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Friday, February 27, 2017: *The Diaries of Harriet "Hattie" Dillabaugh 1889-1940* and Potluck Dinner

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

**We meet at the University Baptist Church (UBC) in the Fellowship Hall,
1st floor (just next door to the Chapel)**

(16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059 - [online map](#)).

Come listen to Former Astronaut Retired USAF Colonel Jerry L Ross discuss 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. Colonel Ross has also authored two books 1) *Becoming a Spacewalker: My Journey to the Stars* and 2) *Spacewalker: My Journey in Space and Faith as NASA's Record-Setting Frequent Flyer*. Copies of his books will be available at the meeting.



Jerry L Ross
(NASA photo)

Also this evening, the Society is hosting a potluck dinner. Drinks are provided. Members are invited to bring an entree, side dish or a salad. Please remember to bring serving utensils. The dinner and program will be held in the Fellowship Hall located on the 1st floor just past the Chapel. Begin arriving at 6:00pm to set out food dishes. We will begin eating at 6:30 pm and the program starts at 7:00pm.

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Recap session for February's general meeting
Saturday, March 4 at 11am

Bus Trip to Clayton Library
Tuesday, March 7 at 9am

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Welcome New Member!



Gale French of Friendswood. Gale teaches a Y-DNA online class through DNAAdoption Training website (<http://moodle.dnagedcom.com>) and he has self-published several family history books.

Please give a hearty welcome him at the next meeting.

BAGS on Display

BAGS will sponsor an exhibit during the month of March at the Freeman Library in Clear Lake City. Polly Swerdlin is coordinating the setup. The theme is: *Our Grandparent's Stories*. Do you have a story that can be told with pictures or documents? Do you have memorabilia that will draw attention to the display? Create a poster or send her some photos to pmswerdlin@gmail.com. Bring your display items to the February meeting. Setup will be March 1 at 9 a.m.

**The display in the Freeman Library is very large.
We need your participation to fill it up!**



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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2017 BAGS Calendar

February



Saturday, February 4 at 11:00am to noon: Recap session for January 27 meeting. Meet at Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood.



Thursday, February 16 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).



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 the 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 meeting. Meet at Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood.



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.



Monday, March 27 at 6:30pm: Board Meeting at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. **All members are welcome to attend.**



Friday, March 31 at 6:30pm: General Meeting. Nancy Royce, from the Friendswood Family History Center, will discuss records and strategies to use in researching early Kentucky records.

April



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



Saturday, April 15 at 11:00am to noon: Recap session for February 24 meeting. Meet at Friendswood Public Library.



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



Friday, April 28 at 6:30pm: General Meeting. Member Gale French will present Gold Star Mothers research and resources.



Education Committee:
Nick Cimino (chair)

Members Helping Members Sessions

**Sundays from 2-4pm at
Helen Hall Library,
100 W. Walker, League City
which is on Hwy 3 one light
south of FM 518.**

Dates:

**Sunday, February 19
Sunday, March 12
Sunday, April 9
Sunday, June 11
Sunday, July 9
Sunday, August 13**

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 public WiFi is available inside the library. Details on information shared during previous sessions are posted on the BAGS website under "Workshops."

NEW! DNA Help Desk available at the February and March sessions!

Thank you to members Glen Cress, Gale French, and Mike McCown who are offering their assistance during BAGS Members Helping Members sessions in interpreting DNA test results or evaluating which DNA test to use.

General Meeting Recap Sessions For Members

**Saturdays from 11am to
noon at Friendswood Public
Library, 416 S. Friendswood
Drive, Friendswood.**

Dates:

**Saturday, February 4
Saturday, March 4
Saturday, April 15**

- ▶ *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?*

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.

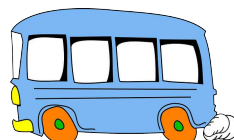
Bus Tips to Clayton Library Details

**Meet at Clear Lake
Community Association and
Recreation Center,
16511 Diana Lane, Houston,
TX 77062**

Dates:

**Thursday, February 16
Tuesday, March 7**

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.



Start Writing Your Family History – Here's How!

There are two opportunities for you to get started writing your family history. The trick is to start small and tackle one ancestor at a time.

First, BAGS is hosting a display at the Freeman Library. Gather your thoughts, records, notes, pictures, memorabilia about **one** of your grandparents and write a short paragraph – a story – documenting a memory, event, accomplishment, occupation, or hobby associated with this grandparent. Share the story and a photo, record, or memorabilia with member Polly Swerdlin who is coordinating the display setup. Deadline is the February general meeting.



Jane Thompson's father's collected metal toys in German during WWII



Olethia Teas showing early Teas Nursery in Houston



Lynn Finger's four-generation needlepoint

Second, *BAGS Journal* is publishing articles written by members that discuss one of their favorite ancestors and why. Expand on the information you shared for the BAGS library display and add pictures and sources. Send your articles to editor Melodey Hauch.

In the Legacy Family Tree webinar *Writing Up Your Research* presented by Michael J. Leclerc, CGSM, Michael suggested an easy way to tackle writing family history. Consider first writing a series of short works where each work focuses on the genealogy or local history of just one individual family or one small location. These short works can be the length of book chapters, articles, or monographs. Combine these short works together and you have created a book which can easily be extended. He also suggested alternative ways to share family history such as transcribing family documents and including annotations with additional information or create a slide show of photos and quotes. Michael recommended the following resources to help you become a successful published author.



1939 Civil Conservation Corps Camp in Marshall, TX shared by Bill Mayo

Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, 3rd ed.

Joan F. Curran, Madilyn Coen Crane, and John H. Wray, *Numbering Your Genealogy: Basic Systems, Complex Families, and International Kin* to help with numbering family members.

Penelope L. Stratton and Henry B. Hoff, CG, FASG, *Guide to Genealogical Writing: How to Write and Publish Your Family History*, 3rd ed.

National Archives and Records Administration

At the November 2016 general meeting, member Andy Shaner entertained us with recounting his visit to the National Archives in Washington D.C. After Andy explained the building and record access process, it was clear that if you do plan to visit a National Archives location to do research: 1) there is work you should do before the visit to make the process smoother, and 2) allow for as much time as possible for a day or multiple day visit. Andy thank you for presenting this program and attending the recap session to share your experience! Plan your visit to a National Archives site: www.archives.gov/research/start/plan-visit.html

Where you can find it: A network of nationwide federal record centers are open to the public. They are located in Fort Worth, Atlanta, Kansas City, St. Louis, Denver, San Francisco, Seattle, Dayton, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, New York City, and Washington D.C. Locations, Hours, and Directions are published www.archives.gov/locations

What you can find: You can find family history in federal records covering military service, immigration, naturalization, passports, censuses, land grants, Native American rolls, African-American post-Civil War support, petitions, pensions, post office service, maritime, trade, tax, etc. Search for your family names and locations in the Archives online catalog: www.archives.gov/research/catalog The results can be a mix of digitized record images and bibliographical records to physical records.

For example, enter the search terms **karrick kentucky**. The results include digitized images of civil war enlistment and compiled service records. These entries exist due to a partnership where Fold3 digitized the National Archive's microfilm rolls. These images can be found in both Fold3 (subscription-based) and here in the National Archives catalog (free). From the catalog, you can view an individual image, zoom in, and download/save to your computer.



Karrick, John P - Age 28, Year: 1863 - Personal Papers, I-KI

From RG: 94

Carded Records Showing Military Service of Soldiers Who Fought in Volunteer Organizations During the American Civil War

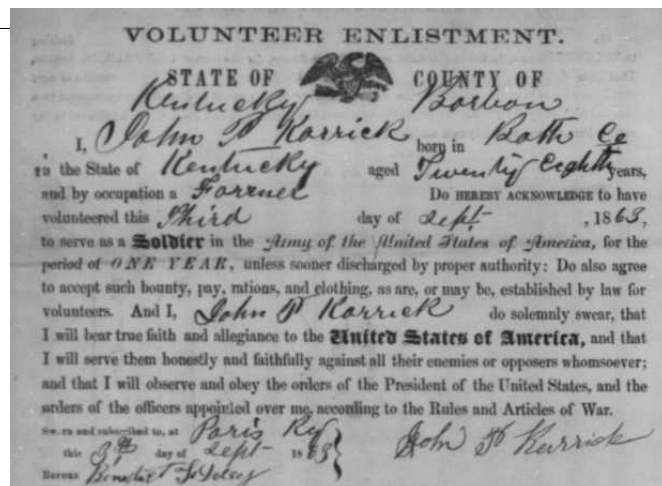
National Archives Identifier: 44103450 HMS Entry Number(s): PI17 519

Creators: War Department. The Adjutant General's Office. 3/4/1907-9/18/1947; War Department. Record and Pension Office. 1892-5/11/1904

Many of the catalog entries represent material that is not digitized. For those entries, view the catalog record and look for the "Contact(s)" section to determine the National Archives' physical location where this material resides. The record will also explain how much material is included, its format (e.g. paper, microfilm, electronic) and how it is organized.

Copy 1: Preservation-Reproduction-Reference

Contact(s): National Archives at College Park - Textu:
National Archives at College Park
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Phone: 301-837-3510
Fax: 301-837-1752
Email: Archives2reference@nara.gov



John P. Karrick enlisting in the Union Army
(1863 in Bourbon Co, Kentucky)

If you do plan to access the physical records, print this catalog record and take it with you to the archive site. You will need this information to make a request for the staff to pull the material. Call the archive site before you go to confirm this material is currently accessible and the site will be open on the day(s) you plan to visit. Restoration or bindery activities can prevent access to materials for some period of time.

January Program Recap

Thank you Nick Cimino for presenting “Digging Deeper with GPS: Case studies demonstrating the Genealogical Proof Standard.” This program provided examples demonstrating why GPS needs to be applied and what resources can be used to perform a reasonably exhaustive search. Nick and audience members stressed that GPS should be applied at the time a record is found to document the support or conflict created by the new information, helping you to build a solid case.

Here is the access information for resource material referenced during the presentation:

Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case by Christine Rose The 4th edition (2014) is available on her website www.christine4rose.com. The 3rd edition is available on Amazon.com

Evidence Process Map in-depth lesson by Elizabeth Shown Mills is available online at www.evidenceexplained.com/content/quicklesson-17-evidence-analysis-process-map entitled “QuickLesson 17: The Evidence Analysis Process Map”

A Metaphor for Genealogical Proof by Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL can be found in his online article *Why Do Family Historians need A Proof Standard?* (2012) at (copy and paste this link) [broadcast.lds.org/elearning/FHD/Community/en/Community/Thomas W. Jones/Jones_ProofStandard_handout.pdf](http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/FHD/Community/en/Community/Thomas%20W.%20Jones/Jones_ProofStandard_handout.pdf)

FamilySearch Wiki for background information on geographic location. www.familysearch.org/wiki

Harris County Appraisal District owner or address search: <http://hcad.org/property-search>

Galveston County Appraisal District owner or address search: www.galvestoncad.org

Portal to Texas History: <https://texashistory.unt.edu>

Handbook of Texas Online: <https://tshaonline.org/handbook-search-results>

BAGS News

Program Schedule for future General Meetings

March 31: Researching early Kentucky records by Nancy Royce, Friendswood Family History Center.

April 28: Gold Star Mothers research and resources by member Gale French.

May 26: SAR and SRT research strategies by Thomas Green, SAR and SRT member.

June 30: *Genealogy in Your Jammies - Part 2* by Sue Yerby, professional genealogist and Family History Consultant.

July 28: Native American research resources by Marjorie Lowe.

August 25: Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner

September 29: *Long Live Your French Ancestors* by Irene Walters, Clayton Library staff.

BAGS Merchandise

is available for a donation at the general meetings:

- Laptop Brief Bags (\$25)
- USB drives (\$10)
- Cookbooks (\$10)
- Pens (\$1)



BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on 30 November 2016	\$5,556.89
December Deposits	\$335.00
December Expenditures	<u>\$16.50</u>
Balance on 31 December 2016	\$5,875.39

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 31 December 2016	\$3,731.79
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Local Events

African American Heritage – Resource Lectures

Saturday, February 25 from 10:30am to 3:45pm at the Clayton Library located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston. Reservations required, please call the library at 832-393-2600.

Guest speaker Ari Wilkins is a genealogist, a library associate in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, lecturer, and family historian. She has concentrated her interests in North Carolina and Louisiana research and specializes in African American genealogy and research. Ms. Wilkins consults for the AfriGeneas website and Proquest's African American Heritage database. She has lectured nationally at FGS societies, Samford's Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research, and Alabama State University Genealogical Colloquium.

10:30am: Apprentice Records for Free People of Color

Explore apprentice records, laws, and circumstances surrounding free children of color. Learn how to find, use, and analyze these documents. Presented by guest speaker Ari Wilkins.

11:45am: Using Southern Ante Bellum Plantation Records

Learn about the value of these records, how they are organized, and how to search this major collection. Presented by guest speaker Ari Wilkins.

1:30pm: Mining the Slave Narratives: A Genealogical Goldmine

For African-Americans the Slave Narratives are not just a rich historical resource but a genealogical goldmine of family history. Join us as staff member Franklin Smith covers tips and strategies, including DNA research, for mining the precious gems of information these documents might contain about your ancestors and their communities.

2:45pm: African-American Resources at HPL's Houston Metropolitan Research Center and the African American Library at the Gregory School

This presentation will highlight the types of records found in archival collections for African-American research that are housed at the sister Special Collections units to Clayton Library.

Free Lecture Series – Kevin Meyers

Saturday, March 11 from 10:30am to 2:30pm at the Clayton Library located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston. Reservations required. Call the library at 832-393-2600.

Guest speaker Kelvin Meyers is a forensic genealogist and author. After being employed for ten years in the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library, Mr. Meyers now has a solo practice as a forensic genealogist serving clients that include probate attorneys, trust department of banks, the U.S. Immigration Service, and energy companies. Reservations required, please call the library at 832-393-2600.

10:30am: Who Cares Who Their Neighbors Were? You Do! That's Who!

Your ancestors did not live solitary lives. They lived, loved, hated, sued, and died all within a particular group of people. Examining this cluster of people may be the only way to get to your ancestors and the questions concerning them.

11:45am: The Hand that Rocked the Cradle Could Rule the World

Half of the people on your pedigree chart are female, and may be the most difficult to identify. With a basic knowledge of sources created about and by women, and how to locate these sources, finding the females in your family may not be so hard after all.

1:30pm: Probate: More Than a Will

Wills, distributions, administrations, and inventories are all vital parts of the probate process and full of genealogical information.

Live Webinars – February / March

Come watch live Legacy Family Tree webinars at Friendswood Public Library, 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood.

Finding Missing Persons With DNA Testing **Wednesday, February 22 from 1:00 to 2:30pm**

Are You My Grandpa? Men of the Same Name **Tuesday, March 21 from 7:00 to 8:30pm**

A complete list of these free webinars can be found online at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com