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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events. Saturday seminars are held at W.O. Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd, Plano, TX from 10:15 to Noon.

This Month:

Future Events:

April 6, 2023—Zoom Meeting—Genealogy Round Table— We are a group of genealogy enthusiasts who get together to share information and help each other on the first Thursday of each month. Email newsletter@genealogyfriends.org for zoom link.

April 11, 2023—In Person—DNA Special Interest Group

April 15, 2023 - Hybrid Meeting - "Shaky Leaf Syndrome: Using Website Generated Hints More Effectively" by Sara Cochran (Remote Speaker)

May 13, 2023—Research At Haggard Library—See page 2 for more details.

May 20, 2023—Hybrid Meeting—”10 Genealogical Brick Walls You Will Have to Face” by Robert Cameron Weir (Remote Speaker)

June 17, 2023—Extended Hybrid Meeting—This meeting will be from 10:15 to 1:00 pm—”Appreciating Conflicting Evidence: Analysis and Resolution Develops Broader Research” and “ Indirect Evidence: Finding What Was Not Written” by Rebecca Whitman Koford.

September 16, 2023—Virtual All Day Seminar— Our speaker will be Cheri Hudson Passey. More info coming soon.

Check out the events on our Facebook page for more info on the topics and speakers for each months program.

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Genealogy Friends

Purpose: To educate members and library patrons in doing genealogical research and to support the Genealogy Center of W.O. Haggard, Jr. Library through donations.

Goal: To expand the library collection to meet the needs of this genealogically diverse community.

Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All donations are tax deductible.

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The annual membership meeting is held each October.

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 pay for programs and 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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DNA Special Interest Group

The DNA Special Interest Group normally meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Genealogy Section of Haggard Library from 7-8:30 pm. The March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14th.

We are using Diahn Southard's book *Your DNA Guide the book* to guide our discussions. We are working on pages 28-44 which are about choosing your research goal.

We are learning together about using DNA to further our genealogy research.

Research at Haggard Library

When: May 13, 2023 from 10 am to 1 pm

Where: Haggard Library

What's Going On:

We'll be researching at the library. There will be experienced genealogists to help answer questions and offer suggestions to further your research.

A librarian will be available to help with the large format scanner.

Haggard is now a FamilySearch affiliate library—you can access records you can't see from home if you have a Plano Library Card.

Local Genealogy Events—Save the Dates

Dallas Genealogical Society Summer Seminar—Cyndi Ingle, “Genealogy and the Internet: Successfully Mining the World Wide Web” July 22, 2023 <https://dallasgenealogy.org/meetings-events/seminars/2023-summer-seminar/>

Children's Genealogy Program at Haggard Library—September 9, 2023 at 10:30 am.

Gen Friends All Day Virtual Seminar—September 16, 2023 More information coming soon.

Dallas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar—Michael Strauss, “The Twentieth Century Wars: Military Records and Research” September 23, 2023 <https://dallasgenealogy.org/meetings-events/seminars/2023-fall-seminar/>

Library Lock In will be October 20, 2023. Stay tuned for more information.

Great Family Search presented by the Family History Center in Plano will be held on October 28, 2023.

Genealogy Terms

By Barbara Coakley

Language has changed over time. As we work with old documents it is important to read them carefully and be sure we understand all of the terms. While reading a mortgage from 1845 in Allegany County, Maryland there was a word that I hadn't seen before—enfeoffed.

The sentence was “Now therefore this indenture witnesseth that the said John Malon hath for and in consideration of the premises and in the further consideration of the sum of five dollars current money of the United States to him in had paid by the said Fredeich Gebhart at and before the enfeoffing and delivery of these presents the receipt of which he doth hereby acknowledge given granted, bargained, sold, aliened, **enfeoffed**, released, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain and sell, alien, ensure, convey, and confirm unto the said Frederick Gebhart his heirs and assigns all that lot or parcel of land lying and being in the plan of Gebhart's Addition to Cumberland in said Allegany County and State of Maryland distinguished and known upon the said plan as lot No. forty two (42) and which for the outlines and distances thereof may be described as follows.

I googled it and came up with a definition in the Oxford English Dictionary “(under the feudal system) give (someone) freehold property or land in exchange for their pledged service.

Black's Law Dictionary is a great place to look up old legal terms the second edition published in 1910 is available on Internet Archive <https://archive.org/details/BlacksLaw2dEd>. Searching doesn't seem to work in the pdf version so you have to browse.

Their definition for Enfeoffment. “The act of investing with any dignity or possession; also the instrument or deed by which a person is invested with possessions.” It also referenced Feoffment—in that definition “It was for ages the only method (in ordinary use) for conveying the freehold of land in possession, but has now fallen in great measure into disuse.”

Other documents also have obscure terms.

Verywell Health has a list of “Historical Names of Diseases and Conditions” which can be useful when working with old death certificates. <https://www.verywellhealth.com/outdated-disease-names-2615295>. Another site is “Glossary of Medical Terms Used in The 18th and 19th Centuries,” <https://www.thornber.net/medicine/html/medgloss.html>. The British Columbia Genealogical Society has a pdf list “Historical and Obsolete Medical Terms,” <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e7552a1d485ac5ecd7e8d8e/t/5f3d78844597041b0edfd087/1597864069863/Obsole+Medical+Terms.pdf>

Occupations have changed over time. *Family Researcher* has a “Dictionary of Old Occupations,” you can purchase an ebook or use the index on the website to click on the occupation to see the definition <https://www.familyresearcher.co.uk/glossary/Dictionary-of-Old-Occupations-Index.html>

If your ancestor was in the U.K. The *Hall Genealogy Website* has a list of terms and a link to a French Old Occupation website as well as links to other sites <http://rmhh.co.uk/occup/index.html>

Thought Catalog has an article titled “500 Archaic Words That Everyone Really Needs to Use Again,” <https://thoughtcatalog.com/jeremy-london/2018/09/archaic-words/>

Internet Archive <https://archive.org/> has many more specialty dictionaries like *Spons' Dictionary of Engineering* published in 1874, *The Grammar-School Dictionary*, 1867; *The Cottage Gardners' Dictionary*, 1857; *Dictionary of Chemistry*, 1872; *A Dictionary of Photography*, 1858. If there are terms related to a hobby or occupation of an ancestor try to find a specialty dictionary related to the topic.

Cyndi's List is another place to look for links. She has a page on Medical & Medicine, Occupations, and Dictionaries and Glossaries. <https://www.cyndislist.com/categories/>

If the term you are looking for is not English, there are genealogy word lists on *FamilySearch* in the Research Wiki https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Genealogical_Word_Lists. There are also communities available where you can post questions. Click on Groups for a list. <https://community.familysearch.org/en>

If all else fails, join us on the first Thursday of each month for the Genealogy Round Table. If you aren't on the distribution list email newsletter@genealogyfriends.org and request the zoom link.

Gen Friends Board

Genealogy Friends is a completely volunteer organization. In order to continue to survive and grow we need more volunteers. Meet a few of our most dedicated volunteers who are currently serving on our board. There are always things we could use help with like taking pictures at functions, posting on social media, etc. If you can help email newsletter@genealogyfriends.org.

Joy Gough Communications, Historian & Publicity



Joy Gough is from South Carolina. She graduated from Winthrop College with a degree in chemistry. She moved to Richardson, Texas in 1976. She got interested in genealogy after she found out that her husband's family settled in Collin County in 1847. Joy is a founding member of Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries. She had been a member of the Collin County Historical Commission for 20 years serving as its State Historical marker chairman. She has authored several books on the history of Collin County.

Ann Kirkland Allen Hospitality



My parents got me interested in genealogy. They collected documents and did research in the days before computers, cell phones and internet in order to help a relative become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Antoine (later Anthony) Gabeau, a French Huguenot came to America with his mother in 1764 to the port of Charleston, SC. He was just a child at the time but he grew up in the area and fought in the Revolutionary War in the Company of the True Blues. Thus the membership. My mother gave me a diary of my great grandfather who grew up in Florida. The diary was 1869-1879 when he was 22 years old. This gave me a good history of life after the Civil War. She also gave me letters from the 1840s that travelled from Alabama to Florida. My husband and I traced relative to England, Ireland and Scotland. Family Search keeps turning up thousands of cousins so searching has become easier.

Gen Friends Board

Diana Gardner Secretary



It was the late 50's and I was living with my grandparents in Philadelphia, PA. My Mom's first cousin (my godmother) was working in Germany at the time. Her mother and my grandfather were the 2 youngest of 12 siblings. While she was in Germany she decided to research our family, the old-fashioned way, BEFORE the internet. Any time she found any information she would send it back to her parents and to my grandparents. My grandparents shared it with me, and I was hooked. I started keeping my own little notebook, even before I knew the word "genealogy". I added bits of information to my notebook here and there over the years, but my life was filled with moving with my husband's job, my nursing career and raising my family, not much time for "hobbies". We came to Texas in Dec 1977. Around 1994 I had a bit more time and heard of a couple, Beverly & John Hathaway, who were offering a 14-week Genealogy class at the Family History Center here in Plano. I couldn't wait to sign up! One class and I was hooked all over again. The classes were so informative. I was learning "the correct way to do genealogy". This began my use of surname binders, and handwritten forms, which is still my favorite system. I started sharing all this information I was learning with my godmother, though we lived in different states, we collaborated on our family history till her death. She taught me the Ahnentafel System, which I wasn't crazy about, but she insisted was necessary for a family of our size (it was very helpful by the time we were recording our own generations and their descendants). We hired a genealogist in Germany to help with our German and French families. And, we shared with other family members, some who were interested and joined our collaboration, some who weren't (we all know that story). Moving ahead to 1997, I was reading Brenda Kellow's genealogy column in the Plano Star Courier faithfully. I heard about a new Genealogy society that had formed, Genealogy Friends of Gladys Harrington Library, Inc. (changed in Jan '98 to Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc). I started attending their wonderful seminars, Lock-Ins and Annual All-Day workshops at Harrington Library. What a terrific group, and what a great purpose and objective they were founded on! I felt so welcomed, and everyone was so eager to help with whatever "brick wall" I hit (there were many), and I LEARNED so much, and am so grateful. This is my second time serving on the Board, and a bit more "challenging" than my first time (I chaired shirt sales then). A lot has changed in genealogy from 1957, even 1997, till today. Now, it's my time to "give back" and though I still consider myself "an intermediate genealogist" I hope I will meet the standards of all the GenFriends who preceded me.

Website Potpourri

Thomas MacEntee posted an article on his blog about NUMIDENT records—Social Security Numerical Identification File. <https://genealogybargains.com/numident/> This article was followed up with a better source for the information NARA Social Security Application File that is available on the National Archives website in the Archival Databases <https://genealogybargains.com/nara-numident/>.

One of the first things I do when I start researching in a new location is check out the websites for the local, regional, and state genealogical societies; local and state libraries, and state archives. Many of the societies have their newsletter or blog on their website. One example is the Kentucky Genealogical Society <https://kygs.org/news-events/>. These folks are the experts in their area. In addition to their blog articles they have a “Getting Started with Family History,” that includes links to Kentucky history and Kentucky resources. To find these sites Google the state and genealogy. The National Archives has a list of all the state archives <https://www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/state-archives.html>

Wikiwand has “Alphabetical List of Municipalities of Italy” (comuni). Use Control + F to search the page. If you have a town name but can’t read the first few letters so you don’t know which letter to search, search on the letters you can read.

https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Alphabetical_list_of_municipalities_of_Italy?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=march_genealogy_bits_pieces&utm_term=2023-03-25#/

Projectancestry is a website that focuses on research for Slovenia, Austria and Italy. <https://www.projectancestry.com/> Subscribe to their blog for regular updates.

Legacy Tree Genealogists is a company that does research for people. They have a blog with how to articles for countries around the world in addition to sources right here in the U.S. <https://www.legacytrees.com/blog> A recent post, “Struggling to Find Your Italian Ancestors? How to Navigate Italian Archives,” included information on *Portale Antenati*. <https://antenati.cultura.gov.it/?lang=en> In the upper right if it says Italiano, hover over it to change the site to English. The records are still in Italian but you can learn about the resources and navigate in English.

If you are looking for Italian Catholic Church records check out <https://www.italianparishrecords.org/home>

The Beyond Kin Project was started in 2016 as a way to encourage and facilitate the documentation of enslaved populations by recruiting the resources and efforts of the descendants of slaveholders. If you are researching slave owners you can register and add any records you find that might help descendants of the enslaved persons find their family members. <https://beyondkin.org/>

Sold Down River is a project to identify the 21,000 enslaved persons sold from Norfolk, Virginia. There are manifests from slave trading ships that sailed from Norfolk to New Orleans that are being transcribed, records of sales available through a FamilySearch affiliate library (Haggard is an affiliate library), and stories. This website is a work in progress. <https://www.solddownriver.com/>

DNA Justice is a 501(c)3 non-profit DNA database built to assist law enforcement agencies in the identification of unidentified human remains and perpetrators of violent crimes. CeCe Moore is the CEO. You can upload DNA results to help these efforts. <https://www.dnajustice.org/>

Genealogy Educational Opportunities

This is just a small sample of what is available, check out *ConferenceKeeper* for a more complete schedule <https://conferencekeeper.org/>

Conferences & Institutes

Registration for the **Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research** opens on March 4 at 9:00 am eastern time. The Virtual Institute will be July 23-28, 2023. <https://ighr.gagensociety.org/>

Registration for the **Texas Institute of Genealogical Research** is open. Classes will be virtual June 12-16, 2023. <https://www.txsgs.org/tigr-2023/>. There are seven courses being offered:

1. A Walk Through a Texas Courthouse
2. Moving Up to the Glory Land—The Southern States After Reconstruction Towards the New Century
3. Legally Texas: Advanced Legal Research in the Lone Star State
4. Fundamentals of Forensic Genealogy
5. Researching Families of Mexican Descent on Both Sides of the Border
6. Researching African Americans Before and After the Civil War in the U.S.
7. Intermediate and Advanced DNA for Genealogists

Registration is open for **Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh** . Virtual class will be June 18-23, 2023 <https://www.gripitt.org/>

International German Genealogy Partnership Conference—**Crossroads and Connections: Find Your Family Story**—will be virtual and in person in Fort Wayne, IN June 9-11, <https://iggp.org/index.php>.

National Genealogical Society Conference Online will be June 2-3, in person June 1-3 in Richmond Virginia. <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Webinars

Dallas Genealogical Society Spring Seminar "**Research and the Law: Legal Knowledge Needed to Find Your Ancestors,**" featuring Judy Russell will be April 22, 2023. <https://dgs.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/dgs/eventRegistration.jsp?event=365&>

