



# Bay Area Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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### Friday, March 22, 2013: Lynne Brooke presents “Lineage Societies - Finding What is Right for You and Completing the Documentation”

*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](#))**

Learn what groups are available and how to accurately complete the application process so your membership will be approved the first time.

Lynne Brooke is a professional genealogist and formerly worked on the genealogical staff of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution ([NSDAR](#)). She will walk you through the maze of lineage societies currently available to honor your patriot and pioneer ancestors and their chosen professions. Learn how to locate the required documentation for proving your lineage and organize the materials for submission.

Lynne Brooke was educated in Texas and Tennessee where she earned a Masters degree. She has been interested in genealogy for almost 20 years and has

worked with individuals interested in preparing lineage papers for a variety of groups. Lynne has completed many courses of Samford University's Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research, as well as the National Institute of Genealogical Research, Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the National Genealogical Society's conferences. Her interests are in the Colonial and Revolutionary periods in North Carolina and Virginia.



Lynne Brooke

Access information about the DAR Library, its catalog, online research, and onsite visits on the website [www.dar.org/library](http://www.dar.org/library).

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**Pick up your copy of the  
BAGS Quarterly March 2013 issue  
at the general meeting.**

**Mt. Olivet Cemetery Transcription Project  
Work Day Coming Soon.**

*Want to participate? Contact Alice Braud-Jones*

## Message from the President

Bill Mayo

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At the March general meeting, Lynne Brooke will be speaking on how to prove your ancestors when applying for membership in lineage societies, such as DAR, SAR, etc. Many of us are eligible for membership in these societies but need help in preparing the applications and proving our lineage. Her program should provide important information on what is needed to successfully

apply for these organizations.

Shirley Lindquist is actively seeking volunteers for the Nomination Committee, who will select a slate of officers for the next election in August. If you wish to be on the committee or wish to apply for a position on the board, please contact her. As I have mentioned before, BAGS needs an editor for the *Quarterly* beginning in September. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Melodey Hauch.

Be sure to attend this month's meeting and learn all about lineage societies and how to apply for membership.

Bill



### In Memoriam

**New BAGS member Jeannette Weiss passed on  
February 13, 2012.**

**Our prayers go out to Ralph and their family.**

This newsletter is a monthly publication of the Bay Area Genealogical Society, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the people of Harris and Galveston counties, Texas, who have an interest in genealogy.

Articles on genealogy are welcome. Inclusion is based on space available and is subject to editing. Please include permissions with copyrighted material submissions.

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## Don't Leave a Stone Unturned!

By Mary and Loren Martin

All of you have probably heard this expression. Doing genealogical research, I have found this to be so true!

*Look at multiple transcriptions of the same records – they can provide more information.*

My husband and I have been led to many county court houses in various states, to ‘move stones’ and discover wonderful clues. Recently, we went to Ohio and Indiana for a week to do some genealogical research. I found records at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, Ohio for a very small cemetery that was located on a former farm. I had seen records for this cemetery twice before in different places. I thought, *go ahead and take a look anyway for a third time; it won't take that much time.* This time, a DAR Chapter had transcribed the records. It included the maiden name of my great-great-grandfather's first wife. Her maiden name had been omitted in the previous two sources. Tabitha Leonard had died of a fever along with their children while Abraham Leonard was away in 1813 fighting during the “War of 1812”. Her maiden name was Tabitha Pevers/Paver/Peaver. The second wife's name was Elizabeth Pevers/Paver. They were probably cousins, their fathers (Isaac and John) being brothers. Basically, if I'm not related directly to some people who are in a collateral line, I still like to know to which family they belonged. The reason for our trip was to meet other Paver cousins. On this trip, I met a cousin whom I have corresponded with many times sharing our ancestor's information; she grew up in the Marysville area of Ohio and Pever/Paver is her maiden name. My discovery of Tabitha's maiden name helped her identify the children of Isaac Pevers who was the brother my g-g-g-grandfather, John Paver.

*Land records and wills are a good source for names of the next generation.*

My husband's family has a family cemetery, the Martin Cemetery located in Cedar Co., MO. One tombstone in the cemetery was all we knew about Thomas and Catherine Kemp. We then found them in St. Clair Co., MO. They were not there until 1870, and they left Tippecanoe Co., IN sometime during the 1830s. The numbers were not making

sense! Where were they in the missing years? Thomas, Jr. had been born in Maryland according to a census record we had found. He had also lived in Indiana in the early 1820s. I found some Kemps in Daviess Co., MO in the 1850 Census. I didn't think that they were his family, but I took a look anyway. I found part of an earlier generation in the 1850 Census of Thomas Kemp, Sr. and his wife, Anne, living in Daviess Co., MO. Now, we needed to find their children. We decided to look at land records in Daviess Co., MO. In these land records, we found who Thomas Kemp, Sr.'s children were and the names of the daughter's husbands because the records included his will. We looked at the land records in St. Clair Co., MO and found the children of Thomas Kemp, Jr. and Catherine because she had an affidavit attached to the land records that told the names of all her children and her daughter's husband's names. Interestingly, two of the sons-in-law had the same first and middle names, Andrew Jackson Dennis and Andrew Jackson Bomar.

*Compensating for different spellings for a surname.*

I found Catherine Kemp in the 1900 Census living with her daughter, Sarah Fauerback. They have had an interesting time with the spelling of the surname Fauerback. Trying to find Sarah Fauerbach between 1870 and 1900 has been hard, but she was living in the same place. I looked on the 1880 Census on the FamilySearch.org website. I knew Sarah's husband's name was Jacob, and that she was a widow by 1900 in Vernon Co., MO. I had trouble trying to use Soundex to find this name; the names didn't even come close to the names I was looking for. So, I put in only the first names Sarah and Jacob in Vernon Co., MO in 1880. It came up with Jacob and Sarah Fireball. *Fireball?* I took a look anyway. Wow, it was them! Sometimes, this name had a German spelling, and sometimes it had a French spelling among other spellings. It was Jacob and Sarah Fauerbach, AKA Fauxbaush and now AKA Fireball. It has been amazing the spellings that we have found for this surname.



***So, Don't Leave A Stone Unturned!***

***You might find something under a rock!***

## Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony in Galveston

April 28, 2013 at 2:00pm

Members of the [Texas Star Chapter](#) of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas cordially invite you to attend the Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony for Major Leon Dyer, highest ranking Jewish soldier in the Army of the Republic of Texas, to be held at the Hebrew Benevolent Cemetery located at 4210 Avenue K, Galveston, Texas ([online map](#)). In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at B’Nai Israel Church located at 3008 Avenue O, Galveston ([online map](#)). View [online invitation](#).

Major Leon Dyer was born in Germany in 1807, migrated to Baltimore, and became a United States citizen in 1833. His brother Isadore held the first Jewish religious services in Galveston in 1856. Two online resources are available to learn more about Major Leon Dyer. First, read the Texas Historical Subject Marker Application narrative written by Lynna Kay Shuffield, December 2009 at <http://www.lksfriday.com/DRT/Dyer-Leon-Narrative.pdf>. Second, take a look at Dyer’s personal letters included in “Letters From the Texas Army, Autumn 1836: Leon Dyer to Thomas J. Green” edited by Marilyn McAdams Sibley, pages 471-484. Published in the *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Volume 72, July 1968 - April, 1969, Joe B. Frantz, editor. Digitized images available on the Texas State Historical Association’s website *The Portal to Texas History*: <http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph117146/m1/425/>

### Related: Texas Historical Markers

Find the location and descriptions of official Texas Historical Markers and National Register of Historic Places including courthouses, museums, and sawmills across the state using the *Texas Historical Sites Atlas* website (<http://atlas.thc.state.tx.us>) sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. Featuring nearly 300,000 site records, you can search by historic designation, keyword, county, address, or site name to get instant access to detailed textual descriptions, historic photographs, and interactive maps. For example, Friendswood is the only extant town in Texas that was founded as a Quaker Settlement. This site lists the four historical

markers denoting the town, booming fig industry, home of Pioneer Cecil Brown, and the Friends Church Cemetery. Galveston County has over 350 Historical Markers and National Registry properties.

### Congrats Melodey!

BAGS member Melodey Hauch was recently appointed to serve as a member of the Galveston County Historical Commission. The purpose of the Galveston County Historical Commission is the identification, documentation, protection, and interpretation of the entire history of Galveston County. Its members, appointed by the Galveston County Commissioners Court, include individuals from around the county who are experts in their particular community’s history. More information on the Commission’s projects can be found online at [www.co.galveston.tx.us/Museum/historical\\_mission.asp](http://www.co.galveston.tx.us/Museum/historical_mission.asp)

### Want To Be An Editor?



We are looking for someone to serve as the *BAGS Quarterly* Editor beginning the next Society Year 2013-2014 (Sept. 2013). In a nutshell, an editor identifies, requests, and develops content for the publication. The layout and electronic publishing tasks can be shared with other members that have word processing skills. Please contact President Bill Mayo or Melodey Hauch, current *BAGS Quarterly* Editor, if you or someone you know is interested in more information. Melodey will happily answer any questions concerning details of this position and will be available for on-the-job training for as long as necessary.

**Thank you to Polly Swerdlin and Annette Bowen** for supplying the content used in this month's BAGS informational display at the Friendswood Public Library. More photos are on page 8 of the electronic version of this newsletter.



## BAGS Events 2013 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.**

### March

- Entire Month**      **BAGS Display on exhibit at the Friendswood Public Library** located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood ([online map](#)).
- Monday, March 18**      **6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210**
- Friday, March 22 (date change)**      **7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting** – Speaker: Lynne Brooke former DAR genealogist presents “Lineage Societies - Finding What is Right for You and Completing the Documentation”

### April

- Entire Month**      **BAGS Display on exhibit at the Pearland Library** located at 3522 Liberty Drive, Pearland ([online map](#)).
- Monday, April 22**      **6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210**
- Friday, April 26**      **7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting** – Speaker: Melvyn Douglass, President of Highland Games Association, discusses Scottish Clans

### May

- Tuesday, May 28 (date change)**      **6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210**
- Wednesday, May 29**      **9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library** (details on pg. 6)
- Friday, May 31**      **7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting** – Speaker: Sue Yerby, SPG, discusses Court House Research

### June

- Monday, June 24**      **6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210**
- Friday, June 28**      **7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting** – Speaker: Emily Croom

### July

- Monday, July 22**      **6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210**
- Tuesday, July 23**      **9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library** (details on pg. 6)
- Friday, July 26**      **7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting**

## Committee News

### Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Seventeen people signed up to participate in the February bus trip. Due to unforeseen events for many of those, only eight people were able to actually attend.

**We have new trip dates! Plan to catch the bus on**

**Wednesday, May 29, 2013**

**Tuesday, July 23, 2013**

**Thursday, August 22, 2013**



If you have not been to the Clayton Library, 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.

Meet in front of 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.

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.

### Thanks Lynn Finger!

Lynn has agreed to serve as the *BAGS Newsletter* Compositor beginning the next Society Year. Lynn has been serving as the Society's Historian collecting program and project photos and organizing them into scrapbooks.

### Membership

If you have any questions, feel free to email BAGS Registrar Deborah Cole at [registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org](mailto:registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org).



### Need A Ride... Or Willing To Share A Ride... To BAGS Meetings

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



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

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### BAG\$ Report for February 2013

Loren Martin, Treasurer

**No income or expenses were submitted.**

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,896.38
Income	\$60.00
Expenses	-\$84.28
Balance on hand 2/28/2013	\$2,772.10
CD Balance	\$6,381.12



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

## Local Area Events & Classes

### Clayton Library Orientation

**Saturday, March 16 from 10:30am to 11:45am**

Learn about the vast family history research resources at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. No reservations needed. Program is free. The library is located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston ([online map](#)).

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual RootsTech Conference

**March 21-23, 2013 in Salt Lake City, UT.**

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](http://www.rootstech.org) to access information concerning schedule, exhibits, registration, venue, and travel.

### Free - Klein Family History Fair

**Saturday, March 23 beginning at 9:30am**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day located on 16535 Kleinwood Drive, Spring, TX just west of the Klein High School ([online map](#))

Held in conjunction with RootsTech, selected presentations from RootsTech will be broadcast directly live in addition to classes and workshops presented by local specialists. Go to <http://rootstech.org/stake/Klein> for more scheduling information and to register. Program is free and open to the public.

### Free - Houston Family Search Genealogy Conference

**Saturday, April 27 from 8:00am to 4:00pm**

Free conference will be held at the Friendswood Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located on 505 Deseret Drive, Friendswood, TX ([online map](#)). Information on classes, presenters and registration is available online at [www.HoustonFamilySearch.com](http://www.HoustonFamilySearch.com)

### “Constructing Images from the Past”

**Friday & Saturday, July 19 & 20 in Lufkin, TX**

The 2013 Angelina College Genealogy Conference hosts eight speakers presenting 24 sessions. There will be exhibitors and vendors. Two optional workshops are offered Thursday, July 18 from noon to 4:30pm. Choose one from either: Trevia Wooster Beverly's presentation *Coming to America: Immigration & Naturalization* or John Seller's presentation *Putting Meat Back on Their Bones*.

The conference is held on the Angelina College Campus located at 3500 South First Street, Lufkin, TX ([online map](#)). Details about the conference programs, schedule, and registration can be found online at

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

### 2013 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference

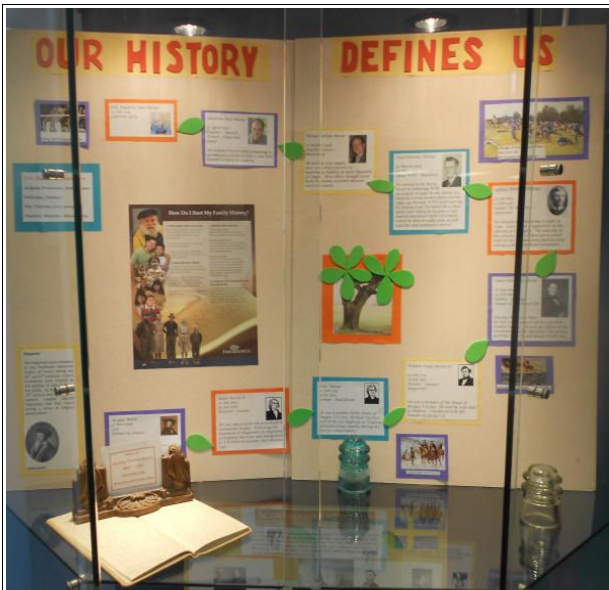
**August 21-24, 2013 in Fort Wayne, IN.**

This year's conference theme is “*Journey through Generations*.” Register online at [www.fgsconference.org](http://www.fgsconference.org) by July 1, 2013 for an early-bird discount. The local hosts are the Allen County Public Library and the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana.

### Tour Fairview Cemetery

Butler Longhorn Museum is now offering guided tours of the historic Fairview Cemetery on the banks of Clear Creek in League City. To reserve your tour, call [Butler Longhorn Museum](http://www.butlerlonghornmuseum.com) at 281-332-1393.

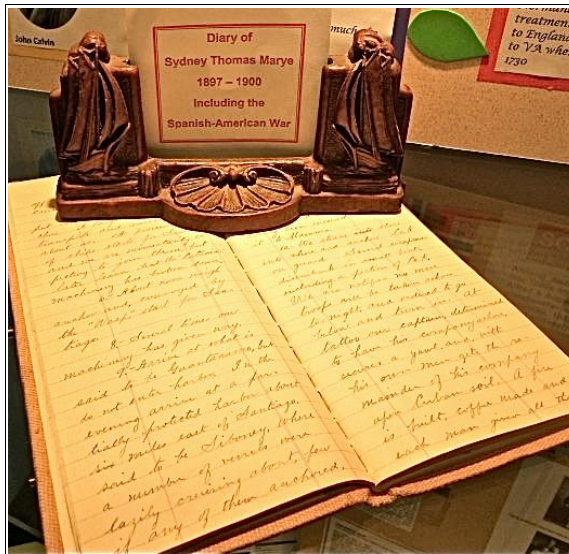
The history of an area is buried in it's cemetery. Fairview has 10 Confederate veterans and 10 Union veterans, murder victims, murderers, WWI casualties, a victim of the 1947 Texas City Explosion, Japanese settlers, and the original Italian families who arrived before 1900. Your guide is BAGS member Deborah Gammon, who has been digging up the stories in Fairview since 2006.



Polly shared a pictorial journey of her family heritage starting with her grand-nephew Eric Marye walking back through the male ancestors to Jacques Marie, born in 1668. For each person, she listed a life fact. Sydney Thomas Marye fought in Cuba during the Spanish American War and later worked as a typesetter for the Library of Congress. His diary is pictured below.



Annette Bowen presents her paternal (Anderson) and maternal (Johnson) great-grandparents and the ships they sailed on to immigrate to North America from Norway and Sweden. She included a progression of family photos for each generation leading up to Annette.



During the month of March 2013, BAGS informational display is at the [Friendswood Public Library](#) located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX ([online map](#)). Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:00am to 9:00pm, Friday and Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm, closed Sunday.

**REMINDER**

Next General Meeting is Friday,  
March 22 at 7:00 pm Great Room  
(2nd Floor) UBC Socializing begins  
at 6:30 pm

**Have any news to share?**

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the editor at  
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