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Friday, January 27, 2017: Genealogical Proof Standard presented by Nick Cimino

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](#)).**

Using the Genealogical Proof Standard in your family research may help you successfully defend your applications to lineage societies. This standard is used within the genealogical community to communicate the quality of research performed by professional and non-professional genealogists. Come discover what steps you can follow to ensure high-quality research.

Nick Cimino is a professional genealogist researching in North America, Italy, Germany, United Kingdom and Ireland. He is a native of California and has resided in Texas since 2010. He conducts research on a wide variety of families including those of European, African-American and Hispanic ancestry. Nick is Vice President of the Lone Star Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists

(www.lonestarapg.com), BAGS First Vice President, and District 4 Representative to the Texas State Genealogical Society. Nick has a passion for genealogy that he expresses through consultations, presentations, and a weekly blog featuring articles on family history and online genealogy research techniques at www.AncestorPuzzles.com. Follow him on social media: Twitter @ancestorpuzzles, Ancestor Puzzles on Facebook and Nick Cimino on Google+.



Nick Cimino

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Sunday, January 8 from 2pm to 4pm**

**Recap session for last November's
general meeting
Saturday, January 14 at 11am**

**Next Bus Trip to Clayton Library
Wednesday, January 25**

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President's Message



The holiday season, as well as anytime of the year, is an excellent time for each of us to advance our family genealogical research when traveling and/or visiting with relatives.

The traveling provides a great opportunity to visit local county courthouses, libraries or other archival locations to view source documents and gather information. Talk to everyone there to learn what is available and gather more clues regarding your family and the local history that affected your family. Visiting with relatives is a wonderful chance to listen to family stories (both factual and exaggerated), verify information that you have previously recorded and share research information with them.

I urge every BAGS member to take advantage of the many membership opportunities available to you to learn and share. We are fortunate to be a part of a group of great individuals who are actually good friends. This newsletter lists dates of BAGS activities including the Members Helping Members sessions, the last Friday of the each month's general meetings, the recap sessions for these meetings, the bus trips to the Clayton Library, educational opportunities and notification of other genealogical organization meetings. Our new tote bags, USB flash drives, cookbooks and other BAGS merchandise is available for you to utilize with the associated donation amounts. The excellent Society's publications are there for you to share your stories and helpful information with others in the wonderful articles. The annual *Yearbook* is available online at the BAGS website on Members Page to provide contact information with fellow members and includes the Society's By-Laws. The 2016-2017 updated version will be published in January or February 2017.

Please contact any Board member or Committee member with any suggestion that you have to improve our great group.

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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2017 BAGS Calendar

Happy New Year!



January



Sunday, January 8 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: Members Helping Members for both beginners and advanced researchers. Meet at Helen Hall Library located at 100 W. Walker, League City which is on Hwy 3 one light south of FM 518.



Saturday, January 14 at 11:00am to noon: Recap session for November 18, 2016 meeting. Discussion of National Archives federal record resources. Meet at Friendswood Public Library (building renovations are completed) located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood.



Monday, January 23 at 6:30pm: Board Meeting at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. **All members are welcome to attend.**



Wednesday, January 25 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 free resource is provided by the Harris County Senior Program. A minimum of nine people must sign up per the county regulations. Board the bus in front of the parking lot at the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center (16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062).



Friday, January 27 at 7:00pm: General Meeting. Nick Cimino, Professional Genealogical, will discuss the Genealogical Proof Standard.

February



Saturday, February 4 at 11:00am to noon: Recap session for January 27, 2017 meeting. Meet at Friendswood Public Library (building renovations are completed) located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood.



Thursday, February 16 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Bus Trip to Clayton Library.



(DATE CHANGE) Sunday, February 19 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: Members Helping Members for both beginners and advanced researchers. Meet at Helen Hall Library located at 100 W. Walker, League City which is on Hwy 3 one light south of FM 518.



Monday, February 20 at 6:30pm: Board Meeting at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. **All members are welcome to attend.**



Friday, February 24 at 6:30pm: General Meeting and Potluck Dinner. Former Astronaut Retired USAF Colonel Jerry L. Ross discusses his experience with transcribing, researching, and organizing Harriet Dillabaugh's fourteen diaries to create his recently published book *The Diaries of Harriet "Hattie" Dillabaugh 1889-1940*.

March



Saturday, March 4 at 11:00am to noon: Recap session for February 24, 2017 meeting. Meet at Friendswood Public Library.



Tuesday, March 7 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Bus Trip to Clayton Library.



Sunday, March 12 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: Members Helping Members for both beginners and advanced researchers. Meet at Helen Hall Library.



Education Committee:
Nick Cimino (chair)

Members Helping Members Sessions

Sundays: January 8, February 19, March 12, April 9

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

***Nick Cimino, Professional Genealogist, is willing to mentor members interested
in working towards professional genealogist certification.***



General Meeting Recap Sessions For Members

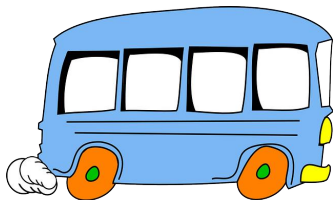
- *Missed the general meeting?*
- *Do not like to drive at night to attend the general meetings*
- *Want to discuss last month's presentation content in more detail?*

Saturdays: January 14, February 4, March 4, April 15

from 11am to noon at

**Friendswood Public Library located at
416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood.**

These sessions are designed to share with members the announcements, speaker presentation information and handouts from the last general meeting. Program is hosted by members for members. The last BAGS *Journal* and BAGS *Yearbook* will be available for pickup.



Bus Tips to Clayton Library Details

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

If you want to participate in one of the future bus trips, please signup by contacting Mary Martin by phone 281-332-2435 or e-mail lmartin497@aol.com. This free resource is provided by the Harris County Senior Program. A minimum of nine people must sign up per the county regulations. Board 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.

Welcome New Members!



Ernestine Sylvia Dahlin of Friendswood. She needs help finding her great-grandfather W.F. Green. She is researching family in West Virginia, Virginia, and Texas.

Deborah Elliott of Houston. She is researching family in Chicago, Illinois and needs help researching her birth mother's family.

Paul and Shellie Martin of Houston. They are researching family surnames Martin, Hays, Hitcock, Tyson, and Maddox in Germany, Texas, and Tennessee.

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



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of BAGS charter member Wanda Lou Brackeen Yelverton of Taylor Lake Village who passed on December 9, 2016. Her obituary is available online at Crowder Funeral Home www.crowderfuneralhome.com/obituaries/wanda-lou-yelverton and www.FindAGrave.com.

BAGS on Display

BAGS will sponsor an exhibit on genealogy during the month of March at the Freeman Library in Clear Lake City. Polly Swerdlin is coordinating the setup.

Please consider contributing to this display by loaning photos and memorabilia. More details to come. The current working theme is:
Our Grandparent's Stories

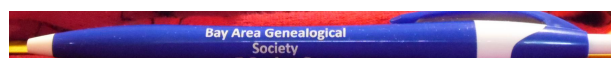
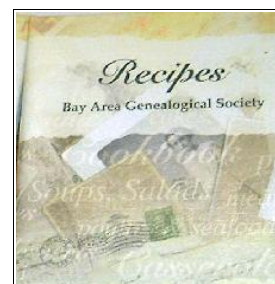
BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on 31 October 2016	\$5,739.67
December Deposits	\$0.00
December Expenditures	<u>\$182.78</u>
Balance on 30 November 2016	\$5,556.89

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 30 November 2016	\$3,731.79
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BAGS merchandise is available for a donation at the general meetings: Laptop Brief Bags (\$25), USB drives (\$10), Cookbooks (\$10), and Pens (\$1).



Local Events

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. Clayton Library website: www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

Hispanic Genealogy Research Help Saturdays January 7 and February 4 from noon to 2pm

Need help finding your Hispanic family roots? Members of the Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston will be available for consultation and research help. No reservations required.

West Augusta District: Monongalia, Youghiogheny and Ohio Counties Saturday, January 21 from 10:30am to 11:30am

Explore the various places to find your ancestor in the land records of the West Augusta District. Your people might be found in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, and or West Virginia land records.

DAR Day Saturday, January 21 from 10:30am to 4:30pm

Ever wonder how to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)? Representatives from local DAR chapters will be at Clayton Library for consultation and research help in preparing lineage papers for submission to the DAR. No reservations required.

DNA and the African-American Experience Saturday, February 11 from 2pm to 3:30pm

Have you taken a DNA test but find the results confusing? Or are you considering taking one and don't know what to expect? Join Clayton Library staff member Franklin Smith for an introductory presentation covering test providers, types of DNA tests, and how to analyze test results. Learn to navigate provider sites and discover the benefits of GEDmatch.com. Gain tips and strategies for overcoming DNA challenges facing African-Americans.

Johann F. Gisch and The painting of The Battle of Lookout Mountain presented by Ronnie Janecka Saturday, January 7 from 10am to noon at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77074.

Ronnie Janecka began her research of her great-grandfather, Johann F. Gisch, starting with his baptismal certificate written in German and leading to her discovery that he became a Confederate soldier who was captured in 1863 and held in the Union's Rock Island Prison. She will explain how she learned of her great-grandfather's connection to the mystery of the painting of The Battle of Lookout Mountain from the Union perspective by a Confederate soldier as shown on an episode of PBS's "History Detectives".

Free Live Webinars from Legacy Family Tree.

Choose from 76 classes from genealogy's leading educators on topics ranging from genealogy technology, to DNA, to in-depth research methodologies. This series includes first time genealogy celebrities like Blaine Bettinger of theGeneticGenealogist.com, Ireland's John Grenham, and Craig Scott of HeritageBooks.com; major genealogy organizations like WikiTree, FamilySearch, and Evidentia; and will explore for the first time countries such as Mexico, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, and Norway. Also learn about DNA, software, photography, Quakers, virtual family reunions, the Genealogical Proof Standard and so much more.

All live webinars are free and their recordings are free to watch for the first 7 days.

Register for one or multiple webinars at once by accessing this link and receive a reminder email both one day and one hour prior to the live event. <http://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars-multireg.php>

Printable brochure

<http://familytreewebinars.com/pdf/ftwbrochure-1481040970.pdf> to share with your friends, genealogy society, or Family History Center.

BAGS Annual Holiday Party at Hope Village Café, December 2016

(These photos taken by Bill Mayo are available at the BAGS Website for download. Access www.TxBayAreaGen.org then hover over “About Us” menu and then click on “Photo Gallery.” Click on “2016” and then click on “December Holiday Party” in 2016 to view the photos.



Lynn Mathes, Gloria Dupuy and new member Deborah Elliott



Sue and Mike McCown and Ralph Weiss



new member Ernestine Dahlin, Oletia Teas and Annette Bowen



Susie Ganch, Mamie Atkinson and Jeanine Lawrence



Sharon and Glen Cress and George Porterfield



Mary and Loren Martin



Garry and Renee Garrett



Kathie and Norm Chaffee

BAGS Annual Holiday Party at Hope Village Café, December 2016 (continued)



Betty Wegner, Chester and JoAnn Karrick, Bob Wegner



Bill Mayo



The gang enjoying lunch. Thank you to the Hope Village Cafe Staff for hosting this event.



Next Month's meeting includes a potluck dinner!

Friday, February 24 at 6:30pm

Program: Former Astronaut Retired USAF Colonel Jerry L. Ross discusses his experience with transcribing, researching, and organizing Harriet Dillabaugh's fourteen diaries to create his recently published book *The Diaries of Harriet "Hattie" Dillabaugh 1889-1940*. Hattie and her husband Dan are the sister-in-law and brother to Colonel Ross's great-great grandfather.