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Friday, June 28, 2019 at 7pm: Kevin Kinney, Rosenberg Library archivist, discusses Galveston & Texas History Center Collection

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](#)).**

Come discover the gems, resources, and electron access available through the Galveston & Texas History Center located in the Rosenberg Library in Galveston, Texas. Online information for this center can be found at <http://gthcenter.org>

Also at this meeting:

1. Two Drawings – Two Winners will each receive the following, donated by Polly Swerdlin:
 - RootsMagic 7 (worth \$29.95) with RootsMagic e-book with a free upgrade to RootsMagic 8 when available. RootsMagic7 is a desktop application for researching, organizing, documenting, and sharing your family history.
 - Personal Historian 3 (worth \$29.95) along with Personal Historian e-book. Personal Historian is unique software that helps you write the story of your life and of other individuals. This software can bring in events, stories, pictures, and documents from a variety of sources, even Facebook.
2. Pickup your copy of the new *BAGS Journal* April issue and the new 2018-2019 *Yearbook*.
3. Vote on proposed membership dues and bylaw changes.
4. Signup for carpool to TSGS October Family History Conference

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Next Members Helping Members sessions are

**Thursday, July 11 at
Friendswood Library**

**Wednesday, July 31 at Friendswood
Family History Center**



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Welcome New Member!



Patti Ross Loya of Danbury is researching family names Ross, Chappell, Sledge, Toomer, and Dodson in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia. She needs assistance identifying resources and strategies.



Nominees to serve as BAGS Officers during the 2019-2021 term will be announced at the July meeting and voted at the August meeting.

BAGS is Hosting

Dana Leeds

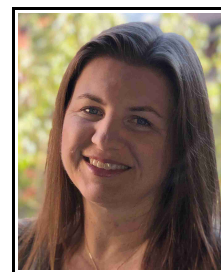
“DNA Match Clustering: The Leeds Method, Automated Adaptations, and Working with Clusters”

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.

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: Editor, P.O. Box 590853, Houston, TX 77259-0853, or newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org
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2019 BAGS Calendar



General Meetings

(date or time changes in red text)

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, June 24

Monday, July 22

Monday, August 19

Monday, September 23

Monday, October 21

Monday, November 18

December no meeting



Next Research

Bus Trip is

Wednesday, September 18



May 28 Bus Trip

Left to R: Judy Monthy, Debra Hill, Shirley (Renee Ball's sister), Renee Ball, Susie Ganch, Kitty Olson, Annette Bowen, Deborah Gammon and Claudia Aguilar. Kneeling is Nick Cimino



June 19 Bus Trip

Left to Right: Renee Ball, Robert Stein, Jenny Stein, Terri Myers, Teresa Rundell, Lynn Finger, Susan Moyer, Kitty Olson, Claudia Aguilar, Annette Bowen and Deborah Gammon.



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, July 31 from 10am to 11:45am

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

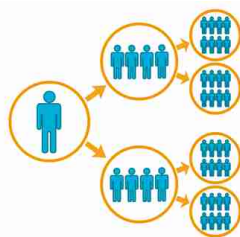
Research at Local Libraries

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:**

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. Send her your GEDCOM file and she 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. Members' pedigree charts are posted on the BAGS website under the Member's page for facilitate members the same surnames to share information.

Free Webinars through FamilySearch.org

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah hosts free webinars. You can view the upcoming class schedule at www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars. Many of the library classes are accessible as webinars. View the month's schedule (e.g. click on the link "July 2019") and if the title is a blue and underlined, then you can join it remotely (e.g. your home) by clicking on that link. The class topics range from specific ethnic/geographic research to "how-to" use Family Trees in Family Search.

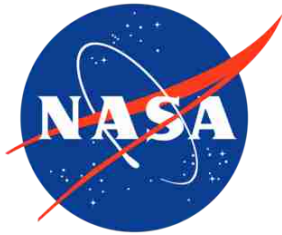


Apollo: 1963-1972

The Apollo Program landed humans on the Moon and brought them back safely to Earth. After 16 uncrewed vehicle-testing missions and the tragedy of the Apollo 1 launch pad fire, the Earth-orbiting Apollo 7 and 9 missions tested the Command and Lunar Modules. Apollos 8 and 10 tested various components while orbiting the Moon, and returned photography of the lunar surface. Six lunar landings (Apollo 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17) returned a wealth of scientific data and almost 400 kilograms of lunar samples. Apollo 13 did not land on the Moon due to a malfunction. Three planned Apollo missions (Apollo 18, 19 and 20) were cancelled.

Johnson Space Center (JSC) History Portal

https://historycollection.jsc.nasa.gov/JSCHistoryPortal/history/jsc_history.htm



The JSC History Portal is a free online database available for you to view images, press kits, interviews, flight summaries, statistics, videos, etc. for the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, Apollo-Soyuz, Space Shuttle, Shuttle-Mir, and International Space Station projects. The portal is part of the larger JSC History Collection that contains 1.5 million documents covering more than 40 years of NASA's human space flight activities and community history, and is also home to the JSC Oral History Collection.

Are you in the Archives?

The JSC History Collection welcomes materials that document individuals' roles at NASA Johnson Space Center or involvement in the growth and development of the Bay Area Houston community. Information from neighborhood associations, clubs, boards, charities, and other organizations may also be considered. Materials can include: personal papers, photographs, brochures, correspondence, drawings, newsletters, journals, designs, and meeting minutes. If you live in the greater Houston/Galveston area, the UHCL Archives staff can arrange for pick-up of donations. Accepted items will be placed in the UHCL Archives online database for use by researchers and the community. Contact the UHCL Archives staff for more information about donations to the UHCL Archives.

JSC History Collection
University of Houston-Clear Lake
Neumann Library, UHCL Archives
2700 Bay Area Blvd. Houston TX 77058
Open M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Digital Media Lab – Free resource in our backyard

Located in the Freeman Branch Library, this lab offers you the ability to

- Digitize your slides and 35mm film from 96 to 4600 dpi resolution.
- Convert vinyl records and cassette tapes to compact disc or digital file
- Convert 8MM and Super 8 to DVD or digital file.

A short orientation course is required before reservation can be made with any equipment in the Digital Media Lab. The staff is willing to help you use the equipment to get you started on your project. Library is located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, Texas 77062 (Clear Lake City), 832-927-5420.

May Program Recap

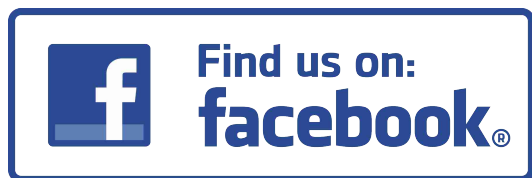
Thank you to Detective Recie Tisdale, League City Police Department Criminal Investigation Division and genealogist Shera Lapoint for spending the evening with us.

They discussed their process of using the genetic genealogy of Jane Doe and Janet Doe, to construct family trees and DNA profiles for comparison to Gedmatch.com, Ancestry.com and FamilyTreeDNA.com. Those matches helped identify possible family and geographical locations to run public announcements requesting information. As a result, they identified and located living family members from both victims. DNA samples were collected from the son and sister of Janet Doe, and Agents from the FBI coordinated the collection from the family members of Jane Doe who were out of state.

For Officer Tisdale, Ms. Lapoint, two other LCPD offerers, and Nick Cimino this is clearly a labor of love and emotionally gratifying work to provide closure to the families. The use of DNA to locate people is an "emerging tool" for law enforcement. Here is a link to the short video "LCPB Identifies Calder Road Victims" played during the meeting. www.youtube.com/watch?v=pdxr7rpJcvk



Nick Cimino, Detective Recie Tisdale,
and Shera Lapoint



Help Through Facebook Groups

Genealogy Translations www.facebook.com/groups/762196737138509

This group helps members with translation of their genealogical documents. Volunteers offer translation of genealogical documents including vital records, postcards, obituaries, and more, in languages including – Dutch, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Latin, Polish, Spanish, Swedish, plus others!

Our Roots Genealogy Network www.facebook.com/groups/764945673670343

Shera Lapoint, May speaker, formed this group to share her passion of genealogy and DNA. Her purpose is to share information she uses to do her genealogy and DNA work, along with information about her ancestors.

Genealogy Squad www.facebook.com/groups/genealogysquad

This group provides a positive space for the sharing of appropriate and reliable methods and resources to assist genealogists at all levels in their research activities. Get direction, guidance, leads, answers from leaders in the field: Blaine T. Bettinger, Ph.D. J.D., is an internationally recognized genetic genealogy expert (<https://thegeneticgenealogist.com>); Cyndi Ingle is the creator of the award-winning *Cyndi's List* (www.cyndislist.com); and George G. Morgan and Drew Smith hosts of the *Genealogy Guys* Podcast and *Genealogy Connections* podcast (www.genealogyguys.com).



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)



BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on 30 April 2019	\$5,190.92
Deposits+	\$73.00
Expenditures*	<u>\$105.50</u>
Balance on 31 May 2019	\$5,158.42

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 31 May 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).



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.

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.

Newsletter – Do you have experience with creating an email newsletter using MailChimp or similar tool? Kim Zrubek is looking for assistance in setup and creation for better promotional tool.

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

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.

Hispanic Genealogical Society

Saturday, July 6 from 11:00am to 1:00pm,

socializing at 10:30am (meets the 1st Saturday each month) at Clayton Library. www.hgshtx.org

Let's Talk Autosomal DNA: Session Four

Saturday, July 20 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

Join Clayton Library staff member Franklin Smith for this fourth discussion session on autosomal DNA research. Previous sessions covered the basics of DNA testing, now we continue discussing 3rd party DNA tools. In this session 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.

WikiTree Genealogy

Thursday, July 18 and August 15 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. Taught by BAGS member Lisa Franklin.

Friendswood Celebrates Apollo 11 Anniversary

at the Friendswood Public Library, 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood. Reservations required.

Call library to RSVP 281-481-7135 menu option 3.

July 9 at 7pm: Panel – Wives of Apollo 11 Support Team

July 11 at 7pm: Panel – NACA, Langley, and Canadians

July 18 at 7pm: Panel – Space Suit

July 22 at 6:30pm: Ask An Astronaut

July 23 at 6:20pm: Apollo 11 Documentary

July 25 at 7pm: Panel – Mission Control and Recovery



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.

Registration opens in July. Hotel reservations are now open. The speakers and topics have been published at

www.TxSGS.org/2019-conference