



# Genealogy Friends News

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## Schedule of Events

**Haggard Library is closed so we are holding our meetings via Zoom**

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2020. Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice from 10:15 to 12:00. Invites will be send out the week before the meeting.

### This Month

**November 21, 2020—Zoom Meeting—**”Technology Enabled Collaboration for Genealogists” by Tony Hanson.

### Future Events:

**December 2, 2020—Zoom Meeting—Genealogy Round Table—**We are a group of genealogy enthusiasts who get together to share information and help each other. Zoom invite will be sent out the week before the meeting

**December 19, 2020—Zoom Meeting—Show and Tell—**Anyone who wants to share their accomplishments can tell their story or share their screen to show us what you found. If you want to practice screen sharing or need help getting ready to share email [newsletter@genealogyfriends.org](mailto:newsletter@genealogyfriends.org).

**If there is a topic that you would like to learn about either in a Saturday seminar or newsletter article, email [Barbara Coakley newsletter@genealogyfriends.org](mailto:Barbara Coakley 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.

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 & News

**RootsTech** is virtual and free for 2021. 25-27 February 2021. Register now! <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>  
They also have recordings from prior year's conferences that you can watch <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive?lang=eng>

There is a Groupon for **National Institute for Genealogical Studies**. The regular cost of a class is \$89, the Groupon is for \$19. <https://www.groupon.com/deals/national-institute-for-genealogical-studies-1> Classes available are listed on the Groupon site. The company website is <https://www.genealogicalstudies.com/>

**Vivid-Pix** software is available at a discount and GenFriends earns money with every purchase. Email [newsletter@genealogyfriends.org](mailto:newsletter@genealogyfriends.org) for the link to purchase Restore for \$39.99 and help raise money to purchase materials for the Genealogy Section of the library.

**Georgia Genealogical Society** monthly free webinar "Same Name, Must be the Same Person" is on December 10th at 7:00 pm. You don't have to be a member to view the webinar but handouts are for members only. <https://www.gagensociety.org/events/same-name-must-be-the-same-person>

Webinars and Online Classes from outside FamilySearch is a list of organizations hosting webinars. [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Webinars\\_and\\_Online\\_Classes\\_from\\_outside\\_FamilySearch](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Webinars_and_Online_Classes_from_outside_FamilySearch)

**TIGR**—Texas Institute of Genealogical Research has four tracts in 2021. Information will be available soon. <https://www.txsgs.org/texas-research-institute/>

**Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy** will be virtual in January of 2021. <https://slig.ugagenealogy.org/index.php>

Check the genealogical and historical societies in the areas where your ancestors lived. Many societies are holding virtual education programs.

Some institutions are doing expanded lookups and will provide copies of records. Look for a research request form or rules for lookups on their websites and requests. Explore the online catalog and submit your requests, you never know what research question you might be able to answer.

## Websites for Research in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland

By Barbara Coakley



The Family History Federation in Britain held a conference on November 14th. I have a non-conformist (Roman Catholic) family that immigrated from Lancashire to New Orleans in 1830 and I needed some help to understand what records are available and where they are. There was a session on Researching Non-Conformist Ancestors included in the conference so I got up at 4 am on Saturday morning when the first session started, boy am I glad I did. In addition to 23 lectures, I had a consultation with a professional genealogist from the UK, all for 5 pounds (\$6.61). I was able to attend lectures because they were offered virtually that I never would have been able to see in person.

Here are some of the websites that I learned about:

**UK BMD**—Births, Marriages, Deaths and Censuses on the Internet. <https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/index.php>

There are also links to records held at the Local Registry Offices [https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/local\\_bmd](https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/local_bmd)

**GEN UKI**—UK and Ireland Genealogy—this is a non commercial service, maintained by a charitable trust and volunteers. <https://www.genuki.org.uk/>

**FreeBMD** ongoing project to transcribe the Civil Registration index of births, marriages, and deaths for England and Wales. There are also links to Free UK Genealogy, FreeCEN (Census data) and FreeREG (Parish Registers). <https://www.freebmd.org.uk/>

**The Surname Society**—The society focuses on single surname studies. They also have a database of marriages between 1937 and 1911 which is a work in progress. <https://surname-society.org/>

**Online Parish Clerks**—different counties have different content and formats. Search Google for the county and OPC.

Here are a couple of examples:

Lancashire <http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/>

Sussex <http://www.sussex-opc.org/>

Wiltshire <https://wiltshire-opc.org.uk/genealogy/>

**Medway Ancestors**—Fully scanned copies of Kent Parish registers. <http://>



## Websites for Research in UK & Ireland (continued)

medway.adlibhosting.com/

**One Place Studies**—these websites contain information about places all over the world.

One Place Studies Directory <http://www.oneplacestudy.org/>

Society for One-Place Studies <https://www.one-place-studies.org/>

UK BMD One Place Studies [https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/one\\_place\\_study](https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/one_place_study)

**DustyDocs**—Links to free websites in the British Isles containing Parish Records. <http://www.dustydocs.com/>

**The National Archives** at Kew Gardens—<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>.

Part of their collection is the Discovery Catalogue—Online catalog for the National Archive and over 2,500 other archives. <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>.

They also have digitized microfilm that is available as downloadable pdf documents. <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/free-online-records-digital-microfilm/>

Research Guides for family history <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/?research-category=family-history>

Census Records <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/census-records/>

**Scotland Archive Network**—Online catalog for more than 50 Scottish archives. <http://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/scancatalogue/search.aspx>

**Anglo American Legal Tradition**—documents from medieval and early modern England from the National Archives in London <http://aalt.law.uh.edu/>. They also have a wiki [https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Main\\_Page](https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Main_Page)

**Andrew Millard's** Genealogy Recent Indexes to English, Welsh, Scottish and Irish Probate Records—<http://community.dur.ac.uk/a.r.millard/genealogy/probate.php>

**FamilySearch Wiki**—Probate Records

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England\\_Probate\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England_Probate_Records)

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Scotland\\_Probate\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Scotland_Probate_Records)

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland\\_Probate\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland_Probate_Records)

**County Archives**—Google the County name and Archives

Lancashire Will Search—<http://user.xmission.com/~nelsonb/lws.htm>

Durham University [https://www.dur.ac.uk/library/asc/collection\\_information/family.records/probate/](https://www.dur.ac.uk/library/asc/collection_information/family.records/probate/)

Canterbury <https://wills.canterbury-cathedral.org/>

Norfolk Sources <http://www.norfolksources.norfolk.gov.uk/DserveNS/>

**London Lives**—Learn about the lives of people in London from 1690 to 1800 <https://www.londonlives.org/index.jsp>

**Charles Booth's London**—Poverty Maps and Police Notebooks <https://booth.lse.ac.uk/>

**National Library of Scotland**—<https://www.nls.uk/>

Map collection for all over the UK including ordnance survey maps with incredible detail. <https://maps.nls.uk/>

**National Library of Ireland**—Catholic Parish Registers <https://www.nli.ie/en/parish-register.aspx>

## Daughter, Sister, Wife, and Mother (continued)

**IrishGenealogy.ie** <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>

**RootsIreland.ie**—this is a subscription site—<https://www.rootsireland.ie/>

**Parish Chest**—Family History Research Aids <https://www.parishchest.com/>

**AGRA**—Association of Genealogists & Researchers in Archives—professionals you can hire to help with on sight research and podcasts to help with research <https://www.agra.org.uk/>

**Family History Federation**—promotes interest in researching family history. Their site includes resources including a National Burial Index <https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/>

**Deceased Online**—UK burials and cremations <https://www.deceasedonline.com/>

**Gravestone Photographic Resource (GPR)** - international directory of grave, tomb and other death memorials <https://www.gravestonephotos.com/>

**University of Leicester Historical Directories of England & Wales**—<http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/digital/collection/p16445coll4>

**The British Newspaper Archive**—this is a subscription site <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

**FindmyPast**—this is a subscription site, they have a 14-day free trial <https://www.findmypast.com/>

**Methodist Heritage**—info on researching Methodist Non-conformist records <http://www.methodistheritage.org.uk/>

**Museums and Local History Centers**—Google the County or Place and the institution/society you are looking for.

**Archaeology Societies**— there is a list of local societies on the Current Archaeology website <https://www.archaeology.co.uk/join-in/local-societies>

**National Library of Wales**—some of the records are in Welch <https://www.library.wales/>

Don't forget the websites we use for research in the US. Search for places in the UK:

Cyndi's List <https://cyndislist.com/>

Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)

Internet Archive—<https://archive.org/>

Internet Archive WayBack Machine <https://archive.org/web/>

Google Books <https://books.google.com/>

Hathi Trust <https://www.hathitrust.org/>

FamilySearch Library Catalog <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog>

FamilySearch Wiki [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page)

FamilySearch Books <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>

FLICKR—search for a place <https://www.flickr.com/>

## Fulton Mansion

Submitted by Barbara Brogdon

From the Texas Historical Commission Facebook Page

The Fulton Mansion may look like a set piece from an old movie, but it was outfitted with advanced technology when it was built in the 1870s. George and Harriet Fulton were wealthy from cattle ranching, meat packing, and shipping, which allowed them to build this luxurious Second Empire-style home. It included indoor plumbing, supplied via rain-water collection, in the sinks and toilets; gas lighting throughout the home; and central heating from a basement furnace that kept all four stories warm. The Fultons were some of the first people on the South Texas coast to have these innovations.

George Fulton died on October 31, 1893. Harriet soon left the mansion to live with her daughter, after which the building served as a hotel, restaurant, and RV park attraction before it came into state ownership. The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department operated the mansion from 1976 until 2008, when it was transferred to the THC.

The Fulton Mansion State Historic Site currently requires advance reservations for tours of the home. More details: <http://www.thc.texas.gov/.../fulton-mansion-state...>

