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Friday, July 27, 2018: *The Excavation and Relocation of Campbell's Bayou Cemetery* presented by Melodey Hauch

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](#)).**



Melodey Hauch

Melodey Hauch will present a detailed look at the removal of Texas City's historic Campbell's Bayou Cemetery and re-interment in Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster. James Campbell was the trusted lieutenant of Jean Laffite and a pioneer settler of Galveston County. The presentation features information on the pioneering Campbell and Parr families of Galveston County, many photos of artifacts taken from the 34 graves dated from the late 1830s to 1904, explain methods used in excavating and identifying the deceased, and discuss the reburials at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster. No photos of remains will be shown.

Melodey Hauch has written a number of award-winning articles about local cemeteries with a special focus on neglected and vandalized graveyards. She researched the extended Campbell family and their cemetery for two years before writing three articles which were published in the BAGS Quarterly. Melodey received the Sally B. Wallace Historic Preservation Award from the Galveston Historical Foundation in 2014 and 2016 for two of her long-term projects. She has been the editor of the BAGS *Quarterly/Journal* since 2008 and is currently the Vice Chair of the Galveston County Historical Commission. Melodey is the head writer and editor of an upcoming Galveston County history book to be published by the commission. She is also currently an active member of the Texas City Ancestry Searchers, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the African American Historic Preservation Society, and the League City Historical Society.

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Rescheduled: Mary Anthony Startz will present her program *The Cuban Papers An Overview to Researching this Treasure of Spanish Colonial Documents from the 16th, 17th and early 18th century,* on November 30, 2018.

Pick up your copy of the *BAGS Journal* and the *2017-2018 BAGS Yearbook* at the meeting.

**Members Helping Members Session
Monday, August 20 at 7pm
at Freeman Public Library
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BAGS has 183 members as of July 23, 2018

--- Bob Wegner, Registrar



Melodey Hauck and Deborah Gammon



June 2018 General Meeting

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2018 BAGS Calendar



General Meetings

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.

Monday, August 20 at 7pm in the Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library conference room (located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston – [online map](#)): “Members Helping Members” research working session.

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.

Saturday, September 15 at 2pm in the Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library conference room (located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston – [online map](#)): “Members Helping Members” research working session.

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: 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.

No Meeting in December.



Research Bus Trips

**Tuesday, September 25
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. 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](#)).



July 2018 Trip – members and friends
at Clayton Library



Board Meetings

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

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



2018 Annual State Conference

Consider attending the 2018 Family History Conference hosted by the Texas State Genealogical Society. There are more than 56 sessions and workshops, 30 speakers, and a host of exhibitors. Programming tracks include DNA, Ethnic, Methodology & Problem Solving, Publishing & Preservation, Records & Repositories, and Technology. This three day event is scheduled for November 2-4, 2018, in San Antonio at the Omni San Antonio at the Colonnade. Program and schedule details are available online at www.txsgs.org/2018-conference-program-topics

San Antonio also has a variety of facilities to research your ancestors, such as the San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society Library and the San Antonio Central Library Texana/Genealogy Department.

BAGS plans to host a Society table during the conference to raise awareness and sell promotional materials (e.g. laptop brief bags, USB drives). If you are interested in assisting at the table, please contact Bob Wegner.



Annual Writing and Website Awards Deadline September 15

During 2017 and 2018, have you published your family history or the history of a county or community? Or compiled and published collections of transcribed local records of genealogical value such as cemetery, newspaper, census, or courthouse?

Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS) offers cash prizes to individual members who have produced content in the form of a book, manuscript, website or student project. So join and submit your work! BAGS member Melodey Hauch has won several TxSGS writing awards for her self-published books and as editor of the BAGS *Quarterly*. First through third place cash awards will be presented during the Awards Banquet at the TxSGS Annual Conference in San Antonio Saturday, November 3. All books entered in the competition will be donated to the Texas State Library & Archives Genealogy collection in Austin, or, if that library has a copy, then to another library whose collection is open to the public. In addition to the awards in each category, a grand prize will be awarded to the best overall entry in the book competition, regardless of the category. The grand prize award is \$400. Writing award submission details are published online at www.txsgs.org/programs/awards-grants/writing-awards and website award submission details are published online at www.txsgs.org/programs/awards-grants/website-awards



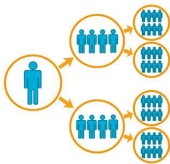
Kim Zrubek
Education Chair

Members Helping Members and General Meeting Recap Sessions

Dates and Locations

Monday, August 20 at 7pm in the Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library (located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston – [online map](#))

Saturday, September 15 at 2pm in the Freeman Library (located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston – [online map](#))



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

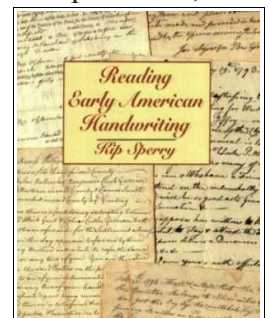
- ✓ Suggestions for searching family in a specific locale
- ✓ Using FamilySearch or Ancestry to find records, build trees, attach supporting records and photos
- ✓ Download/upload family or DNA information.
- ✓ Which DNA test to take or interpreting DNA test results
- ✓ Formatting assistance in OpenOffice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

June Meeting Recap

A Big THANK YOU to Irene Walters for explaining strategies and resources to use when researching family in Ireland. Her six page handout, full of resources and tips for Irish research, is available to members on the BAGS website (www.TxBayAreaGen.org). On the website, click on **Members Page**, enter password, click on **Archived Meeting Handouts** and then on the link **2018-06-29**

Researching early American documents?

The book *Reading Early American Handwriting* by Kip Sperry is a great resource for training your eyes to recognize alphabet letters and numbers written in different handwriting styles. Old documents with translations are provided side-by-side to test your new skill. This book is available at most public libraries.



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 at www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/summerdna**



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. 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.

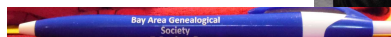
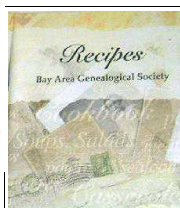
If your ancestors served in World War I and lived in Florida, Louisiana, Maine, North Carolina, or Texas between 1917 and 1919, look for their names in the **FamilySearch.org World War I Service Cards collections**. The cards include a grade, service assignments and dates, resident location, birth place, enlisted location, and indication of wounded in action and/or service overseas. To locate the service cards, access the main search page (www.familysearch.org/search/hr/search) and under "Find A Collection" enter the words **world war i**. Click on a specific record collection and enter your ancestor's name to search for the card.

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| Garrett, | Ellie H. | 1,487,117 | * White * Colored |
| (Surname) | (Christian name) | (Army serial number) | |
| Residence: Driftwood | | Hayes | TEXAS |
| (Street and house number) | | (Town or city) | (County) (State) |
| * Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at San Marcos, Tex. on July 23, 1917 | | | |
| Place of birth: Driftwood, Tex. | | Age or date of birth: 22 9/12 yrs | |
| Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: Co 1 1st Inf Tex NG (Co B 141 Inf) to discharge. | | | |
| Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt 1st Feb 1/18. | | | |
| Engagements: Snippes: Champagne Front. | | | |
| Wounded in action (degree and date): Severely | | Oct 8, 1918 | |
| Served overseas from July 26/18 to Apr 2/19, from to | | | |
| * Honorably discharged on demobilization: Apr 22/19 (If separated for other cause give reason) | | | |
| In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 10 per cent disabled. | | | |
| Remarks: | | | |

The service card shown here is for Ellie Hugh Garrett, BAGS member Garry Garrett's grandfather. Garry remembers seeing Ellie's leg wounds received during battle in France. Garry also found Ellie on US Army Transport Service Passenger List records showing when he originally shipped to France and then returned to the US. These records include a next of kin, military unit, rank, and service number. **The US Army Transport Service Passenger Lists cover 1910 to 1939 and are accessible through Ancestry.com**

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

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Balance on 31 May 2018 | \$5,484.45 |
| Deposits | \$132.00 |
| Expenditures | \$228.67 |
| Balance on 30 June 2018 | \$5,387.78 |

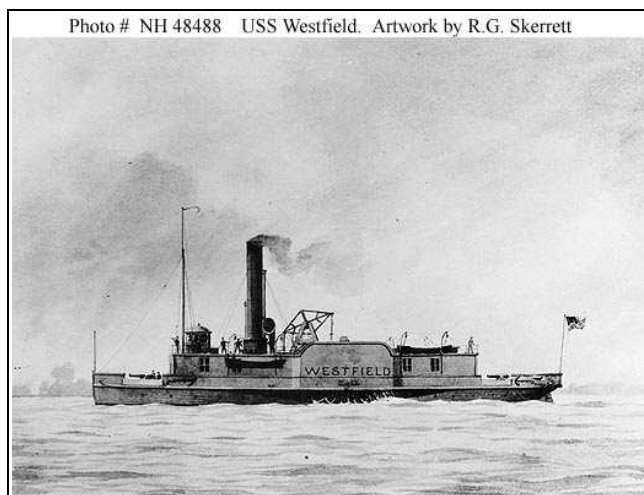
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

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| Value on 30 June 2018 | \$3,842.91 |
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Local Events

Texas City Museum Free Admissions Day Thursday, July 25

The Museum features large exhibits on the 1947 Texas City Disaster and the history of the town. On March 2, 2017 a new exhibit opened with artifacts from the *USS Westfield*, the Civil War steam ferryboat that sank in the Texas City Channel during the Battle of Galveston on January 1, 1863. The highlight of this exhibit is the ship's restored Dahlgren cannon. The museum is located on 409 6th Street North in Texas City.



National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair on Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Every year, the National Archives hosts a free virtual Genealogy Fair via live webcast on YouTube. The sessions offer family history research tools on Federal records for all skill levels. You can watch individual sessions and download the materials at your convenience live that day and after the event. The presentation schedule will be published soon online at

www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair

In the meantime, you can watch presentations for previous years accessible from the same page. BAGS member Susan Moyer happened to be at the National Archives one year during this fair. She shared: *That's where I found out I could see my ancestor's civil war pension in person. Ladies from the African American Daughters of the Confederacy wore period costumes.*

2018 German-Texan Heritage Society Conference

Friday and Saturday, September 14-15 in the Rosenberg Library located at 2310 Sealy St., Galveston, TX

The schedule, presentations, speaker information, and registration is available online at www.germantexans.org/events/annual-conference for more information either email office@germantexans.org, call 512-467-4569 or contact Liz Hicks, Genealogy Editor GTHS through email at erootrot@usa.net

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 – *Your Tree is Full, There is Still Room for DNA*

10:15am - *Ancestry DNA Tools*

11:30am - *Adoption and Unknown Parentage*

12:45pm - *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. Register online with debit/credit card or PayPal. All registrants will be able to view/replay the conference for 30 days (September 4). 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