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Friday, August 31, 2018: Annual "Show and Tell" Program and BBQ Potluck Dinner

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](#)).



Susie Ganch discussing her family quilt, November 2017

Here is your chance to tell a brief family story about a treasured item, important family event, or research discovery. Tables will be available at the front of the room to display your memorabilia.

The Society will provide drinks and barbecued meats for the potluck dinner. Members are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert. Please remember to bring serving utensils.



Begin arriving at 6:00pm to place food dishes and display memorabilia.
We will begin eating at 6:30 pm and the program starts at 7:00pm.

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It's Membership renewal time!

Please renew your membership at this meeting. The 2018-2019 Society year begins September 1. Details on page 6.

**Bus Trip to Clayton Library Tuesday,
September 25 at 9am.** Details on page 3.

**Members Helping Members Session
Saturday, September 15 at 2pm
at Freeman Public Library**

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It has been a year or recovery and reflection. Remember Hurricane Harvey scuttled our August 2017 Show & Tell program and it was rescheduled and held in November 2017. Here are some pictures from that Show & Tell meeting.



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2018 BAGS Calendar



General Meetings

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

NEW DATES!

Tuesday, September 25 to Clayton Library

Wednesday, November 14

Wednesday, January 16

Wednesday, March 20

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, 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

World War I Resources - US Army Transport Lists

The U.S., Army Transport Service, Passenger Lists, 1910-1939 collection recorded details on all persons leaving or arriving at U.S. ports on U.S. Army Transport Service ships. In addition to troops, passengers could also include nurses and other support personnel, family members, and any other passengers who may have been traveling onboard these ships. In some instances, troops from other countries traveled on U.S. Army ships as well. To search and view these records, access the collection through Ancestry.com at <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=61174>

For example, this collection includes BAGS member Garry Garrett's grandfather, Ellie H. Garrett. The left page shows him traveling to France from Hoboken, New Jersey on July 26, 1918 as a Private First Class in Company "B" 141 Infantry, 36 Division. The entry also list his residence as Driftwood, Texas and his mother Mrs. John A. Garrett as next of kin. On the right page, Ellie H. Garrett traveling to Hoboken, New Jersey from St. Nazaire, France on March 25, 1919 as part of a group that was sick and wounded from Base Hospital 216 Convalescent Detachment No. 54 St. Nazaire. It states he had a gun shot wound in the left ankle and right leg. We also learn the initial "A" in his mother's name stands for Anna.

Sheet No. 3RD
HEADQUARTERS U.S. ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE
PASSENGER LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS AND COMPANIES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS FORM
1. List all persons arranged according to rank, Army Field Clerks, Field Clerks, U. S. C. Nurses and Civilian Employees. Name to be numbered consecutively, beginning with No. 1.
2. List Non-Commissioned Officers down to and including Color Sergeant (See A. 2, Part 2).
3. List All listed men below Grade 16 (Paragraph 8, Army Regulations), arranged according to the usual formation of the Company, that is, by squads. These entries should be numbered consecutively beginning with No. 1.
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To be filled in by General Headquarters, Army Transport Service

COMPANY "B" 141 INFANTRY

NAME, RANK, AND REGIMENTAL DESIGNATION

1. BIDEN, GEORGE H. 1487071SGT Co. B

2. MONTGOMERY, JOHN E. 1487074SGT

3. JACOBE, HARVEY J. 1487101000K

4. SEAL, OSCAR G. 1487102000K

5. WALDO, JOHN C. 1487103000K

6. WILSON, CLAUD 1487136000K

7. HOOKER, ROY 1487104000K

8. SULLIVAN, WARREN T. 1487105000K

9. BROWN, JAMES T. 1484255000K

10. TURNER, ESTIE 1487085000K

11. OWEN, LEON H. 1487107000K

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15. EYS, FRANK E. 1487074 SGT

16. SIMPSON, DEWEY H. 1487004 SGT

17. BARRERA, MIGUEL 1493286 SGT

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World War I Resources (continued)

Lost Merchant Marines

The U.S. Merchant Marine is a fleet of privately owned ships that act as an auxiliary arm of the military, transporting troops and supplies during wartime. This *U.S., Lists of Merchant Seamen Lost in WWI, 1914-1919* collection contains a list prepared by the Marine and Seamen's Division of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance of casualties and ships during World War I. The collection includes officers, seamen, enlisted personnel, and civilians that were either killed, wounded, or captured.

Ancestry.com: <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=60552>

Gold Star Mothers

BAGS member Gale French discussed the Gold Star Mother pilgrimage during the April 2017 general meeting. His handout contained website addresses to records and information resources. That handout is available on the BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org. Click on the "Members Page" and then after entering the password, click on "Archived Meeting Handouts". On the next page, click on the **2017-04-28** entry. The U.S. government invited and paid for mothers, stepmothers, and widows to travel overseas to visit the grave of their family member who died during active service in World War I and was interred in Europe. These women and their associated soldiers are listed in a book titled *Pilgrimage for the mothers and widows of soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces: now interred in the cemeteries of Europe as provided by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929*. This book is available at the Clayton Library (call# 40.465 U58 USA) and through Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. Entries include the woman's place of residence, the soldier's rank, organization, and cemetery where interred.

FamilySearch.org: <https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/289103> accesses the complete book for free. The book is organized by state and then by county within the state. Search for names within the book. Download the complete book or print individual pages.

Ancestry.com: <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4224> accesses a search index. View search results using a free account. Original pages can be viewed using a subscription login or access from within a Family History Center, Houston Public Library, Harris County Public Library, or Fort Bend Public Library.

WWI Enemy Alien Registrations

In an attempt to minimize the threat from German aliens residing in the United States, the Presidential Proclamation of April 6, 1917 required persons of German birth who had not completed the naturalization process to register with the Justice Department. These records contain detailed family information, a physical description, fingerprints and a photo of the individuals registered. Currently only records from San Francisco, CA and Kansas have been digitized.

FamilySearch.org:

California, San Francisco, World War I Enemy Alien Registration Affidavits, 1918
<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1878523>

Ancestry.com:

Kansas, Registration Affidavits of Alien Enemies, 1917-1918
<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2137>

Minnesota, Alien Registration Cards, 1918 <https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=70801>

Jersey, Alien Registration Cards, 1920-1953 (Island off of Normandy, France)
<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=70847>



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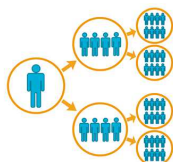
Members Helping Members and General Meeting Recap Sessions

Dates and Locations

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

Saturday, October 20 at 2pm in Friendswood Public Library (located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood – [online map](#))

Saturday, November 17 at 2pm in Friendswood Public Library (located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood – [online map](#))



This is **YOUR** chance to get **one-on-one** assistance with other members. 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, speaker handout, and discuss the program details.

So come and

- ✓ Get suggestions for searching family in a specific locale
- ✓ Use FamilySearch or Ancestry to find records, build trees, attach supporting records and photos
- ✓ Download/upload family or DNA information.
- ✓ Discuss which DNA test to take or interpret DNA test results
- ✓ Get self-publishing assistance
- ✓ Digitize your records, photos, and memorabilia

July Meeting Recap

A BIG THANK YOU to Melodey Hauch for her presentation on the removal of Texas City's historic Campbell's Bayou Cemetery and re-interment in Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster. Fascinating to take an inside look at the steps taken to locate, identify, preserve, and re-inter the people found buried in the Campbell's Bayou Cemetery. Much care, compassion, and research was put to this project. The research helped establish individuals as well as family relationships between the individuals. A large monument was placed at the re-interment location which provides the history and the original handwritten lists of family names provided by two sisters. Those original records were an invaluable resource in the identification process. The published government report covering all stages of the project is archived at the Galveston County Museum located at 722 Moody Ave., Galveston, Texas (www.galvestoncountymuseum.org)



NEW.... BAGS Now Has A Facebook Group

Post pictures, events and other BAGS information on the BAGS Facebook group. To join this group you must first be a Facebook user. If you are not, you will need to create Facebook account. Once logged into Facebook, click on this link www.facebook.com/groups/1123990297740879 or use the search bar and enter the terms **Tx Bay Area Gen** to access the BAGS group. It is a closed group so you will have to request membership. It will then be approved by our officers and you can view it and even post in it. Thank you to Susie Ganch for creating this group!

Welcome New Member - Diane Stuart Martens of Seabrook



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

In Memoriam

Edwin R. Hoppe of Livonia, MI and brother of BAGS member Shirley Hoppe Lindquist passed on June 24, 2018. Our prayers go out to Shirley and their family.



BAGS member **Maurine Olga (Schmidt) Lee**, passed away on August 3, 2018. Her obituary was published in the *Houston Chronicle* on August 12 and online at www.legacy.com/obituaries/houstonchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=maurine-lee&pid=189877944&fhid=11056

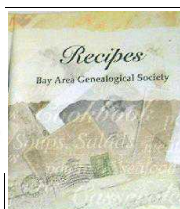
Our prayers go out to her son Ralls Lee and the rest of Maurine's family.

BAGS member **Jane Shelton Ebrom** passed away Saturday, August 11, 2018. Her obituary was published in *The Daily News* (Galveston County) on August 21 and online at www.galvnews.com/obituaries/article_1e318218-c720-5190-a332-bc3a650b9df4.html

Our prayers go out to Howard Spalding and to Jane and Howard's families.

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 May 2018	\$5,484.45
Deposits	\$132.00
Expenditures	<u>\$228.67</u>
Balance on 30 June 2018	\$5,387.78

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

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

Clayton Library

The following free programs are offered in the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston. Clayton Library website:

www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

Grandparents Day Celebration

Saturday, September 8 at 10:30am to noon

Bring the grandchildren and participate in multigenerational activity stations created for sharing family stories and memories.

Discover Your Ancestry

Saturday, September 22 from 10:30am to noon

Discover how DNA is used in genealogy research at a presentation by Family Tree DNA, then learn how to get started researching your own family tree with Clayton Library Manager Susan Kaufman. Reservations is required, please call the library at 832-393-2600.

Exhibit: Ofrendas del Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead Altars)

Ongoing from September 28 to November 3

The Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston has created ofrendas (altars) that welcome and honor the spirits of deceased family members and loved ones.

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



Join us for the 2018 Family History Conference
www.TxSGS.org #TxSGS2018

Journey through Generations
November 2-4, 2018
at the Omni San Antonio at the Colonnade

Registration is open and details on speakers and program are available online at www.txsgs.org/featured-events/2018-family-history-conference This conference features six tracks on the latest in DNA; Ethnic Research; Records and Repositories; Methodology and Problem Solving; Publishing and Preservation; plus Technology. With 56 sessions from 30 speakers plus four workshops, there will be something of interest and benefit for everyone. Also plan time to research at the San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society Library and the Texana/Genealogy Department of the San Antonio Central Library.

Texas Czech Genealogical Society presents "Celebrating the Centennial of the Founding of Czechoslovakia and the U.S. and Czech Partnership"

September 29, 2018 from 9am to 4pm at the Caldwell Civic Center, 103 Texas 21 W., Caldwell, Texas. Multiple speakers. Registration includes lunch. Details are published on their website <https://txczgs.org>

The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)

meets the third Saturday of every month (except December) at noon in Landry's Seafood House located at 5310 Seawall Blvd. Galveston. The September 15 meeting is a special joint meeting with the George Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in honor of Constitution Day and will be held at the San Luis Resort. Guests are welcome at the meetings. Please join us. Their website is <http://www.bdgars.org>