

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



November Member Meeting (LIVE Virtual—One Week earlier for Holiday scheduling)



FRIDAY, November 19, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

Using Church Records to Find Ancestral Origins *presented Cari Taplin*

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

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.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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IN MEMORIAM

Carolyn Traweek Hellen of Alabama
7 November 2021



Additional points of contact:

Need help attending the next meeting?

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Research questions or to provide research assistance:

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Submit information for the Journal, published twice

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October General Meeting recap...

4 Next Steps for Your DNA Test

presented by Diahan Southard



Whether you are new to applying DNA to your search for a long lost ancestor or just needed a basic review to get back into the hunt, Diahan's presentation brought to life a strategy that often baffles the best in a genealogist. Her style of explaining the steps to take when beginning your adventure into DNA research was both interesting and entertaining.

Her presentation video and handout are available to BAGS members on the [Members Only](#) page until November 29. Set aside some time in the next few weeks to review this presentation.

Remember a new password to the MEMBERS ONLY page was put in place in September for the 2021-2022 membership year. If you need the new password, contact our Registrar, George Porterfield, at Registrar@txbayareagen.org.



2021-22 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, FACEBOOK page, and future newsletters.

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)

Friday, January 28, 7:00 PM (LIVE Virtual)
The Peoples of the West Indies & Their History
presented by Diane M. Warmesley

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

November 15

December (no meeting)

2022

January 24

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...



UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

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 were emailed to members in mid-October and the celebration is being well received. Early registration numbers promise a wonderful turnout. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED and must be made by Saturday, November 20th.** Members planning to attend that have not yet registered please RSVP through the link provided in your invitation email or by visiting the BAGS website before Saturday. Early registration is essential to the celebration committee to determine headcounts in advance for food service and museum 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.

Friday, January 28th, 7:00 pm

The Peoples of the West Indies & Their History

presented by Diane M. Warmasley

The collection of islands today known as the Caribbean were referred to as the West Indies during colonial times. This sea of island nations comprise a blend of peoples, cultures, languages, religions, and histories not to be found anywhere else. The historical overview of this region may shed light on social, commercial, or political events that could lead to more productive genealogical research.

Diane M Warmasley is a professional genealogist and family historian with over twenty-five years of experience. She holds a certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University's Center for Professional Education and was a student in the inaugural SLIG African American Genealogy Course. Diane, a former Director of Admissions, began her career as a New York City public school teacher before transitioning to higher education and holding several administrative positions over the course of more than two decades. She holds an M.S. degree in Administration & Supervision in Higher Education from Baruch College, CUNY.



MEMBERS SHARING...

In Search of Veteran Ancestors ...

This table has been in my toolbox for several years as a quick “cheat sheet” when considering whether an ancestor may have served in one of the many U. S. conflicts. Hope it is helpful to you ...

If the birth year is ...	Look for records of the ...
1726 – 1767	Revolutionary War (1775 – 1783)
1762 – 1799	War of 1812 (1812 – 1815)
1796 – 1831	Mexican War (1846 – 1848)
1811 – 1848	Civil War (1861 – 1865)
1848 – 1881	Spanish-American War (1898)
1849 – 1885	Philippine Insurrection (1899 – 1902)
1872 – 1900	World War I (1917 – 1918)
1877 – 1925	World War II (1941 – 1945)
1900 – 1936	Korean War (1950 – 1953)
1914 – 1955	Vietnam War (1964 – 1972)

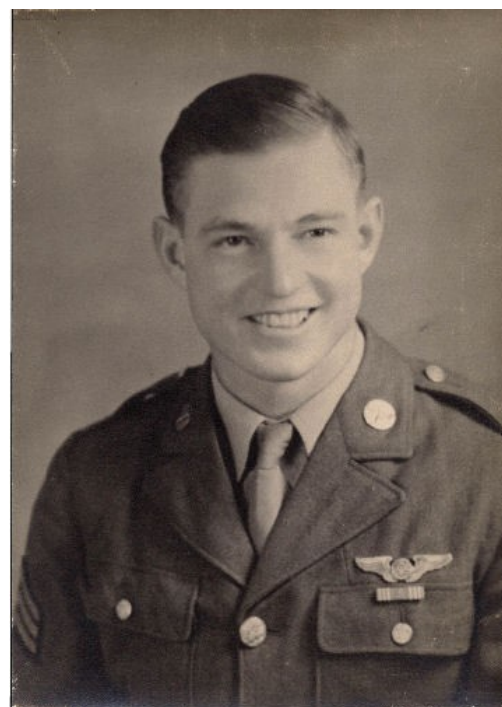
“War Service Reference Guide,” *Family Tree Magazine*, 2008.



Back Row, Fourth from Left - My father, **J. W. Wilson** (1922-2008)
Dad served in the Naval Armed Guard, Oct 1942—Oct 1945, WWII,
in both the Atlantic and Pacific earning the rank of
Seaman 1st Class.

*Two of my many veteran ancestors
honored each year.*

.... Shared by Rebecca Jones



Walter Dean Williams (1918-1944)
Technical Sergeant, 449th Bombardment Group,
Army Air Force, Oct 1942—Apr 1944

On returning from a successful bombing raid over Germany, Walter,
my uncle, and eight of the ten crew members lost their lives when
their plane was hit over the Alps near Linz, Austria on 2 April 1944.



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.
(Current schedule will continue through the holidays)

Weekly: Mondays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM join moderator Kim Zrubek.
(No evening sessions offered in December—Schedule returns again January 10, 2022)

Monthly: 1st Sunday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
(No session in December or January—Schedule starts again February 6, 2022)

**NOTE
the
HOLIDAY
SCHEDULES**

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.

January 23, 2022, Sunday, 1:00 pm
[REGISTER HERE](#)

German Special Interest Group

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.

(Not meeting in December 2021)

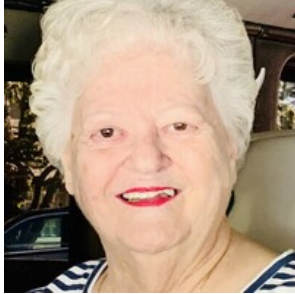
Meetings start in 2022— January 12 / February 9



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.

Carolyn Traweek Hellen, BAGS Founder and First President



November 4, 1937 -
November 7, 2021

Carolyn Traweek Hellen passed away on November 7th in Alabama. Her obituary mentions "Carolyn started a career as a newspaper editor and moved on to become a successful realtor in Clear Lake, Texas, where she and her family lived for many years. She had a passion for genealogical research, and in 2001 she founded and was the first president of the Bay Area Genealogy Society, a group that is still going strong today."

To view her full obituary, visit her memorial site [HERE](#).

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL

The Fall/Winter 2021 edition is currently in process of publication. Journal articles are being accepted for 2022 editions now. Do you have a story to tell of your ancestors? Think about sharing your methodology in cracking that familial question that has long been on your mind. 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.



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 Susie Ganch, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance as of 31 August 2021	\$ 3,736.06
Deposits+	\$ 690.08
Expenditures*	\$ - 19.23
Balance on 30 September 2021	\$ 4,406.91

WELLBY^ SAVINGS ACCOUNT \$ 5,707.08

WELLBY^ SHARE CERTIFICATE (CD) \$ 6,068.80

TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS **\$16,182.79**
on 30 September 2021

+Membership dues, donations, mailing fees, and interest.

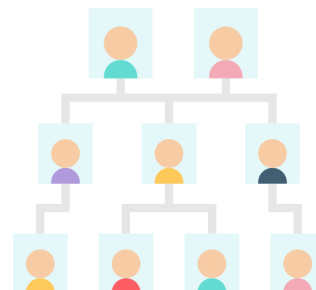
* PayPal fees.

^ JSC FCU changed name to WELLBY Financial.

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.

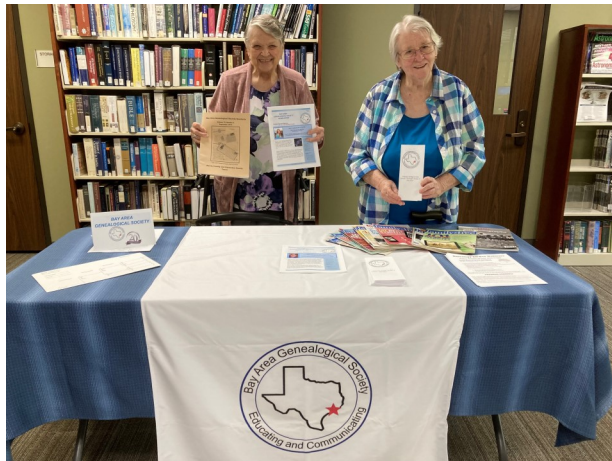


BAGS Members-Only sessions for In-Person Research at the Friendswood Family History Center (FHC) will not be held in December.
Dates for 2022 will be provided once a schedule has been confirmed.

The center is open to the public for research:

10:00am - 12:00pm, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
7:00pm - 9:00pm, Tuesday evenings
Not open on Saturday

The library is located at 505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood ([online map](#)). Enter the building on the side furthest from the street.



BAGS members, **Barbara Moore and Oletia Teas**, recently staffed the society booth at the Friendswood Library, October 15th, during the 20th Genealogy Lock-In event. Library patrons and guests of the Friendswood Library were encouraged to stop by for society information and to join others in viewing a series of wonderful genealogical presentations shown LIVE through the efforts of the Genealogy Network of Texas in participating libraries throughout the state.



Friendswood Library
Engage. Educate. Entertain. Empower.



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.

Limited service is offered by either email requests to cla.reference@houstontx.gov or phone (832) 393-2600.

Clayton Library Friends is taking the month of December off for the holidays.

Check the library website— <https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/events>—for upcoming of 2022 programs once confirmed.





LEGACY Family Tree Webinars has a NEW LOOK!

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 **December** webinars offered with descriptions.

Remember to register for those of interest.

Wednesday, Dec 1, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: The Top Ten DNA Do's and Don'ts!

Speaker: Michelle Leonard

Wednesday, Dec 8, 7:00 PM CST

Topic: Documenting Families or Communities Lost in the Holocaust by Bullets

Speaker: Debra Renard

Tuesday, Dec 14, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: *A MyHeritage Webinar Series (TBA)*

Speaker: TBD



Wednesday, Dec 15, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: Navigating the NARA Website

Speaker: Julie Miller, CG, CGL

Friday, Dec 17, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: Effective Use of England's National Archives Website

Speaker: Paul Milner

Tuesday, Dec 21, 7:00 PM CST

Topic: Uncovering Immigrant Origins Through Cluster Research

Speaker: Dana Palmer, CG, CGL

Wednesday, Dec 22, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: Our Neanderthal Genetic Ancestry

Speaker: Ugo Perego, PhD, MSc

Schedule is subject to change.



GENEALOGY WORD SEARCH

VETERANS DAY

Air Force
Armistice
Army
Battle
Casualty

Defend
Freedom
Honor
Infantry
Marines

Navy
Protect
Soldier
Troop
Valor

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

*May the spirit of the upcoming Holidays
bring happiness, peace, and good health to
you and your families this season. May
we all see the good in mankind as if
looking through the eyes of a child.*

*Enjoy the coming weeks with family and
friends. Share stories and remember to
record those stories for those that will
follow in your footsteps
as the family genealogist.*

*The BAGS newsletter staff will be enjoying the holidays through
December and will return with a new edition in January 2022. We
wish all our members a joyous Holiday Season and best wishes
in the coming year.*



Photo courtesy of the editor, Galaxy Lights exhibit, NASA Space Center, Houston, TX, 2019.