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November Member Meeting (Virtual)



FRIDAY, November 20, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. *(Meeting one week earlier)*

Birds of a Feather—Y-DNA Research and Group Projects *presented by Janine Cloud*

Y-chromosomal DNA testing can point to paternal relationships and family surname, but deeper analysis may reveal generational levels. *(more on page 3)*

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Have you wanted to attend RootsTech sponsored by FamilySearch annually in Salt Lake City since 2010? The travel costs were just too prohibitive for your budget...

It is your lucky day!
The 2021 RootsTech Family History Conference is being offered as the first **RootsTech Connect**— a **FREE**, virtual three day conference experience.

For Information and to Register
CLICK [HERE](#)

SAVE the DATES
February 25-27, 2021

Celebrate Your Family Story

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- Genealogy Word Search

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Carson Fisk of Austin

Barbara Holt of Friendswood

Jane Martin of Houston - Jane is looking for help researching Cherokee Indians and the Indian school.

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

Additional points of contact:

Contact entire BAGS Board:

bagsboard@TxBayAreaGen.org

Need help attending the next meeting?

memberservices@TxBayAreaGen.org (Vacant)

Research questions or to provide research assistance:

education@TxBayAreaGen.org (Kim Zubrek)

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historian@TxBayAreaGen.org (Teresa Rundell)

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General Meetings (date or time changes in red text)



Birds of a Feather—Y-DNA Research and Group Projects presented by Janine Cloud **Friday, November 20 at 7:00 P. M.** *(one week earlier)*

Y-chromosomal DNA passes only from father to son, but while the path of inheritance is simple, choosing which Y test to take can be confusing, and using the results once you have them can be even more confusing. Group projects can help alleviate some of that confusion as well as help focus research through comparison with other testers beyond simple one-to-one matching. This program will be presented online, and access details will be posted on the BAGS website and emailed to members.

Janine Cloud, a fifth-generation Texan and registered member of the Cherokee Nation, became interested in genealogy when a grade school assignment to complete a pedigree chart prompted her to question family members about her ancestors. She started working at FamilyTreeDNA in 2011 where she created the Group Projects – Events team which she now manages. Janine has given presentations at conferences such as the National Genealogical Society Conference, RootsTech and RootsTech London, as well as numerous local organizations.



2021 BAGS CALENDAR

*Due to COVID-19 concerns, all **in-person** activities of the Bay Area Genealogical Society have been cancelled. **Monthly general meetings will be held as virtual webinars.** Details for registration will be posted to the Society site and future newsletters.*

COMING IN 2021...

Friday, January 29, 7:00 PM - **The Family Search Catalog: A Researcher's Best Friend** presented by Diana Elder,
www.familylocket.com

Friday, February 19, 7:00 PM - **Brick Wall Breakthroughs**
presented by Thomas MacEntee, www.genealogybargains.com
(one week earlier to allow members to attend RootsTech Connect 2021)

Friday, March 26, 7:00 PM - **Help! I Don't Speak the Language: Tips and Tricks for Deciphering Foreign Language Records**
presented by Katherine Schober, www.sktranslations.com

Friday, April 30, 7:00 PM - **The Road to Independence: Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors** presented by Michael Strauss, www.genealogyresearchnetwork.com

Friday, May 28, 7:00 PM - **Genealogy from a Private Investigator's Perspective** presented by Lisa Smith

Board Meetings

Currently held as virtual meetings via ZOOM. All members are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, request a



link from
info@TxBayAreaGen.org

2020
November 16

2021
January 25
February 15
March 22
April 26
May 24

Board meetings are held on Mondays at 6:30 PM.



Research Bus Trips

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

In-Person Research Sessions

(Members Helping Members)

In-Person Research Sessions are now offered on the first Wednesday each 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.

The center will be opened only to BAGS members on those days. Take advantage of the electronic databases and books that are only accessible from within the FHC. Six computers are available for research. Bring a USB drive to save the information that you find. If you do plan to attend, please send an RSVP email to Kim Zrubek at education@txbayareagen.org.

Future Dates are:

2020

Wednesday, December 2
at 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

2021

Wednesday, January 6 at
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM



Have German Ancestors?



BAGS German special interest group (SIG) co-hosted by George Porterfield and Karen Engelauf is held on the **second Wednesday each month at 2pm**.

This SIG is for genealogists with any level of experience interested in German genealogy research, including research of persons from Germany (both modern day Germany and all earlier German territories), Prussia and Pomerania. This also includes other German-speaking territories such as parts of Switzerland, Poland, Denmark, Holland, and France. Meetings will be held via Zoom for now. If you are interested in attending, please complete the Germany Special Interest Group Survey online at https://www.txbayareagen.org/?page_id=4727

Future Dates are:

Wednesday, November 11
Wednesday, December 9
Wednesday, January 13

Research Sessions

(Members Helping Members)



Get help with your research!

If you would like to brainstorm a research brick wall, gather suggestions, learn how to use an online resource, ask questions, give help, or just visit with other genealogists, join in with either or both of the sessions with or without video.

Participants can share their screens and demonstrate recent research discoveries or accomplishments.

The latest access details are posted on the BAGS [Members Helping Members Page](#).

If you want to practice using Zoom or have questions connecting to a session, contact Kim Zrubek by email education@txbayareagen.org or by phone 281-992-2636.

Weekly: Mondays from 10:00 AM to noon join moderator Renee Ball.

Weekly: Mondays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM join moderator Kim Zrubek. This evening session will not meet November 16 or January 25 due to scheduled board meeting.

BAGS Journal

All issues of the *BAGS Quarterly* and *BAGS Journal* are available on the BAGS [Member Page](#).



BAGS Members are interested in reading stories of your ancestors or other families you felt compelled to research. Do you have a specific period in history that fascinates you? Have you compiled finding aids and sources applicable to the subject that you want to share the reasons you find them important? Do you know of a new technology or record collection that you want to share details? Write up your stories and "how-to" articles. Share them with your fellow BAGS members.

Send your article to Lisa Franklin via email to journal@TxBayAreaGen.org



The [BAGS Member Page](#) Password has changed for the new Society year!

The new password was sent to members via email. If you did not receive the email, contact the Registrar, George Porterfield at registrar@txbayareagen.org.



THANK YOU TO BAGS MEMBERS!

Thank you **Judy Zavalla** for serving as the Society's Member Services committee chair.

BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance as of 31 Aug 2020	\$ 1,692.63
Deposits	\$ 1,115.13
Expenditures*	\$ -23.92
Balance on 30 September 2020	\$ 2,783.84

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance on 30 September 2020	\$ 5,701.40
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CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Balance on 30 September 2020	\$ 6,015.74
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TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS on 30 September 2020	\$14,500.98
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*PayPal convenience fees



Thank you to our new Telephone Committee, keeping our members informed and connected:

Teresa Rundell
J.K. Langlois
Debbie Elliot
Jacqueline Valcoviak

Barbara Moore
Shirley Lindquist
Renee Ball
Jane Martin
(new member)



Members, join BAGS Facebook group to get the latest news on events and resources. To join, log into Facebook and either click on this link www.facebook.com/groups/1123990297740879 or search by name **Tx Bay Area Gen** to access the BAGS group.



**WEDNESDAY,
November 18
1:00 PM CST**

LEGACY Family Tree
Webinars is presenting:

SURNAME PROJECTS and DNA PROJECTS

Mags Gaulden will take
the researcher through
working with a surname
and present how
surname studies
and DNA can break down
brick walls.

**The webinar is FREE on
day of presentation and
for one week following,
but you must REGISTER
in ADVANCE for access.**

[CLICK HERE](#)

For an annual member-
ship fee, access to over
hundreds of recorded
webinars in their virtual
library are available on a
variety of genealogical
topics. If interested, click
[HERE.](#)

DNA News

Have you been confused on what the actual number of centimorgans are associated with various known relationships? Do the numbers sometimes boggle the mind?



Earlier this year Blaine Bettinger, [The Genetic Genealogist](#), published a new Version 4.0 Shared cM Project chart providing an understanding of shared cMs associated with various relationships. The chart is a quick visual to matching possible DNA matches.

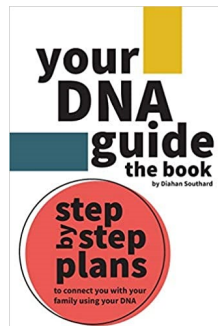
[Version 4.0! Update to the Shared cM Project!](#)

Jonny Perl, owner and creator of [DNA Painter](#), has incorporated the updated chart to assist genealogists in their research and relationship proof statements. Take a look at the tool and see if you determine a relationship -

[The Shared cM Project 4.0 tool v4](#)

Your DNA Guide Step By Step 2020

by Diahan Southard (Author)



This book offers a step-by-step guide through the DNA research process based on the type of DNA question you want answered. Once you have your question you can use the guide to determine the testing company that works best for your question, what people in your family should be tested, and what to do with the results to answer your original question.

Sample pages can be seen on Diahan's website -

[https://www.yourdnaguide.com/yourdnaguidethebook/book.](https://www.yourdnaguide.com/yourdnaguidethebook/book)

The book cost is less if ordered from Amazon.

Listen to an interview with Diahan on DNA in *Genealogy Happy Hour* podcast episode #55 accessible at <https://soundcloud.com/genealogy-happy-hour/episode-55-dna-research-basics-with-diahan-southard>

Clayton Library Friends presents...



Photo Detective Roadshow (Online program)

Saturday, November 21 at 10:30 AM



Maureen Taylor, [The Photo Detective](#), features analysis of photos submitted by Clayton Library Friends. Maureen will share the clues she uncovers in these photos using her internationally recognized expertise in historic photo identification, preservation, and genealogical research. You do not have to be a CLF member to attend the meeting. However, **register** to attend this program using this link

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7570899927844154124>

Take a look at **VIVID-PIX Restore** software for image restoration of photographs, records, and documents. This product is available for Windows and Mac computers, it is not free but the price is reasonable. Watch the demonstration "Genealogy: Restore Your Story with Vivid-Pix" posted by Allen County Public Library on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RN6brGvfcC8>. The process to save the changes also stores your descriptive information as metadata in the file of the image. For more product information go to www.vivid-pix.com.

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@houstontx.gov or phone (832) 393-2600 between the hours of 10am and 5pm Tuesday through Friday.



Clayton Library Center 2020 Virtual Presentations

(Once registered a reminder with the meeting link will be emailed the week of the presentation.)

Vivid-Pix RESTORE
Photo & Document Restoration Software
Friday, November 20 | 2:00 PM

Advance registration is required.
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Medical Genealogy
Defining Obscure Medical Terms
Used by Our Ancestors
Friday, December 4 | 2:00 PM

Advance registration is required.
[REGISTER HERE](#)

NAVIGATING FREEDMEN'S BUREAU RECORDS - October Program Recap

Thank you, Sharon Batiste Gillins, for the impressive presentation on *Navigating Freedmen's Bureau Records—Strategies for Research Success* given to the Bay Area Genealogical Society members at the October general meeting. Sharon's topic provided insight into the records of the Freedmen's Bureau Records, digitized and indexed on FamilySearch.org, while also offering caution before just jumping into a search. As genealogists we have been told to gain an understanding of the record set first to capture and analyze intelligently the details extracted from within the document. Freedmen's Bureau Records were generated at various levels within each state and the information captured could vary. To understand the records better Sharon suggested multiple times to know what to expect by studying the state's Descriptive Pamphlet printed by the National Archives and Records Administration.

African American Records—Freedmen's Bureau - includes links to Descriptive Pamphlets
<https://www.archives.gov/research/african-americans/freedmens-bureau>

Below are links to an interesting website and video dedicated to the memory of 314 enslaved people sold to Louisiana plantation owners in the summer of 1838 by Georgetown's Jesuit priests for an influx of cash to support their college. A partnership of the Georgetown Memory Project and American Ancestors, the oldest non-profit genealogical society in America, have created a website and digitized database paying tribute to those sold and their descendants named the GU272 Memory Project.

Visit the [GU272.AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.gu272.org) for FREE database of records on the GU272 Memory Project.

Sixteen minute YouTube video presentation – [Click HERE](#)



Click [HERE](#) for a list of webinar links to a series

of Scotland research presentations available on **Monday, November 30th**. The series covers land and property records, probate records, Scottish words and phrases, using the Wiki and Scotlands People for Scots Research.

The link also provides the upcoming 2021 January webinar selections on Scandinavian research, beginner research on the United States and two webinars presented in Spanish.

Friendswood Family History Center



Friendswood Family History Center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 2pm. Please bring a mask if you are going to ask for assistance. If you bring your own laptop, you can access the records on their WIFI and if you prefer, research in a separate room. Volunteers are available to help. 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.

Many genealogical outlets curtail activities and learning opportunities during late November and December each year to provide time to be with family and attend to the usual Holiday happenings—tree trimming, family get-togethers, office parties and more. This year Covid-19 issues will be limiting many of us in following our usual traditions in the manner of previous years. If you find you have some time on your hands in the coming month, take advantage of the virtual learning opportunities listed below.



Take a look at the selection of FREE webinars offered on a variety of topics that remain in 2020 hosted by Legacy Family Tree Webinars. One of these may be what you need to jump start research on that ancestor that still seems to be in a holding pattern on your TO DO List. All on the list are offered FREE on the date and time of the

presentation but require a membership fee for viewing the recording outside of a week after presentation.

[Click HERE](#) to review the December webinar descriptions and register for those of interest.

Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 PM CST

Topic: Once Upon a Time: It's All About the Story

Speaker: Carol Baxter

Wednesday, December 2, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: Four Ways DNA Painter Can Help With Your Family History

Speaker: Jonny Perl

Friday, December 4, 2020, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: Your DNA Questions Answered LIVE with Diahn

Speaker: Diahn Southard



Tuesday, December 8, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: Find a Boatload of Passenger Lists on MyHeritage

Speaker: Sharon Monson

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 PM CST

Topic: The Most Prominent Citizens: Using County Histories

Speaker: Cari Taplin, CG

Tuesday, December 15, 7:00 PM CST

Topic: From the 18th to the 21st: The Records of Prohibition

Speaker: Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

Wednesday, December 16, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: Ten Best Sources for Determining Your Immigrant Ancestor's Town of Origin

Speaker: Lisa Alzo

Tuesday, December 22, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: The New Ethnicity Estimates (MyHeritage DNA)

Speaker: Ran Snir



Wednesday, December 30, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: Ten Databases You Need to Know About

Speaker: Shannon Combs-Bennett



GENEALOGY WORD SEARCH

RESOURCES

CEMETERY LIBRARY
CHURCHES SCHOOL
COURTHOUSE DNA
FUNERAL HOME
NEWSPAPERS PHOTOS
FAMILY BIBLE MUSEUM
VITAL RECORDS
LAND OFFICE HOSPITAL
PUBLICATIONS
CITY DIRECTORY
MILITARY RECORDS

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*Happy Holidays to the members of
Bay Area Genealogical Society!*

May the season bring joy and happiness to you and your families!

Until 2021, when we meet again, stay safe & healthy!