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Saturday Seminars

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2011. Meetings are held in the Program Room at the Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd., Plano, TX from 10:15 to 12:30:

Today's Topic:

September 17, 2011—Stacy Kemp, the Collin County Clerk will speak to us about records at the County Courthouse.

Future Topics:

October 15, 2011—"Y DNA Testing" by Don Raney

October 20, 2011—Dining Out at Outback Steakhouse

November 19-2011—**All Day Seminar**—Kelvin Meyers will be our speaker. See the back page for more details

December 17, 2011—Show and Tell—bring your genealogy treasures and share with the group.

If you have suggestions for programs please submit them to Barbara Coakley at bjc1620@sbcglobal.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
Military Investigations: Red, White & Blue	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10
Compiled Newsletters with Index	\$15

GenFriends Blog

A blog is a combination of the terms web and log. They are meant to be interactive. GenFriends has a blog, <http://genfriends.blogspot.com/>. Check it out, post comments and follow it to keep up with what's going on in the society.

Genfriends Membership Special

Hunting for a bargain? Normally individual memberships are \$30 a year (October 1—September 30), we're running a special—join now for \$45 and you get a two year membership that expires September 30, 2012. The money we raise is used to purchase materials for the Genealogy Section at Haggard Library. Family memberships are also available. Download the membership form on our website <http://www.collin.edu/ce/> send it in with payment to

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Tracing Our Roots Column

Brenda Kellow writes a weekly genealogy column, you can read it online at

<http://tracingourroots.weebly.com/>

RootsTech 2012

RootsTech 2012 will be held in Salt Lake City February 2-4, 2012

<http://rootstech.familysearch.org/>

Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts

You can be one of the best dressed genealogists in town!

We have logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, Henley's and polo style shirts available.

The shirts have a 3" dark green logo printed on the left chest. All shirts are available in toddler through XXXL.

T-shirts \$15

Long Sleeved T Shirts \$18

Sweatshirts \$20 (white, neutral, ash, light blue, pink, yellow and sand)

Henley's \$20 (white, ash or natural)

Polo Shirts \$20 (white, ask or light blue)



Websites & Genealogy News

Random Acts of Genealogy Kindness

This website is volunteers who do free genealogy research tasks—need a copy of a tombstone or a copy of a record at that distant courthouse? All you pay for are expenses for fulfilling the request. Why not donate some of your time? Volunteers are what keeps this site running.

<http://www.raogk.org/>

War of 1812 Pensions

The Federation of Genealogy Societies has partnered with the National Archives and Fold3 (formerly Footnote) to make the War of 1812 pension files available online. The images are available for free on Fold3. The goal is to digitize 7.2 million images in 180,000 files. A donation of \$25 will digitize 50 images. The first images are now available on Fold3, there are 71,668 images online today which is less than 1% of the files.

The first pensions were granted based on disability or death of the soldier. Later they were based on service. Pension files can contain the veteran's name, age, place of residence, widow's name, proof of marriage, service dates and unit, widow's maiden name, death dates for soldier and widow, bounty land acres granted, and more.

http://www.fold3.com/title_761/war_of_1812_pension_files/

Library of Congress Webcasts

The Library of Congress has a collection of webcasts available on their website. In the Biography, History collection there are 691 webcasts ranging from films about the Pennsylvania Dutch, Immigrants on the Mississippi, Early Cartography of Panama, Tories, and much more.

<http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/index.php>

Atlantic Slave Database Network

This is a project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Keep an eye on this one, they are building a database of information on the identities of enslaved people in the Atlantic World. The website doesn't contain information about timing of when the database will be available.

<http://slavebiographies.org/project/>

1927 Pennsylvania Triennial Agricultural Census

The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission has images of the extant 1927 agricultural census taken in Pennsylvania on their website

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/census_manuscripts/2959

BYUTV

BYU tv has episodes of their shows about genealogy on their website that you can view. Shows include The Generations Project and Ancestors.

<http://byutv.org/>

American Civil War Newspapers

The Virginia Center for Civil War Studies is a database of images of newspapers from the Civil War era. It is a great resource for information about the Civil War.

<https://dcr.emd.vt.edu/vital/access/manager/Index>

1936 Texas Centennial Exposition

By Joy Gough

In 1936 Texas held a state-wide, year-long celebration for its one-hundred years of freedom from Mexico. Almost every community in the state had some sort of event honoring the state but the main event was the \$25,000,000 Texas Centennial Exposition held at Dallas from June through November.

The Exposition was held on the grounds of the Texas State Fair near downtown Dallas. The art-deco buildings constructed for the Centennial are still in use today at Fair Park.

In anticipation of the many visitors coming to the state for the Exposition, Texas did several things. The roads leading to Dallas were improved, including present-day SH 5. It was SH 75 in those days. Instead of zigzagging along property lines like the old road, the new road was straight and went through the center of all of the towns along its path.

The state awarded historical markers to each of the Texas' counties. The marker for Collin County is mounted on a large granite rock and is located on the grounds of the old Collin County courthouse square in downtown McKinney.

The state also honored some of its historic settlers with historical markers. The Centennial historical marker for Collin McKinney is located in Finch Park in McKinney.



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The other Centennial marker in Collin County is for Dr. William Throckmorton, who came to the area in 1841 before statehood. Throckmorton County is named for him. One of his sons became governor of Texas. This marker is located by Throckmorton's grave in the Throckmorton Cemetery, which is located on private property west of Anna.

Collin County celebrated the Centennial by putting on display the house of its most famous early settler. The abandoned Collin McKinney cabin was acquired and moved to McKinney.

The cabin was still standing at its original location north of Anna. It was built in 1846 with slave labor. It was large for cabin with one large room and a couple of small rooms. The loft was used for sleeping quarters. McKinney had ten children. A guest room was on the front of the house. Travelers could spend the night in the room but did not have access to the rest of the house.

Preparations to move the cabin took several days, but the fifteen mile move to McKinney was completed in one day. The house was placed near the intersection of SH 5 (Tennessee Street in 1936) and present-day US 380.

Over 10,000 people signed the guest registry at the cabin. There were visitors from all over the world.

After the Centennial Celebration the cabin was moved to Finch Park in McKinney. It was used for educational purposes to teach students about pioneer life. The cabin burned in 1980.





Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries Presents:
***“Sources & Techniques to
Jump Start Your Research”***

Speaker: Kelvin L. Meyers

When: Saturday, November 19, 2011

Where: Plano Bible Chapel
1900 Shiloh, Plano, TX

Topics: Tax Records or Why Did Scarlett Make a Dress of Her
Mother’s Drapes?

Who Cares Who Their Neighbors Were? You Do!
That’s Who!

Where Do I Go After 1930 Census?

Plowing Through Land Records to Find Your Ancestor

Details: 9:30 to 4:00

Before 11/1/11 \$35 Members \$38 Non Members

After 11/1/11 \$40 Members \$45 Non Members

Bring a Brown Bag Lunch