



# Genealogy Friends News

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## Upcoming Events

### Saturday Seminars

Genealogy Friends sponsors free seminars the third Saturday of every month from 9:30 to Noon at the Gladys Harrington Library.

**November 19, 2005** —Family Reunions and Newsletters will be the topic of the presentation by Brenda Kellow and Barbara Coakley.

**December 17, 2005** —Join us for our annual Show and Tell.

**January 21, 2006**—Dreanna Belden from University of North Texas will speak to us about their Portal to Texas History Project.

**February 18, 2006**—Jim Nyfeler, a member of the Advisory Council to the New England Historical and Genealogical Society will speak to us about resources available at NEHGS. The FGS Conference is in Boston in September, it would be a great time to visit the NEHGS Library in Boston and the conference in one trip.

**March 18, 2006**—Meg Hacker from the Southwest Regional Branch of the National Archives will speak to us.

**April 3, 2006**—Field Trip to the Southwest Regional Branch of the National Archives. Details to be announced.

**April 15, 2006**—To be announced

**May 20, 2006**—To be announced.

If you have an idea for a topic for a Saturday Seminar or a speaker, please email Barbara Coakley at [bjc1620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjc1620@sbcglobal.net).

### Research Retreats

#### 2006—Salt Lake City

The Fourth Annual Research Retreat to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City will be January 29th through February 5th. The fee is \$80 for members and \$100 for non-members (includes membership). Registration deadline is January 15th. The fee includes an Orientation to the Family History Library by library staff, a lecture on U.S. Court Records by a professional genealogist, individual and group consultations with experienced genealogists, and an opportunity to use the resources of the largest genealogy library in the world.

Further information and registration forms are available on our website at [www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/).

#### 2007-Washington DC

Genealogy Friends will be sponsoring a trip to Washington DC in October 2007. You will have an opportunity to research at the National Archives, Library of Congress and the Daughters of the American Revolution Library. Orientation sessions will be held at each institution. If you are interested please contact Barbara Coakley at [bjc1620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjc1620@sbcglobal.net). More information will be available at a later date.

## Library Lock In—October 28th

### Using Computers for Genealogy

Friday, October 28, 2005 from 6:00 to 11:00 P.M.

Gladys Harrington Library, 1501 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Plano



#### Topics offered for all levels of experience:

- Legacy 6.0, Part 1 and Part 2 – Learn about the features that were added to the recently released version of this robust genealogy software.
- Gen Smarts – Wondering where to look for Uncle George? Gen Smarts looks at your data and then produces a list of possible sources and where to find them.
- Using Front Page for Genealogy – A Web Page is a great way to share and preserve your research. Learn how to use Front Page to do this.
- Computer Update – Firewalls, Spyware, etc. – Learn from a computer security professional some simple steps to help keep your computer safe from worms, trojans, viruses, spyware, malware and hackers.
- Publishing Your Genealogy Research – Information on how to publish your family history or genealogy findings; solutions available for limited number book publishings as well as alternatives to physical books (ebooks, web-sites, newsletters...), and pricing for various solutions.
- Organizing Your Files on Your Computer – You know you have it somewhere but can't find it! Learn some methods and software that can help keep the digital clutter under control.
- Private Consultations by appointment between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m.
- Internet Computers – Library Card and authorization required\*
- Open Research – Use the vast resources available at the Harrington Library to research your family.

#### Details:

Check-in at 5:30 P.M. The library closes to the public at 6:00.

Registration is a \$10.00 donation. Option: Pizza, cookie & beverage available for \$4.00. Additional beverages are \$.50 each.

Make checks payable to GenFriends. Pay at the door. Sorry, no credit or debit cards.

Forms are available at the library and/or print from the Gen/Friends website, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/lockins.htm>. For further information contact: GenFriends at [genfriends@comcast.net](mailto:genfriends@comcast.net)

*NOTE: To use the Internet computers, you must have a library card and be authorized by the library prior to 5:30 P.M. on the evening of the lock-in.*

## Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts

Be one of the best-dressed genealogists in town. Order your Gen Friends logo t-shirt or sweatshirt now. The shirts have a 3" logo printed on the left chest. Shirts are available in white, natural, or ash gray with a dark green logo.

T-shirts are \$12.00 for toddler through XL and \$14.00 for XXL and XXXL

Sweatshirts are \$17.00 for toddler through XL and \$19.00 for XXL and XXXL

## Upcoming Lock Ins

Mark your calendar for the lock in dates in 2006:

### Feb 10, 2006—Breaking Down Brick Walls

Classes will include: Analyzing Your Research, Using Indirect Evidence to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was, Getting More Out of Census Records, Finding Ancestors Before 1850

### July 7, 2006 —Little Used Sources

Classes will include: Institution and Coroners Records, Using Newspapers for More Than Obituaries, Hiring a Professional Researcher, Using Genealogy Journals Even if they Don't Mention Your Ancestor.

### October 27, 2006—Using Computers In Genealogy

Classes to be announced at a later date.

Details: Check-in at 5:30 P.M. The library closes to the public at 6:00. Registration is a \$10.00 donation. Option: Pizza, cookie & beverage available for \$4.00. Additional beverages are \$.50 each.

## Dues are Due

Our fiscal year begins in October; it is time to renew your dues now. Regular dues are Single: \$30. Family: \$50. Friend: \$100; Gold: \$500; Platinum: \$1000. We currently have over 70 members.

Please consider **matching funds** if your corporation is a participant. We are a nonprofit organization certified under Section 501 [c] [3] of the Internal Revenue Code.

## Publications For Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

NEW 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
Military Investigations: Red, White & Blue	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10

## Tracing Our Roots Column

The "Tracing Our Roots" column by Brenda Kellow appears in Plano Star Courier, Star Community Newspapers and DFW Community News weekly.

The column and an archives of past columns are also available at <http://www.geocities.com/TracingOurRoots>.

## Book Exchange

Genealogy Friends would like to exchange Collin County books with books from other societies.

If you have an area or society you would like us to try and exchange with, please contact Joy Gough at [jfar-go@comcast.net](mailto:jfar-go@comcast.net).

### Collin County Historic Photographs Web Site

Members of GenFriends are contributing photographs of Collin County to the newest Gen Friends web site *Collin County, Texas Past Finders Photo Collection*.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcolli3>. The web site now contains over 3,400 photographs. Categories include Cemeteries,

Churches, Schools, People, Places, and Tombstones. If you would like to contribute photos of Collin County subjects, contact Joy at [jfarrago@comcast.net](mailto:jfarrago@comcast.net).

### History & Genealogy Web Site

Members of Genealogy Friends are contributing to a new web site—History and Genealogy for the Active Researcher located at <http://www.geocities.com/genfriendsghl>.

The goal is to expand the knowledge of those researching in Collin County and North Texas.

Check out the timeline—a daily calendar of events in Collin County through the years.

### Education Opportunities

#### 2005

**October 21-22**, The Texas State Genealogical Society's annual conference will be held in Lubbock, TX. Details are not yet available.

**October 22**, The Houston Genealogical Forum and the Clayton Library Friends announce "Scotch-Irish Research: featuring Fin-tan Mullan and William Roulston. More information can be found at <http://www.hgftx.org>

**October 29**, The San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society will hold its Annual Fall Seminar featuring Patricia Hatcher. More information at their web site <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsaghs2>

#### 2006

**March 10-11**, The Ninth Annual Computerized Genealogy Conference in Provo, Utah will feature Cyndi Howells of Cyndi's List.

**April 8-15**, Sharon DeBartolo Carmack and James Warren will lead The Family History Writers Retreat in County Limerick, Ireland. See the web site for more information <http://www.enchantingireland.com/Groups/040806.asp>

**June 7-10**, The National Genealogical Society and a number of Chicagoland Genealogy Societies will host the Conference in the States in Rosemont, Illinois at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. More information available at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/2006Chicago.cfm>

**August 30 through September 2**, The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the New England Historic Genealogical Society present Birthplace of American Genealogy in Boston, Massachusetts. Information is available on the FGS Web site <http://www.fgs.org/2006conf/FGS-2006.htm>

**Collin County Bits—Immigration to the Trinity and Red River Colony, Texas****By Joy Gough**

This is the text of the actual flyer used to advertise the Peters Colony. Spin doctors existed 150 years ago.

**EMIGRATION TO THE TRINITY AND RED RIVER COLONY, TEXAS**

The parties to the contract made with the Government of the Republic of Texas, under the special acts and authority of the Congress, passed the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, 1841, and January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1843, with Peters and others, for the purpose of colonizing the vacant and unappropriated lands of the Republic, having formed themselves into an association called 'The Texas Emigration and Land Company,' appointed the undersigned as Trustees, and invested them with full power and authority to carry out and fulfil the objects and purposes of the parties thereto:— We would therefore give notice to those who may wish to avail themselves of the liberal terms offered by this Company, to settlers in their colony, that we shall give to emigrants who shall go to the grand and settle thereon, on or before the first of July 1847, the following amount of lands, to wit: to each family 320 acres, and to each single man over seventeen years of age 160 acres of land, to be selected by themselves from our surveyed and unlocated lands, upon the following conditions, viz: before going thereon, each family shall remit to us \$20; and each single man \$10, to pay us for the cost of the surveys of the lands upon which they shall settle, upon the receipt of which, we shall issue to all thus remitting to us, a certificate, which when presented to our agent in the grant will entitle the parties holding the same to their lands, or if the above amount is promptly paid to our agent on arriving at the Colony: provided they comply with the contract, which requires each family or single man to build a cabin, fence in and cultivate 15 acres of land for three years, and be citizens of Texas for that period, when this Company or the Government of Texas will convey a clear and undisputed title, upon the simple payment of the cost of the deed and record thereof. To all those who may go on to our grant and settle according to our contract, but do not remit us the money for the surveys before emigrating, we will give to each such family 240 acres, and to each single man, over 17 years of age, 120 acres of land; the families executing their notes to our resident agent for \$15, and the single man for \$7.50, for the cost of the surveys, payable 12 months after the date, with interest to maturity of note—the certificate in such case will be issued by our agent.

By a family is to be understood, a man and his wife, with or without children, a widow or widower, with two or more children under the age of seventeen years; or if all girls they may be over the age of seventeen years, also two men over the age of seventeen years— males over seventeen years of age shall each be entitled to 160 acres of land, if the surveys be paid here before emigrating, or 120 acres if paid by note after settling on the grant, besides the 320 acres given to the family of which they are members.

For the information of those not acquainted with the very great advantages of settling in this beautiful country we would respectfully represent, that our colony is now becoming rapidly settled by an intelligent, industrious, and desirable population, and we are advised that such large numbers are now preparing to go there, that there can be no doubt but it will become in a very short time, the most populous and valuable part of Texas.

Our grant lies between the 32<sup>nd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> degrees of north latitude, and between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> degrees of longitude west from Washington, in the rich counties of Fannin, Nacogdoches, Robertson, and Milam, beginning at a point on the south side of Red River, 12 miles east of the mouth of the False Ouchita river, running thence due south 100 miles, then west 164 miles, thence north 100 miles to Red River, thence east down the meanderings of Red River 164 miles to the beginning.

We have now in our possession letters from gentlemen of the highest standing and intelligence, and from the colonists themselves, declaring that this country contains, for its territory, the largest body of the richest and most fertile lands of any in North America; and that no country is more abundantly watered by rivers, creeks, rivulets, and springs of the purest and most wholesome water.

The lands generally have a gently undulating surface, and are so well proportioned with woodland and prairie, that nearly every settler may have woodland enough for all the purposes of fuel, fencing, and agriculture, and rich prairie enough to relieve him of the tedious, expensive, and laborious work of clearing a plantation, it requiring only to be fenced in, to be ready for cultivation.

The rich river bottoms and splendid prairies cannot be surpassed by any lands on this continent for richness, and the luxuriant production of all the great staple articles grown in this country, with as little labor to the cultivator.

This country is peculiarly adapted to the growth of tobacco and cotton, as there are no early frosts to destroy the crops. Indian corn, rye, barley, oats, peas, beans, melons, figs, sweet and Irish potatoes, hemp, fruits and grapes of the very finest kind, are produced in great abundance. It is not surpassed by any part of the world for its abundant produce of the finest wheat, and

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grasses of various kinds; the prairies abound in an ample range of wild nutritious pasturage, affording the greatest facility for rearing cattle at the very cheapest rates. Horses, cattle, sheep and hogs all thrive there with the usual care and attention.

The timber is composed principally of red, white, post, and Spanish oak, cotton wood, elm, ash, and black walnut.

The climate, is mild and beautiful, and for health and pleasure, is not surpassed by any in the world, and in this respect may be termed the Italy of America—the thermometer ranging from 30 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit during the year, the winters are mild and the summer months are relieved of their heat by a constant breeze which plays over the country.

The planting season begins in February and March, and continues until July, but as the early crops are more certain and productive, those tending to go on there would do best to do so during the next Fall, Winter, that they may locate and be prepared to put in an early crop. We would advise every one to take with them all such needed articles, which can be done without too much inconvenience or trouble and every male over 17 years of age should take with him a rifle or gun, with plenty of ammunition, by which he will be enabled to hunt an abundance of wild game, for the mere trouble of shooting it and cost of ammunition, as the country abounds in buffalo, deer, wild turkey, prairie hens, quails, and grey squirrels.

The Trinity river empties into Galveston Bay at Galveston, and the Red River into the Mississippi river above New Orleans, and are navigable to our grant, which will afford a cheap conveyance to the markets of the country.

Emigrants going to our grant, from the States of Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, and the northern parts of Illinois and Indiana, should go through Missouri or Arkansas to Van Buren, Fort Smith, Fort Towson, Coffee's Station, or Pine Bluffs on Red River, and thence to the settlements. The land route through Missouri and Arkansas, is more expeditious, certain, and cheaper than the water route, unless Red River known to be high. Those wishing to go by water, should, if Red River is known to be up, go on to New Orleans and there take a Red River boat to Fort Towson, or Pine Bluffs. It is often the case that Red River is in a moderate stage, and that boats can easily go to Shreveport, Port Caddo or Jefferson, and not higher; persons should therefore be prepared to go on from Shreveport, Port Caddo or Jefferson, by land to our grant. Mr. George M. Nichols, a Merchant of Shreveport, will give Emigrants all necessary information as to the cheapest and best route to our Grant from that place at the time of arrival there.

We have heard from respectable sources, that many emigrants have returned who have gone up to Shreveport and other points on Red River being discouraged by the circulation there of reports prejudicial to the interests of this company and our grant; alleging that we cannot give land, and that if we could do so that they are miserable poor; to those who have such tales told them we would say, go on and see yourselves. The country for some distance between Shreveport and grant is not desirable, but as you approach our settlements of the country totally changed as it regards the soil, woodland, water, and indeed is different in all respects.

Heads of families or single men may go on and send an agent to country to select and locate their lands, build the cabins, and make fences before removing, provided they are on the grant as citizens of Texas on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 1847, to be reported to the government as emigrants and colonists under the contract.

When 20 families or more shall go on and settle, and \_\_\_ their lands surveyed within themselves, we shall allow them to do so provided they are correctly done under the supervision of our agent and our chief surveyor.

We have now at Dallas and the Forks of The Trinity an \_\_\_ resident agent, Mr. Henry O Hedgecoxe, who will at all times be prepared to receive and locate to their satisfaction all who may go on to settle.

From the vast amount of Lands to be surveyed we shall require a number of surveyors. We would therefore invite competent surveyors to go and given them constant employment for two years to come.

All communications, post paid, addressed to the undersigned, trustees, at Louisville, Ky., or to either of them, on business of the company, shall meet with prompt attention.

WILLIS STEWART,

JOHN J. SMITH

WM. C. PETERS

Trustees of the Texas Emigration Land Company

Louisville, August 1846.

## New Additions to the Genealogy Collection, Gladys Harrington Library

The following books, CD's and microfilm are now available in the library:

- Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies in America, 1607-1775 GEN 929.37 BOC
- Irish found in South Carolina 1850 Census GEN 929.3757 MOT
- Migration to South Carolina, 1850 Census from England, Scotland, Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Russia, Denmark, Sweden, & Switzerland GEN 929.3757 MOT
- Records of the Regiments of the South Carolina Line in the Revolutionary War GEN 929.3757 SAL
- Mason County, West Virginia Marriages, 1806-1915 GEN 929.375433 HES
- Catholic Trails West: The Founding Catholic Families of Pennsylvania, Vol. 1: St. Joseph's Church, Philadelphia (1733) GEN 929.374811 ADA
- Rhode Island Passenger Lists: Port of Providence 1798-1808; 1820-1872: Port of Bristol and Warren 1820-1871 GEN 929.3745 TAY
- The Huguenot: Publication No. 39 GEN 284.5 HUG 1999-2001
- The Book of Smith GEN 929.4 SMI
- Our Stimson Clan and Kin GEN 929.2 STI
- Emigrants from Saxony (Grandduchy of Sachsen-Weimar-Eisenach) to America, 1854, 1859 GEN 325.2430973 SMI
- Reconstructed Passenger Lists for 1850: Hamburg to Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, and the United States, Parts 1-4 GEN 325.2430973 SMI
- Emigrants from the West-German Fuerstenberg Territories (Baden and the Palatinate) to America and Central Europe 1712, 1737, 1787 GEN 325.2430973 SMI
- Emigrants from the Principality of Hessen-Hanau, Germany, 1741-1767 GEN 325.2430973 SMI
- Guide to Finding your Ellis Island Ancestors GEN 929.107207471 CAR
- The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies: Selections from the Museum Collections GEN 325.73074 BAL
- A Guide to Manuscript and Microfilm Collections of the Research Library of The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies GEN 016.305800973 BAL
- Finding your Scandinavian ancestors GEN 929.1072048 CHR
- Finding your Ukrainian ancestors GEN 929.10720477 GEA
- Researching American religious records GEN 929.1072073 BET
- Researching American land records GEN 929.1072073 BET
- Finding your Jewish Ancestors, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. GEN 929.1089924 WEL
- The Hereditary Register of the United States of America GEN 369.1 HER
- A Diamond Jubilee: History of Tillman County, 1901-1976, Vol. 1 GEN 976.646 TIL
- City of Plano, Texas Directory, 1948 GEN 917.64556 CIT (copy)

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- Arkansas: An Illustrated History of the Land of Opportunity GEN 976.7 WIL
- The Surnames of Wales for Family Historians and Others GEN 929.42 ROW
- Wylie Telephone Directory GEN 384.625 WYL 2004
- The Roosevelt Women GEN 973.90922 CAR
- Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Vol. I: Marriages from 1639 to 1801 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York GEN 929.37471 PUR
- Genealogy of Early Settlers in Trenton and Ewing "Old Hunterdon County", New Jersey  
GEN 929.37496 COO
- Surry County, Virginia Deeds, 1684-1733 GEN 929.3755562 HOP
- Marriages, Dallas County, Texas, Books A-E (1846-1877), Vol. I; Books F, G, H, Vol. II  
GEN 929.3764281 LU
- 1850 U.S. Census, Dallas County, Texas GEN 929.37642811 EIG
- 1850 U.S. Census, Denton County, Texas GEN 929.3764555 EIG
- 1850 U.S. Census, Kaufman County, Texas GEN 929.3764277 EIG
- The Index for Some Central Texas Obituaries, Births begin with 1846, Deaths From 1906-1994  
GEN 929.3764288 MAR
- Old Virginia Houses: The Northern Peninsulas, Vol. 04 GEN 728 FAR
- Printed Sources for Oklahoma Genealogical and Historical Research RREF GEN 016.9293766 FOL
- Madisonville Cemetery, Monroe County, TN GEN 929.509768883 MAD
- Harris County, Georgia, 1830-1840 U.S. Census GEN 929.3758466 EIG
- 1840 U.S. Census, Panola County, Mississippi GEN 929.376284 EIG
- 1840 U.S. Census, Tishomingo Co., Mississippi GEN 929.3762995 EIG
- 1840 U.S. Census, Tippah County, Mississippi GEN 929.3762923 EIG

Thanks to Lynn Day for compiling this list of new books.