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Members and their guests are invited to

BAGS Annual Holiday Party

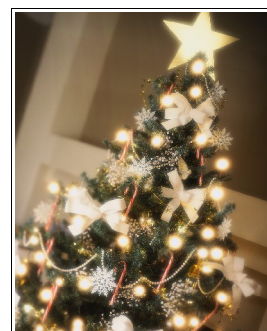
Saturday, November 17

from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the

Hope Village Cafe' (Tea Room)

located at 4541 FM 2351, Friendswood, TX
(a map is provided [online](#) and as an insert in this newsletter)

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



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The regular
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resume in
January 2013.

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Message from the President

Bill Mayo



BILL MAYO

Thanksgiving kicks off the holiday season for most of us, even though the retailers have been busy for several weeks selling holiday items. Thanksgiving is always a good time to reflect upon our blessings and the many things we have to be thankful for. Veteran's Day is also in November, so we should remember those who have

made our way of life possible.

BAGS annual Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Hope Village Tea Room on Saturday, November 17th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Our annual party at the Tea Room provides an opportunity to purchase gifts while enjoying a nice lunch with our friends. Our patronage also benefits the Foundation for Hope Village. I hope to see everyone there.

Although BAGS does not hold monthly meetings in November and December, you can keep up with what is going on by reading the BAGS Newsletter. We will begin our regular meetings in January.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Bill



Welcome Our Newest Member!

Fred Newton of Houston

October Program Recap: 1940 Census Information Sources

We thank Cary Hall, Library Assistant Supervisor at the Clayton Library, for speaking to BAGS as a last minute assignment. Cary reviewed interesting details concerning information that was captured on the 1940 U.S. Census form. She reminded us that the publication *Instructions To Enumerators, Population and Agriculture, 1940* by U.S.

Department of Commerce, signed January 2, 1940 provides background information in detail and depth for each question on the form. This detail can give you perspective and possibly generate new leads or clues for further research. For example, columns 21-25 was an attempt to capture the total number of persons age 14 years old and over that were in or not in the national labor force during the week of March 24-30, 1940. According to this manual, column 21 private jobs represents all positions in businesses and professions including farmers and peddlers. But it does not include jobs *where the person is paid directly by a Government agency. Nonemergency Government work includes all Federal, State, and local Government jobs or elective offices except project jobs provided on public emergency programs, such as WPA, NYA, CCC, or local work relief programs* (which is captured in column 22). [Taken from page 51] The week of March 24-30, 1940 must be significant as it was the last full week before the Census Day of April 1, 1940. Keep in mind that anyone living up to 12:01am on April 1, 1940 was to be enumerated. A child born in 1940 but after 12:01am on April 1 would not be enumerated. A person who died in 1940 prior to 12:01am on April 1 would not be enumerated. [Taken from page 14]

There is also a publication that explains the codes written in column F found just after column 30. Seems that column F decodes the information written in columns 28, 29, and 30. This might be helpful in the case that you cannot read the handwriting to distinguish the words found in those columns but can read the numbers written in column F. If that is the case, then use the book *Occupation and Industry Classifications and Instructions for Using the Occupation Index: Sixteenth Census of the United States* by U.S. Department of Commerce to convert the numbers back into words. This book documents all you ever wanted to know about how

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BAGS IS A WINNER !



At the 2012 annual conference, the Texas State Genealogy Society announced BAGS was the winner of two writing awards.

★ **BAGS Quarterly received 1st place and \$100.00**

★ **BAGS' member Melodey Hauch received 2nd place in the manuscripts by a nonprofessional category for her article "The A.C. Roycroft Civil War Diary: A Case of Mistaken Identity."** This article was published in the June 2012 issue of the *BAGS Quarterly*.

Congratulations on a job well done to Melodey and the Quarterly staff!



Sue Kaufman (President of TSGS and Director of Clayton Library) presenting Melodey with the two awards at the conference in Fort Worth.

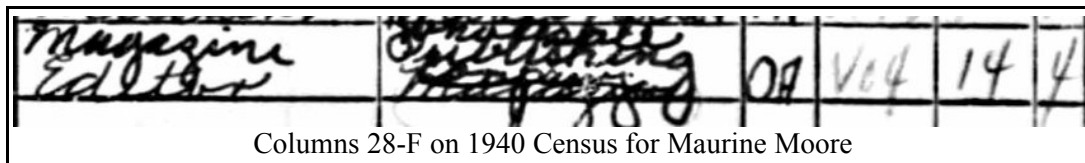
"It's A Gusher" – An Update

Charlie Gardes presented this program to BAGS at the general meeting in September 2012. The topic concerns a specific probate case that he had completed work in locating evidence establishing family relationships for the court. At the October meeting, it was announced that Charlie has been engaged again to research four new families that have filed claims.

October Program Recap: 1940 Census Information Sources

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and why the occupation and industry answers you find in columns 28-29 were recorded. As an example, look at the 1940 Census entry for my mother's mother Maurine Moore who lived in Dallas, TX in 1940. She is listed as having the occupation of "Magazine Editor" (column 28), the industry information in column 29 is scratched out and rewritten (difficult to read), and column 30 listed her as "OA" meaning she was working on her own account.



This information was coded in column F as V04 for occupation, 14 for industry, and 4 for class of worker. Page 7 of the book provides the codes for class of worker. Number 4 represents "working on own account". Pages 20-37 contain the tables of occupations with their assigned occupation and industry codes. I found occupation code V04 on page 20 with corresponding description *editors and reporters* and industry code of "Ind." The "Ind" designation is a generic code meaning the occupation applies to every industry included in the "Industry Index" which must be consulted to assign a specific industry that the person was employed. The "Industry Index" (i.e. industry classifications) is listed on pages 38-40. On page 38, I found industry code 14 represented *Printing, publishing, and allied industries*. So I am going to guess the rewritten text for column 29 for Maurine is private publishing. Maurine Moore did edit and publish her own magazine entitled *This Month in Dallas and Texas* during 1940-1941 before moving to Austin, TX in 1942.

Both publications can be freely accessed online by the public at the National Archives *1940 Census Records* webpage under section "Part 3: Finding Aides" (www.archives.gov/research/census/1940)

Search the 1940 U.S. Census online for free on *FamilySearch* website at

<https://familysearch.org/1940census>

Submitted by Kim Zrubek

Clayton Library Lock-in Recap

I attended the Clayton Library Lock-in held on Friday evening October 19, 2012. This event was free and open to the public. Six informative training sessions were hosted in the Carriage House from 2:00pm to 10:00pm. These sessions were live interactive webinar presentations given by NARA, Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Plano Family History Center, ProQuest, and the Clayton Library. One of the webinar sessions discussed genealogical resources available through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission either onsite or online. The handout listing their

resources is included in this newsletter as an insert. The same information with more description can be found online at

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/genfirst.html>

In addition to attending the sessions, attendees had from 6:00pm to midnight to conduct research in the library and make photocopies for free! I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to the Clayton Library staff and Friends group for their efforts in hosting this evenings' lock-in, providing research assistance and great snacks until midnight! This was a wonderful event and I look forward to the 2nd annual lock-in. Submitted by Kim Zrubek

BAGS Charter member Virginia Lea "Ginger" Compton passed away Wednesday, October 24, 2012 in Houston, TX. The *Houston Chronicle* published her obituary on October 26 furnished by Crowder Funeral Home and it is currently available [online](#).



Our prayers go out to her husband David and their family.

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.

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No general meeting in December



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| 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 |
| Friday, June 28, 2013 | 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: Emily Croom discusses Civil War research |
| Friday, July 26, 2013 | 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Speaker: To Be Announced |

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Plan to catch the bus on:

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

Wednesday, February 13, 2013



Sixteen people caught the bus for the October 16 trip.

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. 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.

Membership

Deborah Cole, Registrar

If you have any questions, feel free to email Deborah Cole at registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.



**Hope You Have A
Happy Thanksgiving!**

Attendance Report

Deborah Cole and Nick Cimino

For October, 39 members and 3 visitors attended the general meeting and 10 members attended the Board meeting. For September, 8 members attended the Board meeting.

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.



BAG\$ Report for October 2012

Loren Martin, Treasurer

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| Balance Brought Forward | \$4,022.11 |
| Income | \$141.00 |
| Expenses | <u>-\$781.42</u> |
| Balance on hand 10/31/2012 | \$3,381.69 |
| CD Balance | \$6,357.89 |

Local Area Events & Classes

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

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 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.

**Share a few corny
stories with family
members this
holiday season.**



Successfully Searching Revolutionary War Records”

Saturday, December 1 from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Presented by Lloyd Bockstruck during the Houston Genealogical Forum meeting at Bayland Community Center located at 6400 Bissonnet, Houston (between Hillcroft and Beechnut, [online map and directions](#)). Lloyd Bockstruck is a author, lecturer and retired manager of the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Department. For more details: www.hgftx.org or call the GeneaLine (713) 968-9750.

3rd Annual RootsTech Conference

**March 21-23, 2013 in Salt Lake City,
Utah**

RootsTech offers an opportunity unlike any other to discover the latest family history tools and techniques, connect with experts to help you in your research and be inspired in the pursuit of your ancestors. You will learn to use the latest technology to get started or accelerate your efforts to **find, organize, preserve, and share** your family’s connections and history. Visit www.rootstech.org to access information concerning schedule, exhibits, registration, venue, and travel.

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