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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2019. 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 21, 2019—Show and Tell—Share your research and family stories.

Future Events

January 18, 2020—”Protecting Your Data” by Bill Butler

February 15, 2020—”Organizing Your Genealogy” by Barbara Coakley

We are working on the sessions for 2020, if you have a topic or speaker suggestion please email Barbara Coakley 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 Education

Genealogy II class at Collin College meets on Wednesday from Jan 22, 2020 through March 11, 2020 at Courtyard Campus from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Instructor is Barbara Coakley. Class focuses on different records that we use to tell the story of our ancestors' lives including military records, immigration and naturalization records, <https://www.collin.edu/ce/classes/index.html>

Genealogy Online Research class at Collin College meets on Wednesday from March 18, 2020 through April 22, 2020 at Courtyard Campus from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Instructor is Barbara Coakley. In this hands on class in a computer lab we'll explore websites. , <https://www.collin.edu/ce/classes/index.html>

Rootstech will be held February 26-29, 2020 at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, UT. The theme will be The Story of You. Info available <https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake> . If you can't attend watch for the sessions that will be streamed on the web or consider a virtual pass.

Echoes of our Ancestors, the National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held 20-23 May, 2020 in Salt Lake City, UT. <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference will be held 2-5 September, 2020 in Kansas City, MO. <https://fgs.org/conferences/>

Family History Library Classes and Webinars are available on FamilySearch.org to watch. https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Texas State Genealogy Society Conference, "Remebering Your Heritage" is scheduled for November 13-15, 2020 at the Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas. <https://www.txsgs.org/2020-conference/>

The Menger Hotel

By Texas Historical Commission

Legend has it that the beer William Menger brewed was so potent, his customers sometimes spent the night on the benches in the brewery. So in 1858, Menger, who'd moved to San Antonio from Germany in the 1840s, built a hotel.

The hotel-brewery was wildly popular, and Menger rose to prominence as a successful businessman. Many of the early land and cattle deals were inked in the Menger over one of his lagers, which were brewed with a Mexican candy called piloncillo.

Eventually, the hotel operation overtook the brewery and was sold to J. H. Kampmann in the early 1880s. Although the building has undergone many remodels, [The Menger Hotel - San Antonio](#) remains a well-known historic hotel.

Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, the Menger's period paintings, furniture, and ornamentation remind visitors that it was a frontier oasis for cattlemen and politicians.

Submitted by Barbara Battocchio Brogdon



Route 66

By Texas Historical Commission

Although much of the original road has been physically displaced, the spirit of Route 66 still survives along the original route in Texas. This stretch of highway from Chicago to Los Angeles, established in the 1920s, quickly achieved a route of choice for goods and travelers crossing the nation.

With the advent of the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression, the route accommodated both hope and desperation as citizens took flight from lives devastated by drought and poverty, only to find more of the same as they moved westward.

Located on historic Route 66, McLean embodies early ranching and early highway heritage. From its beginning, barbed wire was dubbed "devil's rope," as unsuspecting cattle often became tangled in the new style of fencing.

The Devil's Rope and Route 66 Museum demonstrates how barbed wire ended open-range ranching. The museum also features Route 66 memorabilia. Five blocks west is the state's first Phillips 66 service station (pictured), built in 1927.

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Collin County Historic Dates—December

By Joy Gough

- December 1, 1858 F. M. Bounds came to Collin County
- December 1, 1902 Free city mail delivery established in McKinney
- December 2, 1901 Free rural mail delivery to Foote, Rock Hill, Lucas, & Altoga
- December 4, 1881 William Farley family arrived in Collin County from Hart County, KY
- December 4, 1887 Roland post office established
- December 4, 1901 Possum & Tater Club met in McKinney
- December 5, 1894 Masonic Lodge in Plano granted a charter
- December 5, 1909 Lebanon Masonic Lodge #837 moved to Frisco
- December 6, 1901 Constables raid poker game on Honey Creek, riot at arraignment
- December 7, 1939 Woodmen of the World, Woodmen Circle, & juvenile members held a joint meeting at Celina lodge hall
- December 8, 1980 Collin McKinney house destroyed by fire in McKinney
- December 8, 1901 Fire at Beckett Bros. Restaurant in Heard building in McKinney
- December 9, 1856 William Nelson Bush family arrived at McKinney
- December 9, 1904 Lamp explodes in Wynn & Son Restaurant in Wylie
- December 10, 1898 Clear Lake post office established
- December 10, 1901 Plano votes for prohibition
- December 11, 1900 Plano city fire horses rented out for personal use
- December 12, 1874 First Baptist Church of Celina organized in the Old Union School House
- December 12, 1898 New church building dedicated for Plano Presbyterian Church
- December 13, 1898 Plano city council forbids the shooting of fireworks on streets
- December 14, 1837 Fannin County created out of Red River County
- December 14, 1881 Odd Fellows Lodge #276 organized in Lebanon
- December 14, 1907 Millwood post office closed
- December 15, 1854 Rock Hill post office established
- December 15, 1932 Pike post office discontinued
- December 17, 1930 First National Bank of Plano organized
- December 17, 1930 Wysong Clinic formally opened
- December 18, 1905 Celina Masonic Lodge chartered
- December 19, 1904 Contract let for machinery for new flour mill at Prosper
- December 19, 1904 East side of Tennessee Street burned in McKinney
- December 20, 1838 The Congress of the Republic of Texas approved establishment of a road from the Red River to Austin—Preston Road
- December 21, 1904 East side of Tennessee Street burned in McKinney
- December 23, 1890 Sellers post office closed
- December 23, 1931 Liberty State Bank in Murphy robbed
- December 24, 1854 A saloon brawl at Sugar Hill resulted in the deaths of Captain John Yeary and John and Samuel Glass
- December 24, 1848 Daniel Herring arrived in the Murphy area
- December 25, 1842 Mr. Peg Whistler and Wesley Clements were killed in an Indian raid on Honey Creek.
- December 29, 1845 Texas admitted into the United States
- December 25, 1848 Ball held in the new courthouse
- December 27, 1956 Fire in Nevada destroyed 2 businesses
- December 28, 1845 Texas admitted to the Union
- December 28, 1898 Mack C. Abbott moved his family to Copeville
- December 28, 1903 Bishop post office discontinued, George E. Allen, postmaster
- December 28, 1904 A temperature of -20°
- December 28, 1924 Methodist Church of Farmersville burned
- December 29, 1904 Annual rabbit chase in Plano
- December 30, 1886 Stiff post office discontinued
- December 31, 1903 Sedalia, Roland, Chambersville, Branch, Biggers, and Vineland post offices discontinued
- December 31, 1948 Texas Electric Railroad closed
- Saturday before the 4th Sunday in December 1853 Orchard Gap Primitive Baptist Church started