

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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SEPTEMBER Members Meeting



Google Earth

Presented by Gale French

Friday, September 30, 2022 at 7:00 PM ZOOM virtual Registers <u>here</u> for the live virtual meeting

Google EarthTM is a 360 degree three dimensional way to view your ancestor's world! In this presentation, you will learn how to show findings of your research – from photographs to locations of homesteads. Google Earth has the power to geographically document the story of your ancestors. All this is tied together by creating a "tour" of the elements you've created to show family and friends. Google EarthTM application for desktop, web access, and mobile access is free!(www.google.com/earth)

Gale French has been interested in genealogy for over 30 years; his family and natural curiosity have nurtured this interest in him. Gale has lived in Texas all his life and worked for IBM in the U.S. Space program at NASA's Johnson Space Center for 26 years and is now retired. (continued on pg. 2)

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Education Session Family Tree Maker Q&A with Mark Olsen Thursday, Sep 1, 4-6 pm



Mark Olsen is the Family Tree Maker Ambassador to historical and genealogical societies around the world working to support their members as they use Family Tree Maker. Mark is a graduate of Brigham Young University and holds a bachelor's degree in Family History with a Spanish records emphasis. He has worked in the genealogy

industry since 2007 and has been the Family Tree Maker Ambassador since 2016.

Attendees can still participate via Zoom. Please register by emailing Kim at <u>education@txbayareagen.org</u> or text her at 832-660-5898.

Gale French/Google Earth (continued)

Mr. French's work with commercial imaging technology and document management has enhanced his genealogy organization and presentation. He received the IBM Outstanding Contribution Award, NASA's Apollo Achievement Award, and the NASA First Shuttle Flight Achievement Award for Manned Flight Awareness.

Gale researched and published a 600 page family history book on his grandmother's Elliott family line, who came from England to Texas, fought in the Texas Revolution and received land for their service. He traced ten generations of Elliotts and their descendants. Gale is currently writing another book on his paternal line including numerous DNA tests for the French family. He participated in the Southern California Genealogical Jamboree's "Genealogy Idol" contest, presented at the 2014 RootsTech conference in Salt Lake City, and presented at the Houston 2013 & 2014 Family Search conferences. He has received the Pioneers in Space Technical Achievement Award from the United Daughters of the Confederacy

BAGS CALENDAR

August General Meeting Recap

On Saturday, August 28th, more than 40 members and visitors enjoyed a delicious potluck and BBQ luncheon as BAGS hosted the annual Membership Show and Tell Potluck and a variety of short presentation by various members!



BAGS Facebook

Facebook Group (for members only)

http://www.facebook.com/groups/txbayareagensoc





SUNDAY, Sept. 25th 4:00pm (in person) **Meet and Munch Social at Red River BBQ**

1911 E Main St, League City,

Members and family members are invited to eat early dinner and spend time visiting with other society member. Look for the **BAGS** signs on the tables!

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

Please contact the Board of Directors if you have questions or suggestions about BAGS programs at info@txbayaregen.org.

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.

If you are not receiving our emails and wish to, please write to EmailCoord@txbayareagen.org

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

2022 Board Meetings

September 26 October 24 November 28

Board meetings are held on Mondays at 6:30 PM. Board Meeting Minutes are available on the Members Page.

Clayton Library Bus Trip

Tues, Sept 6th 9:15 to 4pm

Meet at: 16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX

BYO lunch, flash drive, and coins/dollar bills for copying records.

Please contact our County Coordinator.

Kathleen Williams to register for a seat on the bus ASAP! 409-344-0567

See details on future dates and to be included on pg 9 and HERE.



NEW QR Code to the BAGS Website

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

| SATURDAY | 3) | 10) | 17) | 24) | |
|-----------|---|---|--|--|---|
| FRIDAY | 2) | 9) Clayton Library Online Virtual Program 2pm Un- cover Your Fami- ly's Story Using the Periodical Source | 16) Clayton Library Online Virtual Program 2pm Tracing Ancestors through Revolutionary Mexico | 23) | 30) BAGS Monthly Meeting virtual, Gale French Google Earth. |
| THURSDAY | 1) What's New in Family Tree Maker? 4-6pm Friendswood Public Library Clayton Library Face2Face 1pm Labor Day: Our Ancestors and Their World of Work | (8) | 15) | 22) | 29) |
| WEDNESDAY | | 7) | 14) German SIG Zoom 7pm | 21) <u>MHM</u> Friendswood Family History— In Person 9:30am 505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood, TX | 28) |
| TUESDAY | | 6) Clayton Library Bus Trip 9:15am 16511 Diana Ln. Houston, TX | 13) | 20) | 27) |
| MONDAY | | 5) MHM Zoom #1 with Rene Ball and George Porterfield 10:00am MHM Zoom #2 with Kim Zrubek 7:00pm | 12) MHM Zoom #1 with Rene Ball and George Porterfield 10:00am MHM Zoom #2 with Kim Zrubek 7:00pm | 19) MHM Zoom #1 with Rene Ball and George Porterfield 10:00am MHM Zoom #2 with Kim Zrubek 7:00pm | 26) MHM Zoom #1 with Rene Ball and George Porterfield 10:00am BAGS Board Meeting 6:30pm |
| SUNDAY | | 4) MHM Zoom #3 with Kim Zrubek 1pm | 11) Brick Wall Busters SIG 1pm | 18) | 25) |

OCTOBER CALENDAR

| SATURDAY | (8) | 15) | 22) | (52) | |
|-----------|---|--|--|---|--|
| FRIDAY | (2 | 14) Clayton Library Bus Trip 9:15am 16511 Diana Ln. Houston, TX | 21) | 28) October Members Meeting Zoom 7pm Shera LaPoint Law Enforcement Use of Genetic Genealogy Live Virtual | |
| THURSDAY | 6) CLF Face2Face Reference & Research 1pm Zoom | 13) | 20 | 27) | |
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BAGS MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New Members

Melcome Bob Adams, Katie Benoit, Lisa Portier, Luanne & Bud Newman and Brady Mora! OPEN POSITIONS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

OFFICER NEEDED:

2nd Vice President in charge of monthly programming

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL

All our past journals are available on the Members Only page of our website.

WE NEED MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES!

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.

BAG\$ Report

Susie Ganch, Treasurer

Treasurer Report of ASSETS

July 31, 2022

BAGS CHECKING ACCOUNT \$2034.49

BAGS SAVINGS ACCOUNT \$11,860.28

July PayPal transactions \$62.72

TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS \$13,957.41

2022 Texas State Genealogical Society **Family History Conference** Nov 4-5, 2022



Join us for the 2022 TxSGS Family History Conference, where we focus on *Unlocking Your Past!* This event remains virtual due to lingering pandemic challenges. The TxSGS LIVE, seeks to help hundreds of attendees discover the tools needed to answer genealogy questions. Featuring 24 speakers presenting 42 sessions, the TxSGS Family History Conference promises opportunities for learning in a variety of areas!

Use the code TBAGS22 when registering and TX Bay Area Genealogy Society gets \$10 back!

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS



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.

1 Weekly: Mondays from 10:00 AM to noon join moderator Renee Ball and George Porterfield.

#2: Weekly: Mondays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM join moderator Kim Zrubek.

#3: Monthly: 1st Sunday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

If you would like to practice using Zoom or have questions connecting to a session, contact **Kim Zrubek** by email <u>education@txbayareagen.org</u> 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, 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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th from 1:00pm-3:00pm

REGISTER HERE

German Special Interest Group

The BAGS German SIG started their third year in October 2021. Meetings are on the second Wednesday evening of each month, 7:00 – 8:30 pm via ZOOM.



SEPTEMBER 14 OCTOBER 12 NOVEMBER 9



Anticipated topics for the coming year include *German Genealogy groups on Facebook, How to Use Archion, Personal Success Stories*, plus possibly some guest speakers, and more!

If you are interested in joining this group, please complete the **German SIG Interest Survey** on our website.

LOCAL LIBRARY UPDATES

In-Person BAGS Members-Only Research Sessions at the Friendswood Family History Center

Dates: September 21st and October 19th from 9:30am to 11:30am

The library is located at <u>505 Desert Dr</u>, Friendswood, TX (map).

Enter building on the side furthest from the street.

The center is open to the public for research:

10:00am - 12:00pm Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

7:00pm - 9:00pm Tuesday evenings



Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

Library Hours

Tues, Wed, Fri, and Sat, Thurs. only, 10am to 5pm Noon to 7pm

The library is now open fully for browsing and conducting research at tables during business hours. Masks are encouraged, but it is not required. Limited service is offered by either email requests to cla.reference@houstontx.gov or phone (832) 393-2600.



FACE2FACE GENEALOGY

THURS, Sept 1, 1:00 - 2:00PM Labor Day: Our Ancestors and Their World of Work

ONLINE VIRTUAL PROGRAM

FRI, Sept 9, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM <u>Uncover Your Family's Story Using the Periodic</u>

Index Source with Elizabeth Hodges

FRI, Sep 16, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Tracing Ancestors through Revolutionary Mexico

with Lisa Medina

Visit the library's website,

https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/events

for more details

Pre-registration is required to attend.

Links to REGISTER are included in each description above.

GENEALOGY WORD SEARCH

The ABCs of DNA and Genetic Genealogy

Autosomal DNA Centimorgan Chromosome Clade

Common Ancestor Generations Genome Genotype Haplogroup Haplotype Hereditary

Hereditary Inherited Match Modal MRCA Mutation NPE

Segment Sequence STR TMRCA YDNA

https://familytreemagazine.com/freebie/dna-genetic-genealogy-terms-download/



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RETURN of the Bus Trips to Clayton Library!!

Mark your calendars! BAGS is continuing free bus trips to the Clayton Library in Houston are scheduled for the following dates:

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Tuesday, September 6th Friday, October 14th

Wednesday, November 9th Wednesday December 7th

If you are interested in attending the Sept. 6th trip, please contact

Kathleen Williams ASAP at countycoord@txbayareagen.org or 409-344-0567.

A minimum of **10 people** must be confirmed at least <u>2 weeks in advance</u>. Be sure to include your cell phone number to receive a reminder about the trip.

Meet in the parking lot at *Clear Lake City Sports and Recreation Complex*, located 16511 Diana Lane at 9:15am. The bus arrives between 9:15 and 9:30 and departs promptly at 9:30am. Masks are recommended on the bus and at the library, but not required. Please bring a lunch to enjoy! Tables are available outside of the library to sit, eat, and fellowship. Consider bringing a flash drive to save records from the computer and change in coins and dollar bills for making copies. Dress in layers! The temperature can vary from upstairs to downstairs. The return trip is planned to Diana Lane by 4 p.m.

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