



# Genealogy Friends News

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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:

**August 15, 2015**—"Changing FamilySearch" by Lynell Moss

### Future Topics

**September 19, 2015**—All Day Seminar, "A Genealogist's Road Map" speaker is Tresa Tatyrek

**October 17, 2015**—Great Family Search conference at the Plano Family History Center.

**October 24, 2015**—"Writing Your Family History" speakers are Jerry Lincecum and Peggy Redshaw.

**November 21, 2015**—"Google –Everything New the you need to know for Genealogy" by Lisa Louise Cook

**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 [ptxlegacy@verizon.net](mailto:ptxlegacy@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!

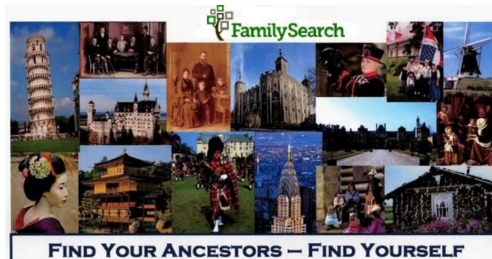
Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Individual memberships are \$30 a year and family memberships are \$50.

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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## Great Family Search Conference



Sponsored by McKinney, Plano and Richardson Family History Centers  
2700 Roundrock Trail, Plano, Texas

October 17, 2015, 9:00 am, Registration Packet Pick-up, 8:30 am

Plenary Sessions Presenter, Brian Edwards, Head of Project Management for the FamilySearch Website

Plenary Session I—What's New at FamilySearch

Plenary Session II—More Successful Searches at FamilySearch Sessions

Getting to Know Our Families Through Photos and Stories; Making Family History Personal – How to Use the Personalization Features on FamilySearch; There's an App for That – Mobile, Web Based, and Software Based Apps Make Family History More Fun and Productive; Family History: I'm New at This; Identifying the Leaves on Your Family Tree; Sharing Your Leaf Collection; Finding Family in US Land Records; Understanding US Probate Records; What's Hiding in Your Courthouse?; Involving Youth in Family History Through Stories; Military Records: Building Blocks in our Family Stories; Guide to Cemetery Research; FamilySearch Indexing: What It Is and How to Get Started; RootsTech Videos: Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com; You've Mastered the Census and Basic Research, What's Next: Getting Started in Genetic Genealogy; Spanish Sessions: Preguntas Frecuentes del Árbol Familiar; ¿Cómo Encontrar Tesoros Ocultos en Family Search?; El Folleto "Mi Familia: Historias que nos Unen"

No charge to attend, Pre-registration is requested For more information: <http://www.greatfamilysearch.com> [greatfamilysearch@gmail.com](mailto:greatfamilysearch@gmail.com)

## Flashback—Tracing Our Collin County Roots

By Brenda Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas

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*Tracing Our Roots* weekly genealogy column [http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog\\_7/](http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/)

Friday, five Explorer Scouts left Plano for Explorer Camp at Philmont, New Mexico, for a fun two weeks of rugged hiking. Those going were Gene Lynge, Larry Davis, Perry Bolin, Jack O. Harrington, and Bill Yandry.

Mrs. T. H. Williams, President of Business and Professional Women's Club, has been at a National B&PW meeting in Miami. She has been a Plano schoolteacher for 14 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brazeal announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Charlsy Lee Brazeal to Kenneth Cox, both of Plano. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cox, also of Plano. The marriage will be solemnized at the First Baptist Church of Frisco on July 12. They will make their home in Plano. Miss Brazeal is employed at the Lone Star Gas Company of Dallas and Mr. Cox is employed by State Farm Insurance Company.

The Methodist Church holds a Christian Adventure Week for Intermediates 12-14, July 9-13. Intermediates of all the churches in the area are invited to attend, 2-4:30 p.m. Rev. Huffstutler says the adventures include study, worship, play, and worship.

Rev. Bill Power, pastor of the Second Baptist Church announces Vacation Bible School July 9-13, 8 to 11 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hall, Pam and Cindy, are on their annual vacation this week.

Willie Leroy Williams, 55, of Dallas, suffered the loss of his right leg Saturday night about 11 p.m. when he slipped and fell from a freight train according to city marshal Wallace Williams.

Calvary Baptist begins Vacation Bible School July 8-15 announced Rev. Clyde Newby.

Don W. Bagwill is outgoing President and T. H. "Bill" Williams is incoming President of the Rotary Club. The three directors are Jim Mitchell, T. C. Harrington, and Jim Clarkson.

Brother of W. H. Long passed away in Dallas. Melvin L. Long suffered a heart attack. Interment is at the Grove Hill Cemetery.

J. B. Wilson and Mrs. Ada Mae Wilson visited their nephew Arthur A. and Don Bagwill of Plano.

Historian Mrs. R. A. Milrany reported all the projects for the elementary school are completed.

First Methodist Church's pastor's wife Mrs. Edgar L. Huffstutler, Susan and Stephen returned home after visiting Mrs. Huffstutler's parents in Missouri.

Mrs. Jeannette Poole and infant daughter Rhonda Marie Pool were killed recently in New Mexico accident. Mrs. Poole's maiden name was Hensley. [Damaged newspaper obstructed the remainder of the article.]

p. 2 Lyman Robinson, Superintendent of Schools at Whitesboro visited the Rotary Club in Plano Thursday.

p. 3 Humble Oil and Drilling Company will drill a second time in Collin County four miles north of McKinney.

Margie Robertson broke her right arm Monday when she fell off her bike. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Robertson.

p. 4 Jimmy Thompson and Harry Uthoff, Plano teachers, are enrolled in a civil defense course this month at North Texas State College in Denton.

The 1956 Old Settlers Picnic and Reunions set the dates for July 23-28 this year in McKinney. Anthony Greer of Anna is President.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bourn of Garland welcome the birth of their son William David at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell DeVasher returned from Poplar Bluff where they visited Mrs. DeVasher's sisters, Mrs. Roy Caldwell and Mrs. Jill Sheehy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Young of Plano, Mrs. L. T. Durrett, son and daughter of McKinney, Mrs. Maggie Landau

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of Dallas returned home from Minor Hill, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wells Jr. and their children dined at the home of Mrs. Clay Wells on Thursday.

Mrs. Willis Dean of Parker is recovering at City-County Hospital in McKinney.

p. 5 The First Methodist Church of Plano has its quarterly conference Wednesday at 7:30 announced Rev. Edgar L. Huffstutler.

Misses Mary Virginia Wyatt, Patsy Jackson, and Mrs. Marie Merritt visit in Miami, Florida. Mrs. Wyatt works at Hillcrest State Bank in Dallas. Miss Jackson works at First National Bank in Dallas. Mrs. Merritt is employed at the Texas Power and Light Company in Plano.

Liberty Baptist Church begins Vacation Bible School on July 2 from 8-noon.

Miss Betty Lou James and Charles Merritt were united in marriage at the First Baptist Church in Richardson. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard James of Richardson and Mr. Merritt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Merritt of Plano. The bride is a graduate of Richardson High School and the groom is a graduate of Plano High School and later attended East Texas State Teachers College. They will make their home on Jupiter Road.

Cynthia Daniel turned five on June 22 at the home of her parents where she enjoyed a birthday party. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Daniel of Murphy. Relatives attending the birthday were her parents, her brother Robert Lee Jr., Grandmother Mrs. W. O. Daniel Sr., her aunts Madge Daniel, Mrs. W. O. Daniel Jr., and Mrs. Max Daniel. Cousins attending were Jan Bailey, Jimmy and Celia Daniel, and Kathy Daniel.

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p. 8 Mrs. Tommy Cook and sons Ray and Donnie of Baytown are visiting her father Mr. Ray Forman of Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Graves of Plano and children Sonja and Betty left Thursday for Austin and Corpus Christi. Mr. Graves is employed at the Internal Revenue Service personnel department in Dallas.

R. M. Trail, E. L. Trail and family visited in Manchester, Tennessee. Mrs. E. L. Trail and Sue saw the Grand Ole Opry where they celebrated the Opry's 31<sup>st</sup> year.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice Brown just completed their two-week vacation. Mr. Brown works for the First National Bank and Mrs. [Myrtle] Brown works for the Nathan White Department Store.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Nelson and sons Ronnie and Mike and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Watkins returned after visiting relatives in Nebraska.

Recent guests in the Glenn Rogers home was a niece Miss Beverly Rogers of Houston.



## Bamman and Melchiori Honored for Their Service

Both Gale Williams Bamman and Marie Varrelman Melchiori were honored with Emeritus status recently for their “years of service, their contributions to the genealogical community, and their deep experience and expertise,” announced Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) president Jeanne Larzalere Bloom at the May meeting.

The announcement written by the BCG reads: Gale is the longest active credentialed genealogist with 42 years of experience. She has held Certified Genealogical Record Specialist (CGRS), Certified American Lineage Specialist (CALS), Certified Genealogist (CG), Certified Genealogical Lecturer (CGL), as well as having published in major journals, and published in major journals.

Melchiori was first certified as CGRS in 1980. In the thirty-five years since, she consistently worked as a full-time researcher and lecturer, dutifully recertifying every five years and earning her CGL certification in 1995.

Both Gale and Marie served the Board in many ways over the years and received many awards and recognition for their genealogical pursuits.

Brenda Kellow

## The Alamo Farewell

### THE ALAMO FAREWELL, A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT GENERAL OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

The Alamo was the site of a major battle in the Texas Revolution in 1836. Over 180 men defending the Alamo were killed during the fight with Mexican forces. From this devastating conflict came the Texas battle cry, "Remember the Alamo" when Texas soldiers once again fought the Mexican forces at the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836 that finalized independence from Mexico.



The Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) began caring for the Alamo shrine in 1905, over a century ago. On July 10, the management of the Alamo shifted from the DRT to the General Land Office of Texas. Below is the statement at the closing ceremonies made by the President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Dr. Betty Edwards.

#### Dear Daughters,

After 110 years, this is the last day of The Daughters as caretakers of The Alamo,

"The Alamo is not ancient history. It is no more ancient than love is an old story, for nothing is ancient and nothing is old which every day teaches something that is fine, beautiful and brave" - Richard H Davis 1892.

The Daughters of The Republic of Texas have been dedicated to the preservation of the heritage of Texans since our inception in 1891. Many of our most visible activities occurred here at the Shrine.

In response to Clara Driscoll, Adina de Zavalla and other women who called for the rescue of the neglected-decayed site of the 1836 battle. The Texas legislature in 1905, made The Daughters, Custodians of The Alamo. For 106 years, without state money assistance, The Daughters operated and improved The Alamo using money from their gift shop. The Daughters transformed The Alamo into a tourist site and also introduced Republic of Texas history to millions of school children and international visitors. While at the same time supporting preservation efforts of this historic structure. The Daughters understand politicians come and go, political regimes come and go, The Daughters will remain.

Our Alamo Legacy will live on.

The Daughters have learned the lesson of The Alamo to carry on loyally and unafraid; never surrendering even though she must ask to have her cot lifted across the line.

Since the daughters will not physically be saying our daily Morning Prayers with out Defenders—We offer them now.

#### A note from Helen Jenkins

One of my own – Seaborn(e) A. Mills was one in the massacre whose body was left in the field for wild animals to devour, leaving their bones to bleach in the sun and finally to be placed in a common grave. Please note those mentioned on the large stone at Goliad. Believe the Cry was – Remember Goliad before - Remember the Alamo.

## All Day Workshop

Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc.  
presents

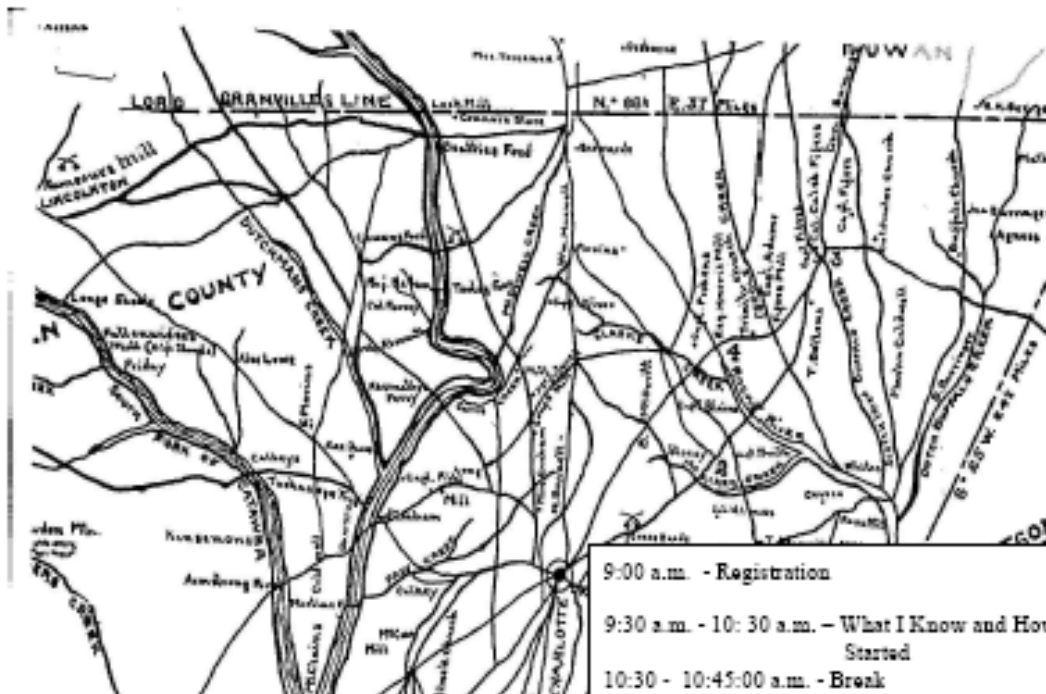
### A Genealogist's Road Map

All-Day Workshop Saturday, September 19, 2015 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Speaker: Tresa Tatyrek

Place: Plano Bible Chapel  
1900 Shiloh Road  
Plano, TX

Take Park Blvd or 14<sup>th</sup> Street east (toward Wylie) to Shiloh Road. Turn right from Park Blvd. or left from 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The church is on the east side of the road about 1/4 mile south of Park Blvd.



For more information go to [genealogyfriends.org](http://genealogyfriends.org)  
or call 972-836-9436

Before September 14 - \$35.00 for members  
\$38.00 for nonmembers  
After September 14 - \$40.00 for members  
\$45.00 for nonmembers

Bring your own lunch - Drinks  
will be available - lemonade,  
Coffee, and Tea.

9:00 a.m. - Registration

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - What I Know and How to get Started

10:30 - 10:45:00 a.m. - Break

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Where do I Look For Records - Part I

Lunch - 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. - Door prizes

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Where do I Look For Records - Part II

1:45 - 2:00 p.m. - Break

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Going Down a Rabbit Hole and Off in the Weeds, and Getting Back on Track.