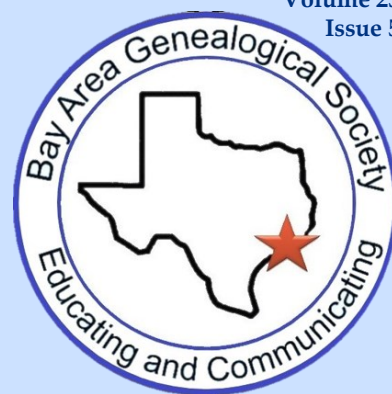


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BAGS General Members Meeting

[Virtual/Zoom](#)

Friday, May 26th

7:00pm

Guest Speaker: Patti Huff Smith

[ThruLines: Maximize Your Ancestry DNA Results](#)

ThruLines® is a powerful tool provided by [Ancestry.com](#) to help researchers use DNA matches to find common ancestors, explore matches in their family tree, and confirm the relationship path to common ancestors. Understanding how to effectively use ThruLines can help individuals avoid common pitfalls such as the temptation of gathering unverified relatives to grow their family tree, contaminating the Ancestry database with unnecessary and incorrect data, and trusting the accuracy of the family tree of DNA matches. Learn how to effectively use ThruLines to make ancestral connections with your DNA matches.

Patti Smith is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, National Genealogical Society, Texas State Genealogical Society. She is the General Meeting Administrator and former Director of Education for the Dallas Genealogical Society. Patti has pursued her passion for genealogy and family research since 2013. Once introduced to DNA in 2015, she attended conferences, lectures, classes, and workshops to develop her skill in Genetic Genealogy. In December 2020, Patti completed Boston University's Genealogy Studies Program "Certificate in Genealogical Research" to further her expertise in genealogy. She has also completed the six-week masterclass, [The DNA Skills Academy](#), at [Your DNA Guide](#) by Diahann Southard in February 2021. Patti is currently managing 60 immediate and extended family members' DNA kits on Ancestry. [Register here for this meeting](#)

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Learning Opportunities*
Clayton Library Offerings
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*A Warm BAGS Welcome
Our Newest Member!*

Susan Thompson



Statement of Activity as of April 1, 2023

Checking Account	\$4979.42
Saving Account	\$11,868.19
PayPal Account	<u>\$125.44</u>
Total Monetary Assets	\$16,923.05

Additional points of contact:

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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.

CLAYTON LIBRARY NEWS



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, May 4, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

[Trammel's Trace: How a Caddo Trail](#)

[Became the First Road into Texas from the North](#)

*presented by Gary Pinkerton, MSW,
East Texas Historical Association*



[Clayton Library Friends General Meeting](#)

Sat, May 20 10:30a-12:00p

Don't Let Your Memories Fade

presented by Rick Voight, founder of Vivid-Pix



BAGS Clayton Library Bus Trip

BAGS offers **free** bus trips to the Clayton Library in Houston. The next trip is scheduled for **June 27th!**

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.



MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS & SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Family Tree Makers MHM Group

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

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

Topics include: installation help, product discounts, latest features and updates, and syncing with Ancestry. Everyone is welcome to join us!



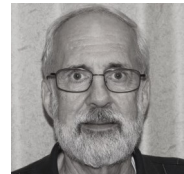
Members Helping Members (MHM) Online Research



Do you need help with formulating your research objectives and building a location guides for your research? **Want** to brainstorm a research brick wall, **gather** suggestions, **learn** how to use online resources, or simply **help** other genealogists? BAGS Members may join the virtual MHM sessions, via Zoom. Participants can share their screens and demonstrate recent research discoveries. Details are posted on the BAGS [Members Helping Members Page](#).

Mondays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM with hosts Renee Ball and George Porterfield
Mondays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM with host Kim Zrubek.

If you want to practice connecting to Zoom or have questions, contact Kim Zrubek by email education@txbayareagen.org or by phone 281-992-2636.



German SIG Get Together!

When: Saturday, May 20th at 12:00pm

Where: [Kings BierHaus](#) – League City ([map](#))

Who: All BAGS German SIG members and spouses, AND all BAGS members with interest in German genealogy!

If you would like to attend, please go to [BAGS German SIG web page](#) and use the RSVP link there. We need to give the restaurant a head count in advance!

Be sure to ask about our alliance with the [International German Genealogy Partnership](#). "Uniting German Genealogy Researchers Worldwide"

[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

IGGP Conference 2023



Crossroads and Connections:
Find your Family Story

Wo Wege sich kreuzen:
Finde Deine Familiengeschichte

LOCAL LIBRARY UPDATES



Friendswood FamilySearch Center

BAGS Members Only – Research Sessions

May 17 and June 21 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

FamilySearch Centers (formerly Family History Centers) are local branches of FamilySearch and [FamilySearch Library](#). FSC offer volunteer staff and premium resources for genealogy and family history research.

A typical FamilySearch Center provides you:

1. A computer or device to use as you search for ancestors.
2. One-on-one support from a real person when you have questions or get stuck.
3. Special access to genealogical websites that may not be available to you from your home.

Locations in the Bay Area include: Friendswood, League City, Pasadena, Galveston, and Alvin. Information on these and other locations are available here: <https://www.familysearch.org/centers/locations/>. Their hours will vary based on volunteer availability.

Going to a FSC will allow you access to locked records on the FamilySearch website. You can also access many premium websites. A few favorites include:

- 19th Century British Library Newspapers**
- Alexander Street** – personal accounts of well-known historical figures: American Civil War diaries, letters, and images
- American Ancestors** – New England Historical Society's website
- AncestryArkivDigital** – largest provider of Swedish church records
- FamNet** – New Zealand records
- FindMyPast** – mostly British records
- Fold3** – military records and stories
- Geneanet** – genealogy in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden & Germany
Irish Ancestors
- MyHeritage Library edition** – maps, vital records, census, newspapers, etc
- NewspaperArchive**
- PaperTrail** – 19th century westward migration documents

The Friendswood FSC hosts a monthly Members Helping Members session open for BAGS members only from 9:30am-11:30am on a Wednesday. (Check the calendar for upcoming dates!) Members who attend generally do their own research. Some come with a specific reference already in mind; others browse premium sites. If a member gets stuck or has a question, there are other members and volunteers present who can help out!

The Friendswood FSC has 6 computers and a microfilm machine to view the microfilm already on site. Guests can also bring their own laptop and connect to the FamilySearch website. Doing so will give you the same access you would get by logging into one of their computers.

If you have never been to a FamilySearch Center, you need to come visit one soon!

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.



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

at the Friendswood Public Library and Virtually

Member Appreciation Day with Diane Elder Seminar



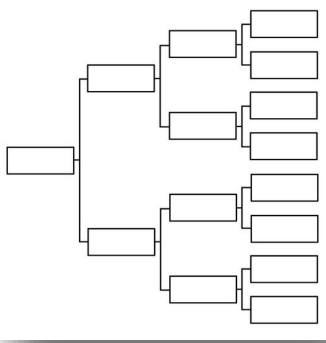
BAGS sponsored an amazing free Members Appreciate Seminar, Saturday, April 21st, at the Friendswood Public Library, with 21 attending in person and 11 participating virtually! Diane Elder presented an all-day seminar based on her bestselling *Research Like a Pro* process through seven separate learning modules. Attendees discovered an entire approach to fruitful genealogical research including; writing research objectives, building timelines, creating a research plan, citing sources, curating research logs and drawing conclusions. Many of the attendees took a lunch break at The Charleston Tea Room and enjoyed delicious food and conversation.

Many thanks go out to the following people who helped contribute to the seminar's success;

- Kim Zrubek and the Friendswood Library for hosting the event.
- Terri Myers for bringing coffee and donating the handout folders
- Teresa Rundell for bringing grapes and arranging the group to eat lunch at the Charleston Tea Room
- Cindy Austin and Teresa Rundell for assembling the handouts.
- Holly Carpenter for sharpening BAGS pencils.
- George Porterfield and Lisa Smith for technology support, monitoring the virtual waiting room, and uploading handouts
- Kathleen Williams for providing the introduction, performing the random prize drawing, and taking photos throughout the event.
- Polly Swerdlin for posting the event photos on the website.

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.

RESEARCH TIPS & TRICKS



SUBMIT YOUR FAMILY TREE TODAY

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 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. Do you have some interesting search methods, tips applied in discovering previous generations or simply how you found your lost uncle.

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 are 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

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

May 22

June 30

July 28

Aug 21



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!



RESOURCES



The National Archives Resources for Genealogy Research

The [National Archives and Records Administration website](#) has articles, finding aids, webinars, and other information about records and how to conduct research in their holdings. They have a growing number of digitized records available online through the [National Archives Catalog](#) and in the [Archival Database](#) that are useful for researching family history online.

Every year, the National Archives hosts a free, educational Genealogy event broadcast live on [YouTube](#). The sessions offer family history research tools on federal records for all skill levels. Join thousands of family historians participating during the live event. Attend free of charge with no reservations requested.

- Watch previous session video recordings on [YouTube](#)
- View past event web pages, posters, session videos, and handouts

2023 National Archives Genealogy Series

In recognition of public service, National Archives is offering a special Genealogy Series focused on both military and civilian records. The series will provide family history research tools for all skill levels along with a general overview to specific topics. Broadcasts of the program sessions will take place in May and June. Everyone is welcome

You are invited to attend, participate, and ask questions during the sessions' YouTube video premieres. Presentations are pre-recorded videos, broadcast on National Archives YouTube channel. Throughout the broadcast, you will be able to ask questions, and the presenter will respond in real time. After the initial showing, the video and handouts will remain available [here](#) and [YouTube](#).

All information courtesy of the National Archives, National Archives Catalog and the Access to Archival Database

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 30th 7:00pm (virtual) **Judy Russell:** *Copyright Mythconceptions*
- July 28th 7:00pm (virtual) **Diana Smith:** *Community Research*



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[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

MAY

- 1 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
8 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
15 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
17 9:30a MHM, Friendswood FamilySearch Center
20 12:00p German SIG at Kings BierHaus
22 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
6:30p BAGS Board Meeting
26 7:00p May Members Meeting, *Thrulines, Maximize Your Ancestry DNA Results, Patti Smith* (Zoom)
28 4:00p Meet & Munch @ Red River BBQ
29 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
7:00p Members Helping Members #2

JUNE

- 5 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
12 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
14 9:30a MHM, Friendswood FamilySearch Center
7:00p German SIG
19 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
21 9:30a MHM, Friendswood FamilySearch Center
25 2:00p MHM Research, Helen Hall Library
4:00p Meet & Munch 4pm
26 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
6:30p BAGS Board Meeting
27 9:30a Clayton Library Bus Trip
30 7:00p June Members Meeting
Mythconceptions, Judy Russell (Zoom)

JULY

- 3 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
7:00p Members Helping Members #2

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19 9:30a MHM, Friendswood FamilySearch Center
24 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
6:30p BAGS Board Meeting
28 7:00p July Members Meeting
Community Research, Diane Smith (Zoom)

AUGUST

- 7 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
9 7:00p German SIG
14 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
21 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
6:30p BAGS Board Meeting
26 12:00p August Members Potluck Meeting
28 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
6:30p Members Helping Members #2

SEPTEMBER

- 4 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
11 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
1:00p Family Tree Makers
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29 7:00p September Members Meeting,
Finding Maiden Names: Let Me Count the Ways, Paula Stuart Warren (Zoom)