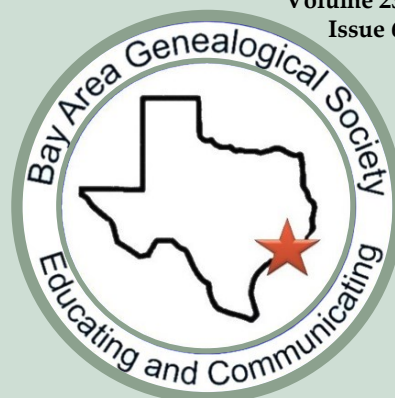


# BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



## BAGS General Members Meeting

*Live - Virtual (Zoom)*

Friday, June 30th,

7:00pm

Speaker: **Judy Russell**, *The Legal Genealogist*:  
**Copyright Mythconceptions**



**Copyright Mythconceptions.** What we don't know about copyright law can hurt us – right in the pocketbook! Judy Russell will guide us through the most common mistakes and misunderstandings about copyright law, including what we can and can't do with materials created by others in our family research. You can register [here](#) to join this meeting.

**Judy Russell**, the Legal Genealogist, is an amazing professional genealogist with a law degree. Judy writes, teaches, and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. Judy is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, and numerous state and regional genealogical societies. She has written for the National Genealogical Society Quarterly (from which she received the 2017 Award of Excellence), the National Genealogical Society Magazine, the FGS *Forum*, the Board of Certified Genealogists' *OnBoard*, and Family Tree Magazine, among other publications. She is a Board of Trustees member of the Certification of Genealogists® Board, holds Certified Genealogist® Credentials and is a Certified Genealogical Lecturer<sup>SM</sup>. Her award-winning blog appears on [The Legal Genealogist](#) website.

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2024!**

**Would you consider helping BAGS?!?**

Serving on the BAGS Board is an amazing experience, both personally and genealogically. Volunteering with BAGS can be meaningful for someone who wants to make a difference in helping this community. Please consider volunteering your talents (and a little time) to help BAGS be more effective and efficient next year! BAGS needs volunteers in the following areas:

Nominating  
Social Media

National Genealogical Society Delegates

Programming  
Newsletter

Email  
Telephoning  
Hospitality

Committees typically work together for only about an hour each month! You can email your interest to a board member, let the telephone committee know your interest, or speak to another volunteer at one of our many events! Your help is vital in making BAGS thrive and grow!



*Statement of Activity as of May 1, 2023*

Checking Account	\$2,879.45
Saving Account	\$11,869.17
BAGS Merchandise	\$38.00
Total Monetary Assets	\$14,786.62

  
KEEP CALM  
AND  
VOLUNTEER  
TO HELP  
BAGS

### **Additional points of contact:**

**Don't know the Members Page password?**

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**Research questions or to provide research assistance:**

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

[newsletter@txbayareagen.org](mailto:newsletter@txbayareagen.org) — Cindy Austin

**Submit information for the Journal:**

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**Submit your pedigree chart to share with membership:**

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**Want to go on the Clayton Bus trip?**

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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 about the BAGS Newsletter should be addressed to: Editor, [newsletter@txbayareagen.org](mailto:newsletter@txbayareagen.org). All rights reserved.

# MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS & SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP



Our May German SIG groups had an incredible 24 people enjoying ein Mittagessen at King's BierHaus, on Saturday, May 20th!

The BAGS German Special Interest Group meetings are via Zoom on the **second Wednesday of each month, 7:00-8:30pm**. The next meeting is on **June 14th**. June's meeting will be a Members helping Members style of meeting hosted by George Porterfield.

If you need help reading German Script, identifying your German ancestor's hometown, understanding German naming conventions and variations, Familienbuchs, or church and civil records, please complete the [German SIG Interest Survey](#) to join this group!

## Members Helping Members (MHM) Online Research Sessions



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

**#1 – Mondays from 10:00am to 12:00pm with hosts Renee Ball and George Porterfield**

**#2 – Mondays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm with host Kim Zrubek and George Porterfield**

If you want to practice connecting to Zoom or have questions, contact Kim Zrubek via [education@txbayareagen.org](mailto:education@txbayareagen.org) or by phone at 281-992-2636.

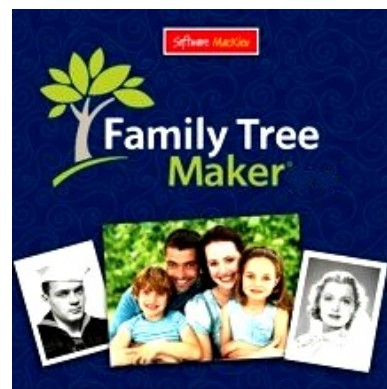
### Family Tree Maker MHM Session

Family Tree Maker MHM focuses on helping members take advantage of the many features and options in Family Tree Maker software. Participants' questions and issues guide the meeting agenda, and participants will be able to help each other. Help for technical concerns, such as software upgrading and exporting files, is also available. **Renee Ball** moderates this MHM group for:

- ✓ Users who are new to Family Tree Maker.
- ✓ Those who would like an FTM refresher course.
- ✓ Anyone able to help others with FTM questions!

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

A variety of topics include installation help, product discounts, latest features and updates, and syncing with Ancestry. Everyone is welcome to join!





# MHM LIBRARY RESEARCH SESSIONS



## Friendswood FamilySearch Center

BAGS Members Only – In-Person Research Sessions

**June 21st, July 19th, August 16th, 9:30am to 11:30am**

The Friendswood FamilySearch Center is located at *505 Deseret Dr*, in Friendswood. The entrance to the building is on the side furthest from the street. This center is also open to the public for research:

Tues, Thurs, & Fri    10:00am – 2:00pm  
Tues evening            7:00pm – 9:00pm

## Freeman Branch Library Clear Lake City

BAGS Members Only – In-Person Research Session

**June 9th**  
**1:00pm to 4:00pm**

Located at *16615 Diana Ln, Houston, TX* in the **conference room**. The MHM session is open to BAGS members for research. Bring a laptop to use the library's Wi-Fi or the research you are currently pursuing.

## League City FamilySearch Center

The League City FamilySearch Center is located at *4655 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 League City FamilySearch Center is open to the public for research:

Tues & Wed            7:00pm – 9:00pm  
Saturday              10:00am – 12:00pm

## May Members Meeting Recap:



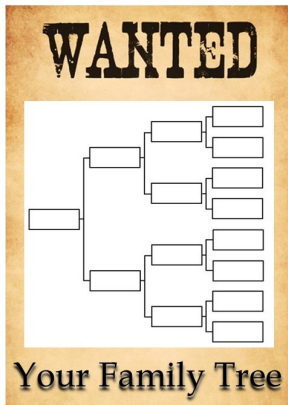
Patti Smith, from the Dallas Genealogical Society, explained **ThruLines**, a powerful tool provided by [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) to help researchers use DNA matches to find common ancestors, explore matches in their family trees, and confirm the relationship path to common ancestors. She helped us understand how using ThruLines avoids the temptation of gathering unverified relatives and boosts the accuracy of the family trees of DNA matches. We learned how to use ThruLines to make connections with known DNA matches.

Patti is also a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, National Genealogical Society, and Texas State Genealogical Society. She actively pursues her passion for genealogy, family research, and DNA information. Patti completed BU's Genealogy Studies Program and the six-week masterclass, [\*The DNA Skills Academy\*](#), at [\*Your DNA Guide\*](#). Patti manages 60 immediate and extended family members' DNA kits on Ancestry in her spare time.



We need  
**YOU**  
to  
**Volunteer!**

## WANTED: YOUR FAMILY TREE!



Have you worked diligently on your family tree? Maybe you share common ancestors and branches with other BAGS members? BAGS members are encouraged to submit a copy of their family tree and share it with other "tree lovers." Your pedigree chart doesn't need to be finished to submit, and vital information about living relatives may be omitted. An editable pedigree chart is 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 ask questions, get assistance, submit your pedigree, or offer help to others, contact [pedigreecharts@txbayareagen.org](mailto:pedigreecharts@txbayareagen.org).

### Calling All Writers: Share Your Epic Family Stories!

The Bay Area Genealogical Society beckons every member to share their research findings and stories! Do you have interesting search tips for breaking brick walls, or want to share how you found your long-lost uncle? Consider sharing your stories and strategies to pursue those ancestral questions that have long been on your mind!



BAGS publishes journal articles on a various family and general history topics that interest our members. Some examples include:

- 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
- Images and transcriptions of artifacts such as family bibles or military and school records
- Analysis of conflicting or indirect evidence to solve a genealogical question
- Information on genealogical resources or techniques



Todd Roberts, BAGS Journal editor, wrote "[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](mailto:journal@txbayareagen.org).

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



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



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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](mailto:info@txbayareagen.org).

#### 2023 Meetings

June 26

July 24

Aug 21



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

### BAGS Meet 'n Munch

Our Meet 'n Munches are always well attended! BAGS members and their families share delicious meals and socialize on beautiful Sunday afternoons!

Please join us at the next Meet & Munch on **Sunday, June 25th**, at **Mia's Table, 19325 Gulf Fwy, Webster.**

BAGS members, family members, and guests are welcome to come!



# RESOURCES

## BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LOCATED IN THE HOUSTON, TEXAS - CLEAR LAKE AREA



### BAGS is on Facebook!



The TX Bay Area Genealogical Society Facebook group provides a positive space for sharing appropriate and reliable resources to assist every BAGS member at all skill levels. This group focuses on providing high-quality, timely, and relevant information to all Society members while promoting best practices in every aspect of genealogical research.

**Follow us on BAGS Facebook:** [Facebook Group \(members only\)](#) & [Facebook Page \(public\)](#)

## FUTURE BAGS EVENTS

- ✓ July 28th, 7:00pm (virtual), **Diana Smith: It Takes a Village – Community Research**
- ✓ July 30th, 4:00pm **Meet and Munch** at **Jason's Deli** – Webster
- ✓ August 26th, 12:00pm (in person), **Members Potluck Meeting – Members Show & Tell**
- ✓ August 27th, 4:00pm **Meet and Munch** at **Gringo's** – Pearland
- ✓ September 29th, 7:00pm (virtual), **Paula Stuart Warren – Finding Maiden Names: Let Me Count the Ways**



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# CLAYTON LIBRARY NEWS

## BAGS Clayton Library Bus Trip **June 27th**

BAGS offers **free** bus trips to the Clayton Library in Houston. The next trip is scheduled for Tuesday, **June 27th!** Contact Kathleen Williams at 409-344-0567 or [countycoord@txbayareagen.org](mailto:countycoord@txbayareagen.org) if you are interested in attending! A total of **10 attendees** must be confirmed at least **two weeks in advance**. To receive a trip/text reminder, please include your cell number.

**Meet-up spot** – Freeman Library parking lot, 16616 Diana Lane, Webster. The bus departs at 9:30am



**sharp!** Bring lunch to enjoy! Outdoor tables are available for eating and fellowship. Bring a flash drive to save photocopied records. The temperature in the library can vary, so plan accordingly. Return trip to Diana Lane by 4pm, traffic permitting.

Volunteers  
Ordinary people with  
Extraordinary  
Hearts.



## 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 books, microfilms, periodicals, and databases to further your research. Visit the library's website for information. [Clayton Library Campus](#) and [Clayton Library Friends](#).

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

## Genealogy Face2Face Events (Zoom Video Conference)



Genealogy Face2Face is an informative and fun Zoom hangout that features genealogical speakers, discussion, and sharing. This program is open to both CLF members and guests, free of charge. The goal is to promote Clayton Library, its collections, and genealogical research.



### Life and Times of our Ancestors –

#### Historic Disasters, Epidemics, Politics, and Other Calamities!

Presented by *Laura Castillo, 1st VP Utah Valley Technology and Genealogy Group*

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

**1:00-2:00pm (online)**



### Here Comes the Family!

#### Preparing for the Family Reunion

Presented by *Diana Crisman Smith*

**Friday, June 16, 2023**

**2:00-3:pm (online)**

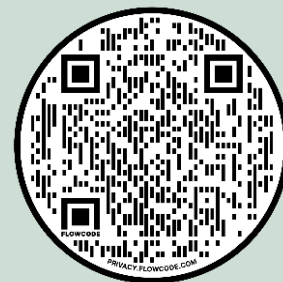


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# BAGS - Bay Area Genealogical Society

For the latest news and event updates,  
visit our website at [tbayareagen.org](http://tbayareagen.org)



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## Calendar of Events - 2023

### JUNE

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*Make Limoncello - Building an International*  
*Genealogical Community, Nick Cimino*  
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