



# Genealogy Friends News

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## Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2019. 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 16, 2019**—"What's New on FamilySearch.org" by Lynell Moss

### Future Events

**November 18, 2019**—**OneNote User Group**—Group meets in the Genealogy Section of the library on the third Monday of each month from 7 to 8:30 pm

**November 26, 2019**—**Legacy Users Group**—Group meets in the Genealogy Section of the library on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:30—3:30 pm.

**December 21, 2019**—Show and Tell—Share your research and family stories.

**January 18, 2020**—"Protecting Your Data" by Bill Butler

We are working on the sessions for 2020, if you have a topic or speaker suggestion please email Barbara Coakley at [newsletter@genealogyfriends.org](mailto:newsletter@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

### Genfriends Membership

Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Individual memberships are \$30 a year and family memberships are \$50. Don't forget to renew your membership for next year.

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 Education

**TxSGS Virtual Passes** are available. During the 2019 Family History Conference, TxSGS recorded ten sessions that are now available for a limited time through a Virtual Pass. There are two packages of 5 videos each that will be available to watch for six months from the date you purchase them. Cost is \$49.95 per package.

<https://www.txsgs.org/webinar-series/>

**Illinois State Genealogy Society** has a monthly webinar. The next one is on December 10, 2019 at 8 pm central time. You don't have to be a member to attend the webinar. Members can view recordings of previous webinars.

<https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=571>

**Genealogy II** class at Collin College meets on Wednesday from Jan 22, 2020 through March 11, 2020 at Courtyard Campus from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Instructor is Barbara Coakley. Class focuses on different records that we use to tell the story of our ancestors' lives including military records, immigration and naturalization records,

<https://www.collin.edu/ce/classes/index.html>

**Genealogy Online Research** class at Collin College meets on Wednesday from March 18, 2020 through April 22, 2020 at Courtyard Campus from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Instructor is Barbara Coakley. In this hands on class in a computer lab we'll explore websites. , <https://www.collin.edu/ce/classes/index.html>

**Echoes of our Ancestors**, the National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held 20-23 May, 2020 in Salt Lake City, UT. <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

**Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference** will be held 2-5 September, 2020 in Kansas City, MO.

<https://fgs.org/conferences/>

**Family History Library Classes and Webinars** are available on FamilySearch.org to watch.

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars)

## Shiner Texas

By Texas Historical Commission

Most Texans today know the town of Shiner for Shiner Beer. For more than a century, these production facilities have turned out Czech and German-style beers, which today are some of Texas' best-known exports.

Kosmos Spoetzl, an immigrant from Bavaria who'd become a braumeister—or master brewer—took over the brewery in 1915, bringing to it a professionalism that was lacking before.

His kegs were tapped in every saloon in Texas even through Prohibition, when the brewery made and sold a non-alcoholic "Near Beer."

Today, the brewery boasts that every bottle of the beer is made in Shiner, population 2,069. Every year, 6 million cases of Shiner are shipped to all 50 states, bringing the German-Texan brewing tradition to the masses.

From the Facebook posting of the Texas Historical Commission.

Submitted by Barbara Battocchio Brogdon



## Microsoft OneNote Update

By Barbara Coakley

Microsoft OneNote is an electronic notebook. It is a great tool to organize your research plans, research results, reference materials, etc.

There are two different versions of OneNote, a desktop application that is installed on your computer and a app that can be used on various platforms—phone, tablet, computer. Microsoft was focusing on developing the app and had quit adding features to the desktop application until recently.

On November 4th they announced they would continue to support OneNote for the desktop. Moving forward the desktop app will be included in Office 365 subscriptions and Office 2019 and OneNote 2016 will be supported through 2025. If you already have a subscription you can download the desktop app <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/onenote-2016-is-missing-after-installing-office-365-or-office-2019-1844ba87-7248-4bd8-a735-66a52f98e6e5?ui=en-US&rs=en-US&ad=US>



In addition to the app having less features you also had to store your notebooks on Microsoft's One Drive which could be an issue as we work in facilities without online access like courthouses, cemeteries, etc. With the change in philosophy, we can take advantage of both tools.

Storing a notebook on OneDrive allows you to access it from different devices which can be powerful. You can also share notebooks stored on OneDrive so you can collaborate on family history projects with other researchers.

OneNote is organized like the paper notebooks we have been using for years but gives you the ability to quickly locate notes using the search and tag features.

If you are interested in learning more about OneNote, please join the User Group that meets on the third Monday of each month in the genealogy section of Haggard Library.

## Nimitz Hotel

By Texas Historical Commission

In 1855, Charles Henry Nimitz, Sr. purchased property in Fredericksburg that would later become the Nimitz Hotel, which would host frontier travelers and provide a home for the large Nimitz family. Expanded in the 1870s to feature a steamboat-shaped facade, the hotel was a center for community activities. It was sold by the family in 1926 and underwent major alterations.

In 1964, it became a museum honoring Charles' grandson and Fredericksburg native, Fleet Admiral Chester W.

Nimitz, as well as those who served with him in World War II. The steamboat facade was later rebuilt and remains a local landmark.



It is now part of the National Museum of the Pacific War, which has expanded to occupy a six-acre campus and gained a reputation as one of the premier military museums in the nation.

Over the years, the museum was upgraded and enlarged, and the campus grew to accommodate the Memorial Courtyard, the Plaza of Presidents, the Japanese Garden of Peace, and more.

The George H.W. Bush Gallery hosts a state-of-the-art 33,000-square-foot exhibition featuring 40 media installations, approximately 900 artifacts, and hundreds of photographs. Two blocks east of the main campus is the Pacific Combat Zone, with regularly scheduled combat reenactments.

Source: The Texas Historical Commission on Facebook  
Barbara Battocchio Brogdon

