



# Bay Area Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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### Friday, May 25, 2018: Potluck Dinner and Program "Family Treasures: From Microfilm to Hyperspace" presented by Andrew Lee

*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](#)).**

Did you know that many genealogy services have records that you can browse but are not indexed? How can you find the records that have stories you are overlooking? Andrew Lee will discuss the best methods for quickly finding the answers to your questions without having to examine two million images one by one. With FamilySearch no longer sending out microfilm, there are ways to look at many of the microfilms online. This talk focuses on unindexed digital microfilmed records. There will be examples from wills, probates and land records to identify family members from the late 1700s and early 1800s.



Andrew Lee

Andrew Lee has been involved in family history research for 30 years. He enjoys researching ancestors from Sacramento, CA after the gold rush, upstate New York, and St. Keverne, Cornwall, England. He teaches throughout the US and Canada at conferences and local societies. In 2016, he and his wife Devon started the *Family History Fanatics* YouTube channel accessible at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCmkKepHoafldMRZ4UNt0AkW](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmkKepHoafldMRZ4UNt0AkW) where new videos are posted twice each week. Topics range from DNA testing, scrapbooking, research, family history, and product reviews. Andrew and Devon have published a number of family history related books including *DNA Q&A* and *A Recipe for Writing Family History*. Andy graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He and his wife have five children. Purchase their books, follow their blog, and connect with resources from their family's website at [www.familyhistoryfanatics.com](http://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com)

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

#### Next Month's General Meeting Friday, June 29 at 7pm

Irene Walters from Clayton Library presents  
"Fáilte (welcome) – to your Irish ancestry!"

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The new April 2018 issue of  
***BAGS Journal***  
is now available!

Also the Society's  
***2017-2018 Yearbook***  
is now available!

Pick up your copy of each  
during the May meeting.

## BAGS Journal Needs YOU!

Please share the story, photo or record.

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

Send submissions to editor Melodey Hauch  
by September 1, 2018.



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# 2018 BAGS Calendar

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## General Meetings

**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.

**Tuesday, June 19 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Friendswood Public Library:** "Members Helping Members" research working session.

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

**Tuesday, July 17 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Friendswood Public Library:** "Members Helping Members" research working session.

**Friday, July 27 at 7:00pm:** Mary Anthony Startz discusses The Cuban Papers, a treasure of colonial documents generated by the Spanish government for Mississippi Valley, Gulf Coast, and East/West Florida prior to the Louisiana Purchase.

**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

**Wednesday, July 18**

**Tuesday, September 25**



April 2018 Bus Trip to Clayton Library

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 at the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center, 16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062 ([online map](#)).



## Board Meetings

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

**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**

## April General Meeting Recap – DAR Genealogy Resources

Thank you Alice for the informative talk on genealogy resources available on the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) website ([www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org)). A copy of her presentation is 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 **2018-04-27** to view the full color/page slides. Pictures of the event are uploaded to the BAGS website under **About Us/Photo Gallery**.

Even if you are not interested in joining the DAR or SAR (Sons of the American Revolution), try using the online **Descendants Database**

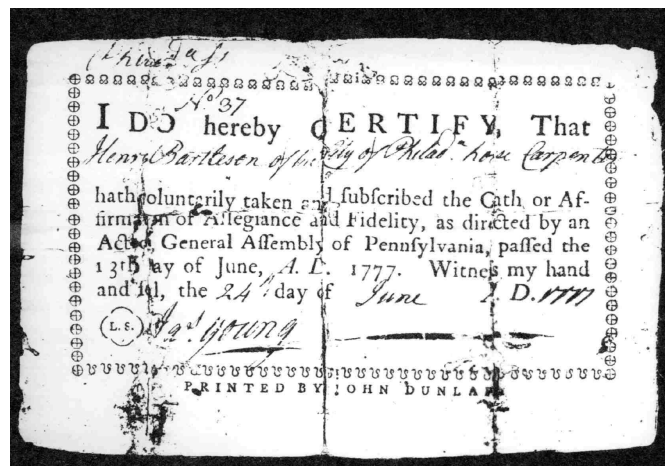
([http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR\\_Research/search](http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search)) to discover family members living prior to the late 1800s. This database contains over 7.1 million people (male and female) who have been identified as descendants of DAR Patriots. DAR Patriots include service men as well as men and women who provided aid, served in local government, or sworn oath of allegiance and fidelity to a colonial government. Search the names of ancestors (including spouses) that were born prior to the late 1880s. DAR suppresses the visibility of the three most recent generations and therefore those names are not available to search against. The search results will be husband and wife pairs. Look for names, dates, and locations that match your family research.


**Descendants Search**  
Includes More Than 7,100,000 Names

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**Items Found: 1**
Hint: Click on the icon to view the list.

Husband/Member/Spouse	Associated Patriot
<b>Karrick, George Washington</b> Born: KY - Feb - 1833 Died: KY (p) -- 1900	<b>SHARP, WILLIAM</b> Ancestor #: A208274 Member #: 767041
<b>McCarty, Amanda</b> Born: KY 17 - Oct - 1835 Died: KY 9 - Mar - 1923	



Credit: Library of Congress, Rare Book and Special Collections Division, Printed Ephemera Collection.

Pennsylvania. General Assembly. (1777) *I do hereby certify that Henry Bartleson of the City of Philad. house carpenter, hath voluntarily taken and subscribed the Oath of Affirmation of Allegiance and Fidelity, as directed by an act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, passed the. Philadelphia.* [Pdf] Retrieved from the Library of Congress, [www.loc.gov/item/2006566653](http://www.loc.gov/item/2006566653).

For example, search for George Karrick returned one entry where George married Amanda McCarty and they are related to the DAR Patriot William Sharp. Click on the red pedigree button to see the direct lineal ancestors back to the known DAR Patriot. This information is pulled from a previously submitted DAR application.

If you are interested in joining the DAR or SAR, you may be able to use this lineal information to complete your application.

## DNA Testing: a TODO list

Based on information shared during the webinar “First 5 Things to Do with Your New Test Results” presented by Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D. Through Legacy Family Tree Webinars.

- ➔ First task is to check your account's privacy settings within the testing companies website. Often you can view and adjust the privacy settings before the actual DNA test results are available. These settings can be adjusted at any time. Given that each testing website is different in what settings are available, come to a BAGS Member Helping Member session and get help locating and setting your account's privacy. **(continue on page 5)**





Kim Zrubek  
Education Chair

## Members Helping Members and General Meeting Recap Sessions

### Dates and Locations

**Tuesday, June 19 at 7pm in  
Friendswood Public Library**  
located at 416 S. Friendswood  
Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546

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

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

**September 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. Also, if you missed the last general meeting, pickup the announcements and speaker handout.

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
- ✓ Discuss content and explore resources presented in a past general meeting.

### DNA Testing: a TODO list (continued from page 4)

- ➔ Next step is to upload a family tree containing the basic information of names, dates, and places. This will enable others that match your DNA to determine possible family connections by reviewing your family tree. This can facilitate more effective email conversations.
- ➔ There may be hundreds of DNA matches. But take time to review and research your closest DNA matches.
- ➔ Then for each of the closest matches, look at the list of people that have DNA “in common with” (i.e. shared) between you and the closest match. Review and research that new list of “family.”

*Like assistance with any or all of these steps?*

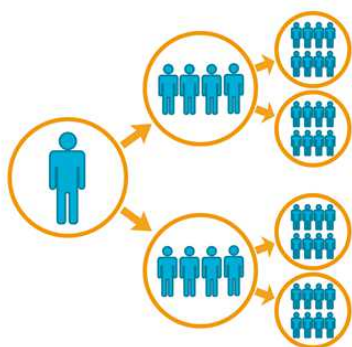
Come to a BAGS Member Helping Member session and get help. See dates above.

**Interesting fact:** One or more companies may offer to test DNA samples from old letters and postage stamps by the end of the year. It could be expensive! In the meantime, carefully preserve your old family letters. This future possibility is discussed in the article “How To Preserve & Test Old Letters for Grandma’s DNA” published online by Denise May Levenick on April 19, 2018 on *The Family Curator* website. Access the article at

<https://thefamilycurator.com/how-to-preserve-and-test-old-letters-for-grandmas-dna>



- ★ Members Amanda and Eric Pearson are moving to their retirement getaway. We wish them well and lots of fun! Amanda, Thank you for serving as our Membership Services Committee Chair.
- ★ Thank you to Teresa Rundell for agreeing to take on the Society's scrapbooking efforts after she retires at the end of this school year. Congratulations!
- ★ Thank you to Bob Wegner for agreeing to serve as our Historian.
- ★ Thank you to Jane Thompson for serving as our Welcoming Committee Chair.



### Pedigree Charts and Surname List available to members

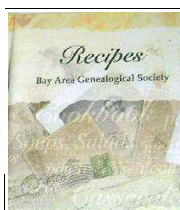
Use the pedigree charts and surname list to discover other BAGS members that are researching the same family names. These charts and lists can be found on the “**Members Page**” of the BAGS website ([www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org)).

#### *Have you submitted your five-generation pedigree chart to BAGS?*

All members are encouraged to submit a pedigree chart of their family. The chart does not need to be complete and information about living relatives may be omitted. The chart will be available for members to view and is optionally published in the *BAGS Journal*. Sharing your information may create a connection with other researchers that can help! If you have questions or need assistance, please contact member Gary Garrett, Five-Generation Pedigree Charts Chairman (contact info in *Yearbook*). The latest *Yearbook* is also available on the “**Members Page**.”

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 March 2018	\$6,034.38
Deposits	\$27.00
Expenditures	<u>\$503.43</u>
Balance on 30 April 2018	\$5,557.95

#### CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 30 April 2018	\$3,836.20
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# 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. Reservations is required, please call the library at 832-393-2600. Clayton Library website: [www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton](http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton)

### Welcome to America

**Saturday, June 2 from 2:00pm – 4:30pm**

Join staff member Irene B. Walters for two programs designed to help you learn more about your immigrant ancestors: 1) *Crossing the Wide Blue Seas: passenger lists of our ancestors*, and 2) *A Nation of Immigrants: U.S. naturalization and genealogy*.

### Swedish-Norwegian Genealogy

**Saturday, June 30 from 10:30am to 12pm**

Get started with the basics of Scandinavian genealogy and learn how to explore parish records and censuses from the 'Old Country'. This course will focus on the historical development of the region, the types of records available for beginning research, patronymic naming conventions, and an overview of the Digital Archives of Sweden and Norway.

### Insane Asylum Research: Tips and Tricks

**Saturday, July 14 from 10:30am to 11:30am**

People were committed to asylums for a variety of reasons, ranging from mental illness to elder care to people who just didn't conform to society's standards. Learn to find information about your family member who was in an asylum by using census records, commitment papers, newspaper articles, cemetery records, death records and more.

### Library Orientation

**Saturday, June 16 from 10:15am to 11:30am**

**Saturday, July 21 from 10:15am to 11:30am**

A brief introduction on the process of research and discovery in the beginning steps of a family history project and examine the resources available at the Clayton Library and how they are organized.

## Houston Genealogical Forum -

**DNA Interest Group (DIG)** meets at Bayland Community Center located at 6400 Bissonnet, Houston. Upcoming meetings and topics:

### GEDmatch Tier 1 and Genesis Tools

**Saturday, June 2 from 10:00am to noon**

### GEDmatch DNAPainter

**Saturday, July 7 from 10:00am to noon**

Access copies of the slides from the previous session, and annotated references with links to additional DNA resources on the DIG webpage <http://hgftx.org/dna-special-interest-group>

## 2018 TxSGS Family History Conference

Texas State Genealogical Society

November 2-4, 2018 in San Antonio, TX

# Save the Date

Details available soon.



## 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. Basic info:

- \$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, and 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)