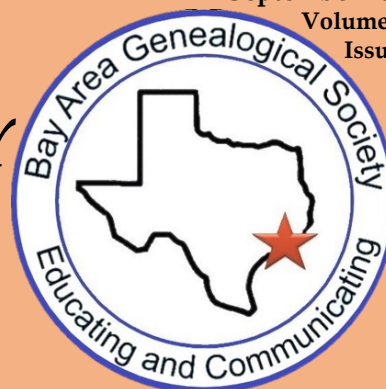


BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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BAGS Members Meeting (Zoom)

Friday September 29th, 2023

7:00pm

Finding Maiden Names:

Let Me Count the Ways

with Paula Warren

Who was she? Who were her people? BAGS welcomes Paula Warren as she presents a myriad of ways to determine what was Great Grandma Margaret's maiden name. Clues and a checklist guide you in the search. Just because her surname was "hidden" after her marriage doesn't mean it can't be discovered.

You might look at Paula and think that she is an average Midwestern woman. Part of that is true, but she is far from average. Paula is a workaholic who loves her profession and loves to get others excited about their family history! Paula works full-time in genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, and writing. As a Board-certified genealogist (since 1988), she is a firm believer in continuing education in genealogy and strives to keep up to date by participating in national and local conferences, webinars, reading publications of many genealogical and historical organizations, and individuals—both off and online. She completed the week-long U.S. National Institute of Genealogical Research at the National Archives in Washington, DC. (Now the Gen-Fed, Genealogical Institute on Federal Records.) ~ continued on pg. 4

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MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS & SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Family Tree Makers MHM Group

Family Tree Maker MHM focuses on helping members take advantage of the many features and options of Family Tree Maker software. Help with technical concerns, such as software upgrading and exporting files, is also available. **Renee Ball** moderates this MHM group.

[Registration here](#) (via Zoom)

Thursdays from 7:00-8:00pm NEW TIME!

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



Members Helping Members (MHM) Online Research

Need help with your family tree or a genealogical brick wall? BAGS members can join the virtual MHM sessions [via Zoom](#). Participants may share their screens and demonstrate recent research discoveries. Details are on BAGS [Members Helping Members](#) page

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

Mondays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm with host Kim Zrubek.

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



INTERNATIONAL GERMAN
Genealogy Partnership



BAGS German Special Interest Group meetings are [via Zoom](#) on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00-8:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for **September 13**.

Karen Engelauf will present a summary of the recent International German Genealogy (IGGP) bi-annual conference held in June 2023 in Fort Wayne, IN. This bi-annual conference included presentations and exhibits from many German genealogy experts and professionals worldwide.

Please complete the [German SIG Interest Survey](#) to join this group!

BAGS Clayton Library Bus Trip – September 19th

BAGS offers **free** bus trips to the Clayton Library in Houston. The next trip will be **September 19, 2023**. A total of **10 attendees** must be confirmed at least **two weeks in advance**. Contact Kathleen Williams at 409-344-0567 or countycoord@txbayareagen.org if you are interested in attending! 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.

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 are interested 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 the Editor at newsletter@txbayareagen.org. All rights reserved.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS & GATHERINGS

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 'n Munch:

Sunday, **September 24th** at 4:00pm

Red River BBQ,

1911 E. Main in League City.



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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2024!

BAGS NEEDS YOU!

Nominees are being accepted for all 2024 Board positions

President, 1st VP, 2nd VP (Programs), Registrar, Secretary, and Treasurer

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:

Email	Hospitality Committee
Publicity	Programs Committee
Website	Telephoning Committee
Social Media	Education Committee
Newsletter Editor	Journal Editor
Yearbook Editor	County Coordinator

Committees typically work together for about an hour (or less) each month! Board/committee meetings are held via Zoom. 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!



Pedigree Charts!

BAGS members are encouraged to submit a copy of their family tree and share it with other "tree lovers." Pedigree charts don't need to be finished to submit. Please omit vital information about living relatives. Editable pedigree charts are available to download and use from the Members Only page **Pedigree Charts**.

For questions or assistance, contact Sharon Boeger at pedigreecharts@txbayareagen.org.

Calling All Writers: Share Your Epic Family Stories!

The Bay Area Genealogical Society calls every member to share their research findings and stories! Consider sharing your family stories and research strategies. Articles covering any geographical area are welcomed and appreciated.

Email submissions/questions to Todd Roberts at journal@txbayareagen.org.

The journal is published on the Members Only page of the BAGS website. BAGS "[Journal Article Submissions Q & A](#)" provides information about submitting an article for print.

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

Sep 25

Oct 23

Nov 13

Dec 18

Board meetings are on Mondays at 6:30pm.

[Board Meeting Minutes](#) are available on the Members Page of the BAGS website.



KEEP CALM
AND
VOLUNTEER
TO HELP
BAGS

RECAPS & RESOURCES



Paula Warren—continued from pg. 1
Paula served two years as a national officer of the Association of Professional Genealogists and has been an APG Committee Chair. She served six years as a board member of the Minnesota Genealogical Society and continues as an active volunteer in genealogical, historical, and professional organizations. She served on the Federation of Genealogical Societies Board of Directors and its Conference Planning and Awards committees. Additionally, Paula a member of the Minnesota Historical Society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and Wisconsin Historical Society.

Her research specialties include methodology, research planning, the U.S. National Archives, the Family History Library, Midwestern and Plains states, Native Americans and “unusual records.” She has researched for clients (and her own family history) at courthouses, state archives, public and university libraries, and historical societies all across the U.S. She is excited to bring this wealth of knowledge to her audiences. Her clients, include corporations, authors, historical societies, law firms, Native American Tribes, and radio personalities.

Paula has also received numerous awards for her volunteer work and professionalism in the field of genealogy (<https://genealogybypaula.com/>)



Follow BAGS on Facebook!

Facebook Group (members only)

Facebook Page (public page)



txbayareagen.org/



What all can you find on ConferenceKeeper.org?

- ✱ A traditional **Calendar** with all genealogy events
- ✱ A calendar of **Virtual** (online) events of all kinds.
- ✱ A page listing *just* genealogy **Conferences**.
- ✱ Genealogy event pages by **location** - by specific areas of the US or Canada, as well as other world countries.
> The US location pages include **helpful links** to state-level archives websites, and a list of **genealogy societies** for that state.
- ✱ A **Call for Papers** page with opportunities for genealogy speakers.
- ✱ A **Contest** page with genealogy-related giveaways.
- ✱ A page of genealogical **Education Programs** offering degrees or certificates
- ✱ A page listing **Grants & Scholarships** opportunities within the genealogy community.
- ✱ Genealogy **Volunteer** opportunities - if you have even a minute to spare.
- ✱ A page of genealogy **Podcasts** and online Programs
- ✱ A page of genealogy **Job** openings
- ✱ **Travel, Tours & Cruises** that are specifically for genealogy research and vacation.



FUTURE GENEALOGY EVENTS

- ✓ **September 15 and 16, German-Texan Heritage Society Annual Conference**, more information [here](#).
- ✓ **September 16th, WHAGS 10:00am—Planning a Future for Your Family's Past** by Marian Burk Wood —more information [here](#). (hybrid)
- ✓ **September 16th, 10:30am—4:30 pm Clayton Library Scanning Saturdays and Booksale** — more information [here](#).
- ✓ **October 5th, 1:00-2:00pm Clayton Library More Than Just Conferences, More Than Just a Calendar! Discover the Many Genealogy Education Resources Available on ConferenceKeeper.org** more information [here](#).
- ✓ **October 7th, 10:00am (9:30 social) Sam Houston Chapter NSDAR**, St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 18300 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay. Visitors are welcome!
- ✓ **October 21st, WHAGS 10:00am—Top Tips for Researching Your Scottish and English Ancestors** by Michelle Leonard —more information [here](#). (hybrid)
- ✓ **November 2nd, 1:00-2:00pm Clayton Library Show & Tell Veteran's Day - Honoring our Veterans** more information [here](#)

SEPTEMBER LIBRARY UPDATES



Freeman Branch Library - Clear Lake City

In-Person Research Session – BAGS Members Only

Friday, September 15th 3:00pm to 5:30pm

Located at **16615 Diana Ln, Houston, TX**, in the **conference room**. The MHM session is open to BAGS members for research. If you need help locating ancestors or breaking brick walls, be sure to come! Bring a laptop to use the library's Wi-Fi or the research you are currently pursuing.

Friendswood FamilySearch Center

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: **There is no scheduled members-helping-members activity for the month of September**, but you may continue to use the Friendswood FamilySearch Center during the listed visitor hours below.

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

This center has access to the FamilySearch Center Portal page, which gives free access to premium family history software and websites that generally charge for subscriptions.

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.

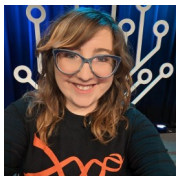
The League City FamilySearch Center is open to the public for research:

Wednesday **7:00pm – 9:00pm**
Saturday **10:00am – 12:00pm**

This center has access to the FamilySearch Center Portal page, which gives free access to premium family history software and websites that generally charge for subscriptions.

Clayton Library Friends September General Meeting

Genealogy Face2Face: Three Ways to Break Brick Walls with DNA



Thursday, September 7, 2023

1:00-2:00pm via Zoom – [register here](#)

FamilyTreeDNA offers three types of DNA testing for genetic genealogy (autosomal, mitochondrial DNA, and Y-DNA). Discover how to confirm your paper trail and family stories and break brick walls through each type of DNA test by using the research tools available with each set of results and important tips and tricks to get the most out of your matches.



Katy Rowe has always been interested in genealogy, inspired by her maternal grandparents, who told her stories about their family and family history when she was little. After studying anthropology and history at Southern Methodist University, she joined FamilyTreeDNA in 2015 and became the Trainer for Customer Support. Katy created and improved training processes and was fundamental in creating the Big Y Specialist team. In September 2021, she became Product Owner and focused closely on improving FamilyTreeDNA's genetic genealogy products and tools.

BAGS INFORMATION

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A Warm Welcome to Our Newest BAGS Member! Tom Bloom



Statement of Activity as of August 1, 2023

Checking Account	\$2,063.64
Saving Account	\$11,872.17
PayPal Account	\$24.01
Total Monetary Assets	\$13,959.82

August Members "Show & Tell" Highlights!



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 Zrubeck

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:

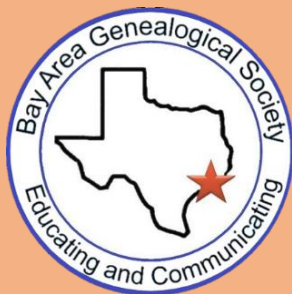
pedigreecharts@txbayareagen.org — Sharon Boeger

Not receiving emails?

emailcoord@txbayareagen.org — Lisa Smith | Fred Roe

Want to go on the Clayton Bus trip?

countycoord@txbayareagen.org — Kathleen Williams



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



SEPTEMBER 2023

Calendar of Events - 2023

SEPTEMBER

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| 4 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 7 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 11 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 13 | 7:00p | German SIG |
| 14 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 18 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 21 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 24 | 4:00p | Meet 'n Munch, <i>Red River BBQ</i> |
| 25 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 6:30p | BAGS Board Meeting |
| 28 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 29 | 7:00p | September Members Meeting –
<i>Finding Maiden Names: Let Me Count the Ways,</i>
<i>Paula Stuart Warren</i> (Zoom) |

OCTOBER

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| 2 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 5 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 9 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 11 | 7:00p | German SIG |
| 12 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 16 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 19 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 23 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 6:30p | BAGS Board Meeting |
| 26 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 28 | 12:00p | October Members Meeting – <i>Got Lemons?</i>
<i>Make Limoncello - Building an International</i>
<i>Genealogical Community, Nick Cimino</i> (Zoom) |
| 29 | 4:00p | Meet 'n Munch, <i>TBA</i> |
| 30 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |

NOVEMBER

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| 2 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 6 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |

NOVEMBER

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| 8 | 7:00p | German SIG |
| 9 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 13 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 6:30p | BAGS Board Meeting |
| 16 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 17 | 7:00p | November Members Meeting – <i>How to Find</i>
<i>Your Ancestors in Church Records,</i>
<i>Sonny Morton</i> (Zoom) |
| 20 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 27 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 30 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |

DECEMBER

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| 4 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 7 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 11 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 13 | 7:00p | German SIG |
| 14 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 18 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 6:30p | BAGS Board Meeting |
| 21 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |

January 2024

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| 4 | 7:00p | Family Tree Maker MHM |
| 8 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 10 | 7:00p | German SIG |
| 11 | 7:00p | Family Tree Maker MHM |
| 15 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 18 | 7:00p | Family Tree Maker MHM |
| 22 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 6:30p | BAGS Board Meeting |
| 25 | 7:00p | Family Tree Maker MHM |
| 26 | 7:00p | January Members Potluck – <i>in-person</i> |
| 29 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |