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Friday, May 26, 2017: Thomas Green discusses research resources and strategies for SRT and SAR membership and Potluck Dinner

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

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

Thomas Bruce Green III, a U.S. Navy veteran, is active in both the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and spends much of his time promoting these two Societies. He was inducted as a Knight of the Order of San Jacinto at the annual convention of the SRT in 2006, the highest award of the SRT, which was started in 1843 by President Sam Houston during the Republic of Texas days. Tom has received the National Merit Award by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, the George Washington Distinguished Service Award by the Paul Carrington SAR Chapter, and the San Jacinto Star Award by the San Jacinto SRT Chapter. Tom is a Colonel in the Texas Army and an Admiral in the Texas Navy. Tom is also a member of the American Legion and the North American Vexillological Association (the study of flags) and has collected or made over 75 historic flags of both the American Revolutionary and the Texas Revolutionary periods. He presented his "Flags Over Texas" program to BAGS in January 2012.



Thomas Green

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. 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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Pickup your copy of the new Yearbook and Journal issue at the Friday meeting.

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**Members Helping Members
& Recap Sessions
Sunday, June 11 at 2pm**

Future Bus Trips To Clayton

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Welcome New Members!



June Baker of Houston. She is researching her family surname Reel in Texas.

Erin Rochelle Jennings of Houston. She would like help researching family in New Jersey, Germany, Italy, Ireland, United Kingdom, and Slovakia. She has a long list of surnames which includes Tinsman, Wieder, Kline, Bartleman, Hanna, Samsel, Simonton, Van Woggelum, and Huffnagle.

Nancy Carolyn Royce of Dickinson. She is researching surnames Griggs, Daniels, Thompson, West, Carr, Lee, Thornton, and Hargraves in the southern states.

Please give a hearty welcome to them at the next meeting.



The Friendswood Family History Center has a new phone number!

It is 281-819-5659.

They are located at 505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood TX 77546

There hours are:

Tuesday 10am to 2pm and 7pm to 9pm

Thursday and Friday 10am to 2pm

2nd Saturday each month 10am to 2pm

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2017 BAGS Calendar

May



Wednesday, May 17 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Bus Trip to Clayton Library.



No Member Helping Member or Recap sessions in May. Next date is June 11.



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



Friday, May 26 at 6:30pm: General Meeting and Potluck Dinner. SAR and SRT member Thomas Green discusses research resources and strategies for SAR and SRT membership.

June



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



Sunday, June 11 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm: Recap session for April and May general meetings. Meet at Helen Hall Library. Yes this will run concurrently with the member helping member session.



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



Friday, June 30 at 7:00pm: General Meeting. Professional Genealogist and Family History Consultant, Sue Yerby presents *Genealogy in Your Jammies Part 2*

July



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



Sunday, July 9 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm: Recap session for June general meetings. Meet at Helen Hall Library. Yes this will run concurrently with the member helping member session.



Tuesday, July 11 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Bus Trip to Clayton Library.



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



Friday, July 28 at 7:00pm: General Meeting. Current Houston Genealogical Forum President Marjorie Lowe will discuss Native American research.

August



Wednesday, August 2 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Bus Trip to Clayton Library.



Sunday, August 13 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: Members Helping Members & Recap Session for July general meeting. Meet at Helen Hall Library. Yes this will run concurrently with the member helping member session.



Friday, August 25 at 6:30pm: General Meeting. Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner. Meats will be supplied by the Society, please consider bringing a side dish or salad to share.



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, 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."

DNA Help Desk available at the sessions!

Thank you to members Susan Moyer, Glen Cress, Gale French, and Mike McCown for providing DNA research education and consultation during these meetings.

General Meeting Recap Sessions For Members

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

Dates:

**Sunday, June 11
Sunday, July 9
Sunday, August 13**

- ▶ *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.

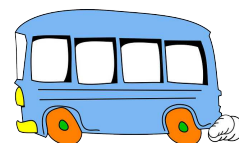
The June 11 meeting will cover material presented at the April and May general meetings.

Bus Tips to Clayton Library Details

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

Dates:

**Tuesday, July 11
Wednesday, August 2
Wed, September 6**



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.

Sons of the Republic Of Texas

The *first* Sons of the Republic of Texas was formed on April 21, 1893, at Richmond, Texas, by several sons and grandsons of veterans of the Texas Revolution. Their main purpose was to accompany the Texas Veterans Association members to their annual reunions. The Texas Veterans Association ceased to exist when its last member, Alphonso Steele, died in 1911. With the demise of the Texas Veterans Association, the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) slowly became inactive. However, in 1922 the ideas were revitalized. The State of Texas chartered the SRT in 1934.

The SRT has been an active leader in preserving Texas' rich heritage. In 1936, the SRT was instrumental in the design and construction of the San Jacinto Monument and the founding of the Museum. In 1957, the SRT influenced the Texas legislature to appropriate funds for the construction of the Texas State Library and Archive Building. In 2003, the SRT and other historical organizations worked with the Texas legislature to designate March as Texas History Month. In 2005, the SRT led the movement for the Texas legislature to designate the third Saturday in September of each year as Texian Navy Day.

Annually, the SRT awards monetary gifts and presents medals and certificates for the purpose of fostering and encouraging Republic of Texas history, scholarship and literary works. The **Summerfield G. Roberts Award** is given to the author of the outstanding work published on early Texas during the year. **Three college scholarships** are granted annually to high school seniors through an essay writing contest. **Educator of the Year Award** for outstanding efforts or activities that promoted the study of the history of the Republic of Texas. **The Presidio La Bahía Award** is given to best published book, paper, article periodical article, or project researching the Spanish colonial period of Texas.

From: *The Sons of the Republic of Texas*, "History," accessed May 21, 2017,
www.srttexas.org/about.html



Texas Resource Resources

The Kathryn Stoner O'Connor Mexican Manuscript Collection, 1555-1987

collected by the Sons of the Republic of Texas, is made up of 5,400 printed and manuscript documents, periodicals, pamphlets, and broadsides, predominantly written in Spanish, and ranging in date from the 16th through the 20th centuries. The collection includes government documents, financial records, legal petitions, political and ecclesiastical decrees, wills and legal testaments, and personal and business letters. A broad array of topics is covered in the collection, including information on government, politics, finances, work, religion, social status, marriage and family, and numerous other subjects of social and historical interest. Detailed description of the collection and links to associated digital content is available at

Texas Archival Resources Online, "A Guide to the Sons of the Republic of Texas Kathryn Stoner O'Connor Mexican Manuscript Collection, 1555-1987," www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/utsa/00107/utsa-00107.html

Some content dated between 1729 and 1868 has been digitized and can be searched and viewed online at <http://digital.utsa.edu/cdm/search/collection/p15125coll6>

Texas State Archives

Descriptive guides to their collections www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/index.html

Genealogy resources available www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/genfirst.html

The Bexar Archives consists of over 80 linear feet of Spanish and Mexican records relating to the governance of Texas and is one of the most important sources for the history of Texas prior to 1836 (i.e. the Spanish province of Texas and the Mexican state of Coahuila y Texas). The Archives have been housed at the University of Texas at Austin since 1899. Recently the Briscoe Center for American History began digitizing the Bexar Archives and providing transcriptions and translations for select items. (continued on page 6)

Texas Resource Resources (continued)

The Bexar Archives Online

(www.cah.utexas.edu/projects/bexar/index.php) is an innovative web-based resource that features over 5,000 original documents (23,000 pages) that have been digitized from microfilm. Researchers may browse, by year, the originals and translations, or compare an original and its translation side-by-side. Full-text searching of the translations is also supported. From: *Briscoe Center For American History*, "Strengths – Texas History: The Bexar Archives," access May 21, 2017, www.cah.utexas.edu/collections/bexar.php

The Laredo Archives

consists of 3,245 documents recording the history of Laredo from its founding in 1755 to 1848, when it became part of the United States. The Laredo Archives consist of the official documents preserved at Laredo under the rule of Spain, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, and the United States. Edicts from the Spanish king, the viceroy, and the archbishop, together with correspondence of the alcaldes, military and land records, election returns, census records, and other local matters were accumulated at Laredo in the conduct of the government. Materials are transcripts and microfilm copies of the Laredo Archives, dating from 1749 to 1896, with the bulk dating from 1768 to 1834. This archives are located on the 2nd Floor of the Blume Library at the St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX. There are seven digitized indexes available through The Portal of Texas History (<https://texashistory.unt.edu>). Detailed description of the collection and links to associated digital content is available at *Texas Archival Resources Online*, "Laredo Archives," www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/tslac/10293/tsl-10293.html



BAGS News

- ★ Pickup your copy of the *2017 Yearbook* from Gary Garnett at any general meeting. It has pictures and contact information so you can stay in touch with fellow members.
- ★ Access current and archived *Yearbooks*, members' Surname list, 5-gen charts, archived *Quarterly* issues, and past program handouts from the **Members Page** on the BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org. Access requires a password which you can get from the Registrar Bob Wegner.

BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on 31 March 2017	\$5,257.71
December Deposits	\$0.00
December Expenditures	<u>\$146.70</u>
Balance on 30 April 2017	\$5,111.01

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 30 April 2017	\$3,795.26
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BAGS Merchandise

is available for a donation at the general meetings:

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



Local Events

Clayton Library

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

Fáilte (welcome) – to your Irish ancestry! Saturday, May 27 from 10:30am to noon

In this class you will explore some 21st century methods of finding and understanding the records created by your Irish ancestors. Civil registration, census, and church records in Eire and Northern Ireland will be explored. Many databases, both free and paid, which contain Irish records, will be touched upon. This program will be presented by Clayton Library staff member Irene B. Walters.

Hispanic Genealogy Research Help

Saturday, June 3 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.

DAR Day

Saturday, July 17 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

Great War: Researching Your World War I Ancestors

Wednesday, May 31 from 1pm to 2:30pm

Come watch this live free Legacy Family Tree webinars at Friendswood Public Library, 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546

English Genealogy Research Roundtable

**Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm at
the League City Family History Center**

located at 4655 South Shore Boulevard League City TX 77573. Entrance at the back of the building. Led by David Gardiner.

Naturalization Records

Saturday, June 10 from 10am to 11pm at George Memorial Library, 1001 Golfview Drive Richmond, TX 77469

Learn all about naturalization records to help further your genealogy research. The history and how the laws have changed over time will be discussed as well as the process and how to locate them. Discover what genealogical information can be found in this useful set of records.

Federation of Genealogical Societies 2017 Conference – Building Bridges to the Past

**August 30 – September 2 in Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania at the David L. Lawrence
Convention Center.**

Learn from leading family history speakers and educators. Programs, activities, and registration information is available online at www.fgsconference.org Pickup a copy of the printed program information at the next BAGS general meeting.

TSGS Annual Conference

**Friday, October 20 – Sunday, Oct 22
in Houston at the Omni Houston Hotel at
Westside.**

Featured speakers are Dr. Michael Lacopo, D.V.M. and J. Mark Lowe, CGSM Details on schedule and speakers will be published online at www.txsgs.org/conference