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## Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2015. 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:

**February 20, 2016**—"Exploring Our Ancestors Lives Through Newspapers" by Barbara Coakley

### Future Topics

**March 19, 2016**—"Windows 10 Upgrade" by Daniel Scurlock

**April 16, 2016**—To be announced

**May 21, 2016**—To be announced

**The Legacy Users Group** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, downstairs at Haggard Library from 1:30 to 3:30. There is an after meeting session if you need one on one help. Contact [ptxlegacyug@verizon.net](mailto:ptxlegacyug@verizon.net)

If you have an idea about a program or a speaker, email Charlie Law at [programs@genealogyfriends.org](mailto:programs@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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### Genealogy Education

#### Using Microsoft OneNote for Genealogy

Saturday February 27 and March 5, 2016 from 8:30-12:30 at Collin College Courtyard Campus, 4800 Preston Park Blvd, Plano TX 75093

OneNote, a free digital notebook for multiple platforms, is a great compliment to your genealogy program. This is a hands on class. Bring your laptop with OneNote installed on it or use a school computer and bring your own usb drive with genealogy information, notes, pictures, etc on it and create a notebook to keep your family history research plans and notes organized.

Register on the continuing education of the Collin College website <https://www.collin.edu/ce/> If you have questions about the classes, contact Barbara at [bcoakley1620@gmail.com](mailto:bcoakley1620@gmail.com).

**Genealogy Column**—Brenda Kellow writes a genealogy column every week called “Tracing Our Roots”. Visit [http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog\\_7/](http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/) to read the current and past columns.

#### RootsTech

RootsTech took place in Salt Lake City from Feb 3-6. Some of the sessions were streamed live. If you missed them the recordings will be available on their website for you to watch. <https://www.rootstech.org>

#### NGS Online Classes

NGS has added a new class, “Researching Your World War I Ancestors” to their catalog of online learning. This class is taught by Craig Scott. Other classes include topics on DNA, Civil War Research, and Revolutionary War Research. <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/CGS>

## Collin McKinney

By Joy Gough

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Collin McKinney was born in Raritan, New Jersey on April 17, 1766. He was the second of ten children and the second son of Daniel McKinney and Mercy Blatchley. Mordecai was his great grandfather. Collin's father was active in the Revolutionary War. After the war, around 1783, several members of the McKinney family, including Collin's father, Daniel, moved their families near the end of the Logan Trace of the Wilderness Road in Kentucky. They established a place they called McKinney's Station, which was in present-day Lincoln County near Crab Orchard. The geography is a little strange here. Kentucky was part of Virginia until 1812, when it became the fifteenth state. So, technically, the families moved to Virginia. Collin would have been 17.

The Indians were still attacking the frontier settlers and there are stories of Collin outsmarting them. Collin's father Daniel was a member of the Kentucky militia, which helped protect the early settlers. Daniel died in 1809.

In 1794 Collin McKinney married Amy Moore. They had 4 children, two of whom reached adulthood, son Ashley and daughter Polly. Amy died May 6, 1804.

On April 14, 1805, Collin married Betsy Leake Coleman. They were the parents of 6 or 7 children. Collin was a magistrate in Kentucky from 1805 until the family moved to Arkansas.

Collin McKinney was a deacon at Separate Baptist Church in Crab Orchard, Kentucky. In 1817 he united with the Barton W. Stone Christian Movement, which later became the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ. He and some of his sons became lay ministers. From then on he started Christian churches wherever he was living.

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Up until 1838 the area was considered part of Miller County, Arkansas. It was also claimed by Mexico as part of Tejas. The residents considered themselves residents of the United States. The area was included in the 1830 census of the United States, as well as the 1830 Mexico list of residents of Wavell's Colony. Because of the dispute between Mexico and the United States over the area, the settlers did not receive titles to their land until after the Republic of Texas was established. Today it is part of Bowie County, Texas.

The McKinneys moved to Hickman's Prairie around 1828. A deed to Collin McKinney's headright was recorded in 1838 listing his property at 24 labors, 209.330 square varas. Varas and labors are old Spanish measurements of land area. That converts to 4251.3 acres. His land was about 1 mile wide. On the west side it was 5.5 miles to the Red River. On the east side it was 8 miles to the river. On the 3 mile twist and turns of the Red River was McKinney landing. Collin's son Ashley had the headright to his east and his son William had the headright on his west side. Collin was a magistrate in that area of Texas until 1839. He made eleven trips back to Kentucky to escort groups of immigrants to Texas.

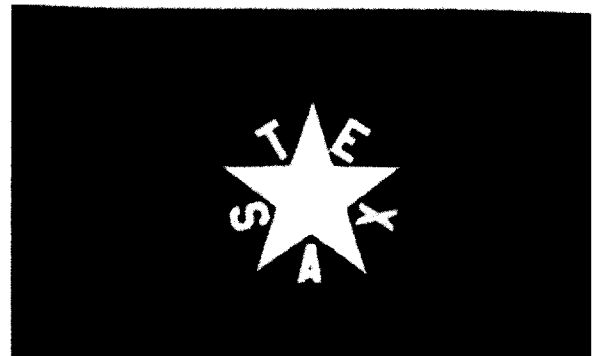
As early as 1831 the McKinney family was holding Christian worship services at Pecan Point with a small group of neighbors. This was illegal at the time because, as residents of Mexico, Catholicism was the only religion allowed. In 1842 a Brother Gates of the Christian Church brought a boat load of immigrants to McKinney Landing. He held services at the school for a week and started a church with sixteen members.

In 1835 relations between Texians and Mexico were deteriorating. Santa Anna had become the dictator of Mexico in 1834 and refused to re-instate the Texas Treaty of 1824. By the end of 1835 Texas had created a provisional government, which announced that a convention would be convened on March 1.

On March 1 delegates from all over Texas arrived at Washington-on-the-Brazos for the Convention of 1836. Four delegates from the Red River settlements traveled on horseback over 350 miles to take part in the Convention. One of them was 70-year-old Collin McKinney. He was the oldest delegate at the Convention.

One of the members of the Red River delegation was named President of the Convention. Collin McKinney was one of five delegates appointed to write the Texas Declaration of Independence. The committee was appointed on March 1. The Declaration of Independence was approved unanimously on March 2 and signed by all 60 delegates on March 3. On March 4 Sam Houston was appointed Major General of the Army of the Republic of Texas.

The Convention continued with the delegates writing a Constitution for the new Texas Republic. Collin McKinney was appointed to the committee that wrote the Constitution. He is credited with making the newly formed



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counties in the northern part of Texas approximately 30 miles square with the county seat within 3 miles of the geographic center of the county. His idea was that a man on horseback could come to the courthouse and go back home in one day if the county was that size. The new Republic of Texas Constitution was adopted on March 16.

At the time that this convention was taking place the Alamo was under siege. The Alamo siege started on February 24 and was over by March 6. Newly appointed Major General Sam Houston gathered an army to rescue the Alamo, but the conflict was already over before he could get there.

After the Alamo battle, the Mexican Army took aim at the Convention being held at Washington-on-the-Brazos. At this time Collin McKinney wrote a letter to his family stating "By the time you get this letter, I will probably be dead. Things are very bad here. The Mexican Army is all around us and they are threatening to kill every man that is attending this Convention." The Convention delegates rapidly dispersed on March 17. The Battle of San Jacinto occurred on April 21. The Texas Revolution ended on May 14 when Santa Anna signed a treaty with Sam Houston.

The First Congress of the Republic of Texas convened on October 3, 1836 at Columbia, Texas. It consisted of 14 Senators and 30 Representatives. Terms of office were for one year. Collin McKinney served in the First, Second and Fourth terms. One of the things that was decided during the First Congress was the flag for the Republic of Texas.

Before Texas became a Republic, the Collin County area was part of Red River County or the Red River Settlements. After the Republic was founded, Fannin County and Bowie County were formed out of Red River County and the Collin County area was part of Fannin County. Collin County was not formed until statehood in 1845.

In 1840 and 41 the Red River had terrible floods. Several families left the Bowie County area, including some of Collin's children. They moved to the area around the present-day Grayson/Collin border near present-day Van Alstyne. Ashley McKinney settled east of the present-day town. The Van Alstyne Cemetery was located on land belonging to Younger Scott McKinney and was originally the McKinney Family Cemetery. Ashley McKinney was buried there in 1847. William McKinney settled a few miles south of Ashley in present-day Collin County. Collin McKinney sold his land in Bowie County in 1846 and moved to the Collin County area to be near his family. He was 80 years old.

McKinney's farm was north of present-day Anna. The lumber for his house was planed on on his property by slaves. After his and his wife's deaths, the house was unused. When Texas was preparing to celebrate the Centennial of the Republic of Texas in 1936, Collin County had the cabin moved to McKinney to be used as a visitor center. After the celebration, it was moved to Finch Park in McKinney. It burned in 1980.

With statehood in 1845, Collin County was formed and named in honor of the man, who helped write the Texas Declaration of Independence and the Texas Constitution. Once the boundary between Grayson and Collin Counties was surveyed, it was found that his farm was only a few miles inside his namesake county. When the county's first county seat, Buckner, was found to be too far from the center of the county, the new county seat of McKinney was also named in his honor.

The McKinney family helped form the community of Mantua and the Mantua Christian Church in northern Collin County. It is said that the Christian congregation in Bowie County moved to the Collin/Grayson area between 1844 and 1846 to start the Mantua Christian Church. That church later moved to Van Alstyne and is still active as the First Christian Church of Van Alstyne. Five slaves of the McKinney family are listed as charter members of the Mantua church. Mantua disappeared when the railroad bypassed it in 1872. Van Alstyne, Anna and Melissa were formed by the railroad.

In 1855 Collin wrote a letter to relatives back in Kentucky saying railroad fever was very high and everybody was buying stock in the railroad company. He asked them to send him a pint of clover seeds. He died September 8, 1861 at the age of 95, and is buried in the Van Alstyne Cemetery. Because of the Civil War the railroad did not come through for another 15 years.

During his lifetime Collin McKinney had lived under eight different flags: British, Colonial America, the early



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United States, Mexican, the Provisional Government of Texas, the Republic of Texas, the United States, and the Confederate States of America.

### Sources:

The Pioneers of Pecan Point by J. M. Deaver  
McKinney Clan by Clara McKinney Reddell  
Bowie County Deed records  
Handbook of Texas Online  
Weekly Democrat, July 22, 1937  
History of Bowie County  
Texas Historical Markers  
Files of Ridgell McKinney

## What's New in Genealogy

### Family Tree Maker

Ancestry announced on Feb 2 that they sold Family Tree Maker to Software MacKiev who has been the developer on the Mac version. They will continue to maintain and upgrade FTM. <http://www.mackiev.com/>

By the end of 2016 RootsMagic will have the ability to connect with Ancestry.com—search, review hints and upload to your online family tree. Right now, FTM users can get RootsMagic for \$20. <http://www.rootsmagic.com/>

Another alternative is Family Tree Builder by My Heritage. Dick Eastman endorses this but I haven't used it. It is available to download for free on their website. <https://www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder>

If you are interested in converting to Legacy Family there are instructions on the Legacy website where you can download the software and get started. <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/FTM.asp>. The Legacy Users group meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, join them to learn about using Legacy Family Tree and one on one help is available if you need it.

There are instructions for converting your Family Tree Maker data available on multiple websites, here are a few:

<http://blog.eogn.com/2015/12/21/replacing-family-tree-maker-part-1-how-to-scrub-your-data/>

<http://support.rootsmagic.com/entries/451462-Converting-from-Family-Tree-Maker-to-RootsMagic>

<http://support.legacyfamilytree.com/article/AA-00507/0/GEDCOM-Export-from-Family-Tree-Maker-into-Legacy.html>

### Digital Preservation Coalition

Dick Eastman recently wrote about a report which would make interesting reading for any genealogist who wants to preserve their digital records. You can download the pdf file at <http://dx.doi.org/10.7207/twr15-01>.

### Find My Past and Mocavo

Find My Past purchased the assets of Mocavo about eighteen months ago and have now announced that they will be merging the two websites. This will kick start the US Record collection on the Find My Past site and they are committed to adding more records through out 2016. <http://www.findmypast.com/>

Find My Past also announced partnerships with Legacy, FamilySearch, RootsMagic, Billion Graves and more at RootsTech. Watch for more info as these partnerships go live through out 2016.

### QSR Codes on Tombstones

If you are thinking about attaching a QSR Code to an ancestor's tombstone to store information you might want to read Dick Eastman's column first. <http://blog.eogn.com/2015/12/31/dont-use-qr-codes-on-tombstones/>

## Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1956

by Brenda Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas

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Abstracted by Brenda Burns Kellow, 2015

*Tracing Our Roots* weekly genealogy column [http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog\\_7/](http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/)

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

Mrs. Belle Forman Rice, 89, pioneer and honored Plano resident, died at her home Saturday afternoon. She was born in Plano March 5, 1867 to Joe Forman and Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes Forman, both of Kentucky. She was married to J. T. Rice. Funeral services were at the First Christian Church of Plano. She was interred at Plano Mutual Cemetery.

Mrs. Parilee Sandifer, 86, died this morning in Dallas. Services will be Friday at 9:30 in Harrington Funeral Chapel. Interment is at the Plano Mutual Cemetery.

Mrs. T. H. Williams donated a \$437 check to the Collin County Fair Association. Mrs. Williams is president of the Plano B&PW Club. Mrs. J. M. Donley was chair of the fund drive.

Dr. and Mrs. O. T. Mitchell of Plano and niece and nephew Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Riley of Sherman left Thursday for Manitou Springs, Colorado, their annual holiday destination.

Joe Bonnet and son of Denton visited relatives in Plano last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McCullough celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, August 26 at their home near Frisco.

Mrs. J. D. Branum, owner of Neva's Beauty Shop, opened in her new location August 16 at 1807 N Place.

Mrs. T. H. Williams, Business and Professional Women's Club of Plano gave \$437 to Audie Turrentine of the Collin County Fair Association.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Young, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Durrett, and their son and daughter of McKinney visited their son Wayne Young and family of Midland.

Bob McDonald, owner of Bob's Plano Gulf Station, announced that beginning August 22, he will be giving double S & H Green stamps to all his customers.

Plano Schools this year is allowing those children born in September to enter school if they pay the \$220.75 set by the Texas Education Agency.

Mrs. Mary Kathryn Smith of Gainesville will speak to the Plano Chapter No. 703 of the Order of the Eastern Star on August 21, at the First Christian Church at 8 p.m. She will review "All the Women of the Bible."

Mr. and Mrs. Art Stranz will spend next week in Florida with relatives.

George A. Cox, of George A. Cox & Company, announced an open house at Southwood Estates on Sunday, August 19. The brick homes will be open until 10 p.m. that evening.

The First Baptist Church is having a Big Fall Roundup for the young people of the community between the ages of 13 and 25 at John Brigham's home on Murphy Road this Sunday, August 17. Transportation to and from provided by James H. Fineout, Youth Director of the First Baptist Church.

The Plano Lyons Club plans their Fourth Annual Horse Show on September 15.

The Times Herald will have a Plano Edition, Sunday, August 19, announced feature writer John Fleming. It will include items from the 1940 edition of the Plano Star Courier.

Homer Horton of Horton Grocery features special prices on items this Saturday.

Band Director Emmitt Clem announced the band will have 60-70 members this year. They begin their marching routines this week. The band will meet at the band house at 6:30 each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Mrs. Mary Turner, 99, passed away recently. Her funeral will be Sunday, 4:30, at the Murphy First Baptist Church with interment at Big Springs Cemetery. She was born in Murphy on February 20, 1857. Mrs. Turner was the daughter of the late Comfort Allen McMillen who came to Texas from Arkansas on January 8, 1845. She met

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her husband, Thomas Daniel Turner on Valentine in 1874. Turner died in 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Burkhart and son Douglas, 8, are new residents of Plano. They will live at 1895 N Place.

The Spradley Reunion will be at McKinney Park on August 19.

Dee Cawthorn of Renner has a new baby daughter, Opal Jane, born in Celina. She weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces.

Roy Spencer, of Roy's Drive-In, has many items on sale in his ad in the Plano Star Courier Newspaper. Hams are 29 cents a pound and fryers are 36 cents a pound.

Mrs. Lydia Page House passed away Sunday at the City-County Hospital in McKinney. She was born April 18, 1874 in Arkansas. She was 82 years, 3 months and 24 years of age. She was a long-time resident of Plano and resided at 1309 L Avenue. Rev. Arthur J. Fineout officiated at the Harrington Funeral Home. She was buried at the Big Springs Cemetery.

p. 2 Mrs. Ida Kendrick is spending several weeks with relatives in Pampa.

Mrs. Felicia Saigling and daughter Mrs. Felicia Rush, children Pat and Linda, and Miss Maria Spellman returned from a week's trip to Abernathy. They visited Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tennell.

Neva's Beauty Shop wishes to thank Loretta Hays Beauty Shop.

A-1c Larry F. Pruitt is stationed at England A.F.B. in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shields spent last week at Calico Rock, Arkansas, where they visited friends and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Best recently moved to Plano from Wausau, Wisconsin. They reside at 1517 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Best is employed at Employer's Insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Thurmon and son Richard Irwin of Plano, and Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Edwards of Richardson have returned home from vacation in Red River, New Mexico. The Thurmon's own the Farm Kitchen Café.

p. 3 John Ervin Bryant, 62, died suddenly at Battenfield Jones Hospital in Snyder. Services were held Saturday at Greenville Baptist Church with burial in Snyder Cemetery. He married Miss Maybelle Row in 1921 and moved to Snyder. He was a veteran of WWI.

J. A. Misenheimer of Bloomington, Indiana, visited his sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers and daughters, A. P. Rogers, and Mrs. Lucille Ashley and daughter Sue of Frisco vacationed in Matagorda Bay where they joined brothers, Murrell Rogers and family, A.B. Rogers, and Curtis Rogers and their families.

Back from vacation are Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Cook and Mrs. Lucille Davis. The group visited the Smoky Mountains.

p. 4 Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bryan observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 19 at their home on Forest Lane. Mr. Bryan is in the contracting business.

Last Saturday night a group of Planoites and Ex-Planoites gathered in McKinney at the Jaycee Center. Among those attending were the Christie, Saigling, Shaffer, and Taylor families. The feature attraction was a diving performance by Carlisle Taylor who demonstrated his B-24 swan dive.

Mrs. A. G. Wilson recently returned home from St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Joe Griffin returned home after her stay in St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brigham returned home from Lebanon, Missouri, where they visited her sister, Mrs. Hulén Ussery, and her husband.

Mrs. Ben Smith honored her husband with a birthday dinner Sunday at their home north of Frisco. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Worley Smith and Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith and Virginia Ann of McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hickey of Plano.

The B & P W of Plano hold a bake sale August 18 at Homer Horton's Grocery and Brannon's Food Mart on Saturday.

p. 5 C. D. McAnnally of Dallas visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sherrill and daughter on Sunday.

Mrs. Doyle Nelson, Tax-Accessor Collator thanks the voting public for their vote of confidence in the July Primary.

Mr. D. W. Frost visited the Plano Star Courier offices last week.

p. 6 Frisco received its first 1956 bale of hay on Monday. The bales were brought in by W. C. (Clarence) Cobb and son. Elmer Haynes of Frisco brought in the second batch to the H. C. Ritchey Gin.

Mrs. Ernest Thomas and Dade Hiester received word their sister, Miss Edith Hester of San Benito and Harlingen, died of a heart attack. Burial was in San Benito.

Sheila and Steve Funderburgh, children of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Funderburgh of Richardson are visiting their grandparents in Plano. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Funderburgh. Mr.



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and Mrs. Claude Skinner and children returned after vacationing in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Mayes are visiting relatives in Morristown, Tennessee.

p. 7 Lynn Rush, son of Mrs. Felicia Rush, spent the summer with his grandfather, Ralph L. Rush. Lynn tells in his letters of spending lots of time fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewandos and son Glenn vacationed in Galveston.

Mrs. I. W. Kutscherousky, formerly of Plano, and Kenneth Kutscherousky, 13, visited Plano from their home in Canton. Her daughter, Jane Ann Jinks, was visiting at High Island with Mrs. Minnie Graves of Plano and her grandson Freddie Ford.

p. 8 Mrs. Ida Belle Simmons, 72, died Thursday at the Morris Rest Home near McKinney. She was born April 23, 1886 in Montague. She is the daughter of J. M. Dean and Mrs. Mollie Kitchen Dean. Graveside services were at Clearlake Cemetery. She is survived by four sons, Henry, Robert, Charles, George, and four daughters Mrs. Frank Salmons, Mrs. Lofen Wall, Mrs. Otis Benson, and Mrs. Alpha Vesta. Also several sisters and grandchildren survive her.

W. E. Charles of Hamilton's Service Station is advertising his purple magic 'Wax Wash' at the station.

Mrs. A. G. Wilson thanks everyone for their attention during her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Lemons and granddaughter, Vicky, are motoring through Tennessee, North and South Carolina, and Florida.

Offutt reunion held at the home of Dub Offutt last Sunday. Among the guests were the McMillan, Alexander, Christian, Chumley, Cannaday, Hart, Newman, Sachse, and many cousins.

Mrs. Tal Uland and Mrs. J. T. Uland hosted the Miti Bomar Circle of the Methodist Church at the Tal Uland Picnic Grounds. Miss Nancy Uland led the group in singing at the campgrounds.

Wylie selects City Plan Commission members. They are Jick Housewright, Raymond Posey, Charles Taylor, Charlie Shields, and Truett Smith.

Mrs. Ella Belle Snider, 72, of Denton died in Flo Memorial Hospital on Tuesday. Burial will be in the Fitzhugh Cemetery. Mrs. Snider was born November 2, 1884 in Bethlehem, Mississippi. She is the daughter of R. E. and Jennie Morrow. She married John W. Snider December 29, 1907.

Thursday, the Rotary Club held an impromptu meeting. Attending were President T. H. Williams, Rev. Huffstutler, Rev. Fineout, E. A. Sigler, John Broadhead, and Laurana Rice pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Nicholas of Snyder attended the funeral of Mrs. Belle Rice.

While Rev. Huffstutler and his family are on vacation, occupying the pulpit are Rev. Clinton Bowen of Dallas, and Rev. Paul O. Cardwell of Dallas.

Elect Floyd Williams as your sheriff.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lutes are visiting from San Marcos. He manages the San Marcos Sears Roebuck Store. Mrs. Lutes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stogner of Plano.

Clyde Haggard returns home after a stay in the City-County Hospital in McKinney.

Walter M. Weaver's funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in Wylie Baptist Church. The Rockwall Masonic Lodge conducted the graveside services at Wylie Cemetery. Mr. Weaver was a brother to Woodrow Davis and Percy Bozeman of Plano.

### Accessing Genealogy Center Links from Home

Go to <http://www.plano.gov/907/Genealogy-Center>. On far left side, click on Genealogy Center. Under Genealogy Resources, click on **HeritageQuest Online** (via TexShare). Clicking on it will give you a screen asking for ID and Password. If you lose the ID and password, just call the library. They are below:

TexShare ID: **RMN1303**

Password: **TX75075**

Click on: **Log In**

The new screen will be **TexShare Databases**. Among the ones genealogists will use the most are **HeritageQuest**, **Texas State Library ONLINE Collections** and **Texas Digital Sanborn Maps 1867-1970** collections.

I had to use my personal library card to enter **FOLD3**, but I did get in, and could use the site fully.

I was unable to enter **Ancestry.com** and the **Dallas Morning News** from home.

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