



# Bay Area Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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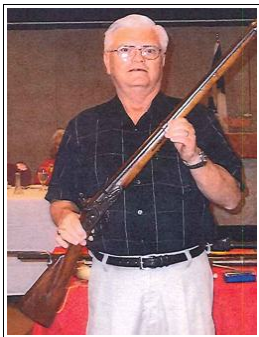
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### Friday, September 27, 2013: Ron Lucas will discuss Civil War Firearms

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

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



Ron Lucas

Ron Lucas is a graduate of Sam Houston University with BS degree in Kinesiology and a minor in History. He is a Sales Engineer for Waukesha Pearce Industries which sells large emergency generators for commercial and oil industry applications. Ron's interest in firearms came from his Dad, who was a wounded WW2 veteran. Also he

credits his wife Patricia and son Brett's genealogy work in finding ancestors who fought in the American Revolution through the Vietnam wars.

### October is Family History Month

Take a look at genealogy related classes, events, and programs listed on pages 3, 4, and 7 that are taking place in our area during the month.

### Pick up your copy of the new September issue of the *BAGS Quarterly*.

This issue will be the last one for this fiscal year so plan to pick up any you have missed since last December 2012.

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

**Saturday, October 12  
from 9:00am to 4:00pm**

**Program details and registration are included in  
this newsletter and on the Society's website.**

Next issue... August Show & Tell Recap

## Message from the President

Bill Mayo

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September marks a new year for BAGS and a new Board of Directors. After she is sworn in at the September general meeting, Shirley Lindquist will serve as President of BAGS for the next two years. Other changes will also occur: Melodey Hauch will serve as First Vice-President; Barbara Moore as Second Vice-President; Deborah Gammon as Recording Secretary; and Marie Krnavek as

Registrar. Loren Martin will continue to serve as Treasurer, and Annette Bowen will continue as Corresponding Secretary. In addition to changes on the Board of Directors, Deborah Cole will serve as the new Editor of the *BAGS Quarterly*.

In September, Ron Lucas will present a program Civil War firearms. This should be interesting to many of us who had ancestors that fought in this war as well as to history buffs. In October, BAGS member David Zwahr will present a program on "Finding Your Relatives Masonic History." This should provide insight into how to obtain information on our Masonic ancestors.

Of course, BAGS big event of the year will be the seminar featuring John Philip Colletta, Ph.D, on October 12th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Please make every effort to attend this seminar and let your genealogical friends know about this seminar. His program should be beneficial to all genealogists researching federal records. ***Please be aware that there was a "typo" error on the registration form. BAGS mailing address is P.O. Box 891447, Houston, TX 77289-1447.*** If you are mailing in your reservation, please use the correct address.

Please attend the September meeting to observe the swearing in of the new BAGS Officers and to learn about the firearms used in the Civil War.

## Bill

(L-R) Marie Krnavek, Deborah Gammon, Melodey Hauch, Annette Bowen, Loren Martin, and Shirley Lindquist.



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. Questions or comments on the BAGS Newsletter should be addressed to:

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# Family History Month – October Activities

BAGS presents a one day seminar

## “You Know Who They Were, Now Discover Their Real Story”

featuring

**John Philip Colletta, PhD**

**Saturday, October 12, 2013**

**9:00am to 4:00pm**

in the University Baptist Church  
first floor Chapel, located at  
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Clear Lake City  
([online map](#))

Park in the lot nearest to Middlebrook Drive and use the entrance facing that street.

Dr. 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, topic details, and maps  
are included in this newsletter.**

**Invite your friends!**

### **Free DAR Genealogy Workshop**

Saturday, October 5 from 10:15am to 12:30pm at the Parker Williams County Library located at 10851 Scarsdale Boulevard, Suite #510, Houston at the corner of Scarsdale and Beemer ([online map](#)).

The program is for adults 18 years or older interested in becoming a DAR member or just interested in learning more about genealogy. Sponsored by Capt. Gilbreth Falls-Absolom Hooper DAR Chapter (access their [website](#)).

### **"The Black & White of It: Your Ancestors Are in the Newspaper" presented by Trevia Wooster Beverly**

Saturday, October 5 at 10:30am in the [Sienna Branch Library](#) located at 8411 Sienna Springs Blvd in Missouri City, TX ([online map](#)). This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 281-238-2900.

### **Beginning Genealogy Classes**

Taught by Marje Harris on Tuesdays now through October 22 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Bayland Community Center located at 6400 Bissonnet, Houston between Hillcroft and Beechnut ([online map](#)).

Class schedule:

October 1: Military Records

October 8: State and Federal Land Records

October 15: Passenger, Immigration, and Migration Records

October 22: County Courthouse: Deed, Probate, and Misc. Records

Attend one or more classes, cost is cost \$15 per class for Houston Genealogical Forum members and \$20 per class for non-members. For more information, contact Ginny Douglas at 281-431-5570, e-mail [programs@hgftx.org](mailto:programs@hgftx.org) or go to the HGF website: [www.hgftx.org](http://www.hgftx.org).

## Family History Month – Clayton Library Programs

The following free programs are offered to adults and teens at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston ([online map](#)). All events require reservations except for the book sale and orientation. To place a reservation call the library at 832-393-2600.

### **Book Sale October 1 – October 31**

Clayton makes all its duplicate family history books available for sale. These are donated books that the library already owns; the copies offered for sale have never been part of their collection. This event runs for all of October.

### **Yearbooks: More Than Just Names and Pictures**

Thursday, October 3 from 10:00am to 11:00am  
This talk will deal in how to "grab" the limited information given in yearbooks and connect it to other genealogical resources.

### **Gathering History: Include the Kids!**

Saturday, October 5 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm  
Ever wonder how best to interest children in genealogical research, and how they can prepare to be researchers in their own right? This class will offer instruction on how to do just that!

### **Unusual Resources**

Tuesday, October 8 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm  
Learn about some very unusual record groups for genealogical research, sources not often thought of.

### **Genealogy Tips & Tricks : finding ancestors by not searching the known information**

Saturday, October 12 at 10:30am to 11:30am  
Having trouble finding ancestors even though you know their names and dates, and have information on the places they lived? In this talk you will learn various tips and tricks for searching around the known family information to find these "tricky" ancestors.

### **Authenticity in Genealogical Research**

Thursday, October 17 at 1:30pm to 2:30pm  
Not every source held by Clayton Library is reliable. Do you know how to tell if a source is reliable, or authoritative? This presentation will explore several source formats and types and discuss the methodology behind determining a source to be

reliable, or how to identify the most reliable source available for a specific query.

### **Using Evernote for your Genealogical Research**

Thursday, October 17 at 3:00pm to 4:00pm  
This presentation will highlight the importance of embracing emergent technology to genealogists of all experience levels. It will include a walkthrough and discussion of the various ways in which organizational platform Evernote can benefit anyone with their family history. Please feel free to bring your devices with internet access enabled.

### **Clayton Library Orientation (Genealogy)**

Saturday, October 19 at 10:30am to 11:45am  
Learn about the vast family history research resources at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, named "one of the 9 genealogy libraries you need to visit before you die" (Family Tree Magazine July 2008) on this tour of the facility.

### **Researching Pre-Civil War African-American Ancestors**

Saturday, October 19 at noon to 1:00pm  
This presentation will provide tips and strategies for locating African-American ancestors in slavery era documents.

### **Ghosts!**

Tuesday, October 22 at 10:30am to 11:30am  
This talk will focus on ghosts, community stories, and the importance they have to genealogy.

### **Cemetery Symbolism**

Thursday, October 31 from noon to 1:00pm  
This talk discusses the ways in which ancestors marked their gravestones to indicate various accomplishments in life, through death.

### **Cemeteries, tombstones and indexing; oh my**

Thursday, October 31 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm  
Online or in person, cemeteries are cool really places! Come discover some secrets. Learn about the, "fastest, easiest and most efficient way to gather headstone data in the world". Then find out how to become a volunteer to add even more data.

## BAGS Events 2013-2014 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.**

### September

**Entire Month** BAGS Display on exhibit at the Pasadena Public Library located at 1201 Jeff Ginn Drive, Pasadena, TX ([online map](#)). Library hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00am to 6:00pm; Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am to 9:00pm; and closed Sunday.

**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 Firearms.

### October

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

**Saturday, October 12** 9:00 am – 4:00pm Seminar featuring John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. ([www.genealogyjohn.com](http://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

**Entire Month** BAGS Display on exhibit at the Fairmont Public Library in Pasadena

**Saturday, November 16** Annual Holiday Party in Hope Village Cafe' Members and guests are invited.

**11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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. ([online map](#))

**A general meeting will not be held in November.**

**Wednesday, November 20** 9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library (details on pg. 6)

### December

**A general meeting is not held in December. Regular monthly general meetings resume in January 2014.**

### January

**Wednesday, January 15, 2014** 9:15 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library (details on pg. 6)

**Friday, January 31, 2014** 7:00 pm BAGS General Meeting

## Committee News

### Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

The bus leaves for Clayton on

**November 20, 2013**

**January 15, 2014**

**March 4, 2014**



Fourteen people participated in the bus trip on 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](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 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!

Thank you to those that have renewed their membership and welcome to the new members!

For those who haven't yet renewed, remember that you must do so by the September 2013 general meeting if you want to be included in this year's *BAGS Yearbook*. If we don't have your picture, or if you want your photo updated for the *Yearbook*, we can either take your picture at the meeting or you can email one to the registrar.

### Latest *BAGS Quarterly* is Ready! Melodey Hauch, *BAGS Quarterly* Editor

*BAGS Quarterly* September 2013 issue will be available at the general meeting. This issue will be the last one for this fiscal year so plan to pick up any you have missed since last December 2012.

The new *Quarterly* editor Deborah Cole starts her new position on October 1st, so send her your articles for the December 2013 issue!

**Thank You Melodey for your time and talent as editor, writer, and publisher to produce the *BAGS Quarterly* issues since December 2008! We really do appreciate your labor of love.**

### BAG\$ Report for August 2013 Loren Martin, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,435.93
Income	\$1,003.00
Expenses	-\$305.50
Balance on hand 8/31/2013	\$3,133.43
CD Balance	\$6,391.18

## Local Area Events & Classes

### ***Blazing The Family History Trail***

#### **Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference**

October 31 – November 2 in the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel & Conference Center located at 1209 North I-35, Round Rock, TX. Co-hosted by Williamson County Genealogical Society. Key speaker is Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS. There are partner society sessions, librarian's track, and FamilySearch classes on Thursday, October 31. A variety of classes are offered for genealogists of all experience levels on Friday. Thomas W. Jones will present four lectures on Saturday. Registration, program details, and hotel reservation information are available online at [www.txsgs.org/about/conference](http://www.txsgs.org/about/conference)

#### **Beverly Rice, CG Seminar**

**Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 9:00am to 4:00pm** in the John Calvin Presbyterian Church located at 8102 Midcrown, San Antonio, TX 78239 ([online map](#)). Program hosted by the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. Program and registration details are available online at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsaghs2](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsaghs2) then click on "News" tab. Seminar topics include:

*Organization & Analysis: Using Timelines in Genealogical Research*

*Researching Your Female Lines*

*They Fought for the South – Researching the Soldiers & Sailors of the Confederacy*

*Railroads and Their Role in Western Migration (west of the Missouri River)*

#### **Galveston Historical Foundation presents**

"Spirits Along Broadway Cemetery Tours" on October 18, 19, 25, and 26 at 7:00pm and 9:00pm in the Broadway Cemetery located at Ave K and 40th Street, Galveston.

Haunted Harbor Tours on October 25 and 26 at 5:30pm on the *Seagull II* departing from the Texas Seaport Museum.

Cost, registration, and location details are on the [calendar section](#) of their website.

#### **Free Seminar by Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA**

October 5 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at Bayland Community Center located at 6400 Bissonnet, Houston between Hillcroft and Beechnut ([online map](#)). Sponsored by Houston Genealogical Forum, Dr. Jones is co-editor of the NGS Quarterly, Trustee and Past President of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, Award Winning Author and Nationally Recognized Lecturer. His topics include:

**"Debunking Misleading Records"**

**"Going Beyond the Bare Bones: Reconstructing Your Ancestor's Lives"**

**"Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor"**

**"Will your Genealogical History have Lasting Value?"**

Registration and program details are available online at [www.hgftx.org](http://www.hgftx.org) or call (713) 968-9750.

#### **Ghosts of the Past "Tombstone Tales"**

Presented by League City Historical Society celebrating the West Bay Common School Children's Museum twenty years in operation.

Saturday, October 26 visit the historic Victorian Fairview Cemetery that dates back to 1900 and reflect on this area's diverse community and cattle ranching history. Tours begin at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm. Start in the museum located at 210 North Kansas, League City ([online map](#))

Sunday, October 27 at 4:00pm The Bay Area Youth Symphony will present classical spooky music at the Clear Springs High School located at 501 Palomino Drive, League City ([online map](#)). Hear a few "Ghost Stories" performed by the League City Historical Society in the lobby before the concert.

#### **Genealogy Roadshow**

A new PBS series *Genealogy Roadshow* is here! The show combines history and science to uncover the fascinating stories of diverse Americans. The program is scheduled to air Mondays, September 23-October 14 from 8:00pm to 9:00pm (Central Time) and features research in Nashville, Detroit, San Francisco, and Austin respectively.

During the month of September 2013, The BAGS informational display is at the Pasadena Public Library located at 1201 Jeff Ginn Drive in Pasadena ([online map](#)). Library hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00am to 6:00pm; Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am to 9:00pm; and closed Sunday.



### REMINDER

Next General Meeting is  
Friday, September 27 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  
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*presents*  
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**"You Know Who They Were,  
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*featuring*

**John Philip Colletta, PhD**

**Saturday, October 12, 2013**

**9:00am to 4:00pm**

**University Baptist Church  
1st Floor Chapel  
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Clear Lake City  
(map on the back)**

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, taught workshops at the National Archives, and wrote the books *They Came in Ships*, *Finding Italian Roots*, and *Only a Few Bones*.

Today, Dr. Colletta is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and Boston University's Certificate in Family History program. More information about Dr. Colletta can be found on his website [www.genealogyjohn.com](http://www.genealogyjohn.com)



Dr. Colletta

## This seminar includes the following lectures:

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

Federal court records contain all manner of information about your ancestors: their finances, business dealings, personal and family relationships, homes and property, personalities, disputes, triumphs and defeats. This lecture explains the system of federal courts, 1789-1911, and describes the records those courts created. Research strategies demonstrate how to use the Web site of the National Archives, public records, newspapers, Federal Cases, the Federal Reporter, and other tools to find federal court cases involving your ancestors. Particular case studies reveal the fascinating personal information these records contain.

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

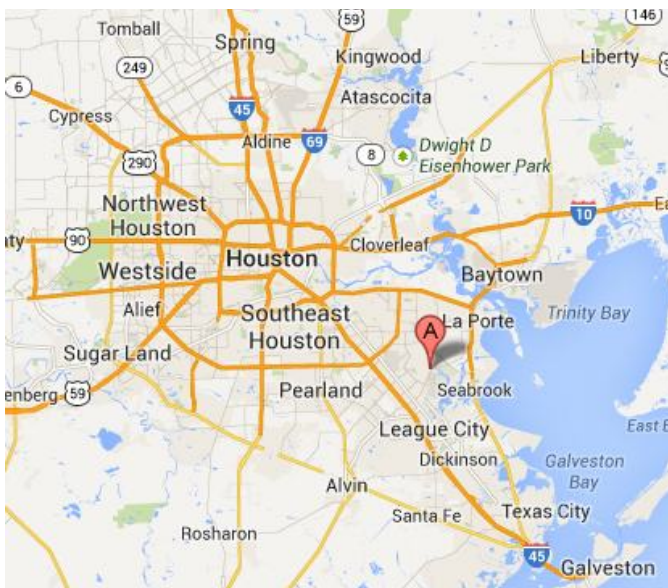
Whenever the path of an ancestor's life intersected with a federal government agency, paperwork was created. That paperwork fills our National Archives. Most of it has not been indexed, published, microfilmed or digitized, but some of it has. This lecture explores some of the more easily accessible paperwork that provides rich biographical detail about our ancestors. Discussion includes a selection from the following: 1) passport applications, 1791-1925; 2) homestead files, beginning 1863; 3) Civil War Income Tax records, 1862-72; 4) The Journals of Congress, 1789-1873; 5) Appointments of Postmasters, 1789-1971; 6) Federal Court records, 1789-1911; and 7) Civil War draft registrations, 1863-65.

### ***The Library of Congress: An Introduction and Overview***

The Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., is one of the country's greatest repositories for genealogical research. Yet, because it is dauntingly large and requires on-site research, it tends to be underutilized. This lecture takes the mystery and trepidation out of using our national library and demonstrates the tremendous benefits of making a research trip to Washington. It sketches the institution's history, describes the formalities for using it, and highlights — one reading room at a time—the innumerable and often unique treasures it holds. The extraordinary Web site of the Library of Congress is explored, and practical suggestions are made by someone who worked part-time at the library for twenty years.

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

Private entities, such as churches and synagogues, businesses, social organizations, and educational institutions, create records about their activities and their members. Over time these records accumulate, and eventually many private entities segregate them into an archives for preservation and research. Using Internet sites, this lecture describes the various kinds of private archives that exist and explains when and why you might want to search for one. Five sample cases illustrate how using private archives contributed to the speaker's genealogical research.





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*presents*

## John Philip Colletta, PhD

*seminar*



### "You Know Who They Were, Now Discover Their Real Story"

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](http://www.txbayareagen.org) or E-mail: [genealijonz1@comcast.net](mailto:genealijonz1@comcast.net)

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