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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:

April 16, 2016—"Embracing Change is Empowering" by Tresa Tatyrek

Future Topics

April 28, 2016—Dining Out—See page 2 for details

May 21, 2016—"Unmasking Mark Twain's 'Jim'" by Larry McCarty

June 18, 2016—"Family Search Online Catalog" by Lynell Moss

September 17, 2016—**All Day Workshop**—Speaker will be Lisa Louise Cooke, save the date and stay tuned for more information.

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

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Publications for Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

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| 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 |

September Workshop

Our Workshop this year is set for September

17th at the First Presbyterian Church in Plano. The

church is located on Jupiter Rd. just north of 14th street. The speaker this year is Lisa Louisa Cooke who is the owner of *Genealogy Gems*, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She is Producer and Host of the *Genealogy Gems Podcast*, the popular online genealogy audio show available at www.GenealogyGems.com, in iTunes, and through the Genealogy Gems app. Her podcast brings genealogy news, research strategies, expert interviews and inspiration to genealogists in 75 countries around the world, and recently celebrated 1.5 million downloads! Her Website is www.GenealogyGems.com. Stay tuned for more information .



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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Dining Out

Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc. Dining Out on Thursday , April 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm



810 North Central Expressway—#100
Plano, TX 75074

Choice of One Entrée and Drink

Taco Dinner

Enchilada Dinner

Rosita Salad

Migulito

Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite, Fanta, Root Beer, Lemonade or Ice Tea

Alcoholic drinks will be served as cash bar

Sign Up By April 26, 2016 by emailing Jean Funk at Jeano25@aol.com or download the flyer from our website and mail it in.

You can pay at the door

Cost \$19.00 per person

Widows Inherit Dower Rights from Husband's Estate

By Brenda Kellow

Dower rights, relating to land and property rights in Colonial America, is an excellent topic for this column during National Women's History Month. However, in discussing dower, to understand fully its meaning, one must have a basic understanding of land, property, a basic history of inheritance, basic legal terminology, and the rights of women in colonial times. Laypeople often fail to understand the subject, and in doing so, they fail to recognize and investigate valuable clues. Because our founding fathers were also historians, they used English law as the basis for ours.

Dower is the inheritance of a woman from her husband's property at his death. Consequently, several terms must be identified and defined before the subject can be discussed or understood.

We must first distinguish between dowry and dower. These two terms are often confused.

A dowry is property, either real or personal, that a woman brings into her marriage. In colonial America, a husband managed his bride's dowry if it was in the form of real estate.

A dower or dower right is the one-third of lands or tenements of a widow's deceased husband that is hers by law, and given to her for her personal support and the nurture of her children that are not yet of legal age. When the widow receives her dower or dower right after her husband's death, she is described as a 'dowager.' I have found this term on a couple of southern tombstones. Dower existed in the early colonies and continued into the eighteenth century.

At that time in Colonial America, almost all land belonged to free white males. Women usually had no control over their dowry land. Nevertheless, sometimes you may find young, unmarried females retaining control of a small portion of land inherited from their father. This was usually not true of widows, especially older widows.

There have been cases reported where young widows with underage children were allowed to manage their husbands' estate. Personally, I have found this only once in my research. I found, in 1687, the widow Jane Chandler was a resident and landowner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Chester County). It was rare for a woman in the seventeenth century to be a widow, a mother, financially stable and a landowner.

It was common for a relative or close friend to manage a widow's inheritance. Often the manager is the widow's brother or uncle. Today, dower either is abolished or legally altered by permitting a will to dispose of real and personal property.

Next, we must briefly discuss the transfer of property, both real and personal. The word 'real' relates to land, and includes lands and buildings. Personal property, in broad, general terms, relates to anything that is not real estate. An example might be saddles, watches, rings, etc. Therefore, when a will uses the terminology, "all property real and personal," it is referring to land, buildings, saddles, watches and rings, etc.

'Personality,' is another term that puzzles those researching colonists. It is usually found in early wills. The word personality in legal terminology has nothing to do with behavior. Instead, it translates to personal property. Before his death, a father might deed land to his new son-in-law for one dollar. In his will, he may leave his daughter personality. This is an accepted way of recognizing his daughter in his will, but the land would remain in the control of the son-in-law. When this example is found it is wise to investigate what happened in the years prior to the death of the father. This might lead to the daughter's maiden name if unknown to the researcher.

This article contains basic terms and general examples that usually pertain to the colonies through the early 1800s. A good researcher should follow all the land transactions pertaining to a couple.

In summary, a dower is the one-third portion that a widow inherited from her deceased husband's estate during the formative years of our nation. A dowry is her father's property, either real or personal, that a woman brings into her marriage and is usually managed by her husband. It is replaced in modern times by a will. A dowager is a widow. [A dowager sometimes refers to as "relict" but may mean either living spouse of a married couple.] Real property is land or tenements. Personal property is just that, jewelry, saddles, etc. Personality is property deeded to the son-in-law for one dollar, and is the way a deceased father recognized his daughter in his will, while the land remains under the control of son-in-law.

I highly recommend that everyone, regardless of the research level, use the trusted legal dictionary of law definitions in *Black's Law Dictionary*. It is available online, by mobile app, or hard copy. Also, highly important and used to research this article were *Inheritance in America from Colonial Times to the Present* by Shammass, Salmon and Dahlin; and *Discovering Your Female Ancestors* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack.

Uncle Jake Chamberlain and His Cabin

By Joy Gough



Without doubt, the oldest living resident of Collin County [in 1903] is “Uncle” Jake Chamberlain, a typical old-time Southern darkey, whose humble cabin stands about one and a half miles southeast of McKinney Here he spends his time farming and preaching the gospel.

Uncle Jake claims to have first seen light of day July 10th, 1798—more than 105 years ago. His venerable appearance, gray locks and bent form bear out this claim of over a century’s existence. Indeed, some of the county’s oldest citizens, among them Manse and Hy Wilmeth, D. L. McKinney and Jesse Shain, are positive that he has reached the century mark. He was an old negro, familiarly known as “Uncle” Jake, in their earliest boyhood days. Though bent by the weight of many years, his memory is remarkably clear, his eyesight very good and all his physical faculties are retained to a surprising degree.

“Uncle Jake” was born into slavery on Holston river, in Granger County, Tennessee, three miles below the Horse Shoe Bend. He was taken by his master, Jeremiah Chamberlain, to Lexington, MO., and sold to Joseph Fisher. Fisher brought him to Texas, where the slave’s ownership passed to Captain Joe Dixon, who died at the Battle of Shiloh in the Civil War.

Dixon sold Chamberlain to Elder J. B. Wilmeth of near McKinney, father of Manse and Hy Wilmeth, for the sum of \$400. “Uncle Jake” became an invaluable part of the Wilmeth home and family. He and his wife looked after the farm and family while Wilmeth and his eight sons were serving with the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Uncle Jake married five times; two of his wives died and two were separated from him in the course of events incident to slavery times. He is the father of numerous children. He married his last wife, who still resides with him, in the early fifties; both belonged to Elder J. B. Wilmeth, whose son, Elder J. R. Wilmeth, now of Mills County, Texas,

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officiated.

For seventy-five years Uncle Jake was a Baptist preacher, serving in several congregations. Notable among his achievements was his having been a teacher at the Freedmen's School, the first McKinney school for African-American education. He never had but one severe spell of illness, and that after being brought to Texas. Dr. Smith, father of H. Q. and C. W. Smith, the druggists, attended him.

Uncle Jake owns a little piece of about 30 acres, upon which he lives. When the Pioneer Magazine representative and photographer called at his cabin, they found him at the wood pile at work. Uncle Jake's old black face never fails to beam a welcome, more cordial and eloquent than words can convey, to any white friend or stranger who may pause at his humble cabin door for a word of cheer to its occupant, who possesses the distinction of having lived in all three of the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Uncle Jake took great pride in having lived in three centuries, 18th, 19th, and 20th.

Uncle Jake Chamberlain died on his birthday in 1905 at the age of 107. He is buried in the Ross Cemetery in McKinney.

This is a compellation from 3 Sources: *The Pioneer Magazine*, December 1903 published in McKinney, *McKinney Democrat*, July 1905, *The Way It all Began* by Helen Hall.

Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1956

By Brenda Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas

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Compiled by Brenda Burns Kellow, 2016

Tracing Our Roots weekly genealogy column http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/

Remember, this is an abstract of the newspaper. Not all names are mentioned, i.e., obituaries, showers, and marriages will not have every name mentioned that were in the newspaper. For the complete content, look at the microfilm or find the copy in Newspapers.com.

J. T. Adair, who delivers the Dallas Times Herald every day to Plano, entered his honey in 12 exhibits at the Richardson Community Fair and one a ribbon on each entry, plus four first-place ribbons.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murrell announced they have at their Murrell's Hardware store hunting and fishing licenses, ammunition, as well as Jones-Blair paint that kills dangerous diseases.

Mr. and Mrs. Medlin Carpenter from Plainview spent, formerly of Plano, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. John Broadhead and son Randy.

School busses begin their run picking up children on the first day of school, Sept. 4.

Collin County elected Ralph Yarborough, Governor; Will Wilson Atty. Gen.; Mrs. Doyle Nelson Tax Assessor; and Floyd Williams, sheriff.

George Covington, well-known farmer, right hand was badly mangled when he caught it in a corn picker Monday morning. It was over an hour before he was released from the picker and taken to St. Paul Hospital in Dallas. He only lost one finger.

Miss Nancy Uland was chosen Drum Major, and Majorettes were Linda Haggard, Marcia Yandry, Laurana Rice, Chlorine Riggs and Mary Lou Henderson. They were chosen on their ability to twirl, poise, strutting and personality. Emmett Clem is band director and Band Managers are Joe Bill Griffin and Rhumel Lundberg. The first performance will be on Rice Field between Frisco and Plano on September 7.

Head Coach Marter Massey aided by Glenn Rogers and Tommy Thompson begin on Monday with two workouts each day—early morning and late afternoon.

Resident Mrs. W. L. Haire complained about the condition of the old road from Plano to McKinney [Hwy. 5].

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She enjoys the quiet of the country and the good schools and churches, but says the road is in bad condition and she does not want to contribute, with her other neighbors, to help maintain the road. Her children need to go to school and the bus has trouble traveling on the road as does her husband who lives in Dallas, where they used to live before moving to the country north of Plano. She says, "If you wish desirable people who will build, remodel, clean up and build up your community, it is imperative that good country roads be maintained."

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Lemmons and granddaughter, Vickie, returned from a 3,600 mile automobile trip through the Southern states.

Mrs. J. D. Branum, owner of Neva's Beauty Shop, formally opens Monday, September 3, from 5-9 p.m., at 1807 N. Place.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Luther McCullough, a well-known Frisco couple and formerly of Plano, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday. They were married August 26, 1906 in Beech Grove, Tennessee and moved to Texas in 1911. They have lived in Collin County since 1924.

Tommy Shields hurled a ball to win for the First Baptist team over Farmersville.

Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell have returned home from their extended vacation to Colorado. He will resume his regular office hours this Saturday.

p. 2 Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith, pioneers of the county, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 19, at their home in Frisco. Sixty five guests registered for the event. Mr. Smith came here from Indiana in 1890. He married Miss Nora Morris, born 1886, of Decatur in 1906. They have nine children and 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Miss Connie Ann McDowell spent last week with her cousin Miss Wanda Skaggs and grandmother, Mrs. D. L. McDowell.

Johnny Uland celebrated his seventh birthday on August 24. He celebrated with some of his friends with a picnic lunch, cake and ice cream.

F. H. (Jimmy) Thompson received his M.A. from North Texas State College in School Administration. He teaches 7th grade in Plano.

Plano B&PW had a picnic supper at the home of Mrs. John Broadhead on August 23. It is the last picnic of the summer. Attending were Mrs. Alvin Lundberg, Irene Wells, Leo Faries, Medlin Carpenter, Bill Wilson and Miss Kathy Kennemer.

Jimmy Jacobs received his B. A. Degree August 24 in Commerce. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jacobs, Roy Jacobs, and Sue Trail. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a double major in Agriculture and Science.

Curtis Christian is the Principal and Football Coach at Prosper. The team begins workouts on Monday.

The best buys for August are broilers and fryers as well as turkeys.

The Plano Star Courier is \$1.50 per year.

p. 3 Annie Webb recently visited her sisters in Rogersville, Tennessee whom she had not seen in 37 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips and family recently occupied their new brick home on Haggard Street. Mr. Phillips is co-owner of Riteway Cleaners and Laundry.

There was a housewarming for Mr. and Mrs. Homer Horton for their new home on 15th Place.

Mrs. Emmett Clem gave a birthday party for her daughter Carolyn, 17.

p. 4 There is a Men's Fellowship breakfast at the First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall honoring new pastor Rev. Frank A. Brooks.

In the recent election, Plano cast a total of 584 ballots.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bryan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at their home in Garland. Monday, the couple left for a vacation trip to Denver, Colorado, accompanied by their sons and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Bryan, and Harold Bryan.

Methodist youth accompanied by church adults experienced a 'mystery' road trip this week. Youth attending were Larry Nicholson, Wade Lundberg, Bill Jack McCutcheon, Nancy Angel, Cecelia McCollum, Mary Keys, Rochelle Lundberg, Janis Frye, Frances Littrell, Nancy Uland and Mary Jon Whitfield.

Mr. D. W. Bagwill was recovering Sunday after a visit by his sons, Arthur A. Bagwill, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bagwill, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sherrill.

Evening worship service was changed by First Methodist minister, Rev. Edgar L. Huffstutler, during the summer months. It changed from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lynge of Allen returned home from a visit to Edinburg and Loredo where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberts and Lt. O. Edwin Lynge, USAF. Mrs. Roberts, the former Jo Lynge, accompanied her parents to Loredo to witness the graduation of Lt. Lynge from Jet Pilot Training School. Lt. Lynge is at home before reporting to San Antonio for helicopter school.

Foremost botanist, Dr. C. L. Lundell, joined the staff last week of the Texas Research Foundation at Renner. Dr. Lundell will serve as chief botanist and head of the botanical department.

The menu this week for Plano Schools looks delicious. September 5: Roast beef and brown gravy, creamed potatoes, English peas, lettuce and tomato salad, cherry cobbler, bread and milk. September 6: Meat loaf, sweet potatoes, pinto beans, cabbage salad, banana pudding, bread and milk. September 7: Vienna sausage, salad, potatoes, green beans, pineapple cake, jello, bread and milk.

County Fair dates are September 26 through 29th. Church groups are invited to have booths this year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lane and daughters recently moved into their new brick home on Haggard Street. Mr. Lane is the butcher at Co-Op Grocery and Market in Plano. Mrs. Lane works in Dallas.

J. Frank Crozier, 86, was buried at Hillcrest Park on Thursday. He was born in the Lebanon Community of Collin County and lived in Gainesville and McKinney before moving to Dallas 17 years ago. He worked at Western Union Telegraph for 45 years. He is survived by his wife, Claudie, two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren.

Jerry C. Wilson graduated from NTSU in Denton on August 23. He had returned to college after a four-year stint in the Navy. His wife and son "Skipper", Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Wilson, Mrs. Nola Yandell, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson attended the ceremony.

Humble Oil Company has now drilled down 4,774 feet in the hole. The final depth will be 10,500 feet. There is no report of findings in the hole.

p. 5 Plano school opening is set for September 4. All faculty members are listed in this article. E. A. Sigler is Superintendent, T. H. Williams is Principal of High School, and Floyd E. Jolly is Principal of Elementary School.

The Plano Future Farmers won many awards in the Richardson Fair according to Mr. Cason. Winners, some multiple winners of prizes were Edwin Grizzle, Kyle Hooper, Don Carpenter, Jackie Pell and John Spurgin.

p. 6 George Harrington of Frisco, accompanied by his mother Mrs. Collin Harrington and Mrs. Robert Christie, attended funeral services Saturday for Mrs. Harrington's brother-in-law A. O. Dalton of Pueblo, Colorado.

Mrs. E. L. Sherrill and daughter Linda Kay, and Miss Aline Mayes attended the Sunday performance of "Show Boat" at the Fair Park Auditorium in Dallas.

p. 7 Judge Hasford, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. C. B. Hasford and sister, Miss Pam Hasford, returns to school in Devon, Pennsylvania where he attends Devereux Academy.

Mrs. Maurea Arnold and Mrs. Marie Merritt attended a B&PW meeting in Bonham on Sunday August 26.

p. 8 Phonetics, the new method of reading, will be introduced in Plano Elementary Schools this fall.

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The approved horse show, AQHA and NCHA, will be staged in Plano by the Lions Club, September 14-15.

Mrs. Dick Robertson attended her aunt's funeral, Mrs. John T. Hamic, long active in the Big Bend Church.

Lewis Baldwin and George Cantrell thank those voting for them in their unsuccessful bid for offices.

Jack O. Harrington of the Plano Chamber of Commerce is giving away many copies of the Plano Edition in the Dallas Times Herald. Just come by and pick them up.

Mrs. Patricia Hunter of Boonville, Arkansas, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Clem and daughter Carolyn.

Mr. Fred Newman and Mr. Kit Matthews spent Sunday at Killeen where they visited his sisters-in-law, and at Camp Hood where they visited Mrs. Newman's son, Sammy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woldt hosted her sister, Mrs. E. B. Moyers and son of Clearwater, Florida. Another sister, Mrs. A. F. Joslyn of Ontario, California, arrives this week for a visit.

Mrs. Armon McKinney and daughter Carmyn, and Miss Charlie Sears of Dallas visited Mrs. E. L. Sherrill on Friday.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Plano hopes to set a record of 100 attendees this Sunday, announced pastor Clyde W. Newby.

Sheriff Floyd W. Williams thanks those voting for him for the office of sheriff.

Mrs. Doyle Nelson thanks those voting for her in her bid for Tax-Assessor of Collin County.

J. J. Vavra, Sr. of Dallas visited in Plano on Tuesday.

Miss Patricia Hunter of Boonville, Arkansas, and Grant Loony of Dallas, had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Clem and daughter.

Today's Speaker

Our speaker for Today is Tresa Tatyrek who has spoken to us before. When Family Tree Maker (FTM) decided to "Retire" I thought of her and how she was my go to person for Family Tree Maker. What would she do now? I asked her to share her experiences after the announcement and what she did with her genealogy, experiences, good and bad. She entitled the presentation as follows:

"Embracing Change is Empowering, What happens when the Family Tree Maker developer pulls the rug out from under you."

- Review of time line on thought process after the FTM discontinuation notice was sent out.
- Review of the thought process that went into look for new software and a web solution.
- Making decisions and moving forward and the liberation those decisions made.

More of her experience is as follows

Tresa Tatyrek has been interested in family history and genealogy since childhood. She began doing extensive research in 1997 on her and her husband's families what has evolved into tracing over forty family surnames as the families branched backwards. Her research now includes client work as well as continuing her own. She uses cluster genealogy as her primary research technique along with utilizing many technical tools to keep track of her progress.

Charlie Law

Spanish Soldiers Helped with Victory in the American Revolutionary War, 1776-1783

By Brenda Kellow

Throughout the years, France's military forces due in large part to the Spanish records not being translated overshadowed Spain's involvement in the American Revolutionary War. However, Spain began contributing to the War as early as May of 1776—before the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4. Thanks to the efforts of author Leroy Martinez, J.D., for transcribing these documents and presented in *From Across the Spanish Empire*, we now know the importance of Spanish participation and of Spanish soldiers from the states of Arizona, California, Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas' Military Rosters. All the records were translated from Spanish to English. The archival record copies are in Martinez' private collection. They are also in the National Library of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Society in Kentucky. Martinez' intent in writing this book was to help those interested in the history of the Spanish Military in America's fight for Independence from British rule. It is also a valuable aid to those attempting to prove lineal descent for membership in the SAR and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), who use soldiers serving under Govern Bernardo Galvez and other Spanish soldiers, many from New Mexico, participants.

Britain's allies were known as Loyalists. They comprised about one-third of all colonists and some Native Americans. However, Britain's enemies far outweighed those in the Armed Neutrality who were keen on seeing British control of the seas eliminated.

Unknown to the American Colonists prior to the declaration were France and Spain's collection and storage of huge supplies of items such as clothing, ammunitions, arms, money, muskets, munitions, medicine and military supplies that were moved around from country to country, collected and shipped to Spanish Bilboa to directly supply the Continental defense. The Caribbean Dutch Island of St. Eustatius was very successful in supplying commerce. It is interesting that Sephardic Jewish families funded this effort. In addition, all Spanish ports welcomed all American ships.

The Spanish and French aid began before the July 4 declaration and continued until the final ratification by the British and all countries involved in the Treaty of Paris, April 9, 1784. A complete guide to

Important inside the publication for those seeking membership in the SAR and DAR is a timeline to help with the chronology of events. Although I found helpful the inclusion of Spanish words and terms translated into familiar English words and terminology as well as Spanish Presidios and Posts in the colonies before 1821, I do not have any Spanish ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War—at this time. I did learn that the old San Miguel Mission in Downtown Santa Fe is the Oldest Capital in America because it was both religious and a military post. This kind of information is so helpful to family historians like me who fail to make all the historic connections.

There is also important information on military records from Arizona, California, Louisiana, Santa Fe, and Texas giving the names of participants as well as pictures of people, military items and maps. A complete index helps to find quickly important things.

This 271 page book, published by Clearfield Company and available from [Genealogical Publishing Company](#), is important because there has been no previous book that identifies by name the 7,500 Spaniards who fought during our independence and who are eligible for lineage descent for membership into the SAR and DAR. It names the states for which they fought. In some cases it shows the combatant's military unit, rank, date, source of information, age, place of origin, and theater in which he served, etc. It contains a lot of information for a book priced below \$30. It is not in the Genealogy Center yet, but I have notified librarian Cheryl Smith of its importance.

Our May program is an interesting trip through one man's study of his tie to Mark Twain and the character "Jim" in his books. **Larry W. McCarty's** presence has been anticipated yearly as a guest speaker on Culture and Communications of Africans Americans at the University of Texas at Dallas. He has participated in the ongoing Archaeological Dig at 'The Farm' of John A. Quarles' homestead in Florida, MO. Larry was the inaugural speaker at the dedication of the Huck Finn Freedom Center and Museum in Samuel Clemens' boyhood home town of Hannibal, MO. This was a dedication to "Jim", a character in *Huckleberry Finn* and *Tom Sawyer*. Larry has been a guest speaker on Cable T.V. during Black History Month, presented at multiple local library events, genealogical societies and family reunions across our state of Texas. News of his research has been published in the Hannibal Courier-Post, Hannibal MO, the Illinois Quincy Herald-Wig, the Lake Gazette of Monroe, MO and the Irving Rambler – Irving, TX.