



# Bay Area Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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**Friday, June 30, 2017: Sue Yerby presents *Researching In Your Jammies***

*Public Invited. Join us at 6:30pm for socializing.*

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

FamilySearch.org looks like it will never stop growing and improving. Sue Yerby will discuss some of the wonders of FamilySearch as well as cover the new toys that they have added. Even someone who is not very computer literate can use this site with just a little training.

Sue Yerby's all consuming hobby, and often obsession, is genealogy. "It is like a potato chip, you can't find just one ancestor and quit." For over 38 years Sue has served as a Family History Consultant, teaching continuing education classes in genealogy, and developing and orchestrating several full day genealogy workshops. She holds memberships in many area genealogy societies including the Daughter of the American Revolution and is the current Board President for Clayton Library Friends.



Sue Yerby

Many Family History Centers (FHC) are available in the area including Alvin, Friendswood, Galveston, League City, and Pasadena. Their locations and hours of operation are listed on page 2. Find a FHC near you by entering a city and state on their center locator website

<https://familysearch.org/locations/centerlocator>

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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, July 9 at 2pm**

**Bus Trip to Clayton Library  
Tuesday, July 11 at 9am**



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## BAGS Journal Needs YOU!

Please share the story, photo or record.

*BAGS Journal* publishing content provided by members discussing ancestors, their lives, or local Houston area history.

Send submissions to editor Melodey Hauch.



## 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

Psst!

## Other Family History Centers in the area are:

### League City

4655 South Shore Boulevard, League City, Texas 77573

281-538-5356

Tues-Wed 7pm-9pm and Sat 10am-12pm

### Alvin

2700 Lehi Lane, Alvin, Texas 77511-3967

281-299-2381

Tues 6on-9pm; Wed 5:30pm-8:30pm; Thurs 7pm-9pm

Spanish record night; and Sun noon-2:00

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# 2017 BAGS Calendar

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## 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*

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## 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.** 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.



**Monday, June 26 at 6:30pm:**

**Board Meeting** at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. **All members are welcome to attend.**



**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.

## September



**Monday, September 25 at 6:30pm:**

**Board Meeting** at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. **All members are welcome to attend.**



**Friday, September 29 at 6:30pm:**

**General Meeting.** Clayton Library Staff Member, Irene Walters presents *Long Live Your French Ancestors!*



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:**

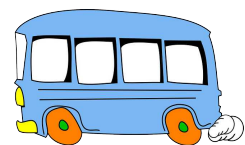
**Sunday, June 11  
Sunday, July 9  
Sunday, August 13**

- ▶ *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 July 9 meeting will cover material presented at the June general meetings.

## Bus Tips to Clayton Library Details

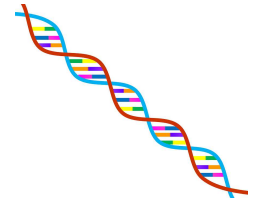


**Meet at Clear Lake  
Community Association and  
Recreation Center,  
16511 Diana Lane, Houston,  
TX 77062**

**Dates:**

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

If you want to participate in one of the future bus trips, please sign up by contacting Mary Martin by phone 281-332-2435 or e-mail [lmartin497@aol.com](mailto: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.



## What else can I do with my DNA results?

Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D, publishes the blog “The Genetic Genealogist” and co-authored the book *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* (2016) available at local libraries and through Amazon.com. His blog article “What Else Can I Do With My DNA Test Results?” lists app, extension, program, and website tools available to further analyze your raw DNA information generated from tests you participated in via 23andMe, FamilyTreeDNA, or AncestryDNA.

One option is to load your autosomal DNA information into GEDMatch to compare against a potentially larger group of people. GEDMatch is a website that provides DNA and genealogical analysis tools for amateur and professional researchers and genealogists. You have autosomal DNA data if you participated in AncestryDNA, 23andMe Ancestry, MyHeritage, or the FamilyFinder test from FamilyTreeDNA. That information can be exported from your testing company’s website and then uploaded into GEDMatch.

Access the online article at:

<http://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2013/09/22/what-else-can-i-do-with-my-dna-test-results>

## World War I Resources

### Gold Star Mothers

Gale French discussed the Gold Star Mother pilgrimage during the April general meeting. His handout contained website addresses to records and information resources. That handout is available on the BAGS website [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org). Click on the “Members Page” and then after entering the password, click on “Archived Meeting Handouts”. On the next page, click on the **2017-04-28** entry. The U.S. government invited and paid for mothers, stepmothers, and widows to travel overseas to visit the grave of their family member who died during active service in World War I and was interred in Europe. These women and their associated soldiers are listed in a book titled *Pilgrimage for the mothers and widows of soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces: now interred in the cemeteries of Europe as provided by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929*. This book is available at the Clayton Library (call# 40.465 U58 USA) and through Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. Entries include the woman's place of residence, the soldier's rank, organization, and cemetery where interred. Thank you Gale for a great program!

**FamilySearch.org:** <https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/289103> accesses the complete book for free. The book is organized by state and then by county within the state. Search for names within the book. Download the complete book or print individual pages.

**Ancestry.com:** <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4224> accesses a search index. View search results using a free account. Original pages can be viewed using a subscription login or access from within a Family History Center, Houston Public Library, Harris County Public Library, or Fort Bend Public Library.

### WWI Enemy Alien Registrations

In an attempt to minimize the threat from German aliens residing in the United States, the Presidential Proclamation of April 6, 1917 required persons of German birth who had not completed the naturalization process to register with the Justice Department. These records contain detailed family information, a physical description, fingerprints and a photo of the individuals registered. Currently only records from San Francisco, CA and Kansas have been digitized.

**FamilySearch.org:** *California, San Francisco, World War I Enemy Alien Registration Affidavits, 1918*  
<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1878523>

**Ancestry.com:** *Kansas, Registration Affidavits of Alien Enemies, 1917-1918*

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2137>

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## World War I Resources (continued from page 5)

### Transport and Merchant Lists

The *U.S., Army Transport Service, Passenger Lists, 1910-1939* collection recorded details on all persons leaving or arriving at U.S. ports on U.S. Army Transport Service ships. In addition to troops, passengers could also include nurses and other support personnel, family members, and any other passengers who may have been traveling onboard these ships. In some instances, troops from other countries traveled on U.S. Army ships as well.

**Ancestry.com:** <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=61174>

The U.S. Merchant Marine is a fleet of privately owned ships that act as an auxiliary arm of the military, transporting troops and supplies during wartime. This *U.S., Lists of Merchant Seamen Lost in WWI, 1914-1919* collection contains a list prepared by the Marine and Seamen's Division of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance of casualties and ships during World War I. The collection includes officers, seamen, enlisted personnel, and civilians that were either killed, wounded, or captured.

**Ancestry.com:** <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=60552>

### Hereditary Societies

A complete list of active hereditary societies in the USA and their known names, addresses, websites, founding dates, descriptions and membership guidelines can be found online at [www.hereditary.us/list\\_a.htm](http://www.hereditary.us/list_a.htm) On the left side, click on "Society Lists" to view the list by chronology of years founded or view the societies that have a website.



## BAGS News

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- ★ Pickup your copy of the *2017 Yearbook* from Gary Garrett 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](http://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 30 April 2017	\$5,111.01
December Deposits	\$64.50
December Expenditures	<u>\$217.50</u>
Balance on 31 May 2017	\$4,958.01

#### CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 31 May 2017	\$3,798.98
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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

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## 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. Clayton Library website: [www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton](http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton)

### Family History Writing Workshop Saturdays July 8, 15, and 22 from 10:30am to noon

Three-part series of free workshops on writing your family stories with guest speaker, author and blogger Devon Noel Lee. Class size is limited. Call the library at 832-393-2600 to make a reservation.

### DAR Day

#### Saturday, July 15 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

## 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.

## 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](http://www.fgsconference.org) Pickup a copy of the printed program information at the next BAGS general meeting.

## Beginning Genealogy Research & Clayton Library

Tuesday, June 27 at 6pm at Helen Hall Library located at 100 W. Walker, League City, TX 77573

Irene B. Walters, a librarian from the Clayton Library, will discuss the tools to use when beginning to research our families.

## Genealogy Tips & Tricks: Finding Ancestors by Not Searching the Known Information

Monday, July 31 at Helen Hall Library located at 100 W. Walker, League City, TX

Having trouble finding ancestors even though you know their names and dates and have information on the places they lived? Irene B. Walters, a librarian from the Clayton Library, will provide various tips and tricks for searching around the known family information to these “tricky” ancestors.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Save Texas History Symposium September 15 & 16

at The Commons Learning Center on the Pickle Campus of the University of Texas located 10100 Burnet Road, Bldg 137, Austin, TX 78758

On Friday, Texas WWI Resources Workshop and tour the GLO archives. Saturday is the symposium with several program topics and break out sessions plus a tour of the Texas Military Forces Museum. The symposium will examine Texas and Texans impact during WWI. Program and registration details online at [www.SaveTexasHistory.org](http://www.SaveTexasHistory.org)

## 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, CG<sup>SM</sup> Details on schedule and speakers will be published online at [www.txsgs.org/conference](http://www.txsgs.org/conference)