



# Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter

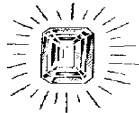
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## March Meeting: Harris County Archives – A Review of Holdings

### Gems from Genealogists



Internet lost pages? You may have found as I have that some favorite Internet genealogy site or page just isn't there any more. Perhaps you received the dreaded "Error 404" message when you tried to access it. You may be able to find it at [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org). Paste the URL into the WayBackMachine search bar; you may be lucky!

An even more potent tool is the "Search" box in the black banner at the top of the page. I wasn't finding what I wanted as background for Castle Gardens, the New York immigration site before Ellis Island was established. The search of "Castle Garden" took me to an audio archive of a Dear Myrtle broadcast. Try it; you just might find the lost!

*Dug up by:* Doug Wilson

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### Speaker: Sarah Canby Jackson



Sarah Canby Jackson, Harris County Archivist, works with both County and Public Individual Researchers in their access to county records preserved in the Harris County Archives.

Sarah received her Masters of Science in Applied History from the University of North Texas and her Masters in Library and Information Science in Archives and Records Management from the University of Texas at Austin.

After graduation from UT, she worked under the Herzstein Cataloging Project at the San Jacinto Museum of History in La Porte, Texas, where she developed the archives program. Jackson is past president of AHA! - Archivists of the Houston Area – and currently serves as vice-president. Judge Robert Eckels appointed Sarah a member of the Harris County Historical Commission in 2005. She is a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists, the Society of American Archivists, the Southwest Society of Archivists, the Texas State Historical Association, and the East Texas Historical Association.

Several of our BAGS volunteers have worked with Sarah as volunteers assisting in the processing of WPA Records, participating in the Microfilm Indexing Project that included over 12,000 Records, inventorying and organizing the Building and Land Assessment Records, and organizing Harris County Hospital District Scrapbook and Media Files. One BAGS member, Judy Henderson, has created an index to the Justice Court Dockets (1846 – 1870) to include every person mentioned in the records.

**March 30, 6:00 pm University Baptist Church**

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## Message from the President

Loren Martin

I am really looking forward to Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. BAGS will be co-hosting the “Clair Mire Bettag Seminar” (details on page 3). What a wonderful genealogical event for our community; I know I will learn from the information presented.

Many members have expressed their appreciation for the excellent “Beginning Genealogy” class that was sponsored by our Member Services committee in February. They felt that Alice Braud-Jones conducted an exceptional educational experience. The Board plans to schedule follow-up classes to build upon the information from this first class and present other learning opportunities.

Each of us has family stories that should be shared in our wonderful publications. The “BAGS Newsletter” and the “Quarterly” are great places to publish your information. Other members will appreciate reading your stories and learning more about your ancestors. You may discover unknown relatives or important facts by sharing through these publications.

Our members are proudly using and displaying our new BAGS totes. Many have started taking them on our always popular bus trips to the Clayton Library. As I have mentioned before, these bus trips are well organized and are providing an opportunity for even more members to join together and visit our local fantastic genealogical resource. I urge all members to take advantage of the opportunity to join the bus trips (scheduled dates on page 7).

Remember to contribute your family recipes to our BAGS Cookbook Committee for inclusion in our soon to be published cookbook.

Thanks again to all of the individuals who volunteer and make BAGS so great!

*Loren*



Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)  
and  
Clayton Library Friends  
Host NARA Top Genealogist  
Claire Mire Bettag, CG, CGL  
Saturday, March 24, 2007  
8:30 am – 3:00 pm  
University Baptist Church  
Houston (Clear Lake City), TX



Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS), and Clayton Library Friends (CLF) are co-sponsoring a one-day seminar featuring popular genealogical speaker Claire Mire Bettag, CG, CGL.

When: Saturday, March 24, 2007  
Where: University Baptist Church,  
16106 Middlebrook Dr,  
Houston (Clear Lake City), TX  
Time: 8:30 am Registration  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Program (inclusive of lunch break)

Ms. Bettag, Washington, D.C.-based Director, National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) National Institute of Genealogical Research, is a contributing author to *Professional Genealogy* and has also published articles in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *APG Quarterly*. A Samford University IGHR Program Coordinator, Claire will enlighten BAGS and CLF members, guests and interested family history buffs on the following topics:

General Records:

- Assumptions in Genealogical Research – Your Own Worst Enemy
- Historical Documentary Publications as Genealogical Resources

Federal Records:

- Homestead Records at the National Archives
- NARA Records and Information at Your Fingertips

Registration at the door \$45.00

## BAGS Brags

Let us welcome our new members Malvina J. Lutz of League City, Angela Mendoza also of League City, and Donald E. and Laura L. Pusch of El Lago. We thank the Pusch family for their donation at the Patron level.

Alice Braud-Jones, our 1st Vice President, presented the story of the World War II Navajo Code Talkers to the Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs' mini-class on February 27th. Alice will present a similar program, entitled "My Heroes! The Code Talker and the Commandant", to us during the BAGS general meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Nominations

Shirley Lindquist

The Nominations Committee will be meeting soon to consider open positions on the BAGS Board of Directors. Please think about a position that you could serve in and contact Shirley Lindquist, Chair of Nominations Committee, at [shirleylindquist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shirleylindquist@sbcglobal.net)

## NARA Proposed Fee Increase

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is proposing new rules and increased fees for reproduction of its records. Read the specific changes, justification, and contact information by accessing the eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov> and beside "Keyword or ID" enter the search terms: NARA-07-0001 NARA-07-0002

NARA invites interested persons to submit comments on this proposed rule, deadline is April 27, 2007. Current fee schedule is posted at <http://www.archives.gov/research/order/fees.html>

## Beginning Genealogy Shirley Lindquist

The BAGS sponsored Beginning Genealogy Course was held Saturday, February 17, 2007 at University Baptist Church. Alice Braud-Jones was the lead instructor with Doug Wilson as supporting instructor. A comprehensive booklet of resources and instructions accompanied Alice's outstanding presentation and slides. Ten new BAGS members, one non-member, and three board members attended the preeminent class. The class inspired enthusiastic feedback from the participants. We thank Alice and Doug for a job well-done!

This was our first beginning course in a few years. We hope to offer the class several times a year. A review of the curriculum will be scheduled in June.

If any experienced members would like to participate in the review please contact Shirley Lindquist at the forthcoming general meetings.

## Recommended Seminars

Alice Braud-Jones

The very best seminar you can attend is at Samford University Library Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, scheduled Sunday-Friday, June 10-15, 2007. Held on campus in Birmingham, AL, this institute is reasonably priced since you can opt to stay in a dorm and eat in their cafeteria. They offer the finest class coordinators. The website <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr> provides details on speakers, classes, costs, accommodations, and registration.

Another seminar closer to home is conducted at Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas Thursday-Saturday, July 19-21, 2007. You may have seen several of the presenters featured at previous BAGS general meetings. The website <http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy.htm> provides details on speakers, classes, costs, accommodations, and registration.

## Events Calendar

**BAGS Meetings are held at University Baptist Church (UBC)  
Members are invited to attend all meetings**

<b>■Saturday, March 24, 2007</b>	<b>8:30 am – 3:00 pm Joint BAGS/CLF Seminar Chapel, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, UBC Speaker: Claire Miré Bettag</b>
<b>■Monday, March 26, 2007</b>	<b>6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC</b>
<b>■Friday, March 30, 2007</b>	<b>6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, UBC “Harris County Archives – A Review of County Holdings” Speaker: Sarah Canby Jackson</b>
<b>■Tuesday, April 3, 2007</b>	<b>9:00 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library</b>
<b>■Monday, April 23, 2007</b>	<b>6:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting, Room LC-210, UBC</b>
<b>■Friday, April 27, 2007</b>	<b>6:00 pm BAGS General Meeting, Great Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, UBC “General Sam Houston” Speaker: James Hodges</b>
<b>■Wednesday, May 30, 2007</b>	<b>9:00 am BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library</b>

## Events in the Area

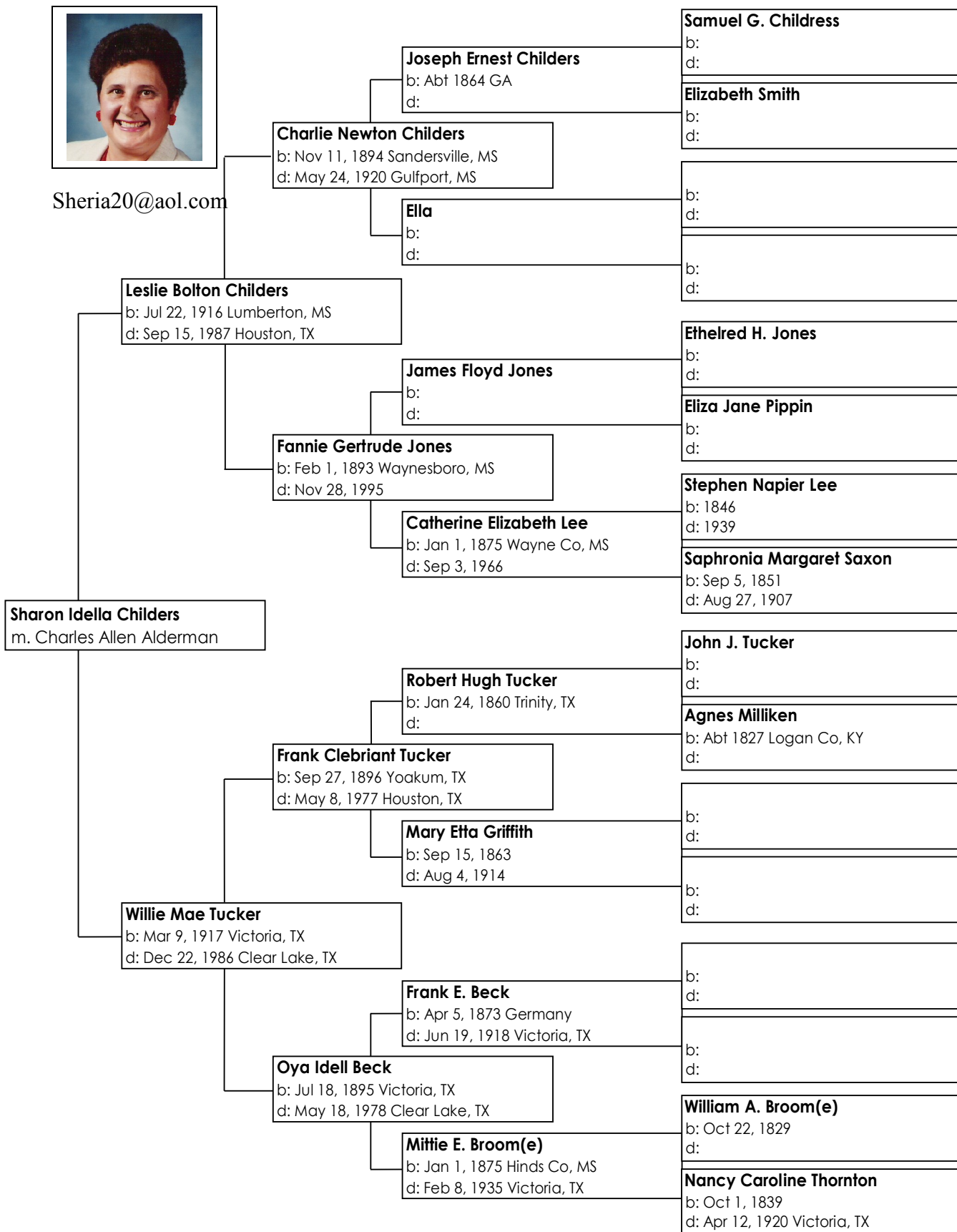
- **Clayton Library Orientation**  
1st Wednesday of each month 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
3rd Saturday of each month 11:00 am - 12:00 am  
Learn about the vast resources and how to efficiently utilize genealogical research materials housed at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. Reservation required, call: 832-393-2600
- **Genealogical Research Mini-Session** at the Clayton Library 2nd Thursday of each month. 2:00 PM - 3:00 pm. Different research source topic is discussed each month. To find out details and make a reservation, call: 832-393-2600.
- **The Master Genealogist (TMG) Software Training Class.** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA Parkway, Nassau Bay, TX. Enter the back of the building. Classes are for the beginner to the advanced genealogist, everyone is welcome, no charge. For more information call 409-744-4359 or 713-946-7555 or email Betty Dunquez (Galveston County TXGenWeb coordinator) at [Bdunquez@aol.com](mailto:Bdunquez@aol.com)
- **Free Genealogy Workshop** sponsored by League City Family History Center (FHC) on Saturday April 28, 2007 starting at 8:30 am. For details on sessions and registration, call 281-538-1283, T-Th 7 pm-9 pm, Sat 10 am-12 pm.

**A calendar of BAGS events, workshops, and lectures in the surrounding area are posted on the BAGS website [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org) under "Meetings" and "Workshops & Seminars".**

# Ancestors of Sharon Childers Alderman



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## Committee News

### Trips to Clayton Library

Mary Martin, County Coordinator

We have four new trips scheduled for the Clayton Library on **Tuesday, April 3; Wednesday, May 30; Monday, July 9** and **Wednesday, August 22.**

When going to Clayton (or any research facilities), we meet in front of the **Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Street.** The county bus departs the community center at 9:00 am and leaves the Clayton Library at 3:00 pm to arrive back at the parking lot before 4:00 pm. If you have any questions or would like to go on any of these trips, please call Mary Martin at 281-332-2435, or email Mary at [lmartin497@aol.com](mailto:lmartin497@aol.com). Sign-up sheets are also available at the general meetings.

The BAGS website, [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org), always has a current listing of library/ research trips. Occasionally, we are able to plan an extra trip if a spot becomes available and it will be listed on the website as soon as it is scheduled. Bring a sack lunch and join us to see what you can discover about your ancestors!

### BAG\$ Report

Resa Hennings, Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$7,387.57
Income	+\$2,371.00
Expenses	-\$729.98
Balance on hand	\$9,028.59
2/28/2007	

### Membership

Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar

Membership applications for new or reinstating members can be found on the BAGS website. You may take your application to the next BAGS meeting or send a completed application form and your check for \$20.00 for single membership or \$25.00 for family membership to:

BAGS Registrar  
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Dickinson, TX 77539-7504

Members, please notify me at [Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org](mailto:Registrar@TxBayAreaGen.org) of any changes in name, address, email or phone number. We may need to contact you with important information.

### Yearbook

Neil Miserendino, Editor

Pickup your BAGS yearbook at the March general meeting. Every member is entitled to one copy of the Yearbook with the restriction of one copy per family membership.

### Wanted – Newsletter Compositor

If you have one week available every other month, please consider serving as our newsletter compositor. Design and lay out the newsletter from articles and events gathered by the editor. Two compositors will share the job, responsible for publishing alternating months. The job requires Internet access and publishing software. Training and software suggestions will be provided. Contact Kim Zrubek, editor [newsletter@txbayareagen.org](mailto:newsletter@txbayareagen.org).



Bridge on Alasocita Road. 1930



Gilchrist Ave. 1928

## The Roads of Harris County, 1922-1930

Photos from the Harris County Archives



R.R. Crossings To be eliminated by Eureka Underpass - 1928 Road.



Market Street Road. 1922

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### REMINDER

General Meeting  
Friday, March 30, 6:00 pm  
Great Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) UBC

Deadline for  
April Issue is  
April 7, 2007