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Friday, May 31, 2019 at 7pm: Guest speakers League City PD and Shera Lapoint discuss how forensic and genealogy DNA analysis was used to identify cold case victims

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](#)).**

Using forensic DNA analysis called “phenotyping” coupled with genealogy DNA family research, investigators moved forward with visual and genetic profiles and ultimately identified Donna Prudhomme and Audrey Lee Cook. Come listen to League City Police Department (LCPD) representatives and genealogist Shera Lapoint discuss the genealogy and DNA research performed to determine the identities of the victims in the Jane Doe and Janet Doe unsolved murder cases. This process is an emerging tool for law enforcement. Investigators are still working to identify who was responsible for the women’s deaths. LCPD is asking that anybody who knew or had personal knowledge of either woman around the time of their deaths or has information that will help further the investigation of these cases to please contact the LCPD Cold Case tip line at 281-338-8220. LCPD posted life details of each woman online at:

Audrey Cook: www.leaguecity.com/3279/Audrey-Cook---Cold-Case-86-216 and

Donna Prudhomme: www.leaguecity.com/3280/Donna-Prudhomme---Cold-Case-91-2200

At This Meeting –

Come early with your GEDCOM file on USB or CD and Lisa Franklin will generate a 5-gen chart for you to share. Also, pickup your copy of the new *Journal* April issue and the new 2018-2019 Yearbook.

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**Next Bus Trip to Clayton Library
is Wednesday, June 19.**

**Next Members Helping Members
sessions are**



**Saturday, June 8 at Freeman Library
Wednesday, June 12 at Friendswood
Family History Center**

Details for both on page 3 and 4.

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Welcome New Member!

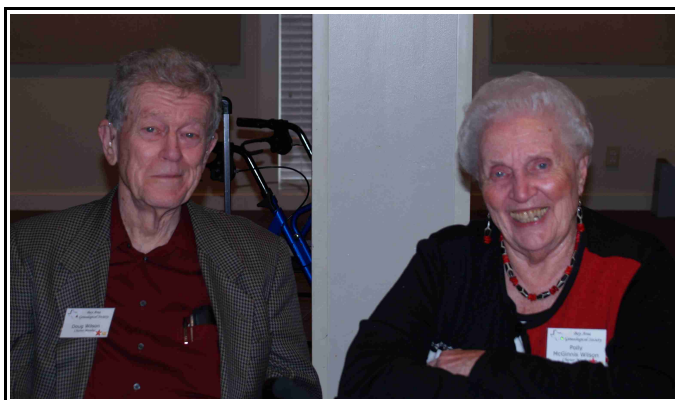
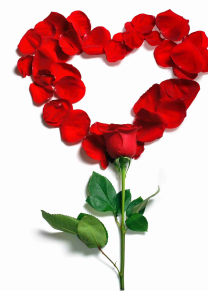


Irene Delgado of Houston is researching family names Cruz, Hernandez, and Gonzalez in Mexico and Texas. She needs assistance in researching immigrant family members.

In Memoriam

Mamie Elizabeth Watson Atkinson, mother of BAGS charter member Susie Ganch, passed away Saturday, April 13, 2019. Our condolences and prayers go out to Susie and her family. Mamie's obituary was published in *Houston Chronicle* on April 28, 2019 and online at www.legacy.com/obituaries/houstonchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=mamie-elizabeth-atkinson&pid=192707655

Douglas "Doug" Wilson, Charter Member, passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Doug actively served BAGS in research assistance, programs, photography, and the newsletter production. His memorial service will be held Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 10:00 at Seabrook United Methodist Church, 3300 Lakeside Drive, Seabrook, TX. His obituary is published online at www.crowderfuneralhome.com/obituaries/douglas-wilson Our condolences and prayers go out to Polly and their family.



April 2012 – Doug and Polly Wilson
at BAGS Meeting

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2019 BAGS Calendar



General Meetings

(date or time changes in red text)

Friday, May 31 at 7:00pm

League City PD and Shera Lapoint discuss how forensic and genealogy DNA analysis was used to identified cold case victims.

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 29

Monday, June 24

Monday, July 22

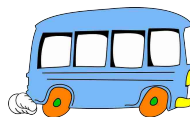
Monday, August 19

Monday, September 23

Monday, October 21

Monday, November 18

December no meeting



Research Bus Trips

Wednesday, June 19

Wednesday, September 18

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.

BAGS is Hosting

Dana Leeds

"DNA Match Clustering: The Leeds Method, Automated Adaptations, and Working with Clusters"

a 4-Hour Seminar

Saturday, September 28 from 10am to 2pm
held at the University Baptist Church,
16106 Middlebrook, Houston 77059

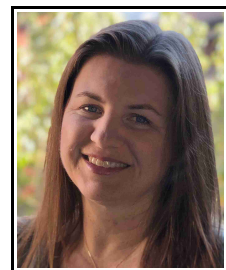
\$25/person registration required

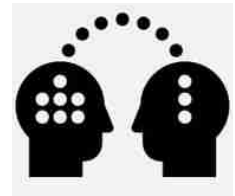
You will learn

- How to create a chart to help identify and analyze DNA Match Clusters
- Using the Shared cM Tool
- Creating and analyzing AutoClusters at Genetic Affairs and MyHeritage
- Using Ancestry's ThruLines and applying their custom DNA match labels
- and more...

Registration begins August 1, 2019.

Limited seating available.





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. You are welcome to also bring your laptop or mobile device. Free public WiFi is available inside the library and at the Family History Center. 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, and Janet Brown 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, 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.

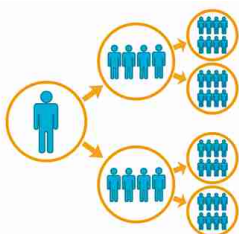


Saturday, June 8 from 2pm to 4pm but come at 1pm for a special Digital Media Lab orientation and tour for BAGS members (Meet in the Computer Lab). Attend this class and then you can schedule time to use the photo/slide scanning and audio/video conversation equipment to digitize your family mementoes.

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



Create 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 you to share. *Don't know what is a GEDCOM file?* Come to a future MHM session to learn how to create one.

D-DAY

ELECTRONIC FIELD TRIP

Thursday, June 6 at 9am CDT

Embark on a free virtual transatlantic adventure to the sites where D-Day history was made. Guided by student reporters from the United States, England, Canada, and France, explore the coast of southern England, the iconic invasion sites in Normandy, France, and participate in a special remembrance at the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach. Presented by The Cain Foundation in Honor of the Men of the 30th Infantry Division and all WWII Veterans. Register at (copy and paste this link)

www.nationalww2museum.org/students-teachers/distance-learning/k-12-distance-learning/electronic-field-trips/75th-anniversary

There are WWII teaching resources on the War in Europe, the War in the Pacific, and the American Home Front at ww2classroom.org provided by The National WWII Museum, New Orleans.

WWII USS Oklahoma Seaman Returns Home

A graveside ceremony will be held to honor and welcome Richard Joseph Thomson home. Saturday, June 1 at 1pm in Fairview Cemetery on North Kansas in League City. Immediately following his burial, the City of League City, in conjunction with The Fairview Cemetery Group and the League City Historical Society, will host a reception at the League City Recreation Center on 400 West Walker.

Thomson, age 19, served as Navy Seaman 2nd Class on USS Oklahoma, which capsized during the WWII 1941 Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. The attack on the battleship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Thomson. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) has been working since 2015 to identify the unknown remains found in the USS Oklahoma through DNA testing. A description of DPAA's general identification process is published online at

www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/News-Releases/PressReleaseArticleView/Article/1789082/uss-oklahoma-sailor-accounted-for-from-world-war-ii-thomson-r Which DNA tests are used to identify missing service members? DPAA uses Autosomal Short Tandem Repeat (auSTR) and Y chromosomal STR (Y-STR) tests to analyze nuclear DNA. Mitochondrial DNA control region or whole genome sequencing is used to analyze mitochondrial DNA. DPAA publishes fact www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/News-Releases/PressReleaseArticleView/Article/1789082/uss-oklahoma-sailor-accounted-for-from-world-war-ii-thomson-rsheets online on their current progress in identifying missing service members from WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War, and Multi-Conflict at www.dpaa.mil/Resources/Fact-Sheets

Nickname Resources

Looking for alternative possible given names for your searches? Here are two online free resources that provide alternatives and variations for an European ancestor's given name. Digitized book *Foreign versions, variations, and diminutives of English names. Foreign equivalents of United States military and civilian titles* published by United States Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service, M-131, 1969. Full text viewable online at <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=pur1.32754079603084>

If you have a European given name and want English/American variations, look at this website *English equivalent names of Foreign Given Names*. Tables of names organized by a "root" name(s) that usually came from Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Germanic, or Slavic origins. From the root name is a column with the most common name(s) based upon the root name. For example, possible alternatives for John, root is JOHANNES. Alternative English equivalents are Ivan, Evan, Hank, Hans, Ian, Ivan, Jack, Jackson, Jesse, Johnny, Jon, Sean, Shawn, Van, and Yancy. Access the website at

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~scoconee/names.html>

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 were presented to the membership at the April 2019 meeting. During the May 2019 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 31 March 2019	\$5,804.21
Deposits+	\$55.00
Expenditures*	<u>\$668.29</u>
Balance on 30 April 2019	\$5,190.92

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 30 April 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

Hispanic Genealogical Society

Saturday, June 1 from 11:00am to 1:00pm, socializing at 10:30am (meets the 1st Saturday each month) at Clayton Library.

Introduction to Oral History

Thursday, June 20 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

This presentation will be an overview of the practice of oral history, from idea to finished product. It will cover oral history concepts and best practices and describe specifics in the oral history process. Presenters are oral history archivists Abra Schnur from the Houston Metropolitan Research Center and Valerie Wade from the African American Library at the Gregory School. Reservations required.

The Wide World of Periodicals

Saturday, June 29 at 10:30am to 11:30am

Some of the most underused and potentially fruitful genealogy resources are periodicals. Discover the types of genealogical treasures you can find in magazines and journals and how to find them. Reservations required.



Remembrance for D-Day and all wars.

Saturday, June 8 at 4pm in the Friendswood Public Library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood. Come share family stories and mementoes of family and friends that served in any armed services branches. All veterans welcome.

WikiTree Genealogy

Thursday, June 20 at 7pm in Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062. (third Thursday of the month thru August 2019)

WikiTree is a free, collaborative, online tool to create source/documentation-based online single family tree. Learn how to build and add to your family history using WikiTree.

Johnson Space Center Archives

Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30pm in the

Friendswood Public Library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood.

Discover the JSC History Portal, Oral History Project, archive collection's content depth and breath, public access, and donations. Presented by JSC Archivist, Mark Scroggins and Historian, Jennifer Ross-Nazzal. Access the online history portal at <http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/history>



Friday, October 11 - 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