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Friday, October 26, 2018: "Kick-Start Your Enthusiasm: Genealogy Education on the Web" presented by Gay E. Carter, MLS

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](#)).**

Suddenly need to research a European ancestor? Want ideas for sharing your family history? Genealogists often need to consult an expert, hone their skills, or find creative projects. Learn about the abundance of educational podcasts, webinars, and conference presentations that are available from the comfort of your home on your favorite computer and many are free. Get inspired and rediscover the fun and wonder of genealogical research!

Gay E. Carter is a retired reference and government documents librarian from The University of Houston-Clear Lake Alfred R. Neumann Library Archives & Special Collections. Engaged in genealogical research for over 35 years, she is a member of several genealogical organizations and is an alumna of the Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. Her genealogical writings include articles on using university libraries for genealogical research in *Family Tree Magazine* and the National Genealogical Society magazine as well as numerous research-oriented articles for Clayton Library Friends and the Houston Genealogical Forum.



Gay E. Carter, MLS

Next Month's General Meeting - Friday, November 30 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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**Members Helping Members Session
Saturday, November 10 at 2pm
at Friendswood Public Library
(date change)**

**Next Bus Trip to Clayton Library is
Wednesday, November 14.
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Welcome New Members!



Lisa R. Franklin of Houston is a seasoned genealogist researching surnames Abney and Wilson in the south eastern U.S. as well as exploring the DNA genetics for the Franklin surname (see www.FranklinGenetics.org)

Robert Keller of Houston is researching the surnames Keller and Collins in Germany and Ireland.

Kitty Olson of Houston is researching surnames Neve, Vann, Barton, Conyers, Olson, and Janota.



In Memoriam

BAGS member Howard Benton Spalding of League City passed away on Wednesday, September 26, 2018. Our prayers go out to Howard's extended family. His obituary was published in the Galveston County *The Daily News* on October 22 and online at www.galvnews.com/obituaries/article_f7d64b2e-9913-5a4e-9ef8-777b836918a2.html

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2018 BAGS Calendar



General Meetings and Recap Dates

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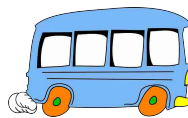
(Date Change) Saturday, November 10 at 2pm in the Friendswood Public Library (located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood [online map](#)): Recap of October program and “Members Helping Members” research working session.

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.
Possibly a Christmas Party.
Stay tuned!**

**General Meetings will resume in
January, 2019**



Research Bus Trips 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, October 22 at 6:30pm

Monday, November 26 at 6:30pm

**No Meeting in December. Resume in
January.**



Pick up the new **BAGS Journal** issue available at the November meeting.

It contains articles from **BAGS** members honoring their family members who served during World War I.



Enjoying the *BAGS Journal*: L-R (seated) George Porterfield, Melodey Hauch (standing) Renee Ball, Susie Ganch, Annette Bowen, and Shirley Lindquist.



www.podcast.worldwar1centennial.org

Weekly podcast (play recordings from your web browser) about WWI 100 years ago this week plus news about Centennial and Commemoration.

WWI - Then and Now
Wednesday, November 7 at 7pm
at the Friendswood Public Library

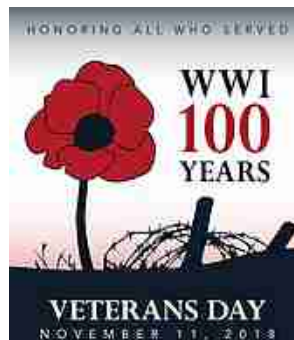
How the war reshaped the world and the lasting effects still present today. Presented by Kevin Burke, a WWI historian and re-enactor and a Friendswood resident.

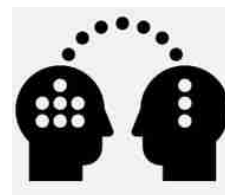
League City Historical Society presents **World War I 100th Anniversary** **Mobile Museum "Lest We Forget"**

A nationally recognized traveling museum exhibiting original artifacts from the Great War including all facets from trench warfare to photographic and cinematic treatment of the war to Christmas time during the conflict.

October 24, 25, 26, and 27
from noon to 8pm
at 210 N. Kansas, League City, TX 77573
Free Admission
Self-guided and hourly tours

Saturday, October 27 from noon to 5pm
World War I re-enactors will be telling the stories
of League City Veterans and Volunteers





Kim Zrubek
Education Chair

Members Helping Members and General Meeting Recap Sessions

DATE CHANGES and Locations

Saturday, November 10 from 2pm to 4pm in Friendswood Public Library (located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood – [online map](#))

No meeting in December.

In January, we will begin meeting at the Friendswood Family History Center. Dates and times to be announced.

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

Few Tips and Tricks Shared From The All-Day Genealogy Live Webinars held Friday, October 19

- Once you have found the name of a living cousin from an online tree contribution, message posting, or DNA match, use Veromi.net (www.veomi.net) to search their names. The initial results can show estimated age, multiple residences and clues to other relatives and maiden name possibilities.
- Adoptee strategy for reviewing DNA test results: Look at the associated family trees and based on the listed ancestors try to map the DNA test takers into two family groups with the hope that one group will represent living cousins on your maternal side and the other group represents your paternal side.
- The United State Census Bureau website provides another of resources to help you interpret information found on the Federal censuses. On the “Through The Decades” page (www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades), you can access the list of census questions asked by decade (Index of Questions), the instructions given to the enumerators (Census instructions), and pop culture facts by decade (Fast Facts). Check out list of available state censuses, funded by the individual US States www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/other_resources/state_censuses.html Keep in mind there are also a few county censuses, funded by the county independent of the state. Consult the individual US state archives to determine how to access state or county censuses. Also, search the Mortality Censuses for the years 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1885. This is a list of persons who had died in the year immediately preceding the official Federal census. A few of these censuses are in FamilySearch.org however, HeritageQuest and Ancestry.com have all of them. The information provides death date, location, cause, age, profession, residency but unfortunately not next of kin.
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Sue Yerby and Fidel Ramirez

“Digitizing Your Own Family Records” September Program Recap

Thank you to Sue Yerby and Fidel Ramirez for their dual presentation on the latest digitization news and the why and how to create electronic images of personal papers and memorabilia (a.k.a. digitize). Digitize, digitize, digitize to extend the lifespan, survive natural disasters, and share your collected family history.

Psst. Did you know

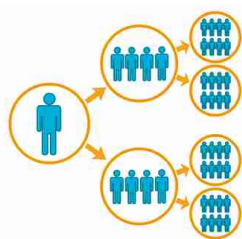
Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research offers equipment for you to scan your photos, slides, and documents creating digital files to be stored on your USB drive or cloud storage. Create digital files in the format of JPG, PDF, searchable PDF, TIFF, or PNG. Reservations required. Please call the library (832-393-2600) and schedule a specific date and time up to one month in advance. The equipment available:

- Kodak EZ Photo Scanner, a device capable of high-quality bulk photo scanning at the rate of 25 photos per minute
- Flatbed photo scanner for photographs and documents that cannot or should not be put through the bulk photo scanner.
- Kodak SlideSnap Lite, a quick and easy way to convert photographic images found on slides into digital images.

A minimum scanning dots per inch (DPI) setting for documents is 300 DPI and for photographs is 600 DPI according to page 5 of *Digital Record And Digitization Standards* document published by the LDS Church (2016) online at www.lds.org/callings/church-history-adviser/bc/pdf/records-preservation-centers/digitization-standards-2016.pdf. BAGS member Gale French recommends creating two digital images for each photograph. One digitized file at 300 DPI setting to create a smaller sized file that is easier to post, email, share and the other digitized file at 600 DPI setting for the greatest detail and serve as your official archive/backup copy.

Few Tips and Tricks Shared From The All-Day Genealogy Live Webinars (continued from page 5)

- Store photographs and documents in materials that are PAT (Photographic Activity Test) Certified, in international standard test for evaluating photo-storage and display products. Look for archive storage products from suppliers such as Brodart (www.shopbrodart.com), Gaylord (www.gaylord.com) and Light Impressions (www.lightimpressionsdirect.com) .
- Energize family participation in your family history work by using Instagram and “Genealogy Photo A Day” challenge. To help you choose which photo to post, daily theme prompts are published at the beginning of the month. Post a family picture that relates to the theme with a short caption on Instagram and include #genealogyphotoaday. Posting and receiving comments/feedback is fun, interactive, and educational for family members of all ages. Access the complete list of October’s prompts at www.instagram.com/p/BoZAYdIgP4p For example, on October 22 the theme prompt was beverage. The Allen County Public Library posted a picture of the Fort Wayne Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc. constructed circa 1941. View this entry at https://deskgram.net/p/1895900902494103527_1575831222



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).

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**.”

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!

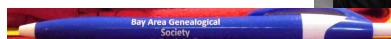
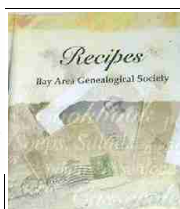
BAGS needs a volunteer to serve as the Member Services Committee Chair.

If you are interested, please talk to one of the Board members. This group is responsible for:

1. Assemble New Member Packets as requested by the Registrar.
2. Arrange rides for those members who indicate a need as identified by the Telephone committee.
3. Review new member applications for research interests and the "I need help with" response.
4. In cooperation with the Education Chair, connect members to BAGS mentors or recommend educational opportunities that may address their needs.

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 August 2018	\$5,225.54
Deposits	\$520.00
Expenditures	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance on 30 September 2018	\$5,745.54

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 30 September 2018	\$3,853.05
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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. Reservations required unless noted. Please call 832-393-2600. Clayton Library website: www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

Manuscripts and Special Collections

Thursday, October 25 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Manuscripts and the special collections sections of a library might help answer the “why” or “how” of your family history research questions.

DAR Day

Saturday, October 27 from 10:30am to 4:30pm

Representatives from local DAR chapters will be at Clayton Library for consultation and research help in preparing lineage papers for submission to the DAR. No reservations required.

Let's talk Autosomal DNA – DNA Discussion

Series Saturday, October 27 from 10:30am to noon

Each session will begin with a brief presentation on DNA topics after which the session is open for group discussion and comment.

Cemetery Removal: Where did it go?

Wednesday, October 31 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Discover resources to help you find a missing cemetery, including strategies to find out where the grave was moved and what you can do to document your findings.

Jump Start Your Holiday Family History Project

Visit one of these groups in November to learn more about them and get ideas that will help discover your family history during this holiday season? No reservations required.

Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston

Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 10:30am

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Willie Lee Gay H-Town Chapter

Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 10:30 am

Clayton Library Friends

Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 10:30am

Cherokee Citizens League of Southeast Texas

Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 11am

Houston Genealogical Forum All-Day Seminar (at a different location)

Using DNA: Four Sessions with Blaine Bettinger

Saturday, November 10 from 10am to 3pm at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center located at 1414 Wirt Rd., Houston, TX 77055. Details and registration at <http://hgftx.org/event/hgf-seminar-genetic-genealogy-blaine-bettinger>

1. Using Autosomal DNA to Explore Your Ancestry
2. Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries
3. Using GEDmatch and DNAPainter to Analyze Your Autosomal DNA
4. Are You Doing Everything to Identify Your DNA Matches?

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.

BAGS Registrar Bob Wegner will be attending this conference to represent our Society and host an information table to raise awareness and sell promotional materials. Thank you Bob!