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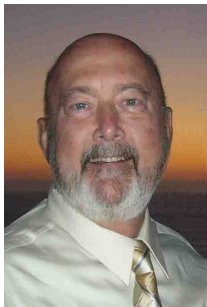
**Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7:00pm**

**GEDMATCH.com presented by Gale French**

*Public Invited. Join us at 6:00pm for dinner ([menu](#))*

**We will meet at Red River Bar-B-Que & Grill in League City**

**(1911 E Main St Suite B, League City, TX 77573 – [online map](#) and map on page 7)**



Gale French

In March, we will meet at the Red River Bar-B-Que & Grill restaurant and not at the University Baptist Church. Come listen to BAGS member Gale French discuss GEDMatch.com, a free online resource to analyze and compare your Autosomal DNA test results against other people from many different fee-based generic genealogy testing companies (e.g. AncestryDNA, FamilyTreeDNA, MyHeritageDNA, 23andMe).

Gale French has been interested in genealogy for over 25 years; his family and natural curiosity has nurtured this interest in him. He has lived in Texas all his life and worked for IBM in the U.S. Space program at NASA's Johnson Space Center for 26 years and is now retired. Gale researched and published a 600 page family history book on his grandmother's Elliott family line that came from England to Texas, fought in the Texas

Revolution and received land for their service. He is currently writing another book on his paternal French line including numerous DNA tests for the French family which includes a non-paternity event. Gale teaches an online "Beginner Y-DNA Basics" class through DNAAdoption. His next three-class starts March 9, 2018 ([details](#)). He participated in the Southern California Genealogical Jamboree's "Genealogy Idol" contest, presented at the RootsTech conference in Salt Lake City, and the Houston Family Search conferences. Gale has spoke to BAGS in the past on the subjects of Google Earth, self-publishing, and Gold Star Mothers. He also provides DNA test results assistance at the Member Helping Member sessions.

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

**Members Helping Members Session  
and recap of the February meeting  
Saturday, March 10 at 2pm  
in Friendswood Library**

**Bus Trip to Clayton Library for a day of  
research is Tuesday, April 10 at 9am**



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## **February – In Remembrance**

During the February meeting, BAGS paid tribute to Loren Martin, BAGS 2015-2017 President. His wife Mary and sons Jeremy and Tim were present. Jeremy spoke of his father's love of family, Kansas City Royals baseball team, and genealogy. The group signed sympathy cards for the families of Hubert Brasseaux, Betty Wegner, Mary Olsen, Mike McCown, Loren Martin, Leslee Fehlman, Lynda Cox, and Lynda Dozler.



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# 2018 BAGS Calendar

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## General Meetings

**Saturday, March 10 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Friendswood Public Library:** “Members Helping Members” research working session. Opportunity to learn how to search trees and attach photos/documents in FamilySearch and Ancestry.com.

**Thursday, March 29 at 7:00pm at Red River Bar-B-Que & Grill:** BAGS member Gale French will discuss using online resource *GEDMatch.com* to supplement your genetic genealogy DNA tests. Map to restaurant on page 6.



**Sunday, April 15 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Helen Hall Library in League City:** “Members Helping Members” research working session. Opportunity to practice using GEDMatch tools discussed by Gale French at the March meeting.

**Friday, April 27 at 7:00pm in UBC:** BAGS and DAR member Alice Braud-Jones discusses using the Daughters of the American Revolution Library online database for research. ([www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org)).

**Sunday, May 20 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Helen Hall Library in League City:** “Members Helping Members” research working session.

**Friday, May 25 at 7:00pm in UBC:** Andrew Lee presents “Family Treasures: From Microfilm to Hyperspace.” Learn ways to search digitized microfilm records that have not been indexed without having to examine every image one by one.

**Friday, June 29 at 7:00pm in UBC:** Irene Walters from Clayton Library presents “Fáilte (welcome) – to your Irish ancestry!”

**Friday, July 27 at 7:00pm:** Mary Anthony Startz discusses The Cuban Papers, a treasure of Spanish colonial documents from the 16th, 17th and early 18th century.

**Friday, August 31 at 6:30pm:** Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner. Share a brief story of a family item,

event, or research discovery with the group.

**Friday, September 28 at 7:00pm:** Sue Yerby will discuss “Digitizing Your Own Family Records” (e.g. certificates, photos and documents).

**Friday, October 26 at 7:00pm:** Gay Carter will presents “Kick-Start Your Enthusiasm: Genealogy Education on the Web.” Learn about the abundance of educational podcasts, webinars, and conference presentations that are available from the comfort of your home on your favorite computer.

**Friday, November 30 at 7:00pm:** Program to be announced.

**No Meeting in December.**



## Research Bus Trips

Trip details on page 4.

**Tuesday, April 10 to Clayton Library**

**Wednesday, May 16 to George Memorial Library**

**Wednesday, July 18 to TBD**

**Tuesday, September 25 to TBD**



## Board Meetings

Held at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. All members are welcome to attend.

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

**Monday, April 23 at 6:30pm**

**Monday, May 21 at 6:30pm**

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

**Monday, July 23 at 6:30pm**

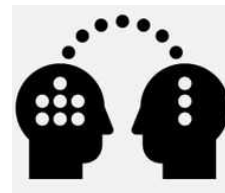
**Monday, August 27 at 6:30pm**

**Monday, September 24 at 6:30pm**

**Monday, October 22 at 6:30pm**

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

**No Meeting in December**



Kim Zrubek  
Education Chair

## Members Helping Members and General Meeting Recap Sessions

### Dates and Locations

**Saturday, March 10 at 2pm in Friendswood Public Library**

(located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood – [online map](#))

**Sunday, April 15 at 2pm in Helen Hall Library Boardroom**

(located at 100 W. Walker, League City which is on Hwy 3 one light south of FM 518 – [online map](#))

**Sunday, May 20 at 2pm in Helen Hall Library Boardroom**

**June in Friendswood Public Library (Date TBD)**

**July in Friendswood Public Library (Date TBD)**

**August in Freeman Library (Date TBD)**

**September in Freeman Library (Date TBD)**

During the February 10 session, the group practiced navigating and viewing DNA test result information provided by the AncestryDNA and FamilyTreeDNA websites. A summary of what was discussed for AncestryDNA is printed in this newsletter on page 5 and 6. The next newsletter will present similar information for FamilyTreeDNA.

During the March 10 help session, practice searching and attaching photos/documents to trees in FamilySearch and Ancestry.com.

**Members Helping Members research sessions are 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!

**The General Meeting Recap sessions** are designed to share with members the announcements, speaker presentation information and handouts from the last general meeting.

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If you want to participate in a bus trip, please signup by contacting Deborah Gammon by phone 832-425-9319 or e-mail [gammondc@gmail.com](mailto: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 ([online map](#)). The bus will arrive back at 4:00pm.



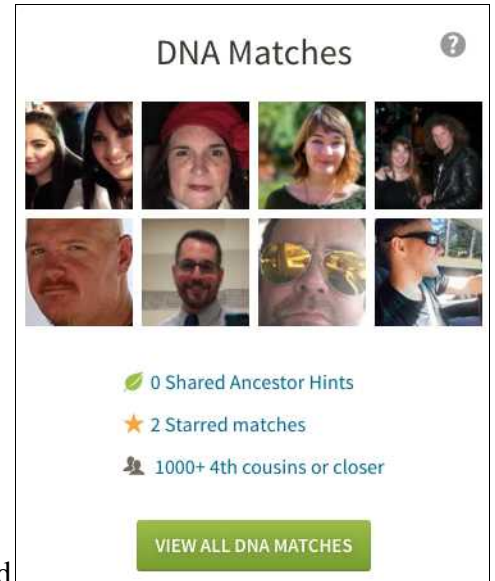
# Navigating your AncestryDNA test results

If you have a subscription, login into your Ancestry.com and click on DNA in the top menu.

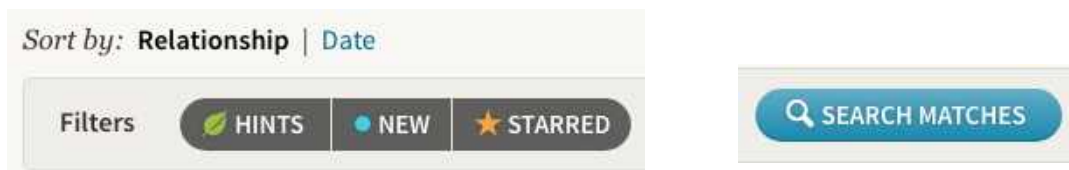


If you do not have a subscription but did complete an AncestryDNA test kit, login into [www.AncestryDNA.com](http://www.AncestryDNA.com)

On the AncestryDNA home page, look for a box “DNA Matches” and click on “View All DNA Matches”. This will list all the people that have had their DNA (Autosomal DNA) tested and they match you!



The match list is sorted by relationship, closest to farthest. Click on “Date” to change the sort order to be by match date. You can also filter the results list by 1) the entries that have hints, 2) the newest matches, and 3) the entries that you have “starred”. You can also search the match list by surname or geographic area.



The information shown for each individual match includes the name of the person whose DNA was tested, an estimated relationship, last time the person logged into Ancestry (an indicator of how active they are), indicators they created a public or private tree and how many people are in the tree. Click on the “?” beside the estimated relationship to view the possible ways that person could be related. Click either on the person's name or the “View Match” button to access more details about that specific match.



In this example, BAGS member Marcia Zrubek's DNA test showed a match with Lisa Reeves. The amount of DNA that matched puts them into an estimated 2nd to 3rd cousin relationship. Since Lisa had created and shared a family tree consisting of 1,358 people, Marcia was able to view the family members and determine their common ancestor is Marcia's grandparents, establishing their relationship as 1st cousins twice removed.

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## Genealogy of Hidden Figures – February Program Recap

This program was presented by Nick Cimino, BAGS President and professional genealogist. He publishes a weekly blog [AncestorPuzzles.com](http://AncestorPuzzles.com). Nick developed this program after following his curiosity to discover what was in the family history of Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson and Dorothy Vaughan that lead them to be mathematicians and work at Langley Research Center located in Hampton, Virginia. Their work is documented in the book by Margot Lee Shetterly titled *Hidden Figures: the untold story of the African American women who helped win the space race*. The author founded the **The Human Computer Project** ([www.TheHumanComputerProject.com](http://www.TheHumanComputerProject.com)) as an endeavor that is recovering the names and accomplishments of all of the women who worked as computers, mathematicians, scientists and engineers at the NACA and NASA from the 1930s through the 1980s. *Want to tell your story?* Email information to [thehumancomputerproject@gmail.com](mailto:thehumancomputerproject@gmail.com).

Based on the US Census data, between April 1940 and April 1944 civilian jobs for African-Americans increased by almost a million with 600,000 of this increase was in women's employment. African-American women worked in engineering, sciences, and by 1944-1945 they served in the US Cadet Nurse Corps, Women's Army Corps, Women's Naval Reserve, and American Red Cross. This information was pulled from *Negro Women War Workers*, Bulletin No. 205, Women's Bureau, US Department of Labor, Washington, April 6, 1945. View online at [https://fraser.stlouisfed.org/files/docs/publications/women/b0205\\_dolwb\\_1945.pdf](https://fraser.stlouisfed.org/files/docs/publications/women/b0205_dolwb_1945.pdf)

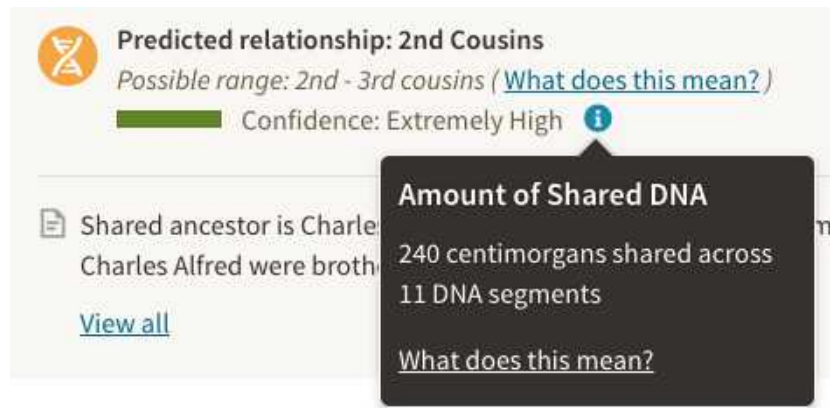
## Navigating your AncestryDNA test results (continued from page 5)

On the details for a specific DNA match (person) you will see some of the same information repeated. However, click on the “i” to view the amount of centimorgans (cM) of DNA shared between you and the matched person. The higher the number the closer the relationship. In the example, the 240 cM value establishes the predicted relationship of 2nd to 3rd cousins. Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D. developed a chart to help identify family relationship possibilities based on cM ranges.

Bettinger continues to refine the cM relationship numbers. His latest chart is available online at his *Genetic Genealogist* blog posting August 26, 2017, accessible online at

<https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2017/08/26/august-2017-update-to-the-shared-cm-project>

Scroll down and view the matched person’s surname list and pedigree chart. This information is pulled from tree they created and shared. Click on one of the names to view profile information or click on “View Full Tree” to access that matched person’s complete tree. You can also view the shared matches between you and the matched person (click on “Shared Matches”), and view a map pinpointing birth locations the matched person’s ancestors (click on “Map and Locations”).



The screenshot shows a match detail card from AncestryDNA. At the top, it says "Predicted relationship: 2nd Cousins" with a possible range of "2nd - 3rd cousins" and a link "What does this mean?". Below this is a green progress bar and the text "Confidence: Extremely High" with an information icon. A dark grey tooltip box is open over the information icon, titled "Amount of Shared DNA" and containing the text "240 centimorgans shared across 11 DNA segments" and another link "What does this mean?". Below the tooltip, the card shows "Shared ancestor is Charles" and "Charles Alfred were brothe" with a "View all" link.



Click on “Send Message” to communicate with the matched person. The person must sign into Ancestry to read the message. Watch the envelope icon at the top right corner for received messages.



- ★ Registrar Bob Wegner reported BAGS has 174 members at the February 12, 2018 Board meeting.
- ★ During the month of March, BAGS will sponsor a genealogy exhibit in foyer display at the Freeman Library in Clear Lake City. If you have any family items you would like put on display, please contact Polly Swerdlin.
- ★ New *BAGS Journal* issue will be available at the April general meeting.

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

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



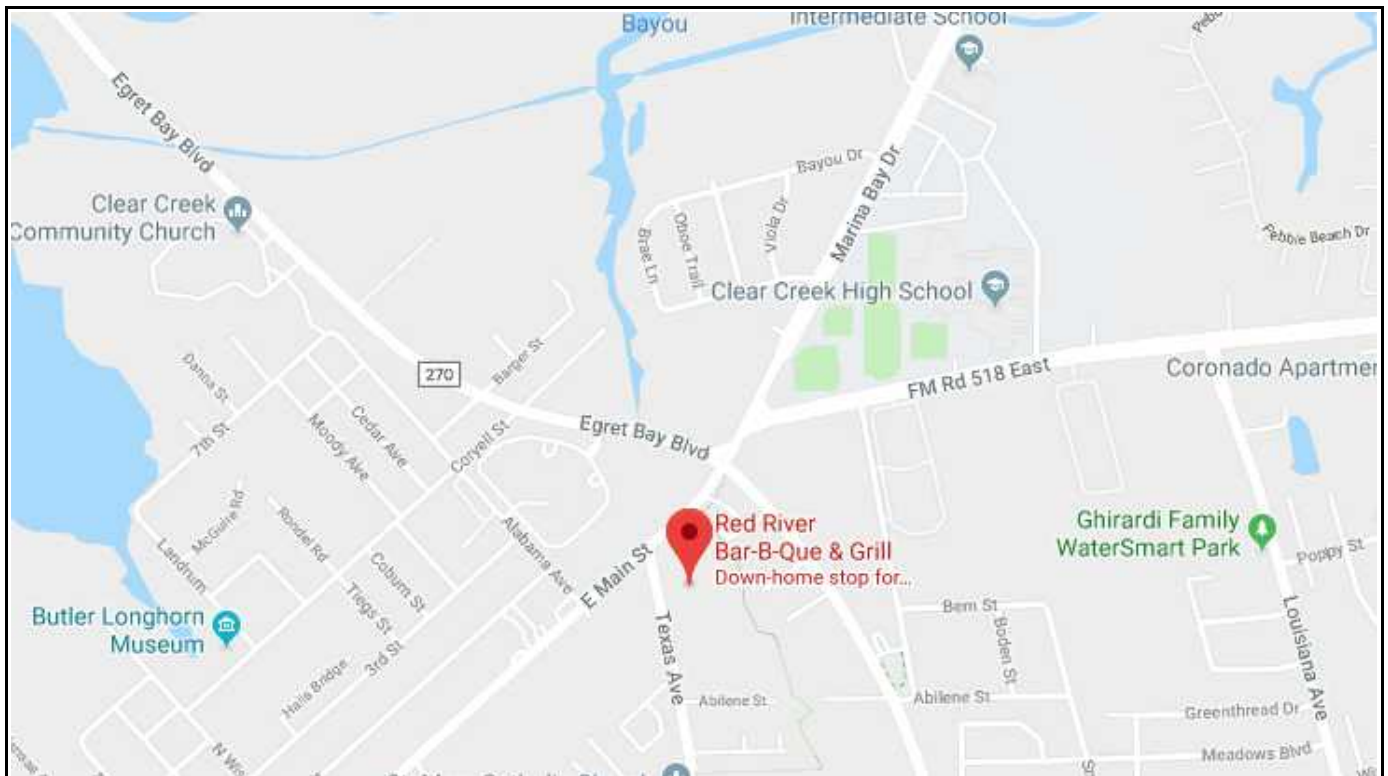
## BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on 31 December 2017	\$5,926.93
Deposits	\$316.45
Expenditures	<u>\$105.50</u>
Balance on 31 January 2018	\$6,137.88

## CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 31 January 2018	\$3,826.33
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## Map to March meeting location – Red River Bar-B-Que & Grill located in League City at 1191 E. Main Street



# 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)

### **Fáilte (Welcome), to Your Irish Ancestry!** **Saturday, March 10 from 10:30am - noon**

Clayton Staff member Irene Walters explores 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. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600.

### **Using DNA to Topple Brick Walls** **Saturday, March 31 from 10:30 – 11:30am**

Clayton Staff member Rodney Sam for a case study of how combining a paper trail with DNA results led to a previously unknown ancestor and confirmed relationships. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600.

### **Food and Family – Memories on our Taste Buds**

**Thursday, April 26 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm**  
Food plays an important part in family history. Traditions and memories are created and passed down around the dining room table. Staff from the Houston Metropolitan Research Center and Clayton Library Center will present a history of food and family, resources for tradition research, and preservation of those books and recipe cards that are passed through generations.

### **Modern Military Research Or, How To Find Your 20th Century Military Relative**

**Monday, March 5 at 6:00pm** at Helen Hall Library located at 100 W. Walker, League City. Presented by Irene B. Walters, librarian from Clayton Library.

## Online Classes on DNA Research sponsored by DNAAdoption along with DNAGedcom

**March 2** (2 week class): “**Just for Absolute Beginners**” (\$29)

**March 9** (3 week class) “**Beginner Y-DNA Basics**” (\$39) taught by BAGS member Gale French.

**April 6** (4 week class): “**The Basics of Autosomal DNA**” (\$49)

For more information about the classes and view a class syllabus go to

[dnaadoption.com/index.php?page=online-classes](http://dnaadoption.com/index.php?page=online-classes)

## Research Strategies, German Records, and City Directories by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin

**Saturday, March 3 from 10am to 3pm** at Bayland Community Center located at 6400 Bissonnet, Houston. This program is hosted by Houston Genealogical Forum ([www.hgftx.org](http://www.hgftx.org)) cost for non-members is \$20. Four lectures will be offered:

*Oh Where, Oh Where Are My Ancestors From*

*Read the Tabloids: German Church Records*

*Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of German Military Records*

*Reading Between the Lines of the City Directory*

## 3-week class taught by Friendswood Family History Center Consultants Ginger Gregory and Nancy Royce

**Tuesdays, March 20, March 27, and April 3 from 7pm - 8:30pm**

Discover and practice searching records, building trees and sharing memories on FamilySearch.org, a free online resource. For beginner and seasoned researchers. Class meets at the Friendswood Public Library but you must register with FISD Community Education Department either online or by postal mail at <http://myfisd.com/community-ed> Class fee is \$20.