



GENEALOGY FRIENDS NEWS

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• SATURDAY SEMINARS:

July – On July 19th Glenn Kinkade will present two sessions. The first is “It’s Relative”. If you are not sure if your cousin is once or twice removed, this will clear it up. The second session will be “Using Indirect Evidence to Solve Genealogy Problems”. If you don’t have a birth certificate, marriage license, death certificate, or U.S. Census, this will show you how to use bits and pieces of indirect evidence to build a solid evidence for solving genealogy problems.

August – On August 16th Lynne Darrouzet will speak on using Excel.

- **LIBRARY LOCK INS:** Mark your calendars the next 2003 Library Lock Ins will be October 24th a Halloween Treat.

- **ALL DAY SEMINAR:** On Saturday, September 20th Genealogy Friends presents the national lecturer George Ott of Salt Lake City.

- **FISHBOWL:** Please consider placing a donation in our fishbowl. The money is used to purchase resource materials for the Genealogy Section of the library.

- **MEMBERSHIP:** Single: \$30. Family: \$50. Friend: \$100; Gold: \$500; Platinum: \$1000. 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.

- **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 volunteer.

- **SHIRTS** – Be one of the best-dressed genealogist in town. Order your Gen Friends logo t-shirt or sweatshirt now. The shirts will have a 3” logo printed on the left chest. Shirts are available in white, natural and 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.

- **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 jfarrgo@attbi.com.

- **DONATION AWARDS:** Make a donation and receive a free publication for donations in different denominations Check our Web Pages for listings or pick up a flyer at the next Seminar. We are a 501 [c][3] corporation.

- **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 calendar of our volunteers on duty; or call the Reference Desk to inquire 972-461-7175.

- **BRENDA’S COLUMN:** Check out Brenda’s column each week
<http://www.geocities.com/tracingourroots>

• WEB SITES:

The Brooklyn Eagle newspaper will soon be available on a searchable site for 1841-1902. The Genealogy Information link contains information on the best way to search for obituaries and other tips.

<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org>

An inflation calculator adjusts any amount of money for inflation according to the Consumer Price index from 1800 to 2002. Enter the amount your ancestors paid for something, the year they purchased it and see what it would cost today.

<http://westegg.com/inflation>

Fraternal Organizations that your ancestor belonged to can provide insight to the times and their interests. There is a list of fraternal organizations available at this web site, and there are also a few links to their web sites.

<http://exonumia.com/art/society.htm>

The Mary Ball Washington Museum & Library is adding a searchable database to their web site. Their collection contains published records of Lancaster County, the Northern Neck and Tidewater areas of Virginia.

<http://www.mbwmm.org>

The Pennsylvania State Archives Website contains digitized military records from the Revolutionary War to World War I.

<http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us>

The website of the Illinois State Archives continues to add genealogical information – they have searchable databases and land plat maps.

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/archives.html>

The Directory of Chicago Graveyards is a site which lists a number of cemeteries in Chicago, a map of where they are located and images of some of the headstones.

<http://www.graveyards.com/index2.html>

The Library of Michigan has a database of cemeteries on their website. You can search by county, location, township, or cemetery.

<http://michigancemeteries.libraryofmichigan.org/default.aspx>

The Walden Font Company sells historically accurate renditions of old typefaces. One that is available is Old German Script, a rendition of a 19th century German handwriting. They also have Old State House which includes

characters used during the Revolutionary War like the long s.

<http://www.waldenfont.com/defaultie.asp>

The St. Louis County library is making the index to their Naturalization records from the US Circuit Court available on line.

<http://www.slcl.lib.mo.us/slcl/sc/nat/nat-project.htm>

If you are interested in quilting your ancestors images into a family heirloom check out these two websites:

http://www.homeandoffice.hp.com/hho/us/eng/fabric_sheets.html

<http://h30039.www3.hp.com/>

The Free Birth, Marriage, and Death index at Rootsweb contains entries that have been transcribed from the Civil Registration index for England and Wales for the period 1837-1983.

<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com>

Ye Olde Directory Shoppe is a site where you can buy city directories that have been scanned and placed on CD's. If you have ancestors in cities, city directories can provide information on where they lived and worked, spouses names, which churches and schools were close by, etc.

<http://yeoldeDirectoryshoppe.com/oldcitydirectories/CD.html>

- **PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE:** The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

Plano Star Courier Index 1904-1910	\$20
Plano Star Courier Index 1911-1917	\$20
Revised Genealogy Section Catalog for GHL	\$30
Cemeteries of Collin County, TX	\$20
Place Names of Collin County, TX	\$10
Railroads in Collin County, TX	\$10
Disaster in McKinney	\$10
Military Investigations: Red, White & Blue	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brew & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Systems	\$10

