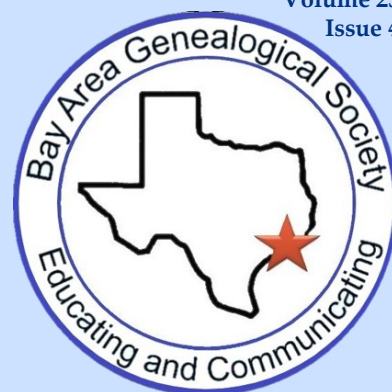


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BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



BAGS General Members Meeting Dessert Potluck

12:00pm

at University Baptist Church

*Guest speaker—Melissa Hayes, from the
Clayton Library for Genealogical Research*

Join us for our April luncheon meeting at University Baptist Church located in Clear Lake City. Members are invited to bring their favorite, dessert, while BAGS will provide the sandwiches, chips and drinks. Please remember to bring serving utensils. Setup begins at 11:30am!

Our guest speaker will be **Melissa Hayes**, MLIS, who is currently the Assistant Branch Manager at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. Melissa started researching her family during her college years in 1979. Many years and lots of generations later, she is still looking for missing family members. Hayes, a native of Charles County, Maryland, moved all the way to Houston and found her Maryland relatives while doing research at Clayton. Her areas of research include Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

Melissa's presentation is entitled "**Insane Asylum Research.**" People were committed to asylums for a variety of reasons, ranging from mental illness to elder care to non-conformity. Melissa will share tips and tricks to find persons in an asylum by census records, newspaper articles, cemetery records, death records and more.

Hayes graduated with a Master of Library Science and Graduate Academic Certificate in Youth Services from... *continued on pg. 3*

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*Research &
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BAGS welcomes our new members!

Laura Hill

Mildred Hughes

Amber Maple

Get Well Wishes are extended to

Kathie Chaffee

Condolences on the passing of

Fred Lamont Finger III

Terri Myer's husband, Mike Roman



It is with great sadness that **BAGS** announces the death of one of our founding members and current BAGS Treasurer, **Susie Ganch**. Susie was a charter member of BAGS, a descendant of several Revolutionary War patriots, a member of the Sam Houston Chapter of the DAR, a published author, and a friend to many who knew her. Our deepest condolences to her family and all her friends. You can read the tribute to her wonder life [here](#).

BAG\$ Treasurers Report

Statement of Activity as of March 1, 2030

Checking Account	\$4290.30
Saving Account	\$11,867.18
PayPal Account	<u>\$639.00</u>
Total Monetary Assets	\$16,796.48

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

Have an article or idea to share with the Society? -

newsletter@txbayareagen.org – Cindy Austin

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.



Facebook for Genealogy



Facebook can be very useful in breaking down your genealogy “brick walls,” connecting with cousins, answering a question, or simply getting some extra help. To utilize this amazing resource, you must have an account on Facebook, but you don’t have to use that account for anything other than genealogy groups.

There are three types of Facebook profiles: **personal**, **page**, and **group**. *Personal pages* are for individuals and are the ones you hear about all the time – people post pictures, updates on their families, etc. *Pages* are for businesses. You can’t post on a business’ page, but you can ask questions or follow them to receive updates about the business. *Groups* are what is most useful for genealogy. Genealogy groups are formed by societies, libraries, for specific topics/regions, for families, or anything else. And if you don’t find a Facebook group that fits your needs, you can create one.

There are two ways to find groups of interest. You can log in to Facebook and type in keywords. For example, the keywords “Texas genealogy” would bring up groups such as [Texas Genealogy! Just Ask!](#), [Texas Genealogy-feel free to post surnames](#) and [Texas Genealogy Network](#). However, such a search would NOT bring up our genealogy society because we use “TX” and not “Texas” in our name. Another way to find groups is to consult the list created by *Katherine R. Willson* and posted on her [blog](#) page. The file was last updated in Jan 2021 and is 436 pages long!

After finding a group, you will need to request to join it. Some groups require you to answer a few questions. Once you are admitted to a group, make sure you read their rules; these are often posted as an announcement.

Facebook groups are typically private. This means that only members of your group can see your post or comments.

Make sure to post specific questions or queries to the appropriate group. DNA questions should be posted in DNA groups, etc. It’s also not recommended that you post the same post in multiple groups at the same time, as many people are members of the same groups that you are. If you don’t get an answer to your post within a week or so, you can feel free to post it to a different group.

When posting a *query*, be certain to state what you know and what you’re looking for. I have also found that it’s best to ask a specific question; times, dates, and locations are a MUST!

Examples of questions I’ve had answered on Facebook:

- Recommendation for books to read about the history of a specific location
- Transcription of a word in a deed
- Dating of a photo
- Translation of a letter written in a foreign language
- Locating an obituary

Facebook groups are an excellent resource for helping you with your genealogy!

Read the [BAGS page here](#)

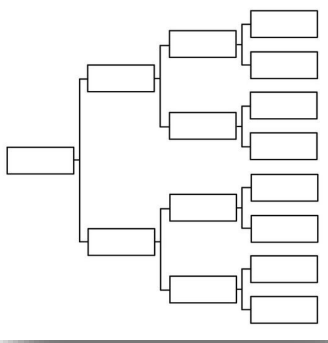
Kathleen Williams is the BAGS Facebook moderator and County Coordinator. Kathleen is an avid reader, traveler, and researcher. She has memberships in multiple genealogical associations including NGS and DAR.



April's Guest speaker—Melissa Hayes, continued from pg1

Hayes graduated with a Master of Library Science and Graduate Academic Certificate in Youth Services from the University of North Texas in 2008. She has worked at the Houston Public Library system since 2004. She accepted the position of Assistant Branch Manager at Clayton in June, 2013. Melissa’s areas of research include Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky. Lineage Societies and ghost stories. She is also a member of DAR.

RESEARCH TIPS and TRICKS



SUBMIT YOUR FAMILY TREE TODAY

All BAGS members are urged to submit a copy of your family tree. Your pedigree chart doesn't need to be completely finished to submit, and vital information about living relatives may be omitted. Editable Pedigree Charts are available for members to download and use from the Members only page [Pedigree Charts - Editable](#).

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 – pedigreecharts@txbayareagen.org



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!



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is proud to be members of
National Genealogical Society,
Texas State Genealogical Society,
Clayton Library Friends, &
International German Genealogy Partnership



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

April 24

May 22

June 30

July 28



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

BAGS Meet 'n Munch

Our March Meet 'n Munch was well attended! 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, May 28th** 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

Members Helping Members (MHM) Online Research



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.



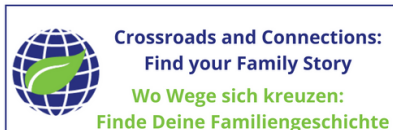
German Special Interest Group

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 complete the [German SIG Interest Survey](#) and consider being part of 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 **APRIL 12th**

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



[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 [Registration here.](#)



LOCAL LIBRARY UPDATES



Friendswood FamilySearch Center

BAGS Members Only – Research Sessions

April 19th
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, Thurs, & Fri 10:00am – 2:00pm
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! The helpful staff is available to help you get started and to assist you in locating the books, microfilms, periodicals, and databases to further your research. Visit the library's website – <https://claytonlibraryfriends.org> information.

Tues, Wed, Fri, and Sat – 10am to 5pm
Thurs – 12pm to 7pm



Genealogy Face2Face Events (Zoom Video Conference)

Thu, April 6, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

There's Always Something New to Learn

presented by Susan Kaufman

Preservation 101



Preservation Week is celebrated in April! The purpose of Preservation Week is to promote the work that librarians do to preserve the materials in their collections, and to educate the public on how to preserve their own collections. **Preservation 101** is an introductory look at preserving home collections. This program will cover environmental hazards for book and paper materials as well as tips and tricks for storing and handling collections. [Register here](#)! Need assistance? Contact txr.reference@houstontx.gov (832-393-1662)

BAGS Clayton Library Bus Trip

BAGS offers **free** bus trips to the Clayton Library in Houston. The next trip is scheduled for **June**.

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.

Meet up 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. To save copied records, bring a flash drive. The temperature can vary in the library so plan accordingly. Return trip to Diana Lane by 4pm, traffic permitting.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

At the Friendswood Public Library and Virtually

FREE BAGS Membership Appreciation Seminar (live hybrid)



Diana Elder presents *Research Like a Pro*

Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Members can attend either virtually or in person at the Friendswood Library.
- Free for members that have joined by April 8.
- Registration Deadline April 8: Whether you plan to attend online or in person, please register for the meeting to receive instructions for attending and handouts.
- Two copies of her book, *Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide*, will be offered as door prizes. You will need to be present either online or in person at the library to win.

Are you stuck in your genealogical research? Wondering how to make progress on your brick wall problems? Discover the process that a professional genealogist uses to solve difficult cases. Diana shares a step-by-step method using real world examples, easily understood by any level of genealogist.

Whether you are a newbie or experienced researcher, the Research Like a Pro process will move the search for your ancestors forward. Start now to learn to Research Like a Pro.

Diana Elder AG® is a professional genealogist accredited in the Gulf South region of the United States and serves as a Commissioner for The International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen). Diana authored **Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide** and co-authored the companion volume, **Research Like a Pro with DNA: A Genealogist's Guide to Finding and Confirming Ancestors with DNA Evidence**. She created the study group and eCourse that teach the Research Like a Pro process through videos and learning modules. Diana and her daughter, Nicole, share research tips on their website, Family Locket (<https://familyloket.com/>), and are the hosts of the Research Like a Pro Genealogy Podcast.

Saturday's Schedule:

9:00am	Socializing
9:30am	Class 1: <i>Create a Research Objective & Analyze your Sources</i>
10:30am	Break – 15 minutes
10:45am	Class 2: <i>Learn about the Location, Geography, and History of your Research</i>
12:00pm	Lunch Break - eat out or bring a sack lunch, socialize, work on research
1:30pm	Class 3: <i>Make a Research Plan and Create Source Citations</i>
2:30pm	Break – 15 minutes
2:45pm	Class 4: <i>Keep a Research Log & Write Conclusions</i>

Class Description

Class 1: *Create a Research Objective & Analyze your Sources*

For the best results, genealogical research should focus on an objective that will guide the project. Attendees will learn how to format a research objective from a research question and discover the power of doing a timeline analysis focused on that objective. We'll discuss sources, information, and evidence in the context of a complete project.

More class descriptions continued on pg7

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.

Research Like a Pro, - Class Descriptions (continued from pg7)

Class 2: Learn about the Location, Geography, and History of your Research

Discovering new avenues for research is all about understanding the locality. This class session will explore the importance of local history, geography, and record availability. Attendees will learn how to locate and curate that information which will be key for creating the research plan.

Class 3: Make a Research Plan and Create Source Citations

Attendees will learn how to create a functional research plan focused on the objective and information gleaned from the timeline analysis and locality guide. This class session will also cover the importance of citing sources and demonstrate the key elements of a source citation.

Class 4: Keep a Research Log & Write Conclusions

The research log holds the positive and negative searches performed during a research session. Attendees will learn various formats for logging research and learn what information should be recorded for a search. The final step in a project is to write conclusions based on the research. This class session will explore the importance of writing and demonstrate how to bring together research in a summary or report.

National Genealogical Society 2023 Conference Online

or at The Greater Richmond Convention Center !



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.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 26th, BAGS General Meeting at 7pm

Speaker: Patti Smith – *Thrulines: Maximize Your Ancestry DNA Results*, Live/Virtual



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Follow us on BAGS Facebook

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



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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

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
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Friendswood Public Library, Hybrid
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Insane Asylum Research, Melissa Hayes

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7:00p Members Helping Members #2
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7:00p German SIG
19 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Maker SIG
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
25 2:00p MHM Research, Helen Hall Library
4:00p Meet & Munch @ Red River BBQ
26 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Maker SIG
6:30p BAGS Board Meeting
30 7:00p June Members Meeting
Using Timelines to Focus Your Research, Susan Ball (Zoom)

JULY

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