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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:

**October 15, 2016**—Immigration Research by Cheryl Smith

### Future Topics

**November 19, 2016**—”The Miller Family—”Brick Walls and the Internet” by Don Raney

**December 17, 2016**—Show and Tell

**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](mailto: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

## Genealogy Classes

There are two classes being offered at Collin College this fall taught by Barbara Coakley:

**Using Microsoft OneNote for Genealogy \$69**  
This class will be held on Saturdays October 29 and November 5th from 8:30 to 12:30.

OneNote is an electronic notebook that you can use to store your research plans, results and reports. You can clip from documents, source citations, websites, pictures and they are stored in your notebook. OneNote will use ocr technology to make typed text in images fully searchable.

These are working sessions, either bring your laptop with OneNote installed and pictures, records, research notes, etc. on it or a usb drive with your genealogy information. In class you'll learn how to use OneNote by creating your own research notebook.

Classes are held at the Courtyard Campus 4800 Preston Park Blvd, Plano TX 75093  
To register visit their website <https://www.collin.edu/ce/>

## 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 Conferences

The Texas State Genealogical Society is holding it's **2016 Family History Conference** October 28-30 at the Crowne Plaza Dallas Downtown. All of the details are available on their website:  
<http://www.txsgs.org/conference/schedule/>

This is a great opportunity to hear national speakers on a variety of topics. The two headliners are Cyndi Ingle creator of Cyndi's List and Judy Russell—The Legal Genealogist. You get to spend three days with fellow family history enthusiasts and peruse the latest from vendors. Single day registrations are available if you can't make it all three days.

**The Great Family Search Conference** is on October 22, 2016 at the LDS Church, 2700 Roundrock Trail, Plano, TX 75075. Registration begins at 8:30 am. There are two general sessions; one features Eric Graves, Manager, North America for Family Search. These are followed by breakout sessions on a number of topics.

Information available on their website <http://greatfamilysearch.com>.

## Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1956

By Brenda Burns Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas  
October 11, 1956, Volume 69, No. 23

Abstracted by Brenda Burns Kellow, 2016

*Tracing Our Roots* weekly genealogy column [http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog\\_7/](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 may not have every name mentioned that were in the newspaper when very large numbers of people attended. For the complete content, look at the microfilm or find the copy in Newspapers.com.*

Mr. Morris Farrell, of 1805 Avenue K, whose specialty it is to polish antlers for sale, says someone entered his home and stole the antlers he was working on. He suspects it was a dog.

Plano Rotarians welcome their District Governor Euclid Fant of Sherman who speaks to the group on Thursday. He has been a guest of the President T. H. "Bill" Williams, Vice President Claude J. Schexandyer and Secretary Leon Dugger.

Leon Dugger, owner of Dugger Motors, says the new 1957 Ford is already in his collection.

Ray J. McCutcheon is manager of Cabell Dairy Way.

Present at the United Fund meeting were Leon Dugger, Reece Henry, Mrs. Jack Lair and Prof. Turner spoke to the school children.

Mrs. Irene Bourn is recovering from her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Martin and their son Billy Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Boyd and little son, and Miss Clara Frances Martin visited relatives in Graham.

Mrs. Walter Saigling leaves Friday for Abernathy, Texas to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tennell.

Little Miss Carolyn Clem, seven year old daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Emmitt Clem, was a guest on *Frontier Playhouse* on Channel 8.

Ula A. Saunders, secretary of the Christian Church in McKinney for the past 38 years was given a gold watch. Mrs. A. S. Forte received a pin for her 38 years perfect attendance.

Dr. Robert K. Fletcher, 72, former professor of entomology in the Department of Science at Texas A&M College died Thursday in Dallas. He is survived by his wife the former Miss Ruth Camp, cousin of Mrs. A. A. Bagwill.

Gilbert Ritchey broke his right hand at Texas Tech College.

The Ruby Kendrick Circle of the WSCS meets at the Methodist Church. She will meet with Mrs. C. O. Smith and Mrs. Charlie Mays.

Mrs. J. W. Razor, 78, died last Thursday at her home. Rev. Bill Hatlaway and Rev. Robert Douglas conducted the services at the Crouch Moore Funeral Home in McKinney. Pall bearers were John Marshall Buzz, Gough Razor, Orval White, James Doyle Brooks, Ray Sterling and Bob Johnston. Mrs. Razor was born in Collin County July 15, 1878. She is the daughter of J. F. and Mary E. McGee Ragsdale. She married J. W. Razor in December 1903 in McKinney. Relatives are: Mrs. D. B. Talkington; Mrs. Ralph Parker; Jesse Razor; Fate Cantrell; C. H. Ragsdale; Ben F. Ragsdale; Mrs. Lottie Allen.

Mrs. G. C. Prince's Girl Scout Troop sponsors a pet show Saturday, October 19, at 10:30, at the High School.

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Marine Donald Ray McCutcheon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray J. McCutcheon of Cabell's Dairy Way, is visiting before he returns to his base at Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. and Mrs. Murrell Rogers visit his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers.

D. C. (Clint) Jacques, brother of Mrs. C. A. Banovitch died Wednesday in a Temple Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Banovitch and their daughter Mrs. Billy Haggard attended the funeral.

The Plano High School Band used Columbus Day, October 12, as their theme for the half-time performance.

Thanksgiving services will be honored Thursday, November 29 announced Jack O. Harrington, president of Chamber of Commerce.

Plano lost to Richardson, 39-13. Touchdowns were made by Don Gunn throwing to James Uselton and Mackey Christian.

The Methodist Church begins fellowship series, announced Rev. Edgar Huffstutler, beginning Sunday night October 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Duke and Mrs. L. C. Duke visited in San Antonio with her brother.

Mrs. Talmadge Uland Friendship Girls of the Methodist Church will ask on Halloween for donations to CROP.

County Superintendent W. H. Pete Moseley and assistant will be the guest speakers of the joint meeting of the Elementary and High School PTA's.

Fire Chief John Dean announced that the fire toll is up and must be lowered. Home fires are the most common.

p. 2 Mrs. Addie Burrow is recovering from an illness while at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Bagwill.

Mrs. C. C. Allen visited her son Dr. Carlton Allen in Boundbrook, New Jersey.

The family of W. M. Clark thanks the public for their kindness after the death of their father.

Sammy Newman of Ft. Hoods Tank Battalion, 49<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, visits his mother Mrs. Fred Newman.

p. 3 Ray Haun thanks everyone for their kindness after his illness.

The Homemaking Class is pleased to have visiting teacher, Miss Masch from TSCW.

Linda Haggard worked out a workshop for the new Homemaking officers. Mrs. Jim Hickey explained the duties to the new officers. Lavern Shields planned committees for the new year. Others mentioned are: Naomi Kennedy; Tommy Hicklin; Mary Lou Henderson; Wanda Cason; Marilyn Todd; Brenda Burns; Brenda Shockey; Betsy Armstrong; Venita Tomberlin; Jill Harrington; Sandra Bozeman; Linda Haggard; Carol Walker; Jeanie Robinson; Joan Wood; Aline Conoly; Bobby French; Chlorine Riggs; Jesse Loftice; Georgia Allen; Mary Jon Whitfield; Judy Landers; Patricia Koepp; Ann Snider; Ruth Tune; Margie Prince; Vance Maultsby.

Hostess Mrs. James Robinson and co-hostess Mrs. Allen Duncan hosted the Plano Garden Club on October 2. Others mentioned attending: Mrs. James Hayes; Mmes. Fred Myers and John McAders.

Mrs. Tom George hosted the Friday Bridge Club on October 5. Mrs. W. D. Haggard was a guest. High scorer was Mrs. George Jones. Mentioned also was: Mrs. Clifton Haggard; Mrs. Will Schimelpfenig;

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Mrs. James Harrington; Mrs. Loren Gordon.

Miss Betty Lou Skiles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Skiles, is food chairman for the Gold Rush Carnival at Texas State Women's College.

- p. 4 A. P. Rolins, manager of North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), selected new personnel: David B. Dickson; Joe D. Newsom, Jr.; E. H. Whitney Ingram; Leon Halbert. Member towns getting water from Lavon Lake are Plano, Farmersville, Garland, Mesquite, Forney, Rockwall and Royse City.

Bishop William G. Martin, presiding officer of Methodist Church Texas Conference, called a session to be in Sherman to consider the four-year program of the general church and the North Texas group.

- p. 5 Margaret Spader, New York City Food and Appliance Editor National Food Magazine will speak at the fair.
- p. 6 Students of A&M College coming up to see the A&M game in the Cotton Bowl are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morgan. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan. John is an Aggie and a graduate of PHS in 1951.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keim and family were Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Glenn and children Karen and Johnny.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Pritchett of Dallas worshiped at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening. Billy Jack McCutcheon, their nephew, took part in the Sunday night service.

- p. 7 C. C. Morrison returned home from Baylor Hospital in Dallas after an illness. He received a knife injury last week while performing his duties at Brannon's Food Mart.

Joe Daniel of the Sparks Community of Bell County beat the heat in his poultry laying house after installing a sprinkler system.

- p. 8 Rev. Tommy Martin is the new music director of the Second Baptist Church. With him are his wife and daughter Bonnie. Mr. and Mrs. Brazeal were recent visitors of the church.

Mrs. O. C. Gentry and Mrs. W. T. Carroll honored the Beginners and Primary classes of the Sunday School with a weiner roast Saturday at City Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCormack entertained the Junior Class social Saturday night, September 29. They served burgers and cold drinks.

Frank Clark, father of Mrs. J. Frank Keeton, was honored at Mr. and Mrs. Keeton's house in Ft. Worth. Those attending the birthday party were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Kathrine Visser and son; Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Clark; Ray Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Daffron; Mr. and Mrs. Felton Baker; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Burt; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Daffron; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. William Clark; Miss Adelle Clark; Mrs. R. C. Clark; Clayton Clark; Delmar Clark; Mrs. Verdie Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Clark. Mrs. Bessie Freeman, Mr. Clark's sister was unable to attend. Others are: Champ Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Leta Carville. Mr. Clark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Clark. Mrs. Clark is the former Miss Lena Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecelia McCollom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McCollom, had an appendectomy last week at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

The First Methodist Church observed Youth Night Sunday. Attending were: Jimmy Garrett; Rev. C. B. Garrett; Miss Nancy Uland; Jim Murrell; Miss Frances Littrell; Billy Jack McCutcheon; and Roy Murrell.

Randy Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker underwent a recent appendectomy at City-County Hospital in McKinney.

Princeton lunchroom was damaged by \$15,000 fire. Supt. Paul G. Henderson says the school carried only \$5,000 insurance.

## Sharing Your Family History

By Barbara Coakley

October is Family History Month. What better time is there to share some of your research results with other researchers and curious family members?

Last month I wrote an article about the time line I created on The History Project website. The next step for me was to start to write stories about some of the Sennott family ancestors. I decided I would use a blog so the stories would be available for family members to read and for other researchers in hopes that I might connect with a distant cousin one day who has some clues to the family before the late 1700's.

If I don't know much about an ancestor, like John Sennott, then the story covers everything I have found about him. John, his wife and three of his children came over from Ireland. So far the only records I have from Ireland are the church marriage record and the children's baptism records. His story includes everything I know about his life, which isn't much.

The stories can be just one aspect of an ancestor's life. One story focused on Dr. John Sennott's education. He attended medical school at a time when the education of a doctor was changing. I was able to find catalogue's from the college and medical school that he attended so I could paint a picture of his education—the classes he took, how much it cost to go to the St. Louis Medical College, what his schedule looked like. I combined this with information from the City Directories on where he lived while he went to school and articles from the newspaper about the graduation. This approach let's me tackle an ancestor in small chunks when I have some time instead of waiting until I have time to write about their entire life.

Another story is about the Mexican War service of James Sennott. I took all of the records about his service—Compiled Military Service Record, County History, History of the Mexican War, Widow's Pension Record, Bounty Land File, and a Unit History and chronicle the year he spent in the 2nd Illinois Foot Soldiers. I started with the events on the time line for his service to see what I knew about the time James spent in the Army. I read each record carefully and took notes. I realized that I knew the name of his unit, dates of his service, a battle that he took part in, where he mustered in and out, how much he was paid when he left the service, that he sold his Bounty Land Warrant, who redeemed it, and where the land was that it was redeemed for. I needed to fill in details about how his unit got from Alton, Illinois where they mustered in to Buena Vista, Mexico where they took part in a battle and what life was like for James for the year he was in the Army. The pension file provided details about his widow, Mary Ann's life after James died. A county history named all the men he served with, where and when the unit was formed, and some details about the activities of the unit. A history of the Mexican War included information about the Battle of Buena Vista and the role of his unit. A diary of a soldier in a different company in the same regiment provided a first hand description of life for the soldiers. By combining information from all these sources I was able to write an interesting story about this year in James's life.

The stories don't have to be chronological You can focus on interesting highlights of an Ancestor's life one at a time. Work on the events that you know about and wait on those that you still need to locate sources for. I look at the records organized on my timeline for inspiration when I choose the topic for the next story. As I analyze the records and write a story, it becomes obvious where I need to fill in holes in my research. When this happens, I create a research plan for that topic and wait on that story until I've been able to locate more information. I can leave that partial story unpublished and when I have the complete picture, I can finish it and publish it for others to see. I set a goal for myself to publish one story a week—it keeps me moving forward but isn't overwhelming. Why not try your hand at a story or two and share them at our December Show and Tell meeting or in an article for a future issue of the newsletter?