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**Friday, July 31, 2020 at 7pm: Guest speaker Linda Hudson presents
*Guide for Quakers History and Their Records***

Public Invited. This is a Virtual Meeting!



Linda Hudson

Quakers made excellent records. Their records began around 1650 in England and extended to the colonies. They used their own "shorthand." Learn about the records they kept, how to interpret them and more about their fascinating society.

This program and the general meeting will be held online as a virtual meeting using GoToWebinar. In order to access the

meeting, you must register prior to Friday, July 31 by clicking on the link below. Registration is free! After you register, you will receive an email giving you instructions for signing on the night of the presentation. **KEEP THAT EMAIL.** On Friday July 31 by 6:50pm, open that email and click on the link to join the virtual meeting. This will allow time to resolve any connection issues. The program handout is available on our website (Meetings page) and during the presentation.

Register to attend this virtual meeting, click

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4289333806872434955>

**It is time to renew your membership for 2020-2021!
Renew online on home page of BAGS website (www.TxBayAreaGen.org) using
credit card, debit card or PayPal. Details on page 7.**

**Friday, August 29 General Meeting – will be a virtual meeting. Speaker Elizabeth O'Neal
presents *Using Digital Libraries: Search Strategies for Family Historians***

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**Find us on Facebook by name
Tx Bay Area Gen**

**New issue of the *Journal*
will be published in August!**

**Are you receiving BAGS emails? If not,
contact notify Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org**



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Welcome New Members!



Alicia V. Muehlenbrock of Houston

Alicia has Lebanon ancestry on her father's side. Would like research help for DAR supplementary patriots

Todd Roberts of League City

Todd would like assistance with tracing his ancestry prior to 1840, between Indiana and Ohio, and reading non-English language records.

A BIG THANK YOU to

- **Lisa Smith** for agreeing to serve as the Society's *Yearbook* Editor and for serving as the interim email coordinator.
- **Kathleen Williams** for agreeing to serve as the Society's email coordinator and manage day-to-day Facebook postings.

Additional points of contact:

- **Contact entire BAGS Board:**
bagsboard@TxBayAreaGen.org
- **Need help attending the next meeting?**
memberservices@TxBayAreaGen.org or call 832-724-4353 (Judy Zavalla)
- **RSVP for a Research Bus Trip:**
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- **Research questions or want to provide research assistance:** education@TxBayAreaGen.org (Kim Zrubek)
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2020 BAGS Calendar



General Meetings

(date or time changes in red text)

Friday, July 31 – Linda Hudson discusses Quaker ancestry research. This is a virtual program.

Friday, August 28 – Elizabeth O'Neal presents *Using Digital Libraries: Search Strategies for Family Historians* Looking for books about your family history? You may be able to find them without leaving the comfort of your home! This is a virtual program. The Annual Show and Tell program usually scheduled for August will be moved to a later date when we can gather together in person.

Friday, September 25 – Linda Worsham presents “Digital Scrapbooking Your Pictures and Data”. This is a virtual program.

Friday, October 23 (one week earlier)

Sharon Batiste Gillins presents *Navigating the Freedmen's Bureau Records*



Saturday, November 21 (SATURDAY) – Lisa Smith presents *Genealogy from a Private Investigator's Perspective*.



Board Meetings

Currently held as virtual meeting via Zoom. Usually held at the University Baptist Church in room EB105 at 6:30pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Monday, July 27 **Monday, September 21**

Monday, August 24 **Monday, October 19**



Research Sessions

(Members Helping Members)

Come get help with your research!

Online help sessions are available to provide an avenue for member communication and assistance. Participants can share their screens and demonstrate recent research discoveries or accomplishments. Members are also encouraged to ask for assistance with roadblocks.

Get the current schedule and connection details from the BAGS website. Click on “Members Page” and then scroll down to end click on “Members Helping Members Page” link.

- **Weekly: Mondays from 10am to noon** join moderators **Nick Cimino and George Porterfield**
- **Weekly: Mondays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm** join moderator **Renee Ball and Kim Zrubek**. We will not meet the last Monday of each month.

Contact Education Chair, Kim Zrubek to work through your research questions. If she cannot help, another member will be found who can help. Reach Kim by email education@txbayareagen.org or by phone 281-992-2636.



Research Bus Trips

Suspended until Clayton Library reopens and the Harris County Precinct #2 bus trips resume.

Bylaws – Proposed Changes

The following proposed changes to the BAGS Bylaws were presented to the membership at the June 26, 2020 meeting. During the July 31, 2020 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 the **Bylaws** and the **2019-2020 Yearbook** (current issue) are available on the BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org, click on **Members Page**, enter password. Thank you to Bill Mayo, Kitty Olson, George Porterfield, Bill Mayo, and Lisa Smith for serving as the committee to review and update the bylaws.

Article IV – Membership and Dues

A. Membership is open to any individual having genealogical interests without regard to sex, race, creed, or national origin. Members are encouraged to submit a ~~Five-generation Pedigree Chart~~ **pedigree chart** in a timely fashion.

B. Categories of Membership:

1. Individual Membership

2. Family Membership

Related individuals; receives one copy of BAGS' publications

3. *(add) Lifetime (individual)*

4. *(add) Lifetime Honorary*

A non-voting individual membership approved by the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") awarded to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to Bay Area Genealogical Society and/or to the field of genealogy.

C. *Categories of 3. Donations (made in addition to dues; applies to the current membership year):*

1. Contributor **\$1 - \$29**

2. Benefactor **\$30 - \$49**

3. Patron **\$50 or more**

D. ~~G.~~ Dues and Fiscal Year:

1. Changes to dues for each category of membership shall be recommended by the Board and approved by a majority vote of the membership at a General Meeting, having been given one month's notice of the proposed change.

2. The Membership Year and the Fiscal Year shall run from September 1 through August 31.

3. New memberships are accepted by the Registrar upon completion of Membership Application and payment of dues.

~~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.~~

4. *New memberships paid between July 1 and September 1 shall be for the upcoming membership year. All other new memberships will be for the current membership year.*

5. *The deadline for renewals is October 31 of the current membership year. Any member who has not renewed by October 31 shall be removed from the membership roster on November 1 and will not be included in the yearbook.*

E. ~~D.~~ Visitors may attend up to two General Meetings without joining the Society, after which a paid membership will be required to attend further meetings.

Houston Public Library

Access these resources from HOME for FREE using a Houston Public Library card. If you do not have a card, you can immediately get a HPL My-Link card number that can be used to access these online resources from HOME!



To obtain a My-Link card, register online at <https://houstonlibrary.org/my-link-library-card-registration>

Details about the My-Link card are published at <https://houstonlibrary.org/find-it/my-link>

Once you have a HPL card number, there are two places on the HPL website offering genealogy related databases.

From the HPL Genealogy Research page

(<http://houstonlibrary.org/research/resources-by-category/234>), you can access:

- Ancestry Library Edition (only until August 31)**
- Fold3**
- HeritageQuest**
- MyHeritage**
- American Civil War: Research Database**

From the HPL Newspaper Research page

(<http://houstonlibrary.org/research/resources-by-category/249>), you can access:

19th Century U. S. Newspapers Digital Archive

Atlanta Daily World Historical Archive - first black daily in the nation in the 20th century. Search full text from 1931 to 2003.

Chicago Defender Historical Archive

Full page view of the Chicago Defender from 1910-1975.

Dallas Morning News Historical Archive 1885-1977 (digital microfilm)

Civil War Era includes the full text of 6 regional newspapers from all sides of the conflict from 1840-1865 as well as 2,000 slavery, anti-slavery Civil War pamphlets.

Times Digital Archive

The Times of London has covered all major British and international events since the 1780s. This Digital Archive includes full-text digital facsimiles of every daily issue from 1785 to 2012.

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

The doors may be locked, but staff is answering phones and email. They are available to discuss strategy, identify specific resources to consider for your research, and provide referrals to other genealogical/historical societies or government agencies. Ask your specific question either via email to cla.reference@houston.tx.gov or phone (832) 393-2600 between the hours for 10am and 5pm Tuesday through Friday.



Friendswood Family History Center

Now opened to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10am to 2pm. Please bring a mask if you are going to ask for assistance. The center is located at 505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood. Enter the building on the side furthest from the street. Take advantage of the electronic databases and books that are only accessible from within their center.



Genealogy Face2Face Thursdays at 2pm

This is a weekly roundtable discussion for Clayton Library Friends members and the general public related to genealogy research.

On the Third Thursday of each month, we will be joined by a staff member of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, a branch of the Houston Public Library.

Registration in advance of the meeting will be required. Pre-register at
<http://tinyurl.com/genface2face>

Tips and Fun

May and June Program Recaps

When you make corrections in your tree, Devon Lee suggests waiting 2-3 days for the changes to reflect in the ThruLines results. If you are adopted, make use of the biological vs. adopted designations under **Edit Relationships** because ThruLines will follow only the biological lines. Her presentation was recorded which you may watch anytime at <https://vimeo.com/424167577/66738c0cef>

Melissa Finlay explained a court would appoint a guardian to manage legal inherited property (personal or real) for incapacitated adults, a free person of color, and an older child not considered an adult by law. Each jurisdiction and time period has laws governing guardianship.

AARP Discount on Ancestry.com

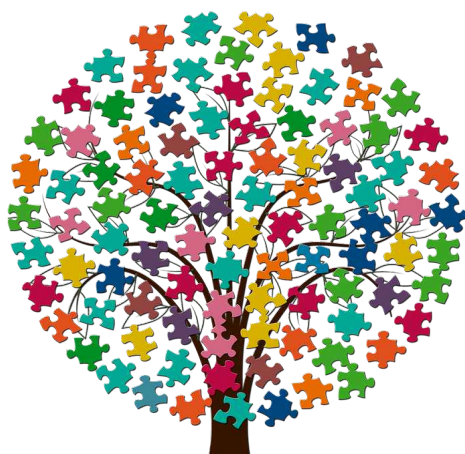


(Shared by member Renee Ball) AARP members can save 30% on one year of an All Access or a World Explorer subscription. If you are new to Ancestry, you will receive the discount on the first year of your subscription. If you already have an Ancestry account, you will receive the discount when you renew your subscription for a year. More details online at www.ancestry.com/lp/aarp or call Ancestry Member Services at 1-800-514-4645 (7 days a week, 8am to 10pm).



Cite This!

Looking for a citation format? Refer to the Common Genealogy Citation Formats found at <https://abundantgenealogy.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/FREEBIE-Common-Genealogy-Citation-Formats.pdf>

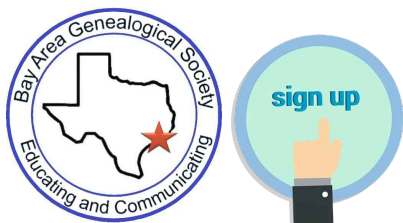


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Puzzle created using Discovery Education's puzzle maker <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com>



Time For Membership Renewal

**Renew your membership for 2020-2021
Society year online using credit/debit
card or PayPal.**

Go to www.TxBayAreaGen.org

Beginning 1 July, 2020, you can renew your BAGS membership for the new membership year (1 Sep 2020 to 31 Aug 2021). You can use the online membership application form on our web site (check the Renewal option) and submit your payment via PayPal (credit and debit cards accepted via PayPal also), or you can print out the PDF version of the application from the web site and mail it in with a check. Both options are available on the BAGS home page. Membership renewal is due by 31 October 2020. - George Porterfield, Registrar

BAGS Info Online



The BAGS website www.TxBayAreaGen.org lists the latest general meeting information on the [Meetings](#) page, bus trip information on the [Trips](#) page, and member helping member sessions on the [Workshops](#) page. The [Members Page](#) provides access to the current and past *Quarterly*, *Journals*, *Yearbooks*, and newsletters; member/surname lists and pedigree charts; past program handouts; meeting minutes; and financial statements. Ask a board member for the password. In addition, there are instructions on how to print the *Yearbook* on the back page and printing of any or all articles in the *Journal* from the web page is allowed.

Next BAGS Journal

**New issue of the *Journal*
will be published in August!**

Editor Melodey Hauch reports there is plenty of content (approximately 48 pages) for the *Journal* August issue. She is working on final touches and plans to post the issue on the BAGS website in the next two weeks.

BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on 31 May 2020	\$994.17
Deposits+	\$25.05
Expenditures*	<u>\$10.63</u>
Balance on 30 June 2020	\$1,008.59

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance on 30 June 2020	\$5,698.98
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Certificate of Deposit**

Balance on 30 June 2020	\$6,000.00
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TOTAL for all accounts	\$12,707.57
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+Deposits: memberships, donations (e.g. tote bags, cookbooks, USB drives, pens)

*Expenditures: membership discount, PayPal fees

**A Certificate of Deposit was purchased in June 2020.

Telephone Committee Members Needed



PLEASE HELP!

BAGS would like to continue the telephone communication and needs a couple of members to serve on the Telephone Committee and one to serve as the chairman. The committee disseminates Society meeting and activity information to members monthly. Please contact Nick Cimino if you are interested.

FamilySearch Resources and Assistance

Member Renee Ball shared this tip: Carol Hill created a number of helpful “how to” videos for performing specific tasks in FamilySearch.org such as merging ancestors, adding photos, searching records. Access the videos on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFAjCsmfPv0_bf1ALjK72Vw/videos



FamilySearch Online Consultations

FamilySearch is now offering free one-on-one online 20-minute consultations with research specialists from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Book an appointment from the FamilySearch Wiki page “**Family History Library Online Consultations**” accessed at

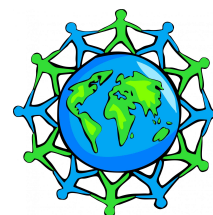
www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Online_Consultations

Consultations with a library specialist are held using Microsoft Teams (step-by-step instructions are also available on the wiki page). They request you provide as much information as possible about the research problem on the bookings form. Limit to 1 consultation per week. Due to contractual obligations, FamilySearch cannot offer access in online consultations to historical records that are restricted to family history centers and affiliate libraries, despite the temporary closure of these facilities.

Foreign Research: Ask The Community

FamilySearch also supports a host of free, online research communities! The community consists of people who wish to collaborate and help one another find answers. You can post specific genealogical questions or translation requests regarding a country or region in the world. Many users receive responses to their questions within 24 hours. Find your country and community from the FamilySearch Wiki Page “**FamilySearch Genealogy Research Groups**” accessed at

www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/FamilySearch_Genealogy_Research_Groups



FamilySearch Live Webinars and Recordings of Past Webinars

The Family History Library continues to offer free live webinars in English and Spanish. The subject matter changes frequently and no registration is required.

View the schedule, access the classes and download handouts from the FamilySearch Wiki page “**Family History Library Classes and Webinars**”

www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Also, the bottom half of the page lists **Past Webinars and Handouts**. They are organized by geographic area. Expand the section of interest to see individual programs. Click on Recording link to watch the program and access any associated handouts.

The following classes are listed for August:

- Monday, Aug 3, 11am FamilySearch Catalog (Beginner)
- Tuesday, Aug 4, 11am Attaching Sources to the Family Tree (Beginner)
- Monday, Aug 10, noon Chinese ZhongYuan Festival and Cemeteries (Beginner)
- Tuesday, Aug 11, noon El Arbol Familiar para principiantes (Beginner)
- Tuesday, Aug 11, 2pm Switzerland Records: The Zürich Census (Intermediate)
- Tuesday, Aug 25, noon “El Catálogo; una ventana de oportunidades” (Beginner)
- Thursday, Aug 27, 2pm The Research Process (Beginner)

Online Conferences and a Tip



TxSGS 2020 Virtual Conference

Friday & Saturday, August 7-8 from 9:45am to 2:45pm both days

Schedule, speakers, topics, and registrations at www.txsgs.org/txsgs-2020-virtual-conference
Conference programs:

Colleen Robledo Greene: Taking a Closer Look at Immigration Records for Your Mexican Ancestor

Patti Lee Hobbs: Problem Solving with DNA: Case Studies

J. Mark Lowe: Mapping, Atlases & Documenting Paths

Sunny Morton: Collateral Kin: Indirect Routes to Direct Ancestors

Diane L. Richard: 50 Overlooked Online Genealogy Resources in 50 Minutes

Drew Smith: Organizing Your Genealogy

Michael Strauss: Researching Your World War II Ancestors

Ari Wilkins: Studying a Community Using Sanborn Maps and Other Resources

Boundless Genealogy Tip

Melissa Finlay (June speaker) offers many videos on her *Boundless Genealogy* website (<http://boundlessgenealogy.com/>). In her video titled "Pandemics in History and Your Ancestors", she pointed out 20 to 50 million people died during the Spanish Influenza. Cholera came through 6 times between 1917 and 1923 of which 30 million people died. Look in local newspapers for clues that an area was impacted by a pandemic: printed lists of deaths, social columns and obituaries. Cemetery and church records listing large number of deaths within a specific time period.



A Summer of DNA

Saturday, August 15 at 9am

Live virtual conference with door prizes hosted by the Family History Fanatics. Early bird registration by August 4th.

Presentations are:

Kevin Borland: Mathematically Reconstruct DNA kits for Your Ancestors

Debra Renard: DNA Methodology for Unknown Parentage Research

Andrew Lee: An Introduction to GEDmatch Tier 1 Tools

Evert-Jan Blom: Clustering your DNA matches using Genetic Affair

More details and registration at

www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/summerdna

2020 Family History Conference Blazing Trails in the Heart of America

FGS Virtual Family History Conference

September 2, 2020, at 10am

Details at <https://fgs.org/conferences/registration>

A one-day live event featuring 8 presentations from leading genealogy speakers:

David E. Rencher: "FGS: Celebrating the Past and Future"

Judy G. Russell: "Quarantined! Genealogy, the Law and Public Health"

Ari Wilkins: "Scaling the 1870 Brick Wall in African American Research"

Thomas W. Jones: "Building a Respectable Genealogy, One Documented Biography at a Time"

CeCe Moore: "Strategies of The Genetic Detective"

Lisa Louise Cooke: "The 2020 Genealogist's Google Search Methodology"