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Saturday Seminars

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2013. 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:

April 20, 2013—David Coy will speak to us about capturing life stories.

Future Topics

May 18, 2013—Lynell Moss will speak to us about the new Family Trees on FamilySearch.org.

June 15, 2013—Daniel Scurlock will speak to us about keeping our computers secure.

July 20, 2013—JT McKinney will speak to us about Funeral Home Records.

August 17, 2013—"Ten Tips to Break Down Brick Walls" by Barbara Coakley.

September 21, 2013—Will be announced at a later date.

If you have an idea about a program or a speaker for 2013, email 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
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10
Compiled Newsletters with Index	\$15

Leaving San Jacinto

This new play is coming to Dallas on April 23, 2013. The play examines the Texas Revolution from the perspectives of Sam Houston, Santa Anna, and Lorenzo de Zavala. Care has been taken for historical detail and you may leave with a new, and more accurate perspective into Texas history. It will be performed at the Dallas Scottish Rite Library and Museum, 500 S. Harwood, Dallas. Instructions on purchasing tickets are available on their website.

<http://leavingsanjacinto.com/leaving-sanjacinto/>

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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Billion Graves launches Legacy Mobile App for Apple <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/legacy-mobile/id616755093?mt=8>

The Texas State Genealogy Society Conference will be in Round Rock Texas, October 31-November 2, 2013. Featured speaker will be Thomas W. Jones. Registration info will be available in August.

<http://www.txsgs.org/Conference/2013ConfSavetheDate.html>

Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts & Tote Bags

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)

Tote Bags \$17



Melissa, Texas Tornado

Contributed by Joy Gough

April 13, 1921

10 ARE DEAD IN TEXAS TORNADO 75 ARE INJURED

Two More Bodies are Pulled Out of Wreckage, Some Badly Hurt

CITIZENS SEND OUT APPEALS FOR HELP PROPERTY LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN HALF MILLION DOLLARS

Dallas, April 14. - 10 people are dead and 75 injured at Melissa, Texas, the result of the tornado which late yesterday wrecked that town, according to an appeal for aid in the form of cash, bed clothing, and wearing apparel received here today and signed by **J.E. GIBSON**, chairman of the Melissa storm relief commission.

The list of dead as compiled today:

Three-year-old daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. P.F. LOFTICE**.

DELICE SANCHEZ, 3, Mexican boy.

LOU HAWKINS, 35, negro.

FLORENCE THOMAS, 10, negress.

ADALINE HAWKINS, 80, negress.

HENRY MORGAN COOK, 8, negro.

LEM HAWKINS, 12, negro.

LIZZIE PERRY, 12, negress.

Crowds of relief workers and greater crowds of curious poured into Melissa today. Thirty of the injured had been brought to McKinney hospitals shortly before noon [sic]. The plea for relief of the storm wrecked town read:

"Nearly one hundred homes were blown away and most families are destitute. Seventy-five people hurt, many of them seriously. Ten are already dead. All churches and business houses are destroyed or wrecked. Approximate loss \$500,000. Sympathetic relief is cash, wearing apparel, bed clothing and tents will be appreciated."

City officials of Dallas, the chamber of commerce and others immediately called a meeting for 3:30 this afternoon to organize aid following receipt of the telegram.

McKINNEY, Tex. April 14.--Following meetings of

citizens here at which more than \$5,000 for relief for the town of Melissa, wrecked by a tornado late yesterday, was subscribed, it was declared further outside and would be unnecessary.

All homes here were thrown

A recheck of casualties found open to refugees.

the list still standing at eight dead and fifty injured, it being believed that none of the injured will die. Relief parties continued today to search the ruins of the town of Melissa, which with the exception of one or two buildings was late yesterday laid waste by a tornado. The storm swept the town from the southwest to northwest and today it appeared like a devastated town of the war zone.

All churches in the town, three cotton gins, every business house except a bank, the post office, the Houston and Texas Central railway station, were wrecked by the twister which formed near Franklin, lashed farm houses about Roland and Chambersville and then gave vent to its full force as it reached Melissa.

A freight train on the H. and T. C. railway tracks was damaged. The caboose containing three trainmen who were injured, was picked up and rolled over and over. Five of the known dead are negroes. The other three are children. The 23-months-old daughter of **MRS. JESSIE LOFTICE** was struck by flying timber and killed while the mother with the infant in her arms was fleeing for safety.

Scores of businessmen, citizens and physicians were made into relief parties and rushed to Melissa when word of the storm first reached here late yesterday and



Collin County April Timeline

By Joy Gough

April 1870 Methodist Church of Celina organized by Rev. John Noble
 April 1, 1848 First Christian Church established in McKinney
 April 1, 1873 S. J. B. Plemmons started a bus line in McKinney that could be called the oldest in the state
 April 1, 1921 McKinney hospital dedicated
 April 1, 1943 Construction finished on Ashburn Hospital in McKinney
 April 2, 1917 Frisco Chapter #93 Order of the Eastern Star instituted
 April 2, 1957 Tornado hit Melissa
 April 3, 1846 Created Collin County from Fannin County
 April 4, 1902 WCTU Institute held first meeting in McKinney
 April 5, 1929 Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig both hit home runs to defeat the Dallas Steers 12 to 11.
 April 6, 1882 Mt. Olive Baptist Church started west of McKinney at White's Grove
 April 6, 1884 Allen Cemetery established
 April 7, 1902 McKinney Electric Light Company & McKinney Ice & Coal Company consolidate
 April 8, 1890 Street commission established in Plano
 April 9, 1898 Chambersville band organized by Prof. W. S. Smith
 April 9, 1909 First meeting of the Celina City Council
 April 10, 1883 Commissioners court let a contract for a bridge over the East Fork
 April 10, 1919 A tornado hit Blue Ridge
 April 11, 1852 Five inches of snow in McKinney
 April 11, 1899 Cotton gin erected in Plano
 April 12, 1876 St. Paul post office established
 April 12, 1902 First edition of the Celina Record published
 April 13, 1921 Tornado struck Melissa killing 8 persons
 April 14, 1904 North half of East side of square in McKinney burned
 April 15, 1884 Frank James struck an old man over the head with a spittoon at the Elm Saloon
 April 15, 1886 Beth post office discontinued, Wm. G. Matthews, postmaster

April 16, 1925 Third floor opened of the Commercial Hotel in McKinney
 April 17, 1766 Collin McKinney born in New Jersey
 April 18, 1902 Dr. Mantooth graduates from medical college in Chattanooga this week
 April 19, 1910 City and School combined taxes set for year at \$1.15 for \$100 in Plano
 April 20, 1925 Tom J. Lane opened the South End Grocery in McKinney
 April 21, 1836 Battle of San Jacinto
 April 21, 1894 Ex Gov. Throckmorton died in McKinney
 April 21, 1932 Clyde Barrow stole guns from a hardware store in Celina
 April 22, 1920 Princeton Church of Christ burned
 April 23, 1939 Weston school house burned
 April 24, 1901 The Chambersville band played for the Odd Fellows picnic in Parvin
 April 24, 1902 Frisco post office established, Erudia post office discontinued
 April 25, 1888 Empire post office discontinued
 April 26, 1859 Rowlett's Creek post office discontinued
 April 26, 1935 Princeton Times newspaper started
 April 27, 1902 Cymmet Debating Society debate
 April 27, 1921 Farmersville hires an engineer for plans for water works
 April 28, 1853 William Chapman married Maranda Howell
 April 29, 1854 Robert A. Burney accepted as carrier for stage and mail service in Plano
 April 29, 1921 Big explosion at Frisco
 April 30, 1880 Tornado destroyed several buildings in Plano, including the Methodist church
 April 30, 1904 Moreland post office discontinued
 April 30, 1921 Hail storm hits Farmersville

Self Publishing, Just Do It

By Brenda Kellow

Anyone today can self-publish. No longer is it necessary to find an agent to secure a book transaction with one of the major publishers before you publish. Several ways today make publishing possible thanks to new technology. It can be simple or complex, but you can now publish from home if you have an idea and a computer. Have you spent years working on a project such as cemetery research or inventory? On the other hand, maybe you are an expert at courthouse research and want to pass along your technique. It does not have to relate to family history. I just finished a hard cover book with colored pictures about a recent wedding I attended for two good friends. It had a hard cover and shiny pages, but was only 20 pages. It is the first hard cover book I have published in many years.

These days I usually take the easy route when publishing. I use MS Word. It goes quickly and I do not have to learn the program. I have used MS Publisher, but it actually is only for small publications [less than 50-60 pages before it begins to act up. You would not think this would happen with the expensive Microsoft Office 2010. However, the MS website has a 25-page downloadable family history template. I still use it for posters/flyers and things I have to create.

I have used Adobe Publisher in the past, but it sometimes loses its mind and the fonts become messed up. It seems to be limiting because of its hefty price. Nevertheless, I do love its professional look.

Sometimes in Word, I just write and put the new chapter at the end of the one I've just finished. Other times I make different files of each chapter [the easiest way] and combine them in the end. You can use continuous numbering or go the easy route and mark each page with the chapter number followed by the page. Word allows for the index and contents to be marked as you type [using a code] so that part is easy to create. Use the font name and size that is easy for you audience to read.

When you are ready, take it to Kinko's who will publish it in a perfect binding [black tape on the spine]. For the family, I send it as a PDF attachment to Blueprint in Plano at Hwy 5 & Park. They are easy to work with and follow my instructions for a soft, colored, or black cover with, or without, a clear protector on the front. This is rather inexpensive. You can supply acid free paper for the project—or not. On the other hand, you can work with one of the office supply printers.

To send a copy to the Family History Library (FHL), send a PDF copy on a CD and mail it to them in Salt Lake City. I give them permission to digitize it for their website and publish a hard copy of it for their library. By sending the file on CD, it is easy for them to get it up on their site quickly. I send two hard copies to the Library of Congress, one each to Allen County Public Library and the counties covered in the book.

On occasion I remember events in my past that make interesting reading. When writing about my life growing up in Plano and attending school here, I place it on one of my websites for the public to read. Still other memories are shared privately with my family.

If you are interested in reading my memoirs to get an idea of subjects to include in your memoirs, look at my Genealogy Research site under Memoirs, www.genealogyresearch.weebly.com.

If you have been into researching your family tree for any length of time you have stories to tell and readers wanting to read about your findings. It is important for you to share your findings. Decide how you want to accomplish this and just do it!

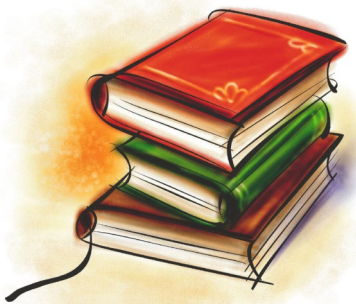
There are many self-publishing companies on the internet. By conducting a Google search on "self-publishing companies" you will surely find a company that can produce what you want.

Sharing your finds is important. Just do it!

Donations to the Library

The following books have been donated to the genealogy section of Haggard Library:

Clear Springs and Limestone Ledges; A History of San Marcos and Hays County [bound]
 People and Places in and Around Historic Buda
 Hays County, Texas Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol. I
 Hays County, Texas Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol. II
 St. Genevieve Co, MO Records
 Campbell Co., TN Surveyors Records of Entries, 1825-1833
 Carroll Co., TN Guardian Account Records 1842-1845
 Lamar Co., TX Marriage Records, Grooms L-Z (1841-1937)
 Lamar Co., TX Marriage Records, Grooms A-K (1841-1937)
 Lamar Co., TX Probate, M1, 1841-1847. [+Corrections on loose leaf pages]
 Lamar Co., TX Marriage Records, Brides A-K (1841-1937)
 Lamar Co., TX Marriage Records, Brides L-Z (1841-1937)
 It Happened in Post Oak [TX]. A bound book.
 Franklin Co., TX Court Minutes, 1905-1933, bk 1
 Franklin Co., TX Court Citations 1939-1941
 Franklin Co., TX Old Age Assistance Commission Payments 1937-1939
 Franklin Co., TX School Census 1914-1915
 Franklin Co., TX School Census 1922-1924
 Franklin Co., TX Marriages, 1875-1959
 Franklin Co., TX Marriages, 1960-2003
 Franklin Co., TX, Mount Vernon City Cemetery, 2nd ed.
 Franklin Co., TX Obituaries and Death Notices from Newspapers 1907-1921, v. 1
 Franklin Co., TX Obituaries and Death Notices from Newspapers 1926-1936, v. 2
 Franklin Co., TX Obituaries and Death Notices from Newspapers 1937-1947, v 3
 Franklin Co., TX Rural Cemeteries



Cherokee Nation Historian By Brenda Kellow

The Foremost Cherokee Indian historian was Dr. Emmett Starr of Adair County, Oklahoma—formally Going Snake District, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory. Starr was born December 12, 1870, 37 years before Oklahoma became a state. He was one of five children born to mixed-blood Cherokee parents Walter Adair and Ruth A. Thornton. During the 19th and 20th centuries, there were many intermarriages between the British and French traders.

Starr attended Cherokee public school near where he grew up in Claremore, now Rogers County. He graduated from Cherokee Male Seminary at Tahlequah and from Barnes Medical College at St. Louis, Missouri in 1891. He practiced medicine for five years before he decided to study Cherokee history. Some of his books are *Cherokees West, 1794-1839* and his most notable work, *History of the Cherokee Indians and Their Legends and Folklore* published in 1922. This book is used to by the Cherokee Nation and it is considered a prized possession in any library. His goal in writing this book was to perpetuate the facts as much as possible on the Cherokees and present an accurate of biography of the Cherokee people.

In the Preface to his book, Starr says:

Without the assistance of the magnanimous, whole soul membership of the nation, the work would not have been possible and for that reason I wish to thank each and every member, for their hearty collaboration and express my regret that the work has not the merit with which many others might have invested it. Emmet Starr. Claremore, Oklahoma. December 12, 192 I.

Starr, who never married, died in St. Louis on January 30, 1930. He is buried at Claremore, Oklahoma. In 1997, Emmett Starr was inducted into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame. This book is available in paperback from Amazon.com. It is also available on the Internet at http://archive.org/stream/historyofcheroke00lcstar/historyofcheroke00lcstar_djvu.txt. There is a ten step guide to discovering your Cherokee ancestry at <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~yansudi/guide.html>. The book, *History of the Cherokee Indians and Their Legends and Folklore*, on Cherokee history is in the Genealogy Library at W. O. Haggard Library. Of course you cannot check it out of the library, but you can hold it in your hands to study the early history of the early Cherokee Indians.

¹For a biography on Emmett Starr, read Bob L. Blackburn, "Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame Emmet Starr," *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* 75 (Summer 1997). "Death of Dr. Emmet Starr," *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* 8 (March 1930). Rennard Strickland, "Emmet Starr," in *Encyclopedia of North American Indians*, ed. Frederick E. Hoxie (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1996).