



Genealogy Friends News

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Saturday Seminars

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2009. 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:

August 15, 2009—Leo Baca will speak to use about DNA. **Meeting will be held at the Gladys Harrington Library - 1501 18th Street, Plano.**

Future Topics:

September 19, 2009—Brenda Kellow will speak to us about Colonial Resources Through 1850. **Meeting will be held at the Gladys Harrington Library - 1501 18th Street, Plano.**

October 17, 2009—"City Directories, Newspapers, and Obituaries with the Census as Your Guide," by Barbara Coakley.

October 24, 2009—Learn-N—We'll celebrate Halloween with talks on Virginia Research and Death Records.

November 21, 2009—Tresa Tatyrek will be speaking to us on Using the Internet for researching your Genealogy.

December 19, 2009—Show and Tell, come and share your Ancestors' stories with the group.

January 11-17, 2010—Research trip to Salt Lake City. Save the date and see page 2 for more details.

If you have suggestions for programs please submit them to Jean Funk at jeano25@aol.com.

GenFriends Research Retreat

Save the date and start getting your research plan ready—our next Research Retreat to Salt Lake City has been scheduled for January 11-17, 2010. This is a great opportunity to visit the largest genealogy library in the world with fellow researchers.

Rooms are being held at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel adjacent to the library. Room Rate is \$85.00 per night with one night free. More info is available on our website.

The dates of the trip coincide with the Utah Genealogical Societies 2010 Salt Lake Genealogy Institute. If you are interested in attending refer to their website <http://www.infouga.org/>

Footnote Offer

During the month of August, Footnote is offering free access to their 1930 Census.

Footnote is a website where you can view original documents and create your own page to share your genealogy.

Subscriptions are You can access Footnote anytime at the Plano Libraries.

Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts

Be one of the best-dressed genealogists in town. Order your Gen Friends logo t-shirt or sweatshirt now. The shirts have a 3" logo printed on the left chest. Shirts are available in white, natural, or ash gray with a dark green logo.

T-shirts are \$12.00 for toddler through XL and \$14.00 for XXL and XXXL

Sweatshirts are \$17.00 for toddler through XL and \$19.00 for XXL and XXXL

October Learn-N

Save the Date—October 24th will be our next Learn-N.

Speakers will be Lynne Darrouzet and Barbara Coakley.

Join us to learn about Research in Colonial Virginia and Death Records.

When: 10:15 to 12:30

Where: Haggard Library Genealogy Section

Space is limited so if you are planning on attending email Genfriends@genealogyfriends.org.

Tracing Our Roots Column

The "Tracing Our Roots" column written by Brenda Kellow appears each Sunday in the 'PULSE' or 'ENTERTAINMENT' section of the Plano Insider newspaper, and in Star Community newspapers throughout North Texas. Her columns are also available in the column archives at <http://tracingourroots.weebly.com/2009-index.html>

FGS Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies conference Passages Through Time is in Little Rock, Arkansas this year.

When: September 2-5, 2009

Where: Statehouse Convention Center

Conferences are great places to learn, network and shop. More information <http://www.fgs.org>

Legacy Users Group

The Legacy Family Tree users group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Haggard Library in the Program Room from 10:30 to 12:30. Contact Joanne Corney at ptxlegacyug@verizon.net for more information.

Collin College Classes

Collin College will be offering two genealogy classes this fall.

Beginning Genealogy will be Tuesday nights from 9/29/09 through 11/3/09 from 6:30-9:00 at the Courtyard Center. Whether you are just beginning your research or need a refresher to get you back on track, this class is for you.

Online Genealogy Research will be Tuesday nights from 11/10/09 through 12/15/09 from 6:30-9:00 at the Courtyard Center. This class will focus on using online resources in your research.

Barbara Coakley is the instructor for both classes, if you have questions about the classes email her at bjc1620@sbcglobal.net.

To register visit the Collin College website <http://www.ccccd.edu/ce/>

Query

ALEXANDER, GALLAND AND DRAGOO RESEARCHERS: If you search any of these family lines Marcia Connors would like for you to contact her at marciacon1@cox.net.

Send families you are researching to Barbara Coakley at bjc1620@sbcglobal.net to be included in future newsletters.

McKinney Lecture

The McKinney Library presents a free genealogy program by seasoned researcher Teri E. Flack titled, Using Maps to Explore Our Ancestor's Lives. The library is located one block north of the downtown McKinney square. The talk is from 1:30-2:30 on August 15.

HOGAR

Hispanic Genealogy Organization: HOGAR specializes in Hispanic surname research. The 30th annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference, held this year in Dallas at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison from September 24-27, features speakers, book authors, and experts in the genealogy field. Everything you need to know is on their website <http://hispanicgenealogyconference.webs.com/>.

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

Join Genfriends

If you aren't a member, please consider joining Genfriends. The money we raise is used to purchase materials for the Genealogy Section at Haggard Library.

We have a special running now—Normally individual memberships are \$30 and family memberships are \$50. From now through October, join for \$45 for individuals and \$75 for families and you get 2009 and 2010 membership.

Dues year runs from October 1 to September 31.

Websites

By Barbara Coakley

Scotland's People

Recently added the 1881 Census index and images. They now have Scottish Census records from 1841 through 1901. Birth and Death indexes and images in Old Parish Records cover 1538 to 1854 and there is a free search available for Coats of Arms 1672-1907.

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

Geneartogy—From Chart to Art to Heart

This site takes your family data and pictures and turns it into a Family Tree to be displayed. They also retouch photos

<http://www.geneartogy.com/index.html>

Swiss Info

This site has a new page that focuses on Swiss-Italian Migrations

http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/specials/swiss-italian_migrations/index.html?siteSect=22500&col=a59e86

Genline—Swedish Genealogy Online

Swedish church records are online at this website

<http://www.genline.com/>

Victorian Dictionary

<http://www.victorianlondon.org/>

If you have ancestors in Victorian England, check out this website for really interesting background info. This site is maintained by an author and the 1840 City Directory for London is supposed to be available here soon.

Family Tree Connection

<http://www.familytreeconnection.com/>

Family Tree Connection is a database that includes information transcribed by hand, and verified for accuracy, from original documents published between 1830 and 1930 -- including Masonic rosters, rural school and college catalogues, vintage telephone directories, insurance claims, church catalogues, association memberships and much more! This project is all about capturing details about the lives of your ancestors -- from their early years in school, through college and then in their careers and spare time (i.e. hobbies and group activities).

Subscription is \$29.95 annually or you can get a discount for multiple year subscriptions.

You can search without paying the fee or to see what is available for your area, go to the search page, click on the link for your state and the titles will be displayed. There are some unusual sources here that can help you understand your ancestors lives.

HELLO, ANYBODY HERE?

Jews in Kansas Especially West Kansas

By Helen Jenkins

What an interesting state Kansas is! Presume we all know about the Dust Bowl and have read *The Wizard of Oz*. Dorothy still “lives” just a few miles from Garden City. Thinking about literature, I am reminded of Truman Capote’s novel *In Cold Blood* written about the Herbert Clutter family in Holcomb, Kansas, a Garden City neighbor.

There is more to West Kansas than literature, maybe not dust. There are salt mines, tall grass, wheat fields, cowboys, and lots of cattle. Cattle rustlers are apprehended from time to time. In Garden City, we get the morning and noon agriculture announcements and the siren sounds the noon hour. These are perks of a small town.



Needless to say, important political persons are and were from Kansas. Kansas has an important and interesting history. I could say more about Kansas, but I do not want to have my Texas citizenship revoked.

We Texans know that “the” West begins in Fort Worth, but believe me we are in “the” West in Garden City. Willing to wager I see more working cowboy boots, those caked with mud, sweaty cowboy hats and dirty blue jeans that look more the color of sand than blue. Did you ever see a “carcass” show? Maybe at the Fort Worth Stock show?

I arrived in Garden City a few years ago after living in big cities in Tennessee and in Texas. I have been wondering, where are the Jewish people? In Garden City there are two or three of us. Why so few here when we know there are sizeable congregations in Kansas City and in Wichita?

About a month ago, a friend drove me to the Garden City Jewish Cemetery located about four miles north from Kansas Avenue on Highway 83, then four miles west to the intersection of two country roads, Chmelka and Lowe. The cemetery is in a wheat field. There are three or four grave stones still visible. When I was there, wheat was standing tall on three sides taking on the appearance of a protective barrier, though temporary, from farm machinery. The fourth side was open to the gravel road. The cemetery is well kept. My friend and I placed stones on each of the graves. I understand the county maintains all of the cemeteries. If not, the owner of the farm land has the responsibility of the up-keep.

The land for the cemetery was originally owned by Joseph Teitelbaum. His son Samuel, also a resident of Garden City, was a Jewish merchant from Vincennes, Indiana.

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Add more to your ancestors' stories with a collection containing facts about millions of births, marriages and deaths from hundreds of years of history.

- U.S. Naturalization Records, 1792–1989: This rich new collection will contain details about people who came from countries all over the world to become Americans. Search 5 million names and 10 million images from more than 20 states, including California and New York.
- U.S. Naturalization Original Documents for New York, Pennsylvania, California, 1790–1974: Last month, we released indexes to 3 million naturalization records around the U.S. (Read about the release here.) We also promised that an additional 2 million naturalization records would be coming soon. Well, we're happy to announce that the first of these 2 million naturalization records are here—for New York, Pennsylvania, and California.
- U.S. and World Deluxe: Slave Manifests Filed at New Orleans, Louisiana, 1807–1860; Slave records like these are rare. This collection will let you search thousands of names of slaves, buyers and sellers listed on the manifests of coastwise vessels.
- U.S. Chinese Immigration Records, 1882–1924; Find your Chinese ancestors in more than 500,000 names and 300,000 images of Chinese immigrants to the United States and Canada.
- Immigrant Ship Photos, Paintings and Drawings, 1850–1950.
- World Deluxe Only: Canadian Border Entries, 1908–1935; Not everyone was coming to America. This collection includes over 2 million records of immigrants crossing from the U.S. to Canada.
- Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850–1934; We're adding more than 700,000 new names to the existing index of records for passengers departing from Hamburg, Germany to ports all over the world.
- New South Wales Naturalization Papers, 1834–1903; People who were born outside of the British empire and living in New South Wales for more than 5 years had to be naturalized if they wanted to vote or own land. These records include the age, country of origin, date of arrival and date of naturalization.
- Records of Aliens Arriving in England, 1794–1921
- U.S. Military Records, 1775–Present: Find your family's heroes in millions more U.S. Military records including service records, muster rolls, pension records and more. You could find your brave ancestors' birth dates, details of military service, death dates and additional details.
- U.S. and World Deluxe: U.S. Civil War Records, 1861–1865; Many Civil War records have long since been destroyed. But there are still more coming to Ancestry.com. Look for Confederate pension records and muster rolls that contain a tremendous amount of detail on the ancestors featured.
- U.S. Navy Cruise Books, 1900s; These extremely rare and valuable "yearbooks" include photos and facts about the crews of specific U.S. Navy ship missions or tours of duty. You could learn where the mission took place, what your ancestors' responsibilities included and much more.
- WWII Draft Cards, 1940–1947;
- Interior and VA Pension and Bounty Land Appellate Decisions, 1887–1935

When the farmland was sold in 1896, a corner of the acreage was deeded out permanently for cemetery use.

My visit to the Jewish Cemetery aroused my desire to learn more about where Jews are living in Kansas.

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I was very surprised to learn the Jewish population in 2001 was just 14,000, and the majority lived in the Kansas City area, about 1300 lived in Wichita. This number seemed very small. I decided to look at percentages to total population in the states where I had been living - Texas and Tennessee - in order to compare Kansas Jewish population.

1930 Est. Jewish Population

Kansas.....8, 000.....0.4 % of population
Texas.....47,000.....0.9% of population
Tennessee.....23,000..... 0.9% of population

1986 Est. Jewish Population

Kansas.....15,000.....0.6% of population
Texas.....95,000.....0.6% of population
Tennessee.....20,000.....0.4% of population

2006 Est. Jewish Population

Kansas.....18,225.....0.7% of population
Texas.....130,970.....0.6% of population
Tennessee..... 19,300.....0.3% of population

Of the three states, the percentage growth in Jewish population has been in Kansas. It may be relevant to learn that I arrived in Garden City from Texas in 2006.

I have found the answer to my question. I am not alone. It is just the fact that most, meaning almost all, Jews in Kansas live in two areas, Kansas City and Wichita. It should have occurred to me before now that those of us who live in small towns, in whatever state, are apt to have this same feeling of being alone.

Presume my feeling of being alone has more to do with not having family with whom to celebrate.

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Sources for populations:

http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/judaica/ejud_0002_0011_O_10703.html

American Jewish Year Book, 1987 - Jewish Population in the United States/Distribution of U.S. Jewish Population by State. 1930/1986

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/US-Israel/usjewpop.html>

Now, I felt it necessary to learn more about the Teitelbaum family. This research introduced me to the 1882 settlement of the Kansas colony Beersheba, near Garden City, by Russian Jews who were fleeing Russia under the persecution of Czar Alexander III.

Since I live in Garden City, Kansas where there is a large Mennonite population, I was excited when I lucked upon the Russian Mennonite migration to Kansas in 1874. I think it most interesting to learn how they organized their move to America.

Websites, continued

Linkpendium

<http://www.linkpendium.com/>

This website is links, links, and more links—as of today 8,212,378 to be exact. Check it out.

Huguenot Research

<http://books.google.com/books>

Check out Google Books for these titles: History of Huguenot Emigration to America, Huguenot Heritage, The Huguenot: A Tale of the French Protestants, Proceedings of the Huguenot Society of London, and more. To locate these books search on Huguenot on Google Books.

Ancestral Atlas

<http://www.ancestralatlas.com/ancestral-atlas-genealogy-mapping-network.php>

Plot your families locations on this free website that uses Google Maps to create your own Ancestral Atlas.

Low Country Digital Library

<http://lowcountrydigital.library.cofc.edu/>

The College of Charleston is building a digital collection from collections in South Carolina.