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Friday, April 26, 2019 at 7pm: Guest speaker Devon Lee discusses different ways to organize your research and manage our family trees

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](#)).**



Devon Lee

Professional genealogist Devon Lee created *Family History Fanatics* an online YouTube genealogy education channel in 2016 and it is still going strong. New videos are posted twice each week on topics ranging from DNA testing, scrapbooking, research, family history, and product reviews. Access these free videos at www.youtube.com/channel/UCmkKepHoafldMRZ4UNt0AkW

Devon Lee has over 20 years of genealogy and journalism experience. Devon and her husband Andrew have published a number of family history related books including *DNA Q&A* and *A Recipe for Writing Family History*. Purchase their books, follow their blog, and connect with resources from their family's website at www.familyhistoryfanatics.com

**At This Meeting – pickup your copy of the new
Journal April issue and the new 2018-2019 Yearbook.**

Friday, May 31 General Meeting – stay tuned, the program may change!

We have extended an invitation for representatives to come discuss the genealogy and DNA research required to determine the identities of the victims in the Jane Doe and Janet Doe unsolved murder cases.

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**Next Bus Trip to Clayton Library
is Tuesday, May 28 (date
change).**

**Next Members Helping Members
sessions are**

**Wednesday, May 22 at
Friendswood Family History Center
Saturday, May 25 at Freeman Library**



Details for both on page 3 and 4.

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In Memoriam



Mamie Elizabeth Watson Atkinson, mother of BAGS charter member Susie Ganch, passed away Saturday, April 13, 2019. Mamie was a very gracious and active lady. Our hugs, condolences, and prayers go out to Susie and her family.



Susie Ganch, Mamie Atkinson, Jeanine Lawrence

December 2016

BAGS Holiday Luncheon at Hope Village Cafe

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2019 BAGS Calendar



General Meetings

(date or time changes in red text)

Friday, May 31 at 7:00pm

Potluck dinner and members present quick tips for genealogical research. TBD - Program may change

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

Mitch Clendening presents "Going Mobile: Apps, Tips and Tricks for the Mobile Genealogist"

Friday, August 23 at 7:00pm

Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner

Friday, September 27 at 7:00pm

Dana Leeds presents "DNA Basics"

Saturday, September 28 from 10am to 2pm

★ **Workshop:** "DNA Match Clustering Workshop: The Leeds Method & Automated Adaptations" and "Working with Your Matches: A DNA Tool Kit"

Friday, October 25 at 7:00pm

Doryn Glenn "Searching Court Records and what types of information can be found"

Friday, November 22 at 7:00pm

(New) Gale French discusses DNA Painter tool.

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, May 20

Monday, June 24

Monday, July 22

Monday, August 19

Monday, September 23

Monday, October 21

Monday, November 18

December no meeting



Research Bus Trips

Tuesday, May 28 (date change)

Wednesday, June 19

Wednesday, September 18



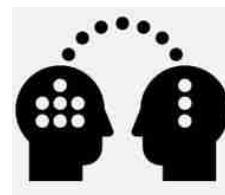
April 2019 Trip – American National Insurance Company, Galveston



April 2019 Trip – JP Bryan Museum, Galveston

Tuesday, May 28 trip to Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
(<http://houstonlibrary.org/research/special-collections/clayton-library-center-genealogical-research>)

If you want to participate in a bus trip, please signup by contacting Deborah Gammon by phone 281-334-4950 or e-mail gammondc@gmail.com. The bus is provided by the Harris County Senior Program. A minimum of nine people must sign up per the county regulations. Board the bus at 9am in the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center parking lot, 16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062 ([online map](#)). Bus will return by 4pm. Bring a bag lunch.



Kim Zrubek
Education Chair

Members Helping Members Research and General Meeting Recap Sessions

Come get help with your research! Bring your family information to get started. Free public WiFi is available inside the library and at the Family History Center so bring your laptop or mobile device. There are six computers available at the Friendswood Family History Center. Also, if you missed the last general meeting, pickup announcements, speaker handout, and discuss the program details. Thank you to Nick Cimino, George Porterfield, Renee Ball, Lisa Franklin, Nancy Royce for providing research assistance during these meetings.

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.

Wednesday, May 22 from 10am to 11:45am

Wednesday, June 12 from 10am to 11:45am

Wednesday, July 31 from 10am to 11:45am

Wednesday, August 28 from 10am to 11:45am

Research at Local Libraries

Come join the research sessions once a month at either the Clear Lake City, Friendswood, or League City libraries. **The next meeting dates and locations are:**

Freeman Branch Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston ([online map](#)).

Meet us in the conference room on the 2nd floor behind the reference desk.

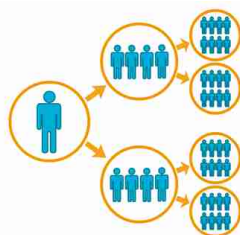
Saturday, May 25 from 2pm to 4pm

Saturday, June 8 from 2pm to 4pm

Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood ([online map](#)).

Thursday, July 11 from 10am to 12pm

Thursday, August 8 from 10am to 12pm



Get Help Creating Your Pedigree Charts!

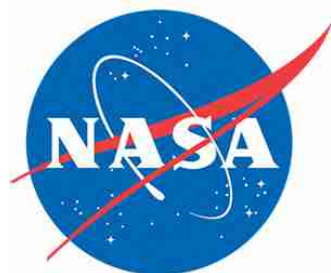
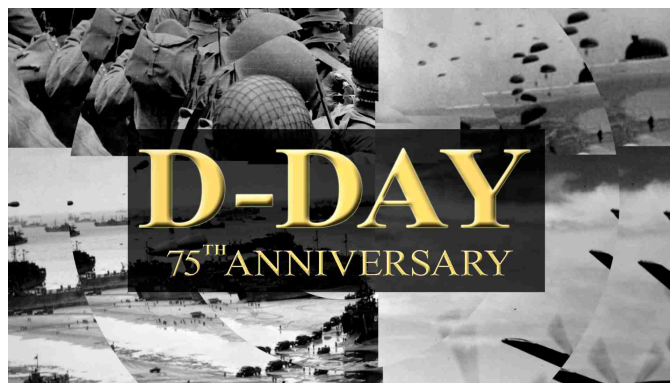
Lisa Franklin has volunteered to help members create their five-generation charts. Come early to the May general meeting with your GEDCOM file on USB or CD and Lisa will generate a 5-gen chart for BAGS member page. *Don't know what is a GEDCOM file?* Come to a future MHM session to learn how to create one.

BATTLE OF NORMANDY

D-DAY JUNE 6, 1944

2019 - 75TH ANNIVERSARY

If you were born before 1944, how did you learn of the Normandy landings on that day? What were you doing at the time? *How did the news impact your family or community?* Share your story*. Did you have an ancestor that served in Operation Overlord?



Apollo 11 Landing On The Moon - July 20, 1969

2019 – 50th Anniversary

What were you doing that day? How and where did you witness this event? How did the news impact your family or community? Did you or a family member work on the Apollo Project? Share your story*.

* Send your stories to Kim Zrubek or Melodey Hauch.

TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
2019 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

Blazing
FAMILY TRAILS

www.txsgs.org/2019-conference/

Oct 11-13, 2019



Omni Hotel Westside
Houston, TX

www.txsgs.org

YOU SHOULD GO

The state genealogical conference is in Houston this year!

Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13.

Held at the Omni Houston hotel Westside in Katy located on I-10 between Sam Houston Tollway and Highway 6 at 13210 Katy Freeway ([online map](#)).

Interested in carpooling Friday or Saturday?

Interested in sitting at the BAGS table for an hour during the conference?

Contact Kim Zrubek at bagsnews@gmail.com

This conference offers multiple tracks of themed programming with 56 sessions and workshops planned and an exhibit hall of Societies and vendors offering the latest in genealogy and DNA. Watch for news about the conference and speakers at www.TxSGS.org/2019-conference.

BAGS Proposed Membership Dues Policy Changes

Effective with the 2019-2020 membership year (1 Sept 2019 to 31 Aug 2020), the membership dues shall be:

- Individual membership - \$25.00
- Family membership - \$35.00
- Fee for mailing of yearbook and journals at the end of each fiscal year would remain at \$5

Effective 1 September 2019, new members joining BAGS during the months of April through June shall receive a \$10.00 discount off the normal membership fee for the current membership year. New members who join during the annual renewal period of July and August, prior to the start of the next membership year, will be granted a 13 or 14 month membership covering the remainder of the current membership year and all of the next membership year.

The above policy applies to both individual and family memberships. "New members" are defined as any person (or family) who has not had a paid-up membership in BAGS during the BAGS membership year or during any of the three prior membership years.

Notes: Current members are not entitled to the new member discount.

The membership year is the same as the fiscal year from 1 September to 31 August.

BAGS Proposed Bylaws Changes

The following proposed changes to the BAGS Bylaws will be presented to the membership at the April meeting. During the May general meeting, these changes will be presented again to the membership, along with a chance for discussion and a vote. The complete bylaws are printed at the end of each BAGS *Yearbook*. A copy of **2017-2018 Yearbook** (current issue) is available on the BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org, click on **Members Page**, enter password, and click on **Member's Yearbook 2017-2018** link. Thank you to George Porterfield, Bob Wegner and Bill Mayo for serving as the Ad-Hoc Committee for Bylaws Review. The **2018-2019 Yearbook** will be printed this month and available at the next general meeting.

Bylaw Change #1

Current Article IV, Section C item 4

C. Dues and Fiscal Year:

4. Any member who has not renewed by December 31 shall be removed from the membership roll and not included in the Yearbook.

Proposed Article IV, Section C item 4

C. Dues and Fiscal Year:

4. Any member who has not paid membership dues for the membership year by the end of that membership year, shall be removed from the membership roll as of the last day of the membership year. Any member who has not paid their dues by the last day of December will not be included in the BAGS Yearbook for the current fiscal year.

Bylaw Change #2:

Current Bylaws Article IV, paragraph B item 3:

3. Donation Memberships
Gifts made in addition to dues:
Contributor
Patron
Lifetime

Proposed Bylaws Article IV, paragraph B item 3:

3. Donation Memberships
Gifts made in addition to dues:
Contributor
Benefactor
Patron
Lifetime

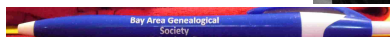
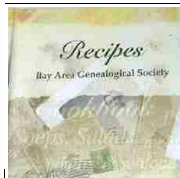


BAGS Has A Facebook Group

Post pictures, events and other BAGS information on the BAGS Facebook group. To join, log into Facebook and either 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. Once approved, you can view it and even post in it. Thank you to Susie Ganch for maintaining this group!

Available at the general meeting for a donation:

- Laptop Brief Bags (\$25)
- USB drives (\$10)
- Cookbooks (\$10)
- Pens (\$1)



Scrapbooking

Teresa Rundell is working on the BAGS scrapbook. She would like to create several pages documenting the impact of Hurricane Harvey. Please send her any stories or pictures you would like to share.



BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on 28 February 2019	\$6,044.71
Deposits+	\$215.00
Expenditures*	<u>\$455.50</u>
Balance on 31 March 2019	\$5,804.21

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 31 March 2019	\$3,884.85
Matures, January 2020.	

+Deposits: membership, donations (e.g. tote bags, cookbooks, USB drives, pens)

*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).

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.

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

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.

Genealogy Online: Ancestry.com Library Edition

Saturday, May 25 from 10:30am to noon.

An introduction to the website Ancestry.com, the Library Edition, available for use at all Houston Public Library locations and Family History Centers. Learn to navigate the home page and find the records you need out of Ancestry's 16 billion digitized records and indexes. Bring a laptop if you wish to follow along during the class. Class size is limited. Reservations required.

Library Orientation

Saturday, May 18 from 10:15am to 11:30am

Saturday, June 15 from 10:15am to 11:30am

Examine the resources available at the Clayton Library, their organization, and how to plan an effective visit to the Library. Reservations required.

FamilySearch Classes – Help Sessions Q&A

Thursday, April 25 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 also

Friday, April 26 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

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

DNA Testing Services and Your Family History

Thursday, May 1 at 2pm to 3pm in the Parker Williams Branch Library located at 10851 Scarsdale Boulevard, Houston, TX 77089. Learn about DNA testing services such as AncestryDNA and 23andMe and their uses for understanding your genealogy and family history. Presented by Franklin Smith, staff at the Clayton Library.

Genealogy Group

Monday, May 6 and May 20 from 2pm to 4pm in the Parker Williams Branch Library located at 10851 Scarsdale Boulevard, Houston, TX 77089. Come discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing their family history. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

10 Most Useful Databases for Eastern European Research

Wednesday, May 15 from 1pm to 2:30pm in Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX. View this free live webinar presented by Lisa A. Alzo M.F.A. Learn about the various record sets available, how to access them, and how to overcome privacy and language issues and other research roadblocks.

WikiTree Genealogy

Thursday, May 16 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.