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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:

**September 19, 2015**—All Day Seminar, “A Genealogist’s Road Map” speaker is Tresa Tatyrek

### Future Topics

**October 8, 2015**—Annual Meeting at Outback Steakhouse, Plano at 7 pm.

**October 17, 2015**—Great Family Search conference at the Plano Family History Center.

**October 24, 2015**—”Writing Your Family History” speakers are Jerry Lincecum and Peggy Redshaw.

**November 21, 2015**—”Google –Everything New the you need to know for Genealogy” by Lisa Louise Cook

**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)

If you have an idea about a program or a speaker, email Charlie Law at [programs@genealogyfriends.org](mailto:programs@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
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10
Compiled Newsletters with Index	\$15

## Genfriends Membership

It's time to renew your 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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## Great Family Search Conference



Sponsored by McKinney, Plano and Richardson Family History Centers  
2700 Roundrock Trail, Plano, Texas

October 17, 2015, 9:00 am, Registration Packet Pick-up, 8:30 am

Plenary Sessions Presenter, Brian Edwards, Head of Project Management for the FamilySearch Website

Plenary Session I—What's New at FamilySearch

Plenary Session II—More Successful Searches at FamilySearch Sessions

Getting to Know Our Families Through Photos and Stories; Making Family History Personal – How to Use the Personalization Features on FamilySearch; There's an App for That – Mobile, Web Based, and Software Based Apps Make Family History More Fun and Productive; Family History: I'm New at This; Identifying the Leaves on Your Family Tree; Sharing Your Leaf Collection; Finding Family in US Land Records; Understanding US Probate Records; What's Hiding in Your Courthouse?; Involving Youth in Family History Through Stories; Military Records: Building Blocks in our Family Stories; Guide to Cemetery Research; FamilySearch Indexing: What It Is and How to Get Started; RootsTech Videos: Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com; You've Mastered the Census and Basic Research, What's Next: Getting Started in Genetic Genealogy; Spanish Sessions: Preguntas Frecuentes del Árbol Familiar; ¿Cómo Encontrar Tesoros Ocultos en Family Search?; El Folleto "Mi Familia: Historias que nos Unen"

No charge to attend, Pre-registration is requested For more information: <http://www.greatfamilysearch.com> [greatfamilysearch@gmail.com](mailto:greatfamilysearch@gmail.com)

## Flashback—Tracing Our Collin County Roots

By Brenda Kellow

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*Tracing Our Roots* weekly genealogy column [http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog\\_7/](http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/)

Friday, five Explorer Scouts left Plano for Explorer Camp at Philmont, New Mexico, for a fun two weeks of rugged hiking. Those going were Gene Lynge, Larry Davis, Perry Bolin, Jack O. Harrington, and Bill Yandry.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vavra, Jr. of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bagwill Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. T. (Mollie McCoy) Clark, 84, passed away at Saturday at her home in Addison. The funeral was held at the Methodist Church in Addison. Interment was at the Frankford Cemetery. Mrs. Clark was born in White County, Tennessee, but lived in Texas for many years.

Miss Mertie Melissa Smith, 62, of Allen passed away at City-County Hospital in McKinney. She was born on February 18, 1894. She is the daughter of Pleas and Sallie Jackson Smith. Funeral services were at the Allen Methodist Church with burial in Forest Grove Cemetery.

The Plano Masons expect to organize a Plano Chapter of DeMolay soon. Any young man between the ages of 14-21 who is of good character and who is recommended by a Master Mason or DeMolay is eligible for membership. Blood relationship to a Mason is not necessary.

The Rotary Club was recently entertained by Mrs. Armenta Griggs, pianist, and Mrs. Velma Johnson, vocalist.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vavra are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw and family in San Antonio.

July 4<sup>th</sup> visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Bagwill were her mother, Mrs. Addie Burrow and brother, Howard R. Burrow of McKinney.

Mrs. Clyde Cook and son Rusty just returned from Hugo, Oklahoma, where they visited her mother Mrs. M. L. Baudrick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Colbert Gentle of Richardson celebrated fifty years of marriage on Sunday. They were married July 15, 1906 in Grayson County. Mr. Gentle was a farmer. The couple spent most of their lives living near Frisco before moving to Richardson.

The Woodall family held a successful family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Reed of Plano.

Funeral services were held for attorney James H. Beal, Jr. of Sweetwater. His wife is the former Miss Minnie Mae Aldridge of Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Coker, Jr. of Plano announced the arrival of a baby son born July 4. Little Leon Jackson Coker, III, is the son of former Miss Patsy Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Reed just returned from vacation. Mrs. Reed works at Allen's Drug Store and Mr. Reed is a mechanic at Dugger Motors.

Mr. Bagwill was present at the kick-off luncheon was given for the press and television at Hensley Field on Tuesday. Hensley Field officials and Bell-Aircraft Co. helicopter provided transportation.

The Plano Wildcats defeated the Dallas Firemen 7-6 on Sunday afternoon according to manager "Pappy" Raines. Tom Shields hurled the ten innings. Dallas Firemen got four hits, Wildcats got seven. The event was sponsored by Nathan White Department Stores.

Reservists at Fort Hood from Plano were Art Stranze, Rev. Daniel M. Cummings, Randal Nicholson, and L. A. Davis.

The father of Mrs. A. J. Fineout died Wednesday at her residence in Plano. Bennie Gibson Sims was 70 years old. Burial at Nacogdoches followed the funeral at the First Baptist Church.

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p. 4 Judge H. L. Davis passed away at his home in McKinney. Funeral services were held at the McKinney First Christian Church. Surviving him are his son Postmaster Don Davis and daughter Miss Carrie Jean Davis. His wife and son Lyman preceded him in death several years ago.

Graveside services were held for day old Nickey Lane at Forest Grove Cemetery on Saturday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lane. Besides his parents, he is survived by brothers Larry and Jerry Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hofman recently moved to Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Hofman is with the Southern Pacific Railroad, where he is the Assistant to the President of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way.

Mr. Alvin Mitchell thanks all his customers of the Mitchell Used Furniture Store.

Mrs. H. D. Faries thanks everyone during her illness.

Smiling Sheriff Otho Nicholas met Plano voters on Tuesday.

Mrs. R. S. Craig returned from a visit to her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs.

J. J. Coker of Little Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wetsel returned from a visit to her brother Rufus Angel and family.

Mrs. A. L. Cooper thanks everyone for their kindness during her illness.

p. 5 Tempco Aircraft Corporation built their first Navy fighter, the model 51 two place jet powered aircraft trainer.

Champ Clark celebrated his fifty years in the banking business. He is the son of Ida Cole Clark. He came to Frisco as a young child. He married Miss Mary Minor Wells. He is currently with the First National Bank in Fort Worth.

C. W. Reddell passed away at City-County Hospital in McKinney last Tuesday. He is retired from the Texas Electric Railway and Housing Authority. He was born in Arkansas on August 26, 1891 to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Reddell. Burial was a Pecan Grove Cemetery.

Potsey Forman and wife of Brownsville visited in Plano last week. He is retired from the U. S. Engineering Corps. Mrs. Forman is the sister of Charles Painter.

Planoites attending the Firemen School are Charlie Painter, Fire Chief Claudie Nelson and Lee Mayfield in College Station.

p. 6 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Mosher Jr. will make their home in Denton after their marriage at the Camey Baptist Church on June 23. The bride, the former Miss Mary Nadine Perry, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Perry of Lewisville. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mosher are parents of the groom.

Miss Gaynelle Stark is the bride of Bobby Carrol Cox. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Stark Jr. of Frisco.

p. 7 Miss Will Ann Farr of Texarkana was the house guest of Miss Jan Bailey. The girls had been best friends until Mr. Bailey moved to Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sherrill and daughter Linda Kay are vacationing in the Smokey Mountains and the lower southern states.

p. 8 Mrs. Major Neely was taken to St. Paul hospital with an illness this week. Wishing her a speedy recovery.

Robert Lee Wells of Route 1, Frisco, was rushed to the Veteran's Hospital in McKinney after a tractor accident.

Funeral services for Joe Rutherford, 78, a farmer from McKinney were held last Thursday at the Presbyterian Church. He was born in Tennessee on February 19, 1878 to Mr. and Mrs. Will Rutherford. He had lived in Collin County 71 or his 78 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forman are home from a visit to Montana where they visited their daughter Mrs. Roy Vineyard. They were guests of the son Frank Foreman.

Mr. T. V. Wheeler, nurseryman, warns residents to be aware of asps lurking on leaves and tree branches. They are three-cornered and either light tan or gray. Any part that touches your skin will sting.

Otho Nicholas of McKinney is running for sheriff. He was visiting in Plano this past week.



Judge HL Davis

## Donations To The Library

The following were donated to the Genealogy section in the library on May 16th:

- Raney Family History by Don Raney

Guilford County Genealogy Society, Grenesboro, NC

- Abstract of Marriage Bonds II
- Apprentice Bounds & Papers
- Guilford Co. Cemeteries Vol 1—Western
- Guilford Co. Cemeteries Vol II—Eastern
- Guilford Co. Court Minutes 1781-1788

Old Pendleton District Chapter South Carolina Genealogy Society

- Oconee County SC, Cemetery Survey, Vol 1
- Pickens County SC, Cemetery Survey, Vol 1
- Pickens County SC, Cemetery Survey, Vol 2
- Pickens County SC Hillcrest Cemetery
- Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery Survey
- Supplement to Pickens County Cemetery Surveys

## Genealogy News

**Tulsa Genealogical Library has new digs.** Last month Tulsa Genealogical Society president Dorothy Becknell announced that their Research Library moved to the North Eastern State University at Broken Arrow (NSUBA) Campus in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. The Genealogical Society general meetings and events will continue to use the facility at 31st and Mingo, Briar Village Shopping Center, 3100 S New Orleans, (Just off Creek Turnpike). Their website is <http://www.tulsagenealogy.org/president.html>.

The **Arizona State Library has partnered with FamilySearch** to scan 5,000 genealogy books and make them available through FamilySearch.org. The project is expected to take about six months to complete.

**The Texas State Genealogy Society annual Family History Conference** will be held in Austin, TX October 30-November 1, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza. Conferences are a great opportunity to learn new research techniques, learn about new sources, and network with other genealogists. More information on their website, <http://www.txsgs.org/conference/>

The founder of **MyHeritage.com** gave a keynote address at a recent conference that explains the technology behind their website. You can watch to learn more about MyHeritage.com. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrVrx5zy4eU>

The **National Library of Ireland has made catholic parish records available online** at their website <http://registers.nli.ie/> This source is helping me break down the brick wall on one of my Irish lines. I've located the marriage and baptism records for my family. If you know the area where your family lived, you can browse the parish records in the convenience of your own home.

## Genealogy Classes at Collin College

This fall there will be two genealogy classes offered at Collin College at the Courtyard Campus, 4800 Preston Park Blvd, Plano, TX 75093. The instructor is Barbara Coakley.

### Using Microsoft OneNote for Genealogy

Sept 26 and Oct 3 from 8:30-12:30

OneNote, a free digital notebook for multiple platforms, is a great compliment to your genealogy program. This is a hands on class. Bring your laptop with OneNote installed on it or use a school computer and bring your own usb drive with genealogy information, notes, pictures, etc on it and create a notebook to keep your family history re-search plans and notes organized.

### Genealogy Getting Started

Six Wednesdays—October 7 through November 11th from 6:30 to 9:00

The Getting Started Course will acquaint students with the methodology for conducting successful family history research, including preliminary information gathering, organizing and planning your research, introduction to original and published records located in libraries and archives and on the Internet, and evaluating and documenting re-search findings. Course is designed for the beginner; and those more advanced researchers wanting to update and refresh their skills

Register for both classes on the continuing education of the Collin College website <https://www.collin.edu/ce/> If you have questions about the classes, contact Barbara at [bcoakley1620@gmail.com](mailto:bcoakley1620@gmail.com).

## Genealogy Tools

**7 Free Google Search Engine Features Every Genealogist Should Use** by Lisa Louise Cook  
<http://lisalouisecooke.com/7-free-google-search-features-every-genealogist-should-use-google-for-genealogy/>

**Virginia Pioneers** website includes images of wills, estates, and marriages  
<http://virginiapioneers.net/counties/countiesidx.html>

Learn about old photos from the expert—Maureen Taylor, **The Photo Detective** <http://photodetective.blogspot.com/>

**101 Best Websites for Genealogy in 2015** by Family Tree Magazine.  
[http://familytreemagazine.com/article/101-best-websites-2015?et\\_mid=770067&rid=238838611](http://familytreemagazine.com/article/101-best-websites-2015?et_mid=770067&rid=238838611)

The **Family Search Wiki** should be one of your first stops when researching in a new location, a new record group or looking for something to jump start stalled research. [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page)

**Making of America** focuses on the antebellum period through reconstruction  
<http://ebooks.library.cornell.edu/m/moa/>