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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2019. 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:

March 16, 2019—"Names" by Carol Beck

Future Events

March 18, 2019—**OneNote Users Group**—Group meets in the Genealogy Section of the library from 7:00 to 8:30 on the third Monday of each month.

March 26, 2019—**Legacy Users Group**—Group meets in the Genealogy Section of the library on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:30—3:30 pm.

April 13, 2019—**Note the date change due to early voting at the Library** - "Courthouse Research" by Pat Gordon.

May 18, 2019—"Westward Ho, Migration Routes of the US" by Judy Knight

June 15, 2019—"Dating Old Photographs" by Betsy Mills

July 20, 2019—"Techniques & Strategies for More Effective Searching Online" by Bernard Meisner

August 17, 2019—"BYU Family History Technology Lab" by Debra Hadfield

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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. Don't forget to renew your membership for next year.

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

Save the Date—September 28, 2019 GenFriends is presenting an **All Day Workshop** that focuses on using DNA in your family history research. Our speaker will be Debbie Parker Wayne, co author of *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*. Details will be available soon.

NGS Family History Conference "Journey of Discovery" will be held in St. Charles, MO 8-11 May 2019 <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Texas State Genealogical Society is hosting the **Texas Institute of Genealogical Research** June 10-14th at the Crowne Plaza Austin. Courses will be Texas Research Essentials and Advanced Southern Research Techniques. <http://www.txsgs.org/tigr-2019-registration/>

Collin College Class—Genealogy Getting Started will meet June 5-July 10 from 6:30-9Pm at the Courtyard Campus. Instructor is Barbara Coakley. This class focuses on research methodology, planning and records including census, published records and vital records. <http://www.collin.edu/ce/>

FGS National Conference will be held August 21-24, 2019 in Washington, DC. <http://fgs.org/conferences/>

Tracing Our Roots Column

The Tracing Our Roots column published weekly in the Plano Star Courier (available on the paper's website) and written by Genealogy Friends' member Brenda Kellow, covers a different topic or subject each week.

In addition, Brenda announces national events, fee increases in everyday genealogical records, new records added to the Internet and to genealogists' favorite sites.

The past topics are available for several years. Access the site at http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/. Brenda will add your name to her weekly announcement when her column appears online if you request it by emailing her at bbkellow@verizon.net. You may also request topics for her to cover.

Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1957

By Brenda Burns Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas
August 1, 1957, Volume 70, No. 12

Compiled by Brenda Burns Kellow, 2018

Tracing Our Roots weekly genealogy column http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/

Remember, this is an abstract of the newspaper. Not all names may be mentioned, i.e., obituaries, showers, and marriages may not have every name mentioned that were in the newspaper. For the complete content, look at the microfilm or find the copy in Newspapers.com.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ray Wright moved into their new home on 18th street.

Miss Linda Lou Junker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Junker, is visiting her cousin Edward Green and wife in California.

The First Baptist Church of Renner begins their weekday Revival on July 31 at 9:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. The evangelist is Rev. Jase Jones. Arvis Buchanan is in charge of music and Miss Melba Lewis is pianist.

Mayor David McCall announced that P Avenue is paved and open to the public.

The Collin County Tuberculosis Association announced the X-ray Mobile Unit will soon visit Plano, McKinney and Farmersville. Present at the meeting were H. K. Shackelford of Austin, Wilbur Thompson of McKinney, Chester Hayes of Prosper, E. A. Sigler, Floyd E. Jolly, Lee Roundtree of Allen, J. B. Merriman of Allen, and W. M. Stribling of Frisco.

Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Moseley of Lewisville celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Moseley, Dennis Moseley, Lonnie Moseley, Perry Moseley, K. B. Moseley, Jr., Wofford and Mrs. Arthur Lee (Helen) Hogge, and Mrs. J. T. (Villa) Hogge.

At the impromptu Plano Rotarians meeting Thursday were: Rev. Edgar L. Huffstutler, Rev. A. J. Fineout, Claude J. Schexnayder, pianist Miss Fredna Maulsby, and David McCall.

The Cub Scouts Softball Club thanks David McCall, Bud Milrany, Royce Skaggs and others who made their games possible.

Sheriff Floyd Williams, Justice of the Peace Portman Barker, and Assistant County Attorney Tom Williams of McKinney investigate the death of Oscar J. Orr in Wylie Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Barker stated that Orr, 61 years of age, died of a heart attack after having recently being released from the hospital.

The evangelistic services held by Neal Jones and James Fineout at the First Baptist Church will continue through the weekend, August 7.

Mrs. A. C. Hays, owner of the local beauty shop, submitted to surgery at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas Saturday. She is recovering nicely.

R. M. "Bob" Ziegler recently announced the opening of Crown Buick. An air conditioner was won by James L. Clarkson, Jr., of the Plano Furniture Store. Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler and children Monte Gene, 8, and Patricia, 2, recently moved here from Abilene. He was a B-24 pilot during WWII.

John Batten was the organist who performed at the Grand Opening of the Plano National Bank Saturday. Dan Williams, president of the Grand Life Insurance Company provided an ancient 1911 Ford for bank officials to have their picture taken. Prominent bank officials attending were: James W. Aston, Johnny Whisenant, and A. H. Eubanks. The \$25 savings bond was won by Mrs. Polly Crockett of Renner, 97 and oldest person attending. Bank officers and personnel are: Cam F. Dowell, Jr.; Hutson Rice; W. H. Goodman; Frank Beverly; Rice Brown; Mrs. Reba Lawrence; Miss Betty Joyce Fetton; Mrs. Doris McMenamy; Jim Thomas; Cam F. Dowell; Dr. Frank Parker; and Allen Clark.

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Mrs. Ruth Deason hosted Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCullar of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Gant of Richardson.

Earl Wetsel is improving after being in ill health.

Mrs. Bob Tensley and little son of Bryan visited parents and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Olney Carpenter and son.

L. W. Cason, Future Farmer Advisor, announced that school Future Farmers are spending three days at Lake Texoma at the Area V FFA Camp. Boys making the trip are: Nicky Pate, Raymond Kinney, Jim Lewis, Pat DeVasher, Charles Cook, Jack Pell, Cecil Vest, Bobby Bell, Jimmy Bell, Edwin Grizzle, Jerry Reed, Larry Graham, Bob Young, Dewayne Maynor, Jerry Shelton, Jerry Don Anderson, Russell Carpenter, and Johnnie Merriman.

R. W. Buck of Olney, brother-in-law of Ira Anderson and wife being Buck's sister, passed away at his home in McKinney.

Mr. George Cox, owner of Southwood Estates, says sales are brisk.

F. F. A. members Joe Bill Griffin, Bill Carl Griffin and Jack Price visit in Canada until August 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Brannon of Brannon's Super Save have a big sale this weekend. Stop and shop with Buddy and Ethel Brannon this weekend.

p. 2 Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harrington returned after visiting 22 states and Canada. They were joined by their daughter and her husband Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moore, Jr. They were accompanied home by their other daughter Mrs. Charles W. Hawken and their grandsons Harry and Hank.

p. 3 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris are spending a vacation at Lake Harris in Florida.

Mrs. Charlie Crockett has been ill recently.

A birthday dinner honored Mr. Paul Powell. Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Powell, Nancy Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Powell with Virginia Sue and Sylvia, Mrs. Zora Powell, Ina Nelson and daughter Celina, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Davis, Sherrie Craig and Randy, Ted Wheeler and Granny Garner and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell.

Mrs. Morris Farrell thanks everyone for their kindness during her illness.

Those mentioned in Frisco's impressive baseball team are: George Marion, John Wayne Andrews, Paul Rhea, Harold Smotherman, Eddie Marion, J. E. Snider, Al Whitsell and Leon Zellers.

p. 4 Lt. Robert Earl Testerman and bride are on wedding trip to Niagara Falls after their marriage in McKinney. Mrs. Testerman is the former Miss Patsy Ruth Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dunn of Lake Dallas. Mr. Testerman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Testerman of Aubrey. Those mentioned in the wedding are: Mrs. Glenn Standerfer, Rev. Charles Luck, Mrs. Harold Johnson, Mrs. Bill R. Phillips, Mrs. Kenneth Testerman and Miss Peggy Sue Dunn. They are both graduates of Frisco High School.

Rev. L. E. Quillan, pastor of the Lebanon Baptist Church, announced the upcoming revival. Rev. Harold Reynolds is the evangelist. Rev. Ben Mosely of Ft. Worth is directing the music. Miss Betty Dunafan of Plano is pianist.

p. 5 Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Rolater of McKinney visited her sister, Mrs. J. L. Yandell in Plano on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cason and children Wanda, Gene and Donnie returned home after visiting her father, Alvie Cane, her brother Audry Cane, and aunt, Miss Jubie Bramlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Duncan and Mrs. R. B. Howey visited in Mineola Sunday with his sister's family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rucker.

p. 6 Bill Farrell who is stationed at Fore[t] Belvoir, Virginia, is home on leave visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Morris Farrell.

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Mrs. Susie Pate, formerly of Frisco but now of Grand Prairie, died Thursday. Rev. Bill Yeager officiated at the funeral. Internment was at Southland Memorial Park. Attending were: her husband Sam Pate, daughter Mrs. A. L. Mayhew, Jr., son Jimmy Smith, brother Carl Jones Jr., four sisters Mrs. W. S. Straughn, Mrs. J. L. Sparks, Mrs. Wilbert Key and Mrs. Bell Stevens.

Brother Raymond Gage, Grand Master I. O. O. F., State of Texas, will be at Plano Lodge No. 114 on August 12. Odd Fellows are urged to be present at this special meeting.

Kandy, Louise, Donna, and Don Keim, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keim of Plano are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Keim and other relatives.

Mrs. Annie Lee Hays hosted Plano Business and Professional Women's Club last Thursday. Mentioned attending are: First Vice President Miss Patsy Jackson and Mrs. Marie Merritt.

John Dean, Charles Painter, Claudie Nelson and James Barker the annual State Fireman and Fire Marshall's school in College Station.

p. 7 The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church meets August 8 for program and watermelon feast.

Justice of the Peace Curtis Christian returned home after an illness at City County Hospital.

Bill Finney attended the 70th anniversary of the First National Bank in Plano.

The seven Boy Scouts of Plano attending Scout Camp at Lake Texoma returned home Saturday. The group included Larry Dunn, Jimmy Fields, Jeffrey Bly, Jimmy Hamilton, David Graves, David Bailey, and Bob Yandry and Scoutmaster Jack Durham.

Membership grows in the Plano Athletic Club to total 184 members. Some of the 184 members are: Dr. G. W. Apple, Jr., Frank Adams, R. Benton Anderson, H. O. Adams, Frank Armstrong, Kermit Anderson, J. A. Allman, Don Bagwill, John Broadhead, H. H. Bomar, Thomas Brooks, Percy Bozeman, Buddy Brannon, L. F. Bailey, E. A. Berry, J. H. Bailey, Glen Bly, Jack Bly, Perry Bolen, Geo. A. Cox, Curtis Christian, B. W. Creed, J. G. Cole, C. J. Christie, R. E. Carpenter, Oscar Cameron, and Woodrow Davis, to name only a few of the alphabetized list totaling 184. [I did notice there were a few women who registered for the Athletic Club.]



Early Collin County—Bilderbeck CR 128

ON THE WING BILDERBECK.

McKinney Weekly Democrat Gazette, May 9, 1912

Halting in front of T. P. Helms he sized us up and noted the better part by having the publishers to send him the Democrat-Gazette for a year. Mrs. Helms has a few hens of the light Brahma strain that furnish the home with plenty of eggs and about sixty chicks some of which will soon be classed as broilers and friers. This particular strain she considers among the best as invariably the hens are hardy, good layers and excellent mothers.

F. S. Perry claims to be a Tennessean, but his neighbors say that he came direct from Arkansas to Texas and that he did visit the old volunteer state some years ago to see the land of his fathers. It makes no difference now, for he rolled something to us for the Weekly Democrat-Gazette.

F. D. Flannery is a son of the late W. B. Flannery who was a subscriber to the *Democrat-Gazette* for many years, and acts wisely by having us send him the favorite newspaper of his deceased father into his own home. We value the friendship of the Flannerys.

When we approached Stiles Miller he held up his hands and told us to ask for what we wanted, for he remembered an incident of 1901 when, at the muzzle of our gun carried at that time, he was forced to get on the band wagon and read a mighty good paper, and now with a weapon with greater persuasion, he anxiously got out the price while we "poked" a receipt to him for a year's subscription to the *Democrat-Gazette*.

T. P. Huff was a stranger and while he lives on his own farm and monarch of what he surveys, he noticed the blood in the eyes of your field man, and with "fear and trembling" accepted our terms of surrender and got anxious to close the deal. We closed it, and he's another reader of the *Democrat-Gazette*.

J. P. Loftice, a successful farmer and stockman, and one who farms because it pays, reduced his Duroc breed of hogs from over one hundred to only a few gilts. Mules, horses, corn and alfalfa are all hobbies. A new residence, large barn and orchard set with a variety of fruit trees are evidences of good taste and sound judgment. It is needless to say that he will read the *Democrat-Gazette*, for a man of his intelligence couldn't do otherwise.



BILDERBACK SCHOOL
Picture Courtesy of Nina Loftice Carlock



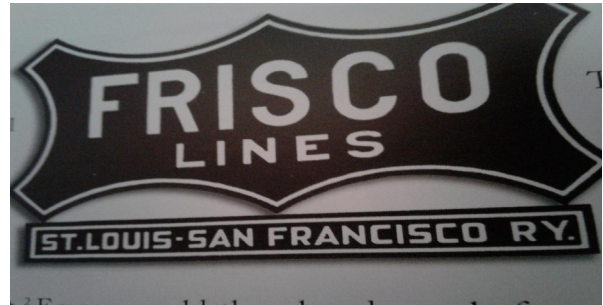
Bilderbeck School, 1911

The Railroad Comes to Frisco

By Barbara Battocchio Brogdon

The first train to come through Frisco, Texas was on March 20, 1902. The photo below was taken by a citizen using an old-fashioned box camera on the day of its arrival.

“We didn’t have anything here until the rail got here. It was our only port of entry. It allowed grain elevators to take care of the farmers’ crops and get them shipped to market; it took care of the cattle movement; it took care of the crops and supplies to people. We probably wouldn’t have had any industry. All the towns that survived had rail transportation.” Harold Bacchus, former railroad agent and Frisco mayor.



By 1908, the Frisco railroad had become the focal point of the town and the surrounding farms. Arriving trains brought merchandise for downtown businesses, mail for the post offices, and money for banks. People began to rely on the railroad for personal enjoyment; a way to get out of the city and visit places such as Dallas or Tulsa.

“Me, my wife and my three boys, we used to get on the train and go to Tulsa. Then we would take another train to Oklahoma City and go to a picture show and be back the next day. Preston Road didn’t used to be much of anything until you got to downtown Dallas, so the train was the way to get places or have people come to you.” Harold Bacchus

The train depot often served as a gathering spot and a way to meet people. Residents often lingered there just to see who was getting off the trains or to wave at World War I soldiers passing through Texas.

“When we weren’t doing anything, we would go down and meet the train, sometimes just to see the hobos riding the freight train.” Cletus Bristol, Frisco resident.

Sadly, by the mid-nineteen thirties, the Frisco was greatly diminished. No longer a dominant force in railroads, several lines were lost or sold to other companies. The Frisco railroad may not have had the hustle and bustle it once did, yet many of the residents had fond and lasting memories of its heyday.

Quotations and information from “FRISCO: THE FIRST 100 YEARS” by Steve Quinn



Among the first trains to come through Frisco in the early 1900s was this steam locomotive and its two cars en route to Carrollton. Trains were reg

Searching Alabama & Kentucky Thoroughly With Less Frustration

By Brenda Kellow

I have many ancestors in Alabama and a few in Kentucky. I love the lines but both states have many places and time periods to search, beginning with the 1702 French settlement in Alabama. According to the French claim, their control was everything north of the counties of Baldwin and Mobile including some land in Florida. This was highly contracted.

After Alabama was admitted into the Union, the settlers and Veterans began to migrate from Tennessee, Mobile, Georgia, the Carolinas. Many of the records are kept at county level, but others are at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH). The latter houses marriage, divorce, birth, death, probate and military records. If you are looking for French land grants, these are in the Archives nationales in Paris, while British land grants are housed in the National Archives of London. Spanish land grants are in the Archivo General de Indias in Seville. Researching these records does have stipulations.

Kentucky is another state that requires searching in many different areas after Virginia divided Fincastle County in 1776 into three counties, Montgomery, Washington and Kentucky. Therefore, the early information may be in either Kentucky or adjoining states.

Even though Kentucky is considered a slave state, it did not secede but stayed in the Union. Therefore, it did not suffer from reconstruction.

To research quickly and thoroughly the vital records in Kentucky, as well as Alabama, for marriage and probate records, tax and military records, land deeds and bounty land, the new 4-page laminated fact sheets by Michael A. Ports, published by Genealogy Publishing Company, minimizes your research frustration for under \$10. Michael Ports gives the alternate sources to consider, addresses of the repositories and many online resources. These caveats are the reason I love the four-page laminated Quick Facts sheets that fit into my research folder.

March Is Women's History Month

By Barbara Coakley

Since March is Women's History Month, it seemed like a perfect time to focus on our female ancestors. They can be very difficult to locate because their names change when they get married and until recently they had few legal rights. Most records will be generated by their husbands, fathers, or children. Here are a few tips to help find the women in our family trees:

1. **Land Records.**— Wives are mentioned in the dower release on land deeds when their husbands sell property. Look for Quit Claim deeds where a mother is releasing her dower rights so her children can sell the family property after the death of the father.
2. **Probate records**—When a man died, usually his wife and children inherited his property. If there is a will the female children might be mentioned. If there isn't the administrator has to provide evidence on all the heirs, including daughters. Look at the sale records, son in laws might purchase items, especially those of special significance. If there is land look for the deeds of partition, they should include the daughters and their husbands names.
3. **Vital Records of Children**—On both civil and church records, the names of the parents are often mentioned. If you are lucky the mother's maiden name will be included.
4. **Marriage & Death Records**—A woman's maiden name may be included on her civil or church marriage record, death certificate, her obituary, or in the church burial record. Pre-nuptial agreements could be recorded in deed books,
5. **Military Pensions**—If a widow filed for a pension, she had to prove she and the soldier were married.
6. **Cemeteries**—A women might be buried in the family plot of her family.
7. **Witnesses & Sponsors**—Look at legal documents, church records, civil records. They might be her relatives.