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Friday, August 26, 2016: 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 place food dishes and display memorabilia. We will begin eating at 6:30 pm and the program starts at 7:00 pm.



Thank you Glen Cress!

During the July general meeting, Glen provided a five-minute message to the group introducing The Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia (www.germanna.org) dedicated to preserving the heritage of the earliest organized colonial Virginia settlements by Germans; 14 families from the Siegerland in 1714, and 20 families from the Palatine and Baden-Wuerttemberg area of in 1717. The group organizes a trip each year to visit these German locations. Glen has a direct family connection to one of the Germanna colonists and he along with Sharon, his wife, completed the Germanna trip this Summer. He has some wonderful stories and photos documenting their visit to the homeland.

Need a ride? Contact Polly Swerdlin

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BAGS will begin hosting re-cap sessions to review the Society and program information provided in the previous general meeting. This is an opportunity for members that do not like to drive at night or missed the last meeting to benefit and participate.

September Journal - Please send material (articles, photos, five generation charts) to Melodey Hauch, editor.

It's Membership renewal time!

**The 2016-2017 Society year begins September 1.
Details on page 5.**



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President's Message



The Joshua Taylor Symposium which BAGS and Clayton Library Friends co-sponsored was a total success! Our support was strong by our many members who attended and assisted. Hopefully this joint experience was the first of many future successful projects.

Our Society will participate in the Clayton Genealogical Library inaugural Open House Saturday, October 8 from 11am to 4pm. This event reaches out to Houstonians unfamiliar with Clayton Library and genealogy. BAGS will host a table to share information about our society with visitors. Please let Kim Zrubek know, if you are interested in supporting BAGS at the table on that day.

All of our members bring talent to BAGS, creating a very successful Society. We not only have the opportunity to apply these talents within BAGS, but we can work closely with other genealogical groups and within other public events within our community. Our members can lead genealogical classes or activities for schools, guilds, churches, clubs, and youth organizations such as Scouts or 4-H. I ask each member **“Do you belong to any such group or do you have a family member in such a group?”** BAGS is willing to work with those groups.

My active genealogy involvement began years ago, when I provided transportation to my young son who was working on his Boy Scout Genealogy Merit Badge. I would drive him to the Clayton Library and while he was conducting his own research, I would use that time to work on my own our family history. This lead to a more active participation with the Boy Scout Troop, encouraging other scouts to work on their own Genealogy Merit Badge.

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.

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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2016 BAGS Calendar



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.

New Society Year – Sept 1



Sunday, September 11 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: Members Helping Members for both beginners and advanced researchers. Meet at Helen Hall Library.



Tuesday, September 20 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.



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.



Sunday, October 9 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: Members Helping Members for both beginners and advanced researchers. Meet at Helen Hall Library.



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.



Sunday, November 13 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: Members Helping Members for both beginners and advanced researchers. Meet at Helen Hall Library.



Monday, November 14 at 6:30pm: Board Meeting at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. All members are welcome to attend.



Friday, November 18 at 7:00pm: General Meeting. Andrew Shaner will discuss what to expect and how to prepare for researching at the National Archives based on his personal research trip experience.



Saturday, December 3 at 11:00am to 1:00pm: Annual Holiday Luncheon. Come enjoy the holiday spirit and a pleasant lunch with friends at the Hope Village Cafe in Friendswood. Members and guests are invited. Lunch is dutch.



Sunday, December 11 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: Members Helping Members for both beginners and advanced researchers. Meet at Helen Hall Library.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



Friday, January 27 at 7:00pm: General Meeting.

Annual Writing and Website Awards

Deadline September 15



During 2015 and 2016, have you published your family history or the history of a county or community? Or compiled and published collections of transcribed local records of genealogical value such as cemetery, newspaper, census, or courthouse? If yes, consider submitting your work to compete for an award.

Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS) offers cash prizes for the following awards to partner societies and individual members who have paid their dues for the full year 2016. The Bay Area Genealogical Society is a partner society of TxSGS. To participate in individual writing awards, you need to join TxSGS. A personal membership is \$25 per year. Membership may be applied retroactively. First through third place cash awards will be presented during the Awards Banquet at the TxSGS Annual Conference on Saturday, October 29, 2016 in Dallas, TX. BAGS member Melodey Hauch has won several TxSGS writing awards for her self-published books and as editor of the BAGS Quarterly.

Writing Awards - book, manuscript, column, periodical

All books entered in the competition will be donated to the Texas State Library & Archives Genealogy collection in Austin, or, if that library has a copy, then to another library whose collection is open to the public. In addition to the awards in each category, a grand prize will be awarded to the best overall entry in the book competition, regardless of the category. The grand prize award is \$400. Submission details for each category are listed online at <http://www.txsgs.org/programs/awards-grants/writing-awards>

Category I:	Books by Non Professionals
Category II:	Books by a Professional
Category III:	Manuscripts
Category IV:	Family Periodicals by an Individual
Category V:	Columnist Award
Category VI:	Official Periodicals of Partner Societies
Category VII:	Books Published by Partner Societies
Category VIII:	Student Projects

Website Awards

The purpose of these awards is to encourage partner societies and individual members to promote genealogy and history on the web, sharing information and servicing our global communities. There are three categories for these awards and the submission details for each category are listed online at <http://www.txsgs.org/programs/awards-grants/website-awards>

Category I:	Website for a Partner Society
Category II:	Website for an individual Member's genealogy and family history
Category III:	Website by an individual member of a general genealogy or historical nature, not specifically on the member's family, but a county web page or a DNA study.

New Society Year – Begins September 1

Renew Your Membership



It's that time of year again! We are accepting new and renewing membership applications for the 2016-2017 fiscal year; which runs from September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017. The renewal rates remain the same — a **single membership** is \$20; a **family membership** is \$25; and there is a \$5 fee, if you want the BAGS *Journal* and *Yearbook* mailed to you.

I encourage all of you to support BAGS with a contribution 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. Thank you.

Please fill out a membership application form with your renewal. The form is on page 9 of this newsletter. Print and mail the form to the **Registrar's address** at P.O. Box 590853, Houston, TX 77259-0853, or bring the form with you to the next general meeting you attend. In addition, I will have forms available at the Registrar's table when you enter the meeting room.

On behalf of the Board, we appreciate very much your membership in BAGS which supports our Society's focus to educate and promote genealogy. I look forward to seeing you all at the next general meeting!

Bob Wegner, BAGS Registrar

BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on 31 May 2016	\$5,940.13
December Deposits	\$12.17
December Expenditures	<u>\$192.50</u>
Balance on 30 June 2016	\$5,759.80

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 30 June 2016	\$3,731.79
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Recording Secretary Needed

Help us start the new year out right! Volunteer to be the Society's Recording Secretary. The Board is a fun bunch to work with. We need someone to capture actions made at monthly Board and membership meetings. If you are interested, contact a Board member.

Thank you to members....

Deborah Gammon for assisting Bettejean Spataphore with the Society's publicity duties.

Mike McCown for serving as our TXSGS delegate at the Annual Conference in October, 2016.

Kathie and Norm Chaffee, Terri Myers, Amanda Pearson, George Porterfield, Teresa Rundell, and Polly Swerdlin for preparing and distributing registration packages, organizing and providing carpools, and distributing lunches.



PHOTO OP: Add or update your membership photo for the *Yearbook*. Bill Mayo will be available at the general meetings to take your picture for the new year.

PASSWORD Change: In September, the password needed to access the Members Page on the BAGS website (www.TxBayAreaGen.org) will change. Ask a Registrar for the new password.

BAGS Education Corner

New Members Helping Members Session Dates:

Sunday, September 11, October 9,
November 13, and December 11

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.



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

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. Details on information shared during previous sessions are posted on the BAGS website under Workshops.



FREE RootsTech Family Discovery Day

Saturday, September 17 from 9:00am to 3:00pm in League City!

All classes will be held at the South Shore Chapel located at 4655 South Shore Blvd, League City. Free admission and snacks will be provided. Register online now at www.lcaccessingancestors.com Specify which workshop you would like to attend each hour from 10am to 2pm. There is space to request alternate topics and special accommodations. The workshop schedule is listed below by session. According to the Friendswood Family History Center, the circled workshops are available only to LDS members.

Session_Start_Time	Station_One	Station_Two	Station_Three	Station_Four	Station_Five
10:00 AM	Family History Basics	30 Names In 30 Minutes	Genetic Genealogy/Geni	Youth Session - Theory Of Relativity	Using Google For Effective Searches
10:45 AM	- Break -	- Break -	- Break -	- Break -	- Break -
11:00 AM	Family History Basics	Intermediate Family Search	Holes In Your Brick Wall	Youth Session - I'm Not Stuck, I'm Ancestrally Challenged!	Finding With An Incomplete Family Tree
11:45 AM	- Break -	- Break -	- Break -	- Break -	- Break -
12:00 PM	Family History Basics	30 Names In 30 Minutes	Genetic Genealogy/Geni	Youth Session - The Amazing Race	Finding Elusive Records on Family Search.org
12:45 PM	- Break -	- Break -	- Break -	- Break -	- Break -
1:00 PM	Family History Basics	Intermediate Family Search	Library Resources	Youth Session - Lightning Lineage	My Ancestors Are From Britain - What Do I Do Next?
1:45 PM	- Break -	- Break -	- Break -	- Break -	- Break -
2:00 PM	Requested Topics and Questions	Requested Topics and Questions	Requested Topics and Questions	Requested Topics and Questions	Requested Topics and Questions

Local Events

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month Saturday, September 24 at the

Clayton Library located at 5300 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004. For more information or reservation, call the library at 832-393-2600. Programs are free and open to the public.

noon: Crossing The Frontera - If your ancestor crossed into the U.S. from Mexico between 1895 and 1957, you may find him or her documented in border crossing records. In this recorded webinar we learn about the content of these records and how they may identify your ancestor's place of origin.

1:00pm: Historical and Genealogical Resources of the Texas General Land Office Archives - The Texas GLO Archives houses land grant records, maps and associated documents from the successive governments of Texas - the Crown of Spain, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, and the State of Texas. An archivist from the Texas GLO will speak on these holdings and their value to early Texas genealogical research.

Historical Marker and Defender Medallion Dedication for Texian Navy Captain Levi Harby

Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 1:00pm at Hebrew Benevolent Cemetery on 41st and Broadway, Galveston, TX. Reception to follow at The Cradle located at 2902 Ave O 1/2, Galveston, TX. RSVP to msfleitas@aol.com or jim.smithson@sbcglobal.net



Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference

**August 31 – September 3
in Springfield, Illinois**

This conference has 160 sessions, 72 expert speakers from around the world, 10 luncheons with speakers, 7 workshops, 2 interactive seminars, and an exhibit hall. Daily tracks include strong programming on the topics of U.S. Midwest (regional track), the United Kingdom (British Isles and Commonwealth track), and continental European research (ethnic track). Details posted online at www.fgsconference.org. A few printed conference schedules were mailed to the Society. If you want one, contact Kim Zrubek.



Annual Texas State Genealogical (TxSGS) Family History Conference October 28-30, 2016 in Dallas, Texas

Features Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL (www.legalgenealogist.com) and Cyndi Ingle (www.CyndisList.com). Access registration, program schedule, and speaker list at www.txsgs.org/conference

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Membership Application

Please bring to meeting or mail to above address with payment.

Membership: New _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

Full Name _____

Maiden Name _____ Preferred Name for Name Tag _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP Code _____

E-mail _____ Phone # _____

If this is a family membership, list the other family members' full names:

Occupation or, if retired, previous occupation of primary member _____

Occupation or, if retired, previous occupation of other member(s) _____

May we print your address, e-mail address and phone number in the Society's yearbook? Yes ___ No ___

Research interests (list states or countries, etc.) and surnames _____

I need help with _____

The Society needs your participation. Check the committee(s) on which you are willing to serve:

County Coordinator Hospitality Pedigree Charts Web Master

Education Journal Programs Welcoming

E-Mail Member Services Publicity Yearbook

Finance Newsletter Telephone

Other (Specify; or I can help with e.g., translation or research) _____

Payment – To calculate your payment, please choose one from each category:

Single membership \$20

Family membership... \$25 \$ _____

Donation (Contributor - \$5-\$29, Benefactor - \$30-\$49,
Patron - \$50-\$599, Lifetime membership - \$600 or higher) \$ _____

Journal(s) included at no additional charge if picked up
by end of Society year

Journal(s) & Yearbook by mail ... \$5 \$ _____

[Journal(s) mailed all together at year end]

Make checks out to "BAGS" Cash Check # _____ TOTAL \$

IF YOUR INFORMATION CHANGES DURING THE YEAR, PLEASE NOTIFY THE REGISTRAR.