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Saturday Seminars

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2012. 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:

February 18, 2012—Meg Hacker from the Southwest Regional Archives will discuss the 1940 Census.

Future Topics:

February 25, 2012—LearnN—Land Records—Topics will be “Using the BLM Website” and “Land Records at Your Local Courthouse” See Page 6 For more information.

March 17, 2012—”Digital Photography for Genealogists” by Tony Hanson

April 21, 2012—TBD

April 28, 2012—LearnN—Census Records—Topics will be “Census Search Strategies” and “1940 Census Research”. We’ll also have volunteers available to help you if you want to use the computers in the Genealogy Section to do census research. See page 2 For more information.

May 19, 2012—”Introduction to Heraldry for Genealogists” by David Appleton

We are looking for topics and speakers for 2012 presentations, email Barb 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
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10
Compiled Newsletters with Index	\$15

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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Brenda Kellow writes a weekly genealogy column, Tracing Our Roots. you can read it online at <http://tracingourroots.weebly.com/>

LearnN

LearnN's are offered three times a year at the library. There are two one hour sessions. A \$10 donation is requested to raise money for materials for the Genealogy section of the library:

February 25—Land Records—learn about land records in public land states and how to use indexes to find land records at the county courthouse.

April 28—Census Records—in addition to the two classes we will have volunteers stationed in the genealogy section where you can use the computers to search the 1940 census for your family members.

August 25—Technology—topics will be available soon.

Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts

You can be one of the best dressed genealogists in town!

We have logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, Henley's and polo style shirts available.

The shirts have a 3" dark green logo printed on the left chest. All shirts are available in toddler through XXXL.

T-shirts \$15

Long Sleeved T Shirts \$18

Sweatshirts \$20 (white, neutral, ash, light blue, pink, yellow and sand)

Henley's \$20 (white, ash or natural)

Polo Shirts \$20 (white, ask or light blue)



Library Volunteers Needed

The Genealogy section needs volunteers to help with indexing the Plano Star Courier, sorting through six boxes of the Wells collection to create a bibliography and scan images, data entry of information for digital collection. Think about all the resources you have used that were made possible by volunteers. We should all be giving back to the genealogy community. If you are interested contact Cheryl Smith at cheryls@plano.gov or 972-769-4240.

Education Opportunities

Genealogy Lock-In Haggard Library Friday, March 2, 2012 6 pm to 11 pm.

http://www.plano.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/Plano/Library/Genealogy%20Poster%20March2012%20LearningLockin_LINK.pdf There is a link on the poster to register. Seven genealogy classes in one evening with one-on-one research assistance.

There are two genealogy classes coming up at Collin College (formerly CCCCD) taught by Barbara Coakley:

- Using One Note for Genealogy, Saturday 3/3 and 3/10 from 9-1 at Courtyard Campus. This is a hands on class. Bring genealogy notes, photos, document images on a thumb drive and you'll learn to create an electronic notebook to organize your research. Microsoft OneNote is included in Office 2010 or is available for purchase separately.
- Online Research, Tuesday nights 3/6 to 4/10 from 6:30-9:00 at Courtyard Campus. There are more and more resources available on the internet for genealogy research. In a computer lab we'll explore websites for genealogy research and you can follow along on a computer terminal.

Visit Collin College website to register <http://www.collin.edu/ce/>

Legacy Family Tree offers free webinars on their website. If you can't make the webinar they offer recorded versions free for a limited time <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Webinars.asp>

The National Genealogy Society is hosting a research trip to Washington D.C. 12-17 November 2012. This is an opportunity to research in our nation's Capital in a small group with help from experts.

http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conferences_events/research_tips/dc_research_trip

The National Genealogy Society conference "The Ohio River—Gateway to the Western Frontier" will be held 9-12 May 2012 in Cincinnati, Ohio. National conferences are a great way to learn, see what's new in genealogy, shop at vendors, and meet other genealogists. http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

The National Archives at Fort Worth is offering free help to get ready for the 1940 census. One on one sessions are being offered throughout the week—Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. Email ftworth.education@nara.gov or call 817-831-5620. They are also offering classes, watch their Facebook page for schedule.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies presents "Indians, Squatters, Settlers, and Soldiers in the Old Southwest" in Birmingham, Alabama August 29-September 1, 2012. <http://www.fgs.org/2012conference/>

The Dallas Genealogical Society Spring Lecture "Exploring Connections" features D. Joshua Taylor on March 24, 2012 at the downtown Dallas Public Library.

http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=369:march-24-saturday-1000-400-spring-lecture&catid=1:latest-news&Itemid=196

Websites & Genealogy News

By Barbara Coakley

The Family History Library raised prices for microfilm loans effective 15 February 2012:
Short-term film loan \$7.50; Short-term file loan extension \$7.50; Extended film loan \$18.75, microfiche loan \$4.75
These costs cover the cost of shipping the film.

The US National Library of Medicine is a great resource for researching causes of death. If you can't find info on their website use their contact us link to ask a question. Their reference librarians have been very helpful.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/>

Here is another site that might help with that mysterious cause of death you need a definition for—Rudy's List of Archaic Medical Terms

<http://www.antiquusmorbus.com/German/GermanB.htm>

RootsTech was held in Salt Lake City 2-4 February. They have posted videos of the keynote sessions from each day on their website. The Thursday session speaker is Jay Verkler who was the president of FamilySearch International until last year and was the architect of Familysearch.org His talk is very interesting. On Saturday there was a panel from Ancestry.com, they share some of the things they are working on. <http://rootstech.org/>

Volunteers have been indexing the Plano City Council Minutes from 1891-1899. The index and abstracts are available on the Plano Libraries website.

<http://www.plano.gov/Departments/Libraries/Genealogy/Pages/Resources.aspx>

WYLIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The society has a web presence to introduce their new and growing group to the public. Randall Cross made this site available for anyone searching Wylie's past. In time, the site will contain all the upcoming projects. Visit the site at <https://sites.google.com/site/wyliehistoricalsociety/>.

The Wylie Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to sharing and preserving the cultural heritage of Wylie, Texas. The monthly meetings, which are open to the public, offer a range of programming including presentations by guest speakers and artifact displays. You are invited you to join in person or online to learn more about the City of Wylie and the surrounding region.

The Society meets in the former home of the late Thomas and Mattie Brown. Constructed in 1905, the beautiful Queen Ann style house is designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL). It currently serves as the office for the F.O. Birmingham Memorial Land Trust.

Join now to be one of the charter members.

The Historic Asset Survey orientation attracted a good turnout. They would like to thank everyone who attended and especially Loydell Seward from the Collin County Historical Commission for sharing her expertise. If you were unable to attend the orientation, you can learn more about the project here.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21 at 3:00 pm.

Sousas Matinee Concert

A Large Crowd Heard This Wonderful Bank

BAND MASTERS REPUTATION

The matinee given at the opera house yesterday afternoon by Sousa and his unexcelled band of fifty or more members was an attraction, which did not disappoint the audience, but was far better than many had anticipate and the citizens of McKinney appreciate the enterprise of Manager Henry Warden, in securing such an attraction, showing their appreciation by filling the opera house to its full seating capacity.

The program carried out was the same as given in larger cities, each piece, bearing the stamp of perfection which has been attained by this wonderful band master.

The reputation of John Phillip Sousa and his famous band is so well known throughout the world, that a word of comment is not necessary. So famous has he become that even the name "Sousa" stands for perfection from the standpoint of a musician. Suffice it to say that the audience that greeted him in this city, was fully convinced that he deserved all honor and praise that has ever been bestowed upon him.

Assisting Mr. Sousa as specialists were Miss Jeanette Powers, a gifted young violinist, who was a student under such noted teachers as Joachim and Markee's in Berlin, Geloso of Paris, and Leopold Litchenburg at the National Conservatory n New York.

Miss Elizabeth Schiller coloratura soprano, who has one of those brilliant voices that are superb in their penetrating, yet sympathetic quality, and lend themselves easily to those songs that demand dazzle of execution with particular emphasis upon high notes.

Mr. Herbert, cornetist, who has played with every prominent musical organization in this country, and has been a star at every Exposition the world over for many years and today brings eclat to the fine work of the world famed Sousa organization.

Farmersville Smashing

Mrs. Carrie Nation Breaks Bottles and Snatches Cigaretts.

LECTURED THERE LAST NIGHT

Arrived in McKinney This Afternoon and Will Lecture at Opera House Tonight

McKinney Daily Courier Gazette, March 25, 1905

Mrs. Carrie Nation, the noted Kansas saloon smasher, lectured at the Woodmen hall in Farmersville last night. This morning she went into J Horn's place of business in that town and called for "something to drink." A bottle was set out to her, where-upon she picked it up, tasted of its contents and threw it at the large mirror, breaking the bottle. She then picked up a glass and threw it at the mirror, and had raised her hand to throw a salt cellar when she was seized by some one. She left at once for the railroad station. On her way she came in contact with a small boy with a cigarette in his mouth. She immediately snatched it from his mouth, and delivered him a lecture. She took the train for Princeton, stopping over there until this afternoon. She arrived in McKinney on the 4:40 M K & T local, and will lecture at the opera house tonight. She will doubtless have a full house.





Gen Friends Learn-N:

**“Using the BLM Website”
and
“Land Records at the Local Courthouse”**

by Barbara Coakley

Saturday, February 25, 2012

from 10:30am to 12:30pm

W O Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd, Plano

The Bureau of Land Management Website has records for the first purchase of land in public land states from the General Land Office. Learn how to use their website. Land records are some of the earliest records available to genealogists and can provide vast information about our ancestors. We’ll explore how to find deeds in your local courthouse.

A \$10.00 donation would be appreciated. Donations are used to purchase materials for the Genealogy section of the Haggard Library.

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