



Genealogy Friends News

Genealogy Friends of
Plano Libraries

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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.

February 21, 2004 - Cheryl Smith will talk to us about the holdings in the genealogy section of the Gladys Harrington Library.

March 20, 2004 - To be announced.

April 17, 2004 - All Day Seminar.

May 15, 2004 - To be announced.

All Day Workshop—European Research

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
- Research in Cornwall, England
- Czechoslovakia Research
- French Research
- Norwegian Research
- Barbados Research

For more information contact Genealogy Friends at genfriends@comcast.net.

To register complete the form on our website www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl.

2004 Genealogy Friends Events

Mark your calendars, the Library Lock Ins in 2004 are February 27, May 7, and October 29th.

We will have two all day Saturday Seminars - April 17th and September 18th.

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

The Annual Meeting will be October 4th.

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.

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 the Reference Desk.

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.

Donations

Fishbowl

Please consider placing a donation in our fishbowl. The money is used to buy CD's for the Genealogy Section of the library

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
Place Names of Collin County, TX	\$10
Railroads in Collin County, TX	\$10
Military Investigations: Red, White & Blue	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Systems	\$10

Web Sites

Death Indexes Online

California 1940-1997

<http://vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi>

Illinois 1916-1950

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/~archives/genealogy/forlms/idphdeathsrch.html>

Kentucky 1911-1986 and 1987-1992

<http://Www.ukcc.uky.edu/-vitalrec/>

Maine 1960-1997

<http://thor.dafs.state.me.us/pls/archives/archdev.death-archive.search-form>

Minnesota 1908-1996

<http://people.mnhs.org/dci/Search.cfm>

Missouri before 1910

<http://www.sos.state.mo.gov/archives/resources.birthdeath/default.asp>

New Mexico, partial

<http://www.rootsweb.com!/usgenweb/nm/nmdi.htm?sourceid=002872794742599310>

Texas 1964-1998

<http://www.rootsweb.com/tx/death/search.cg>

Tracing Our Roots Column

The "Tracing Our Roots" column 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>.

Education Opportunities

2004

January 22-24, Gentech 2004, Preserving the Past—Exploring the Future, will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. Information is available at <http://stlgs.org/gentech2004/>

February 7, The Dallas Genealogical Society will feature Hank Z Jones. For more information visit their website — <http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/>

March 20, The Midland Genealogical Society holds its Spring Seminar at the First Presbyterian Church Activities Building, 800 West Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas. Featured lecturer: Richard L. Hooverson. For more information e-mail: mrlynmrlyns@netscape.net

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 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 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

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 FGS 2004 Conference will be held in Austin, Texas.

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 genfriends@comcast.net.

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 genfriends@comcast.net.

New In The Library

The following have been added to the Genealogy Collection at the Gladys Harrington Library:

- Texas Almanac, 2004-2005 GEN 317.64 TEX
- Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook GEN 929.1072 CRO
- Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2002/2003 GEN 920.003 WHO 2002-03
- Catalogue of the Spanish collection of the Texas General Land Office, Part I and Part II GEN 333.16 GRE V.01 & V.02
- James DeFrees and His Descendants GEN 929.2 DEF
- The Gartman Papers GEN 929.2 GAR
- Genealogy Online, Seventh Edition RREF GEN 929.10285 CRO
- Genealogical Resources of the Minnesota Historical Society: A Guide RREF GEN 016.9293776 MIN
- Orange County Records, Vol. III: Deed book 3, Abstracts GEN 929.3756565 BEN, Vols. 3
- Orange County records, Vol. IV: Deed Book 4, Abstracts GEN 929.3756565 BEN, Vols. 4
- Paulding-Van Wert Counties, Ohio, Plat Book: Index of Owners, City Street Maps GEN 912.77101 PAU
- Forward to the Past: Another Journey in Ancestry GEN 929.2 WAS
- Finding Your Famous {& Infamous} Ancestors GEN 929.1072 MCC
- GTE : Plano, Texas, Lucas, Murphy, Parker, St. Paul, Wylie, Residential and Business Listings GEN 384.625 GTE, 1976
- The people of Old Celina Cemetery, Celina, Texas GEN 929.509764556 MAX
- Hey Doc! GEN 358.41709764 HEY
- The Official Ohio Lands Book GEN 333.109771 KNE
- Texas 1850 Agricultural census, Volume 1 and Volume 2 GEN 929.3764 GRE, V. 1 & V.2
- The Lawsons of East Tennessee GEN 929.2 LAW
- History of Washington County GEN 976.4245 SCH
- Sharecroppers: The Way We Really Were GEN 305.56309756 TAY
- North Carolina: A Guide to the Old North State GEN 975.6 FED
- A Belated Census of Earliest Settlers of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri GEN 929.377896 GAM
- Men and Women in the Armed Forces From Garvin County GEN 355.009766 MEN
- Wake: Capital County of North Carolina, Volume I GEN 975.655 MUR
- History of Coryell County GEN 976.4515 SIM

Packing for Research Trips

To ensure a productive research trip it is important to do your homework. Once you have determined what resources are available and created your "To Do" list you need to gather the items you will need once you are there. Check out the climate and weather to be sure you pack the appropriate clothing. It is always a good idea to be prepared to temperature fluctuations by packing clothing that can be layered. That way you can add or subtract layers as needed to remain comfortable. When visiting Salt Lake City, extra moisturizers are a must due to the low humidity. A collapsible umbrella is always a good idea. Don't forget your organizing supplies—paper clips, folders, notebooks, and an extra tote bag in case you hit the jack pot. If you are taking a lap top check ahead of time for the rules of the facility. Also, don't forget the power supply, phone cord, security device to lock it up, etc. Check out the web site or call the facility you are visiting to be sure you know what the procedure is for making copies. Some libraries will make the copies and mail them to you, taking a supply of return address labels can save your having to write your address over and over. How are copies paid for? Do you need change. Where will you be parking? Do you need change for parking meters. Don't forget your research supplies—any reference material you need to refer to, magnifying glass, word lists, maps, etc. Being prepared will allow you to have the tools you need when you are away from home. You will be able to focus on finding your ancestors.