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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2015. 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 16, 2015—"Libraries On-Line Access" by Cheryl Smith

Future Topics

June 20, 2015—"R. B. Blake Collection" by Theresa Howell

July 18, 2015—"Dallas Library Genealogy Collection" by Gayla Bush

August 15, 2015—To be announced later

September 19, 2015—All Day Seminar, "A Genealogist's Road Map" speaker is Tresa Tatyrek

October 17, 2015—Great Family Search conference at the Plano Family History Center

November 21, 2015—Speaker will be Lisa Louise Cook

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

If you have an idea about a program or a speaker, email Charlie Law at programs@genealogyfriends.org.

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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

Genfriends Membership

It's time to renew your 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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What's New in Genealogy

Dick Eastman did a review of a book that looks interesting, *Mind Maps for Genealogy* by Ron Arons. A mind map is a diagram used to visually organize information. The Author has a website, <http://www.ronarons.com/> with more information and where you can purchase the book. Here is a link to Dick Eastman's review <http://blog.eogn.com/2015/04/10/book-review-mindmaps-for-genealogy/>

Check for free kindle edition books on Amazon. Recently *After You're Gone Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research* and *A Crash Course in American Law* were both available.

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness is back online! <http://www.raogk.org/> This is a global volunteer organization. If you have time to help please sign up as a volunteer and if you need research done in a location that you can't easily access, ask for a volunteer on the site.

Family Search: A Guide to the British batches is an alternate way to search records from the British Isles. <http://www.archersoftware.co.uk/igi/index.htm>

Here is an interesting discussion on OCR (Optical Character Recognition) software. <http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/5-best-ocr-tools-extracting-text-images/> OCR software is used to extract text from a scanned document. The article compares 5 different tools.

Genealogy Gophers is a website to help you find your ancestors in digital books on FamilySearch.org. The website says they plan to add books from other sites like Archive.org. The site searches for names, dates and places. It does not do an every word search. They also have a blog with search tips. <https://www.gengophers.com/#/>

If you have family heirloom textiles, here are two websites with tips on preservation.
<http://www.conservation-us.org/about-conservation/caring-for-your-treasures/textiles#.VVEEx5PIVikp>
http://www.si.edu/Encyclopedia_SI/nmah/antqtext.htm

Flashback—Tracing Our Collin County Roots

By Brenda Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas
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Fifty-one Plano High School Seniors are joining thousands of other graduates going into the nation's job market this month. They have received the very best of training during their 12 years of elementary, junior high and high school careers.

Music Minister James Fineout of the First Baptist Church came into the office this week and asked about the subscription cost of the paper. He was shocked to find it was \$1.50 a year delivered to your home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jolly, and their daughter Nancy, parked in front of the office this week. They were headed for the drug store to have a cold drink on this hot day. Floyd asked Mr. Bagwill to join them, but Mr. Bagwill declined saying he had just returned from there, but said Floyd could give him a nickel for another drink later in the day, which Floyd did. Mr. Bagwill enjoys having the Jolly family park in front of his store on hot days.

Mr. Bagwill announced that Methodist Minister Rev Huffstutler put a sign in the office window advertising Bible School last week and the day after it was over he returned to the office to remove it.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baby had their son-in-law, and wife, Rev. and Mrs. John Watson, visit from Modesto, California, where he is minister of the Southern Baptist Church.

Truett Smith of Wylie, banker and newspaper owner, officiated in the installation of new Lions Club members. The Community House was decorated by D & D Flower Shop. Music was by Miss Carol Neeley. The new president is L. D. Gordon. [D&D, a.k.a. Davis & Donely]

William Cartis "Cotton" Leach of Allen died Wednesday after six years in ill health. Funeral services were at the Allen Christian Church and officiated by Baptist pastor, Rev. James Weir and Rev. Milton Greer of Dallas. Interment was in Allen Cemetery. He was born July 25, 1886 to Joseph D. and Mary Whisenant Leach. He married Miss Donnie Miller on May 4, 1913. He is survived by his wife, and three daughters: Mrs. Fred Fisher, Allen; Mrs. Joe Batchelor, Rockwall; Mrs. Mann Stratton, Houston; two sisters and three brothers.

Plano Zoning and Master Plan were discussed at the Rotary Club. Chairman is J. Frank Harrington, Roy Murrell chairman, and Mayor David McCall. Other members of the Planning Commission are Homer Adams, Homer Horton, Alex Schell, Jr., and S. G. Carpenter.

City Marshall Wallace Williams reminds the community to take the doors off old refrigerators so children will not climb inside and suffocate.

First Methodist Church continues their \$25,000 goal.

Mrs. Jim Hickey, Homemaking Teacher, announced the two-week crafts classes for adults will begin Monday at 9 a.m. in the Homemaking Department. Volunteer classes are in leather craft, aluminum trays, copper pictures, and textile painting. Students assist her in these classes.

Miss Sylvia Floyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Floyd, is at Camp Waldemar near Kerrville for six weeks where she is an instructor and counselor. She taught in the Dallas School System this past year.

Mrs. Jim Hickey and Miss Laurana Rice were in Jacksboro, Texas, this past week attending Area V Leadership



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Camp.

June 28 is the open meeting of the Plano Masonic Lodge No. 768 at the Masonic Hall, for installation of officers. Olney Carpenter will conduct the installation. To be installed are: Frank Robinson, Raymond Robinson, Leland Robinson, Sholan Johnson, Paul Hart, Frank Beverly, Alex Schell, III, Curtis Watson, Lewis Haun, James Hayes, Bottle Wilson.

Extensive improvements are underway at Nathan White Department Store. Improvements include bigger windows, rearrangement of merchandise, new furnishings in the rest room and many other attractive changes.

Elbert T. Monroe, 1904 K Avenue, passed away at the Lisbon Veterans Hospital in Dallas at 5:30 p.m. after a long illness. He was born July 31, 1895 in Garland. He was 60 years, 11 months, and ten days. He was the son of Willie W. Monroe and Mrs. Eudora Boyd Monroe, both of Kentucky. Services were Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church and conducted by Dr. Floyd Poe. Interment was at Big Springs Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Monroe, four brothers and three sisters all of Garland.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Diffie of Farmers Branch have a new daughter, Lisa Sue, born Sunday, June 10, at 3 p.m. at St. Paul Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Diffie have another daughter Dava Ann. Mrs. Diffie is the former Annette Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. "Bill" Williams of Plano.

Raymond Pate returned home where he is improving after a stay in a Dallas Hospital.

W. B. Beaty, 87, died Monday at 11:30 at his sister's home, Mrs. Van Stogner, at 1712 K Avenue. Funeral Services were at the Moore Funeral Home in Grand Prairie followed by internment at the Southland Cemetery in Grand Prairie. He was born in Giles County, Tennessee, but reared in Plano. Surviving are his sister, nephew and niece.

Plano soldier on leave from a Georgia camp was killed June 11, near Lake Worth. Richard H. Stroud lived on Route 2, Plano.

A four day class, "Keep Them Trading at Home," will be held for merchants June 18-21. Chamber of Commerce President Jack O. Harrington, Sr., says the Chamber is again sponsoring the program. The cost is \$3 per person.

The total cost of Central Expressway is thought to be \$1,045,700. Winning the contract is the Spencer Construction Company, Inc., of Carrollton and Mr. M. W. Grumbles of Dallas. Work includes 4.9 miles of grading, drainage, and grade separation structures from one mile south of the Collin County line through Plano to a point 1.5 miles north of Plano. Central Expressway will link Dallas to McKinney by way of Richardson and Plano by mid-1957.

Mrs. Henry Baccus is in City County Hospital in McKinney for a few days suffering from fractured ribs suffered in a fall at home.

Betty Askue, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Askue of 1510 15th Street, left June 3 for the Lions Camp for Crippled Children near Kerrville.

A cloud-seeding generator, using silver iodide will benefit the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The generator in Plano is with John Lewis, at 1607 15th Street. [Brenda Burns Kellow remembers this as not being successful.]

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sherrill and daughter Linda Kay were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sherrill and son in Garland.

Mrs. Edgar L. Huffstutler and children Susan and Steve of Plano visited in Blue Springs, Missouri where they spent several weeks with her parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Schrader.

The quarterly meeting of the Collin County Bankers met Friday night, June 15 at Prosper.

Mrs. Henry Bowman spent the last weekend in Houston as guest of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Adams and Mrs. Florrie Wall of Tampa.

A 25-year-old Farmersville man was arrested by a Greenville State Highway Patrolman for speeding, improper passing, running a stop sign, and following too closely. His maximum fine was \$862.

The First Christian Church Bible School begins Thursday, June 29, says Rev. Daniel N. Cummings.

p. 2 Mrs. W. T. Willcut of Dallas spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Carlisle.

Mrs. Rice Brown, Mrs. Nathan White, Mrs. Jewel DeVasher of Plano attended the American Fashion Association Fall Back to School Market in Dallas at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, May 27-June 1.

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Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Siler of Uvalde spent a few days visiting friends in Plano. Siler was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Plano before becoming pastor in Uvalde.

Little Miss Dava Ann Diffie has been spending several days with her grandparents, Mrs. and Mrs. T. H. "Bill" Williams of Plano.

p. 3 Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Housewright attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

p. 4 Miss Sherry Yvonne Fielder married Airman Weldon D. Shinpaugh in the First Baptist Church in McKinney. Parents are Mrs. and Mrs. E. C. Fielder of McKinney and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shinpaugh of Celina. Miss Patricia Roach was Maid of Honor. The bride will continue her studies at Boyd High School where she will be a senior and Mr. Shinpaugh will return to his airbase at Carswell AFB in Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Henry Garrett celebrated her mother's 80th birthday dinner in Dallas with her mother, Mrs. Etta Campbell. Mr. Joe C. Darrow, Vice President of Lone Star Gas, has been placed in charge of company distribution charges.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yarbrough of Dallas have a new baby daughter born May 29 at Florence Nightingale Hospital in Dallas. Regina Louise is their first child. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Yarbrough of Plano.

Clyde Haggard who lives between Plano and Frisco suffered a heart attack early Saturday at his home. He was rushed to City-County Hospital in McKinney where he is responding to treatment.

p. 5 Miss Carol Turner spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Goodson.

Willie Martin, former resident of Collin County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin died a few days ago. He is cousin to R. L. Martin of Plano.

The children of the late Mrs. Evelyn Housewright express gratitude to everyone after the loss of their mother. They are: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Carpenter, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Ingram and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Floyd.

p. 6 Betty Smart, daughter of Mrs. Benny Smart returned home from Houston after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smart.

p. 7 Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Clem and daughter Carolyn are spending time in Boonville, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr Suter of Duncan, Oklahoma, spent Friday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shelton. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Blackwell have recently moved from Plano to the Abilene-Odessa area. Mr. Blackwell is a Lavon carpenter.

p. 8 The Rotary sponsored Plano team won their first game over Community 7-6 and lost to Princeton 10-5. T. O. Brewton is the manager.

William E. "Cap" Murrah, 55, formerly of Plano, passes. He was in the hardware business. He was a famous A&M football player where he played guard. He will be buried in Mission Burial Park. He is survived by his wife, mother, two brothers and a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Duncan and her mother Mrs. R. B. Howey were in Lewisville Sunday at friend Walter F. Uecker's funeral.

Mrs. Jim Hickey attended in-service training in Mineral Wells. She is in charge of the Plano High School Homemaking Department.

Mrs. W. C. Armstrong broke a hip in a fall and is in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Plano Wildcats win double-header over Knox Grocery Sunday, 5-1. Henry Hedgecoxe hit a homerun with Joe Raines on third base. Billy Dugger tripled. Manager "Pappy" Raines is pleased.

The Ruby Kendrick Circle meets at First Methodist. Mrs. W. M. Chaddick, Mrs. O. T. Mitchell, will be leaders and Mrs. J. C. Pannell will give devotional.

Thomas A. Duncan, wife and daughter, of San Francisco, were recently guests of his brother Allen Duncan and wife in Plano.

Sewing classes for adults are offered again in the Plano Homemaking Department announced its leader Mrs. Jim Hickey. There is no charge for instruction. Contact Mrs. Hickey at 280-M.

Plano Old City Cemetery Needs Your Help

By Brenda Burns Kellow

The Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation Inc. and the Plano Old City Cemetery Association (POCCA) plans to restore the historic Plano Old City Cemetery, located at 1106 H Avenue. It became a cemetery two years after the formation of Collin County just after Texas became a state in 1846. It is one of 13 cemeteries in the county needing attention. Historically, old cemeteries need your help, and this one certainly does.

I recently visited the cemetery with Candace Fountoulakis and I was appalled that the beautiful old Peters colonists' tombstones were all knocked off their bases and just lying on the ground. I remember years ago when the main entrance was at the Peters colonists' graves. Immediately after entering, the Texas Historic Marker stood to identify the cemetery with its prominent burials. The old tombstones stood like majestic souls of our dignified past. That is no longer the case. Now, it is on life support and needs our help.

Old City Cemetery operated as a cemetery prior to 1848 after Joseph K. Klepper obtained his Peters Colony land grant and designated a portion of the property as a cemetery. Klepper gave the early plots to family or those in need but he later sold plots after 1882 before discontinuing the practice. They deeded a portion of the cemetery to the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1874.

The earliest death date recorded on any tombstone in the cemetery is 1881. Despite its state of decline, this cemetery is the final resting place for five members of the Peters Colony, which include Samuel A. Peters, William J. Young, A. J. Barron, Sarah E. Barron, George T. Wright, Edna Byers and many others. The Rev. John Beverly, a Methodist minister and early settler was buried in the cemetery in 1887, as was William Beverly and other prominent pioneers, physicians, a mayor and a council member, and many African American Community Leaders and their relatives. For more on the history of this cemetery and a listing of those known burials, please visit Find-A-Grave, www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2183403.

To date, city officials have been unable to determine ownership of Old City Cemetery, leaving it in legal and financial limbo. Without clear ownership, the cemetery is ineligible for grant dollars, says Candace Fountoulakis, a member of the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation. Old City was once awarded a \$40,000 grant but when the ownership issue was discovered, the money was used to restore historic Bowman Cemetery instead.

Plano Parks and Recreation Department keeps Old City grounds mowed, but the city has not assumed ownership of the property that is located in the Douglass Community, Plano's historically black neighborhood that has been using the cemetery since the 1920s.

At a recent briefing, the Plano City Council announced that a municipality could take control of a cemetery with a simple resolution. However, doing so would raise the expectation that the city assume ownership of the other abandoned cemeteries within the city. The City does not want this responsibility and expense. With the formation of a cemetery association, it would be considered the owner of the property making it eligible for funding, Fountoulakis said. The money could be used to level and restore headstones, improve fencing and entryways, provide benches and create a peaceful, open space near the bustling activity of downtown Plano.

Plano proposed another rail station at nearby 12th Street, where DART's Red Line would intersect with the Cotton Belt Line. Fountoulakis said this would be an opportunity to have a beautiful site right along the Cotton Belt Line's planned 68-mile commuter rail line that would run along the train tracks on the southern border of the cemetery. "Development is moving this way," Fountoulakis said, and it's a perfect time for Old City Cemetery to receive the same attention as



Figure 1 Candace Fountoulakis



Figure 2 Joseph K Klepper, tombstone

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other historic sites.”

The Plano Old City Cemetery Association (POCCA) vows to protect the grounds and monuments, and identify as many unmarked graves as possible! It operates under the laws of the State of Texas 501 (c) (13) cemetery association requirements. It is a non-profit, non-perpetual care association founded by descendants of those buried within its boundaries and other interested parties. Their Mission is to preserve, restore and protect the three acres, gravesites, monuments and other appurtenances within the Plano Old city Cemetery. Any person who supports the mission of the Association is eligible for membership, which is by application and payment of dues.

If you have relatives buried in the cemetery, or if you know of those buried there, please contact POCCA or the Conservancy at info@planoconservancy.org. If you know of people buried in the cemetery without a marker and have information on their burial, please contact the Conservancy at info@planoconservancy.org. The conservancy wants pictures taken in the past of the cemetery, the Peter's Colonists' stones, or any funeral held in the cemetery long ago. I personally gave information on three Stibbens girls buried in Old City Cemetery without a marker. The immediate family and I know they are buried there. I acquired their 1936 burial records many years ago from the Ted Dickey Funeral Home. I passed along this valuable and treasured information to the Conservancy. Can you do the same?

The Plano Old City Cemetery Association is a non-profit, non-perpetual care cemetery association and is organized by descendants of those buried within its boundaries and other interested parties. If you are interested in helping our cause please consider joining POCCA . Dues are \$25 a year for an individual and \$40 for a family membership. They need startup money to get the legalities under way so even a one-year membership helps. The Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.

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