

# 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:

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

### Future Events:

**February 7, 2023 - In Person—DNA Special Interest Group** - Meets in Genealogy Section from 7-8:30 pm.

**February 9, 2023—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.

**March 2, 2023—Zoom Meeting—Genealogy Round Table**

**March 14, 2023—In Person—DNA Special Interest Group**

**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 (Remote Speaker)

**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 normally meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Genealogy Section of Haggard Library from 7-8:30 pm. In February we are meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 since the second Tuesday is Valentine's Day.

We are using Diahan Southard's book *Your DNA Guide the book* to guide our discussions. We are working on pages 28-44 which are about choosing your research goal.

We are learning together about using DNA to further our genealogy research.

## 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

**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 person in Fort Wayne, IN June 9-11, <https://iggp.org/index.php>.

## February is Black History Month

By Barbara Coakley

# Black History Month

The White House issued a proclamation of National Black History Month on 31 January 2023. You can read it <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/01/31/a-proclamation-on-national-black-history-month-2023/>

Many groups hold free educational events during the month, here are a few:

National Archives—"African American History,"  
<https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/african-american-history>

"Gradual Emancipation and Enslavement in the North," by Ari Wilkins on Legacy Family Tree Webinars Friday, **February 3rd** at 1 pm central time. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/gradual-emancipation-and-enslavement-in-the-north/>

Dallas Genealogical Society presents "Black and White Southern Families in Southern Plantation Records," by Ari Wilkins on **Saturday, February 4, 2023** at 10:30 am. You can attend via Zoom or in person at the Downton Library. <https://dallasgenealogy.org/general-meeting/>

Black Homesteaders of the South with Bernice Bennett, Presented by the National Museum of African American History & Culture, **Saturday, February 4, 2023** at 11 am central time. <https://nmaahc.si.edu/events/black-homesteaders-south-bernice-bennett>

African American Genealogy Challenges—Panel Discussion presented by International African American Museum **February 4, 2023** at Noon central time. [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_c0r-8AgkQKWegDktJW7Xfw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_c0r-8AgkQKWegDktJW7Xfw)

Searching for Free People of Color before Emancipation by the Spartanburg Public Library on **Monday February 6, 2023** at 6 pm central time. [https://infodepot-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uc-6vqi8vHNYD8PjhGrbUrQ9e2cWgcH\\_2](https://infodepot-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uc-6vqi8vHNYD8PjhGrbUrQ9e2cWgcH_2)

African American Genealogy 101 with Nicka Smith presented by Charles County Public Library **Tuesday, February 7, 2023** at 5 pm central time. <https://ccplonline.libnet.info/event/7761452>

Precarious Lives of Free Blacks Pre1865 with Janice Lovelace, **Wednesday, February 8, 2023** at noon central time <http://fiskelibrary.org/>

Descendants of the Enslaved and Enslavers: Working Together to Discover Family presented by Georgia Genealogical Society Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 7 pm central time. <https://gagensociety.org/webinar-schedule/>

African American Genealogy with Dennis Richmond, Jr. **Thursday, February 9, 2023** at 6 pm central time <http://whiteplainslibrary.evanced.info/events/signup.asp?ID=84534>

"No Longer Forgotten," 2023 Black History Month Conference, **Saturday, February 11, 2023** at 9 am central time. <http://www.wdcfhc.org/AAHGS-Conf/>

**Check the Conference Keeper Website for more virtual lectures.** <https://conferencekeeper.org/virtual/>

State Historical Society of Missouri On Demand Lecture Series includes Kelly Schmidt on Slavery and the Catholic Church [https://shsmo.org/node/1860?utm\\_source=The+State+Historical+Society+of+Missouri&utm\\_campaign=f68ed79d8a-EMAIL\\_2022-02-01\\_BHM\\_COPY\\_02&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_259f4d5723-f68ed79d8a-165168921&mc\\_cid=f68ed79d8a&mc\\_eid=9921abdd3a](https://shsmo.org/node/1860?utm_source=The+State+Historical+Society+of+Missouri&utm_campaign=f68ed79d8a-EMAIL_2022-02-01_BHM_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_259f4d5723-f68ed79d8a-165168921&mc_cid=f68ed79d8a&mc_eid=9921abdd3a) and Larry Gragg on The African American Experience about desegregation in education [https://shsmo.org/on-demand/AAEM-Gragg?utm\\_source=The+State+Historical+Society+of+Missouri&utm\\_campaign=f68ed79d8a-EMAIL\\_2022-02-01\\_BHM\\_COPY\\_02&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_259f4d5723-f68ed79d8a-165168921&mc\\_cid=f68ed79d8a&mc\\_eid=9921abdd3a](https://shsmo.org/on-demand/AAEM-Gragg?utm_source=The+State+Historical+Society+of+Missouri&utm_campaign=f68ed79d8a-EMAIL_2022-02-01_BHM_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_259f4d5723-f68ed79d8a-165168921&mc_cid=f68ed79d8a&mc_eid=9921abdd3a)

## Black Schools

By Joy Gough

There were black children living all around Collin County around 1900. However, they were not in sufficient concentrations to warrant a local school. The rural students were transferred to one of the larger city schools and funding for them was transferred from the original school district area to the larger school. The rural districts that had schools for the black students usually had very short school terms.

There were 29 known Colored Schools in Collin County.

Allen Colored	Fairfield Colored	Melissa Colored
Anna Colored	Farmersville Colored—Welford	Nevada Colored
Ash Grove Colored	Forest Grove Colored	Petersburg Colored
Barksdale Color	Hamilton	Plano Colored
Bethany Colored	Independence Colored	Prosper Colored
Blue Ridge	Josephine Colored	Rock Hill Colored
Bosbie	Lavon Colored	Rosamond Colored
Carver	Lebanon Colored	Shepton
Celina Colored	Little Creek Colored	Shiloh African American
E.S. Doty	Mantua Colored	

In 1902 there were 9 colored schools in the county and 13 colored teachers. In 1909 there were 8 colored schools in the county.

In 1913 Allen had 28 colored students; Anna 7; Celina 5; Farmersville 52; McKinney 178; Melissa 21; and Plano 64.

There was a total of 1,088 colored scholastics in the county in 1947, which was 542 boys and 546 girls.

Some of the teachers taught at numerous colored schools -Hattie Turner, Jesse E. Tarpley W. E. Everett, E. S. Doty and numerous members of the Everett family, to name a few.

### Anna Colored School

In 1901 Anna Colored had 26 students with G. W. Everett as teacher. The term was from February to May. J. E. Tarpley was a teacher from Dec. to April of 1905. There were 8 students in 1906. In 1907 there were 4 students and R. A. Coffee was the teacher for the month of August. In 1913 there were 7 students.

### Ash Grove Colored

The teacher for Ash Grove Colored School in 1898 was Annie Lindsey. In 1900 J. H. Burrus taught 11 students from February to March.

### Bethany Colored

In 1899-1900 from December to March the teacher was Hattie Turner. In 1901 Bethany Colored had 11 pupils with Mrs. Hattie Kellar as the teacher. In 1907 Stella M. Crowe taught from January to May. There were 20 students in 1908. The teacher was Hettie Turner. Stella May Crowe taught in August of 1909-10.

### Blue Ridge Colored

Blue Ridge had 6 colored students taught by W. T. Moore in 1908.

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### Forest Grove Colored

In 1899 Jess Tarpley taught colored students from August to September.

### Independence Colored

In 1898 Independence Colored school had 30 students. In 1901 Independence School had 4 colored students transferred from the New Albany district. (Graybill) In 1905 J. H. Sepscomb was the teacher from March – April for 8 students. Five transferred from New Albany. There were 8 colored students in 1907-08.

### Lebanon Colored

Lebanon Colored School was included on an 1880 list of Collin County Free Schools as having no school but a school fund of \$73.61.

### Little Creek Colored

In 1901 the Little Creek District had 6 students taught by Mrs. Laura Lufer.

### Mantua Colored

The teacher at Mantua Colored School in 1880 was H. McKinney. The school was included on the list of Collin County free schools and received \$64.95 from the Collin County school fund. The district had 1 black student in 1901, who was transferred to a colored school.

### Nevada Colored

Nevada ISD did not have any colored students in 1913. In 1938 Nevada had a good school for the colored children of the town and surrounding community. This school was housed in the colored Baptist Church. In 1949 when the Community School District was created, all of the colored students in the district were consolidated into one school.

A new brick building was built for the colored students in the Community district in 1960 on SH 6 between Josephine and Nevada. All the Community ISD colored students attended this school.

### Prosper Colored School

In 1951 the principal for the Prosper Colored school was Mrs. Eula Mae Jeter. The lunch room staff was Mrs. E. C. Franklin, Mrs. C. L. Gotcher, and Mrs. Lee Mitchell. The school had 34 students in 1952-53 and 40 for 1953-54. This school could possibly be the same as Rock Hill Colored.

### Rosamond Colored

In 1898 Zephyr Woods was the teacher at Rosamond. In 1901 H. G. Everett taught there from July to August.

### Allen Colored School #13, 306 Cedar Drive and St. Mary Drive, Allen, Texas

Allen is said to have the distinction of being one of the first black Schools in the county, the first teachers being farmers and ministers. The colored school was in the African Methodist Episcopal church building at the northeast corner of Cedar Drive and St. Mary Drive.

In 1898 the teacher was Georgia Moore. She taught from September to March. In 1901 Allen Colored had 19 students with J. E. Tarpley as teacher for the November – April term. In 1906 there were 12 students with H. P. Keller as teacher from January to March. Dessie Howell was the teacher in 1907-08 with 14 students. Some of the students were transferred from the Cottonwood School in Plano. The term went from January to April. In June the teacher was Stella Conson and in November of 1907 the teacher was Annie Lindsey for 11 students. In 1909-10 the teacher was L. M. Moore with the term from December to April. In 1913 Allen Colored School had 28 students.

“Separate but Equal school” education laws were in force across the United States and segregation laws prevented black students from attending the Allen schools. The county moved to formalize education for primary level students to the community by opening the “Allen Negro school” in 1931, after the laws were revised. The church building was sold to the Allen Independent School District for \$150. The school District agreed the African Methodist Episcopal church could still use the building as long as they desired, and it is still in use today.

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In 1900 there were four black households in Allen. By 1910 there were nine families with 34 children. The early teachers were Carla Coleman, Ruth Dykes and Alyce Doty. By 1923 there were 80 students at the school. The eighth-grade class motto was: 'who thinks can conquer.' Students who graduated from eighth grade commuted to Doty high school in McKinney or Plano Colored School on the Interurban until it was discontinued, after which they then rode Greyhound buses.

The closing exercises in 1940 were held on Thursday May 30. Prof. P. G. Henderson was the superintendent and Mrs. Inez Mosley the principal. The Class Roll: L. W. Norris, Reginald Norris, Aaron Smith, Spurgeon Toleston, and Verlene Toleston.

A Japanese play was given on Wednesday, "O, Cho San" or "The Stolen Jade." Admission 10¢. A first class accredited colored school is operated with Mrs. Clara Coleman teacher in 1946. In 1950 the teachers were Mrs. Theresa Van Neally and George A. Anderson. The bus driver was William Henry Bouldin.



George Anderson was hired in 1950 to teach in Allen's elementary school for African Americans. He taught grades 5 thru 8, and Mrs. Teresa van Mealy taught the first 4 grades. In 1953-54, a larger school was built to replace the church building, and George Anderson drove the school bus picking up most students who lived in the country. When the old bus failed, George and his wife Hazel drove their car to pick up students. Allen Colored school had 41 students in 1952-53 and 36 students in 1953-54.

The Allen Colored School closed in 1964 with integration. George Anderson served as teacher in both the 'colored school' and had the honor of becoming the first African American teacher as well as coach in the integrated Allen school system. The church/school building still stands in this location and still serves as a church.

The site and building have been marked with a Collin County Historical marker.

### Barksdale Colored School, Yeary Road, Plano, Texas

In 1901 Barksdale Colored had 11 pupils with S. P. Lumsferd as teacher.

In 1907 J. E. Tarpley taught 18 students from December to March. Birdie Turner taught 29 from January to June. In 1909-10 she taught from February to March.

A School review by the Collin County Superintendent in 1918 stated:

"The house for the colored school of Barksdale is too small. They have an enrollment of over fifty and will have a six months school. The house should be enlarged and properly equipped. J. E. Tarpley is their teacher and has a good attendance."

### George Washington Carver School #43, 500 East Elm Street, Celina, Texas

George Washington Carver was the last black school in Celina. It was built in 1950 and housed grades 1 through 8. It was closed with the advent of integration.

"Negro School Building Is Practically Completed

With practically all construction complete, painters are now working at Celina new school building for colored children, and the floors will be sanded and finished within the next few days.

The building, veneered with red brick, will cost the school district about \$15,000, according to J. H. Reed,

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superintendent of Celina schools. Of this, \$13,500 was the contract figure, and land and other miscellaneous costs account for the remainder. Much of the material used came from old Army barracks purchased by the district. Enough surplus materials and fixtures that came with the barracks have been sold to practically pay for the barracks....

The Celina colored school will start July 17, at which time it is believed the building will be ready, for a six- or eight-weeks' term. A recess of several weeks will then be declared during the cotton-picking season."

*Celina Record*, June 29, 1950

In December of 1950 the students from Carver School were taken to see Treasure Island at the Ritz theater in McKinney. *Celina Record*, Dec. 21, 1950

After a late summer session and a period of suspension for the Cotton harvest, the G. W. Carver school here will reopen on October 15 for the remainder of the fall and winter session. The school has 3 teachers. *Celina Record*, October 4, 1951

Teachers for the 1952-53 term ... were chosen by a newly-reorganized board.... Cornelius Young, principal of the G. W. Carver school, and his wife, a teacher in the school, as well as Mrs. C. R. Hooker, another teacher, were also reelected. *Celina Record*, April 10, 1952

### G. W. Carver Games

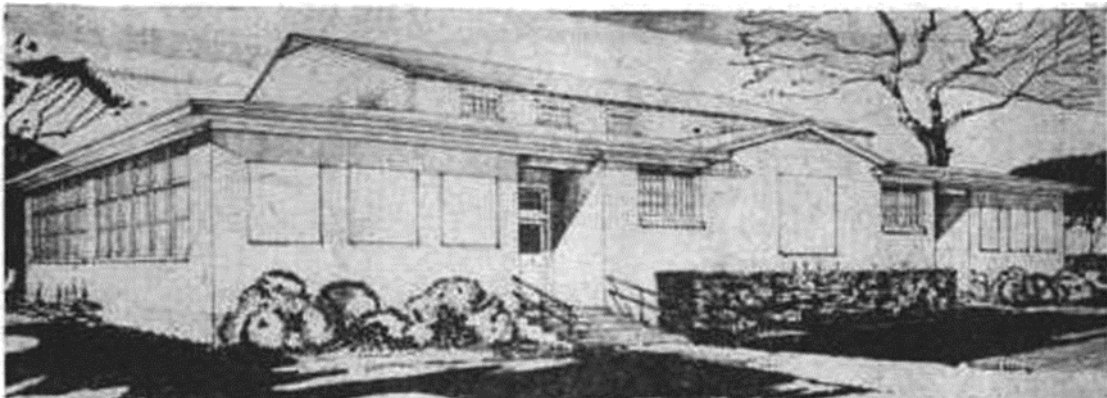
Boys and girls from the George Washington Carver school here participated in a cage tournament in Sherman last Saturday, the girls being eliminated by Honey Grove, 21-13. The boys beat Honey Grove, but were eliminated by Gainesville, 21-20. The sportsmanship award was won by the Carver team and presented to the team captain, Givens Bruce. Outstanding player and high point man for Celina was Tommie Ross.

Denison high school teams visited the Carver school Tuesday night. The Carver girls won, 28-6. Margaret Toliver was high-pointer. Carver boys lost, 27-37. Calvin Thomas was high with 10 points. *Celina Record*, February 5, 1953

Classes have been going on in the Celina colored school for four weeks. They will continue for two or three weeks more, then they recess for about six weeks during the cotton-picking season. Cornelius Young is principal of the colored school and Velma Young and Irene Clayburn are the teachers. *Celina Record*, August 6, 1953

This school was closed in 1965 when integration was implemented. The building was torn down. A Celina City Historical Marker was placed at the site of the school in 2014.

Architectural Drawing, *Celina Record*, February 2, 1950



## Black Schools, continued

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### Celina Colored School #43, East Ash Street at Arkansas, Celina, Texas

County Superintendent W. S. Smith reviewed the schools of the county.

#### Celina Colored School

“The Celina colored school house is not equal to the demands. They have an enrollment of 80 and good attendance. The equipment is not what it should be. The house is too small and is poorly arranged. With proper building the work of this school would be greatly improved. Annie Lindsey is their teacher and is working hard to given them a good school.” *Weekly Democrat Gazette*, April 4, 1918

Vivian Coffey, elementary teacher of the Celina Colored School, has recently resigned. *Celina Record*, November 7, 1935

J. F. Holford, principal of Celina Colored School, took 12 of his pupils to the Interscholastic League meet at Prairie View State Normal and the male vocal solo was won by Douglas Bomar of the Celina colored school. *Examiner*, May 4, 1939

#### Celina Colored Wins at County Meet *Celina Record*, March 17, 1941

Two beautiful trophies were presented to the Celina colored school Friday for emerging as champions in the county interscholastic meet. One was presented for the school's achievements in literary events, it having won eight first places and a total of 120 points as against 60 for Farmersville, runner-up. The other trophy was for achievement in track and field events. This makes a total of four awards this year for the school, which is looking forward to attending the state meet.

The Celina Colored high school entered the district Interscholastic meet at Rockwall Friday April 4. John Holford, principal, reports a very successful meet, in which they won first place in male and female quartets, junior, sub junior and senior spelling, 100-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 880-yard dash, sprint medley relay and also all literacy events except senior declamation....

These first places make the school eligible for the state meet at Prairie View college April 18 and 19. *Celina Record*, April 10, 1941

#### Celina Colored School Wins State Championship

At Prairie View Friday the Celina Colored School won the state class C championship in Interscholastic League contests and brought home four trophies. The championship carried with it a beautiful trophy and championship banners. The male quartet, composed of Herman Davis, Ferman Davis, Charles Perkins and Douglas Bomar, won first place, and male solo, 440-yard dash and javelin, each first place.

There has been on display at Jones Pharmacy this week a window full of beautiful trophies won during the last few years by this school, which has attracted much attention.

The colored state Interscholastic League is divided into 45 districts, each represented at the Prairie View meet Friday.

The school has won this year two trophies in basketball, one trophy in county league literary events, one trophy in county league track events and one trophy as winner of the state championship.

#### John Holland is the principal of the school. *Celina Record*, April 24, 1941

The Celina Colored School has been in progress for 5 weeks with Sam Jones as principal and Pearl Carter and Jerlean Swinger as teachers. About 89 colored children were listed in the school census and 60 are enrolled. The colored school will be suspended for a time during the cotton season. *Celina Record*, August 23, 1945

This school was replaced in 1950 by the George Washington Carver School, which was located a couple of blocks north.