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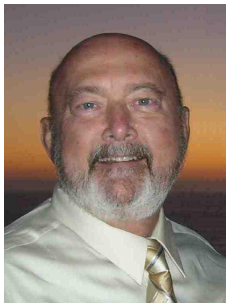
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Friday, May 29, 2015: Gale French presents "Self-Publishing Your Family History"

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

**We meet at the University Baptist Church in the Great Room on the 2nd floor
(16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059 - [online map](#)).**



Gale French

Gale will discuss the do's and don'ts of writing, formatting, editing, and self-publishing your own family history book. If you have already published a family history book, please bring a copy to display for the group to view different styles and formats.

Gale French has been interested in genealogy for over 25 years; his family and natural curiosity has nurtured this interest in him. He has lived in Texas all his life and worked for IBM in the U.S. Space program at NASA's Johnson Space Center for 26 years and is now retired. His work with commercial imaging technology and document management has enhanced his genealogy organization and presentation.

He received the IBM Outstanding Contribution Award, NASA's Apollo Achievement Award, and the NASA First Shuttle Flight Achievement Award for Manned Flight Awareness. Gale researched and published a 600 page family history book on his grandmother's Elliott family line that came from England to Texas, fought in the Texas Revolution and received land for their service. He traced ten generations of Elliotts and their descendents. Gale is currently writing another book on his paternal line including numerous DNA tests for the French family. He participated in the Southern California Genealogical Jamboree's "Genealogy Idol" contest, presented at the 2014 & 2015 RootsTech conference in Salt Lake City, and the Houston Family Search conferences. He recently received the Pioneers in Space Technical Achievement Award from the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

**Pick up your copy of the *Journal* and
Society Yearbook at the general meeting.**

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**Plan to attend the all day seminar
presented by Trevia Wooster Beverly
on Saturday, July 11, 2015
Program details on pages 4&5.**

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Welcome New Member!

Lydia M. Dozler of Houston

Lydia is researching Becker, Meene, Roehm, and Dozler and specifically would like assistance in 1846 immigration into Galveston.

Please give a hearty welcome and introduce yourself at the next meeting.

A BIG THANK YOU TO

Eleanor Caldwell for serving as our Five-Generation Chairman for many years.

Scrapbook: Photos taken by Bill Mayo during the April 2015 general meeting



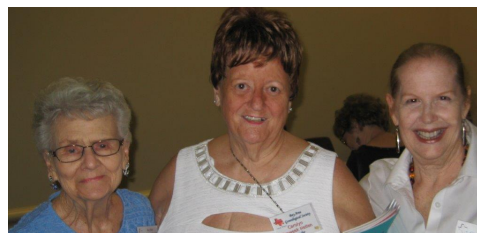
Neil Miserendino, Loren Martin, Bill Mayo, Resa Hennings, Carolyn Hellen, Shirley Lindquist



Deborah Gammon
ready to record the minutes.



Betty Wegner handing out Yearbooks to
Mary Brandhorst and Mary Glenn



Mary Brandhorst, Carolyn
Hellen, and Claudia Grafton

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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BAGS Event Calendar

General Meeting Programs

We meet the last Friday of the month at 7:00pm with the exception of November and December. Come at 6:30pm to enjoy coffee and socializing. The public is invited. These meetings are held at the University Baptist Church (UBC) located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059 (Clear Lake City).

Friday, May 29 at 7:00pm: Gale French will present "Self-Publishing Your Family History"

Friday, June 26 at 7:00pm: Family Tree DNA representative Jeremy Balkin will discuss DNA tests available and the science behind them that help you find ancestors.

Saturday, July 11 from 9am to 4pm. Seminar and research session free to BAGS members. Two programs presented by Trevia Beverly Wooster.

Friday, July 31 at 7:00pm: Michael McCown will present "Utilizing Your DNA test results", demonstrating how to use DNA results with other genealogical resources such as *Ancestry.com* to locate family.

Friday, August 28: Annual Show & Tell

Board Meetings

The Board meets the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm with the exception of Memorial Day. All members are welcome to attend. These meetings are held at the University Baptist Church on the second floor in room EB205 (use the stairs near the Chapel entrance).

Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30pm

Monday, June 22 at 6:30pm

Monday, July 27 at 6:30pm

Monday, August 24 at 6:30pm

Board meeting usually not held in November or December.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

SIGs are free programs available to members and the public. They are a series of monthly classes focused on a specific topic of interest.

Additional programming will be scheduled this fall. Check the website and newsletter for a schedule.

Beginning Genealogy Research SIG

Saturday, May 30 at 2:00pm: *An overview of FamilySearch.org* held in the Friendswood Activity Building located at 416 Morningside Drive, Friendswood. Nick Cimino will discuss the different free features available for research on the FamilySearch.org website. Just starting? Stuck? Or need encouragement or inspiration? Come discover for the first time or refresh your memory on research resources and techniques. Come with an ancestry chart and family group sheets containing some family information and we will start from there. Don't know what these are? We can help.

Research Trips at Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Scheduled Trip Dates:

Wednesday, July 15

Thursday, September 17



If you want to go, please signup by calling Mary Martin at 281-332-2435 or e-mail her at lmartin497@aol.com. Nine people must sign up or the trip will be canceled. Please consider using this resource provided by Harris County. Meet at 9:00am in the parking lot of the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center. The bus will arrive back at 4:00pm.

BAG\$ Report for March 2015

Loren Martin, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward 2/28/2015	\$4,671.13
Income	\$373.75
Expenses	<u>-\$437.27</u>
Balance on hand 3/31/2015	\$4,607.61
CD Balance	\$3,700.35

Meet Mr. Draper and the Reverend Shane and Travel the Natchez Trace

**Trevia Wooster Beverly
Seminar**

Saturday, July 11, 2015



at University Baptist Church in the Chapel on the first floor
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059

Hosted by Bay Area Genealogical Society

www.TXBayAreaGen.org



**FREE to BAGS members
\$10 for non-members (cash or check)**

**If you plan to attend, please email your name to
VicePresident2@TXBayAreaGen.org by July 1 for planning purposes.**

- **Did your ancestors move west after the American Revolution, living between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River during the years from about 1780 to 1860?**
- **Did your ancestors live in the Lower Mississippi River Valley from 1760 to the 1920s?**

Discover what and how information can be found in the Lyman Copeland Draper, Rev. John Dabney Shane, and Natchez Trace extensive compiled manuscript collections available at Clayton Library. Mrs. Beverly will provide an extensive outline for each collection and bring books from her private library for display.

9:00am Registration

10:00am Beverly presents *Meet Mr. Draper and the Reverend Shane*

11:30am Potluck snacks (optional) - Bring sandwiches, salads, or dessert to share

12:30pm Beverly presents *Traveling the Natchez Trace*

2:00pm Optional research session supported by BAGS members (ends at 4:00pm)

Free WiFi available. Bring your laptops and mobile devices.

Meet Mr. Draper and the Reverend Shane and Travel the Natchez Trace ***Trevia Wooster Beverly Seminar Saturday, July 11, 2015***

The Draper Manuscripts: Lyman Copeland Draper (1815-1891) grew up listening to the Revolutionary War stories told by his grandfather and the War of 1812 tales of his father. He became fascinated with American history, particularly the history of the west. The primary geographic concentration is on what Draper and his contemporaries called the "Trans-Allegheny West," which included the western Carolinas and Virginia, some portions of Georgia and Alabama, the entire Ohio River valley, and parts of the Mississippi River valley. Draper's intention was to use his manuscripts to write a book on western history and biography tentatively titled "Sketches of the Lives of the Pioneers." He died before his efforts came to fruition. Upon his death, Draper willed his collection of manuscripts to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Although the Draper Manuscripts are rich in information, they are not the easiest resource to use but there are a number of indexes and finding aids that will help a researcher use the collection.

The Shane Manuscripts: Rev. John Dabney Shane (1812-1864), born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1812 to Henry and Nancy (Williams) Shane, was educated at college and seminary in Virginia and returned to Ohio and Kentucky as a Presbyterian minister. From his earliest years, he had a passion for collecting and hoarding everything that had any bearing upon the history of the Presbyterian Church in the Ohio River Valley. Possessing a remarkable zeal for his project, Rev. Shane declined pastoral office and set aside any intentions he may have had concerning the establishment of a family so that he could roam the land in his quest. He dedicated more than twenty years to historical research, using the oral history technique similar to his contemporary, Lyman Copeland Draper. Shane purposefully sought out those of age and experience to interview, writing down their reminiscences. He copied from family, church, and government records and clipped from newspapers and magazines. While Draper had a deep interest in the military (personal papers in his original collection are rare), Shane was just as interested in the domestic, business, educational, religious, and literary aspects of the time. His inquiries concerning old barrels, trunks, and chests—which he carefully searched—brought him many family letters, records, and other items.

The Natchez Trace Collection is actually a series of collections documenting the history from Nashville, Tennessee to Natchez, Mississippi and includes a portion of Mobile, Alabama. Records included relate to the functioning of the territories under French and then Spanish rule. Civil records including lawsuits, wills, estate inventories, notarized bills, IOU's, accounts, contracts, slave sales and manumissions, and others. Records are in French, Spanish or English.

Trevia Wooster Beverly is a native Texan born and reared in Wooster, a community (now a part of Baytown) founded by her great-grandfather in 1892. Her interest in genealogy began with a ninth grade English project, and since that time her research on both her own and her husband's family has taken her back to New England and Virginia in the 1600's, and across 'the pond.' These lines include a Magna Carta Baron, a Mayflower passenger, and both French Acadian and Huguenot lines. A member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, she maintains active membership in numerous archival, cemetery, historical, genealogical, and library organizations. Mrs. Beverly has conducted seminars and workshops throughout Texas, and teaches genealogy classes in Houston. She is listed in several biographical publications, including *Who's Who In Genealogy & Heraldry*. Mrs. Beverly is a past president of the Texas State Genealogical Society (1984-1987), and served a total of 12 years on the TSGS Board of Directors and a member of the Stripes staff. In 1994 she was the host chairman for Clayton Library Friends for the National Genealogical Society Conference in Houston. A charter member of the Clayton Library Friends, she has been published in the CLF Newsletter and other periodicals. Mrs. Beverly has published several books including a compilation of Texas cemetery directories, indexes to marriage and naturalization records for a number of Texas and Alabama counties, and *Suffer the Children: A History of the Confederate Orphanage at Baylands, Texas* (2004). She became a member of the Angelina College genealogy faculty in 1998.

Surname List & Members Page Now Available!

Thanks to the efforts of Bill Mayo, Neil Miserendino, and Bob Wegner we now have an updated list of surnames that individual members are researching. Use this list to discover if there are any other members that are researching the your family names. To find this surname list, go to the **BAGS website** (www.TxBayAreaGen.org), click on the **Members Page** and enter the password. This members only page is also a new addition thanks to the efforts of Polly Swerdilin and Garry Garrett. Get the password from Polly, Gary, or at the next general meeting. Also on the Members Page, you can access the current *BAGS Yearbook* and handouts from previous general meeting programs.

Tidbits

Got Irish blood? Several resources for researching Northern Ireland ancestors before 1800 is discussed on page 16 of the *Family Tree Magazine*, February 2015 issue.

Slaves, villains, serfs? It is possible that the slaveholder filed a manumission (emancipation) with the court to officially document the freedom of a slave, villain, serf, etc. This type of action occurred in Germany, United Kingdom, and America. In America, Manumission Societies were formed to promote liberation and they maintained records of their efforts. An online article from the *Encyclopedia of North Carolina* explains these societies (<http://ncpedia.org/manumission-societies>). Read more about specific record collections from the FamilySearch Wiki. Access the Wiki at https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page and enter the search term manumitted or manumissions.

Newspapers: According to Irene Walters during her newspaper presentation to BAGS Beginners SIG group, small town papers often publish a list the BMD in either the last issue of the year or first issue of the next.

Opportunities

Are you interested in participating in the BAGS leadership and planning? Great! We are looking for people interested in the following positions. Contact either Bob Wegner (Registrar), Nick Cimino (Education Coordinator), or Shirley Lindquist (President) for additional information.

1st Vice President

The 1st Vice President assumes duties of the president in the absence, incapacitation or resignation of the president. If and when they occur, this person oversees special projects and bylaw changes.

Recording Secretary and Assistant

The Recording Secretary or assistant is present at each monthly BAGS Board and general meeting to document the decisions made and actions assigned. These recordings are distributed to Board members and electronically stored for historical documentation.

Five Generation Chart Chairman

This person collects, reviews, and publishes BAGS members' ancestor five-generation charts for sharing with the membership and readers of the BAGS Journal.

Welcoming Committee

Committee members take turns at the monthly general meetings to greet members and visitors in the hall as they arrive. They are responsible for displaying and collecting members' name tags and sign-in sheets.

Local Programs and Events

Clayton Library Programming

The following free programs are offered to adults and teens in the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston. **All events require reservations except for the orientation. Call the library at 832-393-2600 to make a reservation. Library website is www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton**

Global Family Reunion

Saturday, June 6 from 10:30am to 4:30pm

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research is proud to be a satellite location for the Global Family Reunion, hosted by author A.J. Jacobs. It is billed as “the largest, most inclusive, most fascinating family reunion in history.” The library will be hosting a live-stream projection of this event occurring in New York, so that local attendees can watch the amazing lineup of speakers and performers, including PBS host Henry Louis Gates, comedian Nick Kroll and genealogist D. Joshua Taylor. Watching this live-stream of events is **free**. View the complete list of celebrities participating in this event and event details at <http://globalfamilyreunion.com>

This library event is free. The live-stream projection will run all day from 10:30am to 4:30pm. Attendees are invited to come and go anytime during this day long program. No registration needed.

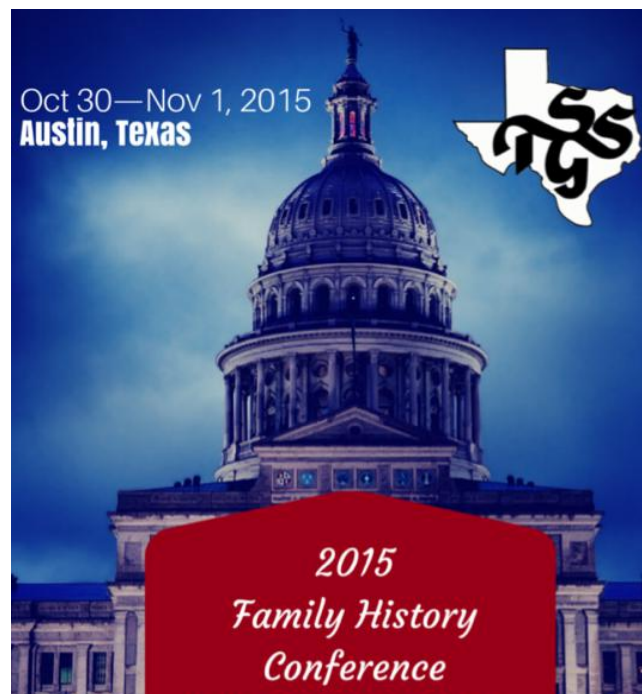
Genealogy Basics Boot Camp

Saturday, June 13 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm

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.

TSGS 2015 Family History Conference

Texas State Genealogical Society announced its 2015 Family History Conference will be October 30 - November 1, 2015 in Austin, Texas. This three day event will include wonderful research opportunities, insightful family history sessions for all skill levels, and a full exhibit hall. Watch for more information on their website: www.txsgs.org



The Texas State Genealogical Society recognizes excellence in the genealogical community with several awards, grants and a scholarship.

- Student Scholarship
- Archival Grants
- Matching Grants
- Volunteer Award
- Writing Awards (books, manuscripts, periodicals, columns, and student projects)
- Website Awards (society and individual)

These awards are announced each year at the Annual Conference. Details and requirements are posted online at www.txsgs.org/awards-grants

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REMINDER

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