



# Bay Area Genealogical Society

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### Friday, October 30, 2015: *Researching In Your Pajamas*

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

**We meet at the University Baptist Church (UBC) in the Chapel on the first floor.  
(16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059 - [online map](#)).  
Enter through the doors facing Middlebrook Drive.**

Let us discuss some of the general and specialized online record sources that can be accessed for free either from home or from inside a local library or family history center. Kim Zrubek from the Friendswood Public Library will be leading this discussion. Additional discussion on how to better use these resources can be covered in future BAGS members only workshops. The schedule for these sessions is listed on page 4.

### October is Family History Month

Take a look at genealogy programs offered during this month listed on pages 4 and 6-8.



#### New Officers for 2015-2017

(L-R) Loren Martin, Nick Cimino, Lisa Smith, Bill Mayo, Bob Wegner, Judy Wright, and Kim Zrubek

**Pick up your copy of the *BAGS Journal* September issue at the October meeting.**

**Members and guests are invited to the BAGS Annual Holiday Party at Hope Village Cafe in Friendswood on Saturday, November 14 from 11am to 1pm.** The lunch is dutch. A special hot meat with vegetables plate will be offered as well as the regular menu ([view menu online](#)). Please RSVP with Kim Zrubek by Sunday, November 8. Come enjoy the holiday spirit and a pleasant lunch with friends. This event benefits The Foundation for Hope Village ([www.hope-village.com](http://www.hope-village.com)).

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*It is a new Society Year!*  
**But it is not too late to renew your membership.**

*Complete some of your Christmas shopping early by purchasing a **BAGS Cookbook** at the October meeting for \$10.*

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## ***President's Message***

The new fiscal year has begun for our excellent genealogy society and the newly elected and installed officers are beginning their two-year terms. Because of the efforts of our previous Board and our many wonderful volunteers, the state of our organization is in very good shape. We have award winning publications, great educational programs and caring members. It is the intention of the new Board of Officers and committee chairmen to continue these accomplishments and even improve BAGS. To accomplish this, I ask each member to consider how their individual skills, talents and knowledge can be provided by increased volunteering. BAGS is only as strong as the many members who can work together to provide the benefits of membership. All members of BAGS are very grateful to each and every one of current and past volunteers. The strong foundation of BAGS is directly because of the strong committee accomplishments.

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership. For everyone else, please remember to renew with the Registrar at either the next meeting or by mail. For new members, I welcome you and look forward to getting to know each of you. There are many committee activities that are available for your participation.

Thank you,

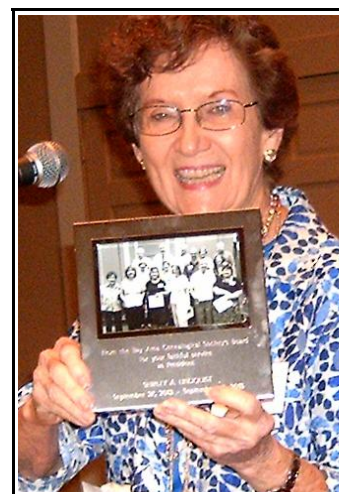
Loren Martin

## **Thank You**

**To the members that served on the Board during 2013-2015:**

**Annette Bowen,  
Deborah Gammon,  
Melodey Hauch,  
Shirley Lindquist,  
Loren Martin,  
Bob Wegner,  
and Kim Zrubek**

**We appreciate your  
leadership and service  
to the Society.**



Shirley Lindquist, accepting appreciation award

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# 2015-2016 BAGS Calendar

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**Saturday, October 17 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm: BAGS Members Only Working Session** for both beginners and advanced researchers. Meet in rooms EB202 and EB203 at the University Baptist Church located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059.



**Monday, October 26 at 6:30pm: Board Meeting** at the University Baptist Church. All members are welcome to attend.



**Friday, October 30 at 7:00pm: General Meeting.** Program: Kim Zrubek will review several free online resources accessible from home and within local libraries and family history centers. Come at 6:30pm to enjoy coffee and socializing. The public is invited. Program is at the University Baptist Church in the Chapel located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059 (Clear Lake City).



**Saturday, October 31 at 10:30am: New Member luncheon.** Contact Bob Wegner if you would like to attend.



**Saturday, November 7 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: SIG – Gustav Hinds will discuss German Research** in the Community Room at the Freeman Memorial Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062.



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

**December 2015:** Happy Holidays! No meeting.



**Wednesday, January 20, 2016 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Bus Trip to Clayton Library** Please sign-up by contacting Mary Martin, 281-332-2435 or [lmartin497@aol.com](mailto:lmartin497@aol.com).



**Saturday, January 23 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: BAGS Members Only Working Session** for both beginners and advanced researchers. Meet in rooms EB202 and EB203 at the University Baptist Church located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059.



**Monday, January 25 at 6:30pm: Board Meeting** at the University Baptist Church. All members are welcome to attend.



**Friday, January 29, 2016 at 7:00pm: General Meeting.** Program: Irene Walters from the Clayton Library will present “Modern Military Research,” specifically discussing records of military service from the Spanish-American War through today. Program is at the University Baptist Church in the Chapel.



**Saturday, February 20 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: BAGS Members Only Working Session** for both beginners and advanced researcher. Meet in rooms EB202 and EB203 at the University Baptist Church located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059.



**Monday, February 22 at 6:30pm: Board Meeting** at the University Baptist Church. All members are welcome to attend.



**Friday, February 26, 2016 at 7:00pm: General Meeting and Potluck Dinner.** Program: Melissa Hayes from the Clayton Library will discuss how to research adoptee’s ancestors. Program is at the University Baptist Church in the Chapel.



**Wednesday, March 2, 2016 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Bus Trip to Clayton Library** Please sign-up by contacting Mary Martin, 281-332-2435 or [lmartin497@aol.com](mailto:lmartin497@aol.com).



Education Committee: Nick Cimino (chair), Annette Bowen, Lori Cole, Beth Marshall, and Lisa Smith.

### **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

**Saturday, November 7 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**  
**in the Community Room at the Freeman Memorial Library**  
located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, Texas 77062 (Clear Lake City)  
**The public is invited.**

Gustav Hinds will present *German Genealogy Basics*. Learn how your ancestors migrated from German speaking countries to the U.S. The lecture will cover migration routes, trip documentation, immigration documentation, and strategies for finding your family.

### **BAGS Members' Only Workshops and Round Tables (NEW)**

The plan is to have two adjacent rooms reserved usually on a Saturday each month at the University Baptist Church. The first room will be a workshop for beginners and the second room will have round table discussions for intermediate and advanced members. The first 30 minutes of the beginners' workshop will cover tips and techniques. The next 90 minutes of the beginners' workshop will be spent mentoring for specific member needs. Bring your devices and research. If you would like to serve as a mentor, please contact Nick Cimino, Education Chair. Seating limited. The schedule is:

**Saturday, October 17 Members Workshop & Round table from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**  
in University Baptist Church, rooms EB202 and EB203. Nick Cimino will discuss "Getting Started with Ancestry.com" in the beginners' session.

**Saturday, January 23 Members Workshop & Roundtable from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**  
in University Baptist Church, rooms EB202 and EB203

**Saturday, February 20 Members Workshop & Round table from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**  
in University Baptist Church, rooms EB202 and EB203. Beth Marshall will discuss the science behind DNA in the beginner's session. This information will help you understand the DNA test results.

### **Genealogy Roadshow (SAVE THE DATE)**

**Sunday, November 22, 2015 from 8:00am to 6:00pm in the Julia Ideson Bldg. (a.k.a. Houston Metro Research Center or old Houston Public Library) located at 550 McKinney St., Houston, TX 77002 (downtown).**

The PBS Genealogy Roadshow will be in Houston taping for season 3, scheduled to premiere nationally in summer of 2016. The PBS Genealogy Roadshow is part detective story and part emotional journey. After participants are chosen, genealogy, history and DNA experts will use family heirlooms, letters, pictures, historical documents and other clues to hunt down more information. These answers will be revealed on camera before a local audience, in a historic building relevant to each city. There is still time for you to submit your genealogy mystery story to the PBS Genealogy Roadshow. Complete the online form at [www.grcasting.com](http://www.grcasting.com) to submit your story. In addition to participating in the tapings that day, visit tables exhibiting products and services of local and national genealogical associations, societies, genealogy vendors, and local genealogists. BAGS will host a table during this event. If you are interested in helping, contact Nick Cimino. BAGS member Renee Ball has submitted her story. Good luck Renee!





## Melodey Hauch, *BAGS Journal* Editor, Recognized

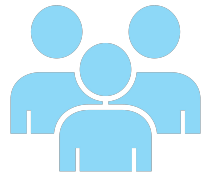
During the October meeting, Melodey Hauch was officially recognized for writing awards she earned this past year from the Texas State Genealogical Society. Sue Yerby, our TSGS District Representative, was present to do the honors. Melodey earned first place and \$200 for her book *Here They Rest: Discovering Unmarked Burials at Magnolia Cemetery of League City, Texas*. 2014. As editor, Melodey earned a third place award and \$30 on behalf of the Society for the *BAGS Quarterly*.

***Congratulations Melodey and the Quarterly staff on a job well done!***

## Pedigree Charts and Surname List available to members

Use the pedigree charts and surname list to discover other BAGS members that are researching the same family names. These charts and lists can be found on the “**Members Only**” page of the BAGS website ([www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org)). Ask a Board member for the password to access the “**Members Only**” page.

*Have you submitted your five-generation pedigree 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 chart will be available for members to view and is published in the *BAGS Journal*. Sharing your information may provide a connection that will help fill in those frustrating gaps in your genealogy! If you have questions or need assistance, please contact member Gary Garrett, Five-Generation Pedigree Charts Chairman (contact info in *Yearbook*). The *Yearbook* is also available on the “**Members Only**” page.



## BAGS Bus Trip

Nine people rode the bus to Clayton Library on October 8 to research family history.



## New Fiscal Year

BAGS fiscal year ended August 31, 2015 with cash on hand of \$3905.23.

## AARP Members: Save 30% on 1 year Ancestry World Explorer subscription

The World Explorer subscription provides access to all US and international records in Ancestry.com. It does not provide access to Fold3.com or Newspaper.com. Subscription details are published on Ancestry's website <http://www.ancestry.com/cs/offers/subscribe?sub=1>

AARP Discount Details: New Ancestry.com members can visit <http://www.ancestry.com/aarp> and choose between the Ancestry.com World Explorer Membership in either monthly or semi-annual durations. Your subscription will automatically renew after the initial duration (monthly or semi-annually) at the discounted rate for the entire first year. Thereafter, your subscription will automatically renew at standard list prices. Existing Ancestry.com members must call Ancestry Member Services at 1-800-514-4645 to access the discount. For existing Ancestry.com members, the available discounted package may vary depending on one's existing membership. Limit one discount per valid AARP Member number. Offer may not be transferred or postponed.

# October Family History Month – Clayton Library Events

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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 where noted. Call the library at 832-393-2600 to make a reservation.

## **Wednesday, October 14: Genealogy Tips and Tricks 1 & 2 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm**

5pm: Finding ancestors by not searching the known information. Learn various tips and tricks for searching around the known family information to find these "tricky" ancestors.

6:15pm: Ways to get the most from our computers. Having trouble getting the family information you have found out of the databases like Ancestry and FamilySearch and into your family history files? Learn various strategies for working with electronic records and "tricky" computer files.

**Thursday, October 15: Genealogy Book Sale** from 10:30am to 5:00pm (also Friday). All books will be \$10. Sale items include compiled family histories, cemetery indexes, county histories, indexes to land records, etc. These books are duplicates of books found in the library genealogy collection. Credit cards, checks and cash will be accepted.

## **Friday, October 16**

**10:30am to 8:00pm: Genealogy Book Sale** continues, last day.

**12:00pm to 11:00pm: Genealogy After Dark.** Join your fellow researchers for a full day of programming and extended hours for research. More details are in this newsletter on page 8.

## **Saturday, October 17**

**10:30am to 11:30am: Finding your Louisiana Ancestors: Genealogical Research in the Pelican State.** With its long history of settlement and multiple colonial owners, many records you use for Louisiana are not found in other states. Come to this class and learn about genealogical resources unique to the Pelican State.

**10:30am to 1:00pm: Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston Day.** The Society will provide an introduction to genealogical research on families of Hispanic descent, as well as how to begin putting together the puzzle of your family history including, data collection and organization, pedigree/ascendant and descendant charts, family group sheets, and using the computer for beginning research. Assistance available after the program until 1:00pm. No reservations needed.

**10:30am to 4:30pm: Daughters of the American Revolution Day.** Representatives from local DAR chapters will be available for consultation and research help in preparing lineage papers for submission to the DAR. No reservations needed.

**2:00pm to 4:00pm: Clayton Library Orientation.** The Clayton Library's monthly orientation has been expanded to include basic genealogy research methods in addition to examining the resources that are available, how materials are organized, and effective planning to visit the library.

## **Wednesday, October 21: The Final Event & Cemetery Removal from 5:00pm to 7:15pm**

5pm: The Final Event: Funeral and associated records including county records and other sources can be guides giving information regarding the individual's death. An overview of these types of documents and where to find them will be discussed.

6:15pm: Cemetery Removal: Where did it go? This talk discusses resources and strategies to find out where the grave was moved, and what you can do to document your findings.

## **Saturday, October 24: Medical Genealogy, Ghost Stories, Unusual Sources– Ghoulish Stuff!**

**10:30am: Medical Genealogy: Defining Obscure Medical Terms Used by Our Ancestors**

**11:45am: Ghosts! Community Legends and Ghosts**

**1:30pm: Unusual Source Records for Genealogical Research - or, This is Some Cool Stuff!**

## Local Events

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### **"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. Flyer advertising this event is published online at [leaguecityhistory.org/docs/2015\\_Ghost\\_Tour\\_Flyer.pdf](http://leaguecityhistory.org/docs/2015_Ghost_Tour_Flyer.pdf)

### **Heritage Scaritage Festival**

Saturday, October 31 from 10am to 4pm in the Republic of Texas Plaza Park located at 5117 N. Main Street, Baytown, Texas. Sponsored by the Baytown Historical Preservation Association. Admission is free. [www.baytownhistory.org](http://www.baytownhistory.org)

### **Friendswood Historical Society Annual Historween Tour**

Friday, October 30 from 7pm to 9pm at the old Friendswood Junior High located at 402 Laurel, Friendswood. Tour the haunted house, view a historical reenactment at the Perry home and Friendswood Cemetery, ending with a hayride back to the starting location. \$10 tickets sold at the door.

### **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: [www.glo.texas.gov/save-texas-history/symposium.html](http://www.glo.texas.gov/save-texas-history/symposium.html)



### **TSGS 2015 Annual Family History Conference**

Texas State Genealogical Society 2015 Family History Conference will be October 30 - November 1, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Austin 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.

Join Lisa Louise Cooke and J. Mark Lowe for 6 keynote presentations. There will be 27 speakers from 7 states teaching you genealogy in 43 breakout sessions, plus 7 add-on workshops.

The complete schedule and the lineup of expert speakers is published online at <http://www.txsgs.org/conference/schedule/>

Attend only Friday for \$50 or only Saturday or only Sunday for \$80.

Register is online at <http://www.txsgs.org/conference>



## Free Full Day of Genealogy Programming Friday, October 16 noon to 10:30pm

The Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library System, in cooperation with the Central Texas Genealogical Society (CTGS), are sponsoring the 15th Annual Genealogy Lock-in on Friday, October 16, 2015 at the West Waco Library & Genealogy Center. As part of this event, a set of presentations will be broadcasted as free webinars to participating Texas libraries.

You can watch these presentations live at the Clayton Library and at the Friendswood Library. Registration is required. Call the Clayton Library at 832-393-2600 to attend presentations and/or research after dark in the library from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. If you want to watch a presentation at the Friendswood Library call Kim Zrubek at 832-660-5898 or email at [kzrubek@friendswood.lib.tx.us](mailto:kzrubek@friendswood.lib.tx.us). The seating is limited due to the building reconstruction. The list of presentations offered during this event are:

12:00 pm -1:30 pm **FamilySearch.org Live: Search Strategies, Tools and Tips** presented by Robert Lawrence Kehrer, Sr. Product Manager, Search Technologies.

1:40 pm -2:40 pm **The German Collection of the Texas General Land Office, with Case Study of Adolph Fox** Kevin Klaus, Information Specialist Archives & Records, demonstrates how to research the German Collection of the GLO through the fascinating story of Adolph Fox, preacher, poet and musician.

2:50 pm -3:50 pm **Unearth Your Ancestors Using Land and Property Records** Teri E. Flack, Chair TSGS Records Preservation and Access Committee (RPAC), will use case studies and original documents to show an array of tools researchers can use to solve problems with land records.

4:00 pm -5:00 pm **Hispanic Research Methodology** Arturo Cuéllar-Gonzalez, AG; Research Specialist for Latin America at FamilySearch's Family History Library (Salt Lake City, UT), will go step by step through a case study that will take you from that first ancestral record found through the next steps you should take to continue your research in search of your Hispanic ancestors.

6:00 pm-7:20 pm **Fundamentals for Beginning Genealogy Research** William D. Buckner, Manager Genealogy Center at Waco-McLennan County Library, will cover the basic concepts, skills, search strategies and resources needed to become a proficient family history researcher.

7:30 pm -8:30 pm **Google Tools & Procedures for Solving Family History Mysteries** Lisa Louise Cooke, Host/Owner of The Genealogy Gems Podcast at [www.GenealogyGems.com](http://www.GenealogyGems.com), will introduce Google tools and the process for using them to solve the genealogical challenges you face. You'll walk away with exciting new techniques you can use right away.

8:40 pm – 9:30 pm **Finding Females in Your Family Tree** Mary Penner, Professional Genealogist, outlines strategies and provides tips and examples for tracing those elusive female ancestors.

9:40 pm -10:30 pm **Using Archives to Grow Genealogy Skills** Liz Sargent, Deputy Assistant Director of Customer Experience for the Houston Public Library, will explain how to use archival research tools, such as finding aids, directories, and vertical files, and apply these skills to genealogy searches.

In addition to these presentations, The Lone Star Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) will host an "Ancestors Roadshow" beginning at 3:30pm. Grab a free 15-minute consultation with a professional genealogist from the Lone Star Chapter to get advice on those tough research quandaries. Time slots are limited and only one appointment per person. Friendswood Library will provide a few computers with Skype connections and assistance for you to access the "Ancestors Roadshow." To register, complete the questionnaire found at [http://lonestarapg.com/roadshow\\_form\\_fillable.pdf](http://lonestarapg.com/roadshow_form_fillable.pdf) and either email or print/deliver to Kim Zrubek at the Friendswood Library, 832-660-5898, [kzrubek@friendswood.lib.tx.us](mailto:kzrubek@friendswood.lib.tx.us).