



# Genealogy Friends News

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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 unless otherwise noted:

### Today's Topic:

**August 17, 2013**—"Become a Mapaholic", speaker Tresa Tatryek.

### Future Topics

**September 28, 2013**—"Ten Tips to Break Down Brick Walls" by Barbara Coakley

**October 19, 2013**—"Genealogy Basics" an All Day Workshop to be held at Plano Bible Church, see page 5 for details.

**November 16, 2013**—"The What, When, Where and Why on Naturalization Records" by Meg Hacker from NARA Regional Branch in Ft. Worth.

**December 21, 2013**—Show and Tell—share your family history finds with the group.

If you have an idea about a program or a speaker, email Barbara Coakley at [bjc1620@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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

### 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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### Ancestry Day & Great Family Search

We've moved our September meeting to the fourth Saturday so we can attend Ancestry Day in Texas, hosted by Mid-Cities Genealogical Society on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at the Arlington Convention Center. Visit their website to register <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txmcgs/ADLectures.html>. Whether you are new to ancestry.com or a long-time user, you don't want to miss this event.

Great Family Search will be held on November 2, 2013 from 8:30 am to at 2700 Roundrock Trail, Plano, TX . It is sponsored by the Plano & Richardson Texas Family History Centers. Keynote speaker is David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch. No charge to attend, pre-registration is requested. <http://www.greatfamilysearch.com>.

### 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)

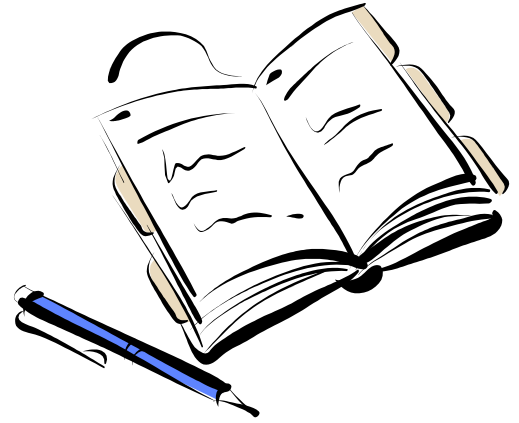
Tote Bags \$17



## Simple Format With Lots of Wow

By Brenda Kellow

Many hours of procrastination goes into beginning a family history. The writer forms a plan to present the book. Thinking about the format and method for presenting pagination, indexes and the table of contents and whether to write it in Word or buy new software developed for book writing further stalls the act of the actual writing process. What if the book had none of these but was packed with information and footnotes to the sources? Well, I just finished reading such a book and I completely forgive the lack of professional format due to the volume of information contained within the pages of the family history. It is a family history written by Bob Dunfield for his family.



*Ten Generations of Bob Tooms Dunfield's Family* by Bob Tooms Dunfield covers his ten generations in an easy and friendly book of 400 plus pages loaded with footnotes. Family pictures, most labeled with their names, sprinkle the pages throughout the book. A close friend took his handwritten notes and typed them in Arial with 14-point type. Each paragraph is double-spaced and indented. The larger type makes for easy reading for old eyes as well as for the young grandchildren. The documentation is from court records, census, academic records, cemetery and funeral records, tombstones, pension and military records

The first chapter begins with him and works its way back to through the ten generations. He explains why he included his bloodline as well as his stepfather's line. Bob was born Robert Tooms De Priest Jr. in Methodist Hospital in Dallas. His parents divorced nine months later. He was three when his mother married again to the love of her life. After graduating from Frisco High School Bob asked his stepfather to adopt him before he went enrolled at the University of Oklahoma. His name changed legally then to Bob Tooms Dunfield. Since his step-father was a major figure in his life, Bob decided to honor that relationship by including Mr. Dunfield's family history.

Bob covers in this book his Native American Ancestry. He goes back to Chief White Owl Raven Moytoy of Tellico and Anawaya Nancy Moytoy, Elizabeth Smith and Tame Doe. He also documents his ancestry from the 1600s in American back to France, Germany, Ireland, Scotland and England.

He documented about 30 Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots, several founders of Virginia, Manikin Town French Huguenots from Virginia and New Kent County, William De Priest Southerland who was killed at the Alamo, ties to Pocahontas and European royalty, tax assessment listings and dozens of Confederate records gathered from the National Archives. The many family stores are interesting to read because of the ease with which he writes.

He had completed and published two additional books and was working on a fourth before I could consult with him on this review. The second book, *My Maternal, Paternal, and Court Ordered Grandfathers who served and who assisted the patriots during the Revolutionary War*, picks up five additional Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots for a total at present of thirty-five. The third book, *Seven Scottish Kings in My Pedigree*, goes back to Robert I (Bruce) King of Scotland. Currently, Bob Dunfield is working on a book with his documented Confederate soldiers.

There is a copy of his first book, *Ten Generations of Bob Tooms Dunfield's Family*, in the library but currently at the bindery.

Family historians should consider documenting their family history for family and friends. Do not forget to place a copy in your local library. Consider giving a copy to the counties where the ancestors lived.

Sometimes less can be more.

## Genealogy News

Personal Ancestral File (PAF) is Discontinued—Effective July 15, 2013 PAF is no longer available for download or support. Visit this website for information on alternatives <https://familysearch.org/PAF>

If you missed the National Genealogical Society Conference in Las Vegas, you can purchase recordings of lectures from JAMB for \$12 each. <http://www.jamb-inc.com/genealogy/ngs/2013-ngs-conference--las-vegas-nv>

You can now connect images from Billion Graves straight to FamilySearch.org with just the click of a button. Read all about it on the Billion Graves blog. [http://blog.billiongraves.com/2013/06/familysearch-tree-connect/?utm\\_source=BillionGraves&utm\\_campaign=fe6413731c-An\\_Update\\_from\\_BillionGraves6\\_7\\_2013&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_3158065ea7-fe6413731c-6538141](http://blog.billiongraves.com/2013/06/familysearch-tree-connect/?utm_source=BillionGraves&utm_campaign=fe6413731c-An_Update_from_BillionGraves6_7_2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3158065ea7-fe6413731c-6538141)

Ivona Text to Speech is a great site to use to listen to pronunciations in other languages. Often our ancestors names were spelled phonetically based on what the record keeper heard. You can choose the voice and type in the name or phrase you want to hear. <http://www.ivona.com/en/>

Justice Family Books including *Justice Family Review*, *Justice Family Records*, *Justice Family Census* and *Justice Family Research* are available for \$30 each from Bernie Justice. These publications focus on the Justice family mostly in Virginia and Kentucky from 1660 to 1901. Email Justicebernie@yahoo.com for more information.

A list of resources for Alabama research is available on the Birmingham Public Library website. [http://www.bplonline.org/virtual/subjects/Default.aspx?s\\_page=117](http://www.bplonline.org/virtual/subjects/Default.aspx?s_page=117)

Researching in North Carolina, check out the Guide to Research Materials in the North Carolina State Archives. [http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov/FindingAids/co\\_guide.pdf](http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov/FindingAids/co_guide.pdf)

Hack Genealogy is about re-purposing today's technology for tomorrow's genealogy. It provides information on emerging technology inside and outside the genealogy industry. Think of someone who takes an item and uses it outside of its normal usage boundaries, Think MacGyver. The website includes a blog, education and e guides, resources, and cool genstuff. <http://hackgenealogy.com/>

PERSI is moving to Bright Solid the parent company of findmypast.com. PERSI, created by the Allen County Public Library is the periodical source index contains over 2.5 million searchable records, indexing every article from more than 8000 different periodicals, including magazines, newsletters and journals, according to location, topic, surname, ethnicity and methodology. It is currently available on Heritage Quest and Ancestry. I couldn't find any information about the cost or exact date of the move.

Archives Hub enables you to search across descriptions of archives held at over 220 institutions in the UK. <http://archiveshub.ac.uk/>

## Are Death Records Accurate?

By Joy Gough

Recently I attended the funeral of a member of my husband's family. I have known the lady for 40 years and I know her two children and various grandchildren. I was surprised to see that the funeral program listed her only survivors as one child and that child's children.

My first question was, "What had her son done that was so bad that she had disowned him and his children?" My genealogy thought was, "If people did not know this family, they would think there had only the one child and three grandchildren."

The funeral program was deliberately misleading. I heard someone say that the son was written out of her will, too. This family member evidently did not want anyone in the future to know that she had a son and two more grandchildren.

We as genealogists look to funeral records and wills to learn the names of children and grandchildren. We have attended seminars citing the importance of funeral records and death records. Death records are touted as being the best place to learn the names of the children, the spouse and grandchildren.

In reality death records are some of the most misleading genealogy records. Logic would say that the one time a person would want his vital information to be correct would be on his death records. We want to believe that the death information is true. It is hard to imagine that it would be wrong, but death records are probably the most inaccurate of all personal records. All of the information on death records needs to be verified, including the name.

It is not unusual for the names of relatives to change when they are buried. This is especially true of people with nicknames. Is your grandfather really named Harry, or is he Henry. Someone we know as Helen may be listed as Mary. My husband had a set of cousins named "Cub" and "Coon." No one knew what their real names were. That makes it difficult to look for death certificates.

In my own family, my great grandmother was hit by a streetcar and died a few days later. Because of the nature of the accident, the medical examiner was called to determine if the streetcar company was liable. When my great grandmother died, the medical examiner is the one who filled out the death certificate. He did not know anything about the deceased. I guess he did not think it was important enough to ask the family for information. The death certificate says she was born in South Carolina and that there was no information about her parents. She was born 1000 miles away in Ohio. The family would have told him the information he needed if he had asked.

A woman contacted me a while back. She was looking for the grave of one of her relatives. The obituary from the local paper said he was buried in a certain Collin County cemetery but no one was able to find the grave. Someone went online to Find-A-Grave and located his grave in Sherman. I guess at the last minute, the family decided to bury him elsewhere.

Sometimes the doctor who attended the deceased waited a week or so to file the death certificates for several patients. The date of the death may vary between his account and the account in the family Bible.

Death records are a good place to start for information but they should not be believed any more than any other genealogy records. Death certificates are only as accurate as the person who provided the information for them and how well that person knew the deceased.



## October All Day Workshop



### **Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries Presents: “Genealogy Basics”**

**When:** Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 9:30 to 4:00

**Where:** Plano Bible Chapel, 1900 Shiloh, Plano, TX

**Topics:** Golden Rules of Genealogy

Organizing Your Research

Research Plans - The Key to Success

Summing it All Up, Writing Great Research  
Reports

Join us for four interesting sessions to help you get started or get back to basics to jump start your research.