

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



July Member Meeting (**LIVE** Virtual)



FRIDAY, July 30, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

***Record As You Go, Cite As You Go,
& File As You Go***

presented by Cyndi Ingle, CyndisList.com

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

As genealogists we tend to get very excited about new records and sources we come across in our research. So much so that we 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 we 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 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.

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Need help attending the next meeting?

Memberservices@TxBayAreaGen.org (**OPEN**)

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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. All rights reserved.

June General Meeting recap...

Reconstructing Communities Using Census Records, Sanborn Maps, and City Directories

presentation by Ari Wilkins



June's meeting was a pre-recorded video of Ari Wilkin's outstanding presentation given at the 2020 TxSGS Family History Conference highlighting the correlation of utilizing census records of ancestors, their family and friends with various map sources and city directories. She demonstrated how to create a story of the community in which these people resided and to use technology, such as Google Earth and other historical maps and photographs to give the story a life.

A [Handout](#) of this presentation is available to BAGS members on our website. Due to copyright laws, the society was not allowed to provide the video for future or return viewing.

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, July 30, 7:00 PM (**LIVE Virtual**)
Record As You Go, Cite As You Go, & File As You Go
presented by Cyndi Ingle, CyndisList.com

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 77579

Friday, September 24, 7:00 PM (**LIVE Virtual**)
Early Migration In, Across, and Out of North Carolina
presented by Diane L. Richard, Mosaic Research and Project Management (MosaicRPM),

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

July 26
August 23
September 20

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. BAGS County Coordinator, Deborah Gammon, will advise of any progress, when available.



UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

SATURDAY August 28th, 12 noon—3:00 pm

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.



Friday, September 24th, 7:00 pm



Early Migration In, Across, and Out of North Carolina *presented by Diane Richard*

Many individuals and families migrated into North Carolina, especially in the colonial and pre-Civil War time period. Depending on who was immigrating and when, different locales in North Carolina were hot spots for emigrants from abroad either directly or via Virginia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania and beyond. As the state developed, resources were depleted, productive land was becoming more scarce, settlers considered it to be getting too crowded, and we see a pattern of western migration. This migration often did not stop at the state borders. Many families spent a few years, a generation or a few generations in North Carolina, often hopscotching across the state, east to west, before migrating to adjoining states and beyond. Let's explore these years of migrating North Carolinians — the history of the times and the documentary trail left behind.

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 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.

How was the 1950 US Census different from previous years?

- ◆ As mentioned in the BAGS June edition, 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.
- ◆ Each page or sheet will have individual lines for thirty (30) names. Six of those lines in 1950 were designated for supplemental questions, similar to only two per page selection on the 1940 population census.
- ◆ Special "infant cards" were completed by enumerators for each child born in January, February, or March 1950. These were used to test the birth registration requirements for recent births in each state. Sadly, these cards were only used for data research and the individual cards were destroyed.
- ◆ On April 11, 1950, enumerators were instructed to visit hotels and other "transient" establishments to record those who "usually pay for quarters".
- ◆ Many newspapers provided "missed person" forms at the end of the enumeration period to be clipped, completed, and returned to the Census Bureau.
- ◆ In 1950, the first non-military computer — UNIVAC-1 — was used to help tabulate the census data...
...envision "punch card" tabulation processing.

More information to be shared next month...

Left to Right:

**Bay Area Genealogical Society
members —**

**Melodey Hauch,
Deborah Cole (seated),
Deborah Gammon,
and Bill Mayo**

*Photo was captured recently of
members enjoying tea at the
NSDAR, George Washington Chapter
meeting on 17 June 2021,
in Galveston, Texas.*





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 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 STARTED 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 Summer edition](#) of the **Bay Area Genealogical Society Journal** is **now** available to the membership in digital format. The printed version will be available soon. Thank you to the members who shared articles for this edition —

***Patsy Stallings Chappelle, Deborah Coggins Gammon,
Polly Swerdin, Kathleen Williams, Todd Roberts,
Annette Brown, and Melodey Moseley Hauch.***

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

Member Pedigree

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance as of 30 April 2021	\$ 2,711.92
Deposits+	\$ 104.97
Expenditures*	\$ -558.13
Balance on 31 May 2021	\$ 2,258.76

JSC FCU SAVINGS ACCOUNT \$ 5,705.66

JSC FCU SHARE CERTIFICATE (CD) \$ 6,057.34

TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS on 31 May 2021 **\$14,021.76**

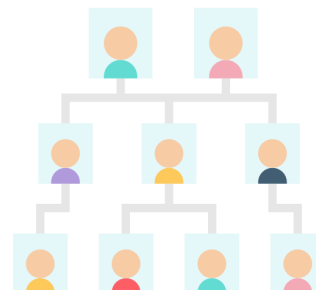
+ Consists of membership dues, donations, mailing fees, interest and refund of sales tax.

* Consists of speaker fees, ZOOM contract renewal, annual post office renewal, NGS dues, PayPal fees and membership discounts.

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 Salt Lake City Family History Library reopened their doors on Tuesday, July 6th. During the closure caused by the pandemic, the library underwent massive remodeling starting with their [new website look](#) launched earlier this year and continuing on to the floors and collections within the library itself. Take a peek at the new look by visiting the article [“Family History Library reopens Tuesday. Here’s what’s changed”](#) written by Trent Toone, DeseretNews.com, posted 2 Jul 2021.

Friendswood Family History Center is expanding the hours OPEN to THE PUBLIC!

Tuesday: 10:00am—2:00pm and 7:00pm—9:00pm
Thursday: 10:00am—2:00pm
Friday: 10:00am—2:00pm

Please wear a mask. Volunteers available to assist.
505 Deseret Dr., Friendswood (enter building on side furthest from the street)

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 / July 21 & August 18 /
Please wear a mask while in the building.



Social media is great for keeping up with family, but now that many are vaccinated and life is returning to some normalcy, how about a Family Reunion? *Great Idea — But where do I start? How do I organize a reunion?*

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research has a large selection of books available to make the task go much smoother than you anticipate. Here are just a few suggestions that may be the solution to your challenge:

[**Your Family Reunion: How to Plan It, Organize It, and Enjoy It**](#)
by George G. Morgan, The Genealogy Guys

[**Celebrating the Family: Steps to Planning a Family Reunion**](#)
by Vandella Brown

[**A Family Affair: How to Plan and Direct the Best Family Reunion Ever**](#)
by Sandra MacLean Clunies





Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

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

The library is now open fully for browsing and conducting research at tables during business hours. You are encouraged to wear a mask, but it is not required. Library staff will take your temperature upon entering the building. Limited service is still offered by either email requests to cla.reference@houstontx.gov or phone (832) 393-2600.

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

Fri., August 6, 2:00pm – 3:00pm - [New Orleans City Archives & Special Collections](#)

Fri., August 20, 2:00pm – 3:00pm - [Genealogy Online: Ancestry Library Edition](#)



August Genealogy Face2Face Events (Zoom Video Roundtable Discussions)

Thu., August 5, 1:00pm – 2:00pm - [Wide World of Periodicals](#)
-presented by Joy Oria, Senior Library Services Specialist

Thu., August 19, 1:00pm – 2:00pm - [Fold3 Search Basics](#)
-presented by Jessica Collins

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! Please contact Kim if you want to attend at education@TxBayAreaGen.org or 281-992-2636.



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

[Click HERE](#) to review the full list of **August** webinars offered with descriptions. Remember to register for those of interest.

Tuesday, Aug 3, 9:00 PM CDT

Topic: Burying the Body in England

Speaker: Helen V. Smith

Wednesday, Aug 4, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: 10 Ways to Find Your Native American Ancestor Using Y, Mitochondrial and Autosomal DNA

Speaker: Roberta Estes

Friday, Aug 6, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Freedmen's Bureau Labor Contracts

Speaker: Bernice Bennett



Wednesday, Aug 11, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Introduction to Researching Your Mississippi Ancestors

Speaker: Angela Walton-Raji

Tuesday, Aug 17, 7:00 PM CDT

Topic: Standards for Genealogical Documentation

Speaker: Tom Jones, PhD, CG

Wednesday, Aug 18, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Using Zotero to Organize and Annotate Your Family History Research

Speaker: Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS

Friday, Aug 20, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Early Ontario Research

Speaker: Janice Nickerson

Wednesday, Aug 25, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Fire, Water, and the 1890 U.S. Census; Researching Beyond the Ashes and Mold

Speaker: Elizabeth Williams Gornoll, CG





GENEALOGY WORD SEARCH

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HANDBALL
KARATE
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SAILING

SKATEBOARDING
TABLE TENNIS
TRIATHLON
VOLLEYBALL
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Puzzle created using Discovery Education's puzzle maker - <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com>



BAGS will celebrate its 20th Anniversary at our annual holiday party in December. Your Board of Directors is planning special guest speakers at this catered event in a venue of genealogical interest. A tentative date has been set for Saturday, December 11. Be on the lookout for further details and information in the coming months.