaining to the East Texas geographical region including manuscripts, documents, maps, books and other archival materials that emphasize eastern Texas life.

Through her years of experience as an archivist, she offered the audience several tips and examples of good and bad preservation methods. She cited the impact that natural disasters can have on both archival materials and family history heirlooms. However, one of the worst disasters are the human disasters especially by not having an estate plan for your family heirlooms. This is how heirlooms end up in estate sales, antique stores or worse yet in the garbage. Ms. Reynolds recalled an example of how she was called to recover archival quality heirlooms that were being thrown in a dumpster.

Ms. Reynolds warned us about the dangers of storing our family treasures in garages and attics. She encouraged us to store items in air-conditioned spaces out of the sunlight. "Where would you put your kids?" That is where to store archival items in your home.

Ms. Reynolds recommended several resources to help us preserve family treasures. One online resource is the "Family Treasures" webpages published by Library of Congress, accessed at [www.loc.gov/preservation/family](http://www.loc.gov/preservation/family). The information covers preparing and protecting different types of items as well as preserving them after a disaster. Links are provided to find a conservator and an appraiser. She also recommended the book [\*Caring for Your Family Treasures: Heritage Preservation\*](#) by Richard Long and Jane Long which is available at most local libraries.



Alice Braud-Jones and  
Charlie Gardes



Members and their  
guests are invited to

### ***BAGS Annual Holiday Party***

**Saturday, November 17  
from 11:00am to 1:00pm**

**in the Hope Village Cafe'  
located at 4541 FM 2351 in Friendswood  
([online map](#))**

**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.**

***Enjoy the holiday spirit and a  
pleasant lunch with friends.***

**Lunch is dutch.** Meals cost \$6-\$15. Choose  
from a variety of soups, salads, sandwiches, and  
desserts. Food orders will be taken between  
11:00am and noon.

***Benefits Foundation  
for Hope Village***

[www.hope-village.com](http://www.hope-village.com)



## September Program Recap

Charlie Gardes's presentation "It's A Gusher" was an insightful look into probate court claim research. This "genealogical research" requires a narrow focus to locate evidence establishing family relationships that can be accepted as legal documents in court. Nick Cimino wins recognition from the group. That evening he provided the answer for the correct record type needed to solve Charlie's example claim case.

As an aside, Charlie recommends all of us attend the [Federation of Genealogical Societies' Annual Conference](#) at least once. "Put it on your bucket list" because it provides wonderful lectures and is an intense meeting with other genealogists that share your passion. The conference is in Fort Wayne, Indiana on August 21-24, 2013 and then in San Antonio, TX on August 27-30, 2014!

## 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, 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 <sup>nd</sup> Floor at UBC <i>Arrive at 6:30 pm for coffee and socializing.</i>

Saturday, November 17	<b>Annual Holiday Party in Hope Village Cafe'</b> <b>Members and guests are invited.</b> <b>11:00 am – 1:00 pm</b> 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. <a href="#">(online map)</a>
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**No general meetings in  
November and December**

Monday, January 21, 2013	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
Friday, January 25, 2013	7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Trevia Beverly presents “A Harvey Girl or a Soiled Dove”
Monday, February 18, 2013	6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210
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 “ <i>Researching and Proving Your Ancestors for Lineage Societies</i> ”
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 [lmartin497@aol.com](mailto:lmartin497@aol.com). Sign-up sheets are also available at the general meetings. The BAGS website [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://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.

### HELP WANTED

BAGS will need a new Quarterly Editor starting with the December 2013 issue which will be the first issue published for Society year 2013-2014. Please consider taking this important position in our society. Ask Melodey Hauch, current Quarterly Editor, any questions you have about what this job entails.



### Membership

Deborah Cole, Registrar

BAGS has a total of 146 members!. There are 10 new and 136 renewing memberships for 2012-2013 Society year as of October 10, 2012. Tammy Frey will be working on our Membership Directory and hopes to have it complete for the October meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to email Deborah Cole at [registar@TxBayAreaGen.org](mailto:registar@TxBayAreaGen.org).

### 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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### Attendance Report

**Deborah Cole**

For September, 53 members and 5 visitors attended the general meeting.

### BAGS On Display...

A public display of information promoting genealogy and BAGS is on exhibit during October at the Friendswood Public Library thanks to the efforts of Polly Swerdlin and company. Pictures are on page 8 in the electronic version of this newsletter.

### BAG\$ Report for September 2012

**Loren Martin, Treasurer**

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,839.53
Income	\$1,426.50
Expenses	-\$243.92
Balance on hand 9/30/2012	\$4,022.11
CD Balance	\$6,352.81

## 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](#)).

**1st Louisiana Guard: Free Men of Color in the Civil War.** Co-sponsored by the Afro American Historical Genealogical Society – Willie Lee Gay Chapter (Houston).  
Saturday, October 13 from 10:30am to noon

**South Carolina History, Formation of Counties, Sources, Special Research Problems, Hints!**  
Saturday, October 13 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

**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.

**Clayton Library Celebrates  
25 years on  
Saturday, November 10 from  
11:00am to 1:00pm.  
Congratulations Clayton!**

### 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

### “Researching Your German Ancestry” Free Seminar

Saturday, November 3 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Bayland Park Community Center located on 6400 Bissonnet, Houston ([online map](#)) hosted by Houston Genealogical Forum. Warren Bittner, C.G. is a Nationally recognized German Researcher, Lecturer and Former German Collection Manager for The Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He will discuss historical maps and territories, marriage laws and customs, on-site research in German archives, and locating historical content. More information online at [www.hgftx.org](http://www.hgftx.org).

### 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](mailto:specialinterest@alvincollege.edu).

His **Beginner Genealogy** class is a three-week class that 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 Pearland Campus ([online map](#)) on Thursdays, November 29 thru December 13 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

BAGS Display at the Friendswood Public Library during October 2012.



### REMINDER

Next General Meeting is  
**Friday, October 26** 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 Genealogy Library Lock-In**  
***Discover History for Yourself***  
**Friday, October 19, 2012**  
**at the Clayton Library**  
**located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston, TX ([online map](#)).**

From 2:00pm to 5:15pm will be three pre-event presentations  
From 6:00pm to midnight is the Lock-in and optional presentations.

**ALL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE CARRIAGE HOUSE.**

**Registration for the pre-event sessions and for the lock-in MUST be made in advance.**

In celebration of Family History Month in October, the Houston Public Library's Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research will be sponsoring its 1st Annual Genealogy Lock-in at the library. This event is free and open to anyone interested in genealogy.

This event will showcase the library's genealogy collection. It's a great opportunity for both the novice and the experienced researcher to learn more about genealogy and to pursue their individual family's history. The Lock-in will include genealogical advice, instruction, and light snacks.

We are pleased to announce that this year's Lock-in will be held in conjunction with the same type of event being held at four other libraries across Texas. These libraries include: The Texas State Library and Archives Commission; Special Collection Department of the Denton Public Library; Genealogy, Local History, Texana, and Archives of the Plano Public Library; and the West Waco Library and Genealogy Center.

**PRE-EVENT PROGRAMMING:**

The pre-event programming during the day is open to everyone, even those not planning on attending the extended hours Lock-in. All three sessions will be virtual. You may sign up for any or all of these sessions. Registration is limited to 50.

**Resources of the Southwest Regional Archives (NARA)**

**2:00pm to 2:50pm**

Aaron Holt, Archives Technician

He will discuss the resources of this great national institution. Learn about Indian records, national records, business and other records of genealogical value.

**Using the Treasures in FamilySearch**

**3:00pm to 3:50pm**

Lynell Moss of the Plano Family History Center

Learn about all the tools currently available on FamilySearch.org and seven tips for getting better results when searching the more than 1250 collections in Historical Records.

**Ancestry Library Edition: What's New**

**4:00pm to 5:15pm**

Edward Loera, ProQuest Database trainer

Listen to Mr. Loera highlight what's new in content and features and provide us his insight on how to best use this premier resource for genealogical research.

## **LOCK-IN PROGRAMMING:**

There will be three optional presentations during the Lock-in. These sessions will be virtual, except for "Unusual Resources". You may sign up for any or all of the sessions. You must be signed up for the Lock-in to attend any of these three classes. Registration is limited to 100.

### **Genealogy 101: How to Get Started in Genealogy**

**6:30pm to 8:00pm**

Cheryl Smith, Genealogy Librarian (Plano)

She will speak on filling out a pedigree chart, where to find information, software suggestions, Internet sites, and more.

### **Resources of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission**

**8:15pm to 9:15pm**

Sara Hayes, Reference Librarian, Texas State Library and Archives Commission

Learn about genealogy resources available on-site and online from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in Austin.

### **Unusual Genealogy Resources**

**9:30pm to 10:30pm**

Susan Kaufman, Manager, Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Houston Public Library

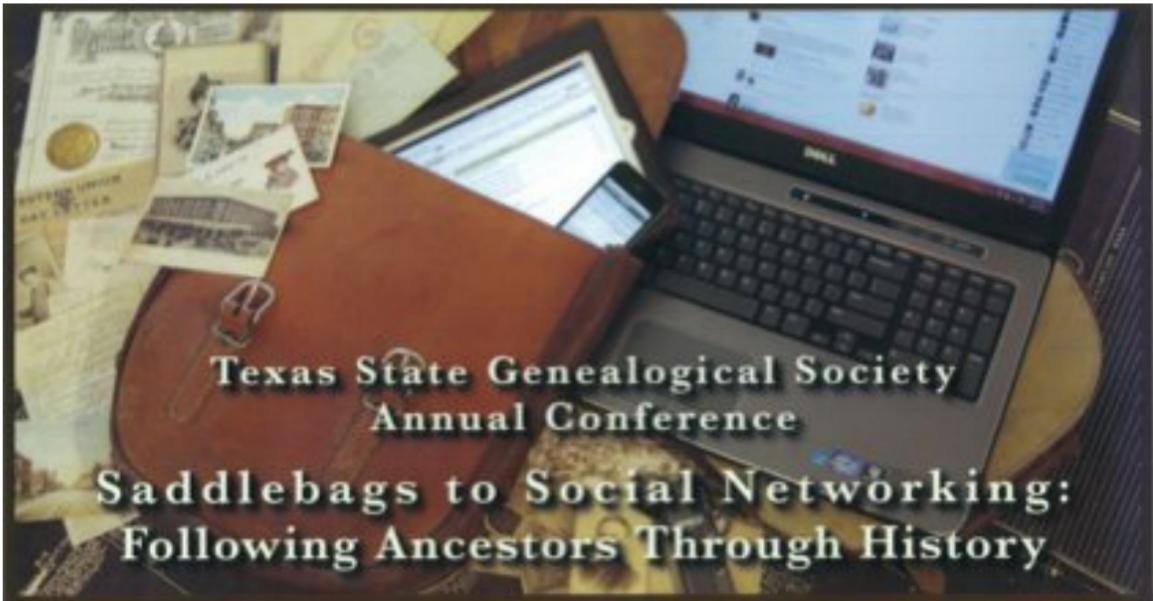
Susan will provide an overview of unusual resources and not often used sources that can give a deep insight into your family history.

**Lock-in attendees do not have to stay until midnight. You can come to the lock-in (if you are registered) any time between 6:00pm and 10:30pm.**

**This event is for adults/teens.**

**Security will be provided, and reservations will be checked.**

**For more information or to register, contact the library at 832-393-2600**



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