

# Bay Area Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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**Friday, November 30, 2018: *The Cuban Papers: An Overview to Researching this Treasure of Spanish Colonial Documents from the 16th, 17th and early 18th century* presented by Mary "Anthony" Startz**

*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](#)).**

If your ancestor was an early English Loyalist or American immigrant into the Spanish Colonies between 1761 and 1821 in the areas of Florida to the Mississippi Valley to Louisiana, you will want to look for them in a resource called the *The Papeles Procedentes de la Isla de Cuba*, more commonly known as the Cuban Papers. The collection is on 1,000 rolls of microfilm and is in the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. In this presentation, Startz will review the resource guides available to drill into these reels of microfilm and the variety of documents contained in this collection.



Mary "Anthony" Startz

Mary "Anthony" Startz is a native of Pensacola, Florida. She has lived in Houston for more than thirty years. As an active member of National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), she is currently serving as a National Vice Chair for the Units Overseas Committee and is on the board of Lady Washington Chapter, NSDAR for a fifth term. She is also Texas State Chairman for the Spanish Task Force as well as twice past National Vice Chairman, Lady Washington Chapter, NSDAR. Anthony is a member of the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez where she works to promote the history of Spain's role in the American Revolution. She is also a board member of this organization serving as National Secretary and Secretary/Treasurer of the Houston chapter.

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**Holiday Party**  
**at South Shore Grille**  
**Saturday, December 8**  
**at 12:30pm**

**2800 Marina Bay Dr. (aka FM 2094)**  
**League City**

([online map](#) and details on page 3)



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Pick up the new **BAGS Journal** issue available at the general meeting. It contains articles from BAGS members honoring their family members who served during World War I.

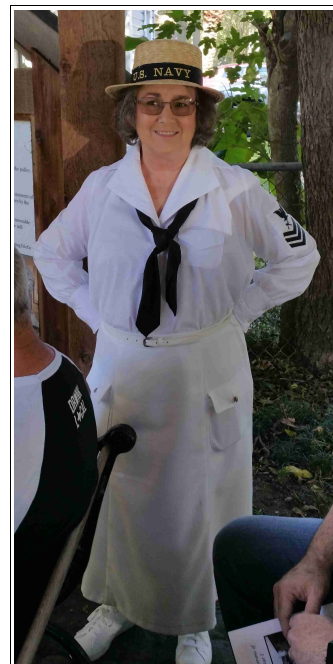


We need you! Melodey Hauch is already working on the next Journal issue. Please consider sharing a story, photo, record.

BAGS Members re-enact and honor WWI veterans during League City Historical Society's World War I 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program  
Saturday, October 27, 2018



Melodey Hauch posing as Lt. Col. Helen Purviance, one of the WWI Salvation Army "doughnut girls," telling the story of how donuts were cooked and served to the troops on the France front lines.



Deborah Gammon posing as a Navy Yeoman in honor of WWI local serviceman Steve Drake

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**Members and guests are invited to the**  
***BAGS Annual Holiday Luncheon at***  
**South Shore Grille**  
**(in the back room)**

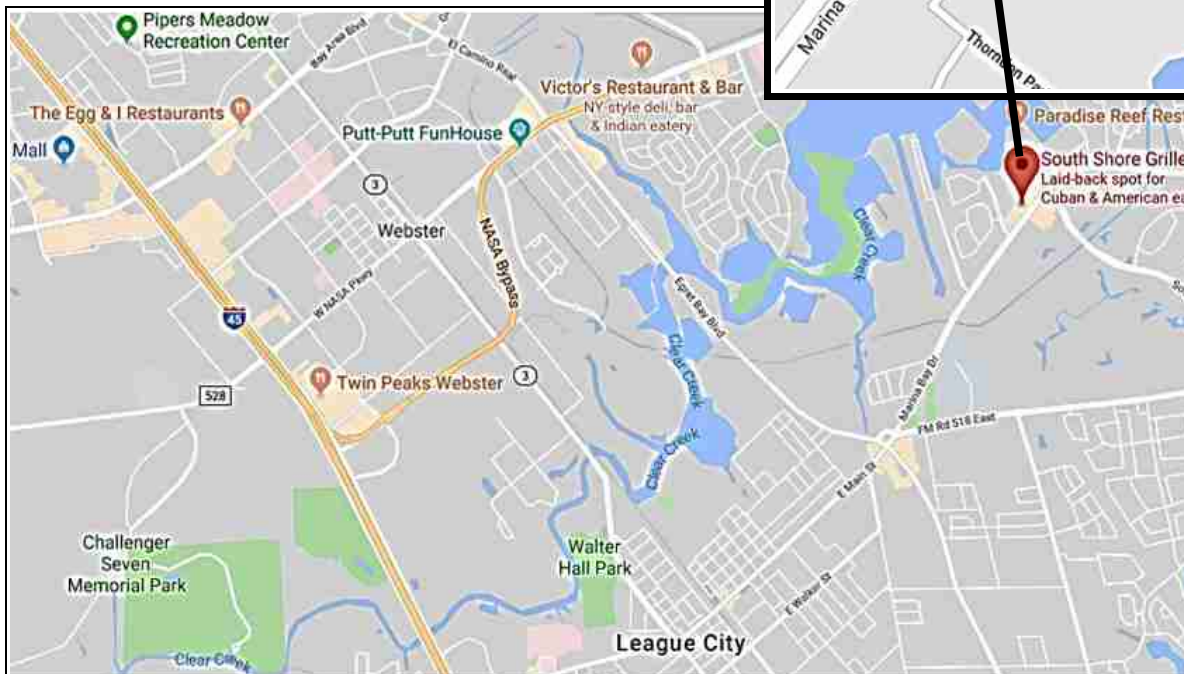
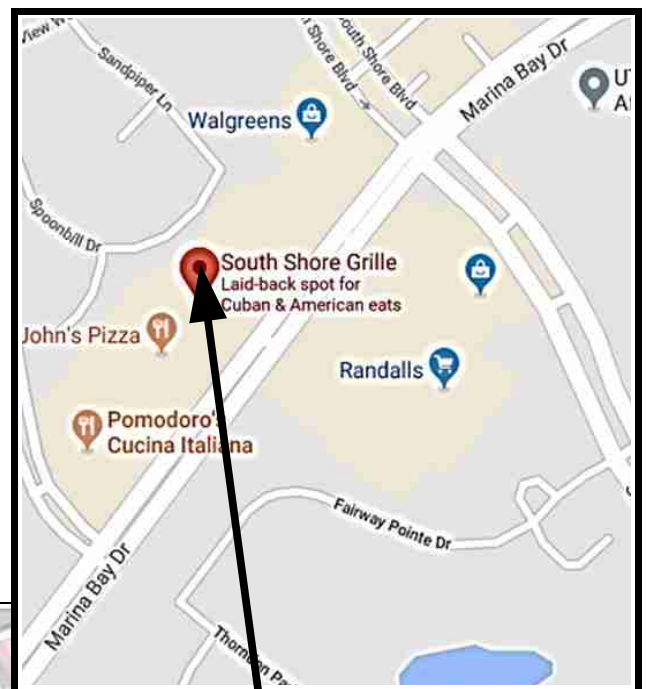
**on Saturday, December 8 at 12:30pm**

located at 2800 Marina Bay Dr. (aka FM 2094), League City ([online map](#))

*Come enjoy the holiday spirit and  
a pleasant lunch with friends.*



The lunch is dutch, order off the menu.  
Menu choices are listed online at  
[www.soshoregrille.com/menu\\_main.html](http://www.soshoregrille.com/menu_main.html)





# 2019 BAGS Calendar – Save The Dates!



## General Meetings



**Saturday, December 8 at 12:30pm**  
**Holiday Party at South Shore**  
**Grille in their back room. Details**  
**on page 3.**

**Sunday, January 13 at 2:00pm**

Doryn Glenn, Director of Governmental Affairs, District Clerk Galveston County will discuss Historic Immigration Records.



**Friday, February 22 at 7:00pm**

Susan Kaufman, Manager of Clayton Library, researching at a repository.

**Saturday, March, 16 at 2:00pm**



**Thursday, April 25 at 7:00pm**

Devon Lee, Family History Fanatics, will discuss Organizing your Research



**Friday, May 31 at 7:00pm**

Program with Potluck Dinner

**Friday, June 28 at 7:00pm**

**Friday, July 26 at 7:00pm**

**Friday, August 23 at 7:00pm**

Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner



**Friday, September 27 at 7:00pm**

**Friday, October 25 at 7:00pm**

**Friday, November 22 at 7:00pm**

**No meeting in December.**



## Research Bus Trips to Clayton Library

**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](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](#)).



November 2018 Trip – members and friends  
visiting the Clayton Library



## Board Meetings

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

**Resume in January.**



Kim Zrubek  
Education Chair

## Members Helping Members and General Meeting Recap Sessions

These sessions will resume in January. Also in January, we will begin hosting research sessions once a month at the Friendswood Family History Center. Dates and times for both will be announced in the December newsletter.



Gay E. Carter, MLS

### October Program Recap

Thank you Gay Carter for encouraging us to start following blogs, podcasts, and participating in online training. Her handout includes a wonderful list of articles containing “the best of” podcasts, YouTube videos, and blogs. All three are online communication tools that can be accessed by the public. A blog is a chronological set of published (visual reading) articles by one person or company. A podcast is a chronological set of published (audio listening) programs by one person or company. Generally, published entries in a blog and podcast are focused on a specific topic theme, presented in a conversational style, and the public may respond by posting comments. You can access Gay's handout and her recommendations 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 **2018-10-26** to view the handout.

Gay also discussed the free online training provided by FamilySearch via their Learning Center. This is a perfect resource for individuals just beginning or stumped with their research. Access the Learning Center directly at <https://www.familysearch.org/ask/landing?search=Getting%20Started&show=lessons> then search for a specific ethnicity, country, state, time period, record type, or event. There are even courses on reading a specific language. Access an individual course at any time. No registration is required. The course consists of one or more online videos you watch within the web browser, no additional software required. A matching handout will be available for download/print. There are a number of courses covering research and records for countries worldwide (e.g. search for a specific country) and explaining resources available for researching ancestor life events (e.g. search for a specific event such as military, religion, vital, migration, land). Few course examples are:

- *The Volga German Settlements in Russia*
- *Spelling Variations in German Given and Place Names*
- *More Irish than the Irish Themselves: The Hiberno-Norman Families*
- *Introduction to Hispanic Research*
- *Unique African American Records Post-1865*
- *United States Research: Mid-South Region*
- *Name Rich Sources for the "Long 18th Century" 1688-1837*
- *Sweden: An Introduction to ArkivDigital*
- *Foreign Language Research: Methodology for Reading a Document*
- *DNA: I've Tested, Now What?*



### Please Renew Your Membership

Please consider continuing to support this organization and renew your membership. We have some wonderful programs planned for 2019. The 2018-2019 Society began September 1, 2018 and ends August 31, 2019. Per our bylaws, the *BAGS Yearbook* will include all members that have renewed by December 31, 2018. The renewal rates have not changed from last year. A single membership is \$20 and a family membership is \$25. Please fill out a membership application form with your renewal. One is available online on the BAGS website ([www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org)) home page. Either mail the form, or bring it to the next general meeting. Please note that the Registrar's address is P.O. Box 590853, Houston, TX 77259-0853. Blank forms will be available at the Registrar's table during the general meetings.

### Research Sessions at Alvin Senior Center

BAGS member Oletia Teas is co-hosting research sessions at the Alvin Senior Center (309 W. Sealy Street, Alvin, 77511) on the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 10am to 11:30am. For December, they will only meet on the first Monday, December 3. During these sessions, attendees work on each other's research.



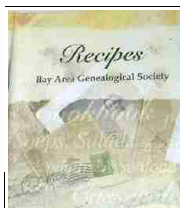
### BAGS needs a volunteer to serve as the Member Services Committee Chair.

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 30 September 2018	\$5,745.54
Deposits	\$180.00
Expenditures	<u>\$317.36</u>
Balance on 31 October 2018	\$5,924.18

#### CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 31 October 2018	\$3,856.36
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## 2019 Genealogy Conferences

**Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy January 13-18, 2019 in Hilton SLC Center, Salt Lake City, Utah**  
Week-long training for high-intermediate to advanced education. [SLIG.ugagenealogy.org](http://SLIG.ugagenealogy.org)

**RootsTech February 27–March 2, 2019 in Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah**  
A 4-day annual family history and technology conference where individuals and families are inspired to discover, share, and preserve their family roots, heritage, and stories. [www.rootstech.org](http://www.rootstech.org)

**National Genealogical Society May 8-11, 2019 in St. Charles, Missouri** Conference changes locations each year. Choose from more than 150 lectures presented by many nationally recognized speakers, explore an exhibit hall filled with more than 80 exhibitors, and network with more than 2,000 genealogists. <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>

**International German Genealogy Conference June 15-17, 2019 in Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sacramento, California.** Three days of German-centric presentations in multiple tracks –Geographic, Technology, Advancing Your Research, and more. <https://igpartner.org>

**Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) July 21-26, 2019 in Athens, Georgia**  
Conference changes locations each year. A week of intensive study led by nationally prominent genealogical educators. Students choose one course that lasts throughout the week. Topics range from a course for beginners to a variety of courses on specialized topics. <http://ighr.gagensociety.org>

**Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) August 21–24, 2019 in Washington, DC**  
FGS makes its first visit to the nation’s capital with the National Archives, Library of Congress, DAR Library, and more a Metro ride away. BAGS is a member of FGS and receives their newsletters. <https://fgs.org/conferences>

**Annual Texas State Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference in September 2019** (usually last weekend) A Hispanic genealogy society, association, and or group hosts the annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference. Find more information about past and future conferences on [www.wearecousins.info/conference](http://www.wearecousins.info/conference)

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Annual Conference October 10-12** in College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Hyattsville, Maryland (Washington, D.C.) [www.aahgs.org](http://www.aahgs.org) The Houston Chapter is Willie Lee Gay H-TOWN <http://htown.aahgs.org>

**National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair in October 2019** (usually 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) Free live streaming presentations concerning federal record resources. Watch from home through [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com). Past year presentations are available to watch. [www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair](http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair)

**Free All-Day Live Webinars (Annual Genealogy Network of Texas “Lock-In”) in October 2019** (usually the 3rd Friday). Watch live webinars at local participating libraries. In 2018, Clayton Library or possibly George Memorial Library, Friendswood Public Library, and Rosenberg Library participated.

**Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference in late October 2019** (usually last weekend to first weekend in November). Multiple tracks of programming covering different ethnic, geographic, topic research. The conference rotates among major Texas cities each year. Details will be posted at [www.txsgs.org/featured-events](http://www.txsgs.org/featured-events)

**International Genetic Genealogy Conference December 2019 in Sheraton Mission Valley San Diego Hotel, San Diego, California.** Educational conference focused on the genetic genealogy field and funding genealogical and anthropological genetic testing and research. <http://i4gg.org>