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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 21, 2016—"Unmasking Mark Twain's 'Jim'" by Larry McCarty

Future Topics

June 18, 2016—"Family Search Online Catalog" by Lynell Moss

July 16, 2016—"After the Research: Analysis, Organization, Sharing" by Barbara Coakley

August 20, 2016—To be announced

September 17, 2016—**All Day Workshop**—Speaker will be Lisa Louise Cooke, save the date and stay tuned for more information.

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

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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

September Workshop

Our Workshop this year is set for September

17th at the First Presbyterian Church in Plano. The

church is located on Jupiter Rd. just north of 14th street. The speaker this year is Lisa Louisa Cooke who is the owner of *Genealogy Gems*, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She is Producer and Host of the *Genealogy Gems Podcast*, the popular online genealogy audio show available at www.GenealogyGems.com, in iTunes, and through the Genealogy Gems app. Her podcast brings genealogy news, research strategies, expert interviews and inspiration to genealogists in 75 countries around the world, and recently celebrated 1.5 million downloads! Her Website is www.GenealogyGems.com. Stay tuned 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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Genealogy Classes

Barbara Coakley is teaching two classes at Collin College Courtyard Center, 4800 Preston Park Blvd, Plano, TX 75093.

Using MicroSoft OneNote for Genealogy—OneNote is an electronic note book that is ideal for research plans, taking notes during research sessions, and organizing your research results. This class is two four hour working sessions. Bring your laptop with OneNote installed or bring genealogy notes, images, documents, etc on a usb drive. You'll create at least one notebook during the two sessions. Saturday June 4 and June 11 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Cost is \$69.00.

Genealogy—Getting Started—It doesn't matter if you are just getting started, need to kick start your research or want a refresher on the basics this class is for you. We'll cover organization, research planning, using census records, finding birth, marriage and death records, using timelines, genealogy websites, etc. Class meets for 6 weeks on Wednesday nights June 15-July 20th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Cost is \$89.00

Register by phone 972-985-3711 or on the website <https://freestone.collin.edu/flexibleregistration/index.jsp?frc=CE>

Use Chronological Time Lines to Find and Understand Ancestors' Lives

By Brenda Burns Kellow

During my many years researching genealogy, I have two types of research papers or books that left a lifelong impression on me. The first, and worst, was a large, thick book on one of my lines. It began with their journey from Germany to America in the 1600s and covered the family bloodline and co-lateral descendants through the mid-1900s. I was thrilled to pay the money for the book, but it made me really work hard for any information I took from it. The book was not written in a genealogy software program, but honestly, I don't think we had those when it was written. It certainly was not in the more familiar National Genealogical Society 'Modified Register' System (my preference), the New England Historical and Genealogical 'Register System', or the 'Ahnentafel' system. Each of these have a systemic formula for writing a history the audience can read and understand. Instead, it had a numbering system that was overwhelming to me.

Besides the numbering system of portraying the families, it was boring! It gave the name of the person, their birth, marriage—divorce if there was one—death information, husband and children's vitals. There was absolutely no history on the person. Furthermore, there was just a paragraph between families.

It gave the names and vitals on my direct lines, which I researched and found was accurate, but I had to then research the census, deeds, vital statistics, and examine what was going on around them during their lives, etc., to identify my people before I could have a history of their lives. In other words, I had to put flesh on the bones of these people before I could enjoy them in the dimension in which they lived their lives. That is exactly the purpose of the book, *History for Genealogists*. It provides a timeline of historical events during the periods of their lifetime. These can be helpful if the event is not generalized. This is important because not all those who fought in the wars were generals, or other officers. Most were noncommissioned soldiers, often referred to as the backbone of the military. Timelines also defy generational myths of when family left one location and arrived at another.

From the time of Jamestown's settlement in 1607, to the California Gold Rush of 1849, people moved across the country settling in areas wherever they stopped. Their next generation often moved even further west seeking their pot of gold. People moved because of the scarcity of land and extreme taxes. People moved or died because of disease, wars and lawlessness. What exactly was going on when your ancestor left one area for another? Timelines help find these answers. The major disease causing deaths in the North were from smallpox, measles, yellow fever, diphtheria, while the South had to contend with malaria, typhoid, hookworm, and pellagra. Some of these diseases accompanied them in their trek westward. These outbreaks are listed in timelines for you to check your ancestors' lives against the dates of sickness.

Politics and religion led to dissidence and the removal to other countries. This is exactly what happened to prompt the Huguenots to leave France and come to America. Because they wanted acceptance, they anglicized their names to be more readily accepted. I had a collateral family in Mississippi that disappeared. I finally found them in Utah. The husband was a minister. Evidently, they had joined the Mormon Church after they were married and eventually left for Utah Territory.

Steamships and railroads also accounted for the removal of families from one place to another. America became the place of limitless opportunity that attracted people from Europe. Later, as the economy fell after the Civil War, people became destitute causing great migrations to other parts of America.

Finding all of the above makes *History for Genealogists* an important book for genealogists for it gives historical timelines to help find how and where you might find them during particular times. The author Judy Jacobson gives timelines, as well as their history, for rails, trails, canals and diseases. It gives places people lived and then identifies where great numbers of these people moved. It tells what groups of people went where, as well as where to find historical maps. I found the state timelines interesting for it told which areas were settled first. Other timelines are of the Industrial Revolution and the Labor Movement.

This book, completely revised and republished this year by Genealogical Publishing Company, certainly dates the old book I use for timelines. Besides, it has the histories we need to know and use in putting flesh on the bones of our ancestors. I will reach for this book in the future when I want to know what might have been going on with my ancestors during a specific period.

Did Your War of 1812 Ancestor Serve in the Revolutionary War?

By Brenda Burns Kellow

I have opened up a couple of new lines and thought I would check to verify whether they served in the military. When I was new to searching military records, I was astonished to find that several of my Revolutionary War ancestors also fought in the War of 1812. Many had joined when young, so they were not too old at the beginning of the War of 1812. It was difficult and I longed for an easier way to get records back then before the Internet. We had to research how to find anything in those days.

I had to write for a form from the Archives, fill it out and mail it to them. I had to wait six to eight weeks before they sent me the record I had purchased. Today's family researchers have it easier. There are two places to hunt: the Internet, which takes valuable time, and the laminated four-page quick guides on many subjects called Genealogy at a Glance. I highly recommend these because they are so chockfull of suggested sites where you can quickly find where records are located, what they contain, whether or not they are indexed, microfilmed, digitized, or can be found online.

True, there are some military service records for most combatants of the War of 1812 found at www.archives.gov, but finding what you really need involves a study that non-military investigators may not be aware. Documents involve the type of service rendered. The records for officers are easier to locate than those who enlisted.

Located in the Veterans Administration files are the pensions relating to the vets of 1812 based on service resulting in death or disability from the end of the Revolutionary War up to the Civil War. It is possible to find children's names, widow's maiden name and marriage record, unit in which the vet served and how long he served, the state, whether the claimant, was the widow, child or other heir. You may also find the date and place of marriage, birth year and place, different residences, description of disability, signatures, the names of relatives, friends and neighbors, and whether the pension was granted or rejected.

Only in the second series of pension files—those based on the acts of 1871 and 1878—will you find the pension applications files for most War of 1812 veterans. These acts, and there are more than the two listed above, have many provisions which require hours of investigation which could be spent on the "hunt." The War of 1812 Research by the War of 1812 Preserve the Pension Fund guide, <http://tinyurl.com/2euys7g>, covers regular army and navy records, prisoner of war records lineage societies, state records and published sources, a list of online sources and a handy checklist for finding militiamen.

Do you want to go through all this when there is an easier way? I prefer to use the diverse and fertile information found within the Genealogical Publishing Company guides rather than hunting all the sources for myself. In searching three new ancestors who fought in the War of 1812 using the guide, *War of 1812 Research*, I quickly found what I needed and completed the research on these men quickly. Moreover, yes, they fought in the Revolutionary War.



Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1956

By Brenda Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas

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

Remember, this is an abstract of the newspaper. Not all names are mentioned, i.e., obituaries, showers, and marriages will 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. W. G. Baugh and George Atkins of Bonham spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers.

Forest Moore flew to Oklahoma City to shoot pictures for the National Air Show for WFAA TV station.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chilton of Blue Ridge spent Sunday with Mrs. W. A. Vines.

Little Miss Machael Lott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lott of Paris spent the weekend with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haggard.

Hubert L. Eldridge is spending a three-week vacation at home with his parents H. W. Eldridge of Route 2. Mr. Eldridge attends NTSC in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allen moved to Plano from Poteau, Oklahoma after purchasing the home of Malcom Richardson. They are parents of Mrs. James Harrington of Plano.

Neva's Beauty Shop held an Open House Monday, 5-9 p.m.

Graveside services were held Thursday afternoon at Plano Mutual Cemetery for Terry Lynn Thompson, infant of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. (Jimmy) Thompson. She was born earlier in the day.

Mrs. Melinda Barnett Gullledge, 91, widow of J. H. Gullledge, died Monday afternoon. Burial was in Plano Mutual Cemetery. Born in Plano, she is the daughter of George Barnett of Mississippi, and Mrs. Letitia Forman Barnett, native of Kentucky. She is survived by one daughter and one granddaughter.

Coach C. E. Massey and his aides are building a new team this year and starting with quarterback Don Gunn. The first game is Friday night against Frisco Coons.

Plano Rotarians saw the film of the Thanksgiving football game of 1953 with Farmersville's Farmers. The contest was for the bi-district championship. The score was 7-7, but awarded to Farmersville for penetrations.

Weekend guests of the Emmet Clem's were Mr. Clem's brother Lt. C. B. Curry of Ft. Polk, Louisiana and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Brown of Arlington.

Plano is the home of Eastman Products; Carter-Craft; Texas Wire and Cable; Precision Manufacturing; Broadhead Auto Refrigeration; Alden Comfort Mills; S & S Manufacturing; Cressent (sp) Air Conditioning; and the Hubbard Company.

Miss Louise Ann Schimelpfenig entertained her Sunday School class with a swimming party on Saturday afternoon. Those attending were Linda Kay Sherrill, Phyllis Charles, and Rosemary Rogers.

The band is practicing long hours to present several new formations during half-time at the football games. The formation this Friday night will be that of a football. They will begin with a deflated football and proceed to blowing it up.

Lyman D. Robinson recently moved back into the county with his family to be the new coordinator of schools.

The Mitzi Bomar Circle of the First Methodist Church meets Monday night, September 10, at the home of Mrs. E. L. Sherrill. Mrs. Woodrow Davis is co-hostess. Mrs. J. T. Uland is in charge of the program.

Newcomers are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nelson and their son, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Nelson. They will reside in their new brick home at 806 20th Street.

The First Baptist Church will hold a huge frolic after the football game with Frisco on Friday night.

Opening day of school saw more than 950 students on the first day.

p. 2 Rev. M. C. Cox and his family are moving back after living in Walters, Oklahoma for a while. He was former minister of the Assembly of God Church.

Mrs. Bertie Southwood is recovering from major surgery at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Carr Moore Suter, Jr., of Duncan, Oklahoma spent two days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shelton.

Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1956

- M-Sgt. Wilford W. Jones left Plano for New York and later France where he will continue to serve in the Air Force for three more years. After three years there and one year back here, he will retire after 20 years of service. His wife and daughters are staying with her mother Mrs. C. O. Smith of Plano, until M-Sgt. Jones arrives in France.
- p. 3 Funeral services were held Friday for Mrs. Lee Perkins, 68, at Bratcher Funeral Chapel. Mrs. Perkins was a native of Gordonville. Their Golden Wedding Anniversary was last November 18.
A contract for three miles of construction, Hwy. 75 to F.M. 543 in Collin County, was awarded to J. A. Long.
- p. 4 Advertisements, etc.
- p. 5 The Second Baptist Church of Plano seek a new location.
The Calvary Baptist Church of Plano begins a revival on September 8 featuring R. B. Reed of McKinney.
Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Johnson of Albert City, Iowa, visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lundberg and family of Plano.
- p. 6 Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fletcher of Frisco observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 28. Mr. Fletcher is a native of Woodville, Alabama. Mrs. Fletcher is the former Miss Eugenia Shirley of Gatesville, Texas.
Major W. R. Ford, his wife and children, came through Plano last week to visit his mother Mrs. C. O. Smith. Major Ford is commander and chief of the ROTC at Bryan this summer.
- p. 7 The broad expanse of water on Lake Lavon attracts sailboats. There is hope of starting a sailboat racing club.
Bobby Southwood received a Master of Education degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He is currently of the Stewart Place School in Harlingen.
- p. 8 Remember the Horse Show sponsored by the Plano Lyons Club on September 14 and 15.
Mrs. Jim Donley lost two \$10 bills while shopping at Albert Taylor's Co-Op Grocery last Saturday. She noticed they were missing only after she left the store. She went back to the grocery store and looked around the isles she walked on while shopping but did not find the bills. She went to the cash register and asked Mr. Taylor if anyone had turned in her lost money. He opened the cash register, pulled out the bills he had stashed there and told her Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Spurgin, also of Plano, had found the money and turned it in. Plano has honest people living here.
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Power announced the arrival of their son at an Oak Cliff hospital on September 1. The Powers have two other children, Elbert and Hubbard.
Mrs. Gus Shuffler is home again and recovering after eye surgery at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.
Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Kimbell and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Watson spent several days fishing Lake Ouachita near Hot Springs, Arkansas.
Mrs. Mary Kathryn Smith gave a book review last week at the First Christian Church of Plano. She reviewed the book, *All the Women of the Bible*, written by Mrs. Edith Dean of Fort Worth.
Mrs. Linda Jenkins and Moody Jenkins were reunited in marriage Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Branum of Plano, sister and brother-in-law.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKenzie of Waco spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers and family.
Mrs. W. A. Giddings thanks everyone for their well-wishes and cards after her recent stay in the hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Carter of Kilgore, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Abernathy, and Mrs. Mable Carter of Dallas visited Sunday with Mrs. Myrtle Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones.
Ted Reddell of McKinney visited Monday with his niece, Mrs. E. L. Sherrill and family.
The family of Mrs. Mary E. Turner thanks everyone for their kindness following their recent loss.
Methodist Churches in South and West Collin expect to be well represented in the North Texas Conference Laymen's Retreat at SMU, Saturday, September 8-9. The special program features Doak Walker, Don Meredith, Ronnie Morris, and athletic director Mattie Bell and head football coach Chalmer Woodard.
Mrs. A. F. Shuffler thanks everyone for her cards and gifts following her recent illness.
Vernon Lusk heads Collin County Baptist Associational Brotherhood at the First Baptist Church. Chaplain James Parks of the Veterans Hospital in McKinney gave the devotional. Mr. Lusk was former head of the Texas Power and Light Company and lived in Plano.
Dove season opens officially in Collin County on Saturday, September 1, from noon to sunset through September 17. The limit is ten birds per day and nothing used larger than a 10-gauge shotgun.
The O.E.S. has dinner at Mrs. C. B. Hasford's home on August 10. Almost 50 guests were present.
Misses Mary Beth Kerr and Ann Nelson of Dallas, and Miss Alice-Rae Dupree of Plano returned after vacationing in Colorado Springs.