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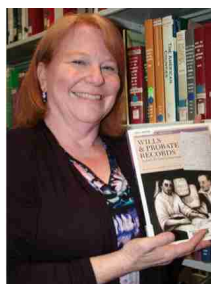
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Friday, February 22, 2019 at 7pm: Guest speaker Susan Kaufman, Senior Manager at Clayton Library

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](#)).



Susan Kaufman, MLIS will share some tips and suggestions for organizing your research plan before you arrive at a special genealogical repository such as Clayton Library. Susan offers expertise in genealogical historical reference, collection development and educational outreach.

Susan Kaufman is the Senior Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research – Houston Public Library (www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton). She has worked as a genealogy librarian for over 20 years. Six of those years were spent at the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana holding the largest genealogy collection in a public library. Her career began as the genealogy

librarian in Peoria, Illinois at the Peoria Public Library. She currently serves as the Education Director for the *Texas State Genealogical Society*.

Next General Meeting Dates and Speakers:

- ★ **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”
- ★ **Friday, April 26 at 7pm – Devon Noel Lee**, Family History Fanatics, discusses different ways to organize your research and manage your family trees.
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Next Member Helping Member sessions are Wednesday, February 20 and Wednesday, March 27.



Next Bus Trip is Wednesday, March 20.

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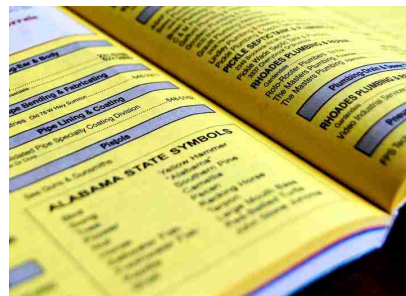
Polly Swerdlin, Lisa Franklin, and

Garry Garrett

Society's Library Exhibit In March!

During the month of March, BAGS will sponsor a genealogy exhibit in the foyer display at the Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library. If you have any family items you would like displayed, please contact BAGS member Polly Swerdlin.

This exhibit helps to promote our society and raise awareness of genealogy as the study of history and the celebration of family.



Cyndi's List

The **YELLOW PAGES** for genealogists, created and maintained by Cyndi Ingle.

www.CyndisList.com

Use this site to locate genealogical resources on the Internet by browsing subject categories (e.g. geographic location, ethnicity, life event, record type, how to). Often a category will include links to relevant societies/groups, libraries, and related categories to explore. Currently, this site offers more than 180 genealogy related categories leading to over 330,000 linked online resources. There is a category for each US state, US county, Canadian province, and UK country. The links and category headings on this site are listed in alphabetical order. Websites are listed by the title they provide.

Content changes daily. On average each month, Cyndi adds 1,500 new links, updates/corrects 600 links, and deletes 300 non-working links.

Begin browsing the categories. Click here to get started:

www.cyndislist.com/categories

Thank you Cyndi and keep up the great work!

This newsletter is a monthly publication of the Bay Area Genealogical Society, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the people of Harris and Galveston counties, Texas, who have an interest in genealogy. Articles on genealogy are welcome. Inclusion is based on space available and is subject to editing. Please include permissions with copyrighted material submissions. Questions or comments on the BAGS Newsletter should be addressed to:
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2019 BAGS Calendar



General Meetings

(date or time changes in red text)

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

Speaker Doryn Glenn

Friday, October 25 at 7:00pm

Friday, November 22 at 7:00pm

No meeting in December.



Board Meetings

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

Monday, March 11

Monday, April 22

Monday, May 20

Monday, June 24

Monday, July 22

Monday, August 19

Monday, September 23

Monday, October 21

Monday, November 18

December no meeting



Bus Trip

Wednesday, March 20

Itinerary:

8:30am – Depart (arrive by 8:15am) from Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center, 16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062 ([online map](#)).

1st stop - American National Insurance Company to view/photo coastline from rooftop

2nd stop – Rosenberg Library Galveston & Texas History Center guided tour (<http://gthcenter.org>)

3rd stop - Dutch Treat Lunch will be at Mosquito Cafe

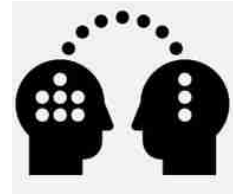
4th stop - JP Bryan Museum guided tour (\$12/person, must have 10 people)

5pm – Arrive back at the Clear Lake Recreation Center.

If you want to participate in a bus trip, please sign up and pay by contacting Deborah Gammon by phone 281-334-4950 or e-mail gammondc@gmail.com The cost of the bus trip is \$5.00 paid in advance. You can pay Deborah IN CASH the \$12.00 (exact amount please) for Bryan Museum that day. You must be at least 50 years old to use the Harris County Precinct #2 bus. We must have 9 people registered to make the trip. TEN PAID people are needed for JP Bryan Museum guided tour.



January 2019 Trip – members and friends visiting the Clayton Library



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. There are six computers available at the Friendswood 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. Our first meeting at the Friendswood FHC was a big success with 14 people in attendance! Thank you to Nancy Royce and Bob Brown for serving as our hosts.

The meeting dates are:

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 either the Clear Lake City, Friendswood, or League City libraries. 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

January Program Recap – Citizenship and Naturalization Records

Doryn Glenn is a delight and a wealth of knowledge on the availability and access to genealogical valued records filed and maintained by the county court. She explained the paper trail created when seeking citizenship and naturalization. Ancestors seeking citizenship needed to file a declaration of intention form, (optionally) certificate of arrival, a petition for citizenship form, and an oath of allegiance. These primary source documents can include the ancestor's home country and last residence, port of emigration and immigration, current residence, current family members, occupations, age, physical description, birth date, birth location, and signature. Before the Federal government took over, these forms were filed in State District Courts located in the county where they were living, not the port of entry. By law, the person had to wait almost two years after immigrating to file the first form. Then the second form would be filed roughly three years after the first. If the ancestors moved during the process, the first part of the paperwork could be filed in one county court and the second part could be filed in a different county court. In these cases, be prepared to search court records in several counties. Soldiers who were granted citizenship would file the same paperwork but the required wait time would be waived. Doryn brought several binders of original declarations and petition forms for us to view. Galveston County has digitized their records which span from 1850's to 1950's: declarations of intentions, petition for citizenship/naturalization, oath of allegiance, petition granted or denied, and index books. Search and view these records at the Immigration Records Portal on the Galveston County District Clerk website <http://gcdcimmigrationrecords.galvestoncountytexas.gov> You can search without an account. You must create a free account to preview the record. The preview image has a watermark across the center but you can still download or print. You can purchase a copy without the watermark for \$1.00 per image with a \$1.00 service fee per transaction. Unclear if you get a link to print or receive a hardcopy in the mail.

Here is an example of a preview image found on the site. From this document, we learn that Patrick Moore submitted his declaration of intention for citizenship on February 6, 1931. At that time, he was age 40, not married, no children, and working as a ship's carpenter. He was 5(?) covered by watermark) feet 8 inches, 165 pounds, with a light ruddy complexion, no visible tattoos or scars, blue eyes, and light brown hair. He emigrated from

Liverpool England on the SS Issaic to Galveston, Texas arriving on January 5, 1921. He was Irish, born in Termonfeekin, Louth Co., Ireland on January 1, 1891.

By finding this record, we now could look for Patrick and his family in Termonfeekin, Louth Co, Ireland.

WHAT A WONDERFUL RECORD!

ORIGINAL No. 7290

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

The State of Texas In the _____ District Court
Galveston County, ss: of Galveston at Galveston, Texas,

I, Patrick Moore, of Galveston, Texas,
now residing at 61st. and Crawford's Bayou, R.F.D. 1, Box 241 Galveston, Texas,
occupation Ship Carpenter aged 40 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:
Sex male, color White, complexion light ruddy, color of eyes blue
color of hair light brown, height _____ feet 8 inches; weight 165 pounds; visible distinctive marks
none
race Irish, nativity British
I was born in Termonfeekin, Louth Co., Ireland, on January 1st, 1891
I am not married. The name of my wife (husband is _____)
we were _____ (Month) _____ (Day) _____ (Year) _____ (City or town) _____ (State or country); she or he was
born _____ (Month) _____ (Day) _____ (Year) _____ (City or town) _____ (State or country), entered the United States

Declaration of Intention, Vol 17, page 54 filed with Galveston County District Clerk on February 6, 1931 accessed from <http://gcdcimmigrationrecords.galvestoncountytexas.gov> on February 18, 2019.

Clayton Library's microprint collection includes early naturalization records and indexes for counties in Texas and a number of other US States. The collection also includes records for WWI soldiers that were naturalized. A number of these record groups are also available through FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com.

We Need YOU!



Tips 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.

Member Services Committee Chair – We need a volunteer to help disseminate information to new members. If you are interested, please talk to one of the Board members.

Journal Editor - *Are you interested in publishing research and ancestor articles from the Society's members?* The Journal is published twice a year with content provided by members discussing ancestors, their lives, or local Houston area history. Melodey Hauch has lovingly served as the editor for both the *BAGS Journal* and *BAGS Quarterly* for nearly 11 years. If you have specific questions about the job, please contact Melodey.

Board Members – Every two years, we elect a new slate of Society Officers. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members: Susie Ganch, Ron Cox, and Bob Wegner.

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 December 2018	\$5,845.18
Deposits	\$405.00
Expenditures	<u>\$195.97</u>
Balance on 31 January 2019	\$6,054.21

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 31 January 2019	\$3,863.13
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Expenditures: monthly (meeting room rental, speaker fees, and handouts); publication costs (biannual *Journal* printing and annual mailing) annual costs (membership fees in Clayton Library Friends, Texas State Genealogical Society, and Federation of Genealogical Societies).

BAGS membership consists of 100 new and renewing members. There are 41 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.

Local Family Photo and Document Digitization Resources

Clayton Library and Clear Lake City-Freeman Branch Library offer free resources to the community to create digital images of family memorabilia.

At the Clayton Library you can access the following equipment to preserve your family photo and documents:

- ➔ A Kodak EZ Photo Scanner, a device capable of high-quality bulk photo scanning at the rate of 25 photos per minute for photograph preservation.
- ➔ A 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.



To use this equipment, call the Clayton Library at 832-393-2600 to make a reservation and bring a flash drive to save your new digital images. The library is located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston.

At the Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library in their Jocelyn H. Lee Digital Media Lab, you have the opportunity to scan photos, slides and documents; convert old video and audio formats to digital; and create and edit audio, music, images, and videos. The lab includes this equipment:

- ➔ Epson V600 scanner (flatbed for photos, documents, and slides)
- ➔ VHS/DVD converter
- ➔ 8mm/Super 8 Digital Converter
- ➔ LP/cassette/CD converter
- ➔ Two 27" iMac computers
- ➔ Graphics drawing tablet
- ➔ Professional microphone
- ➔ Professional headphones
- ➔ MIDI controller
- ➔ DSLR camera with video
- ➔ Green screen
- ➔ Adobe Creative Cloud Suite
- ➔ GarageBand
- ➔ iPhoto
- ➔ iMovie
- ➔ Elgato Video Capture

To use the equipment, you must call the library at 832-927-5420 to make a reservation after completing a brief orientation class which is offered several times each month. The library is located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062

Current schedule for the Digital Media Lab Orientation Class is:

- Saturday, February 23 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm
- Wednesday, March 6 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- Tuesday, March 19 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Photo and Film Restoration Class is also offered at the Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library. The next photo restoration classes are **Friday, March 8 from 3:30pm to 5pm and repeated**

Wednesday, March 20 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. You will learn how you can restore and digitize old photos and film using our Epson Perfection Scanner in the Jocelyn H. Lee Digital Media Lab. The Digital Media Lab Orientation is not a prerequisite for this course, but patrons will still need to have taken it to reserve time with equipment in the Lab.

Call the library at 832-927-5420 to make a reservation for attend any class.



Local Events

Clayton Library

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

Reservation is required, call the library at 832-393-2600. Clayton Library website: www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

Genealogy Online: Fold3.com

Saturday, March 30 from 10:30am to noon.

Join us for an introduction to Fold3.com, the website renowned for digital images of U.S. military records. Learn about exploring these records as well as Fold3's collections of international military records and non-military records. Bring a laptop if you wish to follow along during the class. Reservations required.

Preservation Workshop: the Care and Keeping of your Family History

Thursday, April 25 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

In celebration of Preservation Week, we will offer a hands-on workshop on how to preserve your family history collections. Join the Houston Metropolitan Research Center and Clayton Library for a workshop on basic cleaning and mending techniques of family documents. Additionally, learn about basic photo preservation and a scanner where you can save all those photos digitally for FREE. Materials will be provided. Reservations required.

Let's Talk Autosomal DNA: 3rd Party DNA Tools

Saturday, April 27 from 10:30am to noon.

Learn to use these tools to determine how matches connect to you and each other through organizing, clustering, and networking your matches. While open to all experience levels, this discussion group is best for beginners who have completed a DNA test and are unsure what to do with their test results. Reservations required. Presented by library staff member Franklin Smith.

DAR Day

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

Ever wonder how to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)? 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.

Third Party Tools for DNA Testing

Wednesday, March 6 at 1pm

A free live webinar presented by Michelle Leonard. Viewed at the Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX.

Applying the Genealogical Proof Standard to Genealogical Research

Saturday, March 9 from 10am to noon at Bayland

Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston (online map) This presentation will teach the basics of evidence analysis and how to apply the GPS to researching complex genealogical problems. The importance of developing focused research questions will be discussed. Several case studies will be presented that demonstrate how to use the GPS in genealogical research to find answers to complex relationship, identity, and event questions. This program is presented by Allen Peterson, CG and hosted by Houston Genealogical Forum. More information is available online at <http://hgftx.org>

FamilySearch Classes – Help Sessions Q&A

Friday, March 15 and 29 from 3:45pm to 5:45pm

in Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062. also

Thursday, March 14 and 28 at 1:00pm to 3:00pm

in Evelyn Meador Branch Library located at 2400 North Meyer Avenue Seabrook, TX 77586.

Join us for these help sessions provided by FamilySearch.org

WikiTree Genealogy

Thursday, March 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.