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## Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2015. Meetings are held in the Program Room at the Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd., Plano, TX from 10:15 to 12:30 unless otherwise noted:

### Today's Topic:

**June 20, 2015**—"R. B. Blake Collection" by Theresa Howell

### Future Topics

**July 18, 2015**—"Dallas Library Genealogy Collection" by Gayla Bush

**August 15, 2015**—"Changing FamilySearch" by Lynell Moss

**September 19, 2015**—All Day Seminar, "A Genealogist's Road Map" speaker is Tresa Tatyrek

**October 17, 2015**—Great Family Search conference at the Plano Family History Center.

**October 24, 2015**—Will be announced later

**November 21, 2015**—"Google -Everything New the you need to know for Genealogy" by Lisa Louise Cook

**December 19, 2015**—Show and Tell

**The Legacy Users Group** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, downstairs at Haggard Library from 1:30 to 3:30. There is an after meeting session if you need one on one help. Contact [ptxlegacyug@verizon.net](mailto:ptxlegacyug@verizon.net)

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## Flashback—Tracing Our Collin County Roots

By Brenda Kellow

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*Tracing Our Roots* genealogy column [http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog\\_7/](http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/)

Plano's new City Building Inspector is Vertries Richardson of Plano. He holds the same position in Dallas announced Mayor McCall.

Lebanon Baptist Church Bible School begins May 25-29 announced Mrs. Morris Morgan, Principal.

Mrs. J. W. Douglas's daughter Mrs. Guy Walden and her husband of Sudan, Texas, visited her last week.

The new officers of the Methodist Church are Jim Dilts, chairman; Don Bagwell, vice chair; and Reese Henry, secretary; Will Schimelpfenig, church treasurer; and, Mrs. Don W. Bagwill, church financial secretary; J. T. Uland, church head usher; Miss Carrie Hughson, maintenance committee; Mrs. Etta Salmon, flower committee.

Plano is the home of Eastman Products Corp., Carter Craft Manufacturing, Texas Wire and Cable, Precision Manufacturing Co., Alden Comfort Mills, S&S Manufacturing, Crescent Air Conditioning Co., The Hubbard Company.

Mrs. Grace Brickell of New Orleans returned home after visiting her sister Mrs. S. D. Gregory and her husband and children of Plano.

Bill Taylor, 41, of 803 Elm Street in McKinney died at 8:40 Sunday in Baylor Hospital in Dallas, from injuries sustained in an accident. He suffered severe head injuries.

Five Collin County men from near McKinney and near McKinney were injured in Garland while in route to work. It was a car-truck collision at the intersection of North Star Road and New Belt Line Road. Mrs. Malcolm Richardson's brother, Porter Cameron received cuts and bruises but returned home later in the day. Others injured were William Taylor, John Barnett, A. J. Combest and Paul B. Foster.

John L. Bostic, prominent civic leader, real estate developer and financier died recently while taken in ambulance to a Dallas hospital. At the time of his death he was Director of the First State Bank of Wylie.

Plano residents are asked to conserve water.

Mrs. J. K. Aldridge, 51, formerly of Plano, died in her bed and was found early Sunday morning. She was the former Kit Carson of Texarkana. She met her husband while attending SMU. They were married in 1924. She was the former pianist of the Presbyterian Church. Her services were conducted by Presbyterian minister, Dr. Floyd Poe on Tuesday. She is buried in Plano Mutual Cemetery with Harrington Funeral Home in charge. Survivors include daughter Barbara Ann Hamm of San Antonio, and brother, Morgan Carson of Austin.

Plano mayor David McCall says the state of affairs of the city are in good shape and the wells are running 24 hours a day to keep the city supplied with water.

Mr. Clyde Haggard was recovering well after being cared for by his daughter Mrs. Bill Hargroves.

Ike Eddleman, owner of Ike's Humble Station adds Gates Tires and Tubes line to his service station.

Mrs. Dun'an (sic) of Renner has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Dunlap, for the last two weeks.

Betty Jo Askue, daughter of Mrs. Askue, returned after two weeks at the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children near Kerrville. She was taken to Kerrville by Lewandos and Woodrow Davis while Floyd Jolly and Mr. Don Bagwill brought her home.

Miss Aethra Philpott was honored recently at a dinner recognizing her 40 year service to Texas Telephone Company. Her career began May 1, 1916 in Plano, where she retired.

Mrs. Jim Hickey announced the adult classes in the homemaking department during the month of June from 9-

11 where they will learn crafts and sewing.

Mrs. Fred Newman fell ill while visiting her children in Dallas. Mrs. Newman is a sales lady at Nathan White Department Store.

Sally and Scott Haggard Jr. are spending the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Haggard, while their parents Mr. and Mrs. Scott Haggard are moving into their new home.

Mike Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrell of Dallas, spent several days visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murrell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. Jim Hickey and Linda Fields of Plano were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith of Frisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burton's new daughter arrived Saturday morning in the City-County Hospital in McKinney. Mrs. Burton is the former Marie Shields of Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Easter of Dallas have a new baby daughter, Mary Lynn, born Saturday. Mrs. Easter is the former Lillian Kelly of Plano.

The Collin County Bankers Association met Friday night in Prosper. President Jack M. Scott of the First State Bank of Frisco presided.

Attending Methodist Youth Camp in Bridgeport were Methodist pastor Edgar L. Huffstutler, Jim and Tom Murrell sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murrell of Plano.

The second reunion of the former residents of the Viney Grove Community will be held Sunday, June 24, at Finch Park in McKinney.

p. 2 Jack Harrington and son Jack and Clarence Oliver are spending several days on the coast fishing while Mrs. Harrington visits her sister Mrs. M. T. Harrington and family in College Station.

Mrs. Lilian Beasley spent the past weekend in Garland guest of her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cason and two sons. Mrs. Beasley is employed at Sanger's in Dallas.

Courthouse Doings. New Divorce Suits: Mildred L. Simerly vs Harvey Simerly; Dorothy Louise Parmer vs John Henry Parmer; Stephanie Marion Airhart vs Charles Thomas Airhart; Cleo Katherine Walker vs Tom Henry Walker. State of Texas: Dave Wilcox, Injunction; H. C. Ritchey vs Dave Wilcoxson, Injunction.

p. 3 Billy Ray Luellen thanks everyone for their kindness and special thanks to Crouch-Moore Funeral Home in McKinney for their ambulance service.

Four Frisco youths were injured in an auto crash Saturday night. Injured were Richard Blagg, Jerry Hicks, Wanda Gunter, and Connie Webb. All were taken to City-County Hospital.

Rev. C. W. Duncan began his ministry at the Central Christian Church in Frisco. His wife is the former Rose Nell.

Miss Betty Jane Savage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Savage of Frisco, married Ensign Kendall Banks June 16 at the Frisco Methodist Church. Mr. Banks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banks of Lake Dallas.

Mrs. Jessie May Ownsby of Celina married Voline Thomas Downs on June 2. The bride was librarian in Plano High School for the past five years. Mr. Downs is an accountant and the couple will live in Denison.

Miss Bonita Pell became the wife of Hollis Atkins of Anna on June 8. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Pell of McKinney and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Atkins. Mrs. Atkins graduated this past spring.

Miss Joycelaine Moseley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moseley of Allen, married George Adren Angle Jr. in Dallas on June 8. Mr. Angle is the son of Mrs. Marie Angle of Dallas.

p. 4 The Murphy Home Demonstration Club will have a bake sale Saturday, June 23 at Mitchell's Furniture.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Alderson and Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCollom are in California visiting relatives.

A miscellaneous bridal shower was given Monday night, June 18, honoring Miss Betty Lou James bride-elect of Mr. Charles Merritt at the First Baptist Educational Building in Richardson. Hostesses of the event were Misses Mabel Samples, Sue Bryant, Carolyn Grissom, and Jerry Huffhines.

W. J. Gregory and wife of Kilgore were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gregory of Plano.

Mrs. Henry Baccus has returned home after a stay in the City-County Hospital in McKinney after she fell in her apartment and broke her hip.

Mrs. A. C. Hayes and son, Melvin, are spending this week visiting relatives in Tennessee.

Mrs. Nora Crutchfield of Clarksdale, Mississippi, and Miss Stella Gregory of Cotton Plant, Arkansas, are guests of their brother S. D. Gregory and Mrs. Gregory in Plano for a few days.

p. 5 A new crop of grain is pouring into the elevators in Richardson of more than 100,000 pounds a day during the

last ten days reported S. D. Cassidy, Sr. About 90% of the grain is wheat. He said Carl Uland who farms in South Collin County just north of the Collin County line is getting the top 45 bushels an acre yield, with Charles Huffhines of Richardson getting 35 bushels per acre yield. Most of the grain will go to Houston for export and to mills in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mrs. J. B. Wilson, Jr. and children Roy Don, Larry and Brenda of Fort Worth and Mrs. J. B. Wilson, Sr. of Allen were afternoon guests of their aunt, Mrs. A. A. Bagwill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Charles and family are on a two week trip to New York and Canada.

The Ruby Kendrick Circle of Women's Society of Christian service met Monday at 3 p.m. with Mrs. W. M. Chaddick. Mrs. A. C. Taylor was elected secretary of the group and Mrs. Mildred Blaine, sunshine chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rogers and daughter, Patricia, are spending a few days in Borger with relatives.

p. 6 Miss Betty Norris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parks Norris of Richardson, became the bride of W. J. Housewright of Frisco, son of Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Housewright, Friday evening on June 8. George Uland of Denton and Miss Betty of Hebron presented the music. The bride was given in marriage by her brother Cliff Norris. Miss Betty Jean Davis was maid of honor. Charles Swanner of Garland was best man. The couple are at home in Wylie.

Miss Betty Lou James, bride elect of Charles Merritt, was given a miscellaneous shower by Miss Frances Childre and Miss Elois Sanders at the home of D. A. Childres on Campbell Road in Richardson. The bride's mother, Mrs. Willard James of Richardson and Mrs. Sid Merritt of Plano were in attendance.

Mike Lawson of Renner has been visiting in Fort Worth for the last two weeks.

Miss Florence Wray, of New Castle, visited Garry Dooley and family in Renner last week.

The District 13 Baptist Encampment will be held June 18-22 at Lake Lavon encampment ground nine miles south of Princeton. Rev. Bo Baker is camp pastor and J. T. Adams will lead the singing for the week.

p. 7 Mrs. Leta Bell has returned from a two week vacation trip to Gallup, New Mexico, where she visited with friends and family. She and her late husband, Raymond Bell, lived for six years. While in Gallup, Mrs. Bell visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Baer and family, Mrs. Kenneth Caldwell and family, and R. L. Whiteing and family.

Mrs. W. D. Haggard and Mrs. Tom George are at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, this week attending a School of Missions for W.S.C.S. conducted by the South Central Jurisdiction. Mrs. George is the new president of the North Texas Conference of W.S.C.S. and Mrs. Haggard is Vice-President of the McKinney District.

Susan Cameron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Cameron of Altoga, spent last week with her cousins Candace and Kay Richardson.

Charlie Mays went to Tennessee where he is visiting relatives and friends for a few days.

p. 8 Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Peirce left last week for Michigan where they will visit with family.

The Plano Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star installed officers at the Masonic Hall on June 11. A large number was present at the installation ceremony.

Mrs. Eula Bowman of Dallas is spending a few days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haggard. She is recuperating from a serious illness.

Mrs. M. V. Carlton thanked everyone for their kindness during her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Ford were visitors in the pastor's home this weekend.

The family of E. T. Monroe sincerely thanks everyone for their kindness during their loved ones' illness and death. Signed by Mrs. Emma Monroe, and the families of both Mr. and Mrs. Monroe.

Ray Yarbrough and his wife thanked everyone for their kindness during the illness and death of their son, Ray, Jr.

The Day Camp for Girl Scouts and Brownie Scouts will be held next week for in Rockwall for the girls from Plano, Wylie, Rockwall and Royse City. Leaders of the local troops are Mrs. and Mrs. G. C. Prince, Mrs. Lloyd Rogers, and Mrs. J. R. Thompson.

An open meeting will be held Thursday night June 28 at 8 p.m. in the Plano Masonic Lodge No. 768 for installation of officers. The public is cordially invited. Olney Carpenter will be the installing officer. To be installed are: Frank Robinson, W. M.; Raymond Robinson, S. W.; Leland Robinson, J. W.; Sholan Johnson, S.D.; Paul D. Hart, J.D.; Frank Beverly, Secretary; Alex Schell, III, Treasurer; Curtis Watson, Chaplain; Lewis Hawn, Tiler; James Hays, S. S.; Bottle Wilson, J. S.

Pappy Raines and his Plano Wildcats collected 15 hits and 13 runs to defeat the league leading Irving Blue Jays, 13-11. The boys are grateful for Nathan White for getting them the bats.

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

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### Theresa Howell

Theresa Howell, MLIS started her genealogical pursuit with the search for her birth parents over 15 years ago, and she hasn't stopped since. She currently focuses her research on 19<sup>th</sup> century Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Theresa is a former board member of the Dallas Genealogical Society. She holds a Master's degree in Digital Libraries from Drexel University. She is employed as a digital content librarian with Baylor Scott & White Health in Dallas and is eagerly looking forward to retiring and devoting her full time to traveling, researching, writing, and speaking. She lives in Plano, Texas.

### Treasure Hunting in Texas: The Robert Blake Research Collection

Until well into the 19<sup>th</sup> century, San Antonio and Nacogdoches were the primary Spanish and Mexican settlements in the area now known as Texas. Large collections of the original official and private documents and civil proceedings from the earliest times of these settlements are preserved in various archives. Robert Bruce Blake spent more than thirty years studying, classifying, and translating these documents. Working in the archives in Nacogdoches and Austin, Blake personally typed the more than thirty thousand pages now organized in seventy five volumes. He died in 1955, leaving the work unfinished. Carrying out his bequest, his wife turned the work over to the UT Library to make the work available to Texas educational institutions. Duplicate copies of the books were placed at the Texas State Archives in Austin, Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, and the Houston Public Library. The Houston volumes are now scanned and available online. These books constitute what historian Charles A. Bacarisse called "the bed-rock for a history of East Texas." Genealogists with early Texas ancestors should not consider their work complete if they have not consulted this collection.



## Blake Collection from FamilySearch

Digital images of original published: [S.l. : s.n.], 1958-1959.. 94 v. in 2 parts ; 28 cm.

Part of the material translated and transcribed from the original Spanish.

"Compiled in the Eugene C. Barker Texas History Center Archives Collection."

Archives from the Office of the County Clerk, Nacogdoches, Texas: V.1 Bk. A. July 10, 1806-Dec. 23, 1836; Bk. B. Sept. 10, 1772-Jan.12, 1837 -- v.2. Bk. C. May 15, 1792-July 10, 1836; Bk. D. Nov. 11, 1796-Dec. 6, 1836 -- v.3. Bk. E. Apr. 20, 1830-Mar. 28, 1836; Bk. F. Oct. 30, 1827-Sept. 17, 1836 -- v.4. Bk. G. May 8, 1792-July 2, 1838; Bk. H. May 7, 1810-Dec. 31, 1834 -- v.5. Bk. I. May 7, 1827-May 30, 1835; Bk. J. May 19, 1835-Sept. 24, 1835 -- v.6. Bk. K. Sept. 25, 1835-Oct. 26, 1835; Book L. Oct. 26, 1835-Dec. 24, 1835 -- v.7. Bk. M. Dec. 10, 1835-Feb. 27, 1836; Bk. N. Jan. 29, 1836-July 16, 1836 -- v.8. Book O. July16, 1836-Nov. 25, 1836; Bk. P. Apr. 23, 1827-Jan. 19, 1837 -- v.9. Book Q. 1834; Bk. R. Index to files. Nacogdoches archives from the Texas State Library: V. 10. Bk. A. 1800-1810; Bk. B. 1820-1824 -- v. 11. Book C. 1824-1826; Bk. D. 1825-1827 -- v. 12. Bk. E. 1827-1830; Bk. F. 1830-1832 -- v.13. Bk. G. 1832-1835; Bk. H. 1834-1835 -- v. 14. Bk. I. 1835; Bk. J. 1835-1836 -- v.15. Bk. K. 1836; Bk. L. 1826-1836 -- v.16. Bk. Correspondence book of Governor Martinez, May 31, 1817-Jan. 20, 1821, Pt. 1. letters 1-179 -- v. 17. Pt. 2, Letters 180-464; Pt. 3. Letters 465-904. Census records of Nacog. from Bexar Archives: V. 18. 1792, 1793, 1794, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1809 -- v.19. 1796-1834; 1835 -- v.20. From Bexar Archives Journal of operations of Nacog. translation: Jan. 1, 1802-Aug. 31, 1803; Sept. 1, 1803-Oct. 1, 1810 -- v.21. Correspondence of Alcalde and Ayuntamiento of Nacog. with P.C. of Bexar, June 11, 1827-Dec. 31, 1829; Apr. 1830-May 1835 -- v. 22. Minutes of Ayuntamiento of Nacog. July 17, 1828-Aug. 8, 1835 -- v.23. Relating to William Goyens from the Records of Nacog. County: V. 23, pt. 1; pt. 2 -- v.24. Pt. 3, pt. 4 -- v. 25. William Goyens, pt. 5; Individuals who participated in the Texas Revolution 1836. Bk. 3 (Sam Houston) -- v. 26. Selected letters and papers of Judge Charles S. Taylor, pt. 1; pt. 2 --

v.27. Copies of documents relating to individuals who participated in the Texas Revolution pt. 1, pt. 2 -- v.28. Certificates of entrance relative to admission to settle in Texas under colonization laws; Inter-atomic planetary theory by R. B. Blake, Nacog., Tex.; Nacogdoches, Texas : some observations on its early history -- v.29. State of Coahuila and Texas vs. Antonio Coy -- v. 30. Bk. of foreigners settled at Nacog. with date of application for citizenship and action of the authorities on such applications from 1827 to 1834; Location of the Spanish missions in East Texas -- v.31. San Jacinto Campaign of 1836 as given by depositions in the case of John Forbes vs. Nicholas D. Labadie, District Court of Nacog. Co., Tex. -- v.32. Life of Thomas Jefferson Chambers, thesis; Records of Nacog. Co., Tex. relating to the Edmund Norris Four League Grant; Royal decree for the suppression and extinction of the missions near Nacog. -- v.33. James C. Scott et ux. vs. Cephus K. Andrews et al.; Trial of Henry Quirk et al. concerning location of the Presidio and Mission at the Springs of Santa Rosa Del Alcazar -- v. 34. Investigation for the site of the Presidio San Augustine de Ahumada; Bonilla's brief compendium of the history of Texas, 1772 and opinion rendered...; Crain family; Charles Ames vs. John W. Crunk & Jacob Taylor -- v.35. Historical notebook of Dr. George L. Crocket; Masonry in San Augustine County, Tex. ; Early history of Freestone County -- v.36. Various Indian tribes in Texas 1690-1826, Pt. 1, pt. 2 -- v.37. Notes from minute books of Milam Lodge no. 2. General land office -- V.38. Spanish records, v.53 -- v.39. Spanish records, v.44 -- v.40. Spanish archives translations: Jan. 1, 1791-Jan. 8, 1801; Archive General De Mexico transcript Texas, various matters of this province 1780-1807 -- v. 41. Frost Thorn Journal; Archivo General Historico operaciones de guerra, Manuel Salcedo 1810-1812 --

v.42. Selected letters & papers of Judge Charles S. Taylor; Charles S. Taylor family record book -- v. 43. History of the War of the regulators and moderators of Shelby Co., Tex. -- v.44. Note book that corresponds for the completion of the Expediente; Expediente concerning the abandonment of the village of Nuestra Senora del Pilar de Bucareli -- v. 45. Captain Antonio Gil Ybarbo of Nacog.; Nacogdoches traditions -- v. 46. Letters, papers, etc. of Warren A. Ferris; John Salmon Ford; Hernando de Soto; Excerpts from various books -- v.47. Colonel Alexander Horton -- v. 48. Deed records, Nacog. County, Tex. -- v. 49. Blotter -book of communications from alcalde and ayuntamiento -- v. 50. Historical miscellany -- v.51-v.63. Ables-Zuber -- v.64. Alamo-Houses -- v.65. Indians-markers -- v. 66. Masons-Nacogdoches -- v.67. Nacogdoches -- v. 68. Neches River-San Jacinto -- v.69. Schools-water supply. Bexar Archives: transcripts: v.70. Legal processes re: Magee of Gutierrez-Magee Expedition -- v.71 Dec. 30, 1749-Apr. 8, 1791 -- v.72. Apr. 8, 1791-Jan. 19, 1802 -- v. 73. Jan. 20, 1802-June 18, 1809 -- v. 74. June 19, 1809-Oct. 25, 1812 -- v.75. Oct. 26, 1812-Oct. 24, 1835.

Typed transcripts and translations made by Blake of official records and personal papers found in the Office of the County Clerk in Nacogdoches, in the Nacogdoches Archives, in the General Land Office of Texas, and in the University of Texas Archives (including the Bexar Archives). Included in the collection are legal papers, census records, jury verdicts, promissory notes, summonses, election returns, bills of sale for slaves, civil and criminal proceedings, and genealogical and historical material on East Texas subjects.