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Friday, July 31, 2015: Mike McCown presents "Utilizing Your DNA Test Results"

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](#)).**



Mike McCown

BAGS charter member, Michael "Mike" DeWitt McCown has participated in the Family Finder, Y-DNA 111 markers, and mtDNA tests offered by FamilyTree DNA. In this program, Mike will review and interpret the results generated by each of these three tests. The results can be used to 1) connect with other living relatives that have also participated in the same DNA test 2) identify common ancestors, and 3) use common ancestor information to uncover family information at search sites like Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. Mike will be using the computer and Internet to interactively access the test results, demonstrate how to use the FamilyTree DNA interface, and locate information that you can plug into a search site. Mike is a military veteran, retired from his professional career, and currently serves as the Society's Sergeant-at-Arms.

Next Month's General Meeting Friday, August 28: Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner

Start thinking about what food and family memorabilia (an item, brief story, event, or research discovery) you want to share with the group. The Society will provide BBQ meats for dinner. Members are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert. Guest and visitors are welcome. Begin arriving at 6:00 pm to set up food dishes and display memorabilia. We will begin eating at 6:30 pm and the program starts at 7:00 pm.

BAGS Quarterlies Are Online! Digitized images of issues from 2001 to 2013 can be accessed from the Members Only page on the BAGS website. Ask a Board member for the password.

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Need a ride? Contact Polly Swerdlin

It's Membership renewal time!
**The 2015-2016 Society year
begins September 1.**
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President's Message - Welcome

Let's applaud the current Bay Area Genealogical Society Board of Directors and committee volunteers. They have worked diligently to bring new programs and activities to the Society. They are dedicated to the organization and strive to make BAGS a better society.

One of the BAGS activities has been the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) with very specialized topics. The Special Interest Group topics have covered beginning genealogy research and researching ancestors in other countries, such as Africa, Italy, Germany and United Kingdom. Mentoring sessions for members needing help have been scheduled after each SIG meeting. The SIGs have attracted a number of visitors who have joined BAGS since attending a SIG. So our membership is growing.

The Trevia Wooster Beverly Seminar was a success and brought many visitors. Ten visitors joined BAGS that day.

Another new BAGS activity is the New Member Luncheons held for new members to get acquainted with the current members. The luncheons are fun, informative and open to any member.

We are approaching the end of the two year term in August 2015 and we commend the board and committee members for all the activities they have brought to BAGS.

Shirley Lindquist

Our Address Has Changed

The Society's new mailing address is:

P.O. Box 590853, Houston, TX 77259-0853.

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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Editor, P.O. Box 590853, Houston, TX 77259-0853, or newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org

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BAGS Event Calendar

General Meeting Programs

We meet the last Friday of the month at 7:00pm except 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, August 28: Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner. BAGS will supply the BBQ meat. Members and guests are encouraged to bring a side dish, dessert, and a family memorabilia item to share with the group.

Friday, September 25 at 7:00pm: Joseph Pergler will discuss BillionGraves.com, how to use and contribute to this online free resource.

Friday, October 30 at 7:00pm: To Be Announced

November 2015: Annual luncheon at Hope Village Cafe in Friendswood. Date and Time to be announced. No general meeting.

December 2015: Happy Holidays! No meeting.

Friday, January 29, 2016 at 7:00pm: Irene Walters from the Clayton Library will present "Modern Military Research," specifically discussing records of military service from the Spanish-American War through today.

Board Meetings

The Board meets the last Monday of the month with 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).

Monday, July 27 at 6:30pm

Monday, August 24 at 6:30pm

Monday, September 21 at 6:30pm

Monday, October 26 at 6:30pm

Research Trips at Clayton Library Mary Martin, County Coordinator

Scheduled Trip Date:

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. This resource is provided by the Harris County Senior Program. A minimum of nine people must sign up, per the county regulations. Catch the bus by 9:15am in front of the parking lot of the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center (16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062). The bus will arrive back at 4:00pm.



A BIG THANK YOU TO

Garry Garrett is our new Pedigree (five-generations) Chart Committee Chair for the Society. He will collect, review, and publish members' five-generation charts to share with the membership and readers of the *BAGS Journal*.

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. If you prefer that your chart not be published, please tell Gary. However, publication does have its benefits! BAGS does receive queries regarding five-generation charts found in the *Journal* 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 Gary Garrett, Five-Generation Pedigree Charts Chairman (contact info in *Yearbook*).

BAG\$ Report for June 2015 Loren Martin, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward 5/31/2015	\$4,458.14
Income	\$239.23
Expenses	<u>-\$85.50</u>
Balance on hand 6/30/2015	\$4,611.87
CD Balance	\$3,700.35

It's Membership renewal time!

Yes it's that time of year again! During the months of July and August, we will be renewing memberships for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, which runs September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016. The renewal rates have not changed from last year—a **single membership** is \$20; a **family membership** is \$25; and there is a \$5 fee, if you want the *Journal* and *Yearbook* mailed to you.

I encourage all of you to match me (Patron) in supporting the society at a higher level so that your society can offer more of the type of genealogy programs, activities and services you desire. Please consider one of the following additional monetary contributions at the designated levels:

Contributor - \$5-\$29; **Benefactor** - \$30-\$49; **Patron** - \$50-\$599; **Lifetime** membership - \$600 or higher.

Please fill out a membership application form with your renewal. 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. Please note that the **Registrar's address has changed** to save the society money. The new address is P.O. Box 590853, Houston, TX 77259-0853. 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.

Thank you. Bob Wegner, BAGS Registrar

Recap Notes: Meet Mr. Draper and the Reverend Shane and Travel the Natchez Trace Seminar

Thank you to Trevia Wooster Beverly for presenting a wonderful seminar covering a the wealth of information available in the Lyman C. Draper, Rev. John Dabney Shane, and the Natchez Trace collections. Extra copies of Trevia's handouts will be available at July general meeting.

Trevia publishes a free newsletter *Tejas Gazette*. If you would like to receive a copy, send a request to her by email using the address treviawbeverly@comcast.net

Here are the Clayton Library call numbers for the guides needed to research Draper and Shane manuscripts: Harper, Josephine L. *Guide to the Draper Manuscripts*. State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1983. [call# 973 D765 USA]

Calendar Volume 1. *The Preston and Virginia papers of the Draper collection of manuscripts*. [call# 975.5 S797 VA]

Calendar Volume 2. *Calendar of the Kentucky papers of the Draper collection of manuscripts*. [call# 976.9 S797 KY]

Calendar Volume 3. *Calendar of the Tennessee and King's mountain papers of the Draper collection of manuscripts*. [call# 976.8 W811 TENN]

Calendar Volume 4. *Calendar of the George Rogers Clark papers of the Draper collection of manuscripts*. [call# 973 S797 USA]

Calendar Volume 5. *Calendar of the Thomas Sumter papers of the Draper collection of manuscripts*. [call# 973 S797 USA]

Calendar Volume 6. *Calendar of the frontier wars papers of the Draper collection of manuscripts*. [call# 973 S797 USA]

Hall, William K. *The Shane Manuscript Collection: a genealogical guide to the Kentucky and Ohio papers*. Frontier Press, 1990. [call# 977 H181 USA]

Wooster, Trevia Beverly's article "We Dined on 'Steak and Whiskey': An Overview of the Shane Manuscripts." is accessible online at the Clayton Library Friends website

<http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org/Content-Public/Page-Edit/Page.asp?iID=104014541>

Welcome New Members!

Llewellyn “Llew” Barker of Texas City is researching surnames Coxsey, Langford, Scanland, and Trabue.

Julie Engbrock of La Porte joins with her family Kenneth C. Engbrock and Martha Worsham Godbey. They are researching surnames Worsham, Godbey, Harrell, Young, Holtz, Wallace, Engbrock, Harville, Moore, Chastain and Addes.

Rebecca and Wayne Miles of League City are researching surnames Hood, Bourland, Smith, Thompson, Thornton, Miles, Simpson, Crawford, Baker, Baxter and Harris. They would like help with Smith.

Dana McDonald of Houston is researching Scotland, Norway, South Carolina, Alabama, Texas and Mississippi.

Pat Phillips of Houston is researching surnames Andrews, Couley, Autry, Copeland and Lindsay.

Claudette Rogers of Houston is researching surnames Rogers, Pelphrey, Phillips and Swasey.

Lewis Simmonds of Friendswood joins with his family Ada Simmonds, Debra Johnston, and Susan Rank. He is researching Lewis Perdue Simmonds.

Lisa Smith of Seabrook is researching surnames Vlasuk and Argetes.

Laura Vincent of Houston

Kathy Wright of Baytown is researching Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

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



We offer our condolences to

The family of BAGS member Jennifer Windham who passed on Wednesday, June 17, 2015. Jennifer was actively serving on our BAGS Members First Committee providing creative input and ideas. She also helped with registration at several of our SIG programs this past Spring. Her obituary was published in the Houston Chronicle and is available online at Legacy.com

BAGS member Susie Ganch whose husband Allan Ganch passed away Friday, June 26, 2016. His obituary was published in the Bay Area Citizen and is available online at Legacy.com

Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Announcing the 2015-2017 Officer Slate

The Nomination Committee offers the following slate of candidates to serve as the BAGS Officers for the 2015-2017 term. The slate will be formally presented to the membership at the July 31, 2015 general meeting. Any BAGS member may still volunteer for an officer position. If you're interested please contact Bob Wegner or Shirley Lindquist. At the August 28, 2015 general meeting, additional nominations can be accepted from the floor and the membership will vote on candidates from both the slate and the floor nominations. The newly elected officers will be installed at the September 25, 2015 general meeting where they will begin their duties at that time.

The Nomination Committee's slate of candidates to be presented at the July 31, 2015 general meeting is:



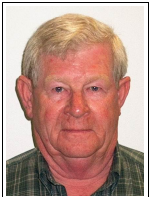
President: Loren Martin, Charter Member, is currently serving as Treasurer 2011-2015. He has served as President 2005-2007, advisor 2007-2009 and 1st Vice-President 2004-2005. He has served on the Scholarship Committee 2007-2009, the Finance Committee 2007-2009, the Mt.Olivet Cemetery Transcription Project, and supported other committees and workshop activities.



1st Vice-President: Nick Cimino is currently serving as the Education Chairman organizing and presenting a number of Special Interest Group sessions and general meeting presentations for BAGS. Nick is also co-chair of this year's BAGS Nominating Committee.



2nd Vice-President: Kim Zrubek is currently serving in the same position, filling in a vacant partial term 2014-2015. She also serves as the newsletter editor, co-chair BAGS Members First Committee, and supports the Education Committee's programming.



Treasurer: Bill Mayo is currently serving as an advisor to the board and photographer. This year he updated and published the Society's surname list available on the "Members Only" page on the BAGS website. He has served as BAGS President 2011-2013 and as Treasurer 2009-2011.



Registrar: Bob Wegner is currently serving as Registrar, 2013-2015, co-chair of the BAGS Members First Committee, and co-chair of this year's BAGS Nominating Committee.

Corresponding Secretary: Judy Wright is currently serving on the BAGS Members First Committee assisting in planning and hosting events and supporting SIG meetings. She joined BAGS in June 2014. [editor note: Sorry, I could not locate a photo in time for print]

Recording Secretary: Lisa Smith recently moved to Texas from New Hampshire and joined BAGS in June 2015. [editor note: Sorry, I could not locate a photo in time for print]

Local Programs and Events

BAGS German Special Interest Group meetings resume in September!

The first meeting is:

Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Community Room at the Freeman Memorial Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062

Gay Carter, retired UHCL Government Documents Librarian and BAGS member, will present a case study on researching German ancestors using accessible resources, German vocabulary and handwriting. The SIGs are free and open to the public.

QuickStart#2

August 1 at 2:00pm to 3:30pm in the Clayton Library located at 5300 Caroline Houston, Texas 77004

An introduction to HeritageQuest and Fold3. This program will cover navigating the home page of each of these sources and include some tips and tricks for effective research. Presented by Clayton staff. Program is free but registration is requests. Call the library at 832-393-2600.

Galveston's Broadway Cemeteries

Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00pm in the Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood.

Author Kathleen Shanahan Maca shares information from her new book. A book signing will conclude the event. Program is free and open to the public.

Clayton Library Orientation

Saturday, August 15 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Clayton Library located at 5300 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004

The Clayton Library's monthly orientation has been expanded to include basic genealogy research methods. In this session we cover the process of research and discovery of the beginning steps in a family history research project. Following this brief introduction, we examine the resources you will find at the Clayton Library, how materials are organized, and effective planning to visit the Library.

Clayton Library Friends Annual Symposium

Saturday, August 22 from 10:00am to 3:00pm in the Asia Society Center located at 1370 Southmore Blvd., Houston, TX 77004 (two blocks down from Clayton Library)

Nationally recognized genealogy speaker **Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D.** will present four sessions:

- *Cluster Genealogy: Finding Your Lost Ancestor*
- *Using Manuscript and Oral Collections for your Research*
- *Researching African Americans Prior to 1870: What Records Exist?*
- *Critical Thinking in Genealogy Research: A Case Study Using Oral History*

More details, costs, and registration are available online at

<http://claytonlibraryfriends.org/Content-Public/Page-Edit/Page.asp?iID=-1029641547>

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