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Friday, June 29, 2018: *Fáilte (welcome) – to your Irish ancestry!* presented by Irene Walters

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](#)).**

Come discover how to accomplish Irish genealogy research in the 21st Century. Irene Walters will provide ideas for researching as well as helpful websites for finding your Irish ancestry.

Irene Walters is one of the "Yankee Librarians" at Houston's Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. She is originally from New York State and has her Master of Library Science degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Irene started her own genealogy research as a teenager and has taken her lines back into France and Ireland. Her German lines and those dropped off by passing alien ships are more elusive. Irene has presented many programs to BAGS including modern military records, newspapers research, New York State records, and French ancestry research. Welcome back Irene!



Irene Walters

At the meeting, pick up your copy of the *BAGS Journal* April issue and the 2017-2018 *BAGS Yearbook*.

Next Month's General Meeting - Friday, July 27 at 7pm

Mary Anthony Startz presents *The Cuban Papers An Overview to Researching this Treasure of Spanish Colonial Documents from the 16th, 17th and early 18th century*, "a resource for locating family living in the Mississippi Valley, Gulf Coast, and East/West Florida areas prior to the Louisiana Purchase. The Clayton Library has a copy of these papers.

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Welcome New Members!



- ★ **Susan (Schaefer) Cotter of Houston.** She is researching surnames Sherer, Loftis, Cotter and Schaefer.
- ★ **William “Willy” Devlin Jr. and Sheila Toepp of Houston.** They are researching the Devlin family in Liverpool, Ireland, and Switzerland and Toepp family in France. They would like assistance in tracing the Devlin family back to Ireland.
- ★ **Barbara Hale of Houston.**
- ★ **Sandra (Perkins) Martin of Friendswood.** She is interested in researching family in Mississippi, Georgia and North Carolina.
- ★ **Raymond and Gearilden “Jerri” (Henry) Neely from Pasadena.** They would like assistance in researching Native Americans on the Trail of Tears. Their research interests include Alabama, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, Ireland and Scotland.
- ★ **Stephen and Linda (Hirst) Smith of League City.** They are interested in researching Zierke and Mund families in Germany, Mund and Schroeder families in New York, Smith in Illinois, Vermont and Canada.



Welcome Bob Wegner's
granddaughter,
Kacey Raelyn Wegner
born Wednesday, April 25, 2018.
Congratulations to the parents,
Bobby and Kimberly Wegner!

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2018 BAGS Calendar



General Meetings

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 to Clayton Library
Tuesday, September 25

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. 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](#)).



April 2018 Bus Trip to Clayton Library



Board Meetings

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

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

May Program Recap

Thank you to all the people that brought food for the potluck meal. As always, the food was delicious!

Our guest speaker, Andrew Lee, was wonderful at demystifying the use of the Family History Library's catalog to locate digitized materials. He provided some practical navigation tips. Come to a member helping member session to practice using this resource to locate your family.



Bible Records

Did you know the Clayton Library has bible records? I ordered bible records from the DAR Library. To my surprise the pages received had been originally collected and transcribed by the Houston DAR Lady Washington Chapter in 1991 and stored in a vertical file at Clayton Library. Individuals and societies donate family bibles and bible pages to Clayton Library. Photocopies of the family bible pages are stored on the second floor in the last vertical file cabinet (near the windows). There are a total of 514 folders in the cabinet, each representing a different family bible and contain the individual family pages. There is a surname index to this collection that lists the major family names.

In addition, there are books of bible records on the shelf created by DAR chapters, genealogy societies, and individuals. You can discover those titles through a library catalog search by accessing the Houston Public Library website <http://houstonlibrary.org> and in the upper right corner enter the text *bible records and a US State*. For example enter, **bible records texas**

A screenshot of a library catalog search interface. It has two tabs: "Search Our Catalog" and "Search Our Website". Below the tabs is a search input field containing the text "bible records texas" and a red "Search" button.

The results represent family records inside and outside of Texas. Narrow the search by clicking on subject "Bible Records – Texas" on the left side. Often family surnames are included in the detailed notes shown when you click on the title of a book. Record the complete call number so you can locate the book next time you are at the library.

Subject	INCLUDE	EXCLUDE
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DAR Genealogical Records Committee (GRC) Index Search

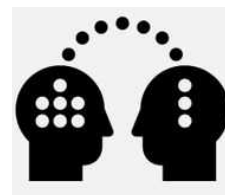
Individual DAR chapters transcribe family materials such as bibles, personal collections, and gravestones accessible in their local area or through family connections that cover other geographical locations. The records and transcriptions are published as a GRC report by that chapter and stored at the DAR Library in Washington D.C. and sometimes at their local library (e.g. Clayton Library). The GRC index includes over 66 million names found in reports published from the 50 US states, District of Columbia, and Mexico. Use the online GRC Search to access this index and locate report pages that pertain to your ancestors. Using this resource, I discovered a family bible existed for my mother's paternal great-grandfather. I ordered the pages and was excited to receive photocopies of both the original bible pages and the transcriptions. The pages covered births, marriages, and deaths of several generations. What a wonderful resource!

Access the GRC Search page directly using this link

http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?Tab_ID=6 (continued on page 5)

A screenshot of the "GRC Search" form. The title is "GRC Search" with the subtitle "Genealogical Records Committee Index". Below the title is a red asterisk and the text "You must enter a Surname (last name)". The form has several fields: "State" (a dropdown menu with "Texas" selected), "Surname" (a text input field with "Moore" entered and a red asterisk to its right), "First Name" (a text input field with "L P" entered), "Show Book Titles" (radio buttons for "Yes" and "No", with "Yes" selected), and "Sort By" (a dropdown menu with "Last Name" selected).

Members Helping Members and General Meeting Recap Sessions



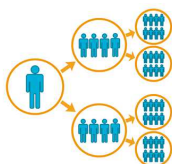
Kim Zrubek
Education Chair

Dates and Locations

Tuesday, July 17 at 7pm in Friendswood Public Library
(located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood – [online map](#))

Monday, August 20 at 7pm in the Freeman Library

Saturday, September 15 at 2pm in the Freeman Library



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

Thank you Steve and Chaille Manis and Glen Cress for providing DNA and DAR/SAR research assistance at the May session.

A Summer of DNA eConference (live webinar) - Saturday, August 4

Family History Fanatics (aka our May speaker Andrew Lee and his family) are hosting this conference featuring educators Diahan Southard, Sam Williams, Michelle Leonard, and Kitty Cooper. Details for this event are on page 7.

***** BAGS members: If you are interested in attending and would like to watch the presentations on a big screen, contact Kim Zrubek. You will need to register individually.**

The Family History Fanatics offer webinar software and support for any society to host their own eConference or webinar. Details online at www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/webinars.

GRC Index Search (continued from page 4)

Select a state, enter a surname, and optionally include all or part of the given name. From the search results, click on a page number to view all the names that appear on that page.

Note the series and volume number for that page. To view all the names referenced in a specific report, start a new search, choose advance search, select the same state, enter surname,

series, and volume number. Now you will see all the names in that report that share the same surname.

Request/order photocopies of GRC report pages through the DAR Library's Search Service

(www.dar.org/library/services/search-services) include the state, series number, volume number and page.

TX : s2 : v108

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MOORE, L P (male)

LIBRARY CATALOG

Title: Texas DAR GRC report ; s2 v108 : bible records / Lady Washington Chapter



BAGS Journal Needs You!

WWI content for next issue

November 11, 2018 is the 100th Anniversary of the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918.

In honor of the 100th anniversary, please consider submitting the names of your ancestors who served (not necessarily died) during WWI to be printed in the *BAGS Journal* September issue. You are welcome to include photos and stories. Melodey Hauch, *BAGS Journal* editor, plans to present the names in the format of a BAGS WWI ancestor honor roll, for example:

Robert George Hauch honors his grandfather, Rolf Alexander George, Louisiana serving in unit [photo]

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

Related resources:

- The United States World War I Centennial Commission www.worldwar1centennial.org
- Texas Historical Commission WWI Centennial www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/military-history/world-war-i-centennial
- Texas World War I Centennial Commemoration www.texasworldwar1centennial.org
- Museum of the American G.I. in College Station, TX
<http://americangimuseum.org/events/eventsarmistice-day-1918-2018>

In Memoriam

Joan Anita Jaeger Powell Maniag, mother of BAGS member Deborah Cole, passed on Monday, May 21, 2018. Her obituary was published in the *Houston Chronicle* on May 25 and online at

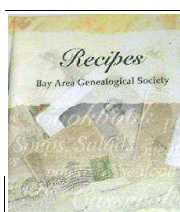
www.legacy.com/obituaries/houstonchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=joan-maniag&pid=189096750

Our prayers go out to Deborah and her family.



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 30 April 2018	\$5,557.95
Deposits	\$157.00
Expenditures	<u>\$230.50</u>
Balance on 31 May 2018	\$5,484.45

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 31 May 2018	\$3,836.10
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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

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, 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.

2018 TxSGS Family History Conference

Texas State Genealogical Society

November 2-4, 2018 in San Antonio, TX

Save the Date

Details available soon.



A Summer of DNA eConference (live webinar) Saturday, August 4 from 9am to 3:30pm

Hosted by Family History Fanatics featuring the following four popular genetic genealogy educators:

9:00am – Diahan Southard presents *Your Tree is Full, There is Still Room for DNA*

10:15am - Sam Williams presents *Ancestry DNA Tools*

11:30am - Michelle Leonard presents *Adoption and Unknown Parentage*

12:45pm - Kitty Cooper presents *DNA Segment Triangulation*

2:00pm – All four speakers final panel discussion and Q&A

Presentations are live, not pre-recorded, and you can ask questions throughout. Early registration is \$19.99 until July 21 and then it will be \$24.99.

Register online with debit/credit card or PayPal. All registrants will be able to view/replay the conference for 30 days (September 4). Door prizes including DNA test kits will be given away. You don't have to be present to win, but you do have to register. More information about the speakers, topics, eConference, and registration is available online at www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/summerdna

Federation of Genealogical Societies 2018 Conference

August 22 – August 25 in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Four days jam-packed with sessions and workshops catering to all skill levels delivered by nationally recognized speakers, educators, and regional experts. Speakers, program, registration, and hotel information is online at www.fgsconference.org

The Humble Area Genealogical Society is sponsoring a trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah for October 17 – October 24, 2018. All are invited to join. Trip details are online at www.humblegen.org/saltlaketrip