



Genealogy Friends News

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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.

April 16, 2005—All day seminar. Dr. Gerry Haggard will do a help us improve our writing skills.

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May 21, 2005—Researching at the Library of Congress & Using NUCMC by Barbara Coakley

June 18, 2005—Weldon Fincher will discuss PERSI & Stella Fincher will discuss Changing Borders and Boundary Lines

July 16, 2005 - Learn about using Inter Library Loan and WebCat with librarian Cheryl Smith

August 20, 2005 - Marta Demaree will talk to us about Reference Materials Available in the Library

September 17, 2005 - All day seminar. Topic to be announced

October 15, 2005 - Clare Molina will discuss Computer Mail Lists and Brenda Kellow will discuss Non Population Census Schedules.

November 19, 2005 - Family Reunions and Newsletters will be the topic of the presentation by Brenda Kellow and Barbara Coakley.

December 17, 2005 - Join us for our annual Show and Tell.

January 21, 2006 - To Be Announced

February 18, 2006—Immigration by Richard Preston

March 18, 2006— Spurgeon Cosper will discuss Legal Ways to Find People



Library Lock Ins

Watch for details on the upcoming Library Lock Ins:

May 13, 2005—Land Records

July 8, 2005—Military Records

October 28, 2005—Topic to be determined



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

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.

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.

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

Our fiscal began October 1st which means it is time to pay your dues for 2005.

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

Genealogy Resources on the Internet is an “inventory of resources based on personal investigation and consolidation of information received from others.” The site can be accessed at www.personal.umich.edu/~jfuller/internet.html.

Genealogy societies in the areas you are researching can be invaluable sources of information, ideas, and assistance. To locate societies check out these web sites:

Society Hill Directory <http://daddezio.com/society/>

Society Hall www.familyhistory.com/societyhall/main.asp

Looking for a volunteer to take a picture of a tombstone, copy a deed at the courthouse, or do a lookup? Try Random Acts of Genealogy Kindness www.raogk.org/listing.htm. You might also consider volunteering to help someone else.

The Stars and Stripes Museum and Library has a website containing information about this military newsletter which began during the Civil War.

www.starsandstripesmuseumlibrary.org/goals1.html

The American Journeys web site is full of eyewitness accounts of early American exploration and settlement. It has old historical documents digitalized so you can read the actual text of these documents. Good stuff--and searchable.

www.americanjourneys.org

You can search online for every name in the pre-1900 baptism and marriage registers from seven Wilmington, Delaware, area Catholic parishes, with an eighth parish about to be added. Parents, sponsors, witnesses, and even the officiating priest are all included, as well as a reference to the Family History Library microfilm on which an image of the original can be viewed. Visit <http://www.lalley.com>. Over 40 volunteers, who are all acknowledged on the site, to date have extracted well over 100,000 names from more than 30,000 register entries.

The Newsletter of the Iowa Genealogy Society is now available online.

<http://www.iowagenealogy.org/newsletter/>

Looking for a historical map of Georgia—check this one out from the Perry Castañeda Library's online map collection at www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/georgia_1895.jpg

In honor of Women’s History Month, Cyndi Howell’s added a Female Ancestors link to her website www.cyndislist.com/female.htm

Boston College has put the “Missing Friends” ads from the Boston Pilot on the internet. The ads ran from 1831 to 1915. Irish immigrants used these ads to locate relatives and friends.

<http://infowanted.bc.edu/>

The 19th Century Indiana Physicians Database of over 15,000 physicians is now available as a searchable database.

<http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/hom/19thdoc.html>

Wikipedia is a free online encyclopedia. However, anyone can submit information. This brings in varied information, but it is unedited and unverified information.

<http://en.wikipedia.org>

They also have a dictionary

<http://en.wiktionary.org>

Ohio Tombstone Photo Project. From the starting page, pick a county and then choose a cemetery name. The site includes both transcriptions and pictures.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/oh/tombpics/>

The St. Louis Genealogical Society released their Naturalization Index 1816-1906.

<http://stlgs.org/NatSearch.aspx>

Thanks to Jean Funk, Lynne Darrouzet, Joyce Kaplan and Bill Walton for submitting information on web sites.



Collin County Historic Photographs Web Site

Members of GenFriends are contributing photographs of Collin County to the newest Gen Friends web site *Collin County, Texas Past Finders Photo Collection*. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcolli3>. The web site now contains over 2,700 photographs. Categories include Cemeteries,

Churches, Schools, People, Places, and Tombstones. If you would like to contribute photos of Collin County subjects, contact Joy at jfarrgo@comcast.net.

Legal Dictionaries Online

Black's Law Dictionary first published in 1891 is a great source to explain terms found in legal documents. It is available at libraries and on CD Rom. If you need a legal dictionary and don't have access to Black's here are a few web sites that might help:

Everyone's Legal Dictionary
<http://www.nolo.com/lawcenter/dictionary/wordindex.cfm>

Law.com Dictionary
<http://dictionary.law.com/>

Legal Lexicon's Lycum
<http://www.lectlaw.com/def.htm>

Maps

Maps can help us with a visual representation of where our ancestors lived. Here are a few web sites that contain maps:

Civil War Maps
[Lcweb.loc.gov/ammen/collections/civil_war_maps](http://lcweb.loc.gov/ammen/collections/civil_war_maps)

German Maps
www.maxpages.com/poland/Maps_and_towns_Germany

Atlas of Europe 1648-2001
<http://home.versatel.nl;gerarddvonhebel/>

David Rumsey Historical Map Collection
[Www.davidrumsey.com](http://www.davidrumsey.com)

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/genfriendsghl>.

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

Check out the timeline—a daily calendar of events in Collin County through the years.

There is also a biography of Gladys Harrington.

Key Word Search Back

The key word search feature has been reinstated on the on line Family History Library Catalog. In addition to searching by place, title, film number, and subject you can now search by key word. This allows you to search by occupation, parish, record type, agency that created the records, repository that holds the records, just to name a few. Use your imagination.

Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held at the library. The 2005 meeting dates are March 15, 2005 and July 19, 2005. Members are welcome to attend.

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.

April Workshop Removes Fear of Writing About Emotional Items

After taking the six-hour writing workshop from Dr. Gerry Haggard on Saturday, April 16, attendees will no longer feel threatened by the blank page or the fear of writing about family. The structure of Dr. Haggard's class will focus on how to think about people dear to your hearts and write about collectibles in a way to evoke family stories. When I took her class last year my creativity exploded!

This was true of the rest of the class participants. Recollections of quilts made by my grandmothers and one aunt, chairs belonging to my husband's great grandparents, dresses worn in old photographs, cotton carders my grandmother used to card cotton for her quilts, shaving mugs owned by my father and great uncle, the generous love of a particular aunt and uncle, and my parents, etc. Because each item has emotional value to the owner, the new writers will find through Dr. Haggard's well-honed teaching skills that writing about something you know personally is easier than just writing on an unknown subject.

I was honored to take this course last year and I found it invaluable. I intend to do it again this April. This hands-on workshop, a repeat performance, is one requested again by Genealogy Friends membership and genealogy enthusiasts. We highly recommend it.

The workshop begins with an introduction to successful authors who have accomplished the task of writing about some emotional subject dear to their hearts or an event through which they have lived. Dr. Haggard explains each author's approach to their personal writing techniques. The length of the workshop gives the newbie time to think about what they are going to write and receive professional guidance for accomplishing the new skill of writing about what you know.

The workshop will be from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2005, in the Program Room of the Gladys Harrington Library, 1501 East 18th Street.

Attendees may wish bring an heirloom, a picture of an heirloom, or a notation of a memory they would like to write about and share with the class. We encourage this. You will want to bring a pen and paper or laptop if you prefer. If you bring a laptop please bring your own 3-prong power cord for grounding purpose and a power strip or surge protector.

Registration before April 8, 2005, is a \$25 donation for members and \$32 donation for non-members. After April 8th, the registration goes up to a \$37

donation at the door.

Come and study under Dr. Haggard so you will be able to share your heritage with your family and friends. All of us have a legacy about which we can write, even if it is just short of a page in length. It should be written without fear of putting pen to paper. After all, it is a message that is of importance to the writer, and one of nostalgia.

Schedule

9:30 - She will discuss by having the audience share their heirlooms. She will discuss and show several books by Patricia Polacco. She will talk about a quilt her great grandmother made when they came to America and its several uses throughout the years.

10:15 - She will be discussing writing prompts and ask each participant to write about one of them.

10:30 - Break

10:45 - Each participant will spend time writing and will share what they have written with the group.

Lunch: 12:00 - 12:45

12:45 - Lesson in living - Heirlooms in the Past She will discuss a book called "Chicken Sunday" - which discussed three different cultural groups.

1:30 - She will discuss writing prompts.

1:45 - Break

2:00 - 3:00 - We will each write our own stories.

3:45 - Group editing.

At the end she suggested we put our stories into a write-up (an anthology) called "Family Heirlooms." This is a hands-on workshop.

Brenda Kellow, B.A.

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New Additions to the Genealogy Collection, Gladys Harrington Library

The following books, CD's and microfilm are now available in the library:

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| • Tracing Your Alabama Past | GEN 929.10720761 DAV |
| • Scottish Land-Names: Their Origin And Meaning | GEN 914.11 MAX |
| • Taming Of The Texas Coast | GEN 976.4 SMY |
| • The Age Of The Picts | GEN 941.1 CUM |
| • Some Descendants Of Nathaniel Woodward Who Came From England To Boston About 1630 | GEN 929.2 WOO |
| • The Pages Of Time: A History Of The Steer-Dareing Family: 1645-2003 | GEN 929.2 DAR |
| • A Pictorial History Of Waco | GEN 976.4284 CON |
| • And The Telling Takes Us Back: An Oral History Of Richardson, Part 1: Vols. 01-03 | GEN 976.42811 AND |
| • And The Telling Takes Us Back: An Oral History Of Richardson, Part 2: Vols. 01-03 | GEN 976.42811 AND |
| • Family History DVD: Convert Your Old Photos, Documents, Movies, And Videos... | GEN 929.2028 VOL |
| • Abbreviations & Acronyms: A Guide For Family Historians, Rev. 2 nd Edition | GEN 929.103 ABB |
| • With All Arms: A Study Of A Kindred Group, 2 nd Ed. | GEN 972.1 DUA |
| • Chinqua Where?: The Spirit Of Rural America, 1947-1955 | GEN 976.4175 MCK |
| • Dallas Geological And Geophysical Auxiliary: Golden Memories | GEN 909.09 GOL |
| • Revolutionary War Period: Bible Family & Marriage Records: Gleaned From Pension Applications, Vol. 21 | GEN 929.373 REV |
| • Cottage Hill Cemetery, Collin County, Texas | GEN 929.3764556 MAX |
| • Southwestern Bell: McKinney And Surrounding Communities... 1998-99 (Telephone Directory) | GEN 384.625 SOU |
| • Verizon Superpages, Plano, Richardson, Frisco, McKinney, Allen, 2003 (Telephone Directory) | GEN 384.625 VER |

2005 Education Opportunities

April 2, Dallas Genealogy Society presents Dr. Thomas W Jones.

April 21—May 26, CCCCD offers Genealogy III taught by Lynne Darrouzet. For more information or to register go to their web site, <http://www.cccd.edu/> You can also find class descriptions on the Gen Friends web site. http://www.geocities.com/genfriendsghl/cc_genealogy_classes/cccc_genealogy_courses.htm

June 1-4, National Genealogy Society Conference in the States and Gentech will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. Online registration will be available soon on their web site <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

June 9-11, Palatines to America National Conference Fort Wayne, Indiana will be held at the Hilton Hotel and Grand Wayne Convention Center. The program will include German, American and Internet research subjects. Their web site is <http://palam.org/welcome.html>

July 10-16, National Institute on Genealogical Research will be held at the National Archives in Washington DC.

July 21-23, The 9th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference will be held in Lufkin, Texas. For information and on line registration go to <http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy.htm>.

September 7-10, Federation of Genealogy Societies National Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah