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## Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2015. Meetings are held in the Program Room at the Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd., Plano, TX from 10:15 to 12:30 unless otherwise noted:

### Today's Topic:

**April 18, 2015**—"DNA Simplified" by Don Raney

### Future Topics

**May 16, 2015**—"Libraries On-Line Access" by Cheryl Smith

**June 20, 2015**—To be announced later

**July 18, 2015**—"Dallas Library Genealogy Collection" by Gayla Bush

**August 15, 2015**—To be announced later

**September 19, 2015**—All Day Seminar, more details will be announced later

**The Legacy Users Group** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, downstairs at Haggard Library from 1:30 to 3:30. There is an after meeting session if you need one on one help. Contact [ptxlegacyug@verizon.net](mailto:ptxlegacyug@verizon.net)

If you have an idea about a program or a speaker, email Charlie Law at [programs@genealogyfriends.org](mailto:programs@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

It's time to renew your 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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### Identifying Amos Hall Fortner

Candace Fountoulakis of The Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, Inc. has a picture she would like identified. (Top Photo) She and others think it is that of Amos Hall Fortner (1844-1912), but she cannot find proof. There is no other photo of him besides the one of the group in *Plano, the Early Years, 44 Club*. Can anyone positively identify this man? The man in this portrait is not identified.

Here are a few notes on Amos Hall Fortner. He was the second white child born in Dallas and the first to live to become an adult. Amos fought in Company K of the 19th Texas Cavalry, Parson Brigade, Burford's Regiment. He moved outside of Plano proper and lived on a farm on the west side, possibly in the 'Collinwood House.' The latter is not confirmed and should not be taken as fact. Later Amos moved into town and lived in the Morten or Norton House. Amos died in 1912 and was buried in Plano's Old City Cemetery. His remains were later disinterred and moved to Restland Cemetery. His wife died in 1944. One of his daughters married a Mr. Norton and another married a Carpenter. There are many Fortner families still living in Plano.

His brother is Benjamin F. Fortner and he is identified in his portrait. (Below)

Hopefully one of the living family members will recognize his picture and contact Candace Fountoulakis at The Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, Inc., [FJOHN94@aol.com](mailto:FJOHN94@aol.com).

There should be more published this week on the Collinwood House since where Fortner is supposed to have lived since the proposal for its preservation and restoration was submitted this week.



Figure 1 Unknown



## Flashback—Tracing Our Collin County Roots

By Brenda Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas  
June 7, 1956  
Volume 69, No. 5

<http://www.newspapers.com/image/51510068>

Compiled by Brenda Kellow, 2015

Mr. Jerry Alderson was injured and his wife Edna Myrtle Alderson, 45, was killed five miles east of Denton on Sunday. They were returning to Plano after visiting their son in Kansas. Her funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church on Wednesday. Pallbearers were Homer Horton, Louis Renfrow, Wayne Southwood, Pete Barnett, Bill Dunn and Arthur Stout. The daughter of J. A. Turner and Nancy Jane Beckner Turner, she was born in Colorado April 6, 1911.

Everyone is reminded to put either a penny or a nickel in the parking meters downtown during the holidays.

“One of the prettiest and most ideally located additions in any North Texas City is the Southwood Estates located on the old Forman property in East Plano, adjacent to FM 544.” The developer is George A. Cox of George A. Cox and Company, realtors and insurers.

The First Methodist Church has as its pastor for one more year, Rev. Edgar I. Huffstutler.

Mrs. Ammie Wilson gave a delicious buffet for the Business and Professional Women. Mrs. Roy Murrell gave the program on Health and Safety.

Raymond Pate is recovering at Dallas Medical and Surgery Clinic.

Mrs. E. Cyrene Carpenter, 79 years eight months and three days old, passed away at 10 p.m. Friday night at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Her funeral was held Monday at the First Christian Church. She was born September 28, 1876 in Tennessee. She was a daughter of Newton King and Narcissus Jacobs King of Tennessee. The family came to Plano in 1891. She was married to G. E. Carpenter in October 1895 who preceded her in death.

A 14 inch pipeline running from Lavon Lake to Plano is completed and will bring in four-million gallons of water to Plano each day. The storage tank is located on N Avenue on the North side of the Cotton Belt Railway. It holds one-half million gallons of water.

Mrs. Bertha Haggard hosted a reunion at her home. Attending were her children and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Parks Reynolds celebrate 50 years of marriage at a family arranged picnic. Their daughter Hazel and husband Bryan Meyer also celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Rev. T. H. McSpedden announced that Homecoming of the Camey Baptist Church will be held June 7.

George Haldeman is back in his home at 1921 K Avenue after spending time in the Veterans Hospital in McKinney.

Jack Harrington, son of Bertha Haggard, returned to the University of Texas to complete his degree in Accounting.



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Frank M. Bellamy, 70, died at his home south of Plano on Wednesday. He was born January 16, 1886, in Clay County, Alabama, to William Daniel Andrews Bellamy and Mrs. Hattie Beard Bellamy. Funeral services were at Harrington Funeral Home. He was buried in Big Springs Cemetery.

Mr. Leon Dugger of Dugger Motors and Nathan E. White sponsored the Western Starlighters Saturday night where everyone enjoyed western music.

Texas Power & Light executive, Ted B. Ferguson, died Friday in Dallas of a heart ailment. He was 61 and a native of Dallas.

Mrs. L. R. Fletcher and daughter Frances spent several days in Texarkana visiting her parents and grandparents.

PFC and Mrs. James Ray Wright and son Donald Ray, are in town visiting her mother Mrs. Ruth Deason and his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wright.

Herman Smith arrested Saturday for transporting liquor by City Marshal Wallace Williams.

p. 2 Junior Study Club honored with a Sunday afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. J. H. Skaggs. Hostesses were Virginia Beadles, Sherrie Garret, Patricia Moore and Joan Gallaher. Carol Neely is president. Assisting in the dining room were Laurana Rice, incoming president, Betty Lobb, Norma Wells, Deana Bourn, Sherry Garrett, Nancy Chalenor, Nancy Uland and Sue Conoly. Virginia Beadles was at the guestbook. New members were Mary Jon Whitfield, Chlorene Riggs, Linda Haggard, Sara Beth Wheeler, Mary Lou Henderson, Aline Conoly, Frances Littrell, Naomi Kennedy, Tommy Hicklin, Tommy Kay Brigham, Judy Landers and Ann Miers.

p. 3 Mrs. Grover Wetzel spent several days in St. Paul Hospital after having a severe case of poison ivy.

Mrs. Gladys Wood underwent surgery in Tulsa last Thursday. She is formerly of Plano.

C. D. McAnnally was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sherrill and daughter, Linda Kay.

Little Miss Margaret Ann Carlisle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carlisle of Dallas spent Friday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Carlisle.

Mrs. Carol Woldt returned home after a stay at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Irene Bourn returned home after a spending time in the hospital.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bagwill hosted Mrs. Ted Reddell, Mrs. Celestia Herndon and Miss Jones of McKinney.

p. 4 Miss Betty Frank Forman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forman, recently left Plano for college at the University of Texas at Austin. She was a spring graduate of Plano High School.

Jimmy Harrington enrolled Sunday at the University of Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Harrington.

The Small Business Administration Monday loaned \$35,000 to Carter Craft of Plano to repay Reconstruction Finance Corporation and bank notes, pay off certain accounts, and to provide working capital. Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson was informed.

p. 5 Ballou Memorial, formerly Pruett Memorial, is now open six days a week at 1410 J Avenue (next door to Cop Grocery).

The Cooking School was greatly enjoyed Tuesday night. Mrs. Vena Phillips was the demonstrator. Mrs. E. O. Harrington was thanked for the use of the electric range.

Jimmy Sigler received his Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from North Texas State College in Denton Friday night of last week. He and his wife the former Miss Jane Appling of Seagoville are now vacationing in Colorado. Mr. Sigler is employed by the Moores Business Forms, Inc. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sigler of Plano.

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p. 7 Sunday guests of Mrs. J. D. O'Neal were her niece Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Savage of Sherman, her sister Mr. and Mrs. Clay Henson of Van Alstyne, and grandson Sammy Hold of Big Springs.

Miss Martha Margaret Hogge became the bride of Mr. \_\_\_ Ereckson Tuesday May 29 at the Parker Presbyterian Church of the Parker Community. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hogge of Parker. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ereckson of Allen. Mrs. Doris Craft McMenamy was matron of honor and best man was Max Vaughn. Ushers were Penny Brunson of Dallas and Lanny Ereckson of Allen.

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- p. 8 E. D. Pappy Raines, manager of the Plano baseball team wins over the Dallas Firemen. Sunday was annual Lebanon Reunion Association meeting at the school building. City Alderman J. O. Reed spoke at the Rotary meeting Thursday on maintaining Plano streets. He was introduced by President Don W. Bagwill.
- The Haldeman family held its reunion for the first time in 40 years at White Rock on Sunday. It will become an annual event. Present were descendants of the Plano pioneer family of J. W. Haldeman who are buried at Spring Creek.
- P. Rogers was honored for attending 53 of the 54 of the Methodist Church Conference in Dallas last Friday. Mr. Rogers is the father of Plano resident Glenn Rogers.

## Donations to the Library

### **Southeastern Illinois Resource Books – c/o Judy Foreman Lee**

Hardin Co. IL Marriage register I – May 1884-1891 vol. 1  
 Johnson Co., IL early marriages 1878-1885 vol. 2  
 Massac Co., IL early marriage records 184-1877 vol. 1  
 Massac Co., IL early marriage records 1878-1890 vol. 2  
 Massac Co., IL early marriage records 1890-95 vol. 3  
 Massac Co., IL early marriage records 1896-1900 vol. 4  
 Pope Co., IL county court records book A 1816-1831  
 Pope Co., IL Chancery index 1850-1960  
 Pope Co., IL marriage books A-F 1813-1877 vol. 1  
 Pope Co., IL marriage register A-1 1878-1888 vol. 2  
 Pope Co., IL marriage register A-1 1888-1898 vol. 3  
 Pope Co., IL marriage register A-1 and Bk. B 1898-1909 v.4  
 Pope Co., IL obits and tidbits vol. 1  
 Pope Co., IL obits and tidbits vol. 2

### **American Revolution 1775-1783 Jewish Patriots, by Helen R. Jenkins**

### **Crash Course in Family History – Fifth Edition, Paul Larsen**

### **Ellis County Genealogy Society**

Ellis County Cemetery Records Vol 1  
 Ellis County Cemetery Records Vol 2  
 Ellis County Cemetery Records Vol 3  
 Ellis County Cemetery Records Vol 4  
 Ellis County Cemetery Records Vols 5 and 6 (combined)  
 Ellis County Cemetery Records Vol 7  
 Ellis County Cemetery Records Vol 8  
 Ellis County Cemetery Records Vol 9 and 10  
 Ellis County Cemetery Records Vol 11  
 Ellis County Marriage Records Vol 1 1850-1876 – (will be sent as soon as republished)  
 Ellis County Marriage Records Vol 2 1878-1886  
 Ellis County Death Records Vols 1 and 2; 1903-1917

### **Coffee County Historical Society (#1)**

Manchester, TN 37355

Civil War Soldiers of Coffee Co. Book 1 (A-B)  
 Civil War Soldiers... Book 2 (C-F)  
 Civil War Soldiers... Book 3 (G-J)  
 Civil War Soldiers... Book 4 (new book just came out)

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Coffee Co. Loose Records  
 Coffee Co. Now and Then  
 Coffee Co. Wills  
 Deaths in Coffee Co. 1880-1900  
 Guardianship Book  
 Inventories-Other deaths  
 Marriages 1853-1870 & Marriage Books A&C  
 Marriage Book 2, 1897-1911  
 Marriage Book 3, 1911-1928  
 Marriage Book 4, 1928-1944  
 More Coffee Co. Marriages 1870-1897  
 Poorhouse Records 1870-79  
 Poorhouse Records 2  
 Still more marriages

### **Historical Hope Foundation (#3)**

Halifax and Gates Counties, North Carolina  
 A Roster Halifax Co., NC 1861-1865  
 Records of Estates, Halifax County, NC Vol II revised edition 1759-1805  
 Abstracts from NC Journal: Halifax County, NC; 1806 with Extant issues from 1807-1810, Vol. 5  
 Abstract of Wills: Halifax County NC, 1825-1854  
 Abstract of Wills: Halifax County, NC, 1855-1891  
 Marriage Records of Halifax County, NC 1817-1868  
 Minutes of County Court Pleas and Quarter Sessions: Gates County, NC, 1800-1805, Vol 2  
 Minutes of County Court Pleas and Quarter Sessions; Gates County, NC, 1812-1817, Vol 4  
 Minutes of County Court Pleas and Quarter Sessions; Gates County, NC, 1818-1823, Vol 5  
 Minutes of County Court Pleas and Quarter Sessions; Gates County, NC, 1824-1827, Vol 6

### **Heritage Genealogical Society (#4) Kingston, NC**

Volume I Pollocksville and White Oak Townships  
 Volume II Trenton and Cypress Creek Townships  
 Volume III Beaver Creek, Chinquapin and Tuckahoe Townships

### **Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society (#5)**

Edgefield, SC 29824  
 1770-1900 Miscellaneous Edgefield Co. Records  
 Edgefield Co, SC sifting through the ashes of the 1890 census  
 Greenwood Co, SC cemetery records vol. 1  
 Greenwood Co, SC cemetery records vol. 2  
 Greenwood Co, SC cemetery records vol. 3  
 South Carolina in the Mexican War  
 Guardianship Records of Old Edgefield District SC  
 African-American Patriots in the Southern Campaign...  
 African-American Loyalists in the Southern Campaign...  
 Slave records of Edgefield Co.

### **The Pinckney District Chapter, SC (#9)**

Spartanburg County Cemetery Survey, Vol. 2  
 Spartanburg County Cemetery Survey, Vol. 3