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Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 2pm: *Immigration and Naturalization at the Turn of the Century* presented by Doryn Glenn

Public Invited. Join us at 1:30pm 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](#)).**

Come learn about the immigration and naturalization process in the United States at the turn of the century. View original immigration and naturalization records from the late 1800's to the early 1900's. Look at historical references to world leaders, and vessels of significance, (such as the Lusitania). Discover the rich detail of information that is contained in these significant records.

Doryn Danner Glenn is the Director of Governmental Affairs for District Clerk of Galveston County. She is a native of Galveston, practiced law and later transitioned to judicial support at the Galveston County District Clerk's office.

Next General Meeting Dates and Speakers:

- ★ **Friday, February 22 at 7pm** – Susan Kaufman, Senior Manager, Clayton Library – “Organizing yourself to approach a research repository with special emphasis on Clayton Library”
- ★ **Saturday, March 16 at 2pm** - Lois Gibson, Forensic Scientist for Houston Police Department presents “Using forensic art to locate past and present people of Interest”
- ★ **Complete 2019 calendar on page 3.**

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Next Bus Trip to Clayton Library is Wednesday, January 16.

During this visit Mary “Anthony” Startz has graciously agreed to assist any of the attendees with Spanish research.



Next Member Helping Member session is Wednesday, January 30.

Details for both on page 3 and 4.

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We Need YOU for May General Meeting!

This meeting will include potluck dinner and members sharing quick research tips.

BAGS Members always want to learn new things – new research techniques, new places to find information, a different way of organizing research, new internet sites and so much more.

Do you have a tip you would like to

share with our group? Please volunteer

to share your tip (in 10 minutes or less) at

our May meeting, which is on Friday,

May 31 at 7pm. You may bring a visual or use the computer.



If you would like to participate in this program,

please contact Susie Ganch

at Susie.ganch@icloud.com.

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2019 BAGS Calendar



General Meetings

(date or time changes in red text)

Sunday, January 13 at 2:00pm

Doryn Glenn, Director of Governmental Affairs, District Clerk Galveston County, discusses immigration and naturalization at the turn of the century.

Friday, February 22 at 7:00pm

Susan Kaufman, Senior Manager of Clayton Library, discusses organizing yourself to approach a research repository with special emphasis on Clayton Library.

Saturday, March, 16 at 2:00pm

Lois Gibson, forensic artist for Houston Police Department and 2017 Guinness World Record for most identifications by a forensic artist, presents "Using forensic art to locate past and present people of Interest".

Friday, April 26 at 7:00pm

Devon Noel Lee, Family History Fanatics, discusses different ways to organize your research and manage your family trees.

Friday, May 31 at 7:00pm

Potluck dinner and members present quick tips for genealogical research.

Friday, June 28 at 7:00pm

Kevin Kinney, archivist at Rosenberg Library in Galveston, discusses research materials available at the Galveston & Texas History Center in the library.

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

Wednesday, January 16 to Clayton

Library. Mary "Anthony" Startz will meet the group to assist with Spanish research and accessing the Cuban Papers.

Wednesday, March 20 to Rosenberg Library Galveston and Texas History Center (<http://gthcenter.org>)

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](#)).



November 2018 Trip – members and friends visiting the Clayton Library



Board Meetings

Held at the University Baptist Church in room EB105 at 6:30pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Monday, January 7

Monday, July 22

Monday, February 18

Monday, August 19

Monday, March 11

Monday, September 23

Monday, April 22

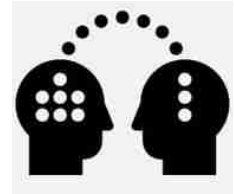
Monday, October 21

Monday, May 20

Monday, November 18

Monday, June 24

December no meeting



Kim Zrubek
Education Chair

Members Helping Members Research and General Meeting Recap Sessions

You will now have **TWO** chances each month to get one-on-one assistance with other members. Also, if you missed the last general meeting, pickup announcements, speaker handout, and discuss the program details.

- ✓ **BYOR – Bring Your Own Research**
- ✓ **Attendees will receive individualized attention for their research questions from fellow genealogists.**
- ✓ **Bring your laptop or mobile device. Free public WiFi is available inside the library an at the Family History Center.**

ONE: Members Helping Members Research at Friendswood Family History Center

BAGS is hosting research sessions once a month at the Friendswood Family History Center (FHC), located at 505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood ([online map](#)). Enter the building on the side furthest from the street. Come take advantage of the electronic databases and books that are only accessible from within the FHC. We thank the Friendswood FHC volunteers for sharing this resource with us.

The first four meeting dates are:

Wednesday, January 30 at 10am (date change)

Wednesday, February 20 at 10am

Wednesday, March 27 at 10am (date change)

Wednesday, April 17 at 10am

TWO: Members Helping Members Research at Local Libraries

BAGS is hosting research sessions once a month at a either the Clear Lake City, Friendswood, or League City libraries. These sessions will begin in February. Dates and locations to be announced.

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

December 2018 BAGS Holiday Luncheon at South Shore Grille



(L-R) Melodey Hauch, Lisa Franklin, Jeanine Lawrence, Teresa Rundell, and Terri Myers



(L-R) Garry and Renee Garrett, Glen Cress, George Porterfield, Sharon Cress, Shirley Weaver, Deborah Gammon, Pamela and Kerry Welch.



(L-R) Jeanine Lawrence, Claudia Grafton, Nick and Robin Cimino, Susie Gancy, Shirley Lindquist, Bob Wegner, and Mamie Atkinson

★ **BAGS membership consists of 79 new and renewing members.** There are 56 people that have not renewed from last year. To renew, please fill out a membership application form with your renewal. One is available online on the BAGS website (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.

★ **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:

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

In Memoriam

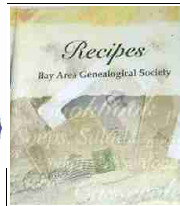


Jack Chappellear, son of BAGS member Patsy Chappellear, passed away suddenly Saturday, January 5, 2019. A memorial service was held Saturday, January 12 in Jersey City, New Jersey. Our prayers go out to Patsy and her family. His obituary is available online at www.riottofh.com/notices/Jack-Chappellear

Lynna Kay Shuffield, local genealogist, historian, and past BAGS guest speaker, passed on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. Lynna was a tenacious researcher and strong supporter of military and historical markers, DAR, UDC, and DRT applications. Our prayers go out to her family. Her obituary is available online at <http://beresfordfunerals.com/obituary/lynna-kay-shuffield>

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 November 2018	\$6,075.18
Deposits	\$0.00
Expenditures	<u>\$230.00</u>
Balance on 31 December 2018	\$5,845.18

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 31 December 2018	\$3,863.13
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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 is required.

Please call 832-393-2600. Clayton Library website: www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

From Shoeboxes to Clouds: Preserving Your Own Digital Archives

Saturday, January 26 from 11am to noon.

Join archivists from the Houston Metropolitan Research Center to learn about best practices for caring for your own personal digital archives.

African American History Month Celebration

Saturday, February 2 from 10:30am to 3:30pm

Clayton Library is pleased to welcome genealogist Sharon Gillins in celebration of African American History Month. A native of Galveston with ancestral roots in Louisiana and Texas, Sharon has been researching African American family history for over 25 years. She is a retired Associate Professor at Riverside City College and serves as a member of the adjunct faculty at The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research / Georgia Genealogical Society in Athens, Georgia.

10:30am: African Americans – Living Life in the Church: Researching African American Church Records

11:45am: The Hand and the Glove... Researching Ancestors in Wills, Land, and Property Records

12:45pm: Lunch Break

1:45pm: African American Resources at Clayton Library by Franklin Smith

2:30pm: Journey to Albania – My Slave Ancestral Home in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana

WikiTree Genealogy

Thursday, January 17 and February 21 at 7pm in Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062. WikiTree is a free, collaborative, online software. Learn how to build and add to your family history using WikiTree.

Texas Czech Genealogical Society presents "Exploring Resources for Discovering Our Roots"

Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 9am to 4pm at Caldwell Civic Center, 103 Hwy. Texas 21 W., Caldwell, TX 77836. Four Speakers. Topic and registration information available online at <https://txczgs.org>

Photo Organizing and Preservation

Wednesday, January 30 at 1pm

A free live webinar presented by Thomas MacEntee. viewed at the Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX. Following the presentation is a short discussion on the photo scanning resource available at the library.

FamilySearch Classes – Building Your Tree, Attachments, Merging, and Finer Features

Friday, February 1 and 8 at 3:45pm

(repeats) Friday, February 15 and 22 at 3:45pm in Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062.

Researching Your Irish Ancestors

Saturday, February 2 from 10am to 3pm at Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX 77055

Rich Venezia will present three programs:

- Emerald Isle Express: Researching Irish Ancestors
- Discovering Your Immigrant's Origins: Exhausting Every Resource
- Discovery Your Immigrant's Origins: Digging Deeper

Hosted by Houston Genealogical Forum.

Registration must be done prior to the event. More information and registration available online at

<http://hgftx.org>