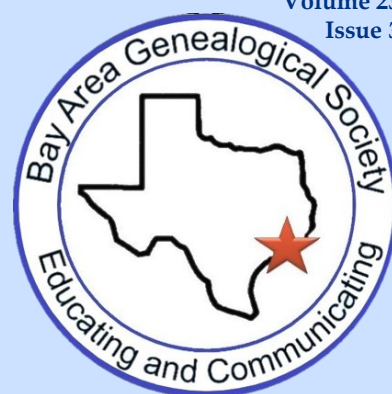


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BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



BAGS General Meeting

7:00pm

Friday March 31, 2023

Getting to Know The ACPL Genealogy Center
and PERSI – Periodical Sources Index

with Allison Singleton

The Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center is the second largest genealogy library in the country with a vast amount of research materials in both physical and digital form. One of the ACPL's gems is the **Periodical Source Index (PERSI)** which will be covered in this presentation. We will discover how we can use this wonderful resource!

Allison DePrey Singleton, MA, MLS, is a senior librarian in the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, IN. She provides research consultations, serves on the Center's programming team, and leads its family history webinars and educational initiatives. Allison was Co-Chair of the 2018 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference and also a Northeast Regional CoCoordinator for the National History Day in Indiana. Besides her employment activities, Allison is also on the board of the Indiana Genealogical Society and Indiana German Heritage Society.

Allison began her genealogy research at the age of sixteen at the ACPL Genealogy Center. Since then she has been focused on the study of genealogy and archives. She traced her ancestors' paths to Indiana from Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, France, Germany, England, and beyond. While Allison's specialties include researching in the regions of Indiana, France, and Germany and fields of social media, the Federal Census, teaching beginners, and genealogy programming, she loves learning new areas of genealogy. She views genealogy as lifelong education and continues to strive to learn more while keeping up with ever changing technology.

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Learning Opportunities*
Clayton Library Offerings
*TARO— Texas Archival
Resources online*

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Welcome

To our new members!

Brenda Powel and

Madelyn and James Nelson



Get Well wishes are extended to
Luanne Newman and Pam Fox

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:

Don't know the Members Page password?

registrar@txbayareagen.org – George Porterfield

Research questions or to provide research assistance:

education@txbayareagen.org – Kim Zrubek

Submit information for the Journal:

journal@txbayareagen.org – Todd Roberts

Ideas on where or how to advertise BAGS:

publicity@txbayareagen.org – Terri Myers

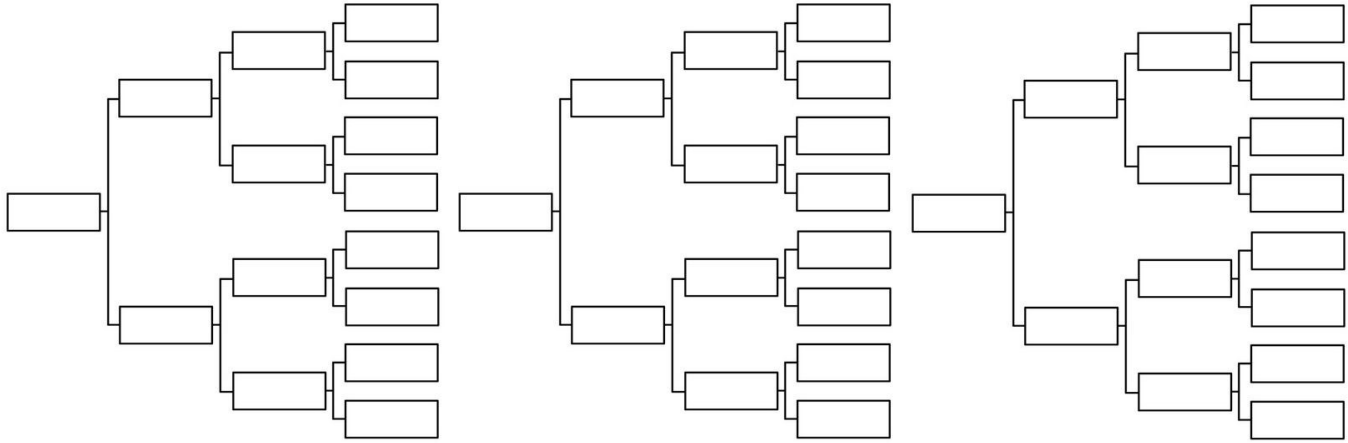
Submit your pedigree chart to share with membership:

pedigreecharts@txbayareagen.org – Sharon Boeger

Not receiving emails?

emailcoord@txbayareagen.org – Lisa Smith

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.



All BAGS members are invited to submit a pedigree chart of their family!

Your chart does not need to be completely finished to submit, and vital information about living relatives may be omitted. Charts are available for members to use and download from the [Members Only](#) page **Pedigree Charts of Our Members.**

Sharing your information creates a connection that could help other BAGS researchers! To submit your chart, volunteer help, ask questions, get assistance, or send emails, contact — pedigree@txbayareagen.org

BAG\$ Treasurers Report

Statement of Activity as of 31 Jan 2023

Checking Account	\$4761.79
Saving Account	<u>\$11,866.27</u>
Total Monetary Assets	\$16,628.06

Clayton Library Bus Trip

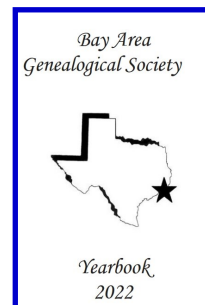
Mark your calendars! BAGS continues free bus trips to the Clayton Library in Houston. The next one is scheduled for **April 12th.**

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.

Meeting Spot—Freeman Library parking lot, **16616 Diana Lane**, at 9:15am. The bus departs at **9:30am.** Bring a lunch to enjoy! Tables are available outside for eating and fellowship. Bring a flash drive to save records. Dress in layers! The temperature can vary in the library. Return trip to Diana Lane by 4pm, traffic permitting.

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 can have a photo taken at our next in-person meeting or submit a JPG to yearbook@txbayareagen.org. Yearbooks were mailed in February to those members who paid for them with their 2022 membership Download your copy from the BAGS website



December 2021 Bay Area Genealogical Society Journal

The December 2021 Journal is published and ready for distribution! Pre-paid copies can be downloaded from the BAGS website or purchased for \$10.

RESEARCH TIPS and TRICKS



BAGS Wants Your Epic Family Stories!

The Bay Area Genealogical Society calls every member to share their research findings. Maybe you have some interesting search methods and tips applied in discovering previous generations or simply how you found your lost uncle.

Will YOU consider sharing your stories and strategies in tackling ancestral questions that have long been on your mind?

The Journal publishes articles on a wide range of family and general history topics that may interest our members. Some examples include:

- Images and transcriptions of artifacts such as family bibles or military and school records
- Biographies
- Research results for people, places, and events
- Local history of Galveston and Harris Counties, including cemeteries, that is of interest to the genealogical community
- Analysis of conflicting or indirect evidence to solve a genealogical question
- Examples of research methodology
- Information on genealogical resources or techniques
- Pedigree charts

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

All Journal articles are published and available on the [Members Only](#) page of the BAGS website. Each member is encouraged to contribute their amazing family stories journal articles! Articles that cover any geographical area are welcomed and appreciated!



INTERNATIONAL GERMAN
Genealogy Partnership



Bay Area Genealogical Society is proud to be members of the
National Genealogical Society,
Texas State Genealogical Society,
Clayton Library Friends and the International German Genealogy Partnership

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

March 27

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



MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS and SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



German Special Interest Group

Do you need help deciphering German Script, understanding German naming conventions and variations, locating your German ancestor's hometown, or translating Familienbuchs, church and civil records? Please fill out the [German SIG Interest Survey](#) if you are interested in joining this 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 **MARCH 8th**.

Ask for more information about our 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'"*

IGGP Conference 2023



Crossroads and Connections:
Find your Family Story

Wo Wege sich kreuzen:
Finde Deine Familiengeschichte

[The International German Genealogy Partnership 2023 conference, June 9-11, 2023](#) is one of the few occasions in which you will hear from and connect with people focused on German genealogy. Attendees will enjoy a weekend of programs and activities that highlight the diversity of the German-speaking genealogy community



Family Tree Makers Member Helping Members Group

The focus of this group is to help members take advantage of the many features and options of Family Tree Maker software. Your questions or issues will guide the meeting agenda, and participants will be there to help each other. There will also be help for technical concerns, such as upgrading the software and exporting files.

Renee Ball, moderates this MHM Group for those who:

1. are new to FTM,
2. need a refresher course,
3. anyone able to help others with FTM questions!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Renee.

Monday afternoons, 1:00pm (MHM Session #2) [Registration here.](#)



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? BAGS Members may join the virtual sessions offered via Zoom. Participants can share their screens and demonstrate recent research discoveries. Access details are posted on the BAGS [Members Helping Members Page](#).

Weekly: Mondays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM with hosts Renee Ball and George Porterfield

Weekly: Mondays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM with 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.

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

March 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

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.

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



Genealogy Face2Face Events (Zoom Video Conference)

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:CarolPena@claytonlibraryfriends.org) prgrams@claytonlibraryfriends.org.

Family History Research

Thu, Mar 4, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

[Family History Research: How to Successfully Start – or Restart](#)

a 4-week online course led by Paula Stuart-Warren, CG®, FMGS, FUGA
More information on pg7

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!

See page 3 for more details!

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Looking for Texas specific records? From the Panhandle to the Pecos, from Round Rock to the Rio Grande, TARO is your place to find rich Texas history. **TARO (Texas Archival Resources Online)** brings together historical documents, personal papers, family histories, and more from archives, libraries, and museums across Texas to inform, enrich, and empower researchers all over the world to discover information for educational and professional purposes, as well as for personal enjoyment—helping users tell their story



TARO provides descriptions of abundant archival, manuscript, and museum collections in repositories across the state available to the public. The site consists of the collection descriptions or "finding aids" that archives, libraries, and museums create to assist users in locating information in their collections.

Browse the extended table of contents which describe unique materials only available at the select, individual repositories. In most cases, the collections themselves are NOT available online. Searches can be accomplished by Creator, Geographical Area, Subject or specific Repositories.

Check out the Maps for locations specific collections. Consider planning day trips or weekend genealogy get-aways to visit an incredible Texas Genealogical Library and their collection!

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.



Register now for RootsTech!

Join us virtually or in person for the world's largest family history conference on **2-4 March 2023**

Visit [rootstech.org](https://www.rootstech.org)



A [FREE VIRTUAL](#) family history conference. An on-demand learning library. A way to grow closer to the people, places, and stories that matter most. **RootsTech** is all that and so much more. Join us as we celebrate the joy of connection together.

Learning—RootsTech offers Family History classes for every interest and skill level in over 40 languages, covering nearly every country. In short, there is something for everyone.

Innovation—RootsTech partners with companies each year to showcase innovations and new technology that can help you make new family history connections

Inspiration — Family History is about stories. During the three-day event, and all year long, we highlight personal stories that uplift, inspire, and entertain

Connection—Whether it's chatting with other RootsTech attendees or discovering a long-lost relative, human connection is at the core of what RootsTech is all about.

Virtual registration is free — [here](#)



DEEP ROOTS OF A NATION
31 MAY–3 JUNE 2023
RICHMOND, VA

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE



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.



Follow us on BAGS Facebook

[Facebook Group \(members only\)](#) and [Facebook Page \(public page\)](#)

[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



Online Class

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

How to Successfully Start (or Restart)

March 2023 | Saturdays
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
March 4, 11, 18 & 25 (4 sessions)
Instructor: Paula Stuart-Warren, CG



REGISTER NOW
claytonlibraryfriends.org/course

[4-week online course led by Paula Stuart-Warren](#)

Did the recent holidays or last couple years at home make you think more about your family history?

Did you work on that family history a while back but now want to catch up or refresh your research?

No matter where you are on the path to discovering your family history, this course will assist you in best practices, provide updated resources, and share the joy of discovering the ancestors who came before you. Records are bountiful if you know all the places to find them. These records are more than names and dates—it's a peek into our ancestors' lives, their history, and the surrounding community. This course is U.S.-based, but much of the methodology also applies to non-U.S. research.

[Visit the CLF registration page to register](#)

**National Genealogical Society
2023 Conference Online
or at The Greater Richmond Convention Center !**



BAGS - Bay Area Genealogical Society

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



1 March 2023

Calendar of Events - 2023

MARCH

- 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
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1:00p Family Tree Maker SIG
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
25 2:00p *Using Timelines to Focus Your Research, Susan Ball*, Hybrid, FPL
26 2:00p MHM Research, Helen Hall Library
4:00p Meet & Munch @ Red River BBQ
27 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Maker SIG
6:30p BAGS Board Meeting
31 7:00p March Members Meeting
Periodical Sources Index (PERSI), Allison Singleton (Zoom)

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29 12:00p April Members Potluck, @ UBC,
Insane Asylum Research, Melissa Hayes

MAY

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