

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



October Member Meeting (Pre-Recorded video with LIVE Q&A)



FRIDAY, October 29, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

4 Next Steps for Your DNA Test *presented Diahan Southard*

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

So you have had your autosomal DNA tested: now what? Come learn in 45 minutes what would take you hours to read about online, and leave armed with enough information to start making your DNA work for you.



Diahan Southard is a leading voice for consumer DNA testing from her position as Founder of Your DNA Guide. Diahan teaches internationally, consults with leading testing companies and forensics experts. Southard's company, Your DNA Guide (YourDNAGuide.com), deploys a team of scientists who provide one-on-one genetic genealogy education and research services. You will walk away from an interaction with her enlightened and motivated as she has a passion for genetic genealogy, a genuine love for people, and a gift for making the technical understandable.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brenda (Beal) Lacombe of Friendswood

WELCOME BACK to MEMBERS

(Joined BAGS again after 1 or more years absence)

Resa Nichols Hennings of Houston

Claudia Grafton of Dickinson

Oletia Teas

IN MEMORIAM

Norma Davenport of Friendswood

6 August 2021

Additional points of contact:

Need help attending the next meeting?

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September General Meeting recap...

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



Diane's wonderful presentation of early settlements and migrations through colonial and pre-Civil War North Carolina was overflowing with information and resources to research for family that may have settled or just passed through North Carolina on their migration south. Her passion for the history of the Tar Heel State was evident.

Many of our members have connections to North Carolina and we hope Diane's video and five-page handout filled with numerous weblinks has proven helpful in adding more to your family history.

If you missed her presentation or just want to watch it again to take in more of Diane's North Carolina teachings, members can watch her video until October 24th on the [MEMBERS ONLY](#) page of the society website.

Remember the new password to the MEMBERS ONLY page will be required. If you need the new password, contact our Registrar, George Porterfield, at Registrar@txbayareagen.org.



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, October 29, 2021, 7:00 PM

(VIRTUAL— Pre-Recorded video presentation with LIVE Q&A)

4 Next Steps for Your DNA Test

Presented by Diahan Southard

Friday, November 19, 7:00 PM (LIVE Virtual)

Using Church Records to Find Ancestral Origins

presented by Cari Taplin, GenealogyPants.com



BAGS' Holiday and 20th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, December 11, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Lonestar Flight Museum

11551 Aerospace Ave., Houston, TX 77034

(In-Person Luncheon & Guided Museum Tour)

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

October 25

November 15

December (no meeting)

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

[Board Meeting Minutes](#)

are available on the Members Page.

Research Bus Trips

BAGS is in need of a volunteer to step in as our County Coordinator Chairman for the Clayton library bus trips to continue as a BAGS membership benefit!

Contact a Board member if interested...



Friday, November 19th, 7:00 pm

(one week earlier due to Thanksgiving holiday)

Using Church Records to Find Ancestral Origins

presented by Cari Taplin



Was your ancestor a religious man? Whether or not your ancestor attended a church or synagogue these places may hold clues to family members of the past. Uncover methods for determining religious affiliation and finding local churches, using maps, directories, county histories, and other clues from family stories. Locating records for a given church, examining and analyzing those records to identify an ancestor's place of origin will also be covered.

Cari A. Taplin is related to Roy Rogers. Or at least that's what her family told her. As a result, finding her true heritage has been her focus since the year 2000. She is a native of Wood County, Ohio but now lives in Longmont, Colorado. Cari holds the Certified Genealogist® credential and has served in a wide variety of volunteer and leadership positions for state, local, and national societies. Cari's personal research focuses on midwestern and Great Lakes states. When she's not working on her genealogy, she is a wife, and a mother of two young adults.

Saturday, December 11th, 11:00 am—2:00 pm

BAGS' Holiday and 20th Anniversary Celebration!



Where: Lonestar Flight Museum
11551 Aerospace Ave, Houston, TX 77034

Date: December 11, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
11:00 Guided tours of the museum
12:15 Italian buffet from Olive Garden
1:00 Charter members, prizes, giveaways
Cost: \$5.00 per person (to be paid in advance)

Invitations will be emailed to members in mid-October. **Please RSVP by November 20th through the link provided in your email or by visiting the BAGS website.** This will help the committee to determine a headcount in advance for organizing the food service and number of guided tours.

A reply email to your RSVP will be sent soon after your RSVP entry (registration & payment by check or credit card). Please hold on to a copy of the confirmation (either paper or electronic copy) and present at the door on December 11th for entry to the celebration.

Land Deed Terminology

Acre: Measurement of ten square chains: 160 square rods; 1/640 of one mile; 43,560 square feet.

Consideration: Price settled for the property.

Conveyance: Land deed.

Dower: A married woman's 1/3 interest in her husband's real estate.

Et. Al.: "And other person." Abbreviation of Latin, *Et. Alia*. Found in indexes.

Et. Ux.: "And his wife." Abbreviation of the Latin word, *Et. Uxor*. Found in indexes.

Fee Simple: Ownership of land that has no stipulations and may be inherited by any heirs.

Gores: Unclaimed slivers of land in areas between surveyed properties.

Grantee: Buyer of the property. (May also be termed "conveyee" or similar.)

Grantor: Seller of the property. (May also be termed "conveyor" or similar.)

Gunter's Chain: Device for surveying and measuring land composed of 100 links (each 7.92") for a total of 66 feet.

Hundred: Measurement of a district's size, used in Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia in 1600-1700s.

Lessor/Lessee: Owner/renter of the property.

Metes & Bounds: Measurement system for irregular plots of land, mostly in eastern states.

Mile: Measurement of 80 chains by length; 320 rods/poles/perches; 5280 feet.

Plat: The drawing of the land survey according to surveyor's measurements.

Perches & Poles: Equivalent to rods. Some archaic references use perch for one square rod.

Quit Claim: Transfers property when ownership/inheritance may not be clear. With this conveyance, signers relinquish their right to any future interest or claim.

Rods: Surveyor's unit of measure of 16.5 feet or 25 links of a Gunter's Chain; one acre is 160 square rods.

Roods: Archaic unit of measure equal to one quarter (1/4) acre or 10,890 square feet.

MANY MORE "land" terms / definitions can be reviewed by clicking [HERE](#).

Watch "[Surveying Land in the 1800s](#)" by Dale Loberger for information on a surveyor's job & instruments used.

Shared by Rebecca Jones after recently participating in Richard G. Sayre's "Advanced Research Tools: Land Records" Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy course. The course was offered virtually by the Utah Genealogical Association as part of their Fall Virtual 2021 program.

BAGS—CLAYTON LIBRARY October 6th Research Trip

For many years now, BAGS members have enjoyed monthly transportation to and from the HPL Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research for a day of intense research. These successful research opportunities were available to the membership because of the volunteer time given by Deborah Gammon to coordinate with the membership and Harris County Precinct 7.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to Deborah for her support as she moves on to other projects.

If you are interested in the now open position of BAGS County Coordinator, please contact a board member for more information or to volunteer.



L-R ... Bill Simmons, Todd Roberts, & Deborah Gammon



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

If you need 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.

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
November 7—December 5

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.

Do you have brick walls that need to come down? Join the **Brick Wall Busters Special Interest Group (SIG)** and let us help you by providing new research paths to break down that wall!

Each brick wall will be briefly presented by an attendee and then the meeting will be opened to suggestions from the group. When sharing, members will be asked to share their screen to allow other members to view their research and the problem. Hopefully, the group will be able to offer additional avenues to search. Remember, the more you can tell us about what you know (and don't know) plus where you have already researched, the more we can help you! Attendees do NOT have to submit a brick wall to participate in the meeting. All are welcome to contribute to the discussion.



Items to consider including when sharing your brick wall challenge: research question, timeline, family tree, list of resources already consulted, and/or a paragraph summary.

Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, November 14th, 1:00 pm.
[REGISTER HERE](#)

German Special Interest Group (SIG)

The BAGS German SIG started their second year in October. Meetings are now on the second Wednesday evening of each month, 7:00—8:30 pm via ZOOM.



November 10 / December 8

Anticipated topics for the coming year include identifying your German ancestor's hometown, learning more about your ancestor's hometown, German Script, German naming conventions and variations, Familienbuchs, church records, civil records, and more.

If you are interested in joining this group, please complete the [German SIG Interest Survey](#) on our website.

STILL TIME TO RENEW YOUR BAGS MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021-2022

The Bay Area Genealogical Society's new year began 1 September 2021 and runs to 31 August 2022. **Membership renewal drive ends on 31 October 2021.**

Two options provided for your convenience to renew your membership:

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



BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL

Submissions for the Fall/Winter 2021 edition are being accepted. 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.



Do you have an interesting story of an ancestor? Have you solved that brick wall in your family history? How did you go about researching and proving a family relationship? The society strives to have our members share their findings, tips, and methods applied to reach back to the next generation or find that lost uncle. Consider sharing by submitting one of your written records.

BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance as of 31 July 2021	\$ 3,206.58
Deposits+	\$ 1,105.06
Expenditures*	\$ - 935.58
Balance on 31 August 2021	\$ 3,376.06

JSC FCU SAVINGS ACCOUNT \$ 5,707.08

JSC FCU SHARE CERTIFICATE (CD) \$ 6,066.74

TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS \$15,149.88
on 31 August 2021

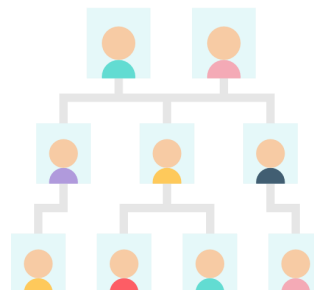
+ Consists of membership dues, donations, mailing fees, and interest.

* Consists of PayPal fees, UBC facility fee, AJ's Meat Market (August Show & Tell), and venue rentals.

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.



NEW

DATE CHANGES 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 / WEDNESDAYS /
October 20—November 17—No December Meeting
Please wear a mask while in the building.**



Friendswood Library

Engage. Educate. Entertain. Empower.



Our local Friendswood Library is partnering with the Genealogy Network of Waco-McLennan County Library for their 20th Genealogy Lock In, presenting an eight video program with a variety of topics and speakers. Texas Bay Area Genealogy Society will be represented with a member staffed desk within the Friendswood Library to help with your genealogy needs. The program is co-sponsored by the Central Texas Genealogy Society, Texas State Genealogical Society and Genealogy Network of Texas.

The Friendswood Library will have a private room (seating of 17) set aside for participants wanting to watch the videos in person. Another option is to [register online directly](#) for virtual watching from home.

20th Genealogy Lock In

**Friday, October 15 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Joycina Day Baker Conference Room**

- NARA Mythbusters: Your Family IS in the Archives
- Methodology: Using Timelines to Focus Your Research
- So, You've Found Your German Town of Origin, Now What?,
- Fingerprinting Our Families: Using Ancestral Origins as a Genealogical Research Key
- Attacking 18th and 19th Century Mysteries with DNA
- Filling in the Family Stories
- Discover Genealogical Treasure Using Historic U.S. Maps

Presenters include Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL, Susan Ball, Curt Witcher, Blaine Bettinger, Susan Kaufman and more well-known genealogists in their fields of expertise.

For more detail on the topics, presentations times, and Friendswood Library, visit their [website](#).



Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

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.



October Genealogy Face2Face Events (Zoom Video Conference)

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| Thu., Nov 4, 1:00pm – 2:00pm | - It's In Clayton But Not on the Internet
- presented by John Dorroh, Director of Acquisitions,
Clayton Library Friends |
| Sat., Nov 13, 10:30am – 12:00pm | - CLF Annual Meeting: Proving Long-Lost Family the Indirect Way
- Patti Gillespie, B.S., M.S. |

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

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|-------------------------------|--|
| Fri., Nov 5, 2:00pm – 3:00pm | - Findmypast.com
- presented by Jen Baldwin, Findmypast |
| Fri., Nov 12, 2:00pm – 3:00pm | - Native American and First Nations Research
- Curt Witcher, Director of Special Collections at the
Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana |
| Fri., Dec 3, 2:00pm – 3:00pm | - DIY Oral Histories: A Beginner's Guide to Creating an Oral History Project
- presented by Samantha Bruer, Houston Metropolitan
Research Center |

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.



LEGACY Family Tree Webinars has a NEW LOOK to their website!

Webinars 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 **November** webinars offered with descriptions.

Remember to register for those of interest.

Tuesday, Nov 2, 8:00 PM CDT

Topic: Uncovering the Lives of Your London (England) Ancestors

Speaker: Cathie Sherwood

Wednesday, Nov 3, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Investigative Genetic Genealogy—the Use of DNA for Law Enforcement

Speaker: Debra Renard

Friday, Nov 5, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Say Amen: Going to Church with the Master—Finding the Mother Church

Speaker: Char McCargo Bah

Tuesday, Nov 9, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: *A MyHeritage Webinar Series (TBA)*

Speaker:

Tuesday, Nov 9, 6:00 PM CST

Topic: The Two Colonial Georgias

Speaker: Larry W. Thomas



Tuesday, Nov 16, 7:00 PM CST

Topic: Planning Research

Speaker: LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, CG, CGL

Wednesday, Nov 17, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: How to Build Your Genealogy Website on WordPress

Speaker: Marc McDermott

Friday, Nov 19, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: Finding Your Scottish Ancestors in Canada

Speaker: Christine Woodcock

Tuesday, Nov 30, 7:00 PM CST

Topic: Genealogy a la carte - Using Australian Maps in Your Research

Speaker: Benjamin Hollister

Schedule is subject to change.



GENEALOGY WORD SEARCH

DNA Terms

atDNA
Autosomal
centiMorgans
Chromosome
DNAPainter

Genetic
Haplogroup
Inherit
LEEDS Method
Matches

mtDNA
Relationship
Segments
Triangulation
YDNA

A	F	Z	Y	P	G	Y	C	S	P	B	D	P	S	B
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David A. Lambert

MAINE TO VIRGINIA: FINDING YOUR COLONIAL ANCESTORS



A Dallas Genealogical Society Virtual Seminar ★ October 23, 2021

- **Session #1 – Seventeenth Century Colonization.** Learn about the numerous resources available to you for researching Virginia and New England immigrants of the early 17th century.
- **Session #2 – New England Probate.** Probate records can answer many genealogical questions. This session offers an overview of the resources for New England 17th-19th century probate court records.
- **Session #3 – New England Land Records.** An understanding of the 17th-19th century New England land records-from proprietorship records to land deeds-can facilitate your discovery of when and where your ancestors lived, and much more.
- **Session #4 – New England Court Records.** David Lambert will instruct you how to get the most from New England court records-and how to find them online and in court archives.

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY is offering a full day of *virtual presentations* by David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist for the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, Massachusetts, **Saturday, October 23rd**. For more information, registration cost, and schedule, [click HERE](#).