



# Bay Area Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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**Friday, April 27, 2018 at 7:00pm**

***DAR Library Database* presented by Alice Braud-Jones**

***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](#)).**

Come learn how the DAR Library database can help you in your genealogical research.



Alice Braud-Jones

As an 18 year member of NSDAR, Ms. Braud-Jones has served in many local, state and national positions and has volunteered hundreds of hours at the DAR Library in Washington, D.C. She currently serves as: TX State Chairman, Membership Committee; TX State Vice-Chair, CDRC; TX State Vice-Chair, New Members Course; National Vice-Chair, Congress Memorial Committee; Volunteer Veterans History Project interviewer; Honorary Chapter Regent, Sam Houston Chapter; Chapter Chair, Americanism Committee; and TX State Librarian elect for 2018-2021 term. She has been a member of BAGS for 17 years and served on the Board in many capacities including Vice-President. She was also a Clayton Library Friends board member, serving as President during the Clayton Library's multi-million dollar renovation. She has completed NGS "Genealogy, A Basic Course," Samford

University's Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research full curriculum, NARA National Institute of Genealogical Research, British Institute of Genealogical Research, multiple classes with the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and many country-specific courses. Her articles on genealogical research have been published in multiple society magazines and quarterlies including *BAGS Quarterly*.

**Next Month's General Meeting Friday, May 25 at 6:30pm: Program and Potluck Dinner**

Members are invited to bring an entree, side dish or a salad. Please remember to bring serving utensils. We will begin eating at 6:30pm and the program starts at 7:00pm. Drinks are provided.

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and recap of the April meeting  
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*Welcome New Member Kitty Olson!*

Bob Wegner, Registrar, reports BAGS has  
174 members as of April 23, 2018.

**New Issue of *BAGS Journal* is ready!**  
**Pick up your copy at the next meeting.**  
**- Melodey Hauch, *Journal* editor**



March meeting at Red River Bar-B-Que & Grill

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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# 2018 BAGS Calendar

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## General Meetings

**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 6:30pm in UBC: Program and Potluck Dinner.** 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.

**Wednesday, May 16 to George Memorial Library** depart 9am and return at 5pm.

**Wednesday, July 18**

**Tuesday, September 25**



## Board Meetings

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

**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**



March meeting at Red River Bar-B-Que & Grill



# BAGS Research Bus Trips

## Dates and Destinations:

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

**Wednesday, July 18 to TBD**

**Tuesday, September 25 to TBD**



April 10 Bus Trip to Clayton Library

## Wednesday, May 16 at 9am - Next Bus Trip for Genealogy Research

**Destination:** George Memorial Library Genealogical and Local History Department located in Richmond, Texas. Daniel Sample, Genealogy Department Manager, will provide an orientation upon our arrival.

**Please RSVP by May 10 with Deborah Gammon by email [gammondc@gmail.com](mailto:gammondc@gmail.com) or call at 281-334-4950 (H) or 832-425-9319 (cell).** Board the bus at 8:45am in front of the parking lot at the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center, 16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062 ([online map](#)). Bus will depart at 9:00am. For lunch, either bring a bag lunch or at 11:30am ride the bus to Sandy McGee's Restaurant on Morton Street. A donation will be taken up to pay for lunch of driver and to Harris County Precinct #2 Senior programs. We will start our journey home at 4:00pm to return to Diana Lane by 5:00pm.

### *What does the George Memorial Library Genealogical and Local History Department have to offer?*

Their genealogy department's resources focus on the southeastern United States and include materials relating to the history of the South, federal censuses, genealogy, and the Civil War. Specifically,

- Immigration records (published passenger lists from Mayflower to Galveston)
- General Index to Compiled Service Records for the Revolutionary War
- American Revolution War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application files
- Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Mexican War
- Index to Confederate Soldiers
- Texas Confederate Compiled Service Records and Union soldiers who served in organizations from the State of Texas.
- Prisoners of War Registers of Confederates in Civil War and Americans held in Montreal and Quebec during War of 1812
- DAR lineage books and indexes
- Newspapers (Fort Bend County only, starting with 1911; Brookshire Times 1899-1984; Galveston Daily News 1865-1917; and Telegraph & Texas Register, Houston, Texas 1835-1875)
- Local histories (county, state, and city & town histories for southeastern U.S.). They have research material for each county in Texas. Non-current government records and indexes for Austin, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Matagorda, Waller and Wharton counties
- German immigration in Texas and Special collection of the Czech Heritage Society of Texas
- Fort Bend County photo collection
- Fort Bend County vertical files (biographies, cemeteries, churches, history, and obituaries)
- Access to *Ancestry.com* within the library.
- Fort Bend County Libraries Obituary Database  
[www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/departments/genealogy/obit\\_db\\_about/obit\\_db\\_about.html](http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/departments/genealogy/obit_db_about/obit_db_about.html)
- Fort Bend County Burial Lists and Cemeteries  
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Kim Zrubek  
Education Chair

## Members Helping Members and General Meeting Recap Sessions

### Dates and Locations

**Sunday, May 20 at 2pm in Helen Hall Library board room**  
(located at 100 W. Walker, League City which is on Hwy 3 one light south of FM 518 – [online map](#))

**Tuesday, June 19 at 7pm in Friendswood Public Library**  
(located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood – [online map](#))

**Tuesday, July 17 at 7pm in Friendswood Public Library**

**August hopefully at the Freeman Library (Date TBD)**

**September hopefully at the Freeman Library (Date TBD)**

**These sessions are dedicated research time for YOU with one-on-one assistance.**

**So 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.

This is a great resource for assistance on issues such as

- ✓ Suggestions for searching family in a specific locale
- ✓ Using FamilySearch or Ancestry to find records, build trees, attach supporting records and photos
- ✓ Download/upload family or DNA information.
- ✓ Which DNA test to take or interpreting DNA test results
- ✓ Formatting assistance in OpenOffice or Word for self-publishing
- ✓ Digitize your records, photos, and memorabilia

### Sunday, May 20 at 2pm - Next Member Helping Member Session

If you plan to attend, contact Kim Zrubek ([bagsnews@gmail.com](mailto:bagsnews@gmail.com)) to state what assistance you need. This gives us a chance to coordinate members with the desired expertise to be present at the meeting.

**Recap Session:** If you missed the last general meeting, you can pickup the announcements and speaker handout at these member helping member sessions. We can discuss the DAR database presented by Alice Braud-Jones at the April general meeting.

### March General Meeting Recap

Good food, good company, good presentation. We met at Red River Bar-B-Que & Grill and Gale French introduced us to the tools available in *GEDMatch.com*. Thank you Gale for the informative talk and tolerating the audio and visual limitations. During the April 15 member helping member session, several members were assisted in downloading their DNA raw data from Ancestry.com and uploading it into *GEDMatch*.

A copy of his slides are available on the BAGS website [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org). Click on **Members Page**, enter password, click on **Archived Meeting Handouts** and then on the link **2018-03-29** to view the full color/page slides. Pictures of the event are uploaded to the BAGS website under **About Us/Photo Gallery**.

# Navigating your FamilyTreeDNA test results



Login into your FamilyTreeDNA.com and you will see the “dashboard”.



On the dashboard, look for a box “Family Finder” section and click on “Matches” button. This will list all the people that have had their DNA (Autosomal DNA) tested and they match you!

By default, the match list is sorted by “Shared Centimorgans” amount, from most to least. The larger the value, the closer the relationship. Click on a column heading to sort list by ascending or descending values in that column. You can also filter the results list by 1) relationship category (pull down menu) 2) use “in common with” or “not in common with” 2) Tabs (all, maternal, paternal) which only are enabled after you have created a family tree and established the DNA relationship to one paternal and one maternal relative. You can also search the match list by surname. The advanced search gives you the additional filtering combinations.



The information shown for each individual match includes the name of the person whose DNA was tested, date when the match appears (entered), an estimated relationship range, shared centimorgans value (cM), longest amount of DNA involved in the match, X-Match indicator which when present indicates this relationship stems from the female side, the linked relationship based off joining DNA matches to your family tree, ancestral surnames as provided by the tested person in their profile. There are icons for sending an email (to their personal email outside of FamilyTreeDNA website), adding a note(s), accessing family tree (pedigree chart is blue if there is one, click to access), and established maternal or paternal relationship.

	Name	Match Date	Relationship Range	Shared Centimorgans	Longest Block	X-Match	Linked Relationship	Ancestral Surnames
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kate Schondelmeyer	04/10/2017	1st Cousin - 3rd Cousin	276	58		1st Cousin 2R	
<input type="checkbox"/>	V. Dyer	04/10/2017	1st Cousin - 3rd Cousin	276	91		2nd Cousin 1R	Karrick / Luckett / McClain / Sharp / Shrout / Thomas / armstrong / Bryan /

In this example, Chester’s DNA test showed a match with Kate Schondelmeyer and V. Dyer. The amount of DNA that matched (cM value of 276) estimates their relationship to be 1st to 3rd cousin. Kate did not provide a family tree. In this case, click on the email icon to correspond and share information. 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>

Since V. Dyer uploaded a family tree into FTDNA (blue pedigree icon), Chester was able to view the family members and determine their common ancestor was Chester’s paternal great grandfather, establishing their relationship as 2nd cousin one removed.

If there is a “X-Match” in the “X-Match” column, this narrows the relationship possibilities. Use the appropriate X chromosome inheritance fan chart to consider which of the possible ancestors could be the common ancestor. These charts were created by Blaine Bettinger (6/17/2015) and accessible at <https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2008/12/21/unlocking-the-genealogical-secrets-of-the-x-chromosome>

## BAGS Proposed Bylaws Changes

The following proposed changes to the BAGS Bylaws were presented to the membership at the March meeting. During the April general meeting, these changes will be presented again to the membership, along with a chance for discussion and a vote.

The complete bylaws are printed at the end of each BAGS *Yearbook*. A copy of *2016-2017 Yearbook* (current issue) is available on the BAGS website [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org), click on **Members Page**, enter password, and click on **Member's Yearbook 2016-2017** link.

Thank you to George Porterfield, Bob Wegner, Polly Swerdlin, Glen Cress, and Bill Mayo for serving as the Ad-Hoc Committee for Bylaws Review.

### Eliminate requirement for paper ballot per bylaws

#### **Current Article IX, Section D from 29 April 2011 Bylaws:**

##### **D. Voting and Eligibility:**

1. Only members in good standing will be eligible to vote.
2. Voting shall be by paper ballot, and the nominee receiving the majority of the votes shall be elected. A quorum is required.

#### **Proposed Article IX, Section D:**

##### **D. Voting and Eligibility:**

1. Only members in good standing will be eligible to vote.
2. If any positions on the ballot are contested, the voting for such positions shall be by paper ballot, and the nominee receiving the majority of the votes for such positions shall be elected. A quorum is required.
3. For any positions on the ballot that are uncontested, and for which there are no nominations from the floor, the presiding officer can declare the nominees for such positions elected by "acclamation." A quorum is required.

### Align the months for removal from membership and inclusion in yearbook

#### **Current Article IV, Section C from 26 Feb 2016 bylaws:**

##### **C. Dues and Fiscal Year:**

4. To be included in the Yearbook, annual dues must be paid by the September General Meeting. Any member who has not renewed by December 31 shall be removed from the membership roll.

#### **Proposed Article IV, Section C:**

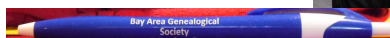
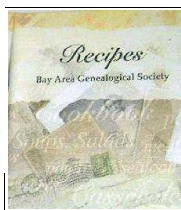
##### **C. Dues and Fiscal Year:**

4. Any member who has not renewed by December 31 shall be removed from the membership roll and not included in the Yearbook.



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

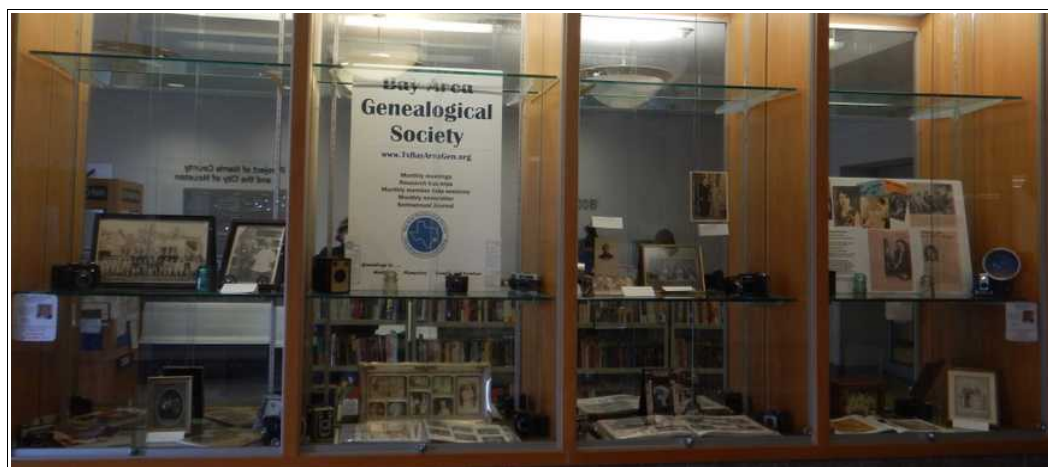
Balance on 28 February 2018	\$6,046.38
Deposits	\$0.00
Expenditures	<u>\$12.00</u>
Balance on 31 March 2018	\$6,034.38

#### CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 31 March 2018	\$3,832.80
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### BAGS Library Display

Thank you to members that loaned personal items for display at the Freeman Library during the month of March. This exhibit helped to promote our society and the raise awareness of genealogy as the study of history and the celebration of family.





# 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. Reservation is required, please call the library at 832-393-2600. Clayton Library website: [www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton](http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton)

### Origins of Mother's Day

**Saturday, May 5 from 10:30am – 11:30am**

Come explore the history of the creation of Mother's Day with staff member Melissa Hayes. Learn about the mother who inspired the holiday and the daughter behind its creation.

### Houston Asian American Archive (HAAA)

**Saturday, May 19 from 10:30am – noon**

Learn about the HAAA from project manager Dr. Anne S. Chao. Founded in 2009, HAAA is one of the few archives in the country that documents the lives of Asian-Americans. Housing oral histories, letters, diaries, photographs, newspapers, and other records, HAAA illustrates the experiences of immigrants and Asian-Americans in Houston

### Webinar: United States Probate Records

**Saturday, May 26 from 10:30am – 11:30am**

Join us in viewing a recorded webinar from FamilySearch.org in which we learn the value and content of probate records, the definitions of commonly used terms, how to use probate records to flesh out your genealogy, and where to find the records.

### Exploring the University of Houston's Special Collections

**Saturday, May 5 from 10am to noon** at

Bayland Community Center located at 6400 Bissonnet, Houston. This program is hosted by Houston Genealogical Forum ([www.hgftx.org](http://www.hgftx.org)). Join University of Houston's Special Collections Department chair Christian Kelleher as he discusses the rare books, archives, manuscripts and artifact collections at the university's M.D. Anderson Library. He will focus on strategies for discovery and the ways collections are used for genealogical research.

**Austin Genealogical Society hosts seminar featuring Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., The Genetic Genealogist.** Blaine Bettinger co-authored the books *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing* and *Genetic Genealogy and Genetic Genealogy in Practice*.

**Friday, May 11 session already sold out. But Saturday, May 12, 2018** from 9am to 3pm is still open. May 12th seminar costs \$50 for AGS members and \$70 for non-members. Registrations must be received by **May 6, 2018**. Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/80546609984975> Seminar will be held at the J. J. Pickle Research Campus Commons Learning Center located at 10100 Burnet Road, Bldg 137, Austin, TX 78758 May 12 seminar topics include:

- Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries
- Using Third-Party Tools to Analyze Autosomal DNA – Tools available at sites other than your testing company for DNA analysis.
- The Danger of Distant Matches – What are common pitfalls when analyzing DNA? What are the minimum requirements for genealogical proof using DNA?
- Begging for Spit

### Trip to Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah

**October 17 - October 24, 2018**

Sponsored by Humble Area Genealogical Society. They invite all to join them on this trip.

Contact Patsy McLaughlin at 832-439-8045 or [patsy.mclaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:patsy.mclaughlin@gmail.com) to make a reservation or get more information. Here are the basics:

- \$25 Registration fee payable to Patsy McLaughlin
- Group rate reservations at the Plaza (next to the library).
- Everyone makes their own air reservations or driving plans.
- Everyone pays for their own food.
- Planned optional group dinner and activities for when the library is closed.

More information available online at [www.humblegen.org/saltlaketrip](http://www.humblegen.org/saltlaketrip)