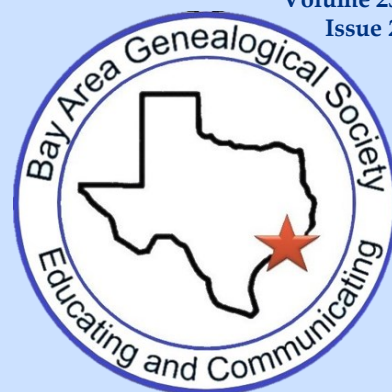


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BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



Friday, February 24, 2023

7:00pm (virtual)

How'd You Find That?!?
Tips For Locating Obscure or Hidden Records
with **Cari Taplin**

Obscure and hidden records are “out there” that can solve tough genealogical problems. How do you find them? Join us Friday February 24th at 7pm to hear Cari Taplin, BCG, explain her tips and methods for finding these records.

We will take a survey of possible obscure record examples and discuss miscellaneous loose papers and manuscript collections as well as published sources. Local Historical and Genealogical Society archives can be treasure troves for finding these hidden gems. Another great source for “hidden” records are university and college archives. Cari will present ways to find and access those collections. Records including Google Books, Internet Archives, Hathi Trust, and others, will help us to discover ancestors in digitized collections and reveal previously unknown details. WorldCat & ArchiveGrid will be demonstrated as well

Cari holds the Certified Genealogist credential and has served in a wide variety of volunteer and leadership positions for state, local, and national societies. Owner of GenealogyPANTS, she speaks, lends help, and shares her expertise as an administrator on the highly popular Facebook Group “[The Genealogy Squad](#).” Cari currently works for [Ancestry ProGenealogists](#). Her personal research focuses on Midwestern and Great Lakes states. When she’s not working on her genealogy, she is a wife, and mother of two young adults.

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National Genealogical Society,
Texas State Genealogical Society,
Clayton Library Friends and the International German Genealogy Partnership



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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!:

Are you interested in serving your Bay Area Genealogical Society? Consider volunteering to help BAGS be more effective and efficient in the coming years! Committees typically work together only an hour or two each month. Please email your interest to a board member, let the telephone committee know your interest, or speak to a board member at one of our many events. Your help is vital in making BAGS thrive and grow!

Additional points of contact:

Research questions or to provide research assistance:

education@txbayareagen.org – Kim Zrubek

Submit information for the Journal:

journal@txbayareagen.org – Todd Roberts

Submit pedigree chart to share with membership:

pedigreecharts@txbayareagen.org

Ideas on where or how to advertise BAGS:

publicity@txbayareagen.org – Terri Myers

Not receiving emails?

emailcoord@txbayareagen.org – Lisa Smith

Don't know the Members Page password?

registrar@txbayareagen.org – George Porterfield

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, newsletter@txbayareagen.org. All rights reserved.

2022 B.A.G.S. YEARBOOKS are available!

The 2022 Bay Area Genealogical Society [Yearbooks](#) are now available for members to download and print! All members who were on the Registrar's roster for the 2022 membership year are listed, including available member photos. If we did not receive your photo in time for this yearbook, plan to get one to us before next year's deadline. You may have a photo taken at our next in-person meeting or submit a JPG to yearbook@txbayareagen.org. Yearbooks will be mailed in February to those members who paid for them with their 2021-2022 application/renewal



December 2021 Bay Area Genealogical Society Journal

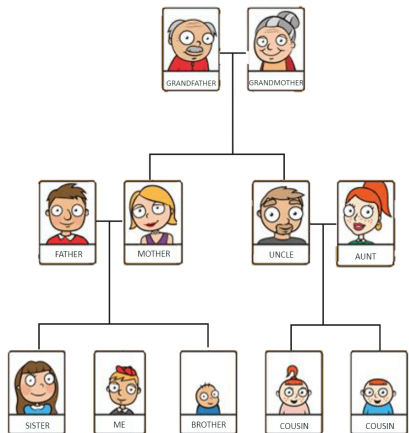
The December 2021 Journal is published and ready for distribution! Paid copies will be available at the January, in-person meeting, or can be downloaded at the BAGS website.

Please consider sharing your strategies in tackling familial questions that have long been on your mind. The Society endeavors to have members share their findings, tips, and methods applied to reach back to the previous generations or just to find that lost uncle.

Our Journal Editor, Todd Roberts, has written a "[Journal Article Submissions Q & A](#)" to answer some common questions about submitting an article for print. Email your submissions or unanswered questions to journal@txbayareagen.org

Journal articles are published and available on the [Members Only](#) page of the BAGS website. All members are encouraged to contribute journal articles!

Journals will be mailed in February to those members who paid for them with their 2021-2022 application/renewal."



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 1 January 2023

Checking Account	\$3,219.20
Saving Account	\$11,865.26
PayPal Account	\$352.32
Total Monetary Assets	\$15,436.78



Renew online [HERE](#).

BAGS RESEARCH Tips and Tricks

What is WordCat? by Kathleen Williams

"During the past 50+ years, thousands of libraries have entered their information about millions of books, magazines, movies, songs, maps, genealogical records, research theses, and so much more into WorldCat."

[WorldCat](#) is essentially a large card catalog for libraries all over the world! Over 405 million books, 440 million articles, and 30 million theses/dissertations are included. Although this database includes MANY libraries, not EVERY library is included.

It's a good idea to create an account and select up to five of your favorite libraries. I list libraries I frequent at least every few years, including the Houston Public Library and the Dallas Public Library. The libraries closest to you will be listed first when you find an item of interest. You can create lists of items you want to look at. Give your list a title of the library you're going to go to view this item.

What could a genealogist use WorldCat for? There are several possibilities:

- You are looking for a specific book. WorldCat will list for you every library that holds that book, putting them in order from closest to furthest away from you.
- You want to find information about a particular topic. For example, I searched for "Texas sharpshooters" 1st to find more information about this Civil War unit.



The screenshot shows a WorldCat record for the book "Grady County Civil War veterans : Centennial project" by Gwen Jackson. The record includes a summary, a "Print Book" option, and a detailed physical description: "1 volume 123 pages : color illustrations : 21.5 x 28 cm". It also lists the OCLC number 1137396211 and several subjects, including "Angell Anderson, Virginia Infantry - Immortal 600", "Brigadier General Jack Hale, 8th Virginia Cavalry", "Civil War veterans", "Grady County, Oklahoma", and "Joe W. Hill, Tennessee Infantry...".

One of the hits was for the book above. One of the subjects is "W.A. Adams, 1st Texas Sharpshooters." This is probably a book I'm going to want to look at. Unfortunately, it's only located in one library. In a case like this, you should call the library to see if they would be willing to scan or make copies of the pertinent section.

Perhaps you have a more uncommon surname like Eppler and want to see what books, articles, etc., have been written about the Eppler family.

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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.

BAGS Meet 'n Munch

Our January Meet 'n 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, February 26th 4pm** at **Red River BBQ**, 1911 E. Main in League City. BAGS members, family members and guests are invited to come!



Clayton Library Bus Trip

Mark your calendars! BAGS is continuing free bus trips to the Clayton Library in Houston. The next one is scheduled for **February 22**.

Contact Kathleen Williams, 409-344-0567 or countycoord@txbayareagen.org if you are interested in attending! A total of **10 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 outside for eating and fellowship. Bring a flash drive to save records, and change (coins and currency) for making copies. Dress in layers! The temperature can vary in the library. Return trip to Diana Lane by 4pm, traffic permitting.



Members Helping Members (MHM) Online Research Sessions



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? Members may join the virtual sessions offered via Zoom. 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 **February 8th**

Need help identifying with your German ancestor's hometown, reading German Script, German naming conventions and variations, Familienbuchs, or church and civil records Please complete the [German SIG Interest Survey](#) if you are interested in joining this group!

Be sure to ask for more information about our new alliance with the [International German Genealogy Partnership](#). "a network to share ideas, contacts, research information and resources, to help our members trace their Germanic heritage, wherever it is found. We facilitate German genealogy research globally as the internationally recognized federation of German genealogy organizations. 'Uniting German Genealogy Researchers Worldwide'"



Family Tree Makers Special Interest Group

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. Everyone is welcome to join us!



LOCAL LIBRARY UPDATES



Helen Hall Library

BAGS Members Only – Research Sessions

March 26th

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 FamilySearch Center

BAGS Members Only – Research Sessions

February 15th

9:30am to 11:30am

The Friendswood FamilySearch Center 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 FamilySearch Center

The League City FamilySearch Center is located at **4655 S. South Shore Blvd**, in League City. The FSC 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, Feb 2, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

[Basic Scandinavian Research](#)

presented by Diana Smith

Thu, Mar 2, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

[Women's History Month, Show & Tell: Celebrating Our Resilient Women Ancestors](#)

*To share your story email [Carol Pena](mailto:Carol.Pena@claytonlibraryfriends.org)
programs@claytonlibraryfriends.org.*

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

Registration links are included in each description. Each program. requires **pre-registration** to attend

Consider joining your genealogical friends on the next bus trip to the Clayton Library, February 22nd!

See page 5 for more details!

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS LIBRARY SESSIONS

At the Friendswood Public Library and Virtually

March 25, 2:00pm

[Using Timelines to Focus Your Research](#) by Susan Ball, followed by a group discussion on the topic.
(a Texas State Genealogical Society video presentation – hybrid)



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 TxSGS book awards including the coveted grand prize. She also serves her local society as editor of the SAG&HS Newsletter and assistant editor of *Stalkin' Kin of Old West Texas*, the SAG&HS biannual journal.

April 22, 9:00am – 4:30pm, BAGS Members ONLY (All day event, lunch on your own)

[Research Like a Pro](#), by Diane Elder (hybrid presentation, 4 sessions)

Diane Elder, podcaster and author of the book, [Research Like a Pro: A Genealogists Guide](#) will show us how to make progress in our research by using her organized process. Diane will share her step-by-step method for the researcher ready to take their skills to the next level. She will teach us how to:



1. Form an objective for our project.
2. Review our research by creating a timeline analysis.
3. Construct a locality guide to direct our research.
4. Create a research plan to keep our researched focused.
5. Create style source citations for research credibility.
6. Set up a research log to organize/track our searches.
7. Write a report detailing our findings for future research projects.

We will follow her case studies, showing how creating an objective, a timeline, and doing locality research laid the foundation for the research. Then see what results came from using a research log and completing the project with a research report.

This seminar is a Members Appreciation Day available only to members who have joined before 4/22. Four sessions in total, with breaks. Lunch on your own.

Join the National Genealogical Society 2023 Conference at the Greater Richmond Convention Center or Online at Home!



The [National Genealogical Society 2023 Family History Conference](#) gives genealogists and family historians of all levels the insights necessary to take their research and writing to new heights and make exciting new discoveries.

Learn the latest from the best speakers in the genealogy community. Discover what genealogy companies are bringing to market. Gain insights from genealogy societies and organizations throughout the United States. Attend your choice of more than 110 lectures and special luncheons. Idea Showcase reception and Expo Hall opening. Celebrate Virginia's deep roots with a special Friday evening event sponsored by the Virginia Genealogical Society.


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.

UPCOMING EVENTS, et al.

What is WorldCat? *continued from p4*

Perhaps you have a more uncommon surname like Eppler and want to see what books, articles, etc., have been written about the Eppler family. I searched for *Eppler Texas* and found the following book:





Isaac Thomas of Sevierville, Tennessee and a few of his many descendants : with allied families
Author: [C. B. Wynn](#)
Summary: Isaac Thomas (ca.1735-1818) married widow Elizabeth (Massengill) Timothy and moved from Virginia to Sevier County, Tennessee. Descendants lived in Tennessee, Texas, Missouri and elsewhere
Print Book, English, 1980
Publisher: Buckhorn Press, Gatlinburg, Tenn., 1980

Genre:	Genealogy
Physical Description:	ii, 94 pages : illustrations ; 22 cm
OCLC Number / Unique Identifier:	6586561
Subjects:	Brewer Eppler Felker Fetzer Genealogy

I've seen this book before about the family I'm researching!

If your search is broad and you end up with too many results, you can narrow this down by many categories. I have found the most useful categories to be format and subject, although there are other options like author, publication date, language, etc.



The WorldCat.org website has recently been updated, and if you previously had an account, you will need to set up a new account.

Kathleen Williams is the BAGS Facebook moderator and County Coordinator. Kathleen is an avid reader, traveler, and researcher. She has memberships in multiple genealogical associations including NGS and DAR.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday, March 31, BAGS General Meeting at 7pm

Speaker: Allison Singleton – *Periodical Source Index (PERSI)*,
Live/Virtual

May 31– June 2, NGS 2023 Family History Conference
Richmond, VA; "Virginia: Deep Roots of a Nation"



Follow us on BAGS Facebook

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

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



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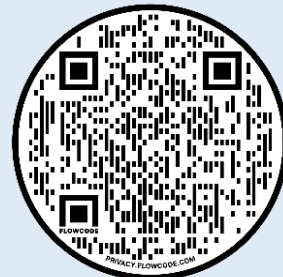
Conference Keeper

"The most complete Calendar and Collection of Genealogy Events on the Internet" Find lectures, classes, cruises, conferences, institutes all in one place. Look for informative sessions to broaden your knowledge and expand your skills. Interested in future virtual events? They have a calendar for that. conferencekeeper.org/virtual



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



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Calendar of Events - 2023

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 FamilySearch Center
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
Location of Hidden Records, Cari Taplin
(Zoom)
26 4:00p Meet & Munch @ Red River BBQ
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31 7:00p March Members Meeting
Periodical Sources Index (PERSI), Allison Singleton (Zoom)

APRIL

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6:30p BAGS Board Meeting
29 12:00p April Members Potluck, @ UBC,
Insane Asylum Research, Melissa Hayes

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