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BAGS General Meeting Saturday, September 28th, 2024

12:00pm (11:30 set-up)

Members Show & Tell Potluck

University Baptist Church

16106 Middlebrook Dr, Houston, TX 77059

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Join us **September 28, 2024**, for a BBQ/potluck luncheon combined with a members' "Show & Tell" of genealogical treasures! This is your chance to share your research journey's treasures, memories, or discoveries. Contact Becky Jones at programs@txbayareagen.org if you have a story to tell, an heirloom to share, beautiful photos, or a project you are working on. Each member will have about 10 minutes to share! Please let her know by September 21st (one week prior).

Bay Area Genealogical Society will provide a selection of delicious BBQ meats, plates, napkins, utensils, and beverages.

Members are invited to bring a side dish and/or a dessert. Please bring any serving utensils for your dish. Food and presentation set up begins at **11:30am**. Tables will be provided for the buffet food and showcased items.

11:30am - 12:00pm: Set up food, presentations, and socialize. Take time to visit with old and new friends!

12:00pm: Welcome to BAGS members and opening remarks.

12:15pm: Members enjoy the delicious buffet!

1:00pm: Show and Tell presentations begin.

Bay Area Genealogical Society of Texas

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS GROUPS



IN-PERSON Education Spotlight

Sept 18th, 1:30pm – **HistoryGeo** (bring your HPL card)

Oct 15th, 10:30am – **Find Your Ancestors in Cemetery Records**

Nov 6th, 10:30am – **Genealogical Writing**

At **Education Spotlight**, 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.

Online Research – Session #1 & #2

#1 Mondays, 10:00am to 12:00pm
with [Reneé 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 finds. Details for connecting to a *Zoom* MHM link are available on the [Members Helping Members page](#).



Family Tree Maker – *by Appointment Only*

If you would like help using /installing Family Tree Maker 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, [Reneé 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 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



In-Person Spotlight at the Friendswood Public Library

BAGS EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

HistoryGeo

Wednesday Sept 18th, 1:30-4:00pm

Friendswood Library

[HistoryGeo.com](https://www.historygeo.com) is a family history software service that links old maps and land records to genealogy research. HistoryGeo is best known for its revolutionary First Landowners Project. Instead of looking at landowner maps township by township, the FLP is like having a single, interactive map containing over 12+ million landowners among 30 states – all 29 of the public land states in the Continental U.S. plus Texas. FLP is constantly expanding map coverage and the ability to track all the early homesteaders you're researching. HistoryGeo is a free, online access through HPL! Please bring your Houston Public Library card, laptop or other device, and your research.

Find Your Ancestors in Cemeteries

Tuesday Oct 15th, 10:30am – *Friendswood Library*

Finding your ancestors can be more accessible than going to the cemetery; you can find them online in many places! With just a few pieces of information, you can track down the final resting places of your family members in a matter of minutes if you know a few genealogy secrets and tips. We'll discuss sites like Find A Grave, Billion Graves, the Nationwide Gravesite Locator, Internment.net, and JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry. We'll also learn how to locate records on FamilySearch and other genealogy repositories. Please bring your laptop or other device and your research.

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

September 23

October 21

November 18

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

Follow BAGS on Facebook!

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

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



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SEPTEMBER RESEARCH | LIBRARY UPDATES



BAGS Day at Clayton Library

Saturday, Sept 7th, 9am - 3:30pm

Mark your calendars and meet us at the [Clayton Library](#) to do genealogy research! We have booked the conference room, at the front of the library, just for BAGS members. **If you need a ride please email, text, or call [Kathleen Williams](#) before 9/5.** Several members have offered to drive and will meet you at a local library (Freeman or Friendswood) to carpool into Houston!

Friendswood FamilySearch Center

In-Person MHM Research Session

Sept 18th, Oct 16th, and Nov 20th

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

The [Friendswood FamilySearch Center](#) is located at *505 Deseret Dr*, in Friendswood. 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:

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

The center has FREE access to the FamilySearch Center Portal page, with premium family history software.

League City FamilySearch Center

The [League City FamilySearch Center](#) is located at *4655 South Shore Blvd*, in League City and is open to the public for research:

Tuesday and Wednesday	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday	10:00am – 12:00pm

The center has FREE access to the FamilySearch Center Portal page, with premium family history software.

Clayton Library 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 in locating books, microfilms, periodicals, and databases to further your research. You can even visit their YouTube channel [here!](#)

Hitting Pay Dirt with Agricultural Census Schedules: Thursday, **Sept 5th, 1:00-3:00pm (hybrid)**

Jessica Horne 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. ([Zoom registration](#))

Orientation to the Family History Research Center – Saturday, **Sept 14th, 10:15 – 11:30am (in-person)**

Come and learn about the resources and personal assistance available to help find your ancestors. After a short video, staff will walk through the collection introducing the resources. You're invited to stay and research your family with one-on-one help from the expert staff. [Click here](#) for more information.

Preserving Church Records: Antioch Baptist Church ([Zoom registration](#)) **Sept 16th, 12:00 – 1:00pm (virtual)**

Preserving Church Records is a virtual series exploring Black churches in Houston through the collections at the African American History Research Center. Archivist will dive in and highlight items that document Houston's first Black Baptist church founded in 1866, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

CLF Book Sale and Scanning Saturdays – **Sept 21st, 11:00am – 3:00pm, Call 832-393-2600 to reserve your spot to scan photos and documents! (*repeating events*)**

BAGS BUSINESS | INFORMATION



Statement of Activity as of August 1, 2024

Checking Account	\$2,950.09
Saving Account	<u>\$12,164.15</u>
Total Monetary Assets	\$15,114.24

MEET 'n MUNCH

Please join us at our next Meet 'n Munch at the following locations!

September 29th – King's Bierhaus,
828 FM 646 Rd, League City

October 27th – Craft 96,
2575 E League City Pkwy, League City
4pm Sundays (food on your own)



Volunteer Opportunities!!

At the July BAGS General Meeting, President Teresa Rundell announced volunteers are needed for two important BAGS positions. The first need is a **delegate to the National Genealogical Society (NGS)**. As a delegate, a member will be the official representative of BAGS to NGS and also the primary contact to NGS. Interested persons should contact Teresa at president@txbayareagen.org for more information.

The second position is **County Coordinator**. The County Coordinator schedules trips to the Clayton Library. Two BAGS members currently serve as backups to assist the County Coordinator as needed. If you are interested in this position you can contact Kathleen Williams at education@txbayareagen.org for more information.

Teresa encouraged members to consider volunteering for either position!

Additional points of contact:

Don't know the Members Page password?

registrar@txbayareagen.org – George Porterfield

Research questions or provide research assistance:

education@txbayareagen.org – Kathleen Williams

Have an article or idea to share?

newsletter@txbayareagen.org – Cindy Austin

Submit information for the Journal:

journal@txbayareagen.org – Todd Roberts

Ideas for BAGS advertising:

publicity@txbayareagen.org – Terri Myers

Not receiving emails?

emailcoord@txbayareagen.org – Fred Roe

Submit your pedigree chart to:

pedigreecharts@txbayareagen.org – pedigree/questions

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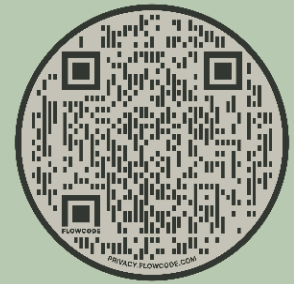
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For the latest news and event updates,
visit our website at texasbayareagen.org



September 2024

Calendar of Events – 2024 and 2025

SEPTEMBER

- 2 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 7 9:00a BAGS at Clayton Library
- 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
- 1:30p Education Spotlight – FPL *HistoryGeo*
- 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
- 29 4:00p Meet 'n Munch – **King's Bierhaus**
- 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
- 15 10:30a Education Spotlight – FPL
Find Your Ancestors in Cemetery Records
- 16 9:30a MHM, Friendswood FSC
- 21 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 6:30p BAGS Board Meeting (*Zoom*)
- 25 7:00p October Members Meeting (*Zoom*)
Carla Cegielski – The DAR Genealogical Research System
- 27 4:00p Meet 'n Munch – **Craft 96**
- 28 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 10/25 Focused follow-up: The DAR Research System*

NOVEMBER

- 4 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 11 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 6:30p Members Helping Members #2
- 18 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 6:30p BAGS Board Meeting (*Zoom*)
- 20 9:30a MHM, Friendswood FSC
- 22 7:00p November Members Meeting (*Zoom*)
Nicole Dyer – Genealogy Writing & AI
- 24 4:00p Meet 'n Munch, *TBA*
- 25 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 11/22 follow-up: Genealogy Writing and AI*

DECEMBER

- 2 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 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
- 23 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 30 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2

JANUARY 2025

- 6 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 13 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 20 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 6:30p BAGS Board Meeting (*Zoom*)
- 21 10:00a MHM, Friendswood FSC (*new day/time*)
- 25 12:00p BAG Members Meeting @ UBC
Membership Potluck
- 27 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2

FEBRUARY

- 3 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 10 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 17 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 7:00p Members Helping Members #2
- 18 10:00a MHM, Friendswood FSC (*new day/time*)
- 24 10:00a Members Helping Members #1
- 6:30p BAGS Board Meeting (*Zoom*)
- 28 7:00p BAGS Members Meeting (*Zoom*) – *TBA*