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Friday, June 24, 2016: *The Digital Public Library of America: Another Tool for Family Historians*

Public Invited. Join us at 6:30pm for socializing. Meeting begins at 7pm.

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

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) <http://dp.la> was released in April of 2013 to great acclaim. Containing access to over 11.5 million images this site aggregates digital content from libraries, archives, private collections, societies and museums across America. This program will provide an overview of the structure, content, tools and search functions provided to help researchers, including family historians, find viable content.

Bill Buckner will be presenting this program remotely from Waco using GoToMeeting™. He is the Manager of the Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library for the past seventeen years. Bill also heads up the volunteer McLennan County Cemetery Interest Group that has inventoried 35 McLennan County cemeteries. Bill initiated and co-hosts an annual state-wide Genealogy Lock-In. Plan to attend this year's event on Friday, October 21. Bill received his BS from Southwestern University, and his MS in Library Science from UNT. Bill is a fourth-generation Texan and lives in Temple, Texas with his family.



Joshua Taylor

Joshua Taylor from *Genealogy Roadshow* and *Who Do You Think You Are?* is coming to Houston, Saturday August 6!

BAGS is co-sponsoring this event. We are organizing carpools from the Clear Lake area. *Want to carpool?* Contact member Polly Swerdlin at pmswerdlin@gmail.com. We will be assembling registration packets, giving directions, and organizing lunch? *Want to be one of the helpers?* Contact member Kim Zrubek at bagsnews@gmail.com. Registration details are on page 2. Lectures descriptions are on page 7.

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Wednesday, July 6.
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**Next *Journal* issue will be published
in September. Send articles,
pictures, and pedigree charts to be
included to Melodey Hauch,
Journal editor.**



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President's Message



A very important event is occurring in that the Bay Area Genealogical Society is co-sponsoring a symposium lecture with the Clayton Library Friends. This is the first time that BAGS has joined together with another local genealogical group to provide an educational opportunity for all of the Houston area.

This symposium on Saturday, August 6 will be held at the Rice University Memorial Student Center, Grand Hall. The presenter will be D. Joshua Taylor a highly regarded and recognized genealogist who you may have already seen on television programs *Genealogy Roadshow* and *Who Do You Think You Are?*.

His lecture series will include the following topics. Detailed descriptions are printed on page 7.

- ➔ Finding the Roots of Your Family Legends
- ➔ State & Local Government Repositories for Family History
- ➔ Successful Searching Online: Clustering for Genealogists
- ➔ Putting It Together: A Case Study

REGISTRATION before July 5, 2016 is \$45.00 for CLF and BAGS members, and \$55.00 for non-members. Registration after July 5, 2016 will be \$55.00 for CLF and BAGS members, and \$65.00 for non-members. Only 200 seats are available. Registration at the door is \$75.00 if seats are available. So talk to others to be sure that they do not miss out on this event and do register early.

Go to www.claytonlibraryfriends.org to register online or print out a registration form. Lunch and parking information is also published on this site.

**REGISTER EARLY - DO NOT MISS OUT
SEE YOU AT THE SYMPOSIUM!**

**Saturday, August 6, 2016 10 am - 4 pm
Rice Memorial Student Center, Grand Hall
Rice University Campus, 6100 Main Street Houston, Texas**

Loren Martin

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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2016 BAGS Calendar



Friday, June 24 at 7:00pm: General Meeting at the University Baptist Church in the Chapel. Socializing starts at 6:30pm. Program: Bill Buckner, West Waco Library & Genealogy Center Division Manager, will discuss Digital Public Library of America genealogy resources.



Wednesday, July 6 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Bus Trip to Clayton Library. If you want to ride on the bus, please signup by contacting Mary Martin by phone 281-332-2435 or e-mail 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 at the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center (16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062). The bus will arrive back at 4:00pm.



Sunday, July 10 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: Members Helping Members for both beginners and advanced researchers. Meet at Helen Hall Library. The next meeting date is Sunday, August 14.



Monday, July 25 at 6:30pm: Board Meeting at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. All members are welcome to attend.



Friday, July 29 at 7:00pm: General Meeting at the University Baptist Church in the Chapel. Helen Mooty, BAGS member and retired Director of the Galveston County Museum, will discuss her experience working with PBS Genealogy Roadshow in researching and recording her story.



(NEW) Saturday, August 6 at Rice University: Joshua Taylor (host on PBS Genealogy Roadshow) hosted by Clayton Library Friends and BAGS. Taylor will present 4 programs. See pages 2 & 7.



Sunday, August 14 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: Members Helping Members for both beginners and advanced researchers. Meet at Helen Hall Library.



Monday, August 22 at 6:30pm: Board Meeting at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. All members are welcome to attend.



Friday, August 26 at 7:00pm: Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner. General Meeting at the University Baptist Church in the Chapel. Share a brief family story about a treasured item, important family event, or research discovery.



Tuesday, September 20 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Bus Trip to Clayton Library



Monday, September 26 at 6:30pm: Board Meeting at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. All members are welcome to attend.



Friday, September 30 at 7:00pm: General Meeting. Kathleen Maca, BAGS member and author of *Galveston's Broadway Cemeteries*, will discuss her research process and resources used to uncover the personal stories behind the gravestones.



Monday, October 24 at 6:30pm: Board Meeting at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. All members are welcome to attend.



Friday, October 28 at 7:00pm: General Meeting. Fidel Ramirez, Social Media and Technology Director for Clayton Library Friends, will present "Genealogy To Go" discussing the mobile apps and equipment we can use to mobilize our genealogy research.



Season 3 Genealogy Roadshow

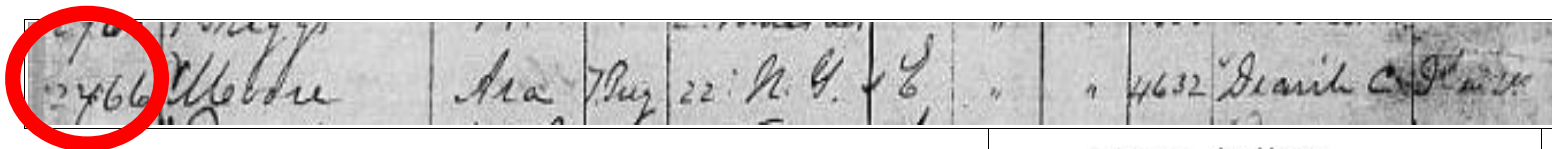
Tuesdays at 7:00pm on PBS Channel 8

Episode Schedule: June 21 – Providence, June 28 – Los Angeles, and July 5 – St. Louis

Watch past season 3 episodes for Boston, Houston, and Miami online at www.pbs.org/show/genealogy-roadshow/episodes

Genealogy Roadshow – Helpful Resources

While watching the episodes, I noted some of the resources used to prove stories and connections to ancestors. Here are several resources and tips that the hosts shared while revealing their research discoveries during the Houston episode that aired May 31, 2016.



Andersonville Prison of War Records: The *Civil War Prisons* website www.civilwarprisoners.com provides record search by surname, first name, and/or regiment for the Andersonville Prison, Cahaba Prison, and the Sultana Disaster. For Andersonville Prison, *Ancestry.com* offers the same index search (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3708>), however, their entry also includes a grave number. Using the grave number, you can view the original record within *FamilySearch.org* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2019835>) where the collection is not searchable but can be browsed by burial date and grave number.

Surname:	Ara Moore
Rank:	MUSICIAN
Company:	E
Regiment:	22
State:	NY
Arm of Service:	CAVALRY
Death Date:	2 Jul 1864
Cause of Death:	DIARRHEA C.
Remarks:	ASA MOORE, 07/12/1864 [3]
Reference:	p 39 [3]; p 625 [50]
Page:	84
More Information:	NO
Code:	12766
Grave:	2766

Civil War Service & Petition Records: In the episode, host Kenyatta D. Berry explained African-American slaves served in the Confederate Army as manual labor. Later, they could file for a pension as compensation for their service. *Ancestry.com* has the original records for Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and Virginia. You can find these record groups, by clicking on **Search** menu and choosing **Military**. Then on the Military page, click on **“Pension Records”** below **“Narrow By Category”** on the right-side of the page. Both *Ancestry.com* and

FamilySearch.org offer civil war service records. For *FamilySearch*, the results link to the original images maintained within *Fold3.com*. Go to *FamilySearch.org* search page (<https://familysearch.org/search>) and scroll down to **“Find a Collection”** and enter the terms **civil war** to get a list of U.S. state record collections available. Click on one of the collections and begin searching within just that set of records.

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Genealogy Roadshow – Helpful Resources (continued from page 4)

Native American census records: The Dawes Rolls are only one of many Native American census lists. Other census rolls include

- **Baker Rolls, 1924-1929 Eastern Cherokee**
- **Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940 Multiple Agencies and Tribes**
 - Use *HeritageQuest* (free through any Texas public library) to access these records
- **Roblin Roll, 1911-1919 Indians in Western Washington not enrolled or allotted to an Indian Agency**
- **Kern-Clifton Roll of Cherokee Freedmen, 01/16/1897**
- Revised Copy of the **Wallace Roll, ca. 1890 - ca.1896**
- **Dawes Rolls, 1896-1914 Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma**
- **Guion Miller Rolls, 1906-1911 Eastern Cherokee**

The episode explained how these rolls included the names of Freeman who had once served as slaves of the Native Americans but were freed and often adopted into the tribe or band. The National Archives has published several pages to explain and help genealogists research Native American Indians heritage. Begin at either “Bureau of Indian Affairs Rolls” page to access the specific rolls listed above www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/rolls/index.html or the “Bureau of Indian Affairs” page www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/bia

Look through the Native American entries in *Cyndi's List* to help you discover other resources available online www.cyndislist.com/native-american

American Revolutionary War Service: Host Joshua Taylor discussed using the U.S. Serial Set, the congressional record, to locate petitions for soldier pensions. The Library of Congress offers a search (<https://memory.loc.gov/ammem/hlawquery.html>) of the records from every Congress, Session, and Chamber. For example, enter a name in quotes such as “vincent chance” and click **Search**. The results are links to specific pages of serial set. In this example, page 210 of the *Journal of the House of Representatives of the United States* in January 24, 1831 shows Mr. Chance's petition. Search the page for the surname. Look for “Page Image” link to view original document.

HeritageQuest provides a subset of the US Serial Set, specifically American State Papers and Private Relief Actions, Memorials, and Petitions found in committee reports 1789-1969.

Fold3.com has “Final Payment Vouchers Index For Military Pensions, 1818-1864.

From there, you may need to order film from local Family History Center to view the actual voucher.

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The screenshot shows the Library of Congress search page titled "A Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation: U.S. Congressional Documents and Debates, 1774-1875". It features a search bar with the text "vincent chance" entered and circled in red. Below the search bar are buttons for "SEARCH" and "CLEAR". The page also includes filters for "All Congresses (or select a Congress)", "All Sessions (or select a Session)", and "All Chambers (or select a Chamber)". A note states: "NOTE: Not every title contains material for every Congress, Session, or Chamber."

Mr. Gurley presented a petition of **Vincent Chance**, of the State of Louisiana, praying to be paid for his services as a soldier in the army of the revolution

Mr. Coleman presented a petition of Robert Wilmot, of the State of Kentucky, praying to be paid the commutation of half pay to which he is entitled as an

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Augustine H. Shepperd,

Ordered, That the petition of Nicholas McCubbin, presented February 1, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Ellsworth presented a petition of John Watson, of the State of Connecticut, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by him by the destruction of States, which ship was destroyed by the British forces during the late war.

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BAGS Education Corner



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

Members Helping Members Sessions

Sunday, July 10 and August 14

from 2:00 to 4:00pm at

Helen Hall Library, 100 W. Walker, League City which is on Hwy 3 one light south of FM 518.

Spend some quality time researching with friends, in groups or one-on-one. Ask questions and share ideas. Bring your laptop or mobile device. Free WiFi connection is available inside the library.

Here are a few research topics that were discussed at the June session. Maybe you have some ideas or experiences that could help these members.

Dotti Dineen is looking for online records for Ontario region in 1820-1850. Dotti has been using "Brother's Keeper" (<http://www.bkwin.org>) since 1993 and has found it very easy to add people to whatever tree was needed. It does much more than she wants it to do so it might be worth a look. Her husband Cliff originally found it on shareware. It gets improved and updated every couple of years.

Cindy Gard and **Loren Martin** share Gard family connections. Cindy is looking for digitized newspapers ~1900 to research surname Bennow. Loren Martin is looking for WWII records on his uncles who were dentists in Missouri by profession and went into Army and Navy as officers. He has not found officer records in FamilySearch, Ancestry, Fold3, or NARA. They were not wounded or prisoners.

Diane Merkle is tracing her father's great grandfather, Frederick Doak of St. Louis for medical reasons. Her family had oral history about the Doak family. They were prosperous industrialists of St. Louis and later in California. Nick was able to find City Directory listings for the Doak family in St. Louis which led to the discovery of a biographical sketch in Who's Who on the Pacific Coast for David Perry Doak.

Amanda Pearson is looking for newspaper archives from Natchez Mississippi from the 1900's to 1950's. None of the newspaper archives that she has seen cover Natchez from this time period.

George Porterfield is searching for his wife's ancestor in Schleswig-Holstein near Denmark. The German Kreis are both Norder and Suder Dithmarschen. Kreis are somewhat similar to an American county. He is also searching church records in the Hemme Parish of Kreis Norder Dithmarschen. The maiden name is Loose or Lohse. His wife's ancestor, Fred Loose, immigrated at 6 months old in 1868. Fred's mother was Margaretha Von Bergen and father was Heinrich Loose. They settled near New Holstein, Wisconsin. Margaretha died Feb 1870. She appears in the 1870 mortality schedule. George is intent on finding the names of Margaretha's parents. Another family Heinrich and Elsabe Von Bergen with daughter Anna immigrated in 1868 to join son John who immigrated 10 years earlier to and from the same areas. John Von Bergen is the spitting image of George's brother in law. George has used the Danish census site at this address: http://www.dda.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm. He was successful in finding his wife's ancestor in Danish census of 1845. He uses "The Next Generation" of Genealogy Site-building software to build his genealogy website. His website is www.PorterfieldJunction.net

Rick Sullivan wanted to know what alternatives were available beyond Ancestry.com. He is currently using Family Tree Maker 2014. George gave him a demonstration of the "The Next Generation" software. Nick Cimino discussed his experience building family trees for clients at Ancestry.com. Nick also explained the one world tree approach available at FamilySearch.org.

Local Events

Joshua Taylor, host of PBS Genealogy Roadshow, Symposium Lectures in Houston Saturday, August 6 from 10am to 4pm at Rice Memorial Student Center, Grand Hall on Rice University Campus (6100 Main Street, Houston, TX). Hosted by Clayton Library Friends and BAGS. **REGISTRATION before July 5, 2016 is \$45.00 for CLF and BAGS active members OR \$55.00 for non-members.** For online registration, registration form, parking and lunch information, please go to: www.claytonlibraryfriends.org

Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS professional genealogist will present four programs:

Finding the Roots of Your Family Legends: Just because Great Aunt Mable said your ancestor was from Scotland, doesn't mean that she was. Learn how to uncover the truth behind family legends and stories, and how to integrate them into your personal writing and research.

State and Local Government Repositories for Family History: Learn how to access the vast numbers of records placed online at state and local government websites during this hands-on workshop. Participants will be able to pick their "favorite state" and conduct a full search for treasures hiding under a ".gov" domain.

Successful Searching Online: Clustering for Genealogists: Effective Internet searching cannot be complete without clustering. Learn how to limit your search engine results to websites that will be beneficial to you without having to scroll through thousands of results! Strong emphasis is put on learning and using "Yippy," and other search engines.

Putting it Together: A Case Study: Follow a family from the early 1800s to the early 1900s as they migrated from Pennsylvania to Idaho. Watch as records from the home (family bibles and letters) are combined with newspapers, tax records, census records, cemetery records, family files, and other records to compile the family.

Online resources access information (continued from page 5)

- ➔ Access *Ancestry.com* for free from inside a Houston Public Library or local Family History Center.
- ➔ Access *Fold3.com* from home for free through Houston Public Library website using HPL library card <http://houstonlibrary.org/research/resources-by-category/234> or from inside a local Family History Center.
- ➔ Access *HeritageQuest* from home for free through any Texas public library. Contact a library to get login details.

Clayton Library Programs

The library is located at 5300 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004. For more information or reservation, call the library at 832-393-2600.

Quickstart #1 on Saturday, July 2 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm An introduction to the databases of Ancestry and FamilySearch.

DAR Day on Saturday, July 16 from 10:30am to 4:30pm Representatives from local Daughters of the American Revolution chapters will be at Clayton

Library for consultation and research help in preparing lineage papers for submission to the DAR.

Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston Day on Saturday, July 23 from 11:00am to 2:00pm Society members will share their photos, family group books and other family artifacts to inspire you in the various ways to share your genealogy. Members of the society will be present to assist in your research.