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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2014. 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:

January 17, 2015—"Your Computer and You" by Daniel Scurlock

Future Topics

February 21, 2015—"Powerful FamilySearch.com Improvements" by Lynell Moss

March 21, 2015—"A Successful Research Process" by Barbara Coakley

April 18, 2015—To be announced

May 16, 2015—"Libraries On-Line Access" by Cheryl Smith

September 19, 2015—All Day Seminar, more details will be announced later

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

If you have an idea about a program or a speaker, email Charlie Law at 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

It's time to renew your 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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Classes at the Library

March 25—Preserving Photographs & Documents
April 16—Start Something New
May 13—Did My Ancestor Own Land?
Programs are from 9:30 to 11:00 am at Haggard Library.

National Conferences

This year FGS and RootsTech will be held at the same time in Salt Lake City, February 11-14.
<https://www.fgsconference.org/>

NGS will be 13-16 May in St. Charles, MO.

Genealogy News

Family Chronicle magazine is changing its name to Your Genealogy Today! starting with the March/April edition. The ownership and magazine content will be similar to what it has been in the past with some new columns. Their website is also changing to www.YourGenealogyToday.com in March. Visit their current website for info on subscribing to the print or pdf version of the magazine. <http://www.familychronicle.com/>

MyHeritage is adding millions of Danish historical records. They have an agreement with the Danish National Archives to index Census and Parish records from 1646 to 1930. Read the full article on their blog <http://blog.myheritage.com/tag/danish-records/>

RootsMagic genealogy software now links to MyHeritage and to FamilySearch. <https://www.rootsmagic.com/RootsMagic/>

Family Tree Builder is now available for Macintosh users on MyHeritage.com. There is also a version for Windows users and both are free and sync with the website. Dick Eastman gave the new software a good review in his blog. Here's a link to the full article <http://blog.eogn.com/2015/01/15/family-tree-builder-for-macintosh-a-free-program-is-now-available/>. Here's the link to download the software <http://www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder>.

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By Brenda Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas
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Compiled by Brenda Kellow, 2014

p. 1 Parakeet story. Jack Hall found a pretty parakeet at the Cartercraft Plant where he is employed. He took it home where his two daughters Pam and Cindy fell in love with it. After placing in this paper's Lost and Found, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Carpenter were notified and went to the Hall house to claim their pet. Seeing that the little girls had fallen in love with the bird, the Carpenter's bought the Hall children a parakeet of their own.

Forrest Moore of Plano is a voice frequently heard over Channel 8 at 6 and 10 p.m. He is the son of Mrs. Katherine Moore, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Weatherford, and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. John Weatherford of Plano. Forrest literally grew up in the Plano Star Courier News office and knows this office from A-Z.

The Rejebian Club meets Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

Vacation Bible School meets June 4-8 at the Methodist Church.

Rev. Daniel Cummings of the Christian Church told Rotarians what the church is doing for Plano youths that include a long-range program to build double tennis courts, shuffle board, volleyball, badminton, basketball and roller skating.

Rev. Edgar L. Huffstutler, minister of the First Methodist Church, reported the air-conditioning of the church is installed and cooled the church for the first time on Sunday.

Mrs. Addie Burrow of McKinney spent last week in the home of her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Don Bagwill.

The B&P Women's Club met May 10 at the Community House. Mrs. Alma Hays is the president. The president elect is Mrs. Aline Mays. The club will sponsor two Brownie Scouts to camp this summer.

Richard Riggins, Service Representative for Lone Star Gas, was named to replace the recently deceased W. E. Lemons. Mr. Riggins recently moved to the Stinson Apartments on 15th Street. He was born March 4, 1917 in Avery, Texas. His parents are deceased. He served in the military in World War II in Africa, France, Germany, and Austria. The Plano community welcomes him and his family, "Where Everybody is Somebody."

The Homemaking Department of the Plano Colored School held its Open House on Tuesday, May 8. Celebrates were Mrs. Juanita Curd, Mrs. Maurine Kendrick and Mrs. Marie Simms of Chicago.

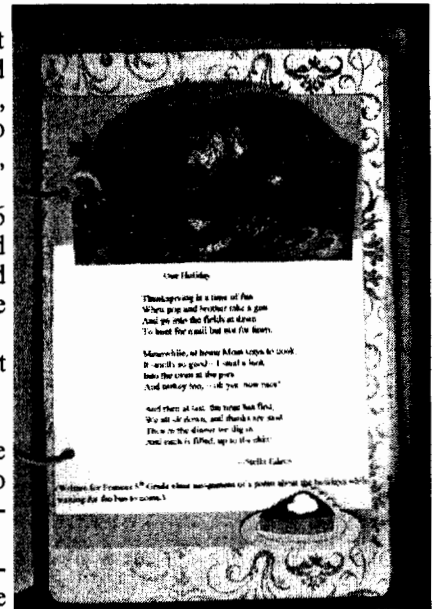
Miss Patricia Ann Moore, a spring graduate of Plano High School, has been admitted to Rice University with a four-year scholarship. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duck Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shelton spent the weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mrs. and Mrs. Carr Suter.

Cooperators of the Collin County Conservation District have been invited to the Renner Research Foundation field day open house on May 23. John D. Wells is chairman of the district's board of supervisors.

William Robert Mickle, 87 years, nine months and six days, died at his home in Addison Sunday afternoon May 13. He was born at Roanoke, Alabama, on August 7, 1868. He is the son of Jack W. Mickle and Mrs. Emily Owens Mickle. Interment is at Restland.

On May 27 and 28, 51 seniors will graduate from Plano High School, announced Superintendent E. A. Sigler.



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[The entire graduating class was named, but too lengthy for this abstract.] Just to name a few: Lewis Allman, Don Lee Lair, Randall Nicholson, Ray Lane Pell, Joe Bob Price, Richard Sartain, brothers Tom and Sam Shields and Larry Uland. A few of the girls graduating are: Deanna Bourn, Betty Frank Forman, Betty Lobb, Peggy Mayfield and Norma Wells.

Private David Blythe left last week for Fort Dix, New Jersey, after visiting with his mother, Mrs. Bernice Blythe.

Lebanon merchant John Watson Gribble, 68, died in City County Hospital in McKinney on Monday after a stroke. Burial was in Big Spring Cemetery east of Plano. He is the son of James Marion Gribble and Rachel Gribble. He was born in Arkansas on January 4, 1890. In 1921, he married Miss Amy Cantrell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Turner of Plano are the proud parents of a daughter, Sallie Caroline. She was born at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas. She weighed seven pounds at birth. She has a brother Tommy and sister Margie.

p. 2 Mr. Haden Holloway died Monday at 9:30 a.m. in San Angelo. Surviving is his wife the former Miss Ruth Mays of Frisco. Funeral was in San Angelo on Tuesday.

Miss Betty Rogers of Commerce spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers.

Attending a milking short-horn meeting in Springfield, Missouri, this week are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Haggard and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wells.

p. 3 W. L. Dugger is closing out his line of used farm implements.

The Lake Lavon Water Carnival is Sunday, June 3, beginning at 2 p.m.

Mrs. George P. Fryinger invites the public to a piano recital of her students at the Baptist Church on Saturday, May 19, at 7 o'clock.

Miss Pauline Goforth is home after having surgery at St. Paul Hospital.

David Bailey and some of his playmates recently found a government weather balloon near the Plano Mutual Cemetery.

Co-Op Grocery welcomes newcomers to shop at his grocery store, 1414 Avenue J.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wimms welcome their new son, Richard Nelson, who was born in McKinney.

p. 4 The Plano Garden Club held its last reunion of the year in the home of Albert Gordon.

The Bethany Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church had a social at the home of Mrs. James Hays last Tuesday. Mrs. Homer Horton gave the devotional on Mothers of the Bible.

p. 5 For Sale: Mr. A. M. Cuffman, 1405 F Avenue, has a barn for sale. It must be moved off his property. Phone 327.

TP&L continues to expand its facilities. The company spent during 1955, a total of \$16,262,000 on new and enlarged facilities.

p. 6 Professional organist Mr. Hugh Waddill presents an organ recital next Sunday at the Presbyterian Church on their Hammond Organ. A reception follows.

The Palace Theater in Plano offers new lower prices. Juniors age 12-18 pay 35¢. Adults pay only 50¢. Children under 12 are admitted free with their parents. Showing May 19 is Walt Disney's "Prairie." Sunday and Monday feature is "Phoenix Story" with John McIntire and Richard Kiley. Tuesday through Thursday features "The Left Hand of God" starring Humphrey Bogart and Gene Tierney.

The girls graduating this year were invited to a reception at the Plano Furniture Company. Owners Mr. and Mrs. James L. Clarkson presented each young lady with an individual wall plate with their names inscribed in gold, Plano High School and the date of their graduation.

Miss Dorothy Marie Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Massey of Geneva, Illinois, married Clarence W. Schimelpfenig, of 1000 18th Street in Plano, at a candlelight service at the Geneva Lutheran Church. A reception followed at the church.

The children of G. B. Mayes honored their father at a birthday dinner Sunday, April 29 at the Plano Park. Present were Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Chaddick and sons Doyle and Don and Miss Flo Riggs of Plano; Mr. and Mrs. Edison Mayes of Garland and sons Dan, Jerry, Gene and Herbert; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mayes, Joe and Jane Ann

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of Plano; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Standerfer and sons John, James and Mark and daughter Jenny of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mayes and children Brenda, Linda, Guion and Gary of Plano; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mayes and son Andy of Frisco; Mrs. Ruby Chaddick of Plano; Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hogge and children James, Earl and Linda of Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sarver of Garland; Everts Jackson of Richardson; Mrs. Fred Meeks and sons Freddie and Mark of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones of Murphy; Mr. and Mrs. Logan Brand of Wylie; Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hart of Allen.

p. 7 J. F. Howell improves after spending six weeks in Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He is now home and recovering.

Mrs. Louis Bourn is a patient at St. Paul Hospital following major surgery.

The seventh annual flower show of the Plano Garden Club was held April 29 at the Community House. The theme was, "Carnival of Flowers." A multitude of winners from Divisions 1-3 were named in the article as well as Pot Plant winners, but not mentioned here.

The family of C. L. Bishop thank everyone for their kindness following his death.

Jack O. Harrington elected Junior Rotarian. He is president of his sophomore class and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harrington.

The Plano Study Club won outstanding program, "Indian Arts and Crafts" presented in December by Mrs. Lester Floyd.

Mrs. J. L. Aldridge is recovering at home and thanks everyone for their kindness and flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Melton and grandson Roy Don Wilson visited with her father D. W. Bagwill of Fort Worth, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Bagwill Sunday afternoon.

World War II—Records Available Online

By Barbara Coakley

World War II involved more than 100 million people from over 30 countries. 12, 209,238 Americans served in the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard between 1939 and 1945. A fire at the National Archives Military Records Center in 1973 destroyed many of the records documenting our ancestors service. Don't give up, there are other sources that survived to help us learn about our ancestors experiences and document their service. Here are a few that are available online:



The National WWII Museum in New Orleans website has background information, digital collections, tips for interviewing veterans, and much more. <http://www.nationalww2museum.org/index.html>

The Library of Congress digital collections include pictures in the Prints and Photographs online catalog; the Veterans History Project is full of oral and video interviews with veterans; the American Memory page includes issues of stars and stripes, the military newspaper; maps of military campaigns in Maps; and digital newspapers from the war years in the Chronicling America section. Visit the web page, click on a button and start exploring. <http://www.loc.gov/>. There is also a guide to WWII materials <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/WW2/WW2bib.html>

Internet Archive offers videos, music and audio recordings as well as digitized printed records. Don't forget to include the unit your ancestor served in, locations where they were stationed, and battles they took part in when you are search-

ing for information. Don't just search using their name and stop.

The National Archives website Access to Archival Databases (AAD) includes the following databases:

US Army Enlistment Records—over nine million men and women served in the Army during WWII. During World War II the US Army created computer punch cards for each enlistee when they enlisted. The cards were microfilmed and destroyed. The data from the cards is now available for us to search. By the time the cards were filmed about 1.5 million were in such bad shape that they could not be scanned so those records aren't included in the database.

Each record contains the serial number, name, resident state and county, place of enlistment, date of enlistment, grade, branch, terms of enlistment, year and place of birth, education, civilian occupation, marital status, and information about the microfilm where the card image is stored. Here is an example of a portion of the information available for one soldier.

Field Title	Value	Meaning
<u>ARMY SERIAL NUMBER</u>	36442002	36442002
<u>NAME</u>	ZIEBOLD#GOTTLIEBNA##KK#N	ZIEBOLD#GOTTLIEBNA##KK#N
<u>RESIDENCE: STATE</u>	61	ILLINOIS
<u>RESIDENCE: COUNTY</u>	157	RANDOLPH
<u>PLACE OF ENLISTMENT</u>	6167	PEORIA ILLINOIS
<u>DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY</u>	07	07
<u>DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH</u>	01	01
<u>DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR</u>	43	43
<u>GRADE: ALPHA DESIGNATION</u>	PVT#	Private

The AAD also has databases that include prisoners of war, duty locations for naval intelligence personnel, and Japanese Americans relocated during the war. Here is the link to the AAD main page <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>. There is also a section on World War II Photos <http://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2/photos/images/thumbnails/>. The Atlanta branch has a digital exhibit titled "We'll Back Our Boys: The Southern Home Front During World War II" and there is more, it is well worth the time to explore this website.

Other websites that contain records or information are Ancestry.com, Footnote.com, FamilySearch.org. And of course Google World War II, your ancestors unit, etc. Don't forget all the newspaper sites to read about the war as it was happening to learn how it impacted your ancestors. World War II touched everyone's lives not just those that served. Taking the time to learn about the era can add insight for those of us that didn't experience it ourselves.

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