



# 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.

**February 19, 2005** - Brenda Kellow will discuss Lineage Societies and National Conferences (NGS & FGS)

**March 19, 2005** - State Libraries and State Archives by Lynne Darrouzet

**April 16, 2005** -All day seminar. Gerry Haggard will do a presentation on writing.

**May 21, 2005** - Researching at the Library of Congress & Using NUCMC by Barbara Coakley

**June 18, 2005** - Weldon Fincher will discuss PERSI and Stella Fincher will discuss Changing Borders and Boundary Lines

**July 16, 2005** - Learn about using Inter Library Loan and WebCat with librarian Cheryl Smith

**August 20, 2005** - Marta Demaree will talk to us about Reference Materials Available in the Library

**September 17, 2005** - All day seminar. Topic to be announced

**October 15, 2005** - Clare Molina will discuss Computer Mail Lists and Brenda Kellow will discuss Non Population Census Schedules.

**November 19, 2005** - Family Reunions and Newsletters will be the topic of the presentation by Brenda Kellow and Barbara Coakley.

**December 17, 2005** - Join us for our annual Show and Tell.

### Library Lock Ins

Watch for details on the upcoming Library Lock Ins. 2005 dates are February 11, 2005, May 13, 2005, July 8, 2005, and October 28, 2005.

### Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held at the library. The 2005 meeting dates are January 18, 2005, March 15, 2005, and July 19, 2005. Members are welcome to attend.

## 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.

### Newsletter Articles

Help keep our newsletter interesting:

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).

### 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	\$40
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
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal	\$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>.

### Dues Are Due

Our fiscal began October 1st which means it is time to pay your dues for 2005.

Regular dues are Single: \$30. Family: \$50. Friend: \$100; Gold: \$500; Platinum: \$1000. We currently have over 70 members.

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.

## Web Sites

Maryland Death Records Online—The index for death records for the state of Maryland has been added to their web site. Click on the Vital Records Indexing Project on the bottom left of the page

<http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/homepage/html/homepage.html>

This focused search engine indexes only genealogy sites that contain original content. Try entering your ancestors' names.

<http://www.treezy.com>

Distant Cousins is also a site where you can search for ancestors. It had links to digital images of city directories and also to Ancestry.com and Genealogy.com.

<http://distantcousin.com/SurnameResources/>

Genealogy Buff is a site full of tools, links and a surname search.

<http://www.genealogybuff.com>

Census Trail offers an alternative to lost, missing and destroyed census records. Requires minimal subscription fee.

<http://www.censustrail.com>

Share your family stories at the Center for Life Stories Preservation web site.

<http://www.storypreservation.com>

City Directories of the USA—This web site will attempt to identify all printed, microfilmed, and online directories, and their repositories, for the United States. This site will answer these questions: does a directory exist for a locality? If it does, where can it be found?

<http://www.uscitydirectories.com>

Cemetery Records Online is a cemetery transcription library containing more than 3,000,000 transcriptions from over 8,000 cemeteries.

<http://www.internment.net>

A to Z Marriages provides links to online marriage records as well as addresses of county seats.

<http://www.atozmarriages.com>

OurTimeLines.com generates personalized web pages containing custom time lines.

<http://www.ourtimelines.com/>

Genealogy Spot is a free resource center that simplifies the search for the best online genealogy resources for beginners and experts alike. Sites featured on this web site are hand-selected by their editorial team for their exceptional quality, content and utility.

<http://www.genealogyspot.com>

JustGenChat provides a genealogy chat room and links to other genealogy web sites.

<http://www.looking4kin.com>

Historical Census Browser. This web site allows you to explore statistical data about the censuses.

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/>

GeneToons—Do you have a sense of humor about your genealogy. This web site provides cartoons as well as links to numerous genealogy information online.

<http://www.genetoons.com>

FreeGenealogy Stuff—Kindred Trails web site can help you stretch your genealogy budget with links to free genealogy stuff like software, translation tools, forms & charts, lookup services, etc.

[http://www.kindredtrails.com/free\\_genealogy\\_stuff.html](http://www.kindredtrails.com/free_genealogy_stuff.html)

FamilyReunion.com is a resource guide for family reunions. There is information on planning, decorations, locations and accommodations, caterers, etc.

<http://familyreunion.com/>

Diagnosis: Geneaholic - This web site provides a place for you to make a testimonial or read other's. They claim to be here only to help you realize what your addiction is called and to let you know that you ARE NOT alone. Many of us suffer from this. We will continue to find others like us and let them know that geneaholism is nothing to be ashamed of.

<http://members.tripod.com/~bayoujac/dg.html>

Ancient Faces has grown from the world's shared photo album to an unparalleled and diverse collection of memorabilia representing many times and places. Today, AncientFaces' collections includes Family, Military, Mystery and Special Collections of Photos; Family Stories and Recipes; and Message boards.

<http://www.ancientfaces.com>

Thanks to Bill Walton and Jean Funk for submitting information.

### Gen Friends 3rd Annual Research Retreat

Mark your calendars. The 3rd Annual Research Retreat to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah will be January 30 to February 6, 2005.

Join us for a fabulous week of research and companionship with fellow genealogy enthusiasts.

- Research in the largest genealogy library in the United States with your colleagues.
- Family History Collection has been moved to the FHL Library building.
- Library Orientation by FHL Staff on Monday morning.
- Retreat includes a lecture on US Immigration Records by a professional genealogist.
- Individual and group assistance will be available from veteran researchers.

We have had a great time the last two years. Everyone returned with new information about ancestors. Plan on joining us.

Fees: Members \$80.00 per person or pay \$100 for both 2005 membership and the Retreat.

### Collin County Historic Photographs Web Site

Members of GenFriends are contributing photographs of Collin County to the newest Gen Friends web site *Collin County, Texas Past Finders Photo Collection*. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcolli3>. The web site now contains over 2,700 photographs. Categories include Cemeteries,

Churches, Schools, People, Places, and Tombstones. If you would like to contribute photos of Collin County subjects, contact Joy at [jfarrgo@comcast.net](mailto:jfarrgo@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 Joy Gough at [jfarrgo@comcast.net](mailto:jfarrgo@comcast.net).

### History & Genealogy Web Site

Members of Genealogy Friends are contributing to a new web site—History and Genealogy for the Active Researcher located at <http://www.geocities.com/genfriendsghl>.

The goal is to expand the knowledge of those researching in Collin County and North Texas.

Check out the timeline—a daily calendar of events in Collin County through the years.

There is also a biography of Gladys Harrington.

### Ads for Membership Directory

Gen Friends Membership Handbook will be published in February. If you would like to advertise your business in the Handbook, contact Joy Gough at [jfarrgo@comcast.net](mailto:jfarrgo@comcast.net) or [genfriends@comcast.net](mailto:genfriends@comcast.net).

Ads are available in the following sizes:

Full Interior Page 8 1/2 x 11	\$100
1/2 Page Horizontal	\$ 50
1/4 Page Horizontal	\$ 25
Business Card Size	\$ 15

Deadline for submissions is February 5th.

### Mentors Available

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in Gen Friends?

Facilitating a workshop at an upcoming lock-in or presenting at a Saturday seminar is a great way to sharpen your skills. The preparation for the session offers an opportunity to learn something new or to expand your knowledge on a topic you are already familiar with.

If you would like to work with an experienced presenter or facilitator please contact [genfriends@comcast.net](mailto:genfriends@comcast.net).

## Civil War Records

From 1861 to 1865 the United States was embroiled in the Civil War. Over 3.8 million soldiers, union and confederate combined, served in the conflict. This unfortunate event touched many of our ancestors lives and records were generated for numerous reasons based on both sympathy and location. Don't assume that because your ancestor lived in a Southern state that their service was Confederate and vice versa.

**Union Records**—The most obvious records are those of service in the United States Army and Navy. Different records exist for soldiers who served in the Regular Army than those who service was in the Voluntary Army. Service records for the Regular Army are available at the National Archives. Separate records are available for enlistment, payroll, muster out, hospital, etc. Service records can be found at both the Federal and State level for volunteer service. Let's discuss the Federal records first.

**Indexes**—The United States Park Service has created a web site, the Civil War Sailors and Soldiers System. You can search for soldiers, sailors, regiments, prisoners, cemeteries, battles, medals. You can also check *The Roster of Union Soldiers* by James B. Hewett.

**Compiled Service Records**—To provide easier access to the information, beginning in 1890 the Federal Government created Compiled Service Records. A card was created for each entry on numerous service records including, enlistment, muster out, payroll, hospital, etc. Information can include a physical description of your ancestor, where and when their service began and ended. You can also track the locations of the unit by using the payroll records. The information regarding each soldier was extracted from the original record onto a card. Each card also contains a number which corresponds to the original record so you can locate the original. The cards for service in each unit were combined into a file. Therefore, if your ancestor served in multiple units there may be more than one file for them. Don't assume that your ancestor didn't serve if they were elderly, they may have served for as little as three months in a local unit that never left home.

The index to the Compiled Service Records is available on microfilm at the National Archives and also on Ancestry.com. The records for most states have not been micro-filmed and are only available at the National Archives (NARA) in Washington DC. However, using the numbers, unit name, and state from the index you can order the file from the NARA web site [[www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)].

There are also Compiled Service Records for the Unit. You

can trace the progress of the unit throughout the war. Cards indicate where the unit was located for each time period and which battles they were involved in. Using your ancestors dates of service and these records can provide insight into your ancestors experiences.

**Pension Records**—Many of the soldiers, their spouses and even their parents were eligible for pensions based on the soldiers service. Files were created even if the pension was denied. Dependent parent pension files can be very informative, the parent has to prove their relationship to the soldier. One file I found included the parents marriage record, the soldier's baptismal record and letters from all his siblings and some neighbors containing details of his father's living conditions.

**Draft Records**—The casualties were high and initially volunteer service was for short periods of time (as little as three months), therefore, a shortage of men arose. The result was a draft. Draft boards were appointed in each district. The Draft board appointed officials who were responsible for enumerating all men eligible for service. The criteria changed over time, the most comprehensive was men between ages of 17 and 46 who had not served two consecutive years during the Civil War. These Consolidate Lists are included in Record Group 110 and are available by mail.

Once the names were gathered and quotas were established for each sub district names from the list were placed in a box and the required number of names were drawn. The names were recorded in a ledger. The men were notified and subjected to a physical examination. The results of the exams were also recorded in a ledger. If they passed the exam they were mustered into service. These ledgers are part of Record Group 110. If your ancestor was an immigrant, a case file for drafted aliens was also created. These files are part of Record Group 59.

It was legal for a drafted man to hire a substitute to serve in his place or to pay \$300 in place of service. Also, the Draft Boards kept diaries of their daily activities which can contain information about the draft process, timing of the drafts, and individual soldiers, both those that enlisted and were drafted.

The diaries and ledgers created in this process, if extant, are available at NARA [Record Group 110]. These are textual records and you must either visit NARA or hire a researcher who to visit. You will need to know where your ancestor lived at the time. There are finding aids available at NARA to help you determine which district your ancestor lived in and then you can use the Preliminary Inventory to determine what

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records are extant by district. The records are not indexed so it can take time to locate your ancestor.

**Income Tax Records**—The war was also expensive and to supplement the US Treasury an income tax was instituted. On July 1, 1862 (12 Stat. 432) the Internal Revenue Act was passed so the government could pay interest on the public debt. There were both monthly and annual taxes. The monthly taxes were levied on gross receipts of transportation companies; on interest paid on bonds; on surplus funds accumulated by financial institutions and insurance companies; the sale of slaughtered cattle, hogs, and sheep. There were also annual licenses required for trades and occupations, and annual duties were placed on carriages, yachts, billiard tables, and gold and silver plate. An annual tax was levied on all income in excess of \$600, and legacies and distributive shares of personal property were made taxable. If your ancestor was taxed it will give you insight into their economic situation and possibly their occupation. These records are part of Record Group 58, Records of the Internal Revenue Service. The Assessment lists from 1862-1866 have been microfilmed. There is a separate series for each northern state and are available at NARA.

**Regimental and Unit Histories**—Once you know which unit your ancestor served in and during which time period you can use histories to relive their experience. They are available at NARA, the Family History Library (FHL) and on the internet. A google search on the state or unit you are looking for can result in numerous hits. You can also find diaries from soldiers, possibly even from the unit your ancestor served in. They will offer a realistic picture of life in service.

**Soldiers Homes**—Congress established Soldiers Homes in 1866 for needy veterans of the army, marines, and organized militia called into federal service. Records are available for 1866-1937 including registers of residents, hospital admissions, death lists, etc. Some have been microfilmed and are available through the Family History Library.

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## New In The Library

The following books, CD's and microform have been added to the Genealogy collection at the Gladys Harrington Library:

Cemeteries of Wilson County, Texas	GEN 929.509764445 MEY
William Ricketson and His Descendants	GEN 929.2 RIC, Vol. 02
Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Vol. I, II, and V	GEN 929.373 HIN
Hurst and Allied Families	GEN 929.2 HUR
Westphalia, 1879-2004	GEN 976.4286 WES
Newspaper Obituaries Index, Collin County, Texas, 1960-1969	GEN 929.3764556 NEW
Kendig/Kendrick Marriages, 17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> Centuries	GEN 929.2 MCK
Ancestor Tree	GEN 975.4 ANC, V. 02
Monroe County, Ohio Families	GEN 977.196 MON
History of Lincoln County, Arkansas, 1871-1983	GEN 976.7823 HIS
2001 Roster of the Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry	GEN 929.373 ORD
The Librarian's Guide to Genealogical Services and Research	GEN 026.9291 SWA
Letters to Lucinda, 1862-1864	GEN 973.782 JOH
Johnson, Vol. VI	GEN 929.2 JOH
Pennsylvania Births, Berks County: 1710-1780	GEN 929.374816 HUM
Pennsylvania Births, Berks County: 1781-1800	GEN 929.374816 HUM
Pennsylvania Births, York County: 1730-1800	GEN 929.374841 HUM
Bosque County Armed Forces Veterans, Vol. I	GEN 940.5481764 HEW
Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources, 3 <sup>rd</sup> ed	RREF GEN 929.1 RED
Pennsylvania Land Applications, Vol. 1: East Side Applications, 1765-1769;	
Vol. 2: New Purchase Applications, 1769-1773	GEN 929.3748 MCC

## Education Opportunities

### 2005

**January 10– March 14** CCCCD offers Genealogy I taught by Lynne Darrouzet. For more information or to register go to their web site, <http://www.ccccd.edu/>

**January 20-22**, National Genealogy Society presents “Warm Up Your Research” in Phoenix, Arizona. Speakers include Elizabeth Shown Mills, Tom Jones, and J. Mark Lowe. More information is available on the NGS web site <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/edutripsphoenix.htm>

**February 5**, Dallas Genealogy Society presents Claire Mire Bettag.

**March 5**, Dallas Genealogy Society presents Emily Croom.

**February 24– April 14**, CCCCD offers Genealogy II taught by Lynne Darrouzet. For more information or to register go to their web site, <http://www.ccccd.edu/>

**April 2**, Dallas Genealogy Society presents Dr. Thomas W Jones.

**April 21—May 26**, CCCCD offers Genealogy III taught by Lynne Darrouzet. For more information or to register go to their web site, <http://www.ccccd.edu/>

**June 1-4**, National Genealogy Society Conference in the States and Gentech will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. Online registration will be available soon on their web site <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

**June 9-11**, Palatines to America National Conference Fort Wayne, Indiana will be held at the Hilton Hotel and Grand Wayne Convention Center. The program will include German, American and Internet research subjects. Their web site is <http://palam.org/welcome.html>

**July 10-16** National Institute on Genealogical Research will be held at the National Archives in Washington DC.

**September 7-10**, Federation of Genealogy Societies National Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah

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**Military Academies**—NARA has microfilmed Academy Cadet Application Papers 1805-1866 on M688, Naval Academy Registers of Delinquencies 1846-1850 and 1852-1882, M991.

**Death and Burial Records**—Nearly 359,000 Union soldiers lost their lives during the war. *The Roll of Honor: Names of Soldiers Who Died in Defense of the American Union, 27 Volumes* is a good place to start your search. There is also an index available and a CD. NARA Record Group 92 also includes applications for head stones, registers of national cemeteries, and lists of soldiers buried in state cemeteries.

We have just begun to tap the surface of records that are available for the Civil War, next month we will focus on records available at the State level and Confederate records.