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Friday, September 27, 2019 at 7pm: “An Introduction To DNA Basics Working with your matches: A DNA Toolkit” presented by Dana Leed

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](#)).**

Dana Leed has a bachelor's degree in biology Education and began traditional genealogy research twenty years ago. Dana developed a DNA color clustering method to easily sort your DNA matches into groups that share the same common ancestor/family branch. This Leeds Method is popular and beginning to be integrated into online tools.



Dana Leeds

**Next Day: Saturday, September 28 from 10am to 2pm
Dana Leeds will provide a seminar**

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

Registration Required - \$25 for BAGS Members and \$35 for Non-Members

Come learn:

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

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**Need a ride or willing to provide a ride?
Contact Judy Zavalla, Member Services.**

At the meeting:

**Pickup your copy of the new BAGS
Journal August issue.**

**Signup for carpool to TSGS October
Family History Conference**

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Welcome New Members!



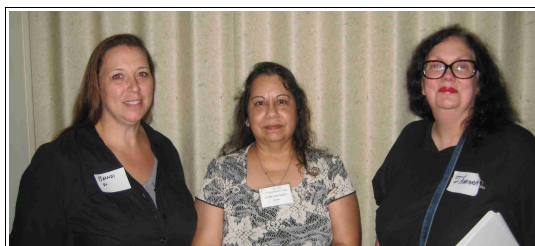
Tamara Reed

Amy and Patti Hoke of Houston are researching family surnames Hoke and Cannon in Texas and Georgia.

Dana Ribble of Houston is researching family names Ribble, Kutch, Evetts, White, Moore, Henry, McNabb, Charleston, Chattou, Charlton, Lynn, Lemmon, and Poole.

Brandi Wiederhold

Andrea Zeinalpour of Tomball is researching family surnames Frye, Halterman, Heishman, Harlow in Virginia, and West Virginia.



New members: (L-R) Brandi Wiederhold, Linda Gonzalez, and Tamara Reed

BIG THANK YOU to Nick Cimino, George Porterfield, Susie Ganch, Kathie Chaffee, Teresa Rundell, Bill Mayo, and Bob Wegner for serving as the Society's Officers from 2017 to 2019.

During the August 23 general meeting, the following members were elected as the 2019-2021 Officers. They will be installed during the September 27 general meeting and assume their duties at that time. **BIG THANK YOU** to these members for serving our Society!

President: Nick Cimino

First Vice President: Lisa Smith

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2019-2020 BAGS Calendar



General Meetings (date or time changes in red text)

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

Gale French discusses DNA Painter tool.

December – Holiday Luncheon, no general meeting.

Friday, January 31, 2020 – Members share Tips and Tricks

Friday, February 28, 2020 - Jennifer Ross-Nazzal, JSC Historian will talk about the JSC Archives access and their Oral History Project.

Friday, March 27, 2020 - Samantha Bruer, Archivist for HPL will talk about how to preserve family documents and photos

Friday, April 24, 2020 - Jeannette Piecznski from TSGS will present a program on how to utilize other family trees and fix yours when you find it inaccurate

Friday, May 29, 2020

Friday, June 26, 2020

Friday, July 31, 2020

Friday, August 28, 2020 – Show & Tell

Friday, September 25, 2020

Friday, October 23, 2020 (one week earlier)

Saturday, November 21, 2020



Next Research Bus Trips are

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Interested in going? Please RSVP with Deborah Gammon via phone 281-334-4950 or email gammondc@gmail.com. Meet at Clear Lake Recreation Center, 16511 Diana Lane, Houston (Clear Lake area/near Freeman Library) by 9:00am. The bus will depart at 9:15am and return to Clear Lake Recreation center by 4:00pm. Consider bringing a flash drive to store information found online and save on printing costs.



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.



Board Meetings

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

Monday, October 21

Monday, January 27

Monday, November 18

Monday, February 24

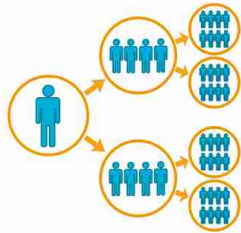
December no meeting

Monday, March 24



Kim Zrubek
Education Chair

October is Family History Month!



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 Members Helping Members research session to learn how to create one. Members' pedigree charts are posted on the BAGS website under the Member's page for facilitate members with the same surnames to share information.

Members Helping Members Research and General Meeting Recap Sessions

Come get help with your research! Bring your family information to get started. 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, Gale French, and 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. You are welcome to 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 center. Consider bringing a flash drive to store information found online and save on printing costs.

Wednesday, October 9 from 10am to 11:45am

Wednesday, November 13 from 10am to 11:45am

No meeting in December

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.

October Is Family History Month



Texas State Genealogical Society 2019 Family History Conference

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 features 33 speakers presenting 8 tracks of themed programming for a total of 56 sessions plus 4 add-on workshops and an exhibit hall of Societies and vendors offering the latest in genealogy and DNA. Registration and hotel accommodations along with the speakers and topics are available online at www.TxSGS.org/2019-conference

Annual Genealogy Free All Day Programming

Friday, October 18 from 10:00am to 8:30pm



Free. No registration. Join the Genealogy Network of Texas (GNT), for a collaborative event of streaming live webinars broadcasted from libraries across Texas. Watch these live webinar presentations at the Clayton Library, Friendswood Public Library, George Memorial Library, and Rosenberg Library.

Programs, times, and descriptions are printed on page 8.

The **Clayton Library** offers extended research hours from 6pm to 10pm. You **MUST** register with the library to attend programming and research after 6pm. The library will close at 5pm and reopen at 6pm.

The **Friendswood Public Library** will close at 6pm but will remain open to the public specifically to view the evening presentations. Children under the age of 16 attending the event must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks and mobile devices are welcome. No registration required.

The **George Memorial Library** and **Rosenberg Library** will offer this programming from 10am to 5pm.



2019 VIRTUAL GENEALOGY FAIR

National Archives

Annual Virtual Genealogy Fair

Wednesday, October 23 from
9:00am to 3pm (central time)

Free. No registration. Watch one or more of these live presentations from home. The schedule, access to the live sessions, and their handouts are available at www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair

Program schedule and descriptions printed on page 9.



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 31 July 2019 | \$4,916.29 |
| Deposits+ | \$133.92 |
| Expenditures* | <u>\$874.86</u> |
| Balance on 31 August 2019 | \$4,175.35 |

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

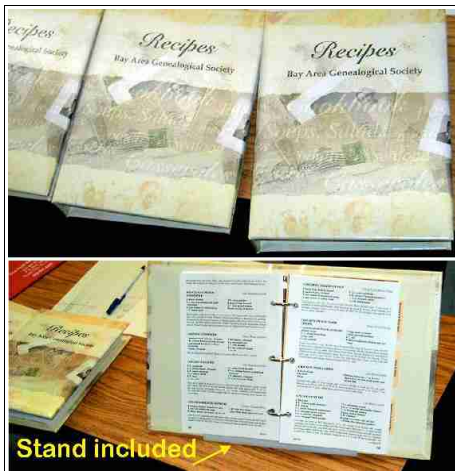
Value on 31 August 2019 \$3,907.18
Matures, 14 January 2020.

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

*Expenditures: For August: BBQ meat, *Journal* printing, annual PO Box rental, meeting room, and online registration web form plugin. In general: monthly (meeting room rental, speaker fees, and handouts); biannual (*Journal* publication printing costs), annual (PO Box rental, *Journal* mailing, membership fees in Clayton Library Friends, Texas State Genealogical Society, and Federation of Genealogical Societies).

Anyone needing transportation to the monthly genealogy meeting should contact Judy Zavalla at 832-724-4353

BAGS Cookbook – A Supplement



Do you have a recipe to share with our members?
We would like to add new pages to the cookbooks on hand and offer the additions to those who already have our cookbook.
Do you have a picture of your dish? Or even one of the originals?

Also under consideration is a better index of all recipes.

An example of one addition will be member Polly Swerdlin's Cranberry Sauce, since she noticed there is only a Cranberry Salad in the originals. You can find the original index on the Society's website:

www.txbayareagen.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/BAGS-Cookbook-Index.pdf

Please send your contributions to Polly Swerdlin via pmswerdlin@gmail.com with the subject "BAGS recipe". Also consider helping to create the new pages to take to the printer.

October Is Family History Month

Clayton Library Programming

The following free programs are offered in the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston. All events require reservations. Call the library at 832-393-2600 to make a reservation. Clayton Library website: www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

Genealogy Online: MyHeritage.com

Saturday, October 5 from 10:30am to 11:45am

Join us for an introduction to one of our newest genealogy e-resources: *MyHeritage Library Edition*. Accessible both at home and in-library, it contains over 6 billion historical records, including census, military, newspapers, vital records, directories, family trees, and more. In addition to North America, *MyHeritage* has one of the most comprehensive sets of European genealogical records of any commercial database, as well as millions of records from around the world.

Secrets in the Genes

Saturday, October 12 from 10:30am to 11:30am

Using case studies, Clayton Library staff member Rodney Sam illustrates how using DNA evidence and traditional genealogical research can confirm oral histories and unknown parentage with little to no paper trail.

The World Wars: Organized on the Home Front

Thursday, October 17 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Many organizations were created in the war efforts of World Wars I & II; however, many, such as the U.S. Boys Working Reserve, were forgotten as the wars faded into memory. Learn to research the documents and articles created by these organizations

Genealogy After Dark: Extended Hours

Friday, October 18 from 6pm to 10pm

Join your fellow researchers for extended research hours and socializing. The library will close at 5 PM and then re-open at 6pm. You MUST register for Genealogy After Dark: Extended Hours to attend the extended hours.

Genealogy Tips & Tricks, part 2: Get the most from our computers

Thursday, October 24 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Having trouble getting the family information you've found out of the databases like *Ancestry* and *FamilySearch* and into your family history files? In this talk you will learn various strategies for working with electronic records and getting those "tricky" computer files home.

Friendswood Public Library

50 Records that Document Female Ancestors presented by Gena Philibert-Ortega

Wednesday, October 9 from 7pm to 8:30pm

"Women can't be found in genealogical documents." "They are difficult to research." While these statements can be true, there are records out there that document their lives. Explore 50 records to consider as you research female ancestors from the colonial period to the 20th century in the United States. This is a live broadcasted webinar. Free. No registration.

Annual Genealogy Free All Day Programming Friday, October 18 from 10:00am to 8:30pm



Free live webinar presentations broadcasted from libraries across Texas, sponsored by the Genealogy Center of Waco-McLennan County Library and the Central Texas Genealogical Society. Come watch these presentations at the Clayton Library, Friendswood Public Library, George Memorial Library, and Rosenberg Library.

10:00am – *Technology Enabled Collaborations for Genealogists* presented by Tony Hanson, Family Historian broadcasted from the Dallas Public Library

This presentation will examine three relatively new capabilities that are enabling collaborative family research: The Family Search Family Tree, Ancestry.com's ThruLines DNA tool, and self-publishing family history using a blog or a website. Attendees will learn the benefits provided by each and will learn how to effectively incorporate them into their own personal research methodology.

11:00am – *Finding Elusive Records on FamilySearch.org* presented by John Huff, FamilySearch Experience Manager broadcasted from Salt Lake City, UT

Learn the search skills and features of FamilySearch.org to take you to a new level of access of this 2 billion image database. This tutorial will take you step-by-step through the process of how to utilize the FamilySearch catalog, unindexed image collections and more.

12:00pm – *Genealogy Basics: Getting Started on Your Family Tree* presented by Carl Smith, Genealogy Librarian, Montgomery County Memorial Library System broadcasted from Central Library, Conroe

Budding researchers will learn the basics they need to get started researching their family tree. We'll cover the first steps to take to begin your research, starting with home sources. We'll also cover the types of records that are useful for genealogical research and where they can be found. We'll also cover ways to stay organized by utilizing paper charts and forms or computer software.

1:40pm – *Probate: More Than a Will* presented by Kelvin Meyers, Ancestry ProGenealogists Researcher, broadcasted from the Downtown Arlington Public Library

Most persons in America, who lived to adulthood, left some type of an estate to be administered. Some left wills, some did not; either way if there was land or large amounts of personal property, their estate had to be disposed of. The records of probate can be some of the most fruitful for the genealogist.

2:50pm – *Roll Call: New Sites and Sources for Military Records and Research* presented by Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, IGSF Manager, The Genealogy Center Senior Manager, Special Collections, Allen County Public Library broadcasted from Fort Wayne, IN

This presentation explores the growing number of consequential websites for the researcher interested in military history and military ancestors. From bibliographic databases to sites that provide copies of first-hand accounts and images of actual records, this talk provides one with key sites and strategies for locating increasing amounts of meaningful military data on the Internet.

4:00pm – *Introduction to GEDmatch* presented by Sara Allen, Librarian, Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library broadcasted from Fort Wayne, IN

Once you have taken a DNA test, you may be urged to upload your results to GEDmatch. What is GEDmatch and why should you use it? GEDmatch is a free third party website that you can use to compare your DNA results with people who have taken the autosomal DNA test from all the major testing companies. You can also use a variety of tools and utilities (some free, and some subscription only) that help analyze your DNA results. Learn more about GEDmatch at this session.

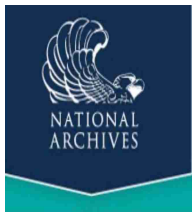
6:15pm – *Finding Your Ancestors in Mexico* presented by Esther Camacho, South Texas Librarian, Genealogist, and Historical Researcher broadcasted from Edinburg, TX

This program will demonstrate the types of records used to trace ancestors from the United States into Mexico. There is a breadth of information available for researchers including census, border crossing records, immigration, civil records, and church records.

7:25pm - *Dating Family Photos by Photo Process, Apparel, Hair Styles and More* presented by David Coleman, Director, The Wittliff Collections, Texas State University broadcasted from San Marcos, TX

Do you possess photos that you wish you could at least date? Learn what to evaluate and the resources available to help you. Follow David's process as he takes us through samples and learn how to apply his technique to your own photos.

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9:05am (central) Session 1: Exploring History Hub for Genealogist and Researchers

Hit a snag in your research? Bring your question to History Hub, the National Archives' pioneering online platform for crowdsourced historical and genealogical research, where Archives staff and expert community members alike are waiting to lend their expertise. Learn about the capabilities of History Hub including how to search from the pool of existing questions, how to post your own question, how to sign up and join the community, see what our partner agencies are doing, and more.

10am (central) Session 2: Preserving Personal Collections

This sessions will provide tips and information on the care and storage of paper, books, photographs, as well as film, audio, and video. Providing the best environment and storage will allow family heirlooms to be available for generations, while understanding proper handling and copying can expand their availability and enjoyment with distant kin.

11am (central) Session 3: Immigrant Records: More Than Just Ship Passenger Arrival

This session will identify what original records you can find at the National Archives and what you can discover online. Records discussed will range from passport applications, naturalization documents, passenger arrival lists, and more! Attendees will discover how immigration laws have changed over time and how the records that exist have been impacted by those laws; understand the different types of records available through the National Archives; and learn how to get started with research.

12pm (central) Session 4: Using National Archives Records to Research World War I Naval and Marine Corps Records for Genealogical Research

In this session, archivist Nathaniel Patch offers a guide to discovering the story of your World War I Sailor and Marine using the Records of the National Archives. Although for the experienced to advanced researcher, beginners will learn where to access easily understood records (such as deck logs, war diaries, and unit records), and how to build on that information to find more material in complicated record series.

1pm (central) Session 5: Discovering and Researching Bureau of Indian Affairs School Records

Federally run schools for American Indian children first emerged in the mid 19th century and became a potent tool of cultural assimilation for decades. This presentation will discuss the records of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) boarding and day schools, looking at both individual student case files as well as general administrative records, what was and was not saved, what can be found within them, and what privacy restrictions exist. These records not only chronicle a student's academic career but often health, family, and life after school. General school records paint a portrait of school life and can further flesh out an individuals history at a particular school at a particular time.

2pm (central) Session 6: The Homestead Act: Land Records of Your Ancestors

James Muhn explains the basic provisions of the Homestead Act and demonstrates how to research and interpret homestead documents found in Record Group 49, Records of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for family history research. Learn about how relevant records such as tract books, public land entry case files, patents and other associated documents can be found and the information they can tell you.