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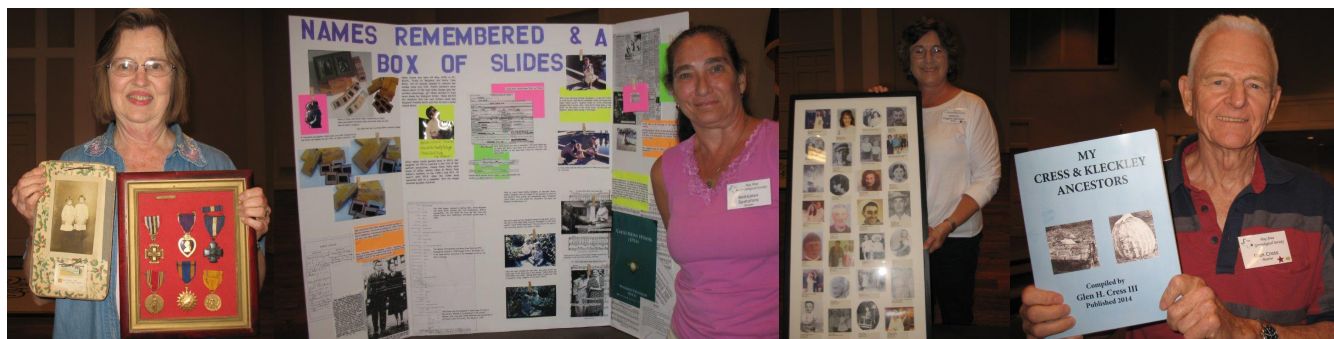
August 2015

Friday, August 28, 2015: Annual "Show and Tell" Program and BBQ Potluck Dinner

Public Invited. Join us at 6:30pm for dinner.

**We meet at the University Baptist Church (UBC) in the Chapel, 1st floor.
(16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059 - [online map](#)).**

Here is your chance to tell a brief family story about a treasured item, important family event, or research discovery. Dinner and program will be held in the Chapel located on the 1st floor at UBC. Park in the lot nearest to Middlebrook Drive and use the entrance facing that street. The Society will provide drinks and barbecued meats for dinner. Members are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert. Please remember to bring serving utensils. Begin arriving at 6:00 pm to set out food dishes and display memorabilia. We will begin eating at 6:30 pm and the program starts at 7:00 pm. The photos show the types of treasures shared during past Show & Tell programs.



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Need a ride? Contact Polly Swerdlin

It's Membership renewal time!

**The 2015-2016 Society year
begins September 1.
Details on page 4.**

**2015-2017 Officer election at
the August meeting.**

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President's Message - Welcome

Oh, what an interesting program the August Annual "Show and Tell" meeting and potluck dinner is, for all of us! The Bay Area Genealogical Society has hosted this program for many years and some look forward to hearing the personal stories. The uniqueness of this program is that any member or visitor may present a special relic, collectible, or memorabilia about their genealogical research or their ancestors. This is an opportunity for anyone to share a brief story, (of about three minutes) describing their item and explaining the relevance to their family or research. We are the program! Some stories are fascinating, intriguing and enrich the family history. Some members may not know about an item, or what it is, some items we may relate to as we recall that our family had such a relic. Other items have been inspiring! So, let's bring a family item to share with the members attending the meeting.

Another highlight of the August meeting is a potluck dinner. BAGS provides barbecued meats, and each member brings a "side dish" to share. This is a good time to get acquainted with others as we eat a meal together. Sometimes, we enjoy foods that are unknown to us.

Let's participate to make this a personal and memorable meeting!

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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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: Review several free online resources accessible from home and within local libraries and family history centers.

November 14 from 11:00am to 1:00pm: Annual luncheon at Hope Village Cafe in Friendswood.

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, 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 Dates:

Thursday, September 17

Thursday, October 8

Wednesday, January 20

Wednesday, March 2



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.

THANK YOU

Kathie Chaffee along with Barbara Moore agreed to revitalized our Telephone Committee. You may have already received a phone call from one of them providing a friendly meeting reminder.

BAG\$ Report for July 2015

Loren Martin, Treasurer

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| Balance Brought Forward 6/30/2015 | \$4,611.87 |
| Income | \$105.00 |
| Expenses | <u>-\$472.48</u> |
| Balance on hand 7/31/2015 | \$4,244.39 |
| CD Balance | \$3,700.35 |

Welcome New Members!

Diane Merkle of Friendswood needs help researching Native American ancestry.

Kay Van Cleave of Houston needs help researching George W. Van Cleave of Guntersville, Alabama and Nancy Evans. She has looked for 25 years.

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

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.

NEW! BAGS Members Only Working Sessions Scheduled To Begin

For both beginners and advanced researchers, the format of these meetings are designed for both beginners and advanced researchers. The advanced group will meet in a round table discussion to share ideas. For beginners, the meeting will begin with a 30 minute discussion with Q&A followed by individual research with mentoring assistance. Meet at the at the University Baptist Church located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059.

Friday, October 9 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm

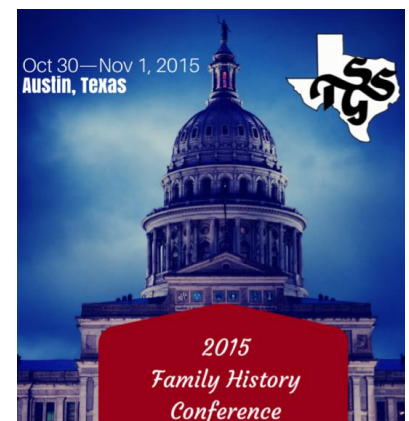
Friday, November 13 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm

NEW! BAGS Quarterlies & 5-Gen Charts 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. Also at the same location, Gary Garrett has begun to add five-generation charts published by members in past *Quarterly*, *Journal* and *Newsletter* issues.

TSGS 2015 Annual Family History Conference

Texas State Genealogical Society 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: <http://www.txsgs.org/conference>



Utilizing Your DNA Test Results

July Program Recap

Mike McCown did a wonderful job of demonstrating how to navigate through the FamilyTree DNA website for viewing test results and relationship matches. Mike's program handout is available at the BAGS website on the **Members Page**. (Ask a Board member for the password) Access the beginners guide, user guide, and frequently asked questions in the Family Tree DNA Learning Center online at <https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/>



Kim Zrubek &
Mike McCown

BAGS member Beth Marshall, a retired science teacher, volunteered to discuss the DNA science in layman's terms. If you or someone you now is willing to demonstrate the *Ancestry.com* AncestryDNA test results, please contact Kim Zrubek. For members that have participated in the AncestryDNA tests, Christa Cowan from Ancestry.com published two online videos addressing how to use the AncestryDNA test results.

“You've Received Your AncestryDNA Results. Now what?”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KiCIHKiWcGI>

“AncestryDNA: What To Do With All Those Matches”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kv3_JCWUF-s

Nick Cimino's AncestorPuzzles.com blog entry titled “DNA Testing- Will We Have Unexpected Results?” (Monday, August 24, 2015) recommended an online video “*Ancestry DNA: Handling the Unexpected*” where Christa explains that many people are getting unexpected results concerning parents, children, siblings and other relatives that they did not know about. Are you prepared for the unexpected DNA results? Watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIjL7zvklIY>

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 was formally presented to the membership during 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.

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.

1st Vice-President: Nick Cimino is currently serving as the Education Chairman.

2nd Vice-President: Kim Zrubek is currently serving in the same position, filling in a vacant partial term 2014-2015. She has served as the newsletter editor from 2006.

Treasurer: Bill Mayo is currently serving as an advisor to the board and photographer. He has served as BAGS President 2011-2013 and Treasurer 2009-2011.

Registrar: Bob Wegner is currently serving in the same position, filling in a vacant partial term 2013-2015.

Corresponding Secretary: Judy Wright is currently serving on the BAGS Members First Committee.

Recording Secretary: Lisa Smith is a new member.

Family History Month – October Activities

John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. Hosted by Houston Genealogical Forum

Saturday, October 3 from 10:00am to 3:00pm in the Bayland Community Center located at 6400 Bissonnet, Houston between Hillcroft and Beechnut. Doors will open at 9:00am. Dr. John Colletta, is a nationally known genealogist who will present three lectures:

- Compiling a Reliable Record for Future Generations
- Telling the True Stories of your Ancestors
- Using 19th Century Newspapers

Lecture details and registration form is online at <http://hgftx.org/event/john-colletta-seminar/> A box lunch may be ordered through HGF at a cost of \$10, or participants may bring their own lunch. Tickets are \$30 for non-members and \$10 for HGF members.

4th Annual Genealogy Symposium

Saturday, October 10, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at George Memorial Library, located at 1001 Golfview in Richmond. Registration will begin at 9:00am

Nationally known genealogist and lecturer Amy Johnson Crow will share her knowledge, experience, and insight on a variety of topics designed to help family-history buffs explore different avenues of genealogical research. A certified genealogist, Crow maintains the blog www.NoStoryTooSmall.com and has written numerous articles for national genealogy publications.

The schedule for the library's Genealogy Symposium is as follows:

- 9:30 am – “Between the County and Federal Levels: Using State Government Records”
- 11:00 am – “After Mustering Out: Researching Civil War Veterans”
- 12:30-1:45 pm – lunch break
- 2:00 pm – “Ten Years is a Long Time: Census Substitutes for the In-Between Years”
- 3:30 pm – “How Do I Know That's My Ancestor?”

The program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. To register online at the library's website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on “Calendar,” select “George Memorial Library,” and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library's Local History and Genealogy Department at 281-341-2608.

5th annual "Genealogy After Dark"

Friday, October 16, 2015 in the Clayton Library located at 5300 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004.

This is the night you get to stay at Clayton Library and research until 11:00PM. In conjunction with Family History Month we offer this special night and extended programming. Various webinars will be offered throughout the afternoon and evening. Clayton Library will be open to registered attendees for research until 11:00pm. For more programming information and to register, call the library at 832-393-2600.

"Ghosts of the Past" Genealogy in a Cemetery

Saturday, October 31 tours noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm in the Fairview Cemetery, located at the end of North Kansas, League City, TX 77573. Costumed “ghosts” will provide tales of the Pioneer Gordy Family. Also, The Victorian Lady J'Neen Henderson will discuss mourning customs. For more information call the West Bay Common School Children's Museum at 281-334-4950. Hosted by League City Historical Society.

Local Programs and Events

We Were Prepared: Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts Stories of Tragedy, Heroism, and Preparedness in the Texas City Disaster of 1947.

Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00pm at the Friendswood Public Library located at 4016 S. Friendswood Drive (library is open, and public restrooms are available). Author Frank Urbanic share's stories from his new book. A book signing will conclude the event.

Clayton Library Colonial Day

Saturday, September 12 from 10:30am to 2:30pm
Three sessions offered: Colonial religions, Colonial Military Records, and Convicts to the Colonies. These sessions cover the time period prior to the American Revolution, and concern the 13 original colonies. Register requested by calling the library at 832-393-2600.

Clayton Library Orientation

Saturday, September 19 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 addition to examining the resources found at the Clayton Library, how materials are organized, and effective planning to visit the Library. This orientation is held in the Main Library among the vast resources of one of the ten best family history research collections in the United States. No Reservations required.

Beginning Genealogy Classes

1st and 3rd Mondays each month starting September 2015 from 9:30 to 11:30am at the Alvin Senior Center located at 309 West Sealy, Alvin, TX 77511.

Presented by BAGS member Oletia Teas. For more information, call the center at 281-388-4298.

Six-Week Course by Trevia Wooster Beverly

September 15th thru October 20th, 2015

If you've been watching the *TV series Who Do You Think You Are?* or PBS' *Finding Your Roots*, you can learn the tricks of the trade at this six-week course. Textbook provided: 3-ring binder with lessons, maps, etc. Also, personal help, group discussion & networking, books for sale, etc. For information, contact Trevia by email treviawbeverly@comcast.net.

Amazing Journey: One Man's Adventure from Nazi Germany to America

Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00pm at the Friendswood Public Library. Friendswood author Paul Hoesl will share information from his book detailing Walter Zehl's story that provides a rare, firsthand glimpse into a German soldier's life during World War II. Friendswood resident, Walter Zehl, will be on hand to share his story and answer questions.

Van Zandt County Genealogical Society's Annual All Day Genealogical Seminar/Workshop

Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 8:30am to 3:45pm at St. Therese Catholic Church Fellowship Hall in Canton, TX. Featuring Lynna Kay Shuffield discussing 1) Newspaper research, 2) Republic of Texas Research, 3) American Revolution research, and 4) Civil War research. Details and registration form online at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txvzcg/vzgsem.htm>

6th Annual Save Texas History Symposium

Saturday, November 14 from 8:30 to 5:00pm in Austin, TX. Registration and hotel information online at the Texas General Land Office website:

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/save-texas-history/symposium.html>

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REMINDER

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