



# 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.

**October 16, 2004** - Leo Baca will be returning to discuss DNA Research

**November 20, 2004** - Learn to publish your genealogy finds on the Internet using Front Page - John Darrouzet

**December 18, 2004** - Annual Show and Tell—Show off your findings

**April 16, 2005** -All day seminar. Gerry Haggard will do a presentation on writing.

**September 17, 2005** - All day seminar. Topic to be announced

### 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.

There is also a biography of Gladys Harrington.

### Upcoming Gen Friends Events

Mark your calendars for these exciting upcoming events.

<b>Library Lock Ins</b>	October 29, 2004
	February 11, 2005
	May 13, 2005
	July 8, 2005
<b>Board Meetings</b>	October 28, 2005
	January 18, 2005
	March 15, 2005
	July 19, 2005

## Annual Meeting

The Gen Friends Annual Meeting will be held Monday night, October 18th at Texas Land and Cattle Company located at 3945 Central Expressway (southbound service road juts south of Legacy), Plano, TX 75023. Phone Number 972-578-8707.

We will meet at 6:30 for drinks and we will order dinner off the regular menu at 7 p.m.

## 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

### Volunteer Activities

#### Library Volunteers

Our volunteers are in the library during the day on most days. Check out our web page and the bulletin board for the schedule of volunteers on duty; or call the Reference Desk to inquire 972-461-7175. If you would like to volunteer to work in the library, contact Pat Mitchell.

#### Volunteers Needed

We need several volunteers to help with all facets of Genealogy Friends activities and events. If you have a talent, extra energy, or are willing to help in any way, please contact us at [genfriends@comcast.net](mailto:genfriends@comcast.net). Current Opportunities Include:

- Help is needed to continue to index the 1930 Census for Collin County. The indexes are posted on our web site to enable researchers to more easily find their families. We will provide a CD containing the Census and the format for the Excel or Open Office Spreadsheet where the data is entered.
- Volunteers are needed for all facets of the Lock Ins including refreshments, manning stations, sharing information or experiences, and registration. If you can help contact Joyce Kaplan.

### Newsletter Articles

Help keep our newsletter interesting:

Have you found an unusual record during your search?  
How did you solve that last really tough problem?  
Write an article and submit it to be published in the newsletter. Have you discovered a fantastic web site?

Email it to Barbara Coakley at [bjc1620@hotmail.com](mailto:bjc1620@hotmail.com).

### Publications For Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

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	\$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>.

### Dues Are Due

Get a deal on your dues, pay now for the rest of 2004 and 2005 for \$45.

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.

## Web Sites

There is a memorial to those who died at the Alamo—  
Cenotaph . Find out about this and much more at the web  
site Handbook of Texas Online.

[Http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/  
AA/gga2.html](http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/AA/gga2.html)

If one of your ancestors worked for the railroad these web  
sites might be of some help

Fun Facts About American Railroads

<http://www.rrb.gov/teachers.html>

U S Railroad Retirement Board

<http://www.rrb.gov/geneal.html>

The Judges' Reports on Criminals from 1783 to 1830 are 12  
volumes placed on line by the British National Archives.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/stories/27.htm>

Ghost Counties are counties that have been disbanded for  
various reasons—divided into smaller counties, financial  
dissolvency, etc.

<http://barusa.tripod.com/ghostcounties/>

Check out this site with Revolutionary War Links

[http://aklein.webhostme.com/war/revolutionary\\_war.htm](http://aklein.webhostme.com/war/revolutionary_war.htm)

Dick Eastman has set up his newsletter in a blog

<http://blog.ecogn.com>

Ancestors in Cook County, Illinois? The "Online Chicago &  
Cook County, Illinois Death Records and Indexes" provides  
links to numerous sources for research.

<http://www.deathindexes.com/illinois/cook.html>

Often books we need to do our research are out of print.

Bookfinders is one of many sites that allows you to search  
for out of print books.

<http://www.bookfinder.com>

Thanks to Bill Walton for submitting web site information.

**Case Study—Michael Schnaiter**

## Gen Friends 3rd Annual Research Retreat

Mark your calendars. The 3rd Annual Research Retreat to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah will be January 30 to February 6, 2005.

Join us for a fabulous week of research and companionship with fellow genealogy enthusiasts.

- Research in the largest genealogy library in the United States with your colleagues.
- Family History Collection has been moved to the FHL Library building.
- Library Orientation by FHL Staff on Monday morning.
- Retreat includes a lecture on US Immigration Records by a professional genealogist.
- Individual and group assistance will be available from veteran researchers.

We have had a great time the last two years. Everyone returned with new information about ancestors. Plan on joining us.

Fees: Members \$80.00 per person or pay \$100 for both 2005 membership and the Retreat.

## 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 2,700 photographs. Categories include Cemeteries,

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

## 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 [jfarrgo@comcast.net](mailto:jfarrgo@comcast.net).

## Case Study Continued

## Education Opportunities

### 2004

**October 7-9**, POINT (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together) holds its national conference in Kansas City, Missouri. For more information: <http://www.point-pointers.net/CONF2004.htm>.

**October 10-16**, The British Institute presented by the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History in Salt Lake City. More information is available on their web site <http://www.isbgfh.org>. Classes are Understanding Canadian Records and Genealogical Resources by Claire Smith-Burns. English Research The Adventure Begins by Anne Wuehler, and British Isles Research Solving Problems and Research Strategies by Sherry Irvine.

**October 21 to December 16**, Genealogy II taught by Lynne Darrouzet at Collin County Community College Courtyard Center Campus. Register on the CCCC web site—<http://website www.ccccd.edu/ce>

**October 30, Oklahoma, Tahlequah**, The Cherokee National Historical Society, Inc. announces a fall workshop "Preserving Your Family Photographs." For more information, see the society's Web site <http://www.cherokeeheritage.org> or e-mail [genealogy@cherokeeheritage.org](mailto:genealogy@cherokeeheritage.org).

### 2005

**January 20-22**, National Genealogy Society presents "Warm Up Your Research" in Phoenix, Arizona. Speakers include Elizabeth Shown Mills, Tom Jones, and J. Mark Lowe. An online registration form will be available soon on the NGS web site <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/edutripsphoenix.htm>

**February 5**, Dallas Genealogy Society presents Claire Mire Bettag.

**March 5**, Dallas Genealogy Society presents Emily Croom.

**April 2**, Dallas Genealogy Society presents Dr. Thomas W Jones.

**June 1-4**, National Genealogy Society Conference in the States and Gentech will be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

**June 9-11**, Palatines to America National Conference Fort Wayne, Indiana will be held at the Hilton Hotel and Grand Wayne Convention Center. The program will include German, American and Internet research subjects.

**September 7-10**, Federation of Genealogy Societies National Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah

## New In The Library

The following books and CD's have been added to the Genealogy Collection of the Gladys Harrington Library: