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Friday, April 26, 2013: Melvyn Douglass, FSA Scot, discusses Scottish Clans

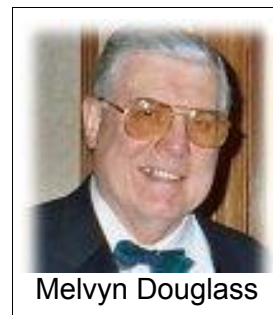
Public Invited. Join us at 6:30pm for coffee and socializing.

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

Melvyn Douglass is currently working as a professional genealogist and serving as Executive Director for the [Scottish Clan Council of Houston](#), and Treasurer for the [Houston Highland Games Association](#). Through [American Peerage](#), Melvyn continues to provide genealogy support for resolving complex heirship situations. He was elected a Fellow of the [Society of Antiquaries of Scotland](#) (FSA Scot) in 2002. Melvyn was born and raised in Hampden County, Massachusetts. He worked for NASA Johnson Space Flight Center (then called Manned Spacecraft Center) in Houston, Texas during the Apollo 7 through 15 missions. The last six years, Melvyn has served on the Houston Mayor's International Affairs and Development Council / Europe dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and continued growth of Houston's standing as a renowned international city.

The 2013 Celtic Festival and Highland Games, a family friendly celebration of the rich heritage of the Celtic Nations, will be held on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 at The Houston Farm and Ranch Club located at 1 Abercrombie St., Houston, TX ([online map](#)).

This event is sponsored by The Houston Highland Games Association (HHGA) who has been fostering interests in the culture and heritage of Scotland and preserving Scottish and Celtic traditions for over thirty-eight years.



Melvyn Douglass

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

BAGS Library Display

This month's BAGS informational display is at the Pearland Library. A photo is on page 8 of the electronic version of this newsletter. In May, the display relocates to the La Porte Branch Library (a Harris County Public Library) located at 600 South Broadway, La Porte, TX ([online map](#))

Message from the President

Bill Mayo

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The attendance at the March meeting was very good, probably due to our guest speaker Lynne Brooke and her discussion of lineage societies. Although I know many BAGS members are already deeply involved in lineage societies, I hope the program encouraged members who aren't (like myself) to apply for lineage societies that you are eligible for. Having completed my

application for Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT), I have started working on my application for Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

During this month of April, there are several genealogical events that members might be interested in attending. On April 26 and 27, the 2013 Houston Family Search Genealogy Conference is being held in Friendswood; be sure to check page 7 of the this newsletter for details. At our regular BAGS meeting on April 26, Melvyn Douglass, Treasurer of Highland Games Association, will be presenting a program on Scottish Clans; this should be of great interest to our Scottish members. If any of our members are in Pearland, you might stop by the Pearland Library and admire BAGS display.

Shirley Lindquist has formed the Nominations Committee to prepare a slate of officers for the next election in August. As I have emphasized before, BAGS is an organization of volunteers, and we must all participate for the society to prosper and grow. If you would like to volunteer for a position but are unsure of what it entails, please contact Shirley Lindquist or me. We are looking for assistants to help our committees and officers, so this is another opportunity to support the society.

Bill

Welcome Our Newest Member!
Nancy Pell from League City

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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Last Month's Program Recap

A BIG Thank You goes out to Lynne Brooke for flying out from Washington D.C. last month to present a program to BAGS members and visitors. Lynne is again working on the genealogical staff for the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). She has proven over 30 DAR descendants! A large number of lineage societies exist today representing either a specific time period, military event, geographical location, ethnicity, religion, occupation, or special interest. In general, their missions are to educate, preserve history, and promote fellowship. Lynne discussed the appropriate classic records and acceptable substitute records to use when proving generation linkage on a lineage society application. She shared some hints and tips on preparing an acceptable DAR application. Lynne encouraged us to search the online DAR Descendants database which includes more than 7.1 million names found on the lineage page of accepted DAR applications and supplementals. The search results provide names of relatives that are already DAR members and the common ancestry to a Revolution Patriot. For a fee, you can order a copy of an accepted application and see the lineage proof.

DAR GRC Index Resource


Since one of the NSDAR purposes is the collection and preservation of genealogical records, DAR members have made a concerted effort to transcribe previously unpublished records of genealogical value to assist staff genealogists, potential members, and the public. These typescripts contain a tremendous amount of unique genealogical material, much of it gleaned from gravestones, family Bibles, and personal collections. Members gather together information accessible to them where they live, through family connections, or in their own genealogical papers. The DAR Genealogical Records Committee (GRC) coordinates this nation-wide attempt to save historical records. Each year, US states send one or more volumes of reports containing typescripts collected from their DAR Chapters to the GRC Office. An online searchable national index is available on the [DAR Genealogical Research System](#) website representing over 57 million names

found on these typescripts from the 50 US states, District of Columbia, and Mexico. The index entries provide the GRC Report series number, volume number, and page number you would need to order a copy of the typescript (for a fee) through the [DAR Library's Search Service](#). When ordering copies, attach a printout of the entire index entry(s) to provide all the details to the DAR research staff.

To find the GRC Report Index, access the DAR website, www.dar.org, click on the menu DAR Library and choose Online Research. This will access the DAR Genealogical Research System page. Click on the GRC tab to access the GRC Report Index search interface (or click [here](#) to go directly there).

Enter a surname to begin the search. To narrow down the search, choose a state and optionally include all or part, of the given name.

From the search results, I was surprised to find entries pointing to a marriage application, family bible, Dallas newspaper, county cemetery, will, voter registration, and land survey. Click on a page number to view all names that appear on that page.



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For the bible record reference, I used the advanced search to specify that specific GRC Report series and volume number and entered the surname. The results provided a list of names that appear to cover at least two family generations! So excited, I put my check in the mail to get a copy of those typescripts. Thank you to the DAR Lady Washington Chapter members for creating those bible record typescripts.



Atomic Training: Free on-demand software training

Interested in learning how to Skype or improve your Facebook skills? Want to know how to do a specific operation in Microsoft Word or Excel? Got an iPad and do not know how to use it? Need help understanding the new Windows and Mac operating systems? Atomic Training offers free, online, self-paced video training on a variety of Microsoft, Adobe, Apple, Google, and social networking products. Look under the “More” category to find training on Firefox, Open Office, and Social Networking (which includes Facebook, flickr, Pinterest, Skype, Twitter, and WordPress).

Atomic Training is available through the Friendswood Public Library using your library card. Anyone can get a free library card regardless of where they live. The application must be submitted in person with a valid photo I.D. and current address (or bring a piece of mail with current address).

To utilize Atomic Training resources, you will need a web browser (either Internet Explorer version 8 or higher, or Firefox 3.6 or higher, Google Chrome, or Safari 5 or higher) with 3rd party cookies enabled, and either Adobe Flash or QuickTime plugin installed. For best results on the iPad, choose QuickTime as your player preference and turn off closed captioning.

To access Atomic Training, go to www.friendswood.lib.tx.us and click on the icon.

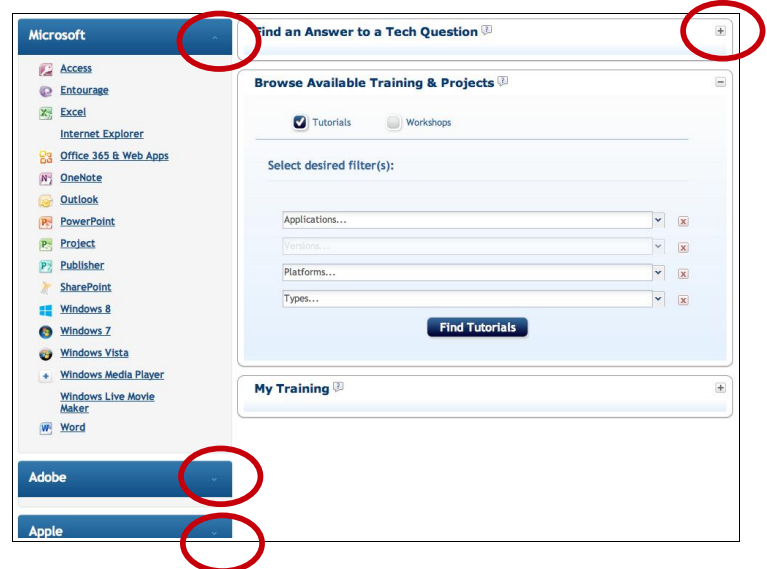


As a new user press the “Create Account” button, enter your Friendswood Public Library card number (all 14 digits, do not enter the spaces) and press the “Validate” button. Enter a valid email and a password, and then click on the “Create Account” button. You will be sent a confirming email, that you must open and click on the embedded link to confirm your new account which will guide you through logging in the first time.

Once log in is successful, click the link shown below the “confirmed” message to access the

library’s subscription.

The right and left hand sections of the next screen can be expanded or collapsed by clicking on the “+” or arrow buttons. Click on the topic you want to learn more about to access the training videos.



If you need help creating an account or accessing the training, contact BAGS member Kim Zrubek for assistance at the Friendswood Public Library 281-482-7135 ext. 1.

Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee is seeking volunteers for BAGS Board of Directors to start in September 2013. The board meets only once a month for about an hour, and discusses what’s going on in BAGS, and plans for the future. Most officer positions are not time-consuming, and can be fun. At this writing, the following positions are open: 2nd Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, and Assistant Registrar. The 2nd VP is in charge of programs and schedules the speakers; the Recording Secretary writes the board and general meeting minutes; and the Registrar maintains membership records.

Won’t you consider volunteering? For more information contact Shirley Lindquist, BAGS 1st VP, by email shirleylindquist@sbcglobal.net

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.**

April

- Entire Month** **BAGS Display on exhibit at the Pearland Library (one of the Brazoria County Libraries)** located at 3522 Liberty Drive, Pearland ([online map](#)). Library hours are Mon – Wed 10-9, Thu & Fri 9-6, and Sat 10-6.
- 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, Treasurer of Highland Games Association, discusses Scottish Clans

May

- Entire Month** **BAGS Display on exhibit at the La Porte Branch Library (one of the Harris County Libraries)** located at 600 South Broadway, La Porte, TX ([online map](#)). Library hours are Mon 1-9, Tue – Thu 10-7, Fri 1-6, and Sat 10-5.
- 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**

August

- Thursday, August 22** **9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library** (details on pg. 6)
- Monday, August 26** **6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210**
- Friday, August 30** **7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – Annual “Show & Tell”**

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

The bus leaves for Clayton on the following dates:

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. 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 trips.

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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BAGS Yearbook

Have you picked up your Yearbook? If not, you're missing out! The Yearbook is included with your membership and is a treasure trove of contact information and photos of those who choose to participate. Can't quite put a face and name together? Check the Yearbook. Need to email that member who might have a clue to your grandmother's family? Look in the Yearbook. Pick up yours at the next meeting!

If your photo is missing or outdated, let us know and we'll take another picture – or we'll be glad to use one you provide if you prefer. It's never too early to start preparing for the next Yearbook!

Membership

It is important to keep our information up to date. If you have any changes in or corrections to your contact information during the year, please notify BAGS Registrar Deborah Cole by email at registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org.

Attendance Report

Deborah Cole

For March, 57 members and 10 visitors attended the general meeting and 9 members attended the Board meeting.

BAG\$ Report for March 2013

Loren Martin, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,772.10
Income	\$65.90
Expenses	<u>-\$914.50</u>
Balance on hand 3/31/2013	\$1,923.50
CD Balance	\$6,381.12

Correction for February 2013 issue, the expenses were \$184.28 not \$84.28.

Local Area Events & Classes

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

“Captain James A. Baker and the Golden Age of Houston”

Saturday, May 4 from 10:00am to noon

Free program presented by Dr. Kate Sayen Kirkland during the Houston Genealogical Forum meeting at Bayland Community Center located at 6400 Bissonnet, Houston (between Hillcroft and Beechnut, [online map and directions](#)). For more details: www.hgftx.org or call the GeneaLine (713) 968-9750.

“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

Free DAR Genealogy Workshop

Saturday, May 4 from 10:30 to noon at the Friendswood Public Library, located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood ([online map](#)).

Janice McNatt, a volunteer genealogist in the local NSDAR chapter Captain Gilbreth Falls-Absolom Hooper, will discuss resources to use in researching family history and the membership application process for the Daughters of the American Revolution. Janice will help you search for relatives in the database of accepted DAR applications and supplementals. Bring your family charts of names and dates.

“Fundamentals of Researching Texas”

Saturday, May 11 at 10:15am in the Carriage House at Clayton Library, located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston ([online map](#)).

This program will be presented by Teri E. Flack of Austin during the Clayton Library Friends general meeting. The program is free and open to the public. Teri Flack, who is a 6th generation Texan, is a genealogist and consulting historian. She has been researching her family history for over 30 years. She also chairs the Texas State Genealogical Society's Records Preservation and Access Committee, and she is also the state liaison to the national Records Preservation and Access Committee. She serves as treasurer for the Austin Genealogical Society, and was recently appointed to the Travis County Historical Commission.

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 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.

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REMINDER

Next General Meeting is
Friday, April 26 at 7:00 pm 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