



# Genealogy Friends News

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## Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events. Saturday seminars are held at W.O. Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd, Plano, TX from 10:15 to Noon.

### This Month:

**July 16, 2022 - Meeting at Library - "The Value of Collateral Line Research" by Bernard Meisner**

### Future Events:

**August 4, 2021—Zoom Meeting—Genealogy Round Table—** We are a group of genealogy enthusiasts who get together to share information and help each other on the first Thursday of each month. Zoom invite will be sent out the week before the meeting.

**August 20, 2022 - Meeting at Library - "Sharing Your Family History Research Online" by Barbara Coakley**

**September 17, 2022 - All Day Seminar - Google for Genealogy** featuring Lisa Louise Cooke. See Page 5 for details

**October 15, 2002 - Meeting at Library - "You Can Find It In The Archives" by Joan Gosnell** from the DeGolyer Library at SMU.

**November 19, 2022 - Meeting at Library In Genealogy Section - "Finding Your New England Ancestors" by David Appleton**

**December 17, 2022 - Meeting at Library - Show and Tell**

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## Genealogy Friends

**Purpose:** To educate members and library patrons in doing genealogical research and to support the Genealogy Center of W.O. Haggard, Jr. Library through donations.

**Goal:** To expand the library collection to meet the needs of this genealogically diverse community.

Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All donations are tax deductible.

Join us on Facebook - Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries

The annual membership meeting is held each October.

## Genfriends 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 pay for programs and 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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## 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

## Volunteer Opportunities

**In order to keep GenFriends going and growing we need your help.**

**Here are a few positions that we need filled. They don't take much time but make a big difference:**

**Social Media** - We need someone with a grandchild that can help post notices about events on Facebook, Twitter, InstaGram, etc.

**Secretary** - duties include keeping minutes for board meetings and our annual general meeting and maintaining the Membership Handbook.

**Photographer** - take pictures at our events to post on the website.

## Genealogy Education

**Virtual Celtic Connections Conference 2022 - "Journey Home"** July 9-Sept 30, 2022. Over 50 talks that you can access 24/7. Cost is \$99 which includes membership to The Irish Ancestral Research Association. <http://www.celtic-connections.org/index.html>

**The Really Useful Family History Show** - Friday and Saturday November 11 and 12 <https://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com/> This is from England. There are webinars and workshops, sessions are recorded so you can watch them if you don't want to get up really early. Cost is £12.

**Leaping the Pond: Online Research in Great Britain** - Dallas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar. Speaker is Paul Milner. October 22, 2022. <https://dallasgenealogy.org/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/2022-fall-seminar/>

**North Hills Genealogists** offers free webinars via zoom. <https://northhillsgenealogists.org/> Their next seminar is July 23rd at 11:00 am eastern time. Diane Southard is the speaker, "Connecting Your DNA Matches."

## A Potpourri of Websites

Here are a variety of interesting websites:

*Prologue Magazine* used to be published by the National Archives. Unfortunately it is no longer published but they have digitized many interesting articles. Did you know that for a period of time if a woman born in the US married an immigrant who hadn't been naturalized she lost her citizenship? Learn about that and more about Women and Naturalization <https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1998/summer/women-and-naturalization-1.html>

*Irish In the American Civil War* is a website that explores the experiences of Irish immigrants to the U.S. in the 1800's. <https://irishamericancivilwar.com/>

The records for the draft during the civil war for the Union states are organized by Congressional District. If you need to find the district for the county where you ancestors lived *United States Congressional Districts and Data 1843-1883* is available on Internet Archive. <https://archive.org/details/unitedstatescong0000pars/page/n3/mode/2up> You have to create a free account to borrow the book.

*Old Fulton Postcards* website was created by Tom Tryniski, he has digitized over 50 million pages of newspapers from microfilm and made them available free. <https://www.fultonhistory.com/>. The main focus is New York but there are papers from other places. The search function on the site isn't the best but there are newspapers on this website that aren't available anywhere else. Here is an article about the website [https://www.cjr.org/the\\_profile/tom-tryniski-fultonhistory.php](https://www.cjr.org/the_profile/tom-tryniski-fultonhistory.php)

"**Historical American Farming Newspapers Online**" on The Ancestor Hunt is links to newspapers that focus on farming. Rural ancestors can be some of the hardest to find If your ancestors aren't mentioned you might find articles about farming innovations, crops, etc. for the area where your ancestor farmed. <https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/historical-american-farming-newspapers/>

*Cyndi's List* also has a page of links for Farming & Agriculture. <https://cyndislist.com/farming/>

*Campsilos* is a website about Iowa Agriculture past and present. There are links to other sites and articles about farming at different times. <https://www.campsilos.org/excursions/history-center/farming/>

The University of Alabama website includes "**Historical Soil Survey Maps.**" Choose your state and county and look at the map to see what kind of soil there is in the area of your ancestor's farm. From this you can figure out what crops would have grown there. <http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/historicalmaps/soilsurvey/index.html>

*FamilySearch* has an interactive map **England Jurisdictions 1851** that shows parish maps for the 40 counties in England. There is a guide to the map that has information about it and a link to the map. [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England\\_Jurisdictions\\_1851](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Jurisdictions_1851). The map is available <https://www.familysearch.org/mapp/>

## Podcasts

By Barbara Coakley

Since I retired I have been walking more and it is a great time to listen to podcasts related to family history. The downside to listening while I walk is I can't take notes. You can listen to podcasts on your phone/tablet, computer, or just ask Alexa or Google. Here are a few that I've tried:

**Extreme Genes** - Scott Fisher is the host of this podcast. He has a conversation with David Allen Lambert from American Ancestors in each episode. There is a new 45 minute episode each week on Monday. Topics include sources, conversations with experts, and more. He also has a weekly newsletter and more on his website <https://www.extremegenes.com/home>

**Lonestar Family Trails Podcast** - This podcast is from the Texas State Genealogical Society. They highlight repositories in Texas. A new 30-45 minute episode is released monthly. <https://www.txsgs.org/lone-star-family-trails-podcast/>

**Ancestral Findings** - There are new episodes multiple times a week, usually on Monday and Wednesday. Most of the episodes are short, less than 10 minutes. Topics are a mix of historical events and how to topics related to genealogy. You can subscribe to the newsletter to get notified. <https://ancestralfindings.com/>

**Generations Café** - Amy Johnson Crow talks about what is going on in the genealogy world, sources and research methodology. Episodes are short, no more than 10 minutes. Her website is <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/> Amy has newsletters and she also runs 52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks- she emails a writing prompt each week. Share a short story on the topic. It is a great way to start writing up the stories that we have <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/52ancestors52weeks/>

**Genealogy Gems** - Lisa Louise Cooke, our speaker for the September Workshop, hosts this podcast. There are free episodes and premium episodes that require a membership. The Premium Membership is \$49.95 a year and includes handouts and premium videos in addition to the podcasts. Free podcasts are about an hour long and come out monthly. Her website is <https://lialouisecooke.com/>

**The Genealogy Guys** - Drew Smith and George Morgan are the hosts of this podcast. Episodes come out monthly and are at least an hour long, some longer. They talk about new records released on the big websites, read emails from listeners, and most episodes have a DNA segment. Their podcast website is <http://genealogyguys.com/>. They also have a blog <http://blog.genealogyguys.com/>.

**CutOff Genes Podcast** - Julie Dixon Jackson, a genetic genealogist, and Richard Castle talk about DNA topics. Episodes are 30-60 minutes long and come out twice a month. Their website is <https://cutoffgenes.libsyn.com/>.

These are just a few there are over 50 listed if you google "Genealogy Podcasts." You can listen to any of the episodes in the archives that look interesting.

To listen on your computer, go to the website and click on the episode you want to hear.

To listen on your phone/tablet download the podcast app from the itunes or google play store. Search for the name of the podcast and choose the episode you want to listen to.

To listen on Alexa say "Play the podcast [name]. She will play the most recent edition. To listen to a specific episode look it up online and then tell her to play it.

Podcasts are a great way to learn about new sources, repositories, techniques, and historical subjects. Enjoy!

**Early American Recipes**

Submitted by Barbara Brogdon

From the magazine, AMERICAN SPIRIT  
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Volume 156 No. 3  
Submitted by Barbara Brogdon

In early America, cooking was primarily a woman's job. With no air fryers or slow cookers, much of a woman's day could be spent preparing meals for the family.

In 1796, Amelia Simmons wrote the first cookbook by an American to be published in the United States—*American Cookery*. The first edition was only 47 pages long and contained recipes for stews, pies, and roasts. Simmons borrowed heavily on British cookbooks and made adaptations to include ingredients native to America such as cornmeal.

**Amelia Simmons' Indian Pudding**

3 pints scalded milk and 7 spoons of fine Indian meal (cornmeal)  
Stir well together while hot, let stand till cooled; add 7 eggs, half pound raisins,  
4 ounces butter, spice and sugar, bake one and a half hour.

During the 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, Black chefs and cooks were tasked with preparing meals—but for years their contributions to American cuisine have been overlooked.

Historians believe that James Hemmings, one of Thomas Jeffersons slaves, was in the famed "room where it happened" when he cooked for the historic meal shared by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and Jefferson in 1790. Hemmings is also credited with introducing European-style macaroni and cheese, French fries, crème brulee, and ice cream to America, according to *The New York Times*.

In the Colonial period, many others, many of them women, were well-known for their excellence and innovations as chefs. Elizabeth Goodfellow of Philadelphia ran a popular pastry shop and added a cooking school in her shop's kitchen. Eliza Leslie was one of her students who assisted her mother when, due to the death of her father, turned their home into a boardinghouse. Her first of nine cookbooks, *Seventy-Five Receipts for Pastry, Cakes, and Sweetmeats* was published in 1828.

We have more kitchen gadgets and appliances today, yet can trace some of our food traditions and recipes to the chefs of Early America.

**Robert Roberts' EXCELLENT LEMONADE**

Take one gallon of water, put it to the juice of ten good lemons, add the zeasts [sic] of six of them likewise, then add to this one pound of sugar and mix it well together. Strain it through a fine strainer and put it in ice to cool. This will be a most delicious and fine lemonade.



Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries Presents:  
**“Google For Genealogy”**

**Speaker: Lisa Louise Cooke**

**When:** Saturday, September 17, 2022

**Where:** Plano Bible Chapel  
 1900 Shiloh, Plano, TX

**Topics:**

**Seeing Family History Through Google Lens-** This exciting hour will open your eyes to the multitude of uses of Google Lens in family history! You'll learn what it is, where to find it, and how to use it. You'll be amazed at what Google Lens can do for you both in your genealogy life and your every day personal life.

**How to Make New Photo Discoveries with Google Images-** You'll learn new strategies for finding photographs and images that apply to your family history and how to use Google Images to identify some of the images and photos you have in your own family scrapbooks!

**Google Books: the tool you should use every day!**—Learn the secrets of getting ore than you ever imagined from the largest online collection of digitized books. With 25 million books, many of which are digitized and fully searchable, Google Books should be the first place you turn as you climb your family tree. Learn how to make the most of this goldmine chock full of historical data.

**Google Search Strategies for Common Names**—Discover tips and tricks to find your ancestors with common surnames and surnames that double as common words with Google. Learn how to weed out irrelevant search results to save time and get to what you want faster. Then save and automate your searches to run for you!

**Details:** 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Members Before 09/01/22 \$45

Non Members & Members After 9/01/22 \$50

Bring a Brown Bag Lunch