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Schedule of Events

We are holding our meetings via Zoom through February 2022

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events. Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice from 10:15 to 12:00 (unless otherwise noted below). Invites will be send out the week before the meeting.

Future Events:

January 6, 2021—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 15, 2022 - Zoom Meeting - "Choosing the Details: The Secret to Compelling Stories" by Laura Hedgecock.

February 19, 2022 - Zoom Meeting - "Facebook's 16,700+ Genealogy/History Pages & Groups" by Katherine Wilson

March 19, 2022 - Format TBD - Speaker will be Emily Richardson, topic will be announced.

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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.

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 & News

Vivid-Pix software is available at a discount and GenFriends earns money with every purchase. Email newsletter@genealogyfriends.org for the link to purchase Restore for \$39.99 and help raise money to purchase materials for the Genealogy Section of the library.

There are virtual lectures almost every day listed on Conferencekeeper.org. <https://conferencekeeper.org/>

RootsTech will be virtual in 2022 - March 3-5th - Registration is open <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/next/>.

Vintage Postcards

By Barbara Coakley

Vintage postcards are a window into the past. Photos and drawings of places where our ancestor lived or places they visited are a great way to add visual interest to family stories and bring them to life. Postcards can show the county courthouse, main street of town, churches where ancestors worshiped, schools, and much more. The first commercial post cards in the U.S. were sold at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois in 1893.

I found postcards from the Brevoort Hotel where my grandparents spent their honeymoon and one sent to my grandfather when he was attending college at the University of Missouri.



Sources for vintage postcards:

- Ancestry.com has collections of postcards for the U.S. and Europe. <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8705/>
- Geneanet Postcard Collection <https://en.geneanet.org/postcards/>
- My Genealogy Hound Vintage Postcards, Historica Photos and Images <https://www.mygenealogyhound.com/vintage-postcards-photos-and%20images.asp>
- Ebay - Create an account. Create a search for a location, family name or topic and save it. Subscribe the search and when something new is posted that matches your search criteria you will get an email. <https://www.ebay.com/>
- Vintage Post Cards - collection is for Canada <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~cansk/PostCards/index.htm>
- Cyndi's List - Postcards <https://www.cyndislist.com/postcards/general/>
- Courthouse Square Antique Postcards - Antique Postcard & Paper Americana Shows
Comfort Inn and Suites Plano East March 11-12, 2022 and Oct 7-8, 2022
<http://www.courthousesquare.net/showsched.htm>
- PICRYL Free Vintage Postcards https://picryl.com/search?q=free%20vintage%20postcards&gclid=Cj0KCQiAzfuNBhCGARIsAD1nu--cYT_cW4uz1brKXIaVU2By-LIbovZA4zMURQvugiqFnpm1Sni7xIQaAvyTEALw_wcB
- "Determining Postcard Age" PostcardValues.com <https://postcardvalues.com/postcardage.html>
- Center of Southwest Studies Fort Lewis College https://www.fortlewis.edu/finding_aids/images/M194/PostcardDating.htm

Family History Craft Ideas

By Barbara Coakley

For Christmas this year, I created a digital scrapbook of family cookie recipes and included family pictures from Christmas through the years. Here are some ideas for family history related gifts or ideas on repurposing historic family items.

Walmart, Walgreens, Costco, Shutterfly, and Snapfish are just a few companies that produce photo books. Upload your photos, add text, and they print the book for you.

OnGenealogy <https://www.ongenealogy.com/how-to-use-old-postcards/>

Quilts made with photos or postcards.

Personalization Mall <https://www.personalizationmall.com/>

Christmas Ornaments using family photos, picture frames, family tree wood ornaments, etc.

Grandma's Jewelry Box: A Guide to Making Framed Jewelry Christmas Trees and Art <https://www.amazon.com/Grandmas-Jewelry-Box-Making-Christmas/dp/1505629845?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&psc=1>

Google "Costume Jewelry Crafts" for more ideas using costume jewelry.



"20 Family History Craft and Project Ideas" by FamilyTree <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/projects/crafts/family-history-diy-projects/>

"6 Unique Family Tree Craft Projects to Keep You Busy this Fall" by Family History Daily <https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/family-tree-craft-projects/>

"8 Easy Family History Gifts You Can Make Yourself" by Heart of the Family <https://www.thefamilyheart.com/family-history-gifts/>

"Over 50 Free Family Tree Crafts Patterns at AllCrafts" <https://www.allcrafts.net/familytree.htm>

Wood Family Tree Charts on Etsy <https://www.etsy.com/listing/754146207/wood-family-tree-chart-personalized?epik=dj0yJnU9NV9yWVpOcWhhMTUyYzNNcU9IcmhfZjk0OFFxMGQxTkYmcD0wJm49Q3BHVVG1oMENTOHdldlVrWFJ1U3dxQSZ0PUFBQUFBR0dfb3o4>

President Eisenhower's Birthplace

Submitted by Barbara Brogdon

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Dwight David "Ike" Eisenhower was born in the bedroom of this two-story house in Denison on this day in 1890. He was the only one of David and Ida Eisenhower's seven children to be born in Texas. David brought his wife and their two young sons Arthur and Edgar from Hope, Kansas, in 1889 to pursue a new life in Texas working on the railroad.

The Eisenhowers rented a simple frame house near the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad yards where David worked as a wiper, earning less than \$40 a month cleaning the steam engines.

When Eisenhower was nearly 18 months old, his family returned to Kansas where his father secured employment with Belle Springs Creamery as a refrigeration engineer. It would be another 23 years before Eisenhower returned to Texas, this time as a second lieutenant in the Army infantry, stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

Eisenhower was always the pride of Denison. The community acquired his birthplace home in 1946, and he was hailed as a hometown hero when he came back to visit that year.

Today, the home is a THC property, the [Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site](#). Advance reservations are encouraged for house tours. Please call 903-465-8908 to learn more.

More info about the site: <https://www.thc.texas.gov/.../eisenhower-birthplace-state...>

