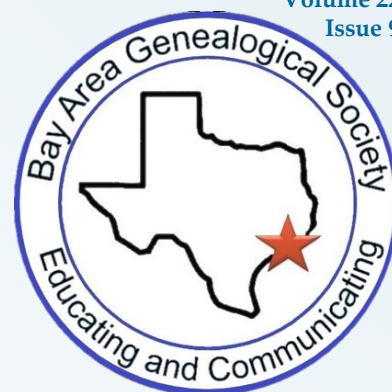


# BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

*October Members Meeting*  
**LIVE Virtual**

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**Friday, October 28, 2022 at 7pm**

## **Law Enforcement Use of Genetic Genealogy by Shera LaPoint**

General Membership meeting  
followed by a LIVE virtual presentation.

Originally from Kaplan, LA. Shera Broussard LaPoint is married to Dr. Paul LaPoint Sr., proud mother of 4 children and grandmother of 8. She accidentally became a genealogy and DNA enthusiast after joining Ancestry following her grandfather's death in 2003. Her passion for genealogy grew in 2015 when she submitted an Ancestry DNA test. Shera is active on social media with her Facebook group, "[Our Roots Genealogy & DNA Network](#)." She is a professional genealogist (The Gene Hunter, LLC) and a popular genealogical and DNA lecturer. Shera focuses on helping adoptees and people of unknown parentage find their families. Shera's completed over 80 such adoptee cases after many families spent lifetimes trying to figure them out. Inspired and substantiated by the recent success of an unsolved cold case, "The Killing Fields," she was able to assist [Texas authorities in identifying two victims in decades-old "Killing Fields" murders using genetic genealogy](#). LaPoint learned that as a genetic genealogist, you could take genealogy techniques to the next level. Shera is currently consulting on three active unidentified person cases, has attended the Harris County Topics in Forensic Sciences Conference, and has completed Excelsior College's online Genetic Genealogy curriculum. She was recently awarded the League City Texas Police Departments Chief's Coin of Excellence for Outstanding Performance for her genealogical assistance to Detective Recie Tisdale in the Donna Gonsoulin Prudhomme case.

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*welcome*  
Our New Members

\*Debi Kirk

\*Lisa Potier

A BIG THANK YOU to Holly Carpenter who is the new Telephone Committee Chair, and to Sharon Boeger and Pam Fox who are serving on the Telephone Committee!

BIG THANKS to Susie Ganch, Kitty Olson, Teresa Rundell Kathleen Williams and Charlotte Wisenewski who are working with Kim Zrubek on the Education Committee!

A BIG THANK YOU to Becky Jones who served as the newsletter editor and 2nd Vice President!

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# BAGS PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## September General Meeting Recap

On Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Gale French delivered an outstanding Zoom introduction to *Using Google Earth in Genealogy*. His presentation revealed many exciting features in Google Earth and demonstrated how its capabilities can be used in telling genealogy stories. Gale showed the audience how to add features like photos, maps and documents to Google Earth, by location, and tie them together to create a remarkable family history "tour." Google Earth is an effective tool that explains how to visualize your ancestor's history through locations and time.

Mr. French has been interested in genealogy for more than 25 years. He's lived in Texas his entire life and worked for IBM in the Space program at NASA's Johnson Space Center for 26 years. His work on imaging and document management enhances his genealogy organization and presentations. He has received several IBM, NASA, and genealogy awards.

This presentation is available on the **Members Only** portion of the BAGS website, under [General Meetings and Handouts link](#).

## 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](mailto:info@txbayareagen.org)

### 2022 Meetings

October 24

November 14



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

## Clayton Library Research Trips

### Friday, Nov 9

If you'd like to catch the bus, please contact County Coordinator, [Kathleen Williams](#) to reserve your seat ASAP! **409-344-0567**

### Meet at:

16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX BYO lunch, flash drive, and coins/dollar bills for copying records. Dress in layers.

*See details on future dates and to be included [HERE](#).*

**UPDATE the Oct 14th trip is cancelled due to low enrollment.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, Nov 3rd, 1:00pm, (Clayton Library virtual)**  
Discussion of Family History Month at the Clayton Library  
*presented by Clayton Library Friends*

**Friday, Nov, 18th, 7:00 PM (BAGS live virtual)**  
**Who's Her Daddy? Testing an Ancestry DNA**  
**ThruLine Hypothesis for a Female Ancestor**  
*presented by Diana Elder*

**Thursday Dec 1st, 1:00 PM (Clayton Library virtual)**  
**Holiday Heirlooms and Their Stories**  
*presented by Clayton Library Friends*

**Saturday, Dec 3rd, 12:00pm (in person)**  
**BAGS December Members Holiday Social**

**Tuesday Dec 6th, 2:00 PM (Friendswood Public Library)**  
**Surname Distribution Maps: A Valuable Tool for Genealogical Research** *presented by Bernard Meisner*

**Tuesday, Jan 10th, 2:00 PM (Friendswood Public Library / hybrid)**  
**Related Faces** *presented by Tina LaFreniere*  
**Photomyne** *presented by Cindy Austin*

Contact the Board of Directors if you have questions or suggestions about BAGS programs at [info@txbayareagen.org](mailto:info@txbayareagen.org).

The Bay Area Genealogical Society's Board voted to offer both virtual and in-person general meetings for the coming year. Details for each, along with registration links, will be posted on the BAGS website, Facebook pages, and future newsletters.



## Family Tree Makers Special Interest Group Begins!



Our very own Family Tree Maker guru, Renee Ball will moderate this NEW Special Interest Group for those who would enjoy knowing how to use FTM, need a refresher course or anyone able to help others with FTM questions!

**Monday afternoons, 1:00pm** Registration [information here](#)

Possible topics: installation help, product discounts, latest features and updates, and syncing with Ancestry. Whether you're brand new to Family Tree Maker or a beloved FTM fan you are welcome to join us!

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## MHH Online Research Sessions (via ZOOM)

If you need to brainstorm a research brick wall, gather suggestions, learn how to use online resources, ask questions, give help, or just visit with other genealogists, join one 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 12:00 PM w/ hosts Renee Ball and George Porterfield**  
**Weekly: Mondays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM join host Kim Zrubek.**

*If you want to practice using Zoom or have questions connecting to a session, contact Kim Zrubek by email [education@txbayareagen.org](mailto:education@txbayareagen.org) or by phone 281-992-2636.*

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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:

**Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Contact** [Kathleen Williams](#) ASAP at 409-344-0567 or at [countycoord@txbayareagen.org](mailto:countycoord@txbayareagen.org) if you are interested in attending **11/9!**  
A minimum of **10 people** must be confirmed at least **2 weeks in advance**.

Please 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**. Bring a lunch to enjoy! Tables are available outside to sit, eat, and fellowship. Consider bringing a flash drive to save records, change (coins and dollar bills) for making copies. Dress in layers! The temperature can vary in



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## German Special Interest Group



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

**October 12**

**November 9**

**December 14**



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.

Please complete the [German SIG Interest Survey](#) if you are interested in joining this group!



## OCTOBER is Family History Month!

### Member Pedigree Chart Submissions

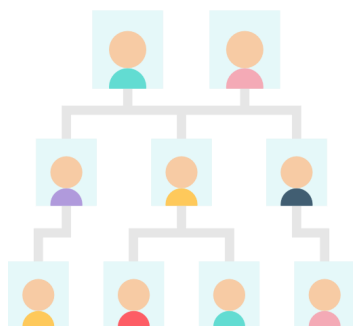
**All members are encouraged to submit a pedigree chart of their family!** The chart does not need to be complete and vital information about living relatives may be omitted. These charts are available for members to review on the [Members Only](#) page

“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](mailto:pedigree@txbayareagen.org)



### **BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL**

**Do you have a story to tell of your ancestors?** Consider 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, our Journal Editor, has composed a “[Journal Article Submissions Q & A](#)” answering some of the more common questions about submitting an article for print. Email your submissions to Todd at [journal@txbayareagen.org](mailto:journal@txbayareagen.org) or for additional information.

All Journal articles and Quarterlies are published and is available on the [Members Only](#) page of our website. Check out articles showcasing our society’s twenty years of growth!

**WE NEED MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES!**

### BAG\$ Treasurers Report

#### Treasurers Report: Assets

Checking Account	\$2773.43
Saving Account	\$11,861.29
PayPal Account	\$0.00
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>	<b>\$12,634.72</b>

#### **OPEN POSITIONS**

#### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**OFFICER NEEDED:**  
2nd Vice President to oversee  
monthly programming

# LOCAL LIBRARY UPDATES



Our September 1st hybrid program "What's New In Family Tree Maker Q and A Discussion" was held from 4pm to 6pm at the Friendswood Public Library. 27 people attended, 16 in-person and 11 virtually. Mark Olsen, Family Tree Maker Ambassador, was the guest speaker. His position is to guide historical and genealogical societies around the world supporting their members as they use Family Tree Maker.

## Friendswood Family History Center BAGS Members-Only Research Sessions

**Oct 19th, Nov 16th, & Dec 21st**  
9:30am to 11:30am

The library is located at *505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood*  
Enter the building on the side furthest from the street.

The center is open to the public research:  
Tues., Thur., & Fri. 10:00am - 12:00pm,  
Tues. evenings 7:00pm - 9:00pm,



## Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

**HOURS – 10am to 5pm on Tues, Wed, Fri, and Sat**  
**Noon to 7pm on Thurs**

*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](mailto:cla.reference@houstontx.gov) or phone (832) 393-2600.*



## Genealogy Face2Face Events (Zoom Video Conference)

Thu, Oct 06,	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<a href="#">Reference and Research; Formulating and Submitting Requests</a> Clayton Library Staff
Thu, Nov 3,	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<a href="#">Discussion of Family History Month at the Clayton</a> Clayton Library Staff
Thu, Dec 1,	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<a href="#">Holiday Herilooms and Their Stories</a> Clayton Library Staff

## Clayton Library Presents

Sat Oct 22,	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<a href="#">Leaping the Pond: Online Research in Great Britain</a> Dallas Genealogical Society with, Paul Milner presenter, \$\$
Sat, Nov 19,	10:30 PM - 12:00 PM	<a href="#">Courthouse Research</a> by John Sellers Clayton Library Friends Annual Meeting November 2022

Visit the library's website – <https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/events> for more details

Each program. Requires pre-registration to attend.

The links to REGISTER your choice of events is included in each description.

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## MEMBERSHIP MISCELLANEOUS

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### Law Enforcement Use of Genetic Genealogy

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LaPoint is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, National Genealogical Society, Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Society, Lafayette Genealogical Society, Central Louisiana Genealogical Society, International Society of Genetic Genealogists, Bunkie Chamber of Commerce, and the Louisiana Corn Festival Pageant Co-Director. She is a past recipient of the Bunkie Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year award for her work with the youth in the community. She is also a member of many social media Genealogy and DNA Facebook groups. Sheri enjoys speaking on genealogy, DNA, and the use of DNA to solve Law Enforcement cases and has given many local lectures to genealogy groups, civic organizations, and libraries. She is passionate about the success of Law Enforcements use of DNA to solve violent crimes. She actively promotes the use of Genetic Genealogy in these cases and supports Gedmatch, FTDNA, and The Institute for DNA Justice.

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### 2022 Texas State Genealogical Society Family History Conference November 4-5, 2022

**Virtual!**  
10 Presentations with  
Q&A by Speakers  
32 On-Demand Recordings  
Bonus Recordings  
and More!  
  
Accessible for replay  
through February 6, 2023

**2022 TxSGS Family History Conference**  
  
November 4-5, 2022  
2022 TxSGS Family History Conference  
www.TxSGS.org #txsgs

**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!



# PUZZLES AND OTHER EVENTS

## GENETIC GENEALOGY

Abnormalities  
Autosomal  
Cell  
Chromosomal  
Complementary  
Duplicate  
Forensic  
Function  
Genes  
genome  
Genotype  
Haplotype  
Hereditary  
inheritance  
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Mitochondria  
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Modifying  
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Multifactorial  
Polymeric  
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Replication  
RNA  
Signature  
Single gene



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



## BAGS Meet & Munch

Our last Meet and Munch (9/25) was well attended! More than a dozen members and their families, met, socialized and shared a meal. Please consider joining us on **Sunday, October 23rd and November 6th at 4pm at the Red River BBQ in League City.** Members, their family members and guests are invited!

## Conference Keeper

[conferencekeeper.org/calendar](http://conferencekeeper.org/calendar)

"The most complete Calendar and Collection of Genealogy Events on the Internet" Find lectures, classes, cruises, conferences, institutes all in one place. Find items to fill your calendar. Want to look at future events that are held virtually? They have a calendar for that. [conferencekeeper.org/virtual](http://conferencekeeper.org/virtual)

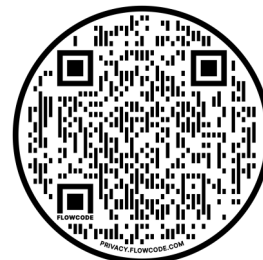
## BAGS Facebook

Facebook Group (members only)

[www.facebook.com/groups/txbayareagensoc](http://www.facebook.com/groups/txbayareagensoc)

Facebook Page (public page)

[www.facebook.com/txbayareagen](http://www.facebook.com/txbayareagen)



[txbayareagen.org/](http://txbayareagen.org/)



# October BAGS Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2)	3) <u>MHM Zoom #1</u> w/ Rene B & George P. 10:am <u>FTM SIG</u> w/Rene B 1pm <u>MHM Zoom #2</u> w/Kim Z. 7:00pm	4)	5)	6) <u>CLF Face2Face</u> Reference & Research 1pm <i>Zoom</i>	7)	8)
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23) <u>Meet and</u> <u>Munch</u> @ Red River BBQ. 4pm	24) <u>MHM Zoom #1</u> w/ Rene B & George P. 10:00am <u>FTM SIG</u> w/Rene B 1pm <u>BAGS Board Meeting</u> 6:30pm	25)	26)	27)	28) <u>October Members</u> <u>Meeting</u> 7pm, <i>Zoom</i> w/Shera LaPoint <a href="#">Law Enforcement Use</a> <a href="#">of Genetic</a> <a href="#">Genealogy</a> Live Virtual	29)
30)	31) <u>MHM Zoom #1</u> w/ Rene B & George P. 10:am <u>FTM SIG</u> w/Rene B 1pm <u>MHM Zoom #2</u>					