

Brandon Area
Genealogical & Historical
Society

Website: <https://baghs.org>

Georgene Bender, Editor



President's Message...

Happy New Year everyone! I hope your Christmas and New Year's celebrations were enjoyable and spent with friends and family. We are off to a good start in this new year. Our January program was very interesting and something that most of us knew very little about. You will see some pictures of **Ray Reed** and the artifacts he brought to share. It was sad to hear the stories of some of the indigent people who were buried there. Mr. Reed is to be applauded for taking an interest in seeing that this long-neglected cemetery gets the attention it deserves. Mr. Reed was with Hillsborough County for many years until his early retirement a few years ago.

I urge you to get involved in our activities. We have programs scheduled through April, but need others to step up and take one of the other months to do a presentation. July and December are the two months when we do not have a genealogical program because of our dinners. We also need two volunteers for refreshments each month. Bring a guest with you so we can build up our membership.

It was so nice to hear from our former Vice President, **Stan Heigert**. I am sure the people in Tennessee are glad to have such a hard-working person involved in their societies.

Also, here's a reminder to pay your dues for 2019. They are \$15 for a single membership and \$25 for a family membership. Check out the volunteer opportunity to help at the genealogical exhibit the Florida Genealogical Society does each year at the Florida State Fair. It will be available the two weekends of the Fair and is a big help to people who don't know much about their ancestry.

We welcome **Bill Harris** as the *new branch manager for our Bloomingdale Library* replacing Vickie Ricketts. Some of us remember Bill from this time as the head of the Genealogy and History Department at the John Germany Library before he was promoted to another library in the system. Now he has been promoted to our library. We also welcome **Sonia Alderman** to our library as well. We remember Sonia from her time as librarian at Bloomingdale and our liaison to BAGHS from the library system. We are very happy to have both of these capable people with us once again.

My best,
Scott L. Peeler, Jr., President

UPCOMING BAGHS MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 12

February Meeting – 630pm
Program: *Tracing His Slavic Roots*
George Plautz, Genealogist

March 12

March Meeting – 630pm
Program: *Land Records*
Janet Bergeron, HCPLC,

APRIL 9

April Meeting – 630pm
Program: *History of Tampa Churches*
John Cinchett, Author

January BAGHS Meeting Guests

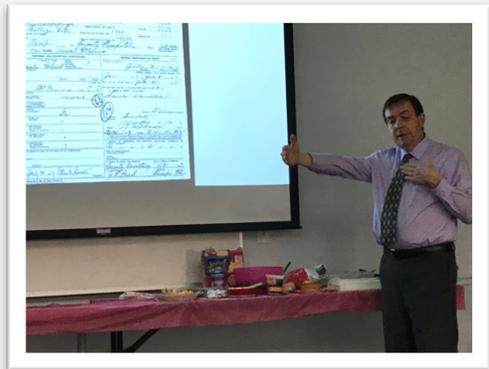
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January BAGHS New Members

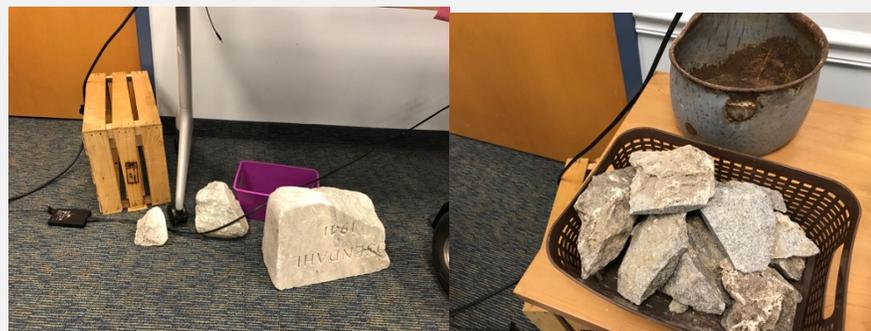
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**Meeting Refreshment
Volunteers**

February: Georgene Bender and ?
March: ?
April: ?



Ray Reed shares online archives of Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners' minutes as well as death certificates found on the many indigents.



Large granite stone, is a tombstone with a name on it. It was found next to a palm tree. Other stones and pot were found in the area that the cemetery was located.



GENEALOGY SERIES RETURNS TO TV
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? TLC Network
January 8 – FINDING YOUR ROOTS PBS Network
PBS [has announced](#) the premiere date for season five of the genealogy series with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. starting Tuesday, Feb 8, 2019.



IN THE COMMUNITY

FLORIDA STATE FAIR

Genealogy Exhibit in the Family Living Building on weekends February 9-10; 15-16) Admission ticket to the Fair will be given. Contact Cinnamon Colson at info@fgstampa.org

Good Resource – Florida Genealogical Society
<https://fgstampa.org>



MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues are payable on January 1 of each year and past due on January 31. Dues can be mailed to our address or paid at our meetings. Membership dues are \$25 for families, \$15 for individuals or \$10 for students. Membership forms are available on-line at:
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flbags/BAGHS_application.pdf

Membership Chair:
Sandra Troublefield

GENEALOGY - THE FAMILY HISTORY GUIDE

Monday, January 14, 2019

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Lutz Library - Learn about a website called Family History Guide that will help you do genealogy research. It is your free learning, research, training, and activities center for family history.

Presented by Kelly Whitelock, Tamp Bay Roots.

GENEALOGY - FAMILY SEARCH DATABASE

Monday, February 11, 2019

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Lutz Library - Learn about FamilySearch.org - Finding & Adding Relatives, Adding Various Types of Memoribelia, and Giving Back by Indexing Records.

Presented by Kelly Whitelock, Tampa Bay Roots.

Greeting from Stan, former BAGHS member and VP

Hi Scott...

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to get back to you on your recent email.

Christmas was wonderful. Both girls were able to get in along with my mom and they spent a little more than a week with us. We also got to spend some time with my in-laws and we are really settling into our life here.

I have joined the Maury County Genealogical Society and agreed to be their Facebook administrator. They are a great group of people and very knowledgeable, but my concern is much the same as it was with Brandon in that most of the member are much older than me - in fact, I am the youngest member they have.

We have to find a way to attract younger members or in 10 years or so, there will likely be very few members left. I've not approached this subject yet because I'm just settling in, but our annual election and planning meeting is this Thursday, so I'm going to look for a way to bring up recruitment.

I don't remember if I told you, but I also joined the Franklin Round Table. They meet on Sunday afternoons at one of the old plantation houses that has a Confederate Cemetery on its grounds and the room we meet in is a small museum with several Battle of Franklin displays.

Please tell everyone hello from me at the next meeting and I hope you have a great New Year as well.

Stan

January is Black History Month
