



# Genealogy Friends News

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## Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2014. 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 16, 2014**—Cheryl Smith will speak on What the Library Can Do For You.

### Future Topics

**September 20, 2014**—Daniel Scurlock will present “Your Computer and You”

October 9, 2014—General Meeting –Outback Steakhouse. Save the date and stay tuned.

**October 25, 2014**—All Day Seminar - “Homeland Research”. Save the date and stay tuned.

**November 15, 2014**—To be announced

**December 20, 2014**—Show and Tell

**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

### Volunteer Needed—Hospitality

We need someone to volunteer to take over hospitality at our meetings. You would be responsible for making coffee and bringing goodies for our meetings each month. Big Thanks to Carol Hofer who has been doing this.

### Genfriends Membership

Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Individual memberships are \$30 a year and family memberships are \$50.

Members who join now can get 2014 and 2015 membership for \$45.

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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### Genealogy Class

Online Genealogy will be offered at Collin College on Wednesday nights from October 1 to November 5th 6:30 to 9:00 pm. This is a hands on class taught by Barbara Coakley. The class focuses on using online resources in your family history research.

### What's New in Genealogy

If you have family information in the tree on FamilySearch.org check out RootsMapper.com. It takes the locations from your family members and maps them using Google Maps. Here is a blog article that walks you through using RootsMapper. [http://janasgenealogyandfamilyhistory.blogspot.com/2013/10/tech-tuesday-rootsmappercom-ya-this-is.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+JanasGenealogyAndFamilyHistoryBlog+%28Jana%27s+Genealogy+and+Family+History+Blog%29](http://janasgenealogyandfamilyhistory.blogspot.com/2013/10/tech-tuesday-rootsmappercom-ya-this-is.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+JanasGenealogyAndFamilyHistoryBlog+%28Jana%27s+Genealogy+and+Family+History+Blog%29)

South Carolina Digitization in a Box project provides public libraries in South Carolina the opportunity to borrow equipment to digitize their collections. As they are digitized the materials are hosted at the South Carolina Digital Library (<http://www.scmemory.org/>) and are searchable at the Digital Public Library of America (<http://dp.la/>).

Who Do You Think You Are is currently in it's fifth season on TLC.

History Detectives episodes are available on KERA, check out their website.

Genealogy Roadshow is currently filming in St. Louis, New Orleans and Philadelphia. Watch for it in September on KERA.

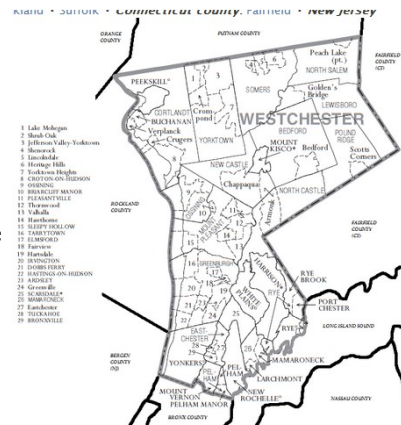
## Research Basics—New Locations

As we strive to learn more about our ancestors, locations and timeframes are critical. Records and record repositories vary from one place our ancestor lived to the next and are different by timeframe. Understanding what records exist and where they can be found should be the first step in your research plan as you move from one place to the next following your ancestors. Doing research on the location before you start your search can save you time and put the location in context for you.

I recently started researching the ancestry of the Casadone family. The family lived in Dobbs Ferry, New York. The first step was to find out what county Dobbs Ferry was located in so the first stop was Roots Web Town Search (<http://resources.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/townco.cgi>). Dobbs Ferry is in Westchester County.

Next stop—the Family History Wiki on Ancestry.com to check *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*. Westchester county was formed in 1683. Vital records start in 1880 but compliance to the law was slow and many events in that time period weren't recorded. Probate records are handled by the Surrogate's Court in White Plains, NY; early deeds are at the Records Center and Archives in Elmsford, NY and later deeds are at the County Courthouse in White Plains.

On to FamilySearch.org to the Wiki to see what information is available on Westchester and Dobbs Ferry. There was a map of the county outlining the townships. There was also a link to a website showing the county boundary changes in New York. I learned that there was a state census that is extant for Westchester County in 1905, 1915 and 1925. I also found a page about a website that focuses on this area Old Fulton NY Post Cards. It started as a postcard digitization project but evolved into the largest free online collection of newspapers for New York. (<http://www.fultonhistory.com/>). The wiki page lists the newspapers that are included. There were newspapers from Dobbs Ferry from 1884-1969 listed. Wikipedia provided background on Dobb's Ferry.



Despite the temptation to dive right into the newspapers, I started with a census search and found the family in the 1920, 1930, and 1940 federal census records and the 1925 NY State census. The 1920 census says the family immigrated from Italy in 1903 but I couldn't find the family in the 1910 federal census or the 1915 NY state census. I also found alternative spellings of Casadonta, Casadonte, and Cassadone.

A search on FamilySearch.com resulted in the marriage record of Jack (Giacomo) Casadonte and Concetta Salerno in Dobbs Ferry on 20 December 1908. I also found the probate card index for Giacomo who died 30 March 1865. Don't forget to look at the record collections that have been digitized, don't just search the index. The probate card images are available but they haven't been indexed yet.

A search on Ancestry.com resulted in the Social Security Death Index and City Directories from Tarrytown, NY where Giacomo lived between 1914-1918.

The search of the newspaper website provided more details. Obituaries of the family members included the names of the towns in Italy where they were born—Chiaravalle Centrale. Wikipedia provided the location of the town and the name of the province, Catanzaro, and region, Calabria. Now I have more new locations to research, I need to learn about the Calabri region in Italy so I downloaded a book on using Italian Records. Each time you find an ancestor in a new location, take the time to learn about the location where they lived before you start searching.

## Flashback—Tracing Our Collin County Roots

By Brends aKellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas  
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p. 1 Mary Katherine Carpenter observed another birthday at her job at Harrington Pharmacy Monday, and two days later she and her husband B. B. "Buddy" Carpenter celebrated their wedding anniversary. This couple makes Plano proud.

At Nathan E. White's Department Store yesterday, Mrs. Rice Brown said the recent rains Saturday were half a tub full. Nathan White said his rain gage showed .61 inches of rain. The rain was appreciated.

Mrs. Arthur Kirkwood brought the News a big, fat pencil from her vacation in Ohio where she visited her son and family, the J. C. Kirkwoods. Another pencil was from St. Louis added to the News's collection.

A box filled with pencils address to Pencil Bagwill arrived this week adding more to our collection. It was from Robert E. B. Fielder of Plano and Van Alstyne, owner of the Plano Building Materials and supply. So, Mr. Don W. Bagwill of the Plano Star-Courier now has a nickname.

Mr. W. L. "Leon" Dugger, Ford dealer, of Dugger motors also brought pencils by the paper this week as did Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Haggard.

Mr. Don W. Bagwill accompanied Rev. and Mrs. Edgar L. Huffstutler and their two children Stephen and Susan to Farmersville for the religious festival. The children were polite, but there was never a dull moment. Rev. Huffstutler is minister of the Methodist Church.

Rev. Arthur Fineout, , minister of the First Baptist Church, is the program chairman for the District Assembly in Plano at the noon meeting and program on April 20. As this is the first time in the District Assembly's history to be held in Plano, the Rotarians are looking forward to the event. Nathan E. White is the district chairman of the event. E. A. Sigler and Homer Horton and Alex Schell, Jr. are committee members. Mr. White said he hopes to include a tour of Plano's industries proving to visiting Rotarians that Plano is the "copper capital" of the Southwest.

L. W. Cason, instructor and advisor of the Plano Future Farmers, is home with the mumps. In his absence, Mr. Rob Harrington acted as advisor. Judges of the Spring Project Show were Bill Miller of Plano who judged the horses; Mr. Schultz of Purina Mills judged poultry and rabbits; Cal Wester and Bill Raiden judged dairy beef and sheep; and R. M. Bagley of Carrollton, judged hops. Future Farmer officers are Robert Stanley, Kyle Hooper, Jim Hill, Dan Stout, Gerald Burton, Bob Young, Reedy Farrell, John Spurgin, Joe Dickerson, reporter Kyle Hooper, and treasurer Claiborne Gregory.

J. C. Butler, 71, formerly of Plano and McKinney died suddenly of a heart attack Tuesday night at his son's home, W. E. "Elwood" Butler 3319 Cedar Lake Drive in Dallas. Just three days earlier, his wife had a heart attack and is in Baylor Hospital. His funeral services were at 3 p.m. today at the Methodist Church in Allen with burial in the Allen Cemetery. Surviving him are his wife and three children: W. E. "Elwood" Butler of Dallas, Mrs. Ina M. Merriman of Dallas but formerly of Plano, and Clayton Butler of Grand Prairie.

Steam laundry added to Riteway Cleaners. Jim Mitchell and Frank Phillips, owners of Riteway Cleaners and Shirt Laundry, just installed the new Steam Laundry in their business. In the future their name will be, "Riteway Cleaners and Laundry." Recently, they introduced Sanitone cleaning to all their dry cleaning business. Congratulations to these progressive businessmen.

The First Baptist Church begins its Spring Evangelistic Campaign [Revival] on Sunday with Arthur J. Fineout preaching both services. His brother, James H. Fineout, is the Director of Music and Youth. Rev. R. M. Williams, Pastor of the Sherman First Baptist Church, will lead the sermon the rest of the week and end on Sunday, April 29. Rev. Williams is formerly of Mississippi. He came to Texas to attend the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminar at Fort Worth and remained here ever since.

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Jack O. Harrington, Funeral Director and Furniture Director, recently became president of the Chamber of Commerce replacing Mayor David M. McCall.

On Saturday, April 21, the Plano Wildcat Band, directed by Emmit Clem, go to Denton to the annual Spring Music Festival to be held at North Texas State College. The Wildcat band is one of 23 at the Festival. They play at 7 p.m. in the North Texas State College auditorium.

Slim Smallwood, owner of Slim's Barber Shop in Plano, formerly O'Neal's Barber Shop [and Beauty Shop] announced that Floyd Reynolds is now at his shop, joining R. L. Martin, and the public is invited to visit and get a haircut.

Livestock men showing sheep at the Texas Purebred Sheep Association Sale on April 27 and 28 will be Plano's Armentrout and Donley, who entered four fine sheep, announced president, Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson of Plano.

Rev. Arthur Brooks, minister of Renner Baptist Church, will observe their homecoming on April 21. The all-day event will have dinner on the grounds at lunchtime. Rev. W. E. Gilbert, former minister of Renner Baptist, will give the 11 o'clock sermon.

Gilbert Crouch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chelsea Crouch of Irving was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bowman of Plano.

Mrs. Bennie Smart, employed in Dallas, has been enjoying a vacation this past week.

Mrs. C. O. Smith of 911 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Plano, returned home Monday from a visit with Major and Mrs. M. R. Ford and their four children of Bryan. The Ford children have the measles but are doing fine. Mrs. Smith accompanied Major Ford several days ago and returned by plane.

p. 2 The Star-Courier visited Lake Lavon last week and discovered its size, which is four times as large as any other lake in the area. Early this week it held 128,300 acre feet of water (an acre foot equaling 326,000 gallons). It is larger than Benbrook, Garza Little Elm, Lake Dallas and Grapevine. This beautiful lake is in our own back yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hudson and three daughters spent the week in Plano with his mother, Mrs. Pattie Hudson and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers and daughter, Rosemary, of Plano visited his father, A. P. Rogers and other relatives in Frisco.

Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bagwill were Mr. and Mrs. William S. Jones of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Reddell, Mrs. Celesta Herndon and Miss Vernice Jones of McKinney.

Mrs. Foy Thomas of Electra and Mrs. Choice McClure of McKinney visited Misses Eva and Carrie Hughston Friday.

p. 3 Mrs. A. L. Hart of northeast Plano was burglarized Wednesday night of last week. Thieves took a 21" TV set, a radio and G. E. Electric clock. The family found the burglary when they returned home from work.

Mr. G. R. "Betty" Merriman thanks everyone for the lovely cards, flowers and gifts while she was ill.

p. 4 The Rejebian Club meets at the First Christian Church, Tuesday, April 24, at 3 p.m. Hostesses are Mmes. Pauline Thompson, C. L. Dickey, R. C. Fortner, Charles Pearson, Davis Thompson, Thurmon Henderson, Harry Houston, A. P. Hughston and Earl Wetsel.

Mrs. Roy Carpenter and Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson attended the annual costume party of the Pilot Club in Dallas last Thursday night. Mrs. Carpenter is a charter member of the club.

Larry Uland was guest speaker Friday at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Services of Sherman-McKinney District. Mrs. W. D. Haggard is vice president of the District and Mrs. George Wyatt is the new secretary of Children's Work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hitt celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday in Waxahachie. Attending from Plano were their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Jackson and daughters Misses Patsy and Jane Jackson and accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nicholson. Present were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hitt's four children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mrs. Jackson's siblings present were L. D. Hitt of Mount Pleasant, Curtis and Melvin Hitt, both of Waxahachie.

Plano Wildcats semi-pro team defeated the Dallas Engineers 3-1 in the Sunday game managed by E. D. Raines and sponsored by the Nathan E. White Department Store.

Plano high school volley ball team lost to Wilmer-Hutchens on April 6 by 2 points. On the team from Plano were Doyle Braden, Lewis Allman, Sam Shields, Melvin Bozeman, Joe Raines, Norman Nicholson, Jimmy Har-

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rington, Larry Uland and J. W. Gregory. J. W. Wilson is the coach and businessman is Jim Gordon.

Band Director Emmitt Clem of the Plano Wildcat Band needs replacements in the band. He is working with students in the 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Director Clem says he needs an 80-piece band later this year.

Miss Deanna Bourn has a bad case of the mumps. She had to postpone her piano recital last Sunday because of her illness.

The Cason family has the mumps. Mr. Cason caught it after his wife and now the children Wanda and Gene have it. Also, Anna Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips, has it. Mrs. Cason keeps little Anna.

p. 5 Engineers say Member Cities of North Texas Municipal Water District will be using Lavon water by January 1957.

p. 6 Mrs. George P. Frysinger's piano junior high students met Thursday night in the home of Marilyn Todd with Linda Lou Junker as co-hostess.

Roller skating is fun at Deuback's Skating Rink, 7800 Greenville Avenue in Dallas. Phone Adams 5-5064.

p. 8 Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Graham, 79, passed away in Dallas at Eastside Clinic after an illness and buried at Restland Memorial Park. She is the mother of Mrs. R. M. Swindle of Plano and Mrs. Mirtie Regal of Frisco. Mrs. Graham is originally from Alabama and moved here four years ago.

Mr. R. A. "Bud" Mullrany thanks everyone for their kindness following his illness.

The Annual Aggie Muster took place Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> in McKinney. Frank Armstrong of Plano and Cal West-er of Frisco attended.

**PUZZLE:** From the April 19, 1956 copy of the Plano Star-Courier Newspaper we find six clues to help future family historians. What are the clues? "Mary Katherine Carpenter observed another birthday at her job at Harrington Pharmacy Monday, and two days later she and her husband B. B. "Buddy" Carpenter celebrated their wedding anniversary."

**ANSWER:** By checking the online virtual calendar, [www.genuki.org.uk/big/easter/H.html?1956](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/easter/H.html?1956), Mrs. Carpenter's birth month and day was Monday, April 16. Their anniversary is April 18. Her given name is Mary Katherine and her husband's initials are B. B. and nickname, Buddy. She works at one of the two pharmacies in Plano. [The other pharmacy was Allen's Drug Store.]

**FURTHER RESEARCH:** Although we do not know whether Mrs. Carpenter was born in Collin County, while we are searching the microfilm at the Genealogy Center for her marriage year, we might also find her birth record and a recording of any children born to the couple, land holdings and other investments.

Newspapers are an important resource in your family history pursuit. Furthermore, they are fun to read. You get a clue about the local environment of your ancestors' communities.

