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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.

August 21, 2004 - "Social History" by Lynne Darrouzet and "Creating An Ancestor" by Clare Molina

October 16, 2004 - Leo Baca will be returning to discuss DNA Research

November 20, 2004 - Learn to publish your genealogy finds on the Internet using Front Page - John Darrouzet

December 18, 2004 - Annual Show and Tell—Show off your findings

Gen Friends Presents John Humphrey

On Saturday, September 18, 2004, Genealogy Friends presents award-winning author, John T. Humphrey. John is the current president of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society and vice president of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. Mr. Humphrey's principal genealogical publication is the fourteen-volume set of Pennsylvania Births that list more than 170,000 birth in eleven eastern Pennsylvania counties prior to 1800. He has written other books and numerous articles, lectures widely on German and colonial research, and has appeared on national television and public radio. He was the former director of the National Genealogical Society Learning Center. Currently Mr. Humphrey is working on genealogical records created during World War II of interest to researchers in Germany and the United States. Topics will be:

Reconstructing Families on the Colonial Frontier - Records kept during the colonial period can be difficult to find or when they do exist, they are often incomplete causing serious obstacles to research. This lecture explores strategies to get around these obstacles by creatively using data found in the records that do exist.

Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors - If your ancestors are from the keystone state you need to know about Pennsylvania's deeds, warrants, patents, probate and vital records.

Researching German Ancestors: "The Agony and the Ecstasy" - This two hour introduction to German research explores obstacles like language and custom, and it looks at a variety of records kept by Germans both in the U.S. and Germany that will open the way to a rich source of research material.

Cost: Non-members before Sept 1, \$32, after Sept 1st, \$37 and Members \$25 Box Lunches from Jason's Deli will be available for purchase. They include a sandwich (turkey, ham, or roast beef), chips, a cookie, and a pickle. For more information contact Genealogy Friends at genfriends@comcast.net. Watch our web site for more information.

Future GenFriends Events

Library Lock In - October 29th **Board Meeting** - July 20th **Annual Meeting** - October 4th.

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. 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.

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

Get a deal on your dues, pay now for the rest of 2004 and 2005 for \$45.

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

The St. Louis Public Library web site contains a tour of the 1904 World's Fair.

<http://www.slpl.lib.mo.us/>

Hamrick Software's web site contains a graphical distribution of the top 50,000 most common surnames during four time periods - 1850, 1880, 1920, and 1990

<http://www.hamrick.com/names/>

More Newspapers Go Digital. The Quincy (Illinois) Public Library, through a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, now has historical Quincy newspapers published from 1835 to 1890 online. The newspapers have been digitized from microfilmed newspapers, indexed, and placed on the library's website. The archive can be searched by date, keyword, or a combination of search terms to narrow your search. Articles can be viewed and printed, saved, or even emailed. Go to Quincy Public Library

<http://www.quincylibrary.org/Reference/Digitization.asp>

For those of you with Scottish roots, check out these two web sites:

Scotland's People

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>

and Scottish Documents

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

These sites cover some of Scotland's most valuable sources — parish registers, civil registration, censuses and probate records — these databases greatly facilitate finding Scottish ancestors. Scotland's People was created by the General Register Office of Scotland and contains Presbyterian Church baptisms and marriages from the 1500's to the mid 1800's. It also contains civil registrations beginning in 1855 through the twentieth century. Also on the web site are indexes to censuses from 1881, 1891, and 1901. The Scottish Documents web site is from the Scottish Archive Network and contains scanned images of over 520,000 probate records from 1500 to 1901.

The IGSI Library Catalog is a good source for books available for Irish Research

http://www.rootsweb.com/~irish/library/catalog/cat_auth.htm

This site, covering ALL states, shows how to obtain records of birth/adoption, death certificates, divorce records, marriage records, and other lifetime materials.

http://www.governmentguide.com/community_and_home/life_transition.adp

Encyclopedia.com is a free encyclopedia web site. It

provides users with more than 57,000 frequently updated articles from the Columbia Encyclopedia,

<http://www.encyclopedia.com>

FreeSurnameSearch.com is a world wide directory of free genealogy databases and record transcriptions. It contains links to other sites that offer free information.

<http://www.freesurnamesearch.com>

If you have a old obituary or the age from a tombstone you can use the information and this web site to determine the actual date of the event. For example you have a paper dated March 1, 1855 that mentions that an ancestor died last Tuesday, you can use the calendar to determine the date of death. There is also a feature to let you enter a date and the time to add/subtract which would allow you to calculate a birth date from an age which includes years, months and days. The website is <http://www.timeanddate.com/date/duration.html>.

Here is a good site for links from the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War.

<http://aklein.webhostme.com/war/war.htm>

This web site offers a free translation service for English, French, German, Polish and Czech. You can send items up to 40 lines and a volunteer will translate them. I have not used the service, however, it was recommended to me.

<http://www.2.genealogy.net/misc/translation.html>

Another translation site is <http://www.freetranslation.com/>. On this site you type in or paste the text you want translated and it is done immediately. Translations are available in English, Spanish, German, French, Dutch, Portuguese, and Russian.

This web site orders a service to send copies of microfilmed records along with a transcription for \$5.00. Records available include Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Missouri. I have not used this service.

<http://www.copies1918.com>

Census Tools—This website offers approximately 35 spreadsheets for organizing census data from the US, Canada, Scotland, England, and Ireland. The collection includes spreadsheets for both Federal and state censuses for Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York and Wisconsin.

<http://www.censustools.com>

Thanks to Bill Walton for submitting info on web sites.

School Records

In addition to placing your ancestor at a point in time in a specific place, school records can provide interesting information about the lives of our ancestors. Records may be available about teachers as well as students. Colleges and Universities may have records available as well as for elementary and high schools, both public and private.

Locating School Records

Records may be located in various places. Many Colleges and Universities have archives and some even have web sites that list alumni. Check to see if there is a public school archives in the area you are searching. Also, check local genealogy societies, historical societies and manuscript collections at local libraries. You may be able to locate records by contacting the school or the school district office and asking if they know where they may be stored. NUCMC, the National Union Manuscript Catalog is a good source for locating school records in manuscript collections. Also check PERSI, the Periodical Source Index for genealogy related publications which is available on Heritage Quest for articles on or transcriptions of school records in the area you are searching. An internet search on the name of the school using a search engine like <http://www.google.com> might also produce results.

Type of Records Available

Different types of records may be available for your ancestors.

- School year books include lists of students and teachers.
- College catalogs include curriculum as well as lists of students and teachers.
- Transcript records will show classes attended and grades earned.
- School board minutes
- Enrollment and Registration Records may contain parents' and students' names, addresses and contact information. They might also include medical information, inoculation history, previous education and locations.
- Alumni Directories, Newsletters, and Magazines may contain information about former students including updates on their lives.
- Fraternity and Sorority Records could provide information about life in the house.

Locating a School Your Ancestor Might Have Attended

The key to locating a elementary or high school might be location. City Directories can be helpful, in urban areas, they list the schools. You can compare your ancestors ad-

dress over the years to the addresses of the schools to determine which were closest. Also, check the religious schools if your ancestor practiced a religion. Private schools might have been an option if your ancestor could afford them.

Case Study—John Sennott

John Stephen Sennott was born 21 January 1861 in Waterloo, Monroe County, Illinois to James and Mary Ann Newsham Sennott. John lived in Waterloo all his life. According to his death certificate he was a physician and surgeon. Newspaper articles mentioned John as the County Coroner and contained advertisements for his practice.

I wanted to know where he attended college. The Directory of Deceased American Physicians indicated that he graduated from St. Louis Medical College in 1883. A check of the St. Louis City Directory for that time period confirmed the St. Louis Medical College existed. However, it no longer exists today. After consulting various histories of St. Louis, I learned that St. Louis Medical College was originally part of St. Louis University. It split in 1855 and remained a separate entity until 1891 when it merged with Washington University.

Both St. Louis University and Washington University have web sites. I sent an inquiry to both to see if they had any records from the time period I needed. The Washington University archives did not have any records available. However, I was surprised at the results from St Louis University. John attended St. Louis University for 1874 to 1878. They were able to provide the classes he took, honors and awards received for each year he attended school.

There were two facts that led to more questions. He did not enroll in the course of study for medical students, the Classical Program. He was in the Commercial Program, which did not include the Latin, Greek and higher subjects, instead he took classes like history, geography, penmanship, elocution, geometry, mathematics, surveying, trigonometry, philosophy, and chemistry. John earned special notice for distinguished diligence in his studies, premiums in Christian Doctrine, history, geography, and arithmetic. He excelled on his semi-annual examinations. The second strange fact was that he did not graduate, he is listed as a student in 1878 but did not receive any premiums or awards and is not listed as graduating.

Further research in the Missouri Historical Society manuscript collection produced a history of the St. Louis Medical

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School Records Web Sites

Copenhagen School Census Inventory 1735-1739
<http://www.horlacher.org/denmark/school/copenh/copinv.htm>

Rootsweb is a great source for school records. Here are just a few web sites. A search on google for similar sites on rootsweb returned 15 pages of results:

Cumberland County North Carolina School Census 1900
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nccumber/school.htm>

1876 School Census by Student Franklin County, Nebraska
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nefrankl/1876sch.html>

Potomac County, Oklahoma School Census
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~okpontgs/schcenindex.html>

Forest County, Wisconsin School Census Records
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiforest/schind.html>

Crane County, Texas School Consolidated Census Rolls
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcrane/ccccroll.htm>

1926 School Census Frazee, Minnesota
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mnbecker/schoolcensus.htm>

Family Search—Family History Library Catalog. A search on the key word school returned over 13,000 results. Currently the key word search is not available on the web site. To locate School records perform a place search and look for the category schools.
<http://www.familysearch.org>

The National Union Manuscript Catalog can help locate school records in manuscript collections. Enter the search term school and check out the results.
<http://lcweb.loc.gov/cgi-bin/zgate>

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 jfargo@comcast.net.

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College and College Catalogs from 1883. The History contained a picture of the school and discussed the general history of education for doctors. During the time John was educated, many doctors did not have formal training. The apprenticed with an existing doctor but may not have attended Medical School. The changes that took place around this time improved the caliber of medical care.

The Catalog contained the curriculum and John was included in a listing of the graduating class. According to the catalog, beginning in 1880 all students were required to take three years of graded study to obtain a degree of Doctor of Medicine. Students had to be 21 years of age, complete a three year course of study, and undergo a satisfactory examination in Chemistry, Anatomy, Physiology, Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Principles and Practice of Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics. There was listing of classes for each term. School began on Monday, 25 September 1882 and the students had a holiday between Thanksgiving and New Year's. The fees were \$90.00 per term and the students were required to purchase twelve textbooks. There was also a Quiz Club that met in the evenings; for an additional fee of \$12.00 students had "the opportunity for free discussion of the important points of the subject-matter of the lectures, and thus enables him to express concisely his views, corrects erroneous conceptions, fixes the salient points in his memory, and prepares him not only for the Green Room, but also for the emergencies of practice."

Through all this I was able to learn which classes John attended, how much school cost, when he attended classes and where he lived in St. Louis while he was attending school. When combined all of this information paints a vivid picture of the education of my great-grandfather.

Case Study—Delia Brey

The records of the public schools of the city of St. Louis are stored in the school archives. There is a very helpful archivist that was extremely helpful.

Maria Delia Brey was born in Donnstetten, Wurtemberg on 20 April 1843. Her family arrived in the United States in August, 1846. Delia grew up in St. Louis. The St. Louis City Directories from 1866 to 1877 listed Delia as a High School Teacher at various schools. I wanted to find out more about Delia and the requirements for being a teacher during this period of time.

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Education Opportunities

2004

July 12-Aug 30, Genealogy I, Lynne M. Darrouzet, JD, CGRS will be teaching at Collin County Community College on Monday nights from 6:30 - 9 pm.

July 22-24, 8th Annual Summer Genealogical Conference, Lufkin, Texas at Angelina College. Email fkanke@angelina.edu to receive a registration packet.

September 8-11, "Legends Live Forever - Researching the Past for Future Generations" FGS 2004 Conference will be held in Austin, Texas. Topics include oral history, writing your family story, using social history in genealogy, foreign research, immigration and naturalization, Texas and the southwest. The conference hotel will be the Hilton Conference Center. To sign up for the conference e-zine send a message to ezine@fgs.org. More information is available at the FGS web site <http://www.fgs.org>.

October 10-16, The British Institute presented by the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History in Salt Lake City. More information is available on their web site <http://www.isbgfh.org>. Classes are Understanding Canadian Records and Genealogical Resources by Claire Smith-Burns. English Research The Adventure Begins by Anne Wuehler, and British Isles Research Solving Problems and Research Strategies by Sherry Irvine.



Collin County Historic Photographs Web Site

Members of GenFriends are contributing photographs of Collin County to the newest Gen Friends web site. www.rootsweb.com/~txcolli3

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.

Research in the largest genealogy library in the United States with your colleagues. 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.

Watch our web site for more details http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/retreat_slc.htm

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/genfriendsghle>.

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

The site is under construction with new items being added frequently, check it out often. Submissions are welcome.

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An email query to the St. Louis Rootsweb Mail List resulted in the name and email address of the St. Louis Public School Archives. I sent an email explaining what I wanted to know and the archivist was kind enough to respond with information about Delia's career as a teacher.

Using the lists of teachers for each year the archivist was able to confirm the information in the City Directories and fill in the missing years. Delia taught at four different public schools in St. Louis, Madison, Carroll, Central and Branch. There is a gap in her teaching, which was filled by the City Directory, in 1867-1868 she taught at a private school, Bonham's Seminary. City Directories and St. Louis Histories provided locations and pictures of the various schools.

I was curious about the education and qualifications required of a teacher in the 1860's and 1870's. The archivist sent me a history of education in St. Louis which provided valuable information. The Superintendent of Schools during Delia's tenure in St. Louis, William Torrey Harris, was very progressive. The first High School class graduated in 1858. Students had to pass tests in arithmetic, grammar, geography and reading to gain admittance to High School. In 1857 a program was added to educate teachers. They were trained, "in the theory and practice of teaching and that a model school be established in building wherein the pupils will be required to instruct classes in all branches required to be taught in the Primary and Grammar schools, until they can do it satisfactorily." The first class of 32 graduated at the end of 1859-1860 school year. By 1887 this program was expanded to a four year academic program with one year of student teaching.

Delia had an advantage because she spoke both German and English. In 1864 instruction was added to the schools in German for 450 students in 5 schools. A class list was located for High School seniors for the 1877-1878 school year. Seniors could choose from history, Shakespeare, Latin, Greek, rhetorical, philosophy (pre-Socratic and Socratic) and analytical geometry. In 1876 instruction in good behavior, urbanity, politeness and good breeding were added to the schools. The students were taught a different module each month including - attitude on horseback, in the carriage, offering advice before it is asked, expressing opinions of one's victuals while eating, speaking in a language not understood by all the company, and eating fruit on the street.

As demonstrated in the two case studies, school records can provide interesting information about our ancestors. They can tell us where our ancestors lived at specific points in time which can lead to other records. We are always looking for new, interesting sources of information, school records might be available for some of your ancestors.

American Family Web Site

Episodes from the second season of "American Family Journey of Dreams," a 13-part Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) mini-series are currently broadcast on Sunday nights. This drama series looks at major historical events of the last century as seen through the eyes of the Gonzalez family. From their ancestors' participation in the Mexican Revolution in the early 1900s, a son's participation in the 2003 Iraq War, and the daily struggles of modern-day life, the Gonzalez family seeks to live the American dream. For details, see <http://www.pbs.org/americanfamily/index.html>

Along with episode descriptions, information about the cast and characters, and a TV schedule, the American Family Web page also includes a "Your Families" section featuring essays on the generation gap, family health information, an interactive family tree, and "Family Album Guide" a 42-page how-to-guide with steps for creating an heirloom quality family photo album, tips for sharing family stories and oral histories, a list of resources, and a calendar of special Latin holidays. Patterns and layout instructions for building 24 album pages based on American quilt designs are also available. The Family Album Guide is formatted as a .PDF file and divided into three parts for easy download. The album page templates are also stored in Adobe Acrobat's Portable Document Format. The "Family Album Guide" and the pattern templates are available in English or Spanish. You'll find these files located at, http://www.pbs.org/americanfamily/your_album.html.

Thanks to Bill Walton for submitting this article.

New In The Library

The following new books, CD's and microfilm have been added to the Genealogy Section of the Gladys Harrington Library:

- Rush Family History GEN 929.2 RUS
- Newspaper Obituaries, Collin County, TX, 1910-1919 GEN 929.3764556 NEW
- "Only The Names Remain", Vol. 5 (Delaware District) GEN 929.308997 GAR Vol. 6
- The Barnetts of Smith County, Tennessee: Some Ancestors and Descendants GEN 929.2 BAR
- Medieval English Ancestors of Robert Abell GEN 929.2 ABE
- Webster's Concise World Atlas GEN 912 WEB
- Tyler County Cemeteries GEN 976.4163 TYL
- Footprints in Time: Abstracts From Lawrence County, Alabama Newspapers, 1855-1890 GEN 929.376192 BOR
- Newspaper Research GEN 070 HOS
- The Directory of North American Railroads, Associations, Societies, Archives, Libraries, Museums and Their Collections GEN 385.025 HAN
- Cecil County, Maryland Marriage Licenses, 1777-1840 GEN 929.375238 DAU
- Early Lutheran Baptisms and Marriages in Southeastern Pennsylvania: The Records of Rev. John Casper Stoeber From 1730 to 1779 GEN 929.3748 STO
- The Transformation of Virginia, 1740-1790 GEN 975.5 ISA
- Childhood on the Southern Plains Frontier, 1870-1910 GEN 976.4 SMA
- Atlas of American Religion: The Denominational Era, 1776-1990 GEN 277.308 NEW
- New England Marriages Prior to 1700 GEN 929.374 TOR
- A Dictionary of English Surnames GEN 929.42 REA
- Texas Cemeteries: The Resting Places of Famous, Infamous, and Just Plain Interesting Texans GEN 929.5025764 HAR
- The Sourcebook to Public Record Information, 5th edition Ready Reference GEN 342.0662 SOU 2004
- A List of the Early Settlers of Georgia GEN 929.3758 COU
- Scotch-Irish Migration to South Carolina, 1772 GEN 929.3757 STE
- South Carolinians in the Revolution GEN 929.3757 ERV
- Early Georgia Wills and Settlements of Estates, Wilkes County GEN 929.3758172 SMI
- The Story of Georgia and the Georgia people, 1732-1860 GEN 975.8 SMI
- Genealogical Guide, Master Index of Genealogy in DAR Magazine, Vols. 1-84, 1892-1950 with Supplement, Vols. 85-89, 1950-1955 GEN 369.135 GEN
- Albemarle County in Virginia GEN 929.3755482 WOO
- The Georgians: Genealogies of Pioneer Settlers GEN 929.3758 AUS
- Sketches of Some of the First Settlers of Upper Georgia, of the Cherokees, and the Author GEN 975.8 GIL
- Attala County, Mississippi Pioneers GEN 929.3762644 WIL
- Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, 1682-1750 GEN 974.8 MYE
- A History of Burke County, Georgia, 1777-1950 GEN 975.865 HIL
- The History of Wilkes County, Georgia GEN 975.8172 WIL
- Mississippi County Court Records from the May Wilson McBee Papers GEN 929.3762 MCB
- Mississippi Roots 'n Records, Vol. 4: Franklin County GEN 929.3762 BRI, V. 04
- Confederate Veterans of Madison County, Texas GEN 929.3764237 CON
- An Atlas of German Migration and America GEN 929.308921 ELD
- Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1865, Vol. 3 GEN 929.3755 PIP, V. 03
- Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1965, Vol. 4 GEN 929.3755 PIP, V. 04
- Early Virginia Families Along the James River: Their Deep Roots and Tangled Branches: Henrico County—Goochland County, Virginia GEN 929.3755 FOL
- How to do Everything With Your Genealogy GEN 929.1 MOR