



# Genealogy Friends News

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## Saturday Seminars & Lock Ins

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2007:

### Today's Topics:

**August 18, 2007—Planning—The Key to Successful Research by Barbara Coakley**

### Future Topics:

September 15, 2007—Lynne Darrouzet will be speaking on Copyright Law and Women & the Law.

October 20, 2007—"Perils, Paradoxes and Pitfalls in Probate Records" by Glen Kinkade, .

November 17, 2007—Richard Preston will speak to us about Migration Patterns.

December 15, 2007—Annual Show n Tell. Bring your genealogy finds to share with your friends.

If you have suggestions for programs for 2008 please submit them to Barbara Coakley at [bjc1620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjc1620@sbcglobal.net)

## 2007 Research Retreat to Salt Lake City

Genealogy Friends will be sponsoring a trip to Salt Lake City this fall. We will be traveling to Salt Lake City on Tuesday, November 6 returning on Sunday, November 11th. The fee for Members is \$80.00 and Non-Members \$100.00. The fee includes an Orientation to the Family History Library and consultations with a professional genealogist.

There is a block of rooms reserved for \$82.00 per night at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, to make a reservation call them at 1-800-366-3684. The hotel is located right next to the library.

This is a great opportunity to visit the largest genealogy library in the world for the first time with others who have already been there. If you have already been there, it is an opportunity to research in the company of friends. See the website for a registration form—[http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/retreat\\_slc.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/retreat_slc.htm)

## Legacy Users Group

Joanne Corney started a Legacy Family Tree users group. The group will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Haggard Library in the Program Room from 10:30 to 12:30. Contact Joanne at [ptxlegacyug@verizon.net](mailto:ptxlegacyug@verizon.net) for more information.

## Write A Book Challenge! Earn a \$5 Donation to Gen Friends

That's right. This offer is for members of Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc. only.

**What do you have to do?** Write a biography of one of your family members, a history of a family line, or family newsletter, etc., per the few requirements below, and present it to Brenda Kellow to read, or you may bring it to the 2007 December Show and Tell program and win a \$5 donation to Genealogy Friends. Talk to Brenda if you have problems meeting any of the requirements below. E-mail her at [GenFriends@tx.rr.com](mailto:GenFriends@tx.rr.com).

### Requirements:

- \* Book or booklet written on some phase of family history and published professionally, or you may "publish" off your own computer before December 2007's Show and Tell program. A hard cover is not required.

- \* Requirements: At least ten (10) pages which contain:

Five (5) pages of text of your own composition and not composed by a genealogy program such as *Family Tree Maker*, *Legacy Family Tree*, etc. There is no limit on written text. If you have more than ten (10) pages, great! The text should contain the subject's vital information such as birth, death, marriage, and places where the event took place if you have that information. Text should contain some history such as the life and times of that period; how the time period affected the family; note if the female gave birth before the migration from one place to another, or did she travel while pregnant; the difficulty of traveling in wagons across the country and over the mountains; or crossing rivers, etc. In other words, make it interesting to read.

Remaining pages may be of graphics such as photocopies of an original document such as a will, marriage certificate, obituary, funeral card, or pictures you have collected on the subject.

Have at least four (4) properly cited footnotes, endnotes (See *Evidence! Citation and Analysis for the Family Historian*, by Elizabeth Mills. A copy is in the library.) You may also embed the source inside parentheses within the body of the text. The purpose of the citation is to document some of your findings and familiarize yourself with citing a source.

Title page should contain the family name. If you are covering more than one family surname, then follow the title with the other family surnames:

*The Jones Journal*

*With Related Lines of Kelly, Smith, and Valentine*

Donate one copy to the Gladys Harrington Library Genealogy Section and display book or booklet at the December 2007 Show and Tell Program.

The purpose of this challenge is to get you writing your family stories! You have until December 15, 2007 to complete the project. By beginning your writing with this challenge, you can earn a donation of \$5 per book or booklet to Genealogy Friends. It does not have to look like a high-end professional book. It is your book, your family. That is why the requirements are so generous and "writer friendly."

## Burnet County Genealogical Society Seminar

The Burnet County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a seminar on Friday, October 12, 2007 at 401 East Jackson St, Burnet, TX 78611. The seminar features Emily Croom. On Saturday there will be a field trip to Ft. Crogham to re-search original probate and will packets from Burnet County. See their web site for more information—  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txburnet/SeminarRegist07.html>

### Websites

Calendar Converter will convert dates from one calendar to another.

<http://www.calendarhome.com/converter/>

This link is to a perpetual calendar

<ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/roots-l/genealog/genealog.perpcal>

Historic Map Works is a web site that allows you to search maps from the 19th and 20th centuries. During the month of August the site is free.

<http://www.historicmapworks.com/index.php>

The University of Illinois has a digital map collection on line <http://images.library.uiuc.edu/projects/maps/>

### 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
Military Investigations: Red, White & Blue	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10
Compiled Newsletters with Index	\$15

### Volunteer Needed—Grant Applications

Gen Friends would like to apply for grants to raise money. If you have experience completing grant applications and would be willing to help please contact Roberta Hendricks at [robertaclint@msn.com](mailto:robertaclint@msn.com).

### Place to Hold Workshops

Gen Friends is looking for a place to hold All Day Workshops. Because of the move to Haggard Library we will no longer be able to charge admission to events which means if we want to bring in nationally known speakers we will need to find a new location. If you know of a place that would allow us to hold seminars for a small fee or better yet free, please contact Barbara Coakley at [bjc1620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjc1620@sbcglobal.net).

## Queries

By Joy Gough

Queries are a basic part of genealogical research. Genealogists send queries to courthouses, libraries, genealogy societies, relatives and fellow researchers. A well-written query can get the information you want. A poorly written query will be ignored.

What makes a well-written query? It must have enough information about your ancestor that he/she is easily identifiable. It must state clearly what information you are looking for and it must be short and concise. Even in these days of technology, many queries and/or their replies are done by regular mail. A self-addressed stamped envelope will help the process along. Some people will not respond to queries if they have to spend money on postage to do so.

Here is a typical query. "Joseph T. Adams was born in Tennessee around 1836 and married Louisa \_\_\_ in 1858. They moved to Collin County some time after the Civil War and are listed in the 1880 census. Can you find a death date for him and the cemetery he is buried in? Enclosed is a SASE."

This query should get results. It gives just enough information about Joseph to identify him and it asks for specific information. It is only 3 lines long and a self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed. The researcher should be able to find the information in a few minutes.

I receive several queries a year from people asking for information on Collin County people. Many are poorly written and require additional correspondence and information. Here are examples of some of them."Q" is query. "R" is response."

1. Q: My grandfather was born in North Carolina in 1880 and moved to Collin County around 1900. Can you find his death date?  
R: Does your grandfather have a name? (It is amazing how many times this happens. They tell you everything except the person's name.)
2. Q: Joseph Adams was born in Tennessee in 1836 and married Louisa Baker in 1858. They are listed in the 1880 census in Collin County.  
R: Thank you for the information. What is your question?
3. Q: I am a grandson of Collin McKinney. Send me all of the information you have on him.  
R: There are whole books written on the McKinney family and an awful lot on Collin. Can you be a little more specific about what you want?
4. Q: I want to get in touch with all of the descendants of Joseph Adams so we can exchange genealogy. Please send me a list of them.  
R: I have no way of knowing who his descendants are.
5. Q: I want to know all of my genealogy. Please print it out for me. I have a taxi waiting.  
R: Ha. Ha. (This actually happened a few years ago at Harrington library.)

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## Queries, Continued

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6. Q: Here is the information I have on my family (six pages). What do you think?  
R: I think I am not going to read all six pages. Besides, what is the question?
7. Q: I would like a copy of the obituary of J. T. Adams who lived in Plano.  
R: What does the J. T. stand for and about what time frame are we talking about. Plano is 150 years old.
8. Q: Joseph Adams and his wife Louisa had 5 children: Robert, Elizabeth, John, Peter, and Gail. R. J. married Jane; Mary married Paul Brown; Buzz married Liz first and Julia second. Can you get me their marriage dates and the names of the children?  
R. Whoa. Who did what? Too many names that don't match. No dates. Clarify; clarify.

A query that contains sufficient information will save a lot of time and effort and should get you the results you want. The next time you write a query, check it over before you send it. Make sure all of the necessary information is included, but not too much. Your main goal is to have the receiver read and understand the query and want to respond to it.

## The Missouri Oath of Loyalty

By Barbara Coakley

After the Civil War in Missouri a Constitutional Convention was held in 1865. Instead of revising the old constitution to comply with the Order of Emancipation they wrote a new one. The new constitution included Section 3 which required that in order to vote, hold political office, teach school or preach the gospel each man had to sign an Oath of Loyalty. The oath included the following language:

*I \_\_\_\_\_ do on oath declare that I have not during the present rebellion, willfully taken up arms or levied war against the United States, nor against the provisional Government of the State of Missouri, nor have willfully adhered to the enemies of either whether domestic or foreign, by giving them aid and comfort, but have always in good faith opposed the same. And further, that I will support, protect and defend the constitution of the United States and of the State of Missouri against all enemies and opposers whether foreign or domestic any ordinance, law or resolutions of any State Conventions or legislature, or of any order or organization, secret or otherwise to the contrary notwithstanding; and that I do this with an honest purpose pledge and determination faithfully to perform the same without any mental reservations or evasions whatever.*

The Convention also vacated the offices of the judges of the Supreme Court, circuit and county courts and special courts of record throughout the state, and of all clerks of courts, county recorders, and circuit attorneys and their assistants and "empowered and directed" the Governor of the State to fill these offices. Most of these officials could not sign the Oath without committing perjury. The Judges of the Supreme Court tried to resist and they were arrested and tried before the City Recorder for disturbance of the Peace.

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## The Missouri Oath of Loyalty, continued

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The Congress of the United States had passed an oath of Allegiance in July 1862 for all federal employees, lawyers and federal elected officials. President Lincoln vetoed the bill. He issued a Presidential Proclamation in 1863 which included an oath however, this oath was not retroactive it was swearing allegiance to the United States from this point forward.

In 1871 the Missouri oath was effectively ended and repealed in 1884. That section of the Constitution was found unconstitutional because it violated the principles against bills of attainder and ex post facto laws. A bill of attainder is an act that declares someone guilty of a crime and punishes them without benefit of a trial. Ex post facto laws are laws which are retroactive and change the consequences of an act committed before the statute was in effect. The case was *Cummings v. Missouri* from 1867.

There is a collection in the archives of the Missouri Historical Society library which contains numerous Oaths of Loyalty from the St Louis Area. The collection is the Dexter P. Tiffany Collection and the staff at the archives has indexed it. A description of the collection is available in the online Guide to the Archival Collections of the Missouri Historical Society on their website <http://www.mohistory.org/content/LibraryAndResearch/Archives.aspx>. I was able to obtain copies of Oaths signed by a great-great grandfather in 1864 and 1869 during my recent visit to the archives.

There were also Oaths required in the other southern states. Here are some web sites that contain information on various states and general reference:

Alabama Archives—<http://www.archives.state.al.us/referenc/military.html#CivilWar>

Virginia Oath of Allegiance—[http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us/lhsc\\_genealogy\\_resources/oath/doc.html](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us/lhsc_genealogy_resources/oath/doc.html)

South Carolina—[yhs patriot.yorktown.arlington,k12.va.us/~mleavitt/CivilWarNotes.doc](http://yhs patriot.yorktown.arlington,k12.va.us/~mleavitt/CivilWarNotes.doc)

North Carolina—[http://www.censusdiggins.com/nc\\_civil\\_war\\_ell.html](http://www.censusdiggins.com/nc_civil_war_ell.html)

Texas—<http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/CC/qdc2.html>

The Florida Memory Project—<http://www.floridamemory.com/onlineclassroom/floridacivilwar/>

Tennessee State Library—<http://tennessee.gov/tsla/history/military/quest.htm>

The Virtual Museum of the City of San Francisco—<http://www.sfmuseum.org/hist5/civwar.html>

The Oath of Allegiance to the United States discussed in its Moral and Political Bearings—  
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/impls/palmoath/palmoath.html>

American History—[http://us.history.wisc.edu/hist102/weblect/lec01/01\\_02.htm](http://us.history.wisc.edu/hist102/weblect/lec01/01_02.htm)

United States Senate—[http://156.33.195.33/artandhistory/history/minute/The\\_Senates\\_First\\_Act\\_-\\_The\\_Oath\\_Act.htm](http://156.33.195.33/artandhistory/history/minute/The_Senates_First_Act_-_The_Oath_Act.htm)

## New Books for the Genealogy Section of the Library

The following books have been ordered for the Genealogy Section of the Library:

Tyler Texas, CSA	Broadfoot
Bounty and Donation Land Grants in British Colonial America	GPC
Ohio Valley Genealogies	GPC
Henry County, TN Deed Books, 1822-1830	Gregath Publishing
Henry County, TN Will Books, 1822-1845	Gregath Publishing
Lawrence County, TN Probate Records, 1829-1843	Gregath Publishing
Obion County, TN Deed Books, 1825-1831	Gregath Publishing
Obion County, TN Marriage Records, 1824-1860	Gregath Publishing
Obion County, TN Will Books, 1834-1843	Gregath Publishing
Ottawa County, Families, v. 1	Gregath Publishing
Weakley County, TN Will Books, 1828-1900	Gregath Publishing
White County, TN Will Books, 1810-1828	Gregath Publishing
Heritage of Alabama (various counties)	Heritage Pub. Con.
(Montgomery County, Ohio) Marriages, 1803-1851	MCCOGS
Cemetery Book (Montgomery County, Ohio), 10 vols.	MCCOGS
Miami Valley, Ohio: A Genealogical Index of Pioneers	MCCOGS
Boston Taxpayers in 1821	Picton Press
Deaths in the Town of Boston, 1700-1799	Picton Press
Gleanings from Newport, Rhode Island Court Files, 1659-1783	Picton Press
Plymouth Colony Probate Guide	Picton Press
Rhode Island General Court of Trials, 1671-1704	Picton Press
Westchester County, New York, 3 vols.	Picton Press
Marriage Records of Ross County (OH), 1798-1849	RCGS
Marriage Records of Ross County (OH), 1850-1875	RCGS
Ross County Ohio Families, v. 4	RCGS
Bexar County, TX Marriage Books (6 vols.)	SAGHS
Bexar County, TX Naturalization index	SAGHS
Cemeteries of Bexar County, TX (4 vols.)	SAGHS
San Antonio, TX Newspaper Abstractions, 1848-1865	SAGHS
Albany County, GA Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Athens, GA Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Baldwin County, GA, Newspaper Clippings (Union Recorder)	Tad Evans
Columbus, GA, Newspaper Clippings (Columbus Enquirer)	Tad Evans
Crawford County, GA Extracts	Tad Evans
Darien County, GA Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Decatur/Early Counties, GA Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Dooly County, GA Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Emanuel County, GA Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Genealogical Abstracts from Georgia Journal	Tad Evans
Glynn County, GA Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Greene County, GA, Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Hancock County, GA Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Harris County, GA Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Irwin County, GA Marriages, 1820-1928	Tad Evans
Jasper County, GA, Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans

## More New Books for the Genealogy Section

Jones County, GA, Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Macon County, GA, Newspaper Clippings (Messenger)	Tad Evans
Macon County, GA, Newspaper Clippings (Telegraph)	Tad Evans
Milledgeville, GA, Newspaper Clippings (Southern Recorder)	Tad Evans
Pulaski County, GA Marriages, 1808-1956	Tad Evans
Putnam County, GA, Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Savannah, GA Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Troup County, GA, Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Twiggs County, GA, Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Washington County, GA, Extracts, vol. 1, 1809-1887	Tad Evans
Washington County, GA, Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
Wilkinson County, GA Newspaper Clippings	Tad Evans
At The Heart of Texas	TSHA

## Photo Duplication Service at Family History Library

The Family History Library offers a photo duplication service. If you can't go with us in November, you might want to use this service. To request copies use the Request for Photocopies: Census Records, Books, Microfilm, or Microfiche form which is available on their website—[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)—Click on the word Forms located under the heading Get Started with Family History. Scroll down and click on the form title. Follow the instructions on the form and mail your order to the address on the form. Credit Card orders can be faxed to 801-240-1584. The cost of the services is \$2.00 each with a minimum order of \$4.00. Photocopies of works protected by copyright are limited to 10 pages or 10% whichever is less. If you aren't sure which pages you need you can request a copy of the index and then after you receive it, submit a second request for the actual record.

## Amazon to Sell NARA Films

On July 30th the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announced that it had reached an agreement with a subsidiary of Amazon.com to make thousands of historic films from the Archive's holdings. The films will be available for purchase on Amazon.com. The first films will be Newsreels dating from 1920 to 1967 and will be available on DVD.

NARA holds more than 200,000 motion picture titles that include documentaries, newsreels, instructional films, and combat footage. Thousands of these titles will be available in the near future. When you place your order the DVD will be manufactured and shipped within 24 hours. This will not require the National Archives to hold inventory. The first time a film is copied a digital copy will be made and stored on Amazon's computer. The original film and a digitized preservation copy will be returned to NARA. These films are available for viewing at no charge in College Park, Maryland at the NARA facility; this program will make the films available to a wider audience and will provide NARA with preservation copies of their films at no charge.