



# Bay Area Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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### **Friday, July 28, 2017: *Finding The Five Tribes: The Dawes Roll and Beyond* presented by Marjorie J. Lowe**

*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](#)).**

Learn how to research members of the five tribes (Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek and Seminole) removed from the southeastern U.S. to Oklahoma in the 1830's. Cherokee rolls also include Shawnees and Delawares, so there are actually seven tribes on these rolls. There are over 500 Federally recognized Native American tribes in the U.S. today.

Marjorie Lowe was born and raised on father's Cherokee allotment in Dewey, Oklahoma and is a registered member of the Cherokee Nation. She has over thirty years of experience researching records of the five tribes and specializes in Native American records located in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Marjorie published two books: *A Guide To the Cherokee National Museum Newspaper Collection* (compiled and edited) available at Clayton Library (call# 970.3 L913 USA) and *1835 Cherokee Valuations* (transcribed) also available at Clayton Library (call# 970.3 L913 USA).

### **Next Month's General Meeting Friday, August 25: Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner**

Start thinking about what family memorabilia (an item, brief story, event, or research discovery) you want to share with the group. The Society will provide BBQ meats for dinner. Members are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert. Guest and visitors are welcome.

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**\* Need a ride? Contact Amanda Pearson**

**\* *Details on page 4 for...***

**Bus Trip to Clayton Library, contact Mike McCown  
Wednesday, August 2 at 9am**

**Members Helping Members & Recap Sessions  
Sunday, August 13 at 2pm**

**\* *It's Membership renewal time!* The 2017-2018 Society year begins September 1. Details on page 6.**

**\* 2017-2019 Officer slate announced on page 7.**

**Bay Area Genealogical Society website - [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org)**

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**Members Sarah and Andrew Shaner added a new leaf on their family tree. Announcing the birth of their son Hudson Lane Shaner. Congratulations!**



***Please keep President Loren Martin his wife Mary and their family in your prayers.***



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

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## July



**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. Slate of candidates for 2017-2019 Officers will be announced. Renew your membership.

## August



**Wednesday, August 2 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Ride the Bus to Clayton Library for a day of research.**  
Contact Mike McCown if you would like to catch the bus.



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



**Sunday, August 13 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm: Recap session for July general meetings.** Meet at Helen Hall Library.  
This program runs concurrently with the members helping members session.



**Monday, August 21 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. Share a family item, brief story, event, or research discovery with the group. Meats will be supplied by the Society. Please consider bringing a side dish or salad to share. Vote on the slate of candidates for 2017-2019 Officers. Renew your membership.

## September



**Wednesday, September 6 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Ride the Bus to Clayton Library for a day of research.** Contact Mike McCown if you would like to catch the bus.



**Sunday, September 10 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: Members Helping Members** for both beginners and advanced researchers. Meet at Helen Hall Library.



**Sunday, September 10 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm: Recap session for August general meetings.** Meet at Helen Hall Library. This program runs concurrently with the members helping members session.



**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!* A new Society year 2017-2018 begins. Newly elected 2017-2019 Officers will be installed. Renew your membership. Pickup a new *BAGS Journal* issue.

## October



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



**Sunday, October 15 (tentative) at 2:00pm to 3:00pm: Members Helping Members and Recap session for September general meetings.** Meet at Helen Hall Library.



**Friday, October 27 at 7:00pm:**  
**General Meeting.** Program TBD.



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, August 13  
Sunday, September 10  
Sunday, October 15**

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, August 13  
Sunday, September 10  
Sunday, October 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.

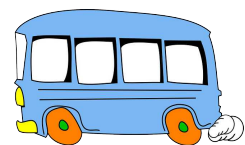
The August 13 meeting will cover material presented at the July general meetings.

### Bus Tips to Clayton Library Details

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

**Dates:**

**Wednesday, August 2  
Wed, September 6**



If you want to participate in one of the future bus trips, please signup by contacting Mike McCown by phone 281-337-4668 or e-mail [mmccown1970@libertea.us](mailto:mmccown1970@libertea.us) 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.



## LDS Microfilm Loans Will Be Discontinued

August 31, 2017 is the last day you can order microfilm from the Family History Library located in Salt Lake City, UT. The local Family History Centers (FHC) and affiliates will remain open to provide research assistance and retain their local microfilm for some length of time but may eventually send the films back to the Family History Library. Use the Family History Library catalog

(<https://familysearch.org/catalog/search>) to locate digitized content. Search by surname, title, author, subject, or keyword(s) to locate books and record collections. The catalog entry for a

selected title provides detailed description including available formats (e.g. print, microfilm, and digitized). If digital images are available, you can view them when you click on either a) the red link "... are available online, click here." in the Notes section, or b) the camera icon located in the Film Notes section. Some digital content has privacy, copyright, contractual, or other restrictions that limits access. You may be required to log in with a free FamilySearch Account or go into a local FHC to view the digital content. Take a USB drive when visiting the FHC to save digitized books and records for later access at home. Some of the commonly asked questions about the replacement of microfilm with digital access is available online at "Digital Records Access Replacing Microfilm"

<https://familysearch.org/ask/faq#overview>.

### Probate records, 1799-ca. 1930

Authors:

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Maine. Probate Court (Kennebec County) (Main Author)

Maine. County Court (Kennebec County) (Repository)

Format:

Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language:

English

Publication:

Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1954, 1992-1993

Physical:

183 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

References:

(Digital Collection) [Maine, county probate records, 1760-1979](#)

### Notes

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Maine, County Probate Records are available online, [click here](#).

b

Family History Library

United States & Canada Film

1871170 Items 3-4

## FGS Audio Sessions Available

Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) annual conference is held in a different city each year. In 2014, the conference was located in San Antonio, Texas. There were over 80 program sessions across the four-day conference. Several BAGS members attended and brought back professional audio recordings of the presentations covering a wide range of topics (e.g. society administration, research on specific ethnicities, research strategies, technology, DNA research, and writing). As members, you may listen to these recordings for free. Go to the BAGS website [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org) and click on the **Members Page** tab, sign-in, and then click on the "FGS 2014 MP3 files" link. Scroll down and click on one of the topics. The audio will begin playing inside your web browser. No additional software is required. If you have problems with playing the audio, contact either Polly Swerdlin or Kim Zrubek for assistance. The 464 page Syllabus, accessed from the same page, contains program descriptions as well as the handouts for many of the presentations.



This year's FGS Conference is in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from August 30 to September 2, 2017. Conference information is posted at [www.fgsconference.org](http://www.fgsconference.org)

## BAGS Quarterlies, Journals, and Newsletters Are Online!

The **Members Page** on the BAGS website ([www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org)) provides access to digitized images of *BAGS Journal* issues published from September 2014 to March 2017 and *BAGS Quarterly* issues published from December 2001 to December 2013. Past issues of the *BAGS Newsletter* are also available online on the BAGS website, click on the **Newsletter** tab.

### ★ *It's Membership renewal time!*

Time flies by when you are having fun. During the months of July and August, we will be renewing memberships for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, which runs September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. The renewal rates have not changed from last year—a **single membership is \$20 and a family membership is \$25**.

Please fill out a membership application form with your renewal. One is attached to this newsletter and is available online on the BAGS website ([www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org)) home page. Either print and mail to the address at the top of the form, or bring the form to the next general meeting. Please note that the Registrar's address is P.O. Box 590853, Houston, TX 77259-0853. Blank forms will be available at the Registrar's table during the general meetings.

★ ***BAGS Journal Needs You!*** Please share a story, photo, or record concerning your ancestors, their lives, or local history. Send submissions to the *BAGS Journal* editor Melodey Hauch. Deadline is September 1, 2017.

★ Mike McCown is serving as the Society's County Coordinator for scheduling research bus trips to Clayton Library.

★ 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.

★ Willing to help plan a Saturday genealogy seminar? Contact George Porterfield or Kim Zrubek

### **BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer**

#### **CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Balance on 31 May 2017	\$4,958.01
December Deposits	\$0.00
December Expenditures	<u>\$141.22</u>
Balance on 30 June 2017	\$4,816.79

#### **CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT**

Value on 30 June 2017	\$3,802.96
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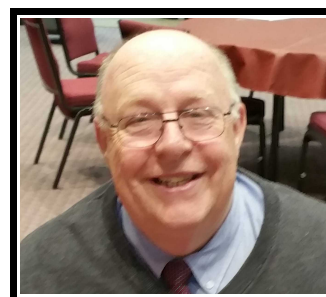
### **BAGS Merchandise**

is available for a donation at the general meetings:

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



Lawrence Casey and Tom Green spoke at the May general meeting on the SAR and other lineage societies.



David Gardiner hosts an English Genealogy Roundtable at the Family History Center in League City, Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

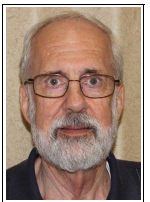
## Announcing the 2017-2019 Officer Slate

The Nomination Committee offers the following slate of candidates to serve as the BAGS Officers for the 2017-2019 term. The slate will be formally presented to the membership at the July 28, 2017 general meeting. Any BAGS member may still volunteer for an officer position. If you're interested please contact Nick Cimino or Bob Wegner. At the August 25, 2017 general meeting, additional nominations can be accepted from the floor and the membership will vote on candidates from both the slate and the floor nominations. The newly elected officers will be installed at the September 29, 2017 general meeting where they will begin their duties at that time.

The Nomination Committee's slate of candidates to be presented at the July 28, 2017 general meeting is:



**President: Nick Cimino** is currently serving as 1st Vice-President, 2015-2017, and the Education Chairman organizing and hosting member helping member sessions for BAGS. Nick is also served on this year's BAGS Nominating Committee.



**1st Vice-President: George Porterfield** joined BAGS in 2016 and is recently semi-retired. He has been actively supporting BAGS by providing research assistance at the monthly member helping member sessions.



**2nd Vice-President: Kim Zrubek** is currently serving in the same position, 2015-2017. She also serves as the newsletter editor, supports the Education Committee's programming, and is a member of BAGS Members First Committee.



**Treasurer: Bill Mayo** is currently serving as Treasurer 2015-2017. He has updated and published the Society's surname list available on the "Members Only" page on the BAGS website. He has served as BAGS President 2011-2013, Treasurer 2009-2011, and the Society's photographer, 2017.



**Registrar: Bob Wegner** is currently serving as Registrar and has served in this capacity since 2013. He also chairs the BAGS Members First Committee, and served on this year's BAGS Nominating Committee.



**Recording Secretary: Kathie Chaffee** is currently serving as Recording Secretary 2016-2017 and Corresponding Secretary, 2016-2017. Kathie continues to serve as the Telephone Committee chair since 2015 and is a member of the BAGS Members First Committee.



**Corresponding Secretary: Teresa Rundell** joined BAGS in 2015 and has been actively supporting BAGS by hosting tables at many public outreach events to represent and advertise the Society.

## Local Events

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

**Monday, July 31 at 6pm in 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.

### **Using Newspapers to Flesh Out Your Genealogy**

**Saturday August 5 from 10:30am to noon at the Clayton Library** located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston. You've got your relative's skeleton consisting of dates and places. This talk will show you how to go about creating a newspaper clipping file on a relative to put flesh on that skeleton.

Explore newspapers in their original paper form, on microfilm, and electronic versions. Call the library at 832-393-2600 to make a reservation.

### **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.

### **Finding Your Roots In Catholic Records**

**Saturday, September 9 from 10am to noon at Bayland Community Center** located at 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77074

Author of the *Catholic Genealogy Legacy QuickGuide™* and contributor to *The Catholic Gene* blog, Lisa Toth Salinas will guide you into exploration of the lives of your ancestors through sacramental records, additional Church records, and other Catholic sources. Join Lisa for an introduction into Catholic genealogy, an overview of traditional and often-overlooked documents, and research strategies that will help you dig into your Catholic roots. Program is hosted by Houston Genealogical Forum ([www.hgftx.org](http://www.hgftx.org))

### **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)