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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:

November 21, 2015—"Google –Everything New that you need to know for Genealogy" by Lisa Louise C Cook

Future Topics

December 19, 2015—Show and Tell

January 16, 2016—"Researching Military Records" by Doug Fugate

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

Have you renewed your membership yet?

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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Just How Knowledgeable are you regarding genealogical research?

By Brenda Kellow

Are you a beginner? Alternatively, maybe you are an intermediate to advanced researcher. Did you know that an advanced researcher could also be a beginner? I consider myself an advanced researcher, yet when I began my search of German ancestors back in the 90s, I found that I was only a beginner in that department. I had to learn to read the tombstones vital statistic papers, legal documents—in German.

Want to find out if you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced researcher? Take this informative test developed by [Family History Daily](#) and find your level of expertise. It is a fun test, revealing actually, not meant to embarrass, but to shed light on your development.

There are fifty questions to help you to understand your level of expertise. I found it interesting. I think you will, too. Answering the questions honestly helps to identify the areas where you need more education or improvement. When you answer “no” to a statement, it probably means you need more development in that area.

Before you start sending me emails to ask my score, I will tell you now. I missed number 25 because I have not used social media to find ancestors. I did the majority of my research many years ago before we had the Internet. I have thought about beginning a page on Facebook, but frankly, I do not have the time. I am also not actively researching a line. Instead, I am writing about the families I have researched. I had to answer “no” to number 28 because I do not have a safe in my home to store my photos and memorabilia. I have scanned most of these and have saved them in several different places. I also have shared pictures with family members. Although I highly respect Dick Eastman, I do not consider him my ‘favorite blogger ever’ as declared in number 45.

My score fell in the higher scores, 47-50. I feel that puts me in the group of genealogists with experience. Nevertheless, I do not ‘know it all’ as that score suggests in this category. No one knows it all. Besides, these questions do not cover everything. The purpose is to highlight your weaker areas.

I hope you will all take the test and find it enlightening, as is the purpose. Look at the ones you answered ‘no’ to and make an effort to gain knowledge in that area. You do not become a knowledgeable genealogical researcher overnight. It takes years of experience and education. Take the test at <http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/whats-your-genealogy-know-how-score-find-out-with-our-fun-quiz/>.

Flashback—Tracing Our Collin County Roots

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/

This week the Plano Lyons and Plano Rotary Clubs announced they have assumed financial responsibility for the Community House. The four-man committee includes Alex Schell III, Jack O. Harrington, Woodrow Davis and Frank Phillips. Rates are \$5 to rent the facility without using the kitchen, or \$10 for the facility and use of the kitchen. Everyone will pay a \$1.50 janitor fee.



Rev. Frank A. Brooks will be installed as minister of the First Presbyterian Church U.S.A. on Friday evening, August 10, at 8 p.m.

The Second Baptist Church begins its open-air revival at City Park, August 5-19. Times are 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stipp recently moved to Plano from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. They reside at 1111 14th Street.

Evangelist Tom Landers will conduct the First Baptist Church revival every day this week at 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. At the revival will be the Singing Spencers known for their old gospel songs.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Tallant and son Jackie Ray just returned from their five-state vacation that includes Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Funeral services for G. F. Barnard, 83, are at 3 p.m. Saturday at the First Methodist Church. He died Thursday at his home in Denton. Burial will be at the Plano Mutual Cemetery. He and his family are former residents of Plano.

Price Daniel and Ralph Yarbrough runoff is Saturday. Turnout for the election is expected to be light. Frank Price is election judge and Homer Adams is Judge of the West Box.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald, formerly of Mesquite, recently moved to Plano and leased the Plano Gulf Service. The new name will be Bob's Plano Gulf, located at 1000 K Avenue.

James Henry Davis, 74, died Thursday morning in Richardson where he was born on June 29, 1882. Services will be at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Plano, the home of: Eastman's Product Corporation; Carter Craft Manufacturing Company; Texas Wire and Cable; Precision Mfg. Company; Broadhead Instant Auto Cold Refrigeration; Alden Comfort Mills; S&S Manufacturing Company; Cressent (sp) Air Conditioning Company; and the Hubbard Company.

Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bagwill were Mrs. Raymond Wallthall and children, Mrs. Celestial Herndon, and Mrs. Vernice Jones, all of McKinney.



Old building for First Baptist Church of Plano

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Mrs. and Mrs. J. B. Wotton of Denton visited Mrs. Tom Brown Monday.

Grand Master Tom H. King of the I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge of Texas will pay an official visit Monday night to Plano Oddfellows Lodge 114.

The Sheriff's Office, assisted by the Dallas Police, cleared up seven burglaries in Collin County with the Wednesday arrest of two Dallas men, ages 22 and 25.

John Duncan Holder, 80, died Thursday in the City-County Hospital in McKinney. Funeral services were held at the Crouch-Moore Funeral Chapel. Burial is in the Johnson Cemetery. He was born in Texas January 20, 1976, son of Willis A. and Elizabeth Johnson Holder.

Doug Daniel and W. P. Chaddick have taken over the Christie Shop.

- p. 2 Mr. and Mrs. Gust Gray and sons Richard, Carl and Phillip, and niece Miss Mary Keyes of Iowa, left for a vacation in Alabama.

Mrs. Henry Bowman visited in Houston with her sisters-in-law, Mrs. James R. Adams and Mrs. J. E. Wall. Along the way other sisters will join them for a stay in the Smokey Mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Clem and daughter Caroline are vacationing in Boonsville, Arkansas.

Miss Jane Ann Jinks of Canton visited friends in Plano last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Schell III and children Richard and Margaret Ann just returned from a trip to Colorado.

- p. 3 Mrs. Doug O'Neal visited Mrs. Chess Haney in Garland.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan E. White, Nathan E. Jr. and Larry, returned from Colorado last week.

- p. 4 Mrs. Pearl Strother, 83, former Collin County Clerk, died Monday morning at the City-County Hospital in McKinney. Her funeral will be Thursday at the First Baptist Church. She was born April 5, 1873, to John F. and Frances Graves Gibson of Melissa.

Wednesday, July 25, Plano Wildcats defeated the Dallas Firemen. Tommy Shields was the leading pitcher. The team is coached by Pappy Raines.

Mrs. Hazel Graham and Miss Pola Kate Graham of Childress visited recently in Plano.

Mrs. Marshall Searcy was recently named the first president of the recently formed Collin County Medical Association Auxiliary. The group will improve county medical services. Mrs. George Apple is an officer.

Mrs. Alvie Morris hosted the Collin County Council PTA Program Committee in Frisco.

Sid Merritt recently sold his barber shop, Merritt Barber Shop, but he will continue to work at the shop. The new name is City Barber Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mayfield recently announced the birth of their son, Charles Lee, born June 30 at City-County Hospital in McKinney. The mother is the former Miss Patsy Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jolly and daughter Nancy are building a new home on Haggard Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hudson and his sister, Miss Alla Belle Hudson, are vacationing in the Northeastern states.

Carl Newman, 72, died of a heart attack in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Burial was in Fairlawn Cemetery.

Miss Tommy Brigham returned after a seven week vacation in Washington, New York and Maryland.

Misses Silvia Floyd, Linda Johnson, Anne Bailey, and Jim Fineout, Doyle Braden, and Ralph Walker returned home after a retreat at the Baptist encampment in Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Claude Carl Newman's funeral services were held at the Strode Chapel on Friday in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He was 72. Burial was in Fairlawn Cemetery.

- p. 5 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips are building a new home on Haggard Street. They run Riteway Cleaners with the Jim Mitchells.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McCollom are building a new brick home on Haggard Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Brannon are building a new home on Haggard Street. He runs Brannon's Grocery.

On Thursday, Charles Ray Peters, Youth Director of the First Methodist Church, spoke at the Rotary Club. He enters Perkins School of Theology at SMU this fall.

Construction of one of the flood prevention structures is underway at Muddy Creek, east of Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McCullough and daughter Mildred returned home after a vacation in Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Davis thanked everyone for their kindness while he was hospitalized.

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- Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Thurmon and son Richard leave Saturday for a trip to Red River, New Mexico. Their Farm Kitchen Café will close while they are gone.
- p. 6 Mrs. Doyle Nelson thanks the voters for electing her Tax Assessor-Collector of Collin County. The Frank Adams family recently returned from a trip to South Texas. He is the manager of Fielder Lumber and Supply in Plano.
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. O'Neal of Dallas and Mrs. Doug O'Neal of Plano spent last week in Houston.
Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Branun and sons Joey and Donney spent the week in Childress with her brother Joe Mullenix.
Mr. and Mrs. Claude J. Schexnayder of Richardson returned after a vacation in Mexico. He is associated with Eastman Products.
- p. 7 Mrs. Velma Hicklin and daughter Tommy, and Miss Alene Conoly returned home after visiting in the North. They visited Ohio, Michigan, Great Lakes, Canada, Virginia and Kentucky.
- p. 8 The Plano High Wildcat Band meets in the Band Room on Monday, August 13, at 6:30. Emmett Clem is band director.
James Garfield Martin, 74, of Fort Worth died at City-County Hospital Wednesday from internal and back injuries. He was born February 1, 1882, in DeKalb County, Tennessee.
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Renfrow attended Sunday evening services and Baptismal at the First Baptist Church in Frisco.
Mrs. Paul Floyd of Houston and Mrs. Robert Collinsworth and children of Plano visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Morris and Nikki of Frisco.
Rev. Baldwin J. Stribling, pastor of McKinney Central Presbyterian Church, was the guest speaker of the American Red Cross, Collin County Chapter, on August 6 at 8 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cason and family recently vacationed in the Smokey Mountain Area.
Dr. Fred Dunn will be in Dr. Apple's office for the next two weeks. Dr. Dunn is a graduate of the University of Texas Medical School and trained at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.
John Edward Deuback, 33, was seriously burned while helping his wife and nine year old son escape from their second story apartment over the Deuback Skating Rink, 7800 Greenville Avenue in Dallas. The rink was a total loss. There was no insurance to cover the \$80,000 loss of the building.
E. M. Reece of Texas City visited his mother, 82, in Plano on Sunday. Mrs. Reece is a patient of St. Paul Hospital in Dallas
Mary Lou Burchett married Melvin Eugene Neil on July 28 at the Frisco Assembly of God Church.
Mrs. J. F. Griffin visited her brother Ray Hendrix and her sister Mrs. McCauley in Los Angeles. Mr. McCauley is a captain on a submarine.
Mrs. Henry Bacues continues to improve at City-County Hospital in McKinney.

Happy
Thanksgiving



Genealogy Classes at Collin College

There will be two genealogy classes offered at Collin College at the Courtyard Campus, 4800 Preston Park Blvd, Plano, TX 75093. The instructor is Barbara Coakley.

Using Microsoft OneNote for Genealogy

Saturday February 27 and March 5, 2016 from 8:30-12:30

OneNote, a free digital notebook for multiple platforms, is a great compliment to your genealogy program. This is a hands on class. Bring your laptop with OneNote installed on it or use a school computer and bring your own usb drive with genealogy information, notes, pictures, etc on it and create a notebook to keep your family history research plans and notes organized.

Genealogy II

Eight Wednesdays—January 6 through February 24, 2016 from 6:30 to 9:00

This course focuses of different records used to bring your family members to life, including land records, tax records, military records, immigration records, court records, probate records and wills, and maps and directories. Students will learn how to locate the records— both online and in offline repositories, what they can add to your family history and how to interpret them. We'll also cover research planning and documentation. The class is designed for those who have completed the Introduction to Genealogy class, those returning to genealogy or experienced researchers who want to refresh their skills.

Register for both classes on the continuing education of the Collin College website <https://www.collin.edu/ce/> If you have questions about the classes, contact Barbara at bcoakley1620@gmail.com.

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1921 Canadian census added to Steve Morse's One Step web pages.

Are you having trouble using the 1921 Canadian census? Steve Morse simplified your search considerably by adding the database to his One-Step Search Tools. It is free to use and is at <http://www.stevemorse.org>.

The 2016 Federation of Genealogy Societies conference, "Time Travel Centuries of Memories" will be held August 31-September 3, 2016 in Springfield, Illinois. Hotel reservations are now open <https://www.fgsconference.org/>. If you have Illinois ancestors, this is a great opportunity to extend your trip and research at the Illinois State Library and Archives.

The 2015 National Genealogy Society conference, "Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time" will be held May 4-7, 2016 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Registration opens 1 December. <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>. This is a great way to combine a beach vacation and genealogy research.

Guide to DNA Testing: How to Identify Ancestors, Confirm Relationships, and Measure Ethinc Ancestry through DNA Testing by Richard Hill is \$.99 on Amazon.com. Thomas MacEntee recommended the book.