

# Genealogy Friends News

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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:

**December 17, 2022 - Meeting at the Library - Show and Tell**

### Future Events:

**January 5, 2022—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. Zoom invite will be sent out the week before the meeting.

**January 10, 2022 - DNA Special Interest Group -** Meets in Genealogy Section from 7-8:30 pm.

**January 21, 2023 - Hybrid Meeting - "Appreciating Conflicting Evidence: Analysis and Resolution Develops Broader Research"** by Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL (Remote Speaker)

**February 18, 2023 - Hybrid Meeting - "Applying to a Lineage Society"** by Emily Richardson

**March 18, 2023 - Hybrid Meeting - "Census Records - Have You Really Looked At Them?"** by Barbara Coakley

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

**May 20, 2023—Hybrid Meeting—"10 Genealogical Brick Walls You Will Have to Face"** by Robert Cameron Weir

**Great News—Haggard Library is now a *FamilySearch* Affiliate Library which means you can access restricted collections on *FamilySearch* from Library Computers if you have a Plano Library Card.**

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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 meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Genealogy Section of Haggard Library from 7-8:30 pm. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

We are using Diahan Southard's book *Your DNA Guide the book* to guide our discussions. We are working on pages 22-27.

One of the tools that can be used to draw your family tree to see where matches fit in is Draw IO <https://app.diagrams.net/>. You can use it online or download the app to your computer. It expands as your tree grows.

We discussed using an Informed Consent Document for testers whose accounts we manage.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Gen Friends needs help with the following:

- Coordinating with Speakers - send reminders, request bio and handouts, send handouts to printer and pick them up from the printer.
- Social Media Posting on Facebook, Instagram, etc.
- Taking pictures at meetings to post on the website.

If you are interested in helping email Barbara Coakley at [newsletter@genealogyfriends.org](mailto:newsletter@genealogyfriends.org).

## Genealogy Education

**Applied Genealogy Institute** is a practicum-based approach where you learn by doing. Registration for Spring 2023 opens January 18-24th There are five classes being offered. <https://appliedgen.institute/spring-2023-classes/>

**RootsTech 2023** will be in person and virtual March 2-4, 2023. Registration is open. <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023> Virtual is free and in person is \$98. Don't forget that sessions from past years are available on the website to view. <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/search>

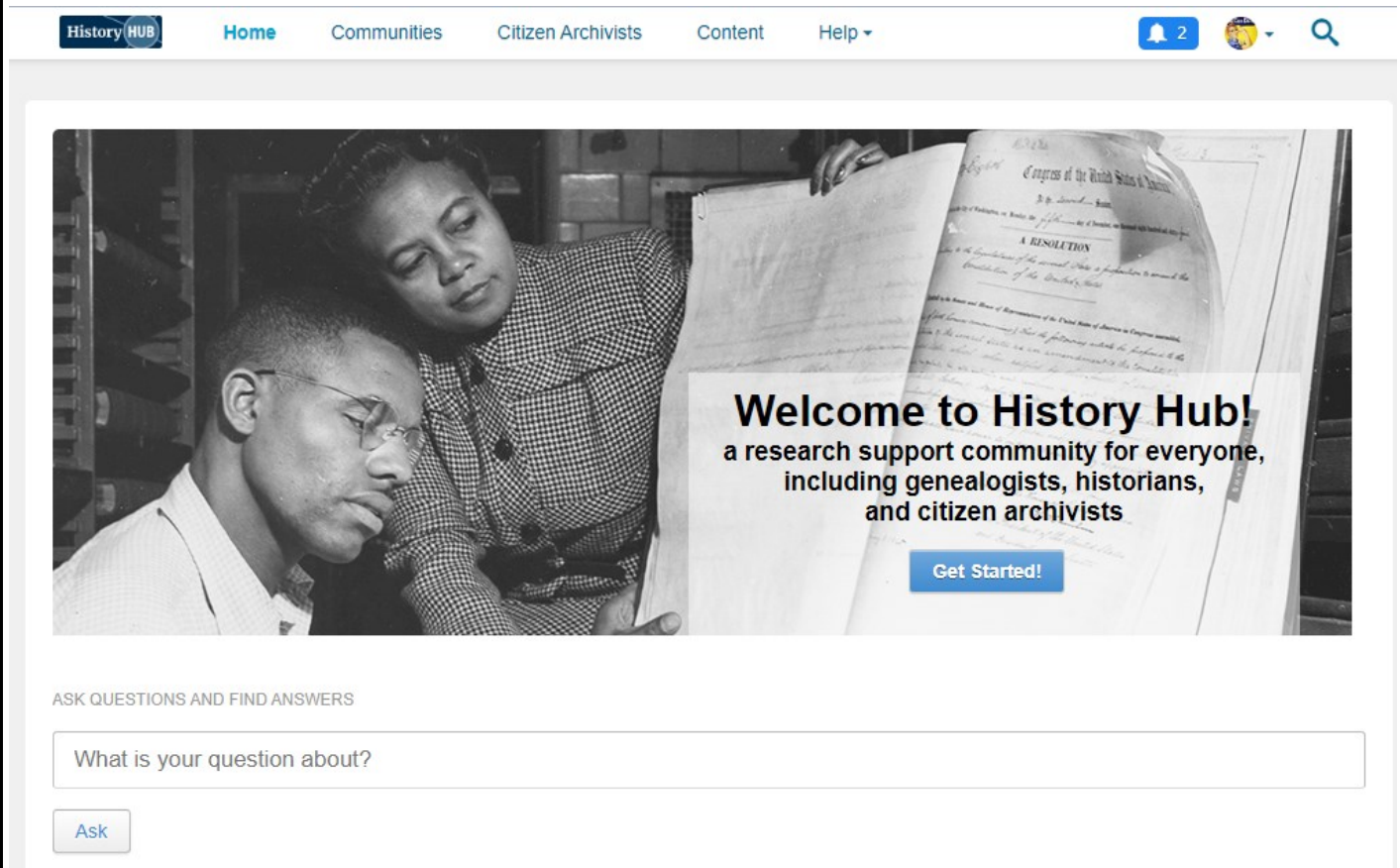
Dallas Genealogical Society Spring Seminar "**Research and the Law: Legal Knowledge Needed to Find Your Ancestors,**" featuring Judy Russell will be April 22, 2023. <https://dgs.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/dgs/eventRegistration.jsp?event=365&>

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

## History Hub

By Barbara Coakley

History Hub <https://historyhub.history.gov/welcome> is a crowdsourced history and genealogy research support community. You can ask questions and get answers on a variety of topics from National Archives staff, other archives, libraries, museums, and a community of genealogists and history enthusiasts. It is free and open to the public. You can also search to see if your question has already been answered. HistoryHub hosts 19 communities that specialize in topics like Genealogy, Military Records, Court Records, African American Records, Native American Records, Land Records, etc.



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**Welcome to History Hub!**  
a research support community for everyone,  
including genealogists, historians,  
and citizen archivists

Get Started!

ASK QUESTIONS AND FIND ANSWERS

What is your question about?

Ask

The first step is to create an account. There are step by step instructions <https://historyhub.history.gov/docs/DOC-1311>. Next, ask your question. <https://historyhub.history.gov/docs/DOC-1262>.

As you type your question, HistoryHub displays previously posted questions that might contain the information you are looking for. If you don't find the answer click on ASK and type in your question. A moderator will review your question so it may take a little while before it is posted and answers start showing up.

I was using Morning Reports from World War I that are digitized on Fold3. They are daily accountings of each unit. There was an entry about my grandfather that used the abbreviation SD. I searched Fold3 and Google and couldn't find a document to tell me what the abbreviation meant. I got the answer by posting an image of the document and my question on HistoryHub. I got six responses including a link to a key to abbreviations which told me SD was special duty. An archivist from the National Archives also posted information about some of the collections they have that might provide more information about Grandpa's service.

Give it a try, you might find the answer to your question.

## Civil War Union Army Draft

By Barbara Coakley

When Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina on 12 April 1861 the Civil War began. President Lincoln called for volunteers to march south and suppress the rebellion by the southern states. The low numbers of volunteers was an issue so Congress passed the Enrollment Act of 1863 (12 Stat. 731) that was signed by the President on 3 March 1863. All males between the ages of 20 and 45, including immigrants who had filed an intent to become a citizen, were to be registered by 1 April 1863. The act allowed for a man who was drafted to pay \$300 or provide a substitute to serve in his place. This was the first actual conscription that was put in place. During the Revolutionary War Congress passed an act that required all able-bodied men to purchase a gun and join their local state militia but there were no penalties for non-compliance. The conscription that was passed during the War of 1812 was never implemented because the war ended.

For the first draft, men were grouped into two classes, men between 20 and 35 and unmarried men between 35-45, and all other persons subject to do military duty. Information for each man including their name, residence, age as of 1 July 1863, race, occupation, marital status, and place of birth was recorded on consolidated lists by congressional district. There were amendments to the original law passed in 1864 (13 Stat. 6) and 1865 (13 Stat. 487) that required additional drafts. The lists are available on *Ancestry* “U.S., Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863-1865” <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1666/>. The lists don't include who actually served. Check the Soldiers and Sailors Database for a list of men who served. <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm> If they are not listed they might have paid the \$300 or hired a substitute for that information you need the records in Record Group 110.

The records from the draft process are part of Record Group 110 Records of the Provost Marshal General's Bureau including Descriptive Lists of drafted men, lists of substitutes, lists of exemptions, and the minutes of the local draft boards. The records are held at the National Archive Regional Facilities. <https://www.archives.gov/locations#research-facilities>. For more information about what is available email the regional facility for the area where your ancestor lived. There are also some available on *FamilySearch* that can be found using a place search in the Catalog.

The archives records are organized by Congressional District. To determine the district refer to the “Official Congressional Directory—38th Congress 2d Session (1865) on *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/185863-redirection>.

*FamilySearch* has preliminary inventories of Record Group 110 describing the records available by location. There are links in the Research Wiki on the Union Draft Records page [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Union\\_Draft\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Union_Draft_Records).

The biography of Paul C. Brey in the *Combined History of Randolph, Monroe and Perry Counties* said that he did not join his friends who formed the Forty-ninth regiment Illinois volunteer infantry because he was a newly married man with a baby on the way. He later served the United States by proxy which meant he paid a substitute to serve for him when he was drafted.

Paul's name is included on the Consolidated List for the Twelfth Congressional District in Illinois in 1863.

The draft process was described in the Minutes of the Draft Board for the Twelfth district. The names of all the men on the Consolidated List were placed in a box and 358 were pulled. The Descriptive List of Drafted Men includes Paul

Brey number 352. The remarks column indicate that he hired Valentine Siger to serve for him. The Compiled Military Service Record for Valentine included a form confirming that he served for Paul.

An article on the NARA website “Civil War Draft Records: Exemptions and Enrollments,” includes more details <https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1994/winter/civil-war-draft-records.html>.

NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	ENROLLMENT
Paul C. Brey	M	35	Farmer	Illinois	352
James C. Brey	M	35	Farmer	Illinois	353
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## The Cotton Bowl

Submitted by Barbara Brogdon

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On



October 26, in 1930, football fans flocked to the Cotton Bowl for its first game.

The historic stadium in Dallas was built on the site of a horseracing track for the state fair. It originally held 46,000 seats, with upper tiers added in 1948-49 to increase capacity to more than 75,000 fans.

Professional football teams based at the Cotton Bowl include the NFL's one-season Dallas Texans (1952), the AFL's Dallas Texans (1960-62, now the Kansas City Chiefs), and the Dallas Cowboys (1960-1971).

In addition to football, over the years the Cotton Bowl has hosted an outdoor play, speeches by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and performances by Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley, among many other events.

The stadium is a State Antiquities Landmark and is listed with Fair Park in the National Register of Historic Places.

 : Undated photo of the Cotton Bowl, courtesy [UNT Special Collections](#) via [The Portal to Texas History](#)