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## Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2014. 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:

**May 17, 2014**—David Pitts will discuss using DNA for your Genealogy.

### Future Topics

**June 11, 2014**—Dining Out at Two Rows Classic Grill. See page 5 for more details

**June 14, 2014**—Family Search Updates by Lynell Moss.

**July 19, 2014**—Barbara Rust from the National Archives will speak to us about researching Native American ancestors.

**August 16, 2014**—Cheryl Smith will speak on What the Library Can Do For You.

**September 20, 2014**—to be announced

**October 25, 2014**—All Day Seminar - "Homeland Research". Save the date and stay tuned.

**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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### 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

### Logo T Shirts & Bags

Genfriends has logo t shirts, sweatshirts, Henley's, polo shirts and tote bags for sale. They have a dark green printed logo. Shirts are available in toddler through XXXL. Ask at the registration table for more information.

### 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 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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### Ancestry Discount

Did you know that AARP members get 30% off on world memberships on Ancestry.com? Call Member Services at 800-514-4645 to take advantage of this discount. They are open 7 days a week from 9 am to 11 pm eastern time.

### Celina Square is awarded a County Historical Marker

The Celina Square was awarded a Collin County Historical Marker on April 26 by the Collin County Historical Commission. The marker reads:

#### Celina Historic Square

In 1910 local businessman J. Fred Smith devised a plan to build a downtown shopping area in Celina. Influenced by the "City Beautiful" Movement popular at that time, he acquired land, laid off the "square" and proceeded to build brick buildings around it. The feat was accomplished in eight months. With Mr. Smith's supervision, Celina soon had macadamized street, concrete sidewalks, an electric plant, and water and sewage systems. Other improvements to the community were a city park, city lake, and the first good road in the county named The Celina Pike. Brick streets were added in 1925. In addition to creating a viable shopping center for a small country town, Mr. Smith succeeded in creating a place that added greatly to the quality of life for all of the inhabitants in the area. In the succeeding hundred plus years, the Square and environs that have been host to an opera house, band shell, movie theaters, Saturday drawings, WW II Scrap Iron Collection point, parades, pep rallies, festivals, street dances, outdoor movie nights, and the Veterans Memorial and Cinco de Mayo Events. A November 1911 article in "The Texas Magazine" states "The upbuilding of Celina in The last eight months probably has no parallel in the United States." A very fitting tribute to a man whose tenacity and vision helped create a place he always referred to as "Celina the City Beautiful." On October 15, 2011, the community of Celina celebrated the Square's Centennial.

Celina has a lovely, historic downtown area. It's worth a Sunday drive up Preston Road.

## Early Collin County Schools

By Joy Gough

It says a lot about the earliest settlers of Collin County that within 35 years of the founding of the county they had established had over 100 public school districts and had opened several private schools.

In the earliest days of Collin County, all children walked or rode on horses or in buggies to school. There was a school every two or three miles. The county had over 100 rural school districts and a county superintendent, who looked over them. Most of the schools were one teacher/one-room school houses. A few had two teachers and three or four room schools. The buildings were usually built and maintained by the local community. Around 1914 the state of Texas passed a law about consolidating many of the smaller country schools into one district. As seen in the article below, even after consolidation, the county still had several school districts, many with small enrollments. This article was accessed through the Portal to Texas History *McKinney Examiner* (McKinney, TX), Vol. 39, No. 43 September 3, 1925.

“14251 Scholastics in Public Schools of Collin County; City Leads with 1862 of School Age

Total number of scholastics in Collin county is 14,251 and the total number of scholastics in common schools is 7,484, County Superintendent J. W. Moseley said Thursday. The following statistics were compiled by him and his assistant, Miss Kathleen Hamilton.

Wylie Common school, with 195, and Cliff, with 17, claim the distinction for having the largest and the smallest number of scholastics in the common schools of the county. McKinney has the largest number of scholastics in the county with 1,862 children. Farmersville is second with 641 and Plano third with 629 children of scholastic age.

Following is a list of the schools in Collin county and the number of scholastics in each:

Lone Star 118,  
Routh 122,  
Valdasta 90,  
New Liberty 61

Cottonwood 80  
Pike 121  
Barksdale 68  
Morris 100  
Bush 77  
Climax 61  
Asa Walker 121  
Rowlett 129  
McMinn 40  
Bethany 100  
Milligan 60  
Whitesgrove 79  
Wilson 88  
Stiff Chapel 58  
Union 51  
Rock Quarry 48  
Wetsel 57  
Midway 68  
Lovejoy 128  
Walnut Grove 54  
Mt. Pisgah 46  
White Rock 179  
Clear Lake 124  
Chambersville 76  
Trinity 53  
Millwood 94  
Dallas County Line 27  
Cox 34  
Coffman 61  
Rock Hill 82  
Bishop 39  
Weston 123  
Bowlby 49  
Empire 30  
Faulkner 48

## Early Collin County Schools

Mantua 66	Rivers 36	Princeton 353
Prairie View 71	Petersburg 133	Allen 248
Warden 81	Ash Grove 79	Renner 170.
Wylie Common 195	Kelly 83	Total 6,767.
Lucas 65	New Life 49	Total enrollment of Collin county schools, 14,251.”
Arnold 66	Mesquite 110	In 1925 when this article was written, the common schools usually had 8 grades. A student who wanted more education had to commute to one of the larger city schools for an additional 2 or 3 years. Can you imagine attending a school with an enrollment of 40 in one room with one teacher? And, can you imagine being the only teacher for 40 students and 8 grades?
Alla Hubbard 129	Franklin 81	
Viney Grove 56	Culleoka 96	
Pleasant Ridge 45	Parker 80	
Verona 49	Dixon 105	
Snow Hill 118	Oak Grove 82	
Rosamond 64	Altoga 86	
Lebanon 131	Pedigo 43	
Bloomdale 126	Hutcherson 51	
Sabine 62	Bilderback 33	
Springhill 4	Lavon 134	
Thompson 63	Aston Chapel 35	
Winningkoff 64	Sister Grove 32	
Harris 61	Copeville 100	
Barnett 69	Neathery 59	
Rhea Mills 95	Harmony 46	
McDonald 50	Branch 129	
Brushy 89	Cliff 17.	
Womble 41	Murphy 195	
Cottage Hill 96	Farmersville 641	
Shain 62	Blue Ridge 149	
Prairie Grove 75	Anna 245	
Hickman 62	Prosper 172	
Bois d'Arc 61	Nevada 281	
New Hope 60	Celina 451	
Moreland 70	Frisco 431,	
Higgins 115	Melissa 214	
Independence 102	Wylie 306	
Helms 38	Plano 629	
Enloe 55	McKinney 1,862	
Woodlawn 42	Westminster 218	
	Josephine 232	

## Flashback—Tracing Our Collin County Roots

By Brends aKellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas  
Thursday, March 29, 1956  
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Compiled by Brenda Kellow, 2013

Plano Star Courier, established in 1888. Arthur A. Bagwill, editor, publisher and proprietor. Telephone number 33. Subscription rates: 1 yr. in state \$1.50. 1 yr. out of state \$2.00.

- p. 1 Paul Wayne Perry, six month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Perry, visited the newspaper office with his father last week. Bennett is an employee of T P & L.
- The Girl Scouts sold many cookies last week and probably too many were eaten. Their leaders were Mmes. G. C. Prince, Lloyd Rogers, Lex Newbill. Mrs. Jerry R. Thompson, leader of the 6-7 year olds assisted.
- Jerry and Susan Nelson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Nelson of 904 21<sup>st</sup> Street, are home from a brief stay in the hospital. Jerry was just under the weather but Susan had the mumps.
- Good Friday services will be held at the First Baptist Church at 11 a.m. The speaker is Dr. Floyd Poe of the First Presbyterian Church and Rev. Edgar I. Huffstutler, minister of the First Methodist Church, will sing a special number. Please try and attend.
- The Explorer Scouts cleaned out the Plano Star Courier office Saturday of old newspapers in their drive to earn enough money to attend Camp Philmont, in Cimarron, New Mexico.
- Mrs. Aldridge had a dinner party Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Aldridge and family of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bourn of Garland, Mrs. Aldridge Kelly and son of Garland, and Mrs. Frances Kelly of Plano.
- City election is next Saturday. Fred Myers seeks reelection as mayor against insurance man David McCall, R. A. (Bud) Milrany and James Harrington are unopposed for alderman. Frank Armstrong is election judge.
- Attending the International Rotary Convention from Plano were President Don W. Bagwell, President elect, T. H. 'Bill' Williams, Secretary and Vice President elect Claude Schnexnayder and wife, Secretary elect Leon Dugger and wife, and Walter Yarbrough.
- Joan Gallagher reported that Plano Wildcats won 14 to 2 over Lewisville Farmers. Sam Shields made three hits, Lester Prince homered for Plano, Glen Fuller was the kicker. The team has a record three wins.
- Infant Kenneth Dewey Wilbanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Wilbanks, was buried at Rowlett Cemetery with Harrington Funeral Home directing. Baby Dewey lived less than an hour after his birth Monday at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.
- Collin County native Willie L. Newsom died in Fort Worth Friday following an illness. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Newsom, Baptist minister of Collin County. His wife was the former Miss Glennye Jones of McKinney, sister to Mrs. Arthur Bagwell.
- Danny Glenn was born at Mitchell Clinic in McKinney to Mr. and Mrs. Albert French sister Rhoda Lynn.
- Mr. and Mrs. Homer Luellen are the proud parents of Barbara Ruth born March 15 at City-County Hospital in McKinney. Her siblings are Billy Ray and Shirley Ann.
- Paul Fredrick Spicer was born at Baylor Hospital in Dallas to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Spicer. His siblings are Cindy and Tripp.
- James Lloyd Landers was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Landers on March 23 at City-County Hospital. His brother Steve is in the first grade.
- Chairman Roy Merrell announced the annual Red Cross fund drive for April 2-6. T. H. Bill Williams will head the drive in the city's schools and James L. Clarkson, Jr. will head the downtown area. Prof. Turner will head the drive for the city's colored school.
- Gene Lemons was taken to the Veterans Hospital in McKinney after a heart attack. Gene is sub-district manag-

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er of the Lone Star Gas Company in Plano.

People on the Plano Independent School District voter ballot are R. E. Carpenter, Frank Price, Johnny Dickerson, Mrs. Loren D. Gordon, Jarrell Davis, George W. Apple, and J. C. Turner. Burt Carpenter is judge and Mrs. Raymond Dupree will assist.

Services for David Wesley Chancey, age 3, were held at the Harrington Funeral Home with Rev. D. C. Hamm officiating. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Chancey, Jr. Surviving David is brother Mark, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Morris and D. C. Chancey, Sr., all of Dallas.

Work begins on North Central Expressway from north of Plano to the 121 intersection, and from north of Richardson to south of Plano.

Church of Christ Gospel meeting begins April 1 through 8 at the church at 1602 15<sup>th</sup> Place.

p. 2 J. Edgar Hoover says parents are delinquents because they are irresponsible and neglect their responsibility to their children, who also become delinquents.

Rev. and Mrs. James Fielder were weekend guests of their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Kimball and family.

Charlie Graves of McKinney was in Plano Monday.

Homer Adams Realty advertises the beautiful brick homes in Haggard Addition. Phone 362.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dupree were visited by Bowman Bryan and daughter Tessie of Statesboro, Georgia.

Buddy Kimball, his father Dudley Kimball, and his father-in-law Rev. James Fielder of Princeton, Johnny Covington, and Billy Creed spent Monday night and Tuesday fishing at Texoma.

Stars on Parade: Fredric March—from model to star. George Jessel, big town boy makes good! Victor Moore, a fine comedian.

At Mr. and Mrs. Bottle Wilson's Sunday dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hickey and Cathy, Mrs. Luther Hickey and Ann of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graves Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graves Jr. and son, and Mrs. E. J. Koenig of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson and Skipper.

Babcock Brothers Sales and Auto Supply have a big sale going on.

Buddy Brannon Food Mart sells Electrified Water.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haggard and the latter's mother Mrs. Eula Bowman of Dallas visited Eagle Pass with the former's daughter, Mrs. Coleman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Littrell had as guests this past week their son of Austin and son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Astleford of Edna, Texas.

p. 3 Dr. Floyd Poe, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, celebrated Sunday the Easter Sermon of Dr. Peter Marshall, "The Man Called Peter." The offering Sunday will be for the cost of an organ, \$2700.

Leon Frederick, is pastor of the Church of Christ.

Rev Arthur Brooks is pastor of the Renner Baptist Church.

Rev. James Fielder of Princeton celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Plano native L. F. Bailey was named Dallas store supervisor of 7 Eleven Stores.

Mrs. Major Neely wishes everyone a Happy Easter. She is the owner of The Town and Country Shop.

Miller and Son Farm Supply is currently booking orders for baby chicks. Phone 10.

p. 4 Harrington Pharmacy has served Plano since 1881.

Mrs. Tom George heads North Texas Women's Society.

Mrs. J. P. Pilliod, 71 dies in Garland. She was the widow of longtime farmer in Big Spring community on North Star Road where they lived since August 15, 1888. Burial was in the Big Spring Cemetery.

Mrs. J. L. Smith of Dallas took a trip to Mexico with her mother and sister, Mrs. J. L. Aldridge.

Mrs. Tom Aldridge of Oklahoma City and Mrs. Pearl Trimble of Ft. Worth visited Mrs. J. L. Aldridge Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Christie and daughter Miss Aline of Plano and Mrs. Leta Hughston of Dallas went last week by car visiting in Muskogee, Fayetteville, and Ft. Smith.

Mrs. and Mrs. A. L. Aldridge and family of Austin visited their mother and sister Mrs. Lively Aldridge over the weekend.

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- p. 5 Leo Faries and Sam Sarten are carpenters doing cabinet work, home leveling, new buildings and repair work. Telephone 528.  
 Dr. Charles B. McKissick, optometrist, offices at 1531 Avenue K.  
 Bennie Hamilton has baby bunnies for sale on Parker Road. Phone 451-W2.  
 M. A. Anderson and farm manager A. D. Johnson of Frisco are proud of their 27 acres of King Ranch Bluestem which furnished grazing for 36 head of cattle.  
 President David McCall announces new Chamber of Commerce business members: First National Bank, S & S Manufacturing, Evrett and Logan Jewelers, Owens Grain Co, Davis Insurance Agency, Western Auto, Eastman Products, Hood Realty, Babcock's, Reese H. Henry CPA, Plano Home and Auto, Miller's Dress Shop, Brannon's Food Mart, David McCall Insurance, Murrell's Hardware, Horton's Cash Grocery & Mkt., Plano Furniture, Harrington Pharmacy, Nathan White Department Store, Plano Star Courier, Allen's Drug, D & D Flower Shop, Moore's Variety, A. Weatherford & Son, Texas Power & Light, Roy's Drive In, Right-way Cleaners, Texas Telephone Company, E. O. Harrington, Roy Spencer, Dugger Motors, Hays Café, Lone Star Gas, Texas Wire and Cable, A. R. Schell Jr and Son Insurance, and Christies. Individual members are Daniel Cummins, Henry Nelson, E. A. Sigler, T. H. Williams, Floyd Jolly, Joe Bradshaw, John Brodhead, Don Bagwill, M. C. Smallwood, and S. G. Carpenter.  
 Showing at the Richardson Drive-In Theatre are "Tennessee's Partner" with John Payne and Rhonda Fleming and Richard Conte in "Bengazi." "A Man Called Peter" with Richard Todd and Jean Peters and Kirk Douglas in "The Racers." Rory Calhoun and Martha Hyer in "Red Sundown." James Cagney in "Run For Cover."  
 Dr. Glenn C. Hoskins, Ph. D. at SMU, spoke to the Plano Rotarians reported president Don Bagwill. Rev. Arthur Fineout gave the invocation. David McCall led the signing of America with Miss Nancy Uland, club pianist and club sweetheart.  
 Sponsor Mrs. Jim Hickey and 24 girls went to the meeting of Area V FHA in Denton. The Plano Chapter was honored to have area officer, Laurana Rice, pianist, attending. The Plano Girls Quartet sang consisting of Sherrie Garrett, Judy Landers, and Linda Haggard.  
 The Dairy Snack Drive-In opened March 31, at 1005 K Avenue. They serve custard, hamburgers, snacks and CreMel root beer.
- p. 6 Mrs. Warren Moore Jr., formerly Nancy Harrington of Plano, now of Philadelphia is spending the Easter Holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harrington.  
 Miss Sylvia Floyd hosted friend and Baylor student Miss Pat Ball of Baytown this past weekend.  
 Co-Op Grocery Store, 1414 J Avenue, stocks its shelves with quality foods. [Owner, Mr. Albert Taylor. Butcher Mr. Lane.]
- p. 7 Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moseley of Allen announce the engagement of their daughter Miss Joycelaine Moseley to George Adren Angle, Jr., son of Mrs. Marie Angle of Dallas. The couple will be married June 8 at Allen Methodist Church. Both are graduates of North Texas State College in Denton.  
 Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson and Mrs. Roy Carpenter attended the annual Pilot Club's dinner in Dallas.  
 Mrs. Roy Murrell entertained the '05 Club in her new home. Mrs. Olney Carpenter held high score for guests and Mrs. Nathan White for members. Guests were Mrs. Jack Harris, Mrs. Edgar Huffstutler, and Mrs. J. E. DeMerville of Odessa.  
 The FHA had their monthly meeting in the homemaking department. The theme of the program was "Civil Defense" and "Your Friends and Who Chose Them." Bobbie French and Linda Haggard were in charge of the program with 30 people attending. Mrs. Jim Hickey is the sponsor.
- p. 8 Mrs. Mary Biggs passed away at her home in Wylie. She was born March 3 in Wildersville, Tennessee. She was the daughter of W. B. and Weltha Lewis Burch. She had five sons, four daughters, 51 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren. Her services were held at the Wylie Christian Church with burial at Forest Grove Cemetery.  
 W. Porter Cave, formerly of Allen, and owner of W. Porter Cave Onions in Dallas died of a heart attack. Donations should be made to the American Heart Association.  
 Joe Bill Griffin, Sr., succeeded his late father Joe H. Griffin as owner of Griffin Motor Co., Oldsmobile Dealership, 1500 Avenue K, in Plano.  
 Member of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Dupree met at the Plano City Park Sunday for a family reunion and dinner. Those present from Plano were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dupree, Alice Dupree and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Uland

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and Trudy and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shelton.

Attending the Women's Fellowship of the Christian Church were Mrs. S. G. Carpenter, Mrs. Thurman Henderson, Mrs. Vance Maulsby, Mrs. W. D. Wiser, Mrs. Pauline Thompson, and Mrs. Clyde Haggard.

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PUZZLE: What clues or facts do you learn from the obituary on the first page of the March 29 Plano Star-Courier Newspaper for Mr. Willie L. Newsom?

ANSWER: He was a native of Collin County so all his records should be in the Collin County Courthouse; he died in Fort Worth [Tarrant County, Texas]; died on Friday, March 23; parents' names; father's occupation; the deceased's wife's name and hometown; the name of her sister.

Had I not known who his sister married or where he died, these would be great clues and much appreciated!



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**JOIN GENEALOGY FRIENDS ON JUNE 11, 2013**  
**FOR OUR NEXT DINING OUT AT 7:00 P.M.**

**CHOICE OF NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE**

**APPETIZERS**

**YOUR CHOICE OF ONE ENTREE**

**CHOP STEAK**

*Served with mashed potatoes and fresh steamed vegetables*

**GRILLED TERIYAKI CHICKEN**

*Served with fresh steamed vegetables and wild rice.*

**SPINACH ENCHILADAS**

*Served with refried beans and red rice.*

**SEAFOOD PASTA**

*shrimp, crawfish, green onions, marinated mushrooms and bowtie noodles tossed in a spicy alfredo sauce with mozzarella and pepper - jack cheeses.*

**SPINACH ENCHILADAS**

*Corn tortillas filled with fresh spinach, sliced mushrooms, garlic and cream cheese topped with tomatillo sauce, monterey jack and cheddar cheeses. Served with refried beans and Mexican rice*

**BB's MACARONI AND CHEESE**

**DESSERT**

**BROWNIE EXPLOSION**