

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



June Member Meeting (Virtual)



FRIDAY, June 25, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

***Reconstructing Communities Using Census Records,
Sanborn Maps, and City Directories***
pre-recorded presentation by Ari Wilkins

Advance registration required. Pre-register now by clicking [HERE](#) .
An email will be sent with instructions on how to join the meeting.

Recreating communities can provide rich and insightful details about an ancestor's life and surroundings. This lecture will demonstrate ways to combine data from census records, Sanborn maps, and city directories.

Ari Wilkins, a graduate of Louisiana State University, has been actively researching family history since 1998. Ms. Wilkins has spoken nationally at the National Genealogical Society, Federation of Genealogical Societies, Texas State Genealogical Society, Ohio Genealogical Society, Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research, Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, American Library Association, RootsTech, and a multitude of local societies.

Ari has been a Library Associate at Dallas Public Library since 2007. She teaches a series of basic research classes using popular genealogical websites. She specializes in African American research.

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MAY General Meeting recap...

Genealogy from a Private Investigator's Perspective presented by Lisa Smith, Dragon Investigation Group



Lisa Smith not only represents the membership of the Bay Area Genealogical Society as our president, but she is a private investigator and owner of Dragon Investigation Group. Her presentation paralleled the skills and approaches she applies to both genealogical research questions and her cases as an investigator. Lisa provided insight into the often asked questions regarding DNA testing and privacy issues with regards to law enforcement investigations. Four investigative case studies taken on by Lisa, as a private investigator, and highlighted in the program, shared intriguing steps taken to resolve objectives.

Check out Lisa's approach by watching the May 28th [Video](#) recording, available on the society website until August 29th. Also, take a look at the [Handout](#) providing the slide presentation and two pages of suggested resources often used by Lisa in her research.



2021 BAGS CALENDAR

With the reopening of businesses, the Bay Area Genealogical Society's Board has voted to offer a mix of virtual and in-person general meetings in the coming year. Details for each, along with registration links, will be posted to the Society website and future newsletters.

Friday, June 25, 7:00 PM (Virtual)
Reconstructing Communities Using Census Records, Sanborn Maps, and City Directories
presented by Ari Wilkins

Friday, July 30, 7:00 PM (Virtual)
Record As You Go, Cite As You Go, & File As You Go
presented by Cyndi Ingle, Cyndi's List

Saturday, August 28, 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM
BAGS Annual Show & Tell – Membership Potluck Luncheon
This will be our first IN PERSON meeting since early 2020.
University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77059

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

2021

June 21
July 26
August 23
September 27

Board meetings are held on Mondays at 6:30 PM. [Board Meeting Minutes](#) are available on the Members Page.

Research Bus Trips

Harris County Precinct #2 held a meeting on May 27 to discuss safety protocols to resume bus trips. BAGS representatives were in attendance.

Although the county is not yet fully prepared to accept trip requests, our BAGS County Coordinator, Deborah Gammon, will advise of any progress, when available.



UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

July 30th, 7:00pm - BAGS July General Meeting

Record As You Go, Cite As You Go, & File As You Go presented by Cyndi Ingle



Genealogists tend to get very excited about new records and sources they come across in their research. So much so that they grab a quick copy, download it to default folders, and move on to the next item without thoroughly exploring the source first. All too often they don't take the time to evaluate the source, to write the citation for the source, or to file it in the correct spot. We have to slow down and take the time to think, to file, and to create notes about the source that make it easy to find that source again if needed. Doing this keeps our research more organized, but also keeps our research brain tidy as well. We are much more productive when we can easily put our hands on what we've found in the past. We will explore different options for accomplishing all of these important steps.

Cyndi Ingle is the creator and innovator behind the award-winning and globally recognized CyndisList.com, a free categorized list of more than 337,000 links for genealogical research. Cyndi has an expertise in using technology for genealogy. Additionally, her many active years in genealogy have also resulted in a specialty for research in the United States with particular focus on homesteaders, the Civil War, the Plains States, the Midwest, the Old Northwest, and beyond. Cyndi's favorite topics bring together traditional methodology with organization, computers, software, and the Internet.

SATURDAY, August 28th, 12 noon— 2:30 pm

BAGS August Show & Tell — Membership Potluck Luncheon

What a great way to kick-off “in-person” meetings than a barbeque / potluck luncheon combined with a “show & tell” of genealogical treasures! This is your chance to share a treasure, memory, or discovery from your research journey, such as family inherited heirlooms, an exceptional document image, an item from “days gone by” that has special memories, portraits, books, letters, and the list goes on!

Bay Area Genealogical Society will provide beverages and a barbeque meat selection, along with plates and eating utensils. Members are invited to bring a side dish or dessert. Please bring any required serving utensils for your dish.

Tables for the showcased treasured items and buffet for food items will be provided.

Set-up of your special items and food dishes will open at 11:30 am. Buffet service will start at 12 noon. Our program will start at 12:30 with BAGS announcements followed by time for each member to say a few words about their memorabilia.

LOCATION: University Baptist Church,
16106 Middlebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77059—Chapel just
inside the entrance facing Middlebrook Drive.



THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR! WE NEED YOU!

The Bay Area Genealogical Society is now taking nominations for Board Officer positions. Please consider nominating yourself, another member, or someone outside the Society who you feel will be excited to contribute their skills to accomplishing our Society's mission.

Our main purpose is Education.

It is our desire to create, foster, and maintain interest in genealogical research.

Our goals are to:

- * schedule classes so people of all ages can learn how to research
- * offer a support system for beginners to help them along the way
 - * have our members participate by sharing their knowledge
 - * promote speakers that can teach us new methods and ideas

Often, our volunteers serve on the Board of Directors for several 2-year terms and put in many hours of service to make BAGS the successful organization it is. It is crucial to infuse the Board with new participants to bring fresh ideas and keep the Society growing and moving forward. We would like to see each position have several candidates for a healthy competition and give our members some robust choices.

President – Responsible for the guidance and leadership of the Society, presiding over Board and General meetings, and ensuring all board members are performing their duties satisfactorily.

1st Vice President – Responsible for maintaining the Society's Bylaws and heading up special projects, and will step in as acting President, should the current President vacate the office.

2nd Vice President – Responsible for the Society's programming and coordinating our monthly speakers.

Treasurer – Responsible for maintaining the Society's budget and finances through QuickBooks Online and making cash deposits in person to any of the Johnson Space Center Federal Credit Union locations.

Registrar – Responsible for maintaining our membership roster and working closely with the Treasurer for handling of funds.

Corresponding Secretary – Responsible for sending thank you cards to speakers and get-well and sympathy cards as needed.

Recording Secretary – Responsible for recording meeting minutes, picking up mail from post office and distributing to appropriate board members.

Detailed job descriptions are found on our [website](#) on the Members page or can be emailed to anyone interested in a position. In addition, there are opportunities to serve on committees as chairperson or committee member. Currently, we are seeking chairpersons for the Telephone and Welcoming Committees. All Board members are expected to attend a majority of the 11 monthly virtual 1½-hour Board meetings.

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING SOMEONE TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER!

Contact any current board member or email info@txbayareagen.org.



From George Porterfield...

George has begun researching Czech records recently and wanted to share some of the top resources that helped him on his journey:

- For beginning Czech Bohemian researchers — [Czech Genealogy for Beginners](#) — Click on “How to begin...” on the left side menu for a series of excellent blogs on how to start Czech Bohemian research.
- [Czech Bohemian Ancestry/Genealogy](#) Facebook Group
- [Czech Archives Dictionary](#) — A dictionary of Czech / English words used on the state and regional archive websites.
- [Texas Czech Genealogical Society](#)

From Alice Braud-Jones...



Alice researched a friend's family history and found their family lines go all the way back to the Magna Carta! She recently shared a printed hourglass chart prepared for the upcoming family reunion.

Pictured: Kim Zrubek (BAGS member & library staff), Alice Braud-Jones (BAGS member), and Richard Haley (library staff). *Alice took advantage of the Friendswood Public Library's free service to get her poster printed.*

From Becky Jones...

Are you ready for the release of the 1950 U.S. Census on 1 April 2022?

After recently attending two virtual webinars highlighting the 1950 U.S. Census release, Becky is sharing some tips and websites in this month's and upcoming editions to help you prepare for the big day.

It is expected at this time major genealogy websites (Ancestry, FamilySearch, MyHeritage, etc.) will start their processes to have images of the census available to their subscribers soon after the release date, similar to that of the 1940 census release in 2012. Estimates of up to six months of volunteer efforts are expected before the census images will be indexed for efficient researching. Until that time take a look at a [blank 1950 census document](#) to learn the questions that were asked of the population. Acquaint yourself with the enumerator instructions [here](#).

1950 was the first year provisions were made to count members of the armed forces, crews of vessels, and employees of the United States government living in foreign countries, along with members of their families also abroad. *Watch for more tips in the July and August editions of the newsletter.*



Online Research Sessions (via ZOOM teleconferencing) (Members Helping Members)

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](#).

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.

Monthly: 1st Sunday (each month except July) from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
August 1—September 5—October 3—November 7

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.

Were you a participant in BAGS first **Brick Wall Busters Special Interest Group (SIG)**? If you were, we hope you came away with new ideas and perspectives on researching that elusive ancestor with some semblance of success.

If you missed the May session, don't fret. The next Brick Wall Busters session is scheduled for **Sunday, July 18th, 1:00pm**. Visit the BAGS [Brick Wall Busters Special Interest Group](#) web page for Advance Registration and submission information. Brick Wall submissions are due prior to July 10th to Kathleen Williams at emailcoord@txbayareagen.org.



German SIG (Special Interest Group) meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm. For now meetings are held via Zoom.



Mark your Calendar
July 14 - August 11 - September 8 - October 13

[REGISTER IN ADVANCE — CLICK HERE](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. For more information contact [George Porterfield](#) or [Karen Engelauf](#), or complete [our survey form](#) to join the SIG.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL STARTS JULY 1ST...

The Bay Area Genealogical Society's new year begins 1 September 2021 and runs to 31 August 2022. Membership renewal period is 1 July to 31 October 2021.

The society now provides two options for your convenience to renew:

1) Complete the online form on the BAGS website and make your payment via PayPal with either a PayPal account or any debit/credit card. Click [HERE](#) for the online form and PayPal process.

2) If you prefer not to use the online method, a copy of a [renewal form](#) can be downloaded, printed, and filled in by hand. Complete the form and mail with a check payable to BAGS at the address on the top of the form.

Should you need assistance, contact George Porterfield at registrar@txbayareagen.org



The 2021 Spring/Summer edition of the **Bay Area Genealogical Society Journal** will be available soon to the membership in digital format. Printed version will be available later this summer. Thank you to those who shared articles for this edition.

Submissions for the Fall/Winter 2021 edition are being accepted now. Todd Roberts, Journal Editor, has composed a ["Journal Article Submissions Q & A"](#) answering some of the more common questions about submitting an article for print. Email submissions to Todd at journal@txbayareagen.org or to inquire about additional information.

BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance as of 31 March 2021	\$ 2,697.48
Deposits+	\$ 25.07
Expenditures*	\$ -10.63
Balance on 30 April 2021	\$ 2,711.92

JSC FCU SAVINGS ACCOUNT \$ 5,705.66

JSC FCU SHARE CERTIFICATE (CD) \$ 6,052.17

TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS on 30 April 2021 **\$14,469.75**

+ Consists of membership due and interest.

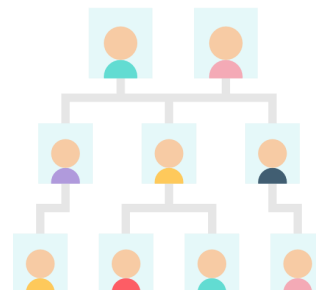
* PayPal fee and membership discount.

Member Pedigree Chart submissions...

All members are encouraged to submit a pedigree chart of their family. The chart does not need to be complete and vital information about living relatives may be omitted. The chart will be available for members to review on the [Members Only](#) page — **"Pedigree Charts of Our Members."**

Sharing your information could create a connection with other researchers that can help! Submit a chart or ask questions and get assistance from Anita Cooper via email to

pedigree@TxBayAreaGen.org





NEWS from FAMILY HISTORY CENTER—Salt Lake City

The Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City, Utah is now providing greater access to the genealogist that can not travel to their main library. Staff and volunteers at the library will now look up specific records in their collections that cannot be viewed online. For more information and a link to the online request form review the [FamilySearch Blog posting](#) of May 24, 2021.

If you are traveling to Utah in the coming months, the Family History Library is scheduled to reopen their doors on Tuesday, July 6th. Hours will be Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm and are subject to change.

Friendswood Family History Center is OPEN to THE PUBLIC!

Open weekly on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 2pm.

Please wear a mask. Volunteers available to assist.

505 Deseret Dr., Friendswood (enter building on side furthest from the street)

NOTE: Access to the following premium websites has been taken down for up to 90 days at all Family History Center locations for “critical maintenance and updates”.

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| - 19th Century British Library Newspapers | - Ancestry.com - Institution Version |
| - Alexander Street Press - American Civil War | - ArkivDigital - Swedish Church |
| - American Ancestors - Colonial & Early American | - FindMyPast - United Kingdom |
| - FamNet - New Zealand family history network | - MyHeritage Library Edition |
| - Newspapers.com | - Puzzilla |
| - Paper Trail - 19th Century westward American migration | - Fold3 |
| | - Geneanet - UK |

Normal FamilySearch.org searches and image viewing will still be available during this maintenance period.

NEW

NEW DATES SCHEDULED for In-Person Research Sessions at the Friendswood Family History Center (FHC) for BAGS members only!

The library is 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 these dates.** 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 or text/call 832-660-5898.**

9:30 AM—11:30 AM

June 16 - July 21 - August 18

Please wear a mask while in the building.





Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

Our doors are OPEN — Tuesdays – Saturdays | 10 AM – 4 PM

Walk-ins are welcome on a first come, first serve basis. Appointments are strongly encouraged by calling the library at **(832) 393-2600**.

PLEASE NOTE: Important safety protocols will be implemented to ensure the safety of customers and staff. Research rooms are limited to 50% capacity. Masks are to be worn at all times. Staff are available to offer “lite” reference service. The second floor will be closed but access to microfilm will be made available with staff assistance.

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research Presents—(Zoom Video Conference)

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| Fri., July 9, 2:00pm – 3:00pm | - Long Live Your French Ancestors!
-presented by Irene B. Walters, Clayton Library staff |
| Fri., July 16, 2:00pm – 3:00pm | - Beginning Genealogy
-presented by Joy Oria, Clayton Library staff |



July Genealogy Face2Face Events (Zoom Video Roundtable Discussions)

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| Thu., July 1, 1:00pm – 2:00pm | - FamilySearch Wiki
-presented by Sue Yerby, Past President of Clayton Library Friends and FamilySearch Expert Trainer |
| Thu., July 15, 1:00pm – 2:00pm | - J-Stor
-presented by Gay Carter, Retired Government Documents Librarian at UHCL |

Visit the library website— <https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/events>—for more details on each program. Pre-registration is required to attend. A link to REGISTER your choice of events is included in each description.

Another BENEFIT offered by our local Friendswood Public Library...

Staff will set up a room to project on a screen the Clayton Library and Clayton Library Friends events for groups to watch and interact. Consider watching with a group of your genealogy research friends and having a discussion afterwards!



Take a look at the selection of FREE webinars offered on a variety of topics in 2021. 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 full list of **July** webinars offered with descriptions. Remember to register for those of interest.



Tuesday, July 6, 9:00 PM CDT

Topic: Death is Not the End—Litigation Remains: Exploring Australian Wills and Probate
Speaker: Cathie Sherwood

Wednesday, July 7, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Grandpa's Eyes and Grandma's Hair: Tracing the Origin of Physical Traits with Genetic Genealogy
Speaker: Paul Woodbury

Wednesday, July 14, 7:00 PM CDT

Topic: Comparing Jewish Resources on the Giant Genealogy Websites
Speaker: Ellen Kowitt

Friday, July 16, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Using Irish Newspapers and Other Printed Material
Speaker: Natalie Bodle



Tuesday, July 20, 7:00 PM CDT

Topic: The Time of Cholera: A Case Study about Historical Context
Speaker: Alison Hare, CG

Wednesday, July 21, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: That Scoundrel George
Speaker: Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

Wednesday, July 28, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Specialized Lineage Societies — More than just DAR, Dames and Mayflower
Speaker: Kimberly Ormsby Nagy

****Tuesdays—July 13th and July 27th, 1:00 PM CDT****

Time slots held by the **MyHeritage Webinar series**

Topics and Speakers were not posted on the LEGACY website at time of this publication.



GENEALOGY WORD SEARCH

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

BELGIUM
CROATIA
ESTONIA
FRANCE
GREECE

ITALY
NETHERLANDS
NORWAY
POLAND
PORTUGAL

SPAIN
SWEDEN
TURKEY
UKRAINE
UNITED KINGDOM

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



4th Annual **A SUMMER OF DNA** Virtual Conference

Saturday, 31 July 2021
8:45 AM — 4:00 PM CDT

- DNA Ethnicity in 2021: More Inclusive, Specific, Accurate and Meaningful (Diahan Southard)
- Jewish DNA: Strategies to Analyze Endogamy (Alec Ferretti)
- DNA Strategies for African American Genealogy Research (Shannon Christmas)
- Leveraging DNA to Research Your Irish Ancestry (Maurice Gleeson)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION until 17 July — \$19.99
Regular Registration Rate — \$24.99

Learn more details on the [Family History Fanatics / Summer DNA website](#).