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Friday, July 26, 2013: Greg Boyd discusses his latest original landowner map tool available on *HistoryGeo.com*

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](#))**

Gregory A. (Greg) Boyd, the leading creator of original landowner maps in the U.S., will be demonstrating Arphax Publishing's revolutionary new interactive map tool available at [HistoryGeo.com](#). The newest release includes all Texas land surveys (all original owners) and millions of land-patents throughout the public land states. This tool promises to solve countless family-history mysteries, and perhaps even one of yours? Greg's presentation will demonstrate the power of HistoryGeo in the context of his own research into both his and his wife's families. *HistoryGeo.com* is included in *Family Tree Magazine's* "101 Best Genealogy Websites for 2012" article published [online](#).

Since 2005, Arphax has published the *Family Maps* series and the *Texas Land Survey Maps* series

documenting the original settlers whose purchases in over 500 U.S. counties are indexed either in the [U.S. Bureau of Land Management](#) database or the [Texas General Land Office](#) database. Books in these two series can be found at the Clayton Library.



Gregory A. Boyd

Greg Boyd is an attorney, software engineer, and genealogist. He is the creator of *HistoryGeo.com* and co-founder of Arphax Publishing Company with his wife, Vicki. They work with genealogists, historians, and archaeologists who are daily turning to Boyd's patent-maps and survey-maps to locate ancestral land and to analyze frontier neighborhoods.

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Tuesday, July 23. Details on page 6.**

**It's Membership renewal time!
The 2013-2014 Society year begins September 1st**

**BAGS is hosting a seminar featuring
John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.**

**Saturday, October 12
from 9:00am to 4:00pm
More details on page 4.**

Message from the President

Bill Mayo

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This month we have celebrated the 237th birthday of our nation. When we compare ours with European or Asian countries, our nation is still an infant in years only. It has one of the greatest democracies the world has ever known, and it is our responsibility to insure that it stays so.

The BAGS Nominating Committee has done an outstanding job of preparing a slate of officer candidates to present at the July general meeting.

Refer to page 4 for the complete slate. Even if you are not serving on the Board, there are many ways to volunteer within the organization. Articles are always needed for both the newsletter and the quarterly. We are establishing assistants to critical Board positions of Recording Secretary and the Registrar. When they are unable to attend board or general meetings, their assistants will accomplish their functions. If you are interested in becoming an assistant, contact me or the incoming president.

At the end of June, I hosted a family reunion in Nacogdoches, TX and participated in the dedication of a Texas Historic Cemetery Marker. I was disappointed that I missed the program on cemetery research since that is one of my main interests. This month I am looking forward to Greg Boyd's program on his family maps series of Federal Land Patent books. Since I studied cartography and spent many years with the Defense Mapping Agency, I have a special interest in maps.

My recent trip to Georgia for a family reunion was both enjoyable and rewarding. I found the documents that I needed for completing a SAR application and also met another genealogist from Mississippi researching one of my lines. We agreed to exchange information on our common line. Since she is a member of DAR and has documented one of my lines, she offered to provide me information on that line.

In August, BAGS will have its annual dinner and show and tell. Please begin thinking about what you can share with us.

Be sure to attend the general meeting this month to hear both Mr. Boyd's program and meet those recommended to serve as BAGS officers for the next two years.

Bill

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.

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Dedication of a Texas Historic Cemetery Marker

by Bill Mayo, BAGS President

The Brewer Cemetery Texas Historic Cemetery Marker was dedicated on June 22, 2013 by the Nacogdoches County Historical Commission and the Brewer Cemetery Association in conjunction with the 2013 Brewer Family Reunion held in Nacogdoches, TX. Dr. Tom Middlebrook, Chairman, Nacogdoches County Historical Commission, conducted the ceremony with the assistance of speakers from the Brewer Cemetery Association. In addition to Brewer family members from Texas, California, Oklahoma and Arkansas, members of the Nacogdoches Historical Commission, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, local historian Carolyn Ericson and others attended this special ceremony.



The Brewer Cemetery was designated a Texas Historic Cemetery in 2010. It is located on a league of land (4,000 acres) granted to Henry Brewer by the Mexican government in 1834. The cemetery dates from around 1816 and contains not only the graves of Henry Brewer and his family members, but those of collateral



families such as the Parker, Gage, Wade, Brooks and Whitaker families. A ground radar penetration survey by the US Forest Service identified at least 50 unmarked graves.

The Texas Centennial Commission erected a monument to Henry and Susannah Mitchell

Brewer and their sons Henry Mitchell Brewer and John Brewer in 1936 in recognition of their service to Texas. Henry Brewer and his son John fought in the Battle of Nacogdoches and Henry Mitchell Brewer fought at the Battle of San Jacinto. Alexander McKinza and Thomas D. Brooks (sons-in-law of Henry Brewer) also fought at the Battle of San Jacinto.



June Program Recap

Lynna Kay Shuffield provided an educational and entertaining program on tips and tricks for researching and preserving cemeteries. She encouraged everyone to be a cemetery preservationist. Registering a cemetery with the Texas Historical Commission (THC) can be done by anyone, meaning you do **not** have to be a relative of someone buried in the cemetery. The process generates a survey of the cemetery's existing condition which will help future generations. More importantly, the cemetery boundaries are recorded in the county deed records to alert its existence to present and future owners of adjacent lands. Cemetery preservation information, cemetery laws, Historic Texas Cemetery Designation process, RIP (Record, Investigate, and Protect) Guardian Network, and access to the online Texas Historical Sites Atlas (THSA) are available on the THC's website at www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/cemetery-preservation. Look to see if a local cemetery is already designated as a historic site using the online [THSA](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/cemetery-preservation). On the left side of the webpage, choose a county and check only the box next to cemetery and press search. The left side will update with a list of all the historic cemeteries in that county with links to its location and a brief description.

BAGS' October 12 Seminar featuring Dr. Colletta

Dr. John Philip Colletta is one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers.

Knowledgeable, experienced and entertaining, he resides in Washington, D.C. He has worked at the Library of Congress and taught workshops at the National Archives. Today, Dr. Colletta is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University (Birmingham, Ala.), the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and Boston University's Certificate in Family History program.



John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.

This seminar includes lectures on the following topics:

*Records of the Federal Courts 1789-1911:
Drama in Your Ancestors' Lives*

*Lesser-Used Federal Records: Sources of Rich
Detail about Ancestors' Lives*

*The Library of Congress: An Introduction and
Overview*

*Private Archives: What They Are and How to
Use Them*

**The registration form is included in this
newsletter. Invite your friends!**

More information about Dr. John Philip Colletta
at www.genealogyjohn.com

2013-2015 Officer Slate

The slate of BAGS Officers for 2013-2015 will be voted on by the membership during the August 30 general meeting and installed at the September 27 general meeting where they will begin their duties at that time. The slate of officers to be presented at the July 26 general meeting is:

President: Shirley Lindquist is currently serving as the 1st Vice-President, and Nominations Committee Chairman, and was Chairman of the 10th Anniversary Celebration Committee. She has been Nominations Committee Chairman for the 2004 and 2005 terms, Corresponding Secretary 2004-2007, Chairman of Member Services 2004-2009, and organized the Freeman Library display 2005-2009.

1st Vice-President: Melodey Hauch is currently serving as *Quarterly* Editor 2008-2013, and regularly contributes articles to the *Quarterly*. She has served on the 10th Anniversary Celebration Committee, and has been Mt. Olivet Cemetery Transcription Project Coordinator since 2008. She has been a program speaker/presenter at a BAGS general meeting.

2nd Vice-President: Barbara Moore has served on the Hospitality Committee. She is very excited and enthused about planning the BAGS programs and speakers as 2nd vice-president.

Corresponding Secretary: Annette Bowen, Charter Member, is currently serving as Corresponding Secretary 2011-2013. She assists with the *Quarterly* and regularly contributes articles to the *Quarterly*. She has served on the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Transcription project since 2008, and the BAGS archives 2012.

Recording Secretary: Deborah Gammon has assisted with the *Quarterly*, and has served on the Welcoming Committee 2010-2012, Telephone Committee 2008-2010, and the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Transcription Project since 2008.

Treasurer: Loren Martin, Charter Member, is currently serving as Treasurer 2011-2013, has served as President 2005-2007, advisor 2007-2009 and 1st Vice-President 2004-2005. He has served on the Scholarship Committee 2007-2009, the Finance Committee 2007-2009, the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Transcription Project, and supported other committees and workshop activities.

Registrar: Marie Krnavek is currently serving as Welcoming Committee Chairman 2010-2013, and served with the Telephone Committee 2008-2010.

All candidates are welcomed to the slate. Any BAGS member may still volunteer for a board position. If you're interested please contact Kim Zrubek or Shirley Lindquist.

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.

July

Entire Month BAGS Display on exhibit at the Alvin Library located at 105 South Gordon, Alvin, TX ([online map](#)). Library hours are 10-6 on Mon., Wed., and Fri.; 10-8 on Tues. & Thur.; and 10-5 Sat.

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 – **Speaker: Greg Boyd**, discusses his latest original landowner map tool available on *HistoryGeo.com*

August

Entire Month BAGS Display on exhibit at the Freeman Library in Clear Lake City.

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” with BBQ Potluck Dinner

September

Monday, September 23 6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210

Friday, September 27 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – **Speaker: Ron Lucas** will discuss Civil War Fire Arms.

October

Entire Month BAGS Display on exhibit at the Evelyn Meador Library in Seabrook

Saturday, October 12 9:00am – 4:00pm Seminar featuring **John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.** (www.genealogyjohn.com) at UBC

Monday, October 21 6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting at UBC in room LC-210

Friday, October 25 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting – **Speaker David Zwahr** will present “Finding Your Relatives Masonic History”

November

TBD Annual Holiday Party

Committee News

Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

The bus leaves for Clayton on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 23

Thursday, August 22



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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Membership Renewal Time!

It's that time of year again! During the months of July and August, we will be renewing memberships for the 2013-2014 year, which runs September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014. The renewal rates have not changed from last year—a single membership is \$20 and a family membership is \$25. There is an additional \$5 fee if you want the *BAGS Quarterly* and *Yearbook* mailed to you. If you wish to support the society at a higher level, you might consider one of the following—Contributor-\$30-49, Patron-\$50-\$99, Lifetime membership-\$600 or higher.

Please fill out a new membership application form. One is attached to the newsletter, which you can print and mail to the address at the top of the form, or bring the form with you to the next meeting you attend. In addition, I will have forms available at the Registrar's table when you enter the meeting room.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Deborah Cole, BAGS Registrar

Attendance Report

For June, seven members attended the Board meeting.

BAG\$ Report for June 2013

Loren Martin, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$1,837.00
Income	\$111.50
Expenses	<u>-\$456.75</u>
Balance on hand 6/30/2013*	\$1,491.75
CD Balance	\$6,386.12

* Accidentally \$10.00 additional was deposited last month, because of an error in overstating receipts. This \$10.00 will be corrected with the July receipts deposited.

Local Area Events & Classes

Clayton Library offers a day of DNA programming

Saturday, July 27 from 10:30am to 4:15pm

These programs are free and open to the public.

GATA GACC! DNA and Genetic Genealogy

Today From 10:30am to noon, listen to a general introduction to using DNA testing for genealogy and where we are today. It introduces Y-DNA for the direct paternal line, mitochondrial DNA for the direct maternal line, and autosomal DNA for the other ancestral lines. You will learn what DNA testing is and how to obtain the tests, how to use the test results to maximize the contribution to genealogical research goals, and which tests can be used for ethnic studies based on the current technology.

Going Nuclear: DNA Discoveries to Trace All Lines of Descent

From 1:30pm to 2:15pm, learn to link families using autosomal DNA test results from any testing company. Maximize impact on your genealogical research goals. Includes how to use test results such as those from 23andMe, AncestryDNA, and Family Tree DNA autosomal tests.

Paternal Lines: Using Y-DNA From 2:30pm to 3:15pm, learn details of Y-DNA testing including how to analyze test results. Findings can corroborate your paper trail or place you on the right research path.

Maternal Lines: Using Mitochondrial DNA

(mtDNA) From 3:30pm to 4:15pm, understand mitochondrial DNA testing with an introduction to analysis of test results. Sample research problems demonstrate how mtDNA can be used by genealogists.

Seating is limited so registration is required. Call Clayton Library at 832-393-2600 to sign up for one or more of these presentations. The library is located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston ([online map](#)).

FamilyTreeDNA is offering their DNA tests at a reduced cost through **Friday, July 26, 2013.**

Details are listed on their website
www.familytreedna.com

2013 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference "Journey through Generations"
August 21-24, 2013 in Fort Wayne, Indiana
www.fgsconference.org

Genealogical Weekend

Friday August 9 – Saturday August 10 at Huntsville Public Library located at 1219 13th St. Huntsville, TX ([online map](#)). There is no cost to attend, however, pre-registration is requested so enough handouts will be available. To pre-register contact Denise Tilton at 936-291-5471 or by email at dtilson@huntsvilletx.gov. This event is hosted by the library and Walker County Genealogical Society. Access the entire program and event schedule (PDF document) [here](#). Programs include African American research, maternal line research, navigating *FamilySearch.org*, and GLO Court of Claims historic letters collection. Presenters include Family History Library, Texas GLO, Emily Anne Croom, Johnnie Jo Dickerson, and Marian Hunter.

"Meet Mr. Draper and the Reverend Shane"

Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 10:15 am at the Clayton Library. Trevia Wooster Beverly will present this program at the Clayton Library Friends general meeting. Visitors are welcome. Program description: At the end of the American Revolution the west was defined as the land between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River. Two American frontier collections are available at Clayton Library, Mr. Draper and Rev Shane, each with a different focus that should be researched by almost every family researcher. The geographical areas of the collections include the western Carolinas and Virginia, some portions of Georgia and Alabama, the entire Ohio River Valley, and the Mississippi River Valley. Their two collections complement one another and bring to the researcher a vast amount of original material, including vital records, maps, petitions, and lists that never became part of the "official record."

HeritageQuest Classes

Monday, August 12 at 10:30am at Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood ([online map](#)). HeritageQuest is a free online resource available through the Texas public libraries. The resource offers original images and a search interface to access 1790-1930 US Census, Periodical Source Index, American Revolutionary War pensions, family and local history books, Freedmans' Bank Records, and the US Serial Set.

During the month of July 2013, The BAGS informational display is at the Alvin Library located at 105 South Gordon, Alvin, TX ([online map](#)). Library hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00am to 6:00pm; Tuesday and Thursday 10:00am to 8:00pm; and Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm.



REMINDER

Next General Meeting is
Friday, July 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



Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)

Presents

John Philip Colletta, PhD

Seminar Registration Form



Saturday, October 12, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

University Baptist Church, 1st Floor Chapel

16106 Middlebrook Drive

Houston (Clear Lake City), TX

Name of Registrant: _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

e-Mail: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Member of: _____ **Genealogical Society** _____

Early Registration Fee = \$30.00 Per Person

Postmarked on or before September 30, 2013

Box Lunches: \$10.00 each (includes sandwich, chips, cookie, coffee or tea)

(Check one) ☐ Turkey ☐ Roast Beef ☐ Tuna ☐ Veggie

\$ 30.00 Early Registration
(before Sept. 30)

\$.00 Lunches

\$.00 BAGS Contribution

Total Enclosed:\$.00

Late Registration or Registration at the Door is \$40.00 per person.

NO LUNCH available for late or at the door registrants.

Questions??

Go to www.txbayareagen.org or E-mail: genealijonz1@comcast.net

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Membership Application

Please bring to meeting or mail to above address with payment.

Membership: New _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

Full Name _____

Maiden Name _____ Preferred Name for Name Tag _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP Code _____

E-mail _____ Phone # _____

If this is a family membership, list the other family members' full names:

Occupation or, if retired, previous occupation of primary member _____

Occupation or, if retired, previous occupation of other member(s) _____

May we print your address, e-mail address and phone number in the Society's yearbook? Yes ___ No ___

Research interests, surnames _____

I need help with _____

I can help with (e.g., German translation, NY research...) _____

The Society needs your participation. Check the committee(s) on which you are willing to serve:

<input type="checkbox"/> Auditing	<input type="checkbox"/> Historian	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> County Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone
<input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Member Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Web Master
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		

Payment – To calculate your payment, please choose one from each category:

☐ Single membership \$20
☐ Family membership ... \$25 \$ _____

☐ Quarterly included at no additional charge if picked up
by end of Society year
☐ Quarterly & Yearbook by mail ... \$5 \$ _____
(Quarterlies mailed all together at year end)

Make checks out to "BAGS" Cash ___ Check # _____ TOTAL \$

Please consider a higher level of support for the Society:

Contributor - \$30-\$49, **Patron** - \$50-\$599, **Lifetime** membership - \$600 or higher.