



Genealogy Friends News

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Schedule of Events

We are currently planning on holding our meetings via Zoom through May 2022

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

This Month:

May 21, 2022 - Zoom Meeting - "One-Step Website: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools," by Stephen Morse.

Future Events:

June 2, 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.

June 14, 2021 - Luncheon - The Chocolate Angel inside High Street Antique Mall, NE corner of 75 and Plano Parkway. 11:30 am. Email by June 11th if you are planning on attending planotxgal@aol.com.

June 18, 2022 - Meeting at Library - "What's New at FamilySearch.org and Exploring the Research Wiki" by Lynell Moss

July 16, 2022 - Meeting at Library - "The Value of Collateral Line Research" by Bernard Meisner

August 20, 2022 - Meeting at Library - "Sharing Your Genealogy Research Using Blogger" by Barbara Coakley

September 17, 2022 - All Day Seminar - Google for Genealogy featuring Lisa Louise Cooke. See Page 5 for details

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Genealogy Friends

Purpose: To educate members and library patrons in doing genealogical research and to support the Genealogy Center of W.O. Haggard, Jr. Library through donations.

Goal: To expand the library collection to meet the needs of this genealogically diverse community.

Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All donations are tax deductible.

Join us on Facebook - Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries

The annual membership meeting is held each October.

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 pay for programs and 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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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

Volunteer Opportunities

Our Webmaster and Secretary is retiring. We need two volunteers to fill these positions.

Webmaster - we use Weebly for our website. If you have experience or are willing to learn to post newsletters, notices on upcoming events, donations to the library each month, we need you.

Secretary - duties include keeping minutes for board meetings and our annual general meeting and maintaining the Membership Handbook.

We have one annual meeting each year in October and quarterly board meetings.

Genealogy Education & News

The Genealogy Show Summer Event registration is open. **48 Hours of Genealogy!** July 1-3, 2022 Right now use code EARLYSUMMER15 for 25% Off, that's only £15 (about \$18.50) for 30 days access to recorded sessions. Barbara Coakley is doing a presentation - Using Microsoft OneNote to Organize Research Plans and Results. https://www.thegenealogyshowlive.com/?mc_cid=f6999df6cd&mc_eid=a5111aef0e

The Texas State Genealogical Society launched the "**Lone Star Family Trails**" podcast to introduce listeners to resources, records and the historical context of the Lone Star State. The first episode interviews Amie Oliver, the interim director of the Texas Collection and Archives at Baylor University. Access the podcast on Apple, Spotify, and Google Play or their website <https://www.txsgs.org/lone-star-family-trails-podcast-library/>.

The Dallas Genealogical Society 2022 Summer Seminar "**Gone to Texas - Finding Your Ancestors in Land and Probate**" will be July 16, 2022. <https://dallasgenealogy.org/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/2022-summer-seminar/>

Allen County Public Library YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8AE558B5D8661B31>

Occupations of our Ancestors

By Barbara Coakley

Knowing what our ancestors did for a living is interesting, it can lead you to other records to search, and it can help identify our ancestor and distinguish them from someone else of the same name.

Sources to Find an Ancestor's Occupation

Occupation is a question on many of the records left behind by our ancestors, here are a few ideas:

Census Records - Since 1850 a person's occupation has been a question on every census population schedule.

City Directories - Often list occupation or employer.

Death Certificates - Depends on the location and the time frame but some contain the occupation of the deceased.

Marriage Certificates - Depends on the location and the time frame but some contain the occupation of the groom and/or bride's father.

Newspapers - Look for advertisements for your ancestor's business and obituaries. Check specialty papers from employers or trade associations.

WWI Draft Registration - Asked for occupation.

WWII Draft Registration - Asked for name and address of employer.

Enlistment Record - May include occupation of the soldier at the time of enlistment.

Military Pension Files - May include information on the occupation of the soldier.

Social Security Applications - Early SS5 forms asked for the name and address of employer.

Passenger Lists - Later lists might include the occupation of the traveler.

Estate Inventories - Look for tools associated with a trade in the inventory of an estate.

Apprenticeship Records - Apprenticeship was a contract between a master craftsman and someone who wanted to learn his trade. These records might be in Town Records in early New England or in deed books at the county courthouse.

Court Cases - May include information about the occupation of the defendant or plaintiff.

Local and County Histories - Some include biographies of citizens and may have sections on businesses in the location.

Family Papers - Look for business cards, business records, and letters that might mention occupations.

Finding Information About Occupations

Once you find the occupation, it might be something that doesn't exist any longer. Here are some websites to help determine what an occupation is:

Google the occupation - "What is _____?"

Cyndi's List <https://www.cyndislist.com/occupations/general/?page=2>

Listing of Some Early Occupations <https://raogk.org/encyclopedia/jobs/>

10 Jobs That No Longer Exist Including Bobbin Boys, Knocker-Ups <https://2paragraphs.com/2017/08/10-jobs-that-no-longer-exist-including-bobbin-boys-knocker-ups/>

Free Dictionary of Old Occupations and Trades <https://www.thoughtco.com/dictionary-of-old-occupations-and-trades-1422235>

Old Time Occupations http://www.capitalareagenealogy.org/page_96f.htm

Occupations: A Piece of Family History <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/occupations-a-piece-of-family-history>

Researching Old Occupations In Your Family Tree with Newspapers https://blog.genealogybank.com/researching-old-occupations-in-your-family-tree-with-newspapers.html?https://www.genealogybank.com/static/lp/2014/nov/obits.html&gclid=Cj0KCOjw-JyUBhCuARIsANUqQ_LSFqO-c3kXKjwPM2NXG4AwYV-ixnPOVN0OomoUzspLJESQl-txk6caAnxeEALw_wcB

Submerged in Texas Waters

Submitted by Barbara Brogdon

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The oldest shipwrecks in the United States are submerged in Texas waters.

In 1554, four Spanish ships set sail from Veracruz in what is now Mexico, bound back home to Spain. On April 29, a storm ran aground three of the vessels off Padre Island; one, the San Andrés, was able to reach Havana, where it was scrapped as it was too damaged to continue its voyage. More than 300 passengers and crew perished in this tragedy.

Within months, a Spanish expedition recovered cargo from the three lost ships: San Esteban, Espiritu Santo, and Santa María de Yciar. The remains of the wrecks, each within a few miles from the others, lay in the Gulf waters for centuries.

In 1967, a private company began salvaging one of the wrecks. Recognition of the vulnerability of such sites led to the enactment of the Antiquities Code of Texas in 1969, along with the creation of the Texas Antiquities Committee—which is now the Texas Historical Commission.

The formal excavation and data recovery, which started in 1972, was the first state-sponsored underwater archeological investigation conducted in the U.S. The team recovered more than 26,000 pounds of artifacts, encrusted with marine deposits. The objects included coins, weapons, navigational tools, and other supplies. The collection from the 1554 wrecks is on display at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History.

The legacy of the 1554 shipwrecks is immense. Archeologists working on the wrecks gained knowledge about 16th-century practices and experimental new ways of conserving artifacts recovered from the sea. The Antiquities Code established a legal framework to protect not only shipwrecks but also innumerable other sites that hold Texas' irreplaceable archeological heritage and historic buildings.

Learn more about how these shipwrecks were discovered: <https://www.thc.texas.gov/.../vida-lee-connor-discoverer...>





Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries Presents:

“Google For Genealogy”

Speaker: Lisa Louise Cooke

When: Saturday, September 17, 2022

Where: Plano Bible Chapel
1900 Shiloh, Plano, TX

Topics:

Seeing Family History Through Google Lens- This exciting hour will open your eyes to the multitude of uses of Google Lens in family history! You'll learn what it is, where to find it, and how to use it. You'll be amazed at what Google Lens can do for you both in your genealogy life and your every day personal life.

How to Make New Photo Discoveries with Google Images- You'll learn new strategies for finding photographs and images that apply to your family history and how to use Google Images to identify some of the images and photos you have in your own family scrapbooks!

Google Books: the tool you should use every day!—Learn the secrets of getting ore than you ever imagined from the largest online collection of digitized books. With 25 million books, many of which are digitized and fully searchable, Google Books should be the first place you turn as you climb your family tree. Learn how to make the most of this goldmine chock full of historical data.

Google Search Strategies for Common Names—Discover tips and tricks to find your ancestors with common surnames and surnames that double as common words with Google. Learn how to weed out irrelevant search results to save time and get to what you want faster. Then save and automate your searches to run for you!

Details: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Members Before 09/01/22 \$45

Non Members & Members After 9/01/22 \$50

Bring a Brown Bag Lunch