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Saturday Seminars

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2012. Meetings are held in the Program Room at the Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd., Plano, TX from 10:15 to 12:30:

Today's Topic:

April 21, 2012—Mary Pfeiffer will speak to us about writing stories about our lives and those of our ancestors. There will be writing exercises, bring your pad and pencil to participate.

Future Topics:

April 28, 2012—LearnN—Census Records—Topics will be “Census Search Strategies” and “1940 Census Research”. See page 2 for more information.

May 19, 2012—”Introduction to Heraldry for Genealogists” by David Appleton

June 16, 2012—Carol Taylor is our speaker. Her subjects will be Civil War Paper Trail and Unionists & Southern Claims Commissions Files

July 21, 2012—”Genealogists Go Mobile” by Sandra Crowley

August 18, 2012—”Early American Migration Routes” by Don Rainey

August 25, 2012—Immigration and Ships Passenger Lists. See Page 2 for more information.

We are looking for topics and speakers for 2012 presentations, email Barb Coakley at [newsletter@ genealogy friends.org](mailto:newsletter@genealogyfriends.org)

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Publications For Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

Public Land Survey Systems	\$5
Plano Star Courier Index 1904-1910	\$20
Plano Star Courier Index 1911-1917	\$20
Cemeteries of Collin County, TX	\$40
Collin County, TX Voter Registration Index 1867	\$20
Place Names of Collin County, TX	\$10
Railroads in Collin County, TX	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10
Compiled Newsletters with Index	\$15

Genfriends Membership

Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Individual memberships are \$30 a year and family memberships are \$50.

The money we raise is used to purchase materials for the Genealogy Section at Haggard Library.

Download the membership form on our website <http://genealogyfriends.org/news/> send it in with payment to

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Brenda Kellow writes a weekly genealogy column, Tracing Our Roots. you can read it online at <http://tracingourroots.weebly.com/>

LearnN

LearnN's are offered three times a year at the library. There are two one hour sessions. A \$10 donation is requested to raise money for materials for the Genealogy section of the library:

April 28—Census Records—in addition to the two classes we will have volunteers stationed in the genealogy section where you can use the computers to search the 1940 census for your family members.

August 25—Immigration—Learn to use Stephen Morse's "One Step" website to locate ships passenger lists as well as general information on immigration records.

Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts & Tote Bags

You can be one of the best dressed genealogists in town!

We have logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, Henley's and polo style shirts available.

The shirts have a 3" dark green logo printed on the left chest. All shirts are available in toddler through XXXL.

T-shirts \$15

Long Sleeved T Shirts \$18

Sweatshirts \$20 (white, neutral, ash, light blue, pink, yellow and sand)

Henley's \$20 (white, ash or natural)

Polo Shirts \$20 (white, ask or light blue)

Tote Bags \$17



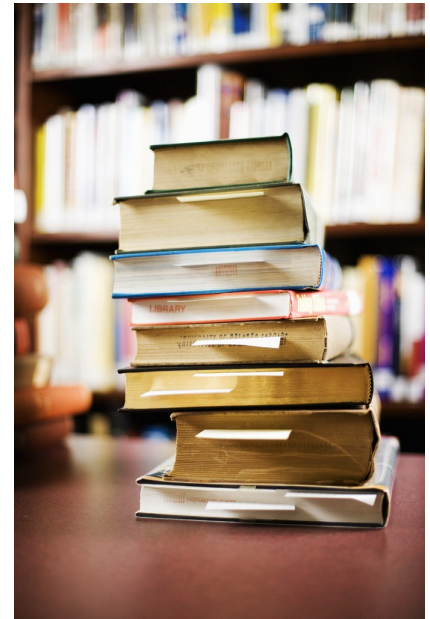
Library Volunteers Needed

The Genealogy section needs volunteers to help with indexing the Plano Star Courier, sorting through six boxes of the Wells collection to create a bibliography and scan images, data entry of information for digital collection. Think about all the resources you have used that were made possible by volunteers. We should all be giving back to the genealogy community. If you are interested contact Cheryl Smith at cheryls@plano.gov or 972-769-4240.

Donations to the Library

The following books are being donated by Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries and will be available soon:

- Cemeteries of Bexar County, Texas Vol 8
- Bexar County District Court Minutes 1838-1848
- Carroll County, TN varied records 6 vol set
- Some Records of the JM Cox Funeral Home, Brownsville, TN
- Memphis, Shelby County, TN—The Early Years
- Weakley County, TN—Occupant Entry Records, 1827-1833
- Index to Hardeman County, TN Deed Books A-Z 2 vols
- Alcorn County, MS Cemetery Records
- Tishomingo County, MS Marriage Bonds & Ministers' Returns 1842-61
- Some South Carolina Marriages, Obituaries, & Misc Info. 1826-1854
- Fayette County TN Minute Book, 1840-1844
- Obion County, TN Court Minutes, 1849-September 1862
- Shelby County, TN Gravestone Inscriptions Vol 1-3
- Dinwiddie County, VA Data 1752-1865
- Dinwiddie County, VA Land Records, 1752-1820
- Goochland County, VA Marriage Bonds & Ministers' Returns 1816-1854
- Petersburg, Hustings Court Marriage Bonds, Register, Ministers' Returns 1784-1854
- Admission Register of Central State Hospital, Milledgeville, GA 1842-1861
- 1807 Georgia Land Lottery Fortunate Drawers and Grantees.



Cemetery Preservation Terrell State Hospital

The Volunteer Council for Terrell State Hospital, a non-profit organization, is working on providing a fence and grave markers for those patients who died at the hospital and are buried in Wildwood Cemetery. The hospital established a cemetery soon after it opened in 1885. The first burial was on 22 October 1885. There are approximately 3,000 individuals buried in Wildwood Cemetery who came to Texas from all over the world. Numbered concrete blocks originally marked their graves. Wildwood Cemetery researchers matched medical records to the numbered graves. "The Restoring Dignity, From Numbers to Names" project which places markers with names, dates of birth and death is two-thirds complete. They are also installing a decorative wrought iron fence around the cemetery. Contact them for information about someone buried in the cemetery or to make a donation. The Volunteer Council for Terrell State Hospital, PO Box 70, Terrell, Texas 75160-0071.

Using Smart Phones and Tablets for Genealogy

I recently took the plunge and purchased an iPhone and iPad with a blue tooth keyboard and have been pleasantly surprised by the tools that are available for genealogy. Here are a few that I have found:

Research Notes and Organization

One Note - Microsoft One Note is an electronic notebook that I use to keep track of my research. If you store your notebook on the cloud, you can access and update it from your iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch. I like it because I can keep all my notes together and search them all. When I was keeping my research notes in my genealogy program I had to go to the persons' record to access the notes. The app is free, the software comes with Office 10 or can be purchased separately.

Evernote—note taking software that can be used on your pc and mobile device. There is a free version for pc or mobile use.

Research Logger—App built to keep track of your research. Cost \$.99.

Genealogy Databases

These apps allow you to take your genealogy research with you. I haven't tried them all so please read the descriptions carefully before you download the apps.

TelGen Limited Families—Works with Legacy Family Tree. You can sync your database from your computer to your device and back. I use this one. There is a webinar on the Legacy Family Tree website that walks you through how to install the app, sync your database and use the app. This works with iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, Android Phone, Kindle Fire or Nook. Cost is \$15.99.

Leister Productions, Inc. Reunion for iPad—Designed to work with Reunion for Macintosh. Cost \$14.99

Aster Software FamViewer (\$9.99) and **David Knight GedView** (\$3.99) - Allow you to view a GedCom file on your iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch. If you use a software program that doesn't have an app that reads the database directly you can create a Gedcom file and use this app to view your data.

Ancestry.com Ancestry—Download the family tree you built on Ancestry.com to your mobile device. You can update you tree as well as long as you have an internet connection and a membership to Ancestry.com. The app is free.

TelGen Limited World Family Tree—Designed to work with Geni.com, a website where you can build your family tree and store your genealogy. Cost of the app \$6.99. You can setup an account on Geni.com for free. The upgrade to Geni PLUS or PRO is \$5.00 or \$7.95 per month. The Basic version is limited to 100 people and 1 gb of media.

Mobile Family Tree Pro—A standalone genealogy application for your iPad or iPhone. You don't need a genealogy program on a computer to use this app. Cost \$14.99.

These apps give me the ability to have my entire genealogy database including my pictures with me at all times. Join us in July when Sandra Crowley will be speaking to us about going mobile.



Families App for Legacy Family Tree Files

What's New In Genealogy?

Thomas MacEntee has created a two page Genealogy Source Citations Quick Reference. Use it to keep your citations accurate and consistent. http://www.geneabloggers.com/Citations_Quick_Reference.pdf

Pennsylvania Death Certificates Index online. You can search the indexes from 1906 to 1961 and then order the certificate online.

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=1085804&mode=2>

Variant Name Project

The purpose of this project is to create a comprehensive database of name variants that should be searched whenever a particular name is searched. Review your names and see what others have found and contribute spellings you have found.

http://www.werelate.org/wiki/WeRelate:Variant_names_project

American History Links

USA.gov includes links to resources for American History topics. If you are researching your American Revolution Era ancestors check out the American Revolution link to the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation website.

<http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History-American.shtml>

Member Update

I had a long telephone conversation with member Helen Jenkins yesterday. If you recall, Helen moved to Kansas a few years back when her son moved. Prior to that she attended our Seminars and presented a new family history book, or history book, every December at our Show and Tell. She still considers Plano and Dallas as her home. We laughed about the pronunciation of some of the street names. All of us old timers pronounced these one way and the newcomers pronounce them totally different. It was fun to laugh about that.

She has such a high regard for Genealogy Friends. Whenever I talk to her she emphasizes how nice and friendly we are compared to other groups. She misses Genealogy Friends and everything our library and city has to offer. Her town has only a tiny library—a room about 8x10. She says they do not have the personality that Genealogy Friends has.

A perky lady, Helen always wears a smile. She retired from the school system where she worked as a librarian. Helen continues to write her family history books—lovingly referred to as Staples Books because that is the only place in town she can get her books copied and published. She says taking Gerry Haggard's class on publishing inspired her to 'just get it done.' Kudos to Gerry—and Helen! Since winters are so cold Helen chooses to stay inside, collect her data, write her books and cuddle with her cute little dog. She will have another book rolling out of Staples very soon, a history book about three important gentlemen. I imagine the book is like a biography. I am hoping one of those books will go into our library with her other ones.

Helen, we miss you, too. You are a good friend.

Brenda Kellow, 3/11/2012

Old McKinney City Cemetery

By Joy Gough

The Old McKinney City Cemetery was located on the south side of the former Trinity Presbyterian Church building, located at Church and Davis Streets in McKinney. It served as the old McKinney city cemetery before Pecan Grove Memorial Park was started in 1870. According to Capt. Roy Hall, the cemetery was started around 1851. It is referred to at various times as the cemetery in Lovejoy's pasture and as the Old McKinney City Cemetery.

One of the people said to be buried there is George Lovejoy, son of John L. Lovejoy, who died around 1856. Another is Joe Peake, who was the first homicide victim in McKinney. He was killed January 4, 1854, by Alfred Johnson in an argument in a saloon. Johnson was found innocent of manslaughter. A third person known to be buried there was the mother of James Curis Lowery, for whom Lowery Crossing was named. She was the wife of William L. Lowery and died about the end of the Civil War. A fourth person said to be buried there was Milton Wilkerson, who is said to be one of the first settlers of McKinney. The fenced Lovejoy family plot was in the southeast corner and contained 5 graves. Although there were no public burials after Pecan Grove Cemetery was opened in 1870, a Lovejoy child, John S. Lovejoy, Jr., was buried in the family plot in the 1890s.

A newspaper article by Capt. Roy Hall says the bones of those interred in this old cemetery were moved when the church was built. According to COLLIN COUNTY CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS I, Milton Wilkerson is currently buried at Pecan Grove Cemetery. He died in 1867, which was before that cemetery was started. No record was found for the other people said to be buried there.

Capt. Hall says there were never more than 30 graves in the cemetery. One old resident, who is now dead, said she remembered playing in the cemetery as a child. She said there were stones that covered the whole area to Henry Street on the south and that there were no burials after 1869. The cemetery was never affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

The Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church had a wooden building in this area as far back as the early 1870s. The larger, brick church building was erected in 1926, the same time that the old courthouse in McKinney was being renovated. The same contractor was used on both buildings and the same brick and moldings were used in both buildings.

At the time of construction there were no remaining stones in the cemetery. According to Capt. Hall, when the building was constructed, bones were uncovered. A search of the Trinity Presbyterian Church records did not find any mention of the cemetery in the 1870s or the 1920s. James W. Thomas sold the land to the trustees of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, one of whom was John L. Lovejoy, with the deed listed in Vol W, p 232. At one time this church was called the Central Presbyterian Church. At one time it tried to unite with the First Presbyterian Church of McKinney and was denied.

The Trinity Presbyterian Church congregation moved west to the Stonebridge Ranch area in the 1990s. The old building is in the process of being sold.

Sources:

- Cemeteries of Collin County, Texas, "Old McKinney City Cemetery," Joy Gough and Ned Hoover.
- McKinney Daily Courier, November 30, 1905, "Biographical Sketch Of Eld J C Lowery, Collin County Pioneer."
- Collin County Deed Records.

