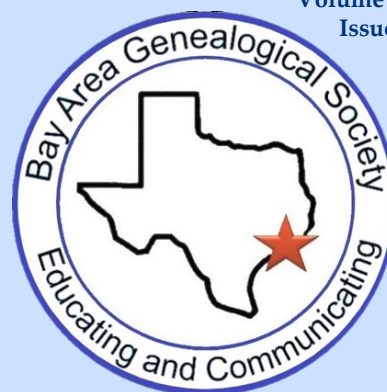


BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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**Saturday, January 28, 2023
12:00pm**

Members Potluck Luncheon

University Baptist Church
Houston, TX

Be sure to mark your calendar for the January, in-person, meeting at University Baptist Church. This is a members potluck luncheon to welcome the New Year and celebrate with fellow members! The speaker is BAGS member Fred Roe. His presentation entitled, *The History of New York*, will take us on a journey through New York's settlement and style of land ownership. He will also discuss the importance of its geography and the impact of the American Revolution.



Bay Area Genealogical Society
is proud to be members of the
National Genealogical Society,
Texas State Genealogical Society,
Clayton Library Friends
and the Allen County Public Library.



**Allen County
Public Library**

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BAGS MEMBER INFORMATION

Happy New Year!

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Membership fees are due now for **2023**.

The deadline for payment is February 28.

Online Renewals for the 2023 membership
[HERE](#) OR

You may [download a PDF membership](#)
application. Return the completed form,
along with your check, to the address at the
top of the membership form.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2023!

Please consider helping BAGS!:

- * **1st Vice President** needed to preside temporarily when the President is unavailable
- * **2nd Vice President** needed to oversee monthly programming

COACHING for these positions is AVAILABLE!!!

Additional points of contact:

Research questions or to provide research assistance:

education@txbayareagen.org – Kim Zrubek

Submit information for the Journal, published twice yearly:

journal@txbayareagen.org – Todd Roberts

Submit pedigree chart to share with membership:

pedigreecharts@txbayareagen.org

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Not receiving emails?

emailcoord@txbayareagen.org – Lisa Smith

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BAGS PROGRAMS & EVENTS

December Holiday Luncheon Highlights



Board Meetings

All BAGS Board Meetings are virtual, via Zoom.

Members are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend a meeting, request a link from info@txbayareagen.org

2023 Meetings

January 23

February 20

March 20

April 24

May 22



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

[Board Meeting Minutes](#) are available on the Members Page.

Clayton Library Research Trips

January 11th

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

NEW Meeting Spot!!

16616 Diana Lane,

Houston, TX

BYO lunch, flash drive, and change for copying records. Dress in layers.

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



BAGS Meet & Munch

Our November Meet & Munch was well attended. Fifteen BAGS members and their families shared a delicious meal and socialized on a beautiful Sunday afternoon!

Please join us at the next Meet & Munch on **Sunday, January 29th, 4pm at Red River BBQ**, 1911 E. Main in League City. BAGS members, family members and guests are invited to come!





Family Tree Makers Special Interest Group!

Family Tree Maker guru, Renee Ball, moderates this Special Interest Group for those who are new to FTM, need a refresher course, or anyone able to help others with FTM questions! **Monday afternoons, 1:00pm** Registration [information here](#)

Topics include: 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!



MHM Online Research Sessions (via Zoom)



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 MHM 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 or by phone 281-992-2636.

German Special Interest Group



The BAGS German SIG meetings are on the **second Wednesday evening of each month, 7:00 – 8:30 pm** via Zoom. Their next meeting is **January 11**

Topics for the coming year include identifying your German ancestor's hometown, learning more about your ancestor's hometown, reading 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!

Clayton Library Bus Trip

Mark your calendars! BAGS is continuing free bus trips to the Clayton Library in Houston. They are scheduled for the following dates: **January 11** and **February 2**.

Contact Kathleen Williams, 409-344-0567 or countycoord@txbayareagen.org if you are interested in attending! A total of **8 attendees** must be confirmed at least **2 weeks in advance**. To receive a trip/text reminder please include your cell number.

NEW Meeting Spot – **Freeman Library** parking lot, **16616 Diana Lane**, at 9:15am. The bus departs promptly at **9:30am**. Bring a lunch to enjoy! Tables are available to eat, and fellowship outside. Bring a flash drive to save records, change (coins and dollars) for making copies. Dress in layers! The temperature can vary in the library.

Return trip to Diana Lane by 4pm, traffic permitting.



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 or for additional information.

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

WE NEED MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES!



Renew online [HERE](#).

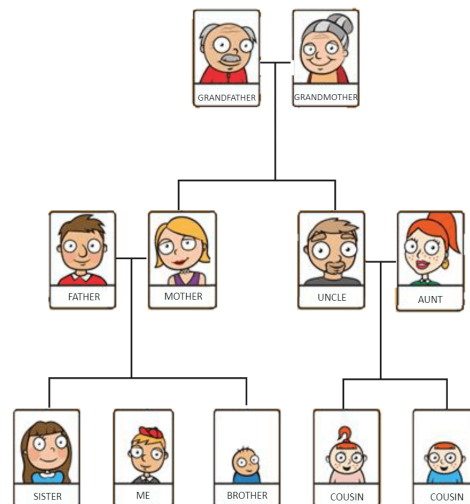
All BAGS members are encouraged to submit a **pedigree chart** of their family! The chart does not need to be complete and vital information about living relatives may be omitted. These charts are available for members to review on the [Members Only](#) page **Pedigree Charts of Our Members**.

Sharing your information can create a connection that may help other researchers! Submit your chart, volunteer help, ask questions, get assistance, and send emails to pedigree@txbayareagen.org

BAG\$ Treasurers Report

Statement of Activity for December

Checking Account	\$2,171.65
Saving Account	\$11,863.27
PayPal Account	\$80.00
Total Monetary Assets	\$14,114.92



LOCAL LIBRARY UPDATES



Helen Hall Library

BAGS Members – Only Research Sessions

January 29th
2:00pm to 4:00pm

Board room, 100 W Walker St, League City, TX 77573.
Open only to BAGS members for research. Bring your own laptop and use the library Wi-Fi or use one of their computers.



Friendswood Family History Center

BAGS Members - Only Research Sessions

January 18th
9:30am to 11:30am

The FHC library is located at **505 Deseret Dr**, in Friendswood. Entrance to the building is on the side furthest from the street.

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

League City Family History Center

This FHC library is located at **4655 S. South Shore Blvd**, in League City. The Family History Center entrance is on the SE corner, at the back of the building, away from the street. Use the first entrance off South Shore Blvd.

The center is open to the public for research:
Tues & Wed evenings. 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturdays 10:00am – 12:00pm
Phone 713-445-6132



Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

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

The Clayton Library is open for research! Staff are available to help you get started and to assist you in locating the books, microfilms, periodicals, and databases to further your research.



Genealogy Face2Face Events (Zoom Video Conference)

Thu, Jan 5,	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>Setting New Year's Genealogy Resolutions</u> <i>Jessica Collins – moderator</i>
Thu, Feb 2,	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>Basic Scandinavian Research</u> <i>presented by Diana Smith</i>
Thu, Mar 2,	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>Women's History Month, Show & Tell: Celebrating Our Resilient Women Ancestors</u> <i>To share your story email Carol Pena</i> <i>programs@claytonlibraryfriends.org</i>

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

Each program. requires pre-registration to attend.

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

MHM LIBRARY SESSIONS

At the Friendswood Public Library and Virtually

Tuesday, January 10 at 2pm (in-person or virtual)

Two presentations. Tina LaFreniere will provide a live demonstration of [Related Faces](#) and Cindy Austin will provide a live demonstration of [Photomyne](#).



Tina LaFreniere



Related Faces uses artificial intelligence to scan your photos and isolate faces. Then those faces are compared with Related Faces database, returning pairings with photos from your own collection as well as others. These pairings can help you fill in the blanks of your photo mysteries as well as connect you with users who may have more details.



Cindy Austin

Photomyne offers high-quality photo scanning app with advanced management editing, and backup options. The company also offers Colorize app (creates colorized version of black and white photos), SlideScan app (convert slides to digital photos), and FilmBox app (convert film negatives to digital photos)

February TBD (in-person or virtual)



Susan Ball

Using Timelines to Focus Your Research (TxSGS video presentation) by Susan Ball, followed by a group discussion on the topic.

The most important tool you can use to research your ancestor is a timeline. Learn how to construct a timeline for your ancestor and use it to uncover previously overlooked avenues for research.

A genealogist for over 30 years, Susan Ball is TxSGS president, co-editor of *Stirpes*, and president of the San Angelo Genealogical & Historical Society. A strong supporter of records abstraction and publication, Susan has compiled four books of genealogical records, three of which have won TSGS book awards including the coveted grand prize. She also serves her local society as editor of the SAGHS Newsletter and assistant editor of *Stalkin' Kin of Old West Texas*, the SAGHS biannual journal.

Bay Area Genealogical Society offers in person, Zoom, and hybrid meetings for the 2023 calendar year. Details for each BAGS event, along with registration links, are posted on the BAGS website, Facebook pages, and future newsletters.

PUZZLES AND OTHER EVENTS

records, Records, RECORDS!

Bible
Birth
Book
Census
Church
Civic
Coroner
Court
Death
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Diary
Divorce
History
Immigration
Journal
Website
Yearbook

Land
Letters
Library
Marriage
Military
Naturalization
Newspaper
Occupational
Photograph
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Puzzle created using Discovery Education's puzzle maker <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com>

UPCOMING EVENTS



February 24th, BAGS General Meeting at 7pm

Speaker: Carl Taplin – *How'd You Find That?* Tips for locating obscure or hidden records, Live/Virtual

Friday, March 31, BAGS General Meeting at 7pm

Speaker: Allison Singleton – *Periodic Sources Index (PERSI)*, Live/Virtual



Follow us on BAGS Facebook

[Facebook Group \(members only\)](#)

[Facebook Page \(public page\)](#)



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Conference Keeper

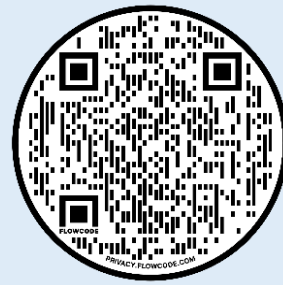
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For the latest news and event updates,
visit our website at tbbayareagen.org



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Calendar of Events - 2023

JANUARY

2	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
9	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
10	2:00p	Educational Session, Friendswood <i>Library: Related Faces & Photomyne</i>
11	9:15a	Clayton Library Bus Trip
	7:00p	German SIG
12	9:15a	Clayton Library Bus Trip
16	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
18	9:30a	MHM, Friendswood FHC
23	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	6:30p	BAGS Board Meeting
28	12:00p	January Members Potluck Meeting <i>History of New York, Fred Roe</i>
29	2:00p	MHM Online Research, Helen Hall Library
	4:00p	Meet 'n Munch, Red River BBQ
30	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2

FEBRUARY

6	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
8	7:00p	German SIG
13	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
15	9:30a	MHM, Friendswood FHC
20	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	6:30p	BAGS Board Meeting
22	9:15a	Clayton Library Bus Trip
24	7:00p	February Members Meeting (<i>live virtual</i>) <i>Location of Hidden Records, Carl Taplin</i>
27	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
TBD	2:00p	Using Timelines to Focus Your Research" by Susan Ball, Hybrid, FPL

MARCH

6	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
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	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
8	7:00p	German SIG
13	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
20	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	6:30p	BAGS Board Meeting
24	7:00p	March Members Meeting
27	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2

APRIL

3	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
10	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
12	7:00p	German SIG
17	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
22	TBA	Research Like a Pro – w/Diane Elder Virtual/in-person, Friendswood Library
24	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	6:30p	BAGS Board Meeting
29	12:00p	APRIL Members Potluck, UBC

MAY

1	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
8	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
10	7:00p	German SIG
15	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2
22	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	6:30p	BAGS Board Meeting
26	7:00p	May Members Meeting
29	10:00a	Members Helping Members #1
	1:00p	Family Tree Maker SIG
	7:00p	Members Helping Members #2