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BAGS General Meeting

Friday, June 28th, 7:00pm

Using That Brick Wall As A Foundation

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Do you ever feel like you are at a dead end? In genealogy, that is commonly referred to as a brick wall. By reviewing your research and taking a fresh approach, you often see new opportunities to find our ancestors. Learn how to use the very evidence that stops you in your tracks to spring over those brick walls.

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MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS GROUPS

IN-PERSON **Education Spotlight** Members Helping Members

June 12th, 10:30am, DNA with Gale French

July 9th, 10:30am, FamilySearch part 2

August 7th, 10:30am, Newspapers

At **Education Spotlight** MHM meetings, topics are introduced with a brief presentation, followed by hands-on “how to,” and then attendees can practice what has been presented. Several hosting members will be on hand to help attendees and a handout will be provided. **Education Spotlight** meetings will be held at the **Friendswood Public Library, 416 S Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546**



Members Helping Members (MHM)

Online Research – Session #1 & #2

#1 Mondays, 10:00am to 12:00pm
with [Renée Ball](#) & [George Porterfield](#)

#2 Mondays, 7:00pm to 8:00pm
with [Kim Zrubek](#) & friends

Need assistance with your family tree or a genealogical brick wall? BAGS members can participate in MHM sessions via *Zoom*. Participants share their screens and demonstrate research findings. Details for connecting to a *Zoom* MHM link are available on the [Members Helping Members page](#).



Members Helping Members FOCUSED Research Session #2



#2 – Mondays, 7:00pm to 8:00pm, with [Kim Zrubek](#) & friends

Monday evening MHM sessions, after a General Meeting (via *Zoom* or in-person), will focus on the topic from the previous general meeting. These focused sessions will provide a more detailed overview of specific topics from the general meeting to allow participants to ask additional questions about the presentations. The group will use information and techniques presented in a hands-on approach to participants' actual experiences. The next focused sessions are:

June 3 at 7pm – *Two Colonial Georgias*

July 1 at 7pm *Using That Brick Wall as a Foundation*

More information is available on the [Members Helping Members page](#).

Family Tree Maker - by Appointment Only

If you would like help with Family Tree Maker MHM or need to ask questions about how the software works and interacts with other genealogical sources, you can now make appointments directly with our FTM guru, [Renée Ball](#). Help with technical concerns, such as software upgrading and exporting files, is also available. Connection details are on BAGS [Members Helping Members page](#).



Our BAGS German Special Interest Group is **currently on hiatus**. For questions/information you may contact [George Porterfield](#). Members are encouraged to utilize our other [Members Helping Members](#) events for further research help with German Ancestry.



Still Need Help?

Complete the [BAGS Help Desk Form](#) and email it to [Kathleen Williams, Education Chairman](#). She'll respond to discuss you're your research needs!



INTERNATIONAL GERMAN
Genealogy Partnership

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

BAGS EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

BAGS Day at Clayton Library

Sat, June 15th @ 10:30am - 4:00pm

Mark your calendars and meet us at the [Clayton Library](#) to do genealogy research together! We have booked the conference room, at the front of the library, just for BAGS members. Please email, text, or call [Kathleen Williams](#) if you need a ride. Several members have offered to drive and will meet you at a local library (Freeman or Friendswood) to carpool into Houston together!

EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

Ancestry DNA – with Gale French

Wednesday June 12th, 10:30am Friendswood Library

This class will introduce you to Ancestry DNA and how it is used in genealogy. Ancestry is the world's largest online family history resource to help you find new family connections. Combining a DNA test with family history resources can boost the effectiveness of your DNA and genealogy results. Please bring your laptop/device and your research.

Using FamilySearch Effectively part 2

Tuesday July 9th,
10:30am
Friendswood Library
Please bring your own laptop/device. This is a continuation of the March presentation. See BAGS website for more details

NEWSPAPERS!

Wednesday Aug 7th, 10:30am
Friendswood Library

We'll be discussing the major commercial newspaper websites, how to locate lesser-known newspaper websites, and different searching strategies. Please bring your laptop or other device as well as your research.

Volunteer Opportunity – County Coordinator!!

BAGS needs a County Coordinator! This FUN position doesn't require much time, outside of the bus trip to Clayton Library and minimal planning. The County Coordinator schedules 4-6 bus trips per year. Two BAGS members currently serve as backups and assist the County Coordinator as needed.

The County Coordinator:

- Works with Harris County to schedule each bus trip.
- Communicates upcoming dates to the board for publications.
- Tracks attendance. **A minimum of ten attendees is required for Harris County bus usage guidelines.**
- Sends reminders to attendees.
- Maintains all usage agreements and emergency forms.
- Takes attendance (at the beginning and end of the trip) to ensure all attendees are accounted for.

Interested? Please contact Kathleen at education@txbayareagen.org for more information.

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

2024 Meetings

June 24

July 22

August 19

September 23

October 21

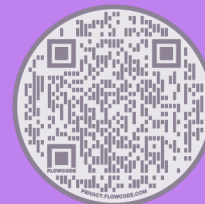
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Board meetings are on Mondays at 6:30pm. Board meeting minutes are available on the Members Page of the BAGS website.

Follow BAGS on Facebook!

[Facebook Group \(members only\)](#)

[Facebook Page \(public page\)](#)



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JUNE RESEARCH | LIBRARY UPDATES



Friendswood FamilySearch Center

In-Person MHM Research Session

June 19th, July 17th, August 21st

9:30am to 11:30am (for BAGS Members only)

The Friendswood FamilySearch Center is located at **505 Deseret Dr**, in Friendswood. The entrance is on the side furthest from the street. This MHM session is open to BAGS members ONLY for research. The center is also open to the public for research 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 FamilySearch Center's entrance is on the SE corner, at the back of the building, away from the street. Use the first entrance off of South Shore Blvd.

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

Tuesday	7:00pm – 9:00pm
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 Sponsored Events

The **Family History Center at the Clayton Library Campus** is open for research! Staff are available to help you get started and to assist you in locating books, microfilms, periodicals, and databases to further your research. You can even visit their NEW YouTube channel [here!](#)

CLF Donated Duplicate Booksale – Saturday, June 1st, 11:00am – 3:00pm (repeat)

Clayton Library Friends General Meeting – Thursday, June 6th, 1:00-3:00pm (hybrid) w/ Jessica Collins.

Collins will demonstrate how to find your farming ancestors in agricultural census schedules, part of the US federal non-population census schedules between 1850-1880. Some states' agricultural schedules are found only on microfilm; hands-on practice with Clayton's digital microfilm reader for these records will follow the presentation. More information and to register online is [here!](#)

Scanning Saturdays – June 14th; please call for an appointment. (repeat)

Bring your photos, slides, or documents, and a flash or thumb drive to save your images. Volunteers will be available to help get you oriented to the scanners. *Appointments are available at 10:30a; 12:00p; 1:30p, or 3:00p. Call 832-393-2600 to reserve your spot!*

Clayton Library Friends Partner Societies | [The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society](#) | [The Bay Area Genealogical Society](#) | [The Baytown Historical Preservation Association](#) | [Galveston County Genealogical Society](#) | [German-Texan Heritage Society](#) | [The Greater Houston Jewish Genealogical Society](#) | [Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston](#) | [The Houston Genealogical Forum](#) | [Houston History Alliance](#) | [The Humble Area Genealogical Society](#) | [League City Historical Society](#) | [The Matagorda County Genealogical Society](#) | [Texas Research Ramblers Genealogical Society](#) |

Family History Research Center @the Clayton Library, 5300 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas 77004

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Statement of Activity as of May 1, 2024

Checking Account	\$3,526.41
Saving Account	\$11,881.10
Undeposited Funds	<u>\$95.00</u>
Total Monetary Assets	\$15,502.51

Welcome New BAGS Members!

Jan Rich

Rochelle Brooks

Bill Dyar

Charlotte Hatch

Margo Hightower

Dick Miller

Hugo Barlow

Fred and Shirley Brown

Jerry and MaryAnn Brown

David and Mary Fosdick

Kathy and Frank Korona

Bill Posey

BAGS Presentations Generate Interest!



An artistic rendition of the Brookdale presentation. :)

Twelve of the 14 newest BAGS members are residents of Brookdale Senior Living in Webster, TX. President Teresa Rundell and several other members offered a genealogy presentation on BAGS and Basic Genealogy 101. Seventeen residents attended the presentation and 12 joined BAGS this month. Welcome to all our new friends!

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 – *Kathleen Williams*

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*

Not receiving emails?

emailcoord@txbayareagen.org – *Fred Roe*

Want to go on the Clayton Bus trip?

countycoord@txbayareagen.org – *email for reservation*

Submit your pedigree chart to:

pedigreecharts@txbayareagen.org – *completed pedigrees/*

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visit our website at txbayareagen.org



June 2024

Calendar of Events - 2024

JUNE

- 3 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
6/31 Focused follow-up: Two Colonial Georgias
- 10 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 12 10:30a Education Spotlight, *Friendswood Library, Ancestry DNA w/ Gale French*
- 15 10:30a BAGS Day at *Clayton Library, Houston*
- 17 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 19 9:30a MHM, Friendswood FSC
- 24 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
6:30p BAGS Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 28 7:00p General Meeting (Zoom)
J Mark Lowe: *Using That Brick Wall as a Foundation*
- 30 4:00p Meet 'n Munch – *Luby's 20001 Gulf Freeway, Webster, TX*

JULY

- 1 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
7/24 Focused follow-up: Using That Brick Wall as a Foundation
- 8 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 9 10:30a Education Spotlight *Friendswood Library, FamilySearch part 2*
- 15 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 17 9:30a MHM, Friendswood FSC
- 22 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
6:30p BAGS Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 26 7:00p JULY Members Meeting (Zoom) – TBA
- 28 4:00p Meet 'n Munch – *La Brisa, 501 N. Wesley, League City, TX*
- 29 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2

AUGUST

- 5 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 7 10:30a Education Spotlight, *Friendswood Library, Newspapers*

AUGUST *cont'd*

- 12 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 19 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
6:30p BAGS Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 21 9:30a MHM, Friendswood FSC
- 23 7:00p August Members Meeting – *John Sellers Researching Your Ancestor's Plot: The Adventures of Courthouse Land Research (Zoom)*
- 25 4:00p Meet 'n Munch – TBA
- 26 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
6:30p Members Helping Members #2

SEPTEMBER

- 2 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
8/30 Focused follow-up: The Adventures of Courthouse Land Research
- 9 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 16 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 18 9:30a MHM, Friendswood FSC
- 23 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
6:30p BAGS Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 28 12:00p September Members Meeting @ *UBC Members Show & Tell Presentations & Potluck*
- 30 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2

OCTOBER

- 7 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 14 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 16 9:30a MHM, Friendswood FSC
- 21 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
6:30p BAGS Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 25 12:00p October Members Meeting (Zoom) – TBA
- 27 4:00p Meet 'n Munch – TBA
- 28 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
7:00p Members Helping Members #2
10/27 Focused follow-up: TBA