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Friday, November 17, 2017: "Show and Tell" Program and BBQ 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](#)).



Jane Ebrom discussing her family, August 2016

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 brief family story about a treasured item, important family event, or research discovery with the group. Tables will be available at the front of the room to display your memorabilia.

The Society will provide drinks and barbecued meats for dinner. Members are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert. Please remember to bring serving utensils. Guest and visitors are welcome. Begin arriving at 6:00pm to place food dishes and display memorabilia. We will begin eating at 6:30 pm and the program starts at 7:00pm.



December: There is not a general meeting in December. Instead, meet us for lunch and laughs at Hope Village Cafe on Saturday, December 16. Details on page 2 and a map on page 8.



**Need a ride to the program?
Contact Amanda Pearson**

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Saturday, January 27, 2018**

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**Members and guest are invited to
BAGS Annual Holiday Luncheon
Saturday, December 16
from 11am to 1pm at
Hope Village Cafe in Friendswood**

*Come enjoy the holiday spirit and
a pleasant lunch with friends.*

The lunch is dutch.

A special hot meat with vegetables plate will be offered as well as the regular menu ([view menu online](#)).

Food orders will be taken between 11:00am and noon.

Please RSVP with Kim Zrubek by Monday, December 11 to get a estimate attendance. However, come even if you did not RSVP.

This event benefits The Foundation for Hope Village
(www.hope-village.com).

**The Hope Village Cafe is located at
4541 FM 2351, Friendswood, TX
(a map is provided [online](#))**

Entrance to the Cafe is located on FM 2351
between Clear Brook High School and
the Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

**Map printed on page 8 of this
newsletter.**



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2017-2018 BAGS Calendar

November



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. Drinks and barbecued meats will be supplied by the Society. Please consider bringing a side dish or salad to share.

December



Saturday, December 16 from 11am to 1pm: Annual Christmas Luncheon. More details on page 2 and 8. No general meeting. *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



(DATE CHANGE)

Monday, February 12 at 6:30pm: Board Meeting at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. **All members are welcome to attend.**



(DATE CHANGE)

Friday, February 16 at 7pm: General Meeting. Nick Cimino presents "The Genealogy of Hidden Figures," exploring family history of three female African-American mathematicians (Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson and Dorothy Vaughan) who worked at the NASA Langley Center in Virginia.

March



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



Friday, March 30 at 7:00pm: General Meeting. BAGS member Gale French will discuss using GEDMatch to supplement your genetic genealogy DNA tests.

April



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



Friday, April 27 at 7:00pm: General Meeting. BAGS and DAR member Alice Braud-Jones discuss the Daughters of the American Revolution Library online resources (www.dar.org).



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:

December – no meeting
Resumes in January

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:

December and January
– no meetings
Resumes in February

- ▶ *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 February recap session will cover materials presented at the January general meeting.

Bus Trips to Clayton Library Details

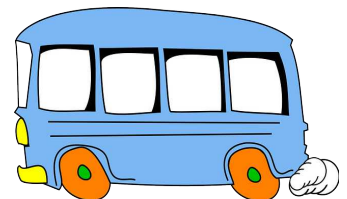
Meet at Clear Lake
Community Association and
Recreation Center,
16511 Diana Lane, Houston,
TX 77062

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 signup 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

October Program Recap – United Kingdom Census Records

Thank you To Jane and David Gardiner, and Amanda Shipman for explaining the historical and region issues effecting the content of English censuses, and showing us the possible gems and road blocks that may be out there.

Get Help using the FamilySearch Wiki www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England_Genealogy These pages provide lists of online resources (free and pay), details on specific parish research, and lists free online lessons available for researching this geographical area.

On www.FamilySearch.org you can find 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911 indexes and transcriptions. Images may be viewed when inside a Family History Center or if you have a subscription to FindMyPast.com. To View what resources United Kingdom resources are available in FamilySearch:

1. Click Search and on that screen click “Browse all published collections”
2. Narrow the listing by selecting location United Kingdom on the left side.
3. Narrow the listing more by selecting the type of collection (e.g. Census Lists) on the left side.

On www.Ancestry.com you can find the same censuses with indexes, transcriptions, and images. Read the details provided at the bottom of the search page for each year to learn details on what information and parishes are included. To View what resources United Kingdom resources are available in Ancestry.com

1. Click Search then click Card Catalog
2. Narrow the listing by typing United Kingdom in the keyword(s) box
3. On the left side, scroll down to Collection section and click on Census

FREE audio recordings on ethnic research are available on the BAGS website from Federation of Genealogical Societies 2014 Conference sessions held in Texas. Go to the BAGS website 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. 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.

English

Doing English Genealogy in an Internet World (50.38 mins)

Effective Use of England's National Archive (74.28 mins)

Hispanic

Hispanic Genealogical Research: Part One-Initial Hurdles (54.15 mins)

Hispanic Sources for Genealogical Evidence (52.02 mins)

Scottish:

Doing Scottish Genealogy in an Internet World (66.08 mins)

Irish

Irish Immigration: Before, During and After the Famine (76.09 mins)

Irish Maps and Tools: Finding the Right Place (67.12 mins)

German

How to Overcome Brick Walls in German-American Research (69.29 mins)

Methods for Identifying the German Origins of Immigrants (69.24 mins)

Germans to Texas (60.08 mins)

Polish

Polish Archives: Behind the Scenes (59.31 mins)

The Skansens of Poland (27.13 mins)

French: *Huguenots: Migration, Emigration, Location, and Contribution* (52.49 mins)

Native American: *Discovering the American Indian Archives* (56.08 mins)



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

- ★ The password needed to access the BAGS website **Members Page** has changed as of October 1, 2017. You may get the new password from Bob Wegner, Registrar.
- ★ Willing to help plan a Saturday genealogy seminar? Contact George Porterfield or Kim Zrubek
- ★ 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.
- ★ 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.

Gift Ideas for the Holidays

FamilySearch offers FREE printable keepsake images that are tree populated with names pulled from your online family tree.

Download the images and use for creating cards, wall-hangings, quilts, etc. at

www.familysearch.org/campaign/keepsakes?cid=lih-p-ks-5482



BAGS Merchandise

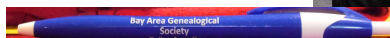
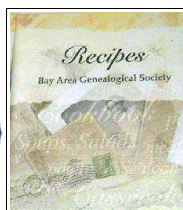
Available at the November meeting for a donation at the general meetings:

Laptop Brief Bags (\$25)

USB drives (\$10)

Cookbooks (\$10)

Pens (\$1)



Can you help one of these members?

New Members Annette and Peter Marx on German research. They are researching relatives in France, Germany, and Scandinavia.

Do you need help with your research?

Send email to
newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org

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. Call the library at 832-393-2600 to make a reservation. Clayton Library website: www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

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.

Genealogy Online: FamilySearch

Saturday, December 9 at 10:30am

An introduction to the website with the world's largest and free collection of family trees, genealogy records, and learning resources - FamilySearch.org. Bring a laptop if you wish to follow along during the class. Class size is limited.



Using DAN for Genealogy Research

Saturday, December 2 from 10am to 2pm

at Bayland Community Center located at 6400 Bissonnet, Houston. Featured program at the monthly Houston Genealogical Forum (www.hgftx.org) presented by Franklin Smith, Clayton Library Senior Services Library Specialist. Visitors welcome.

Hands-on Genealogy Series

Monday, December 4 at 6pm: Using Newspapers To Flush Out Your Genealogy

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.

George Memorial Library

The following free programs are offered in the George Memorial Library located at 1001 Golfview in Richmond. Make a reservation by calling the Genealogy and Local History Department library at 281-341-2608 Their website is: www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/departments/genealogy/genealogy_department.html

Introduction to Civil War Union Records

Saturday, November 18 from 10:00am to 11:00am

Do you have a Civil War soldier who served for the Union? Learn how to search for a Union soldier and the different types of records associated with this kind of research. The usual records such as compiled military records and pensions will be discussed as well as some of the lesser known records associated with the Union.

Native American Foods

Saturday, November 18 from 10:30am to 12:30pm

Come and celebrate Native American Heritage Month by tasting the foods from the tribes that lived in Texas or still do live here in the Lone Star State!



The Liberation of Dachau

Thursday, December 7 from 5:30pm to 7pm

in the Garden Room, Bayou Building at University of Houston Clear Lake. Presented by Birney T. "Chick" Havey, WWII veteran and author. Part of the CLASP speaker series, this program is open to all ages and is free to the public. Free parking is available in the Visitors Lot. For more information, contact the UHCL Alumni Association at 281-283-2021.

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