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Schedule of Events

We are holding our meetings via Zoom through September

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

This Month

October 9, 2021 - Zoom Meeting - Change of Date due to Early Voting - Lynell Moss will share what is new on FamilySearch.

Future Events:

Reminder - October is the beginning of our fiscal year it is time to pay your dues.

October 15, 2021 - Library Lock-in - See page 2 for details

October 22, 2021 - Zoom Meeting - Annual General Meeting - 3:00 pm.

November 4, 2021—Zoom Meeting—Genealogy Round Table—We are a group of genealogy enthusiasts who get together to share information and help each other on the first Thursday of each month. Zoom invite will be sent out the week before the meeting.

November 20, 2021 - Zoom Meeting - "So You're Irish, Are You Now? Beginning to Trace Your Irish Ancestors" by Mary Roddy.

December 18, 2021 - Format TBD - Show and Tell

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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

Vivid-Pix software is available at a discount and GenFriends earns money with every purchase. Email 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.

There are virtual lectures almost every day listed on Conferencekeeper.org. <https://conferencekeeper.org/>

Plano Library Lock-In - Friday October 15th. Both in person and online options are available. Email genealogy@plano.gov to register for online viewing. Lectures go from 10 am to 7 pm. Staff will be available to assist with research questions in the library.

Grandpa Worked for the Railroad: An Introduction to Railroad Records presented by **Utah Genealogical Association**. 21 October 2021 at 7:00 pm mountain time. <https://ugagenealogy.org/eventListings.php?nm=565>

Family History Federation's **Really Useful Family History Show** - November 12-13. Online event with sessions that focus on Research in Great Britain. <https://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com/>

Florida State Genealogical Society has a free webinar each month. <https://flsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=253>

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society has a free webinar each month <https://wsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=319>

The Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center has free webinars <https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>

The New England Historic Genealogical Society offers free webinars and online classes. Check their schedule at <https://www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes>

Dallas Genealogical Society Fall 2021 Seminar is "Maine to Virginia: Finding Your Colonial Ancestors" October 23, 2021. Speaker is David A. Lambert. <https://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/2021-fall-seminar-2/>

New Hampshire Society of Genealogists 2021 Virtual Fall Conference, On The Road Again, featuring Joshua Taylor will be October 23rd <https://www.nhsog.org/events>

RootsTech will be virtual in 2022 - Save the date - March 3-5th.

NARA Archival Databases

By Barbara Coakley

Access to Archival Databases (AAD) on the National Archives website is a collection of historic databases that are preserved permanently at NARA. The data was selected because the "records identify specific persons, geographic areas, or organizations and dates." It "includes over 247 historic electronic records created by more than 40 agencies of the U.S. federal government and from collections of donated historical materials."

Databases are being added so it is wise to check the **What's New** section periodically. The Numerical Identification Files (NUMIDENT) is a new database. The files are from the Social Security Administration and "contain information extracted from Social Security life or death claims for 25 million deceased individuals." There are also 72 million SS-5 (Social Security Applications) on AAD.

The URL is <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

The **Getting Started Guide** includes search tips and an explanation of AAD.

There are two searches, basic and advanced or you can browse the databases by category. When you find a record pay attention to the **Info** and **FAQs**. They provide information about the database and how to obtain related records or the material that was used to create the database. The SS-5 database includes name, date of birth, place of birth, and parents names from the applications. They are an alternative to a civil birth record when births weren't registered.

The screenshot shows the NARA Access to Archival Databases (AAD) website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Archives.gov Home' and 'Contact Us'. The main heading is 'Access to Archival Databases (AAD)'. Below this, there's a search bar with a 'Search' button and a link to 'Advanced Search'. A 'Getting Started Guide' is highlighted with a yellow box. The 'Browse by Category' section lists various categories: Genealogy/Personal History, Private Sector, Wars/International Relations, and Time Spans. The 'What's New' section features a yellow box around the 'Numerical Identification Files (NUMIDENT)' entry, which includes a small image and a description. Below that, there's a section for 'AAD Highlights' with a yellow box around the 'Irving Berlin' entry, and a 'Most Popular' section with a list of records.

Display Full Records

File Unit: Application (SS-5) Files, 1936 - 2007 (*Last Names S through T*)
in the Series: Numerical Identification Files (NUMIDENT), created 1936 - 2007, documenting the period 1936 - 2007. - Record Group 47 ([info](#))

Brief Scope: This series contains records for every social security number (SSN) assigned to individuals with a verified death or who would have been over 110 years old by December 31, 2007.

These files do not contain records of all Social Security Number applications. The files only contain applications of deceased individuals. You may wish to [View the FAQs](#) for this series.

Texas Quote of the Day

Submitted by Barbara Brogdon

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The Texas Quote of the Day was written in 1875:

"Houston is one of the most promising of Texan towns. It lies fifty miles inland from Galveston, on Buffalo Bayou, and is now the central point of a complicated and comprehensive railway system. It was christened after the resolute, strong-hearted and valiant man whose genius so aided in creating an independent Texas, and it cherishes his memory tenderly. It is the ambitious rival of Galveston, and because nature has endowed its streets with unusual capacity for muddiness, Galveston calls its inhabitants "mud-turtles." A free exchange of satiric compliments between the two infant cities is of frequent occurrence."

----- Edward King, "The Great South: A Record of Journeys," 1875

