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Friday, January 31, 2014: Anna Edwards presents "Awareness of Native Americans in the Military"

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](#))**

Ann Edwards is a member of the Ohkay Owingeh tribe and the Tia Piah Society in Pasadena, Texas. She is also an advocate for Military Veterans and Native American groups. She first became active as a Home Front Supporter when her brother was in Việt Nam. She met her husband through this organization and later became involved with the group "A Gathering of Eagles." These people serve as an 'umbrella' support group networking to help in the many areas of need for military veterans. Her name is well known throughout the greater Houston area for her concern and assistance through many organizations.

For the Friday, February 28 general meeting program, BAGS member Nick Cimino will discuss research techniques to use in researching the England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and the Isle of Man.

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Any news to share?

Send information to the editor
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Five-Generation Charts

What New Year's resolutions did you make concerning genealogy research? Have you submitted your five-generation chart to BAGS? All members are encouraged to submit a pedigree chart of their family. The chart does not need to be complete and information about living relatives may be omitted. The charts are published in the *BAGS Quarterly*. The names of persons that appear in the quarterlies are included in the free public searchable *Periodical Search Index* (PERSI) accessible through *HeritageQuest™* provided by your local library. If you prefer that your chart not be published, you may certainly make a note of that. However, publication does have its benefits! BAGS does receive queries regarding five-generation charts found in the *Quarterly* issues. Getting your information out there may provide a connection that will help you to fill in those frustrating gaps in your genealogy! What are you waiting for? If you have questions or need assistance, please contact member Eleanor Caldwell, Five-Generation Pedigree Charts Chairman.





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Message from the First Vice-President

Melodey Hauch



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I have been researching my family's history since 1983 and have found it to be a very rewarding experience. Over the years I compiled books and booklets with the information and emailed or snail-mailed it to a variety of relatives. Some of them actually read what I sent them. I am currently working on updates of several of these family histories – as you know the research never ends, and new bits and pieces of history appear every year on the Internet or in newly-published books.

During the past ten years I have expanded my research to local history and cemeteries. Actually, this has been just as rewarding. My attention has been centered mostly on vandalized and abandoned cemeteries in Galveston County and one in Brazoria County. These cemeteries range in the number of burials from nine to over nine hundred. On the smaller ones, I have researched all burials and written short biographies of the deceased, adding in my photos of the tombstones and photos the people when I could find them.

I encourage everyone to take on a local history project, perhaps in your distant hometown. Lend your expertise to a family or community other than your own, you will find it very rewarding too.

In Memoriam

Former BAGS member Carolyn Corbin
passed on December 14, 2013.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to
her husband George and their family.
An obituary is available online by
clicking [here](#).

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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What about the Draper Papers?

The name comes from Lyman C. Draper (1815-1891) who collected information on America's frontier. The Draper Manuscript Collection is a massive collection of personal hand written papers, newspaper articles, notes, transcripts, muster rolls organized into 491 volumes divided into 50 series arranged by geographical location, subject content, and person. The time periods addressed comprise the French and Indian War years through the War of 1812 and westward exploration or 1755-1815 respectively. The area covered comprises Pennsylvania, Virginia, Western Carolinas; also some areas of Georgia, Alabama, Ohio river valley and parts of the Mississippi river valley. Key facts found in this collection vary from record to record. However, they may include: residences, life sketches, neighbors, historical event involvement as well as birth, marriage, and death dates and places.

The physical collection is housed at the **Wisconsin Historical Society's Library and Archives** located on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. Fortunately for us, the Clayton Library purchased a complete microfilm set of this collection and you can be find in Cabinet 61 Drawer 4 on the second floor of the library. An article in the Clayton Town Crier, October 2013 issue, explains how to interpret the index information and how to access this collection content. Currently, this collection and indexes are not available online through either Ancestry.com or FamilySearch.org. *Used Draper Papers? Share what you found, send information to the newsletter editor.*



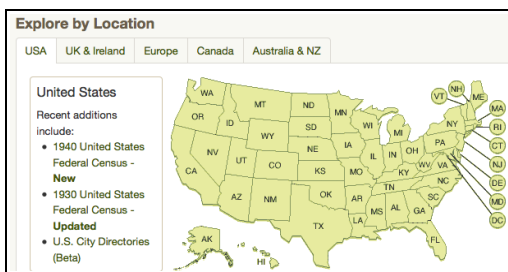
New NY online records & free access to Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com has added several new collections to their existing set of online New York State records. Free access is available to three of the new collections but it looks like you would have to create a "free" account. The latest NY collections are 1855 and 1875 state census, nationalization papers 1799-1847, alien depositions of intent to become U.S. citizens 1825-1871, NYC birth index 1878-1909 (free), NYC marriage index 1866-1937 (free), NYC death index 1862-1948 (free), and War of 1812 payroll abstracts for state militia. Click [here](#) to access the New York State records page and search against all collections available for that state. On that page, scroll to the bottom to find the links to the new record collections. Irene Walters, a librarian working at the Clayton Library, is originally from New York and has extensive experience in researching New York records. If you have a specific question concerning New York research, contact her at the library 832-393-2600.

Remember, you can access Ancestry.com record content for free from within any Harris County Public Library branch, Houston Public Library branch, or Family History Center. Take your own computer into a Houston Public and Harris County library and connect to their wireless network to access Ancestry.com for free without requiring a personal account or subscription.

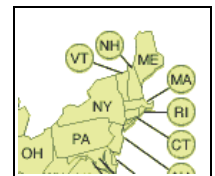


An alternative way to narrow your searches within Ancestry.com to find records for a specific state or county is to click on the "Search" button (not a submenu) at the top of the website.

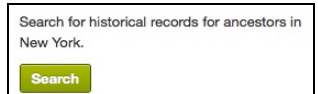


Then in the "Explore by Location" section, click on the specific state or country.

For example, click on New York to see all new and existing record collections available for New York ancestors. Click on one of the collections to search within that collection. Or on the upper right side of the collections list is a



"Search" button where you can search across all collections available for that state.



Consider attending a conference in 2014

RootsTech Family History and Technology Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah February 6-8, 2014. Website: <https://rootstech.org>

FamilyTree University Virtual Conference (all web-based / online) February 28-March 2, 2014. Website: www.familytreeuniversity.com/virtual-conference

Houston Family Search Conference (Free) held near Lake Houston, April 25-26, 2014. Website: <http://houstonfamilysearch.com>

The National Genealogical Society 2014 Family History Conference "Virginia: The First Frontier" in Richmond, Virginia May 7-10, 2014. Website: <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>

Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, a week of intensive study, at Samford University Library June 8-13, 2014. Website: www4.samford.edu/schools/ighr

Angelina College Genealogy Conference in Lufkin, Texas usually in July. Website: www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference 2014 "Gone to Texas" in San Antonio, Texas August 27-30, 2014. Website: <https://www.fgsconference.org>

National Institute for Genealogical Studies offers online get-togethers with instructors and classmates are held in their virtual learning room. Attend any of the virtual meetings. They are open to everyone. View the list of meeting dates and topics on the webpage www.genealogicalstudies.com/eng/chats.asp

Suggested genealogy fiction for this winter's read

Author Nathan Dylan Goodwin asked BAGS to consider reviewing his book *Hiding The Past*, a genealogical crime mystery story, published in 2013 which is first of a planned series and is available from Amazon and Barnes & Noble but not currently found at any local library. Member Barbara Moore took up the invitation, emailed Nathan Goodwin, and was immediately supplied with a copy. She submitted the following review:

Nathan was born and raised in Hastings, East Sussex, England. He attended school there, completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Radio, Film and Television followed by a Master of Arts Degree in Creative Writing at Canterbury Christ Church University. He has completed a number of successful local history books about Hastings. His other interests include reading, writing, film, photography, genealogy and traveling.

His most recent book, "Hiding the Past," is a genealogical crime mystery. The genealogist in the story, Morton Farrier, is a forensic genealogist whose new client passes away. As Morton continues to work on the genealogy, which is some ways resembles things in his own past, he finds himself caught up in a mystery originating during World War I.

I received it on a Friday afternoon. I started reading it and completed it at 1:30am the following Sunday morning. I could sympathize with the research brick walls the genealogist finds in the story and was always caught off guard by the wonderful twists and turns he takes to tear them down.

Thank you Barbara!

What other fictional works relating to genealogy are available for our enjoyment? Here is a list of a few genealogical mystery series available at the local libraries.

- Rett MacPherson writes Torie O'Shea mystery series, start with *Family of Skeletons*.
- Patricia Sprinkle's series Death on the Family Tree, start with *Death on the Family Tree*.
- Fay Sampson writes Suzie Fewings mysteries set in Great Britain in 1600s, start with *In The Blood*.
- Steve Robinson writes Jefferson Tayte series, start with *In The Blood*. (Yes *In The Blood* is correct. Titles are not copyrighted and therefore can be reused)
- Fiona Mountain writes Natasha Black, Ancestor Detective series, start with *Bloodline*.
- Jimmy Fox writes Nick Herald series, start with *Deadly Pedigree*.
- Anne Doughty's series Hamilton Saga set in 1920-1950s Ireland
- Anthea Fraser writes Rona Parish mystery series, start with *Brought To Book*.

BAGS Event Calendar

Monthly General Meetings

The last Friday of the month at 7:00pm.
Come at 6:30pm to enjoy coffee and socializing.
The public is invited to visit.

These meetings are held at the University Baptist Church (UBC) located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059 (Clear Lake City) [online map](#).

Friday, January 31 at 7:00pm

Program: Awareness of Native Americans in the Military presented by Anna Edwards

Friday, February 28 at 7:00pm

Program: Research Techniques for British Isles presented by Nick Cimino

Friday, March 28 at 7:00pm

Friday, April 25 at 7:00pm

Friday, May 30 at 7:00pm

Friday, June 27 at 7:00pm

Friday, July 25 at 7:00pm

Friday, August 29 at 7:00pm

Friday, September 26 at 7:00pm

Friday, October 31 at 7:00pm

November: Annual Holiday Party

December: General meeting is not held

BAG\$ Report for December 2013

Loren Martin, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward	\$4,085.65
Income	\$1,038.50
Expenses	<u>-\$3,085.89</u>
Balance on hand 12/31/2013	\$2,038.26
CD Balance	\$6,419.67

Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

The bus leaves for Clayton on
Tuesday, March 4, 2014



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.

Fourteen people caught the bus on January 15th's scheduled library trip. In February, BAGS will be assigned three additional trip dates.

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.

Board Meetings

Last Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

All members are welcome to attend.

These meetings are held at the University Baptist Church (UBC) on the second floor in room LC-210.

Monday, January 27 at 7:00pm

Monday, February 24 at 7:00pm

Monday, March 24 at 7:00pm

Monday, April 21 at 7:00pm

Monday, May 26 at 7:00pm

Monday, June 23 at 7:00pm

Monday, July 21 at 7:00pm

Monday, August 25 at 7:00pm

Monday, September 22 at 7:00pm

Monday, October 27 at 7:00pm

Board meeting usually not held in November or December.

Local Area Events & Classes

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. To place a reservation call the library at 832-393-2600.**

Gifts that Give: Card Making and Scrapbooking Saturday, January 25 from 10:00am to noon

Interested in scrapbooking your family history but don't know how? Learn some of the basics of scrapbooking, plus learn some tips and tricks. Use some of the tools of the trade to make a greeting card and an envelope.

Quick Start Your Genealogy!

Saturday, February 1 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Overview of research tools: HPL catalog, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, and ordering microprint from Salt Lake City.

Tony Burroughs

Saturday, February 22 from 9:00am to 4:30pm

As part of African American History Month, Clayton Library is proud to offer a full day of seminars presented by Tony Burroughs. Mr. Burroughs is an internationally known genealogist, author and lecturer. He is frequently interviewed in local, national and international media for his genealogy expertise.

Genealogy Basics Boot Camp

Saturday, March 1 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Interested in your family history, but not quite sure where to start? Found some information, but need to know what else is available? Join the boot camp for an exercise in genealogical research resources! This session focuses on starting genealogical research by examining basic tools, such as the pedigree chart, and basic research strategies. Learn about the different genealogical materials available to researchers and how they lead to other sources.

Lisa Louise Cooke Seminar

Saturday, March 1 from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Bayland Community Center located at 6400 Bissonnet, Houston ([online map](#)).

Houston Geneological Forum is sponsoring this free all-day seminar featuring Lisa Louise Cooke, owner of *Genealogy Gems*, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. Click [here](#) to access her website and biography. Cooke will discuss three topics: 1) "Time Travel with Google Earth," 2) "Google Search Strategies for Common Surnames," and 3) "Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers." Click [here](#) to access the lunch order form (PDF format).

Civil War Paper Trails Seminar

Saturday, March 8 from 8:30am to 3:30pm in United Way Community Resource Center located at 50 Waugh Drive, Houston ([online map](#)).

Clayton Library Friends presents an all-day seminar featuring Carol C. Taylor, professional genealogist, historian, author, instructor, and Chairman of the Hunt County Historical Commission. Taylor will discuss four topics: 1) Civilians in the War, 2) During the War, 3) When the War was over, and 4) Southern Claims Commission Files. The lectures include both the Union and Confederate Armies and the one On Southern Claims Commission deals with those living in the south who supported the Union. Click [here](#) to access the registration form (PDF format).

"Public Records at Your Fingertips"

Thursday, February 13 at 10:00am in the in the Computer Lab of the Sienna Branch Library located at 8411 Sienna Springs Blvd, Missouri City ([map](#)). Learn how to search online for public records such as property records, court records, property-tax records, and much more, with minimal effort. The program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. Call the library at 281-238-2952 to register.

The History of Texas Independence and Statehood

Monday, February 10 from 10:00 to 11:30am at the Pearland Chamber of Commerce located at 6117 W. Broadway St., Pearland ([online map](#)) Free