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Friday, February 28, 2014: Nick Cimino discusses Research Techniques for the British Isles

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](#))**



NICK CIMINO

Come learn research techniques for the British Isles from 1801 to 1922. Records both before and after this period will be discussed as well. This program covers the geographic area of England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and the Isle of Man. BAGS member Nick Cimino will summarize the principal types of record sources for these areas including online, microfilm and archival.

Nick Cimino has been actively pursuing genealogical research and education since 1989. He has worked as a genealogical teacher and lecturer since the early 1990s presenting genealogy classes and lectures on beginning, intermediate and advanced techniques. His areas of expertise include U.S. and Colonial America, Ireland, Britain, Italy, Native American and African American. He has done on site research at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and is well acquainted with the principal record sources for the British Isles, Ireland and the Channel Islands.

The general meeting program on Friday, March 28 will feature Rene Armstrong, local author of *Wings And A Ring: Letters of War and Love from a WWII Pilot*, discussing her research, writing, and publishing experiences.

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Any news to share?

Send information to the editor
newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org

Plan to pick up the December 2013 Quarterly issue at this meeting.

Deborah Cole, Quarterly Editor, is looking for articles and photos to use in the March issue. Please consider sending her some of your family material.

New dates for bus trips to Clayton Library have been scheduled. Details on page 6.



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Message from the Corresponding Secretary

Annette Anderson Bowen



ANNETTE BOWEN

I am serving my second term on the BAGS board as Corresponding Secretary. My job is to send welcome cards to BAGS visitors, thank-you notes to our speakers, and cards to members when they are ill or have deaths in their families (provided I am notified!) I have also served as proof-reader for the *Quarterly* and worked on the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Project and the BAGS cookbook. I am a charter member of BAGS, and belong to DAR, UDC, Clayton Library Friends, First Families of Mississippi, and the Vicksburg Genealogy Society.

I began researching my family about fifteen years ago. A cousin invited me to a ceremony in Clark County, Kentucky, to mark the graves of our ancestors who were pioneer settlers and had been at Boonesborough with Daniel Boone. When I saw historical markers for two of my ancestors, I was hooked. I wanted to learn everything I could about my family's history. I have been actively researching my family ever since. Our travels have involved visits to locations where ancestors lived, visits to state archives, court houses, the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, and of course, to many cemeteries. I am now trying to write my family history, including scanned copies of the documents, letters, newspaper clippings, invitations, and other sources, to share with cousins so that my work will not be lost. I have submitted short sections of my work to our BAGS *Quarterly*, and would suggest that this is a good way to preserve your work for future generations since it will be indexed in PERSI.

My mother's paternal family came to Colonial Virginia and migrated through Kentucky and Tennessee to Mississippi. Her maternal ancestors settled in the Mississippi Territory, just north of Natchez. My father's family immigrated from Sweden and Norway in 1869 and 1880 to Red Wing, Minnesota and settled just across the Mississippi River in Wisconsin. I also research my husband's family. His mother's ancestors were Mennonites who came to Penn's colony in the early 1700s. Her ancestor left Pennsylvania to settle in east Tennessee, and eventually moved to the Arkansas Territory. His father's family was in South Carolina and Georgia before also moving to Arkansas. Surnames I research include Holder, Bowles, Harwell, Bowen, Hoover, Hughes, Standridge, Deramus. In Sweden and Norway they used Patronymics rather than surnames. I am always happy to "talk genealogy" and willing to help when I can.

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 RECORD.	
BIRTHS.	
David	George Smith, father of John in 1749 at New York born Boston 1749/68 died July 30th 1826
26-47	Gary Davidson, his wife, was born Sept 29th 1778
James	John Smith, father of John born 1749 at New York died April 1st 1843
and 47-56	William Bradford Dean 26th 1790 died March 15th 1852

Names and dates of births, marriages, and deaths were recorded on pages in the front or back of bibles.

More on bible records.....

Bible records located in vertical files at the Clayton Library were discussed in the August 2013 issue of BAGS Newsletter on page 3. In addition to those records, Clayton also has microprint images of bible record collections and abstracts. To discover the microprint images available access the online Clayton Microprint Finding Aid database by clicking on this link:

<http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/cgi-bin/clayton/microprint.pl>

and then type “bible” in the title field and click “Submit Query.” Some of the search results include the surname in the title. Others just have the title name “Bible Records.” For those, click on the title to view the related surname(s) in the “Subgroup” fields.

Welcome New Members!

Please give a hearty welcome and introduce yourself to these members that have joined this Society year.

- Lori Cole from Friendswood
- Norma Galkowski from Santa Fe
- Steven Gard from Friendswood
(His wife Cindy is already a member)
- Shirley Gardner from League City
- Emery Heuermann from Spring
- Gwendolyn Lejsal form Pearland
- Lila Macaluso from League City
- Beth Marshall from Houston
- Deborah and William McDowell from Houston
- Howard Ostmann from League City
- Marilyn Padgett from Houston
- Sheila Ray from Pearland
- Carolyn and James Shipman from Alvin
- Eartha Courtright from Alvin
- Lesly Simons from Alvin
- Johnnie Hamby from Alvin
- Bettejean Spatafore from Seabrook
- Francis and Bobbye Volentine from League City
- George and Lois Walker from Houston
- Jon Zwahr from Houston
(His brother David is already a member)

Clayton’s book collection also contains collections of bible records. Most of these are abstracts or compilations done by various groups such as local historical or genealogical societies, the DAR, and family associations. To find these books, access the library’s catalog (<https://halan.sdp.sirsi.net>) and enter key words *bible records* in the search field and then press the Search button. Narrow down the result list on the left side by selecting Clayton Library, choose a specific subject (i.e. geographic location), and/or date range. These books cover many of the U.S. States.



2014 Houston East Family Search Conference

Would you like to attend this free Houston Family Search conference held from 8am to 3:30pm near Lake Houston on Saturday, April 26 but are looking for a ride? Want to car pool? Contact Kim Zrubek

Participants will learn how to get started with their own family history from local family history experts. In addition, some material will be presented from RootsTech 2014. Registration will start on February 15. Conference details and registration are online at <http://houstonfamilysearch.com/2014-conferences>



ANNA EDWARDS

January Program Recap

At last month's program, Anna Marie Edwards discussed the past and present contributions Native Americans have made to the U.S. military in the areas of tactical planning, maneuvering, leadership, and sacrifice. She shared endearing stories of several Native American veterans: [Charles Chibitty](#) (Comanche code-talker on Utah Beach in Normandy), Pfc. [Ira H. Hayes](#) (one of the men who raised the U.S. flag atop Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima), [Billy Walkabout](#) (most decorated Native American soldier in the Vietnam War), [Lori Piestewa](#) (first women in U.S. armed forces killed in 2003 invasion of Iraq). Military records may be a good resource to track Native American ancestors. Anna stressed Native American men were willing to serve in the U.S. military and had the highest volunteer rate of other ethnicities. Also keep in mind when researching records, Native Americans were not considered citizens of the United States until June 2, 1924 when Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act. This started the policies of creating Indian schools to teach children reading, writing, and social habits of mainstream America. The 1928 Meriam Report showed these policies were oppressing Native Americans and destroying their culture and society. The Indian Reorganization Act passed in 1934 returned some of the surplus land to Native Americans and urged tribes to engage in active self-government.

Anna and her husband Jim serve as historians for the group "Gathering of Eagles," a veteran and active military organization. The group's website address is www.gatheringofeagleshouston.com. They have created approximately seventy displays boards, each presenting the life history of a specific veteran. They brought and setup ten of these boards for us to view during the meeting. Page 8 has a couple of pictures of these displays. Some of the articles presented on the boards were pulled from the publication *Native American Times* (now accessible online at <http://nativetimes.com>) and *VVA* (Vietnam Veterans of American) *Veteran Magazine* (archive issues available online at <http://vva.org/veteran.html>).

The Gathering of Eagles group meets twice a month on Thursdays from noon to 1pm at the IHOP Restaurant located on Gulf Freeway at Woodridge, just inside the 610 Loop. The meetings are open to everyone and there is usually a speaker from the military community. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 20.

Query Column for Your Genealogical Research Projects

- Have a "how to" research question?
- Stuck looking for a specific person or family?
- Want a hint on how to proceed?
- Need an explanation on information found in a record?

Here is a chance to get some help. Send your question(s) to Kim Zrubek, newsletter editor at newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org. The question will be printed in the newsletter for other members to help answer by sharing their own research experiences in order that all of us may discover successful ways to jump over brick walls.

*Are you proficient with Microsoft Excel?
Like to collect money?*

Great! We need two members to volunteer to share the duties of Registrar. Please contact the President or First-Vice President.

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, February 28 at 7:00pm

Program: Research Techniques for British Isles presented by Nick Cimino

Friday, March 28 at 7:00pm

Program: Rene Armstrong, local author of the book *Wings And A Ring*

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: No general meeting

Bus Trips To Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

The bus leaves for Clayton on
Tuesday, March 4
Wednesday, May 21
Wednesday, July 9
Tuesday, September 23



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.

The current schedule is always available on the BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org and printed in the newsletter.

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.

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, February 24 at 6:30pm

Monday, March 24 at 6:30pm

Monday, April 21 at 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30pm

Monday, June 23 at 6:30pm

Monday, July 21 at 6:30pm

Monday, August 25 at 6:30pm

Monday, September 22 at 6:30pm

Monday, October 27 at 6:30pm

Board meeting usually not held in November or December.

BAG\$ Report for January 2013

Loren Martin, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward 12/31/2013	\$2,038.26
Income	\$189.00
Matured Certification of Deposit	\$2,752.06
Expenses	-\$199.50
Balance on hand 1/31/2014	\$4,779.82
CD Balance	\$3,669.18

[A note from the Treasurer clarifying the December 2013 income and expense values printed in January newsletter.]

The October John Colletta seminar expenses were recorded during this period with the income including late registration for the seminar plus 2013-2014 BAGS membership dues and donations.

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.**

Free African-American Genealogical Seminar with Tony Burroughs and Franklin Smith

Friday, February 21 at 3:00pm

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

The complete list of classes and schedule are printed on page 7 in this issue.

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.

Women's History Day

Saturday, March 15 from 10:00pm to 12:30pm

As part of National Women's History Month, the library will hold a day of classes focused on the importance of researching female ancestors.

Combat Diary

Monday, March 17 at 7:00pm at the Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood ([online map](#)).

WWII Sergeant Emmett Jackson and author of *Combat Diary* will discuss his experiences as a combat engineer who located and disarmed German mines. He served on the front line during the Battle of the Bulge and crossed the bridge at Remagen while it was still under fire. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

The U.S. Doughboy 1917-1919

Wednesday, February 19th at 7pm at the Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood ([online map](#)). WWI Reenactor Kevin Burke's presentation will include a brief overview of the Great War, the Citizen Soldier, enlistment vs. conscription, training, uniforms and equipment, weapons, mobility, combat experience, daily life and routine, the return and reintegration into civilian life, and the lasting legacy.

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 Genealogical 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 order form for lunch (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).

Free African-American Genealogical Seminar

As part of African American History Month, Clayton Library is proud to offer a weekend of seminars presented by Tony Burroughs and local author Franklin Smith. Mr. Burroughs is an internationally known genealogist, author and lecturer. He is frequently interviewed by local, national and international media for his genealogy expertise. Mr. Smith has published several articles in genealogical periodicals and co-authored the book entitled *Discovering Your African-American Ancestors: How to Find and Record Your Unique Heritage*. [source: <http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton/events.html>]

Friday, February 21 at 3:00pm at the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum located at 3816 Caroline, Houston.

A presentation on the research of Buffalo Soldier ancestry by Mr. Burroughs. While reservations are not required, space is limited.

Saturday, February 22 from 9:00am to 4:00pm in the Auditorium at the Julia Ideson Building located at 550 McKinney, Houston.

Mr. Burroughs and Mr. Smith will discuss a variety of subjects in the field of African American genealogical research. This event is free and open to the public; however, RSVPs are requested. You may reserve your space by calling the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research at 832-393-2600. Self-Pay Parking will be available beneath the library or on the surrounding streets.

The Saturday class schedule is as follows:

Black Roots: Tracing the Family Tree 9:15am - 10:15am

This is a fun, inspirational talk for beginners and people with no knowledge of genealogy research. It contains humorous stories of research and how an important 100 year old riddle was solved, mending bad family feelings. It contains easy, practical methods and sources that anyone can use the next day to begin researching their family history.

From Census to Slavery 10:30am - 11:30am

Most African American researchers try to leap from census records to slave research, bypassing a multitude of records in between. A broad foundation after the Civil War will increase the probabilities of success during the slavery period.

Follow Your African American Roots to Clayton Library noon - 12:30pm

This is a Lunch and Learn presentation by Franklin Smith. Learn about the many resources at Clayton that will help you find the information you need when researching African-American Ancestors.

Methods and Sources of Identifying Slave Owners 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Everyone is not fortunate enough to have had the name of the last slave owner passed down from generation to generation through oral history. Therefore, if this name is unknown, research must be conducted to identify the former slave owner - essential to researching slave genealogy. Many texts and many researchers overlook this crucial question. Identifying the slave owner is based on evidence, not assumption. There are many records that indicate the name of the former slave owner. Learn how to prove who the last slave owner was. This presentation will also cover some of the unique problems associated with African American surnames, which sometimes lead our research astray.

The Six Phases of African American Genealogy 2:15pm - 3:15pm

This is an overview of the methods and sources in the six distinct phases that are the building blocks of African American genealogy. It progresses from beginning to more advanced research, highlighting some of the problems and complexities of African American genealogy along the way. It is designed for beginners, intermediates and advanced researchers.



A few of the displays on Native American contributions in the U.S. Military that Anna Marie Edwards shared with BAGS during her January presentation.



REMINDER
Next General Meeting is
Friday, February 28 at 7:00 pm Great
Room (2nd Floor) UBC Socializing
begins at 6:30 pm