



# Genealogy Friends News

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## Schedule of Events

### We are holding our meetings via Zoom through September

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events. Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice from 10:15 to 12:00 (unless otherwise noted below). Invites will be send out the week before the meeting.

#### This Month

**July 17, 2021 - Zoom Meeting - "Forensic Genealogy" by Colleen Fitzpatrick. Meeting will start at 11:00 am to accommodate the Speakers Schedule**

#### Future Events:

**August 5, 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 21, 2021 - Zoom Meeting - "Context! How to Find It. How to Use It." by Jill Morelli. Meeting will start at 10:00 am to accommodate the Speakers Schedule.**

**September 18, 2021 - Zoom Seminar - Judy Russell will be our speaker for two sessions. See the flyer for more information.**

**October 9, 2021 - Haggard Library - Change of Date due to Early Voting - Lynell Moss will share what is new on FamilySearch.**

**November 20, 2021 - Haggard Library - Program TBD**

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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

### 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 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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### Genealogy Education & News

**Vivid-Pix** software is available at a discount and GenFriends earns money with every purchase. Email [newsletter@genealogyfriends.org](mailto:newsletter@genealogyfriends.org) for the link to purchase Restore for \$39.99 and help raise money to purchase materials for the Genealogy Section of the library.

There are virtual lectures almost every day listed on [Conferencekeeper.org](http://Conferencekeeper.org).

The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society has zoom programs on Tuesdays. Non-members can attend one per year at no cost. <https://mvgenealogy.org/eventListings.php?nm=20>

IGHR is offering free classes in the evenings during the week of July 25th and a FamilySearch Family History and Genealogy Virtual Expo on Saturday July 24 from 10-5 <https://ighr.gagensociety.org/familysearch-expo/>

**The Virginia Genealogical Society Fall 2021 Virtual Conference** will be Friday and Saturday, October 15-16th. <https://vgs.org/cpage.php?pt=31>

Utah Genealogical Society "**Summit of Excellence**" September 15-18, 2021 <https://ugagenealogy.org/cpage.php?pt=586>

Family History Federation's **Really Useful Family History Show** - November 12-13. Online event with sessions that focus on Research in Great Britain. <https://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com/>

**The New England Historic Genealogical Society** offers free webinars and online classes. Check their schedule at <https://www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes>

**Polish Genealogical Society of America 2021 Virtual Conference** will be held September 17-19 <https://pgsa.org/pgsa-2021-conference/>

**International Conference on Jewish Genealogy** will be held virtually Aug 1-5th <https://s4.goeshow.com/iajgs/annual/2021/index.cfm>

**New Hampshire Society of Genealogists 2021 Virtual Fall Conference**, On The Road Again, featuring S. Joshua Taylor will be October 23rd <https://www.nhsog.org/events>

**RootsTech** will be virtual in 2022 - Save the date - March 3-5th.

## Galveston's Recovery from the Devastating Hurricane in 1900

Submitted by Barbara Brogdon

Originally published in Texas Highways Magazine

"In the aftermath of the devastating 1900 hurricane, Galveston faced the arduous work of rebuilding. Most famously, the town began constructing its signature seawall in 1902.

Another crucial response involved raising the elevation of some 500 city blocks anywhere from 8 to 17 feet. To accomplish this herculean task, engineers enclosed two- to three-block sections with earthen levees, and workers using jackscrews and stilts manually lifted every structure, fence, streetcar track, and utility and water pipe.

More than 2,000 structures were lifted as part of the grade raising, which required more than 15 million cubic yards of sand. Some of those buildings are still standing, such as St. Patrick Catholic Church on 35th Street, which was raised 5 feet using 700 jacks. The last cubic yard of sand was shoveled into place on Aug. 8, 1910. Galveston had risen."



### Traces of Texas

: Zeva B. Edworthy, courtesy Galveston County Museum

## U.S. Internal Revenue Assessment Lists, 1862-1866

by Barbara Coakley

On July 1, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Revenue Act of 1862 (12. Stat. 432) to raise money to support the Government and pay the interest on the public debt. This was necessary because of the expense of the Civil War. There were amendments to the original law in 1863 (12 Stat. 713) and 1864 (13 Stat. 223 and 13 Stat.417). The law created the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue which would oversee the collection of the taxes, duties, licenses, and stamps levied in the bill. The President was authorized to appoint a Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Georeg S. Boutwell was the first commissioner appointed and his salary was four thousand dollars per year to run the department. The country was divided into districts. Collectors and assessors were appointed along with deputies and assistants to collect taxes, record taxes on assessment lists, hear appeals, issue summons to produce books, inspect businesses, assess fines for non compliance, and prevent fraud.

The taxes included:

- Income Tax of 3 percent on annual incomes over \$600 but less than \$10,000 and 5 percent on any income over \$100,000.
- Annual licenses were required for bankers, auctioneers, wholesale and retail dealers, pawnbrokers, distillers, brewers, brokers, tobacconists, jugglers, confectioners, horse dealers, livery stable keepers, cattle brokers, tallow-chandlers and soap makers, coal-oil distillers, peddlers, apothecaries, photographs, lawyers and physicians.
- Hotels, inns and taverns were classified based on their annual rent and charged license fees between \$5 and \$200.
- Eating Houses paid \$10 per year for a license.
- Theaters paid \$100 per year for a license.
- Circuses paid \$50 per year for a license.
- Bowling Alleys and Billiard Rooms paid according to the number of alleys or tables.
- Stamp duties were imposed on legal documents, business documents, medicines, playing cards, and cosmetics.
- Monthly taxes were levied on gross receipts of transportation companies, interest paid on bonds, surplus funds accumulated by financial institutions and insurance companies, gross receipts of auction sales, and sales of slaughtered livestock.
- Monthly duties were placed on articles like carriages, yachts and pleasure racing boats, billiard tables, gold and silver plate, pianos, gold watches, etc.
- Sales of advertisement space in newspapers were taxed quarterly.

In addition to the textual records described in the *Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Internal Revenue Service (Record Group 58)* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/534830-preliminary-inventory-of-the-records-of-the-internal-revenue-service-record-group-58?viewer=1&offset=0#page=1&viewer=picture&o=&n=0&q=>) there are assessment lists that have been digitized and are available on *FamilySearch*.

There are three categories of lists: annual, monthly and special. Lists are arranged by state and collection districts. Not every list was digitized for every district. The lists were bound and later microfilmed. Lists for 38 states are available on

*FamilySearch*. The "United States Internal Revenue Assessment Lists, 1862-1874". For most locations that lists end in 1866 but some places continue to 1874.

### United States Internal Revenue Assessment Lists, 1862-1874

#### Description

Images of internal revenue assessment lists (annual, monthly and special) arranged by state and collection district. These records are the result of the Internal Revenue Act of July 1, 1862 authorizing the collection of monthly and annual taxes on goods, services, licenses, income and personal property. The assessments were used to raise money for the Civil War. This collection consists of multiple state NARA microfilm publications from Record Group 58 Records of the Internal Revenue Service. The tax assessments were organized by collection districts, which could cover any number of counties, part of a city or township, or part of a county. The boundaries of some districts changed part way through the civil war. "A guide for all counties" that distinguishes which records cover which localities is included for all States where more than one district is present and the guide was present in the images. Also, for the purposes of this browse, a county label has been included. Patrons researching any counties that became part of West Virginia should search in both Virginia (M793) and West Virginia (M795) for those records, regardless of date. Images for collection districts are found under every county included within the boundaries of the district in question. Hence, the same images are listed under multiple counties. Please note the NARA Roll Number and Description as this will prevent unintended multiple searches of the same images.

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"United States Internal Revenue Assessment Lists, 1862-1874." Images. *FamilySearch*. <http://FamilySearch.org> : 14 June 2016. Citing Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service. National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C.

## Tax Assessments

(<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2075263>) contains images organized by state, district and division.

United States Internal Re...essment Lists, 1862-1874

State or Territory (NARA Publication Number)					
Alabama (M754)	Georgia (M762)	Maine (M770)	New Hampshire (M780)	South Carolina (M789)	
Arkansas (M755)	Idaho (M763)	Maryland (M771)	New Jersey (M603)	Tennessee (T227)	
California (M756)	Illinois (M764)	Michigan (M773)	New Mexico (M782)	Texas (M791)	
Colorado (M757)	Indiana (M765)	Minnesota (M774)	New York (M603)	Vermont (M792)	
Connecticut (M758)	Iowa (M766)	Mississippi (M775)	North Carolina (M784)	Virginia (M793)	
Delaware (M759)	Kansas (M767)	Missouri (M776)	Oregon (M1631)	West Virginia (M795)	
District of Columbia (M760)	Kentucky (M768)	Montana (M777)	Pennsylvania (M787)		
Florida (M761)	Louisiana (M769)	Nevada (M779)	Rhode Island (M788)		

The Descriptive Pamphlet for State is at the beginning of the group. This explains the taxes and how the images are organized.

Click on the **Browse through 403,116 images** link.

Click on the **State** where your ancestor lived.

Click on the **County** where they lived.

A list of lists for the districts in that county will be displayed.

Click on the **List** you want to view.

The lists are organized by first letter of the last name of the taxpayer within the division and district.

(No. 28.)

**ALPHABETICAL LIST of Persons in Division No. 6 of Collection District No. 4 of the State of Illinois, liable to a tax under the Excise laws of the United States, and the amount thereof, as assessed by S. W. Thompson, Assessor, and by him returned to the Assessor of said District, for the month of \_\_\_\_\_, 1868.**

Assessors must be particular to fill all the blanks in this form, as far as practicable, and to classify and number all articles and occupations upon which taxes are assessed to correspond with the entry in the Abstract.

NO. OF ENTRIES	1868.				DESCRIPTION.				AMOUNT OF TAX.				TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAX DUE.	
	DATE	NAME	LOCATION.	QUANTITY.	ARTICLE OR OCCUPATION.	RATE.	VALUATION.	RATE OF TAX.	CLASS A, B, OR C.	NUMBER IN ABSTRACT AS CLASSIFIED.	CLASS A. AD VALOREM DUTY.	CLASS B. LICENSES.		CLASS C. ENUMERATED ARTICLES.
1		Rowlett Hugh	11 N. 4 W.	1	Two Horse Buggy		75 00	\$2.00	B	8			1 33	1 33
2		Reed Tho. Geo. H.	11 " 4 "		Income		129 00	3 p cent	A	32	2 87			3 87
3		Reed Wm	11 " 4 "	1	One Horse Buggy		75 00	\$1.00	B	7			1 00	1 00
4		Rowley John	12 " 4 "		Income		145 70	3 p cent	A	32	4 36			4 36
5		Ruple Samuel W.C.	Oquawka		Physician		2100	B	52		4 67			4 67
6		Ston S. Adam	11 N. 4 W.		Stallion		1000	B	59		10 00			10 00
7		Simpson & Bottom	Oquawka		Lawyers		1000	B	59		6 67			6 67
8														
9														
10														
11														
12														
13		Rowlett Hugh	11 N. 4 W.	1	Two Horse Buggy		75 00	\$2.00	B	8				
14		Reed Tho. Geo. H.	11 " 4 "		Income		129 00	3 p cent	A	32				
15		Reed Wm	11 " 4 "	1	One Horse Buggy		75 00	\$1.00	B	7				
16		Rowley John	12 " 4 "		Income		145 70	3 p cent	A	32				
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18		Ston S. Adam	11 N. 4 W.		Stallion		1000	B	59		10 00			10 00
19		Simpson & Bottom	Oquawka		Lawyers		1000	B	59		6 67			6 67
		Strong Luke	"		Photographer		1000	B	51					
		Stouton Edwin	11 N. 4 W.	1	One Horse Buggy		100 00	\$1.00	B	7				
		Stewart Michael	11 N. 4 W.		Income		70 00	3 p cent	A	32				
		Stillwell Greenup	11 " 4 "	1	Two Horse Buggy		75 00	\$2.00	B	8				
		Stout Stoner	11 " 4 "		Income		50 00	3 p cent	A	32				
		Smith Wm	11 " 4 "		"		108 00	3 p cent	A	32				

The lists include the name of the individual, their location, the item being taxed, the valuation for items or income being taxed, the tax rate, and amount of tax due. These lists can tell you, your ancestors occupation, about their income if it was over \$600 annually, and about some of their possessions. Once you find your ancestor make note of the Division and District, as long as they didn't move this information makes them easier to locate on other lists. Compare your ancestor to others in the same place to see where they fit into the economic structure of the town, city, or county. If your ancestor is included on multiple lists you can see how their situation changed over the years. It can take some time but the results can provide interesting information about your ancestors' lives.