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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2018. 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:

December 15, 2018—Show and Tell—bring your genealogy discoveries to share with the group.

Future Events

December 17, 2018—**OneNote Users Group**—Group meets in the Genealogy Section of the library from 7:00 to 8:30 on the third Monday of each month.

January 19, 2018—”Digging Up Deeds” by Barbara Coakley

February 16, 2018—”Digital Newspaper Sites” by Stacy Davis from Richardson Library

March 18, 2018—Will be announced soon.

April 13, 2018—**Note the date change due to early voting at the Library** - program will be announced soon.

Send suggestions for programs or speakers to Barbara Coakly at newsletter@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

Genfriends Membership

Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Individual memberships are \$30 a year and family memberships are \$50. Don't forget to renew your membership for next year.

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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Genealogy Classes at Collin College

The following classes will be offered at Collin College in the Spring term of Continuing Education at Courtyard Center, 4800 Preston Park Boulevard, Plano, TX 75093, taught by Barbara Coakley:

Genealogy II: Class meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:00 pm, Jan 16 to March 6, 2019. Each week you'll learn about a different group of records to further your genealogy research. Where to find the records, what they might tell you, and how to analyze them. Record groups include Immigration & Naturalization Records, Land & Tax Records, Military Records, Court records, and Probate Records and Wills. Fee is \$139.00.

Using Microsoft OneNote for Genealogy: Class meets on Saturday Feb 23 and March 2 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. This is a hands on class in a computer lab. Bring your laptop or a usb drive with genealogy material on it. You will create a OneNote Notebook and populate it with your genealogy research results. Fee is \$69.00

Register online at <http://cougarweb.collin.edu> or call 972-985-3711.

Tracing Our Roots Column

The Tracing Our Roots column published weekly in the Plano Star Courier (available on the paper's website) and written by Genealogy Friends' member Brenda Kellow, covers a different topic or subject each week.

In addition, Brenda announces national events, fee increases in everyday genealogical records, new records added to the Internet and to genealogists' favorite sites.

The past topics are available for several years. Access the site at http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/. Brenda will add your name to her weekly announcement when her column appears online if you request it by emailing her at bbkellow@verizon.net. You may also request topics for her to cover.

Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1957

By Brenda Burns Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas
July 11, 1957, Volume 70, No. 9

Compiled by Brenda Burns Kellow, 2018

Tracing Our Roots weekly genealogy column http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/

Remember, this is an abstract of the newspaper. Not all names may be mentioned, i.e., obituaries, showers, and marriages may not have every name mentioned that were in the newspaper. For the complete content, look at the microfilm or find the copy in Newspapers.com.

Caroline Clem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Clem, left on a bus to Arkansas, accompanied by her aunt.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Craig and family recently were Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Rigby of Mississippi.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Porter recently bought the home of John Broadhead on K Avenue. Their son, Cecil Porter lives in Dallas.

July summer adult sewing classes begin for the month of July announced Home Ec teacher Mrs. Jim Hickey.

Murrell's Hardware opens in new building per Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murrell.

Mayor David McCall announced new summer water rates that encourage home beautification.

Miss Judy Landers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Landers, was one of seven finalists from a field of 150 entered in the Navy Sweetheart contest. She was accompanied by Mrs. Jim Hickey.

Plano Lions Club President W. O. Haggard presided at the naming of the new committee chairmen. Those named were: Homer Adams, Bill Goodman, Floyd Jolly, W. W. Davis, Ray Graves, Al Dougal, W. W. Smith Jr., Major Neely, Frank Brooks, James Reid, Dewey Wisner, Royce Skaggs, Conner Harrington, J. A. Lewandos, F. E. Jolly, Vance Maultsby, Frank Brooks, D. W. Prince. Nancy Uland and Sherry Beth Garrett entertained with solos, duos, and piano music.

David Snap spent July 4 with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Gallop. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gallop.

The W. N. White homestead burned near Camey. The property owner is L. L. Horn and R. S. Quisenberry operated it.

Rev. Clyde W. Newby of Calvary Baptist Church begins a revival meeting July 21-28.

W. H. Davis, 60, of Memphis died last week. He is the father of Jarrell Davis.

Ricky Lynn Holbrook, 8 month old son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Holbrook, died at home Friday. Rev Clyde W. Newby conducted the funeral and burial was in Pecan Grove Cemetery. Surviving are his parents James F. and Mary O. Bacon Holbrook and grandparents J. M. Holbrook of Wylie and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bacon of Cumby.

Mrs. J. W. Keim visited with her son Joe Keim and family.

Mrs. Paul Fields visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wetsel of Plano.

Samuel L. Newman, 81, died at home Saturday. He lived in Plano for 62 years. Rev. Lenton L. Poss and Rev. George Cherryhomes conducted the service. Interment was in Big Springs Cemetery in Richardson. He was born in Jefferson City, Tennessee, April 13, 1876. He was the son of James A. and Nancy Mary Henry Newman. Surviving are his wife Mrs. Lillie K. Newman; daughter Mrs. Zelma J. Reynolds, sons Robert J. Newman, George E. Newman and Jack L. Newman. Freddie Newman preceded him in death.

Postmaster W. G. Carlisle announced the new post office is about ready to open.

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Miss Mary Ethel Dillehay, 41, of Dallas was pulled from White Rock Lake Wednesday. She had been missing since Monday. She was born on August 9, 1915. Miss Dillehay had been a Parkland Hospital Nurse since 1949. She was reared in Plano and had been living with her mother, Mrs. Ollie Dillehay, in this city. Dr. William Montague, Christian Church, conducted the services with interment at Restland Cemetery. She was the daughter of Mr. William Harry Dillehay and Mrs. Mary Ollie Robbins Dillehay. Besides her mother, she was survived by three brothers James Dillehay of Richmond, Virginia, W. A. Dillehay of Dallas, and O. J. Dillehay of Richardson.

Mrs. Laura Reeder and children with her mother, Mrs. Joe Gallop of Plano visited in Oklahoma for a brief time as guests of Mrs. Gallop's daughter, Mrs. Ruby Fuller and family.

Rev. Hugh Durham announced a revival meeting for July 17-28. Rev. Jimmy Riaton, pastor of the Cavalry Baptist Church in Mexia will lead the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Landers and daughters visit in Bolixi, Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Snow announce the arrival of their baby son, Douglas Michael, born 27 June at City-County Hospital in McKinney. They have a daughter, Elaine, age 5.

Dr. and Mrs. O. T. Mitchell attended the funeral service of his brother-in-law, Rev. H. J. Manley, a retired Presbyterian minister. Survivors are his wife and two step-children, Mrs. Vivian Riley and Ray Lowrey.

County Attorney Dwight Whitwell announced murder charges have been filed for two murders in the county. Mrs. Virginia Tucker of Farmersville was charged in the death of her husband C. A. Tucker who had been shot six times. She was arrested by Sherriff Floyd Williams and Deputy Jim Standerfer. Charges were filed against Lindy Henderson who shot Jesse Frazier of McKinney.

p. 2 Miss Sadie Frances Dunn and her groom, Jack Harris, Jr. to be honored at a dinner party Thursday hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris, Jr. The Rev. Jack Hudson performed the double ring ceremony. Music was by Miss Laurana Rice accompanied by Miss Nancy Uland. Matron of honor was her sister Mrs. Billy T. Dyer. Bridesmaids were Misses Sherrie Garrett and Sonja Graves. The best man was the father of the groom. Groomsmen were Ronnie Dunn, Sam Newman, Jimmy Bourn, Billy T. Dyer, and Paul Mayfield. Joette Hudson and Charlie Dunn lit the candles. Assisting was: Misses Marcie Yandry, Tommie Hicklin, Joan Woods, Sarah Wheeler, Sandra Dunn, Jaquene Hudson, Judy Landers and Mrs. H. B. Reed.

Miss Martha Sue Vineyard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vineyard, will marry Charles David Hood, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hood. The bride to be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Forman of Plano. Attendants are Mrs. John Yandell, and Mr. Dennis Hood.

Honoring Miss Paula Sue Christian, bride elect of Ronny Brewton, were Mike Johnson, Mrs. Charles Reneau, and Mrs. Tommy Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forman of Plano announced the wedding of their daughter Miss Betty Frank Forman to David O. Plank, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Plank of Canyon, Texas. The wedding will be July 19 at the First Christian Church of Plano.

Neil Larkin Newton Jr. and his bride Miss Mary Ellen Robinson of Plano will make their home in Dallas. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Larkin Newton of Dallas. Rev. Gerald G. Moore officiated at St. Mathew's Episcopal Church. Henry Sanderson and Mrs. George Diremeyer presented the music. Attendants were James C. Robinson, Miss Carolyn Lightfoot, Allen C. Tinsch, Jr., J. Ross Griffing, John R. Henderson, Lionell Hawkins, and Harold Gene Huggins.

p. 3 Mrs. Emma Huffstutler and daughter Miss Frances Huffstutler were in Plano Friday for the wedding of Sadie Dunn and Jack Harris. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Pat Clark.

A. A. Bagwill and daughter Mrs. E. L. Sherrill and daughter Linda Kay with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Randles, Mrs. William Alfred Randles visited in Dallas and attended the 4th of July Fireworks at the Cotton Bowl.

Talmadge Uland is recovering at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

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p. 4 James Driggers, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Driggers of McKinney, was killed Tuesday afternoon in a power saw accident. Judge Portman Barker, Justice of the Peace, conducted the inquest. He is survived by his wife the former Miss Betty Talant of Princeton and one child, Frankie L. Driggers. Funeral services were conducted by A. W. Dyer and Rev. J. B. Burt in McKinney with burial at Restland Cemetery.

Jessie G. (Peck) Braswell Graves, 57, of McKinney died last Saturday. Rev. Glendell Jones and Rev. H. C. Hoy conducted the services with burial in Leonard Cemetery. According to Judge Portman Barker, Mr. Graves died of accidental gunshot. Born February 17, 1900, he is the son of William M. and Martha Lee Chapman Braswell. From age one he was reared in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Graves of Melissa. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Evans of Richardson in 1936. He was a steward at the First Methodist Church. Besides his wife, he is survived by his sister Mrs. Sam Seely of Dallas.

Mrs. C. B. Hasford, daughter Pam, and Miss Margie Craig, returned from vacation in Devon, Pennsylvania, where they joined Mrs. Hasford's son, Judge.

Mrs. Quincy H. Hurst of Plano and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Marshall of Richardson visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Don Norton of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Densmore and children Bonnie Dell and Kenneth move to Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hudson and daughters Jaquinne, Joette, and Patti of Waco visited in Plano and attended the wedding of Miss Sadie Dunn and Jack Harris, Jr.

Miss Patti Punchard returned to Temple after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris and attending the wedding of Miss Sadie Dunn and Jack Harris, Jr.

p. 5 **CAR REGISTRATIONS**

Kenneth J. Christian, Jonas A. Allman, Jr., Bob John Allan, Elbert K. Patrick, Clarence L. Blanchard, Mrs. Helen C. Smart, Mrs. Grace McGede.

Mrs. Homer Horton, Jr., and children Laurie Lynn and Mike of Ft. Lavaca visited with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Horton in Plano.

Albert Mitchell, born July 22, 1900, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Mitchell, died at home in Wylie. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Bill Jones pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wylie with burial in Wylie Cemetery. Surviving are his wife and sons Bobby and Glenn Mitchell and a brother Allen Mitchel of Wylie.

Tree crewman parachuted from a plane in an emergency near Prosper announced Commander Paul Wanous. The crewmen are: Lt. Commander Howard C. Hanson, K. E. Whittington and C. G. K. Smith all of Sanford Florida Naval Air Station.

Town and Country Shop owner Mrs. Fred S. Donaldson announced a get-acquainted sale at her shop.

p. 6 Lt. and Mrs. Robert McKenzie and son Danny of Waco spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers and family. They were accompanied by Miss Rosemary Rogers.

Howard Burrow of McKinney visited his sister Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Bagwill and his mother Mrs. Addie Burrow of Plano.

Tom W. Perkins, Jr. of McKinney visited in Plano.

Mrs. Gene Chilton of Plano spent time at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

p. 7 Laura Myers and Ruth Matthews thank everyone for their recent kindness.

Mrs. Doug O'Neil and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. O'Neil vacationed at Lake Murray, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Jim Donley's niece Mrs. Vivian Sindik, wife of Carrollton publisher Nick Sindik is in Methodist Hospital in Dallas. Nicky and Stevie Sindik are spending the week at the Donley's this week.

Mrs. Edgar L. Huffstutler and children Steven and Susan returned home from Missouri where they visited her mother Mrs. G. A. Schrader.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Renfrow of Kansas are visiting their daughter in Plano, Mr. and Mrs. James Warren Ball and son Warren Lee.

Richard and Carl Grey, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Grey of Plano are visiting in Iowa.

Leighton Bush of Houston visited Uncles E. L. and R. M. Trail and Aunt Mrs. Betty J. Waggoner. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bush of Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Reddell of McKinney visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sherrill and Linda Kay and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bagwill on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vavra Jr., visited the latter's aunt, Mrs. Arthur A. Bagwill and husband on Sunday.

p. 8 Miss Shelby Craig and Miss Laurana Rice honored Miss Sadie Dunn at the Rice home.

Mrs. Ray Graves and Miss Sonja Graves honored Miss Dunn with a linen shower.

Charles Haun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haun received a bronze medal for being selected Top FFA Member. Chapter Advisors are Mayes Fuqua and Jack Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Young and daughter Mrs. L. T. Durrett, and the latter's daughter Jean Durrett have returned home after visiting Pulaski, Tennessee.

Rev. Charles Dunafan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dunafan is the new pastor of the Camey Baptist Church after Rev. Nathan Harding moved to Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Reddell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sherrill and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bagwill.

Friends and family of Mrs. Helen Offutt thank everyone for their consideration during their bereavement after her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner and children Linda Sue and Charles returned after their vacation to West Texas and New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith and children Jimmy, Jerry and Madalyn after visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wilke of Southland, Texas. Messrs. Smith and Wilke were former Army buddies.

Clint Morrison of Brannan's Food Mart is enjoying his vacation this week.

A. J. "Banty" Willis, 76, died at his home in McKinney. He came from Cleveland, Tennessee 65 years ago. He married August 29, 1907 to Miss Betsy Mae McKinney. She preceded him in death January 17 this year. Survivors are a son Jim Alfred Willis of McKinney and two sisters and three grandchildren.

The family of Mr. Sam Newman thanks the many friends and family for their visits and food during his long illness.

The firm of Hedrick, Stanley and Lightfoot are drawing up rehabilitation plans for the McKinney Veterans Hospital announced Dr. W. H. Buckholts.

Mrs. Emma Monroe is enjoying a few weeks' vacation with her brother in Loving, New Mexico.

Dr. L. V. Robinson of Wright Patterson Air Base in Dayton, Ohio visited here Tuesday. He is the nephew of John W. Robinson. Dr. Robinson was reared in Plano and graduated from Plano High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Duke returned home from vacation in Nashville. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bailey.

Grandma's Christmas Gnocchi

By Barbara Battocchio Brogdon

My dad was the oldest boy of ten children, five boys and five girls, and we called his mother, Nonni. She was of Italian descent and Italian grandmothers are often called Nonna. We lived on the same street as my dad's parents, two or three doors down.

They had the most wonderful apartment! It was on the third floor of their building, with four bedrooms, a living room, huge dining room and a sun porch that my Nonni used as her sewing room. The kitchen had a walk-in pantry, a dumbwaiter that the kids were not allowed to touch, and right near the dumbwaiter was a back staircase to the ground floor. It was fascinating even though we were never able to play on the dumbwaiter or explore that stairway. Once or twice my mom accompanied us down the narrow back stairs and in my child's mind they represented a secret passage to be explored. Sadly, those trips were far too few and moms don't want to stop at each floor to search out hidden treasures.

All the rooms in the apartment were connected by a long hallway that ran from one end of her home to the other. The family met at Nonni and Pop's every holiday. The oldest children were married so there were aunts, uncles and plenty of cousins to spare.

There are so many memories of those years; the most vivid being when we arrived to celebrate Christmas. As soon as we entered the front door, the aroma of the upcoming feast led us directly to Nonni's kitchen. Tables and countertops were covered with white cloth, home-made cookies and gnocchi. A turkey or ham was already out of the oven waiting to be carved. One medium-sized woman had created all of this by herself. Even as a child I was amazed to see that one person could do so much.

The dinners were spectacular; Gnocchi with red sauce came right after the Anti-pasta (appetizer), followed by a traditional ham or turkey meal with all the sides. The family was often seated at the table for several hours finishing all this food and catching up on current events. If you've ever been at an Italian family dinner, you will know that it is not a quiet meal ... and how I cherish those noisy times.

We were all there; my grandparents, nine of their children, spouses and a minimum of six grandchildren at that time. Three generations of my dad's family, never giving a thought to the possibility of life ever being any different.

We moved to California when I was twelve and that was the end of our years spending holidays with my grandparents. My mom and dad carried the tradition of Christmas Gnocchi with them. Our little family totaled just four people, so my parents invited friends, neighbors and co-workers to help celebrate Christmas with us. Only a few of them were of Italian descent but everyone loved Nonni's home made gnocchi.

Today, all the grandparents, aunts, and uncles are gone; even two of my cousins have passed. While some have remained in the East, many of Nonni and Pop's descendants are scattered all over the U.S. A few of us stay in touch on Facebook.



A Cadillac Brought Us to Texas

By Carla Klick

Riding in the back seat of a 1949 Pontiac was the beginning.

The Indian Head hood ornament of amber was not lulling me to peaceful sleep. That was the front view down a craggy two-lane road. The view to my right was looking down at mountain roads crumbling away, crumbling outer edges falling away as we rambled along the canyons steep winding path. The road rarely meandered it always was twisting, turning and tortuously steep. The incline was approaching vertical. Not exciting to me, I was just plain scared. The mountain ride was beautiful only if you looked up.



Finally, on the straightaways, for some unknown reason to me Daddy did not want to stop the car for a rest. When he was tired and wanted a break from driving, Momma an obeying wife and Daddy, a lanky 6' 3" Ukrainian would switch seats, yes while still driving along down the road! Curious fact, Momma had just learned to drive a few months ago when we were in Boise. She had to learn as Daddy left for Texas to learn a new trade, laying brick working for Wylie Scoggins, his Army Buddy.

Yes, indeedly I did find some measure of inner peace while on this wild ride. The wild flowers, yellow buttercups and red Indian Paintbrushes dotted the country side; this was a pleasant break from the madness.

This Texas place was strange, some places had bright orange dirt, then it changed to black dirt, no brown dirt anywhere! And flat you would not believe how flat, no mountains, hills or valleys, just nothing!

When we got to Texas, it was August 1951 and hot, very hot. Record heat temperatures for the next 5-6 years. Some still stand today! We stayed with Wylie Scoggins and his German war bride on Elam Road in the southeastern part of Dallas County called Pleasant Grove. His Austin stone house seemed huge with an enormous front yard with a water well. We kids slept on the sleeping mats with an evaporative cooler blowing hot humid air all around. An evaporative cooler is just a big box with a fan and one would pour water in the bottom, so the fan would cool the air. I was and am still not a fan of this contraption.

In September we started to school, Claudia in the 2nd grade and I was in the 3rd grade at John Quincy Adams Elementary. The thing I remember most is that it was so hot I could hardly breathe. No air stirring in the class rooms. Just stifling heat! We had only lived in the northern climes of Seattle, Boise and Frankfurt Germany. One other remembrance was the kids giggling and saying to us "talk, say something." Ya, we had strange accents. A mixture of German and American Yankee. (This is another story.) I was dumbfounded. Being dumbfounded is another story too.

I believe we stayed with the Scoggins family for about 2 months while Daddy bought a new house on the GI bill for \$9,999, three bedrooms and one bath, over 900 sq ft at 1408 Gaylord in Pleasant Grove. The blue-collar edition was still under construction and the row of houses in front of us was not completed. We all were warned and given strict instructions to stay out of there, because we might step on a big nail.

And how did a Cadillac bring us to Texas when I clearly stated we were in a 1949 Pontiac did. So... Daddy's army buddy, Wylie Scoggins visited us in Boise after the war (WWII) several times. Daddy was working in a warehouse loading and unloading with no future and he had just adopted us three kids. (This is another story!) Wylie drove up from Texas in a big ole long Cadillac! (Got it?) He talked Daddy into coming to Texas during the summer to learn Wylie's trade, laying brick. Clearly us Yankees did not know when summer was over in Texas, so we started our journey on August 1951! And yes, Daddy did get his Cadillac a few years later, after all that envy.

This was the start of my Texas journey.