



# Genealogy Friends News

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## Saturday Seminars

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2008 & 2009. Meetings are held in the Program Room at the Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd., Plano, TX from 10:15 to 12:30:

### Today's Topic:

January 19, 2009—Jennifer Pitts will speak to us about On Line Hosting

### Future Topics:

February 21, 2009—Aaron Holt, Archivist at the Southwest Regional Archives will be back to speak to us about the National Archives and Record Administration resources.

February 28, 2009—Learn In—Mark the date and stay tuned for more information.

March 21, 2009—Lynell Moss will speak to us about the Family History Library.

April 18, 2009—All Day Seminar—Naomi Taplin and Alan Lafever from the Texas Baptist Historical Collection will be doing an all day seminar on preserving family artifacts.

May 16, 2009—David and Paula Pitts will speak to us about Planning a Family Reunion.

June 20, 2009—Robert Deen will speak to us about Land Records Research

July 18, 2009—To be determined

August 15, 2009—Leo Baca will speak to use about DNA.

September 19, 2009—Brenda Kellow will speak to us about research before 1850.

October 17, 2009—"City Directories, Newspapers, and Obituaries with the Census as Your Guide," by Barbara Coakley.

November 21, 2009—Tresa Tatyrek will be speaking to us on Using the Internet for researching your Genealogy.

December 19, 2009—Show and Tell, come and share your Ancestors' stories with the group.

If you have suggestions for programs please submit them to Jean Funk at [jeano25@aol.com](mailto:jeano25@aol.com).

## Request for Help

### Would you help Me?

Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Was one of them to organize your genealogy? Or organize your research trips to the library and your out-of-town trips? Or was it to organize the books on your bookshelf so you can find things? I suspect that if you need to organize your genealogy, your filing system is foremost on the list and your book shelves second. Most of us have to get organized and each of us has different filing systems. I want to know about your organization plans and filing systems for a future article in our *Newsletter*.

Don't worry that your choices won't be like the 'others,' for it will be what works for you and is easy to use.

I am serious about wanting to hear about your organization systems. Does your filing system work for you? Does it need to be examined to expedite papers more quickly? What motivates you to organize? What keeps you from being organized? What do you need to do to improve your research? I really would like to know.

Why am I asking you? I want to write about organizing files, research trips, etc. for a future Genealogy Friends *Newsletter*. The filing system would be either for your electronic and/or your paper files. If you don't want your name mentioned I will honor your privacy. Otherwise, I'll identify you with your filing system.

Most of us in our group would benefit greatly from reading about the way you file and organize your genealogy, your research trips, and your trips to the library. You can use examples if you want to or need to. Sharing is how we learn and progress in the genealogy field.

Just email to me at [GenFriends@GenealogyFriends.org](mailto:GenFriends@GenealogyFriends.org) and I will receive them.

Thank you,

Brenda Kellow

### 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

### Dues are Due

Dues are due! Individual memberships are \$30 and family memberships are \$50—funds go to purchase materials for the genealogy section at Haggard Library.

### 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
Military Investigations: Red, White & Blue	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10
Compiled Newsletters with Index	\$15

## Happy Birthday Genealogy Library

It has almost been one year since the genealogy collection moved to Haggard Library. The date was Jan 26, 2008. We think the staff has been so busy they hadn't even realized or even remembered the date. Stop by and see just what a great collection we have so close to home.



The library has library volunteers on hand to help if needed. The librarians say they really need more researchers especially on Saturdays. For right now, that means you Saturday researchers have the library all to yourself, but that is not what we want. We need to keep researching in our local genealogy library. If Saturdays' researchers do not increase, there is always the fear that the genealogy library may close on Saturdays.

## Google Newspapers

There is an article on the Google Blog about a project they have to bring history online, one newspaper at a time. In September, they launched an initiative that began with indexing the archives of the *New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.

They recently purchased 20 million digitized pages from PaperofRecord.com. The collection covers the United States, Canada, and Mexico and includes the *Toronto Star*. One downside is that some of the papers indexed charge for access to the entire article, but the index is a huge help.

Newspapers are a great source for family history. In addition to obituaries you can find ads for ancestors businesses, lists of letters at Post Offices, news of the time to put your ancestor in context, and the personal columns can tell you details about your ancestor you won't find anywhere else. <http://news.google.com/archivesearch>

## Tracing Our Roots Column

The "Tracing Our Roots" column written by Brenda Kellow appears each Sunday in the 'PULSE' or 'ENTERTAINMENT' section of the *Plano Insider* newspaper, and in Star Community newspapers throughout North Texas.

Visit the *Plano Insider* web site is <http://www.planoinsider.net/> and click on either PULSE or ENTERTAINMENT to read the weekly column. Each column is posted for one week only. The column and archives are posted at <http://www.geocities.com/TracingOurRoots>.

## "The Other Censuses"

Brenda Kellow will be speaking about the non-population census schedules at the McKinney library on Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 10:30 to 11:30 am. The library is located at 101E. Hunt (one block north of historic downtown at the corner of Hunt and Tennessee Sts.) Pre-registration is not required.

## Legacy Users Group

The Legacy Family Tree users group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Haggard Library in the Program Room from 10:30 to 12:30. Contact Joanne Corney at [ptxlegacyug@verizon.net](mailto:ptxlegacyug@verizon.net) for more information.

## Collin College Classes

Barbara Coakley will be teaching Genealogy I at Collin College. Class will be held January 26, 2009 to March 2, 2009 on Monday nights from 6:30 to 9:00 at the Courtyard Center.

Watch for the new class on Genealogy Research on the Internet coming in 2009.

## Collin County Jail Timeline

By Joy Gough

- January 1842 Throckmorton wagon train arrived in Collin County and established first settlement
- January 1, 1885 First drug store in Farmersville opened – Pendleton, Yeary and Rike Drug Store
- January 1, 1957 Plano appointed its first police chief
- January 2, 1906 East Louisiana Street burned in McKinney
- January 3, 1873 The town of Russell changed its name to Melissa
- January 3, 1873 Felix Bush married Frances Elkin
- January 4, 1854 First homicide in McKinney. Joe Peake was killed by Alfred Johnson. It was called self defense
- January 4, 1882 Chaddick and Brinson Gin burned
- January 5, 1923 Chambersville School started serving the first hot lunches in Collin County
- January 6, 1893 Desert post office established
- January 8, 1846 Comfort McMillen received a headright in Murphy
- January 9, 1900 Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company granted right to construct poles and wires in Plano
- January 10, 1906 Fire destroyed the north side of the square in McKinney
- January 10, 1923 East side of the square in McKinney burned
- January 11, 1876 Allen post office established
- January 12, 1874 W. H. Chandler family arrived in Collin County
- January 12, 1912 Spinal meningitis scare in Celina
- January 13, 1877 Coldest day on record in Collin County—18 degrees below zero
- January 14, 1901 Branch post office established
- January 14, 1905 McKinney City Council issued bonds for electric light plant
- January 15, 1845 William Sachse came to Texas
- January 16, 1854 Weston post office established
- January 17, 1918 Collin County women were allowed to vote for the first time
- January 18, 1934 Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow go through McKinney evading sheriffs
- January 19, 1905 Reception held in Plano for state organizer of Women's & Children's missions
- January 20, 1904 W. M. Kerr of Vineland shipped 2 turkeys to Wapanucka, I. T.
- January 20, 1900 Lebanon Masonic Lodge #837 constituted and met for the first time.
- January 22, 1910 Oratorical contest held in Plano
- January 23, 1913 The Mississippi store collapsed in McKinney killing 8
- January 24, 1850 Grand Lodge of Texas granted dispensation for Masonic Lodge No. 51 in McKinney
- January 24, 1909 Three week revival in Plano ended
- January 25, 1901 Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Plano chartered
- January 25, 1904 The Irving French Co. was at the Opera House in McKinney presenting "A Runaway Wife."
- January 26, 1909 Privately owned electric light plant offered for sale to Plano for \$6000
- January 27, 1876 Rhea Mills post office established
- January 27, 1932 Raymond Hamilton broke out of the McKinney jail
- January 28, 1904 The Rush Lights met in McKinney

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## Collin County Jail Timeline (continued)

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January 29, 1905 The 44's club, consisting of people born in 1844 who served in the Confederacy, met in Plano  
January 30, 1914 Six boys-still in kneepants-broke into the Boren & Stewart store after dark and took 5 boxes of cigars, 5 boxes of chewing gum, 2 boxes of 22 rifle cartridges and 3500 cigarettes  
January 31, 1901 Aleo post office discontinued

## Relatively Speaking

By Brenda Kellow

### Finding a Relationship

Ever wonder how you are related to someone? I do, all the time. For instance, last summer when my grandson was visiting and his cousin was also visiting her grandparents I began thinking about their relationship. Sure they were cousins, but how closely were they related. I knew I was more closely related to Brenna than Michael. To find out the relationships, I went to my trusty *Relationship Chart*.

Brenna is the seventh generation from the common ancestor while I am the fifth generation. On the top of the relationship chart I count over five generations. Next I count seven generations down from the common ancestor on the left side of the sheet. While moving my finger along the generations from the top and side to where they intersect, I discovered Brenna is my third cousin twice removed and she is Michael's fifth cousin.

### What Is a Cousin?

Cousins share a common ancestor. The determining factor of the relationship is how far back the generations are to the common relative. My mother's siblings' children are my cousins—my first cousins—because we share the same grandparents.

### The Removed Factor

The once removed occurs when the generational differences to the common ancestor are not equal. My sister's grandchildren and my grandchildren are second cousins once removed because they share the same grandparents.

### Grand vs. Great

Do you have a great aunt or uncle? Do you have a great-great aunt or uncle? I hope you said "no" because you don't, technically speaking. Sure, we call ancestors great aunt or great great aunt and we write them as g-aunt or g-g aunt. The grand denotes that there are two generations backward to the common ancestor, and the proper term is grand aunt, great-great-grand aunt.

If you study the attached *Relationship Chart* you will begin to understand the terms to denote the generational differences.

Relatively Speaking (continued)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	<b>Common Ancestor</b>	Son or Daughter	Grandson or Daughter	Great Grandson or Daughter	2nd Great Grandson or Daughter	3rd Great Grandson or Daughter	4th Great Grandson or Daughter	5th Great Grandson or Daughter	6th Great Grandson or Daughter	7th Great Grandson or Daughter
2	Son or Daughter	<b>Brother or Sister</b>	Niece or Nephew	Grand Niece or Nephew	Great Grand Niece or Nephew	2nd Great Grand Niece or Nephew	3rd Great Grand Niece or Nephew	4th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	5th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	6th Great Grand Niece or Nephew
3	Grandson or Daughter	Niece or Nephew	<b>First Cousin</b>	First Cousin Once Removed	First Cousin Twice Removed	First Cousin Three Times Removed	First Cousin Four Times Removed	First Cousin Five Times Removed	First Cousin Six Times Removed	First Cousin Seven Times Removed
4	Great Grandson or Daughter	Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Once Removed	<b>Second Cousin</b>	Second Cousin Once Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Three Times Removed	Second Cousin Four Times Removed	Second Cousin Five Times Removed	Second Cousin Six Times Removed
5	2nd Great Grandson or Daughter	Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Once Removed	<b>Third Cousin</b>	Third Cousin Once Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin Three Times Removed	Third Cousin Four Times Removed	Second Cousin Five Times Removed
6	3rd Great Grandson or Daughter	2nd Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Three Times Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin Once Removed	<b>Fourth Cousin</b>	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin Three Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Four Times Removed
7	4th Great Grandson or Daughter	3rd Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Four Times Removed	Second Cousin Three Times Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	<b>Fifth Cousin</b>	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	Fifth Cousin Twice Removed	Fifth Cousin Three Times Removed
8	5th Great Grandson or Daughter	4th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Five Times Removed	Second Cousin Four Times Removed	Third Cousin Three Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	<b>Sixth Cousin</b>	Sixth Cousin Once Removed	Sixth Cousin Twice Removed
9	6th Great Grandson or Daughter	5th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Six Times Removed	Second Cousin Five Times Removed	Third Cousin Four Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Three Times Removed	Fifth Cousin Twice Removed	Sixth Cousin Once Removed	<b>Seventh Cousin</b>	Seventh Cousin Once Removed
10	7th Great Grandson or Daughter	6th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Seven Times Removed	Second Cousin Six Times Removed	Third Cousin Five Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Four Times Removed	Fifth Cousin Three Times Removed	Sixth Cousin Twice Removed	Seventh Cousin Once Removed	<b>Eighth Cousin</b>