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Friday, October 27, 2017: "Reading Between the Lines, an in depth look at UK census records" presented by David Talbot Gardiner

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

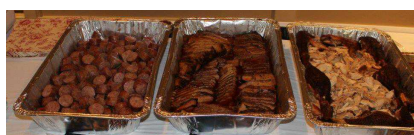
**We meet at the University Baptist Church (UBC) in the Chapel on the 1st floor
(16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059 - [online map](#)).**

David Gardiner's program centers on the United Kingdom census's 1800 – 2011, their scope and shortcomings. He will share insights on what information can be found in the records, what information can be accessed online, and the hidden clues that can be found therein if you look closely.

David was born in Scarborough, England, lived on a remote sheep farm in Chile, and returned to England to serve in the Royal Air Force. He and his wife Jane raised a family in Great Britain and recently immigrated to the US as permanent legal residents to live near their daughter's family. David serves as a LDS Family History teacher and consultant for the Seabrook Ward. David hosts an English Genealogy Roundtable on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the League City Family History Center, located at 4655 South Shore Boulevard League City. Entrance at the back of the building.



David Talbot
Gardiner



Next Month's General Meeting (date change) is on Friday, November 17 at 6:30pm. The program is Show & Tell with BBQ Potluck Dinner Hurricane Harvey scuttled our August Show & Tell program and it is rescheduled for November. Due to Thanksgiving, the

November general meeting will be held one week earlier than usual. Share a family item, brief story, event, or research discovery 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

**Members Helping Members Session
and recap of the October meeting
Sunday, November 5 at 2pm**

**Bus Trip to Clayton Library
Wednesday, November 15 at 9am
Details on page 4.**

Members Page - Password changed Oct 1

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Society's New Officers



Melody Hauch (in the background) inducting the new officers during the September 2017 general meeting. The new officers are (L-R) Bob Wegner (Registrar), Nick Cimino (President), George Porterfield (1st VP), Kathie Chaffee (Recording Secretary), Susie Ganch (2nd VP), Bill Mayo (Treasurer), and Teresa Rundell (Corresponding Secretary). Please thank these members for agreeing to serve.

Welcome New Members!



- ★ Nancy Brooks from Friendswood
- ★ Stephanie Kichline and her mother Shirley Middleton from Pasadena
- ★ Annette and Peter Marx from League City
- ★ Jacqueline Valcoviak from League City
- ★ Elaine Amason and Margaret Ringwald
- ★ Liz and Bernd Strassner of Friendswood



Please keep Mike McCown in your prayers. Mike has served as the Society's Sargent-At-Arms and County Coordinator for research bus trips.

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2017 BAGS Calendar

October



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



Friday, October 27 at 7:00pm:
General Meeting. David Gardiner will present "Reading between the lines, an in depth look at UK census records".

November



Sunday, November 5 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm: Members Helping Members
Bring your own research and get help.
Meet at Helen Hall Library. More details on page 4.



Sunday, November 5 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm: Recap session for October general meeting. Meet at Helen Hall Library. This program runs concurrently with the members helping members session.



Wednesday, November 15 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Ride the Bus to Clayton Library for a day of research. More details on page 4.



Friday, November 17 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.

December



Annual Christmas Luncheon – Date TBD
Happy Holidays!

January



Wednesday, January 10 from 9:00am to 4:00pm: Ride the Bus to Clayton Library for a day of research. More details on page 4.



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



(DATE AND TIME CHANGE)
Saturday, January 27 at 2:00pm:
General Meeting. Frank Billingsley, Houston's KPRC 2 Chief Meteorologist, discusses his book *Swabbed and Found* documenting how he found his birth family using DNA tests, genealogical programs, and investigative skills. Purchase a book at the meeting (\$27).

February



Monday, February 19 at 6:30pm:
Board Meeting



February DATE TBD: General Meeting

March



Monday, March 26 at 6:30pm:
Board Meeting



Friday, March 30 at 7:00pm: General Meeting.

April



Monday, March 26 at 6:30pm:
Board Meeting



Friday, April 27 at 7:00pm: General Meeting. BAGS and DAR member Alice Braud-Jones discusses what research can be done online through the DAR Library website.



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, November 5
December – no meeting

Dedicated research time for YOU.

BYOR – Bring Your Own Research

and work with others to discover your elusive ancestors.

Bring your laptop or mobile device. Free public WiFi is available inside the library.

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, November 5
December – no meeting

▶ *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 November recap session will cover materials presented at the October general meeting.

Bus Trips to Clayton Library Details

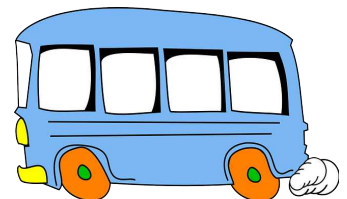
Meet at Clear Lake
Community Association and
Recreation Center,
16511 Diana Lane, Houston,
TX 77062

Dates:

Wednesday, November 15
Wednesday, January 10

Eight people attended the October bus trip.

If you want to participate in the November 15 bus trip, please sign up by contacting Deborah Gammon by phone 832-425-9319 or e-mail gammondc@gmail.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.



NEW CONTACT INFO FOR BUS RSVP

Finding Your Roots

Finding Your Roots: Season 4 with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is currently broadcasted on PBS Channel 8 on Tuesdays at 7:00pm (Central). Watch past episodes online at www.pbs.org/show/finding-your-roots The show unearths the family histories of influential people helping shape our national identity.

Clayton Library hours changed

The library's new hours are:

- Tuesday & Wednesday 10am to 6pm
- Thursday noon to 8pm
- Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm
- Closed Sunday and Monday

September BAG Journal issue – *Take a look inside.*

Pick up your copy of this issue at the next general meeting. That issue contains the following articles and lots of old family photos!

- BAGS honors our 2015-2017 President Loren K. Martin and republished his five-generation pedigree chart.
- Learn about the paternal parents Henry and Clara Anderson of BAGS member Annette Bowen. She discusses the lives of Norway and Sweden immigrants living in Pierce County, Wisconsin.
- Discover the maternal family Ira and Mamie Ward Watson of your new 2nd VP, Susie Ganch. She discusses their move from Florida to Texas and life in the Houston 6th Ward during the early 1900s.
- Laugh over the thirteen *Golden Rules of Genealogy* by GotGenealogy.com
- *Journal* Editor Melodey Hauch shares the lives of Herman and Johanna Benson family as pioneer settlers of Dickinson and Galveston County. Learn how they acquired the land and see the home they build.
- BAGS member Glen Cress shares a primer on genetic DNA testing, introducing the details of Y-DNA, mtDNA, and autosomal DNA (e.g. atDNA) testing.
- BAGS Treasurer Bill Mayo shares the story of his great-great grandfather Friedrich Gotthilf Mejo who immigrated from Saxony to Virginia and became a very successful book binder.
- BAGS member Barbara Moore shares methods used to trace her great uncle Pasco McClellan between jails and prisons and the type of information available in the incarceration records.

September Program Recap

Thank you to Irene Walkers from the Clayton Library for enlightening us on researching French records. She reviewed the French words for common genealogical terms. Irene discussed the history of church verses civil record keeping, and the potential information that can be found on each record type. She suggested search strategies using the LDS Library catalog and other free and paid online resources.



BAGS Journal Needs YOU!

Please share the story, photo or record.

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

Send submissions to Journal editor Melodey Hauch via email at journal@TxBayAreaGen.org

Can you help one of these members?

Annette Bowen – file organization
Ann Davidson – Tennessee and Kentucky research

Do you need help with your research?

Send email to
newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org

- ★ **It's Membership renewal time!** Please consider renewing your membership for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, which began September 1, 2017. 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) 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.
- ★ Thank you to Dotti Dineen, Deborah Elliot, and Jane Thompson for agreeing to serve on the Welcoming Committee, greeting members and visitors before the general meetings.
- ★ Thank you to Deborah Gammon and Oletia Teas for agreeing to serve as County Coordinators for scheduling our research bus trips. Thank you Mike McCown for serving as our County Coordinator.
- ★ Need help filling out your five-generation pedigree chart? Contact member Garry Garnett for help.
- ★ Back issues of the *BAGS Quarterlies, Journals*, and newsletters can be found on the Society's website (www.TxBayAreaGen.org) click on the **Members Page** (password changed October 1, 2017 – ask Registrar). You will find 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 on the same website but click on the **Newsletters** instead of Members Page.
- ★ Willing to help plan a Saturday genealogy seminar? Contact George Porterfield or Kim Zrubek

In Memoriam

BAGS member Lynda Kay Clegg Cox passed on Friday, October 6, 2017. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her husband Ron Cox, a past BAGS President, and their family.

Lynda's obituary is available online at Crowder Funeral Home website

www.crowderfuneralhome.com/obituaries/lynda-kay-cox



Our thoughts and prayers go out to BAGS member Patsy Chappelle and her family. Her husband John of 62 plus years passed on Saturday, October 7, 2017. His obituary was published in the *Houston Chronicle* on Sunday, October 15, 2017 and is available online at Crowder Funeral Home website

www.crowderfuneralhome.com/obituaries/john-emerson-chappelle

BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on 31 August 2017	\$5,160.79
Deposits	\$465.00
Expenditures	<u>\$281.78</u>
Balance on 30 September 2017	\$5,344.01

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 30 September 2017	\$3,812.99
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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

Finding Your Female Ancestors Saturday, October 28 at 10:30am

Clayton Library staff member Rodney Sam will present research strategies and genealogical resources to help you learn more about the past and ancestry of your female ancestors.

Colonial Day Saturday, November 4

10:30am - Virginia: The First Colony

Learn to research your colonial Virginia ancestors with Clayton Library staff member Melissa Hayes. Beginning with records circa 1776 we will travel backwards through time to examine the documents and records that have survived the burning of courthouses, natural disasters, and general neglect of early colonial scribes. We will discuss how to overcome major gaps in early records by using unconventional resources.

12:15pm - Colonial Dames of America

Find out about the lineage societies of the Colonial Dames of America – who they are, what they do, and how to join.

Webinar: Cherokee Genealogy Saturday, November 18 at 10:30am

In this recorded webinar from FamilySearch learn the basic steps of Native American genealogy research and discover the records available for researching Cherokee ancestors.

Butler Ranch Black Cowboys on the Chisholm Trail

Thursday, October 26 at 7:00pm in West Bay Common School's Barn Museum located at 210 N. Kansas, League City. Presented by Dr. Mary Smith and Melodey Hauch (*BAGS Journal* Editor and Galveston County Historical Commission Member) Discover the lives of the Butler Ranch Black cowboys who rode the Chisholm Trail. They were Butler family slaves who became Butler employees and later pioneer settlers of the 1867 Settlement in Texas City. One has a connection to the Butler live oaks along Main Street.

Hands-on Genealogy Series

Monday, November 6 at 6pm: FamilySearch at Helen Hall Library located at 100 W. Walker, League City. Presented by Irene B. Walters, librarian from Clayton Library. A limited number of library owned tablets will be available for use during the session. RSVP by calling the library at 281-554-1111.

Three Sessions: Social History, Timelines, and a Life through Cyberspace by Annette Burke Lyttle

Saturday, November 4 from 10am to 3pm at Bayland Community Center located at 6400 Bissonnet, Houston. This program is hosted by Houston Genealogical Forum (www.hgftx.org) cost for non-members is \$20.

1. What is Social History and Why Should a Genealogist Care? Learn how social history can both improve your research skills and help you better understand and tell the stories of your ancestors' lives.

2. A Path to Your Next Research Steps: Using Timelines to Organize, Analyze, and Evaluate Evidence. Learn how timelines enable you to organize your information, evaluate your evidence, analyze research results for accuracy, and identify next research steps.

3. Reconstructing a Life: Chasing Uncle William through the Wilds of Cyberspace. Learn how it's possible to reconstruct life stories in surprising detail with resources available online.