



# Genealogy Friends News

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## Upcoming Events

### Saturday Seminars

Genealogy Friends sponsors free seminars the third Saturday of every month from 9:30 to Noon at the Gladys Harrington Library.

**March 20, 2004** - "It's Later Than You Think" by Ned Hoover and "Writing Your Family Stories" by Gerry Haggard

**May 15, 2004** - Clare Molina will talk to us—"Internet Military Sources" and "How to Locate Military Records"

**June 19, 2004** - "Beginning Genealogy" by Stella Fincher and "Cite Your Sources" by Weldon Fincher

**July 17, 2004** - Barbara Coakley will talk to us about Immigration and Naturalization Records

**August 21, 2004** - "Social History" by Lynne Darrouzet and "Creating An Ancestor" by Clare Molina

**October 16, 2004** - Leo Baca will be returning to discuss DNA Research

**November 20, 2004** - Learn to publish your genealogy finds on the Internet using Front Page - John Darrouzet

### All Day Workshop—Hoppin' The Pond

Genealogy Friends is proud to present an all day workshop on Saturday, April 17th on European Research.

Join us at the Gladys Harrington Library. Doors open at 8:15 am. Seminars will be from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Topics will include:

- German Research
- British Research
- Czechoslovakia Research
- French Research
- Norwegian Research
- Barbados Research
- Canadian Research

Cost: Non-members \$28 and Members \$25 For more information contact Genealogy Friends at [genfriends@comcast.net](mailto:genfriends@comcast.net) or check out our website [www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl). The registration form will be available soon on the website.

### Lock-Ins & Board Meetings

Library Lock-Ins - Feb 27, May 7, and October 29th.

Board Meetings will be January 20, March 16, and July 20th.

The Annual Meeting will be October 4th.

### All Day Seminar—John Humphrey

On Saturday, September 18, 2004, Genealogy Friends presents John Humphrey. Topics will be:

Reconstructing Families on the Colonial Frontier - Records kept during the colonial period can be difficult to find or when they do exist, they are often incomplete causing serious obstacles to research. This lecture explores strategies to get around these obstacles by creatively using data found in the records that do exist.

Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors - If your ancestors are from the keystone state you need to know about Pennsylvania's deeds, warrants, patents, probate and vital records.

Researching German Ancestors: "The Agony and the Ecstasy" - This two hour introduction to German research explores obstacles like language and custom, and it looks at a variety of records kept by Germans both in the U.S. and Germany that will open the way to a rich source of research material.

Cost: Non-members before Sept 1, \$32, after Sept 1st, \$37 and Members \$25 For more information contact Genealogy Friends at [genfriends@comcast.net](mailto:genfriends@comcast.net). Watch our web site for more information.

## Searching For The Genealogy Pot Of Gold

On Friday, February 27th Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc. and the Gladys Harrington Library are sponsoring a Library Lock-In. Check-in begins at 5:30. Activities go from 6:00 to 11:00 pm. Donation \$10.00. Pizza and a drink will be available for \$4.00.

### Classes

Using Ancestry Plus  
Emigration, Immigration, and Naturalization Web Sites  
Google Searching  
Using Heritage Quest and TexShare

### Hands-on-Help

Tour the Library  
Reference Books Tour  
Using the Card Catalog to Find Resources at the Library  
Consult with an Experienced Researcher



### Stations

Internet-Computer Lab  
CD Computer & 1880 Census on CD  
Microfilm/Microfiche  
Program Room for Training Videos  
Demo Genealogy Software

Due to limited seating, you are encouraged to register early. Registration forms are available at the Harrington Library Reference Desk or online at [http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/lockin\\_reg.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/lockin_reg.htm)

## Newsletter Articles

Have you found an unusual record during your search? How did you solve that last really tough problem? Write an article and submit it to be published in the newsletter. Have you discovered a fantastic web site? Email it to Barbara Coakley at [bjc1620@hotmail.com](mailto:bjc1620@hotmail.com).

## Book Exchange

Genealogy Friends would like to exchange Collin County books with books from other societies. If you have an area or society you would like us to try and exchange with, please contact Joy Gough at [jfarrgo@comcast.net](mailto:jfarrgo@comcast.net).

## NGS Family Papers Collection Comes to Dallas

The Dallas Genealogical Society Computer Interest Group, in cooperation with the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, has arranged for NGS to spend three weeks, 3 March to 20 March, digitizing family papers for the NGS Family Papers Collection.

There will also be a presentation at the DGSCIG meeting on Tuesday, 2 March 2004, 6:30 p.m., in the DPL Central Library Auditorium where the project will be explained, questions answered, and using digital cameras for genealogical purposes will be discussed. The library schedule, plus other details are posted at <http://johnwylie.com/dgsngsfpc.pdf>.

Every one is invited to participate, so be sure to bring your documents to the McDermott Room located in the Genealogy Section on the 8th Floor of the Main Dallas Public Library.

## Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts

Be one of the best-dressed genealogists in town. Order your Gen Friends logo t-shirt or sweatshirt now. The shirts have a 3" logo printed on the left chest. Shirts are available in white, natural, or ash gray with a dark green logo.

T-shirts are \$12.00 for toddler through XL and \$14.00 for XXL and XXXL

Sweatshirts are \$17.00 for toddler through XL and \$19.00 for XXL and XXXL

## Volunteer Activities

### Library Volunteers

Our volunteers are in the library during the day on most days. Check out our web page and the bulletin board for the schedule of volunteers on duty; or call the Reference Desk to inquire 972-461-7175. If you would like to volunteer to work in the library, contact Pat Mitchell.

### Volunteers Needed

We need several volunteers to help with all facets of Genealogy Friends activities and events. If you have a talent, extra energy, or are willing to help in any way, please contact us at [genfriends@comcast.net](mailto:genfriends@comcast.net). Current Opportunities Include:

- Help is needed to continue to index the 1930 Census for Collin County. The indexes are posted on our web site to enable researchers to more easily find their families. We will provide a CD containing the Census and the format for the Excel or Open Office Spreadsheet where the data is entered.
- Volunteers are needed for all facets of the Lock Ins including refreshments, manning stations, sharing information or experiences, and registration. If you can help contact Joyce Kaplan.
- If you would like to serve on a committee to improve our events, please contact Weldon Fincher.

## Dues Are Due

It is time for us to pay our dues. Single: \$30. Family: \$50. Friend: \$100; Gold: \$500; Platinum: \$1000. Please consider **matching funds** if your corporation is a participant. We are a nonprofit organization certified under Section 501 [c] [3] of the Internal Revenue Code.

## Publications For Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

Plano Star Courier Index 1904-1910	\$20
Plano Star Courier Index 1911-1917	\$20
Cemeteries of Collin County, TX	\$20
Collin County, TX Voter Registration Index 1867	\$20
Place Names of Collin County, TX	\$10
Railroads in Collin County, TX	\$10
Military Investigations: Red, White & Blue	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10

## Tracing Our Roots Column

The "Tracing Our Roots" column by Brenda Kellow appears in Plano Star Courier, Star Community Newspapers and DFW Community News weekly. The column and an archives of past columns are also available at <http://www.geocities.com/TracingOurRoots>.

## Web Sites

Check out the genealogy blog by Heritage Quest—Your Genealogy Coffee Break—a place for Genealogists to share the latest information, it is written by Genealogists for Genealogists at <http://www.genealogyblog.com>.

The special collections library in Albuquerque is on line, they are a great resource for those researching spanish names.

<Http://www.cabq.gov/library/specol.html>

## Web Sites—German Research

**Hamburg Emigration Lists**—Between 1850 and 1934 more than 5 million people emigrated to the US from Hamburg. The “LinkToYourRoots” project is a partnership between the public and private sectors in Germany to make this information available on the internet at not cost.  
[http://fhh1.hamburg.de/fhh/behoerden/staatsarchiv/link\\_to\\_your\\_roots/english](http://fhh1.hamburg.de/fhh/behoerden/staatsarchiv/link_to_your_roots/english)

**Schleswig-Holstein Information**—This web site is a researcher who does work in this area. I have not used his services, however, if you follow the link to English sites about Schleswig-Holstein there is information about reading old handwriting, maps, history, photos, church info and more.  
<http://home.t-online.de/home/hans-peter.voss>  
 List of emigrants from this area  
<http://www.rootdigger.de/index.htm>

**Alexandria Digital Library Gazetteer Service**—You can type in a name of a place and search on the web site and if it finds it you will be provided with a geographic description and a list of web sites related to the place.  
<http://fat-albert.alexandria.ucsb.edu:8827/gazetteer>

**Immigrant Genealogical Society (IGS) Library**—Begun in 1982, this society offers German research by mail.  
<http://feefhs.org/igs/frg-igs.html>

**Translations**—The Resources for Genealogists section of this translators web site contains information on resources available to help with german translations.  
<http://www.asherwin.com>

**German Military Records**—The Deutsche Dienststelle in Berlin has naval records from 1871-1947 and WWII records for German Soldiers.  
[http://www.com-de.pair.com/wast/frame\\_e.htm](http://www.com-de.pair.com/wast/frame_e.htm)

**Schoenenbourg & Northern Alsace**—History and archeology of this area  
<http://membres.lycos.fr/outreforet>

**German Language**—Links to German grammar, vocabulary, dictionary information  
<http://german.about.com/homework/german/>

**Internet Handbook of German Grammar**—  
<http://www.travlang.com/languages/german/ihgg/index.html>

## Web Sites—German Research

**Genealogy.net**—Sources for German genealogy  
<http://www.genealogienetz.de/genealogy.html>

**German Phone Book**—  
<http://www.dastelefonbuch.de>

**German Roots**—Sources for German Genealogy  
<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster>

**Hannover Census Project**—1852 Census of the Kingdom of Hannover  
[http://www.hist.de/edition-hist\(e\).html](http://www.hist.de/edition-hist(e).html)

**German Villages in the Past**—Life and social status in Southern Germany available in a word document and web site  
[home.nikocity.de/djoos/germvill2ed6pa.doc](http://home.nikocity.de/djoos/germvill2ed6pa.doc)  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~lipperts/commentators/dieterjoos.htm>

**FEEFHS Map Room**—Maps of the German and Russian Empires  
<http://feefhs.org/maps/indexmap.html>

**Umlaut Assistant**—Freeware to add a toolbar to your word-processing program to type german characters.  
<http://www.softlookup.com/preview/dis9812.html>

**Hessen GenWeb**  
<http://members.cox.net/hessen/index.htm>

**German Script**  
<http://www.travlang.com/languages/german/ihgg/index.html>



## Education Opportunities

### 2004

**March 12-13**, The second "Native American History and Genealogy Conference" sponsored by the Friends of Oklahoma Historical Society Research Division. This year's conference will focus on the tribes of Southwest Oklahoma. More information is available on their web site <http://www.ok-history.mus/arch/friends.htm>

**March 15**, Patricia Carr Biczynski will speak at the Irving Genealogy Society on "Researching in Ireland." Program begins at 7 pm at the Irving Public Library.

**March 16**, Central Texas Genealogy Society presents Max Blankfield from FamilyTree DNA, a DNA testing service. Meeting is at the Central Library on Austin Ave. in Waco at 7 pm.

**April 3**, St. Louis Genealogical Society Annual Fair, "Sail Into the Past" featuring John P. Colletta, PhD. For more information visit their website <http://www.stlgs.org>

**April 10**, "Historic Heart of Fair Park and White Rock Lake" presented by the Dallas Historical Society takes participants back in time as Dallas historian Steven Butler leads a walking tour of the park, where so much colorful history took place. 9:00 am departure from the Hall of State, Fair Park and 2:00 return. Email [frank@dallashistory.org](mailto:frank@dallashistory.org) for more information.

**April 22-24**, Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference. Visit their website <http://www.ogs.org>.

**April 22-25**, The Society for German-American Studies Annual Symposium will be held in New Ulm, Minnesota. Email [jeckstein@newulmtel.net](mailto:jeckstein@newulmtel.net) for more information.

**May 19-22**, The National Genealogical Society annual conference will be held in Sacramento, California, the website is coming soon at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/confnatl.htm>

**June 13-18**, Institute on Genealogical and Historical Research, Sanford University, Birmingham, Alabama. More information available on courses, fees, housing, etc. <http://www.sanford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html>.

**June 23-24**, Palatines to America National Conference, Albany, New York. Conference theme is Palatine Footprints.

**July 11-16** The Genealogical Institute of Mid-America will hold its tenth annual study program in Springfield, Illinois. Details are available from the Institute Director, Ms. Susan Kaufman at [kaufmansusan@juno.com](mailto:kaufmansusan@juno.com)

**July 11-17** The National Institute on Genealogical Research will be held at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Visit their website for more information - <http://www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin>

**September 8-11** "Legends Live Forever - Researching the Past for Future Generations" FGS 2004 Conference will be held in Austin, Texas. Topics include oral history, writing your family story, using social history in genealogy, foreign research, immigration and naturalization, Texas and the southwest. The conference hotel will be the Hilton Conference Center. To sign up for the conference e-zine send a message to [ezine@fgs.org](mailto:ezine@fgs.org). More information is available at the FGS web site <http://www.fgs.org>.