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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2019. 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, 2019—"BYU Family History Technology Lab" by Debra Hadfield

Future Events

August 19, 2019—OneNote User Group—Group meets in the Genealogy Section of the library on the third Monday of each month from 7 to 8:30 pm

August 27, 2019—Legacy Users Group—Group meets in the Genealogy Section of the library on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:30—3:30 pm.

September 28, 2019—All Day Workshop—Speaker is Debbie Parker Wayne

October 12, 2019—Date Change—Panel of Experts –Bring your research questions

November 16, 2019—"What's New on FamilySearch.org" by Lynell Moss

December 21, 2019—Show and Tell—Share your research and family stories.

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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

Genfriends Membership

Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Individual memberships are \$30 a year and family memberships are \$50. Don't forget to renew your membership for next year.

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 Education

All Day Workshop —September 28, 2019 GenFriends is presenting an all day workshop that focuses on using DNA in your family history research. Our speaker will be Debbie Parker Wayne, co author of *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*.

FGS National Conference will be held August 21-24, 2019 in Washington, DC. <http://fgs.org/conferences/>

Genealogy Getting Started class at Collin College meets on Wednesday nights from Sep 11 through Oct 16 at Courtyard Campus from 6:30 to 9 pm. Instructor is Barbara Coakley. Topics include research planning, organization, using FamilySearch, census records, published records, and birth, marriage, and death records. If you are a beginner or have been researching for a while and need to get back to basics to further your research, this class is for you. <https://www.collin.edu/ce/classes/index.html>

TxSGS 2019 Family History Conference will be held October 11-13, 2019 at the Omni Houston Hotel. <http://www.txsgs.org/2019-conference/>

Lock In The Haggard Library is hosting a Lock In on October 18, 2019.

Great Family Search The Plano Family History Center annual all day workshop will be October 19, 2019 http://www.greatfamilysearch.com/cgi-bin/waa1gate.dll?WAA_PACKAGE=BDS&WAA_FORM=BDSOptMenu1&C=0000000014A&

Using Microsoft OneNote for Genealogy class at Collin College meets on Wednesday from Oct 23 through Nov 13, 2019 at Courtyard Campus from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Instructor is Barbara Coakley. Microsoft OneNote is an electronic notebook. You can use it for research planning and to store research results. Bring your laptop or a usb drive with genealogy records on it and you can create a notebook for your family history. <https://www.collin.edu/ce/classes/index.html>

1927 Tornado—Nevada, Texas

By Barbara Battocchio Brogdon

Jim Foster - Pioneers of Dallas County

NEVADA, TEXAS - 1927 TORNADO Nevada is on Farm Road 1138 two miles east of Lavon Lake in southeastern Collin County. The first organized community in the area was McMinn Chapel, established in the early 1840s four miles north of the site of present Nevada. For the most part the residents of the Community were the family and friends of its founder, John McMinn.

In 1861 Granville Stinebaugh moved to Texas from Missouri and purchased 160 acres of land near McMinn Chapel. Shortly thereafter the town of Nevada was established on his farm and named by Stinebaugh in honor of Nevada Territory, which he had passed through on his way to search for gold in California. The town received a post office on August 3, 1880. Eight years later the tracks of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway reached the community and the town incorporated in 1889.

Disaster Struck at 3:00 AM

Then on May 9, 1927, a tornado struck the town at 3:00 A.M. as most of its citizens lay sleeping. Twenty-seven people were killed, seventy-five were injured. The town would never recover. The Baptist Church served as a temporary morgue.

Struck Garland First, Killed 13

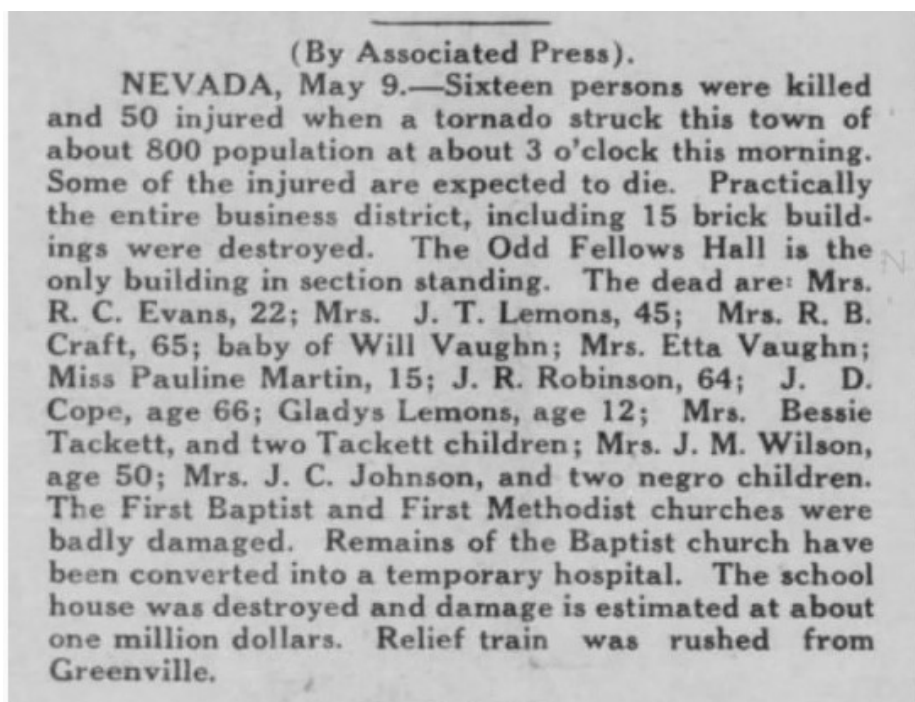
The Nicholson Memorial Hall was created through a donation by W. R. Nicholson of Longview, Texas in memory of his mother, Missouri A. Nicholson, and his brother, S. E. Nicholson (former Garland Mayor). Both were killed in the deadly 1927 tornado that swept through Garland.

Seven members of the Smiley family were at home when the tornado roared through Garland. In the aftermath of the storm, parents, Charles and Belle Smiley, and 3 of their 5 daughters, Lilath, Greta, and Charlena, all lay dead. The surviving daughters Dorit and Margaret Ruth Smiley were taken to the hospital in Dallas, where they recovered. There is a tombstone in Mills Cemetery memorializing five members of the Smiley family, who were all killed in the "Garland Cyclone" of May 9, 1927. Out of the thirteen dead, no family lost more members than the Smiley family
Image courtesy Community ISD.

Barbara Battocchio Brogdon

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Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1957

By Brenda Burns Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas, August 22, 1957, Volume 70, No. 15

Compiled by Brenda Burns Kellow, 2019

Remember, this is an abstract of the newspaper. Not all names may be mentioned, i.e., obituaries, showers, and marriages may 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.

High school principal Bill Williams, an avid fisherman, went fishing on Lavon Lake with former Plano high school coach Skipper Crabtree.

Mrs. L. W. Cason brought Elberta peaches from her garden to the newspaper office. Mrs. Bebe Donley had done the same last week.

E. L. and Louise Sherrill and daughter Linda Kay brought the editor pencils and a jar of homemade Muscadine jelly from their vacation on east coast.

Joe B. Rogers baled the first 45 pound of cotton this year at McKinney Gin Company, managed by Joe Snap.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chaddick, Jr. and three children visited from Corpus Christi visited his mother Mrs. Anna Chaddick.

The local Chamber of Commerce gathered at Plano City Park Monday for bar-b-que. Director Emmitt Clem and the Plano Wildcat Band opened the festivities. President Reese Henry, David McCall had parts on the program and the featured speaker was Sam Morrison, T P & L official. Forrest Moore did photography for Channel 8.

Lions Club plans for annual horse show on September 6-7. J. E. Browning will be the judge. Delivering bleachers were manager Joe Lewandos, Leon W. Cason, Arthur E. Chance, Woodrow Davis, O. F. Field, L. W. Gordon, Ray Graves, W. D. Haggard, Conner Harrington, Albert Ingram, Johnny Hall, Floyd Jolly, Jack Lair, Major Neely, Frank Phillips, Royce Skaggs, W. W. Smith, Jr. and J. C. Turner.

W. R. Petty reopened the Palace Theatre last Saturday.

Mrs. Josephine Roxena Thompson, 77, wife of George W., died Tuesday night at home. She was born June 6, 1880 in Nixa, Missouri. Survivors are her husband; three sons, Dr. Jerry R. Thompson, Fred H. Thompson, H. M. Thompson; one daughter Mrs. Leo O'Connell; one sister Mrs. Addie Cunningham; and brother John Simpson. Funeral services were at the Church of Christ by Minister Leon Frederick. Internment was at Restland.

Dr. Robert M. Walker, M.D., 78, of Celina, died Monday. Funeral services were held Celina Presbyterian Church with Rev. J. W. Epting, with burial in Cottage Hill Cemetery. Dr. Walker was born October 12, 1879 in Whitewright. He began practicing medicine in 1903. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. R. M. Walker; a son Nolan Walker; two daughters Mrs. Cecil Sonntag and Mrs. Burnett Cox; and two grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. (Jimmy) Thompson returned from vacation in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Bob Saunders is improving in his home in the city.

Plano Athletic Club selected the site for the new swimming pool. It is a two ½-acre plot purchased from W. O. Haggard, Jr.

Mr. Ziegler of Crown Buick is having this newspaper print several of his circulars for the Sales Rodeo.

Chamber of Commerce plan a one-day workshop on October 24, announced A. R. Shell, is general chairman and Reese Henry is the president.

Plano man Forrest Moore will accompany Naval Reserve Squadron DR702 of Grand Prairie's Naval Reserve Squadron.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller were Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne Miller and children Melbourne, Jr. and Pricilla, and Mrs. D. B. Carmichael.

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Vernon Robinson is a patient in a Dallas hospital.

Calvary Baptist Church begins revival on Monday, August 26, announced Rev. Clyde W. Newby. The preacher and singer will be Little George Havens, former Hollywood movie star.

- p. 2 Capt. J. W. Robinson and wife visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson will leave in a week for Spain where he will live for three years. His brother, Vernon, is a patient at St. Paul Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Brannon and daughters, owners of Brannon's food market, have vacationed in Colorado.

Herbert Etheridge is a patient at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Glenn Rodgers will open a kindergarten this fall in her house.

Vicky Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Spencer, will have a tonsillectomy very soon.

- p. 3 Mr. and Mrs. David McCall and children David and Grace are vacationing in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

George Marion and Johnnie Stooksberry were pitchers for the Farmersville IOOF Junior baseball team. Other players were Al Whitsell, Leon Zellers, John Wayne Andrews and Paul Rhea.

All 223 players for the Plano Athletic Club are listed. Go to the source for the names.

Miss Barbara Collinsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Collinsworth, married Mr. Charles McGee, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McGee, on August 3 at the Renner Baptist Parsonage by Rev. Arthur Brooks. Attending were: Mary Nell Phillips, David Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Collinsworth with Mary, Jerry, Elizabeth and James; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McGee, Rev. Jose Jones and Mrs. Arthur Brooks.

W. M. Gregory is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gallop respectively. He will soon marry Miss Norma Gene Turner of Oklahoma.

For more information on Plano Street Improvement, contact City Secretary W. P. Yarbrough.

The site of the Order of the Eastern Star will have a bake sale on August 24 at Brannon's Food Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murrell visited their son-in-law's home in Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. DeMolive and children Jed and Jan.

Jim and Tom Murrell, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murrell are at a DeMolays meeting in El Paso, Texas.

- p. 4 James R. Wilson, 71, a World War I veteran, died Saturday in Wichita, Kansas, at the Veteran's Hospital. Survivors are, Mrs. Viola Price, Homer Wilson and Otto Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Luellen, Thomas, Jimmy and Perry Joe vacationed at Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Sheila and Stephen Funderburg visited their grandmother Mrs. Tom Brown.

J. C. Jake Bass bought Burton Motor Company from Amon Burton.

Mrs. Armanda Elizabeth Lokey, 80, died Friday in McKinney. Survivors are her husband J. B. Lokey, four sons H. J. Lokey, J. B. Jr., and daughters Mrs. J. L. Rogers and Mrs. Hazel Templeman; brothers A. L. Whitsell, S. L. Whitsell; sisters Mrs. J. D. Jones and Mrs. Bessie Furr. Burial was at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

- p. 5 Tucson, Arizona guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McKee and son James were his mother Mrs. Mary McKee, grandfather W. W. Halfly, 96.

Mrs. Emmett Clem and daughter Caroline and the former's sister Mrs. Claud Brown visited Mr. and Mrs. George Ross and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Medlin Carpenter visited in Plano last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Duke were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lusk of Jacksboro. They returned home with Miss Karen Lusk.

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Mrs. Peggy Harper, dog show judge, briefly visited with her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Fred Donaldson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haggard visited in Eagle Pass, Texas after visiting with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Coleman and their newborn, Walter Haggard Coleman, born July 27.

President Claude Schexnayder attended and spoke at the Dallas Rotary Club meeting. Joining him were Rev. A. J. Fineout, A. R. Schell Jr. and Cecil Hendricks. Mentioned were T. H. Bill Williams, Mrs. Ray Yarbrough, David McCall and Miss Fredna Maultsby.

Attending the Joe C. Gallop family reunion August 18, were: Wesley Gallop, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gallop, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gallop and Tommie, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gallop, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gallop Jr. with Molly and Lonnie, Mrs. J. H. Snapp and David, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Snapp with Bill, Cindy and John, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Farrar with Michael and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gallop with Glenda and Jon Larry, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gregory and W. M., Mr. and Mrs. Ollen Kasten with Becky and Kay, Misses Molly Sue and Mary Sue Dolahite, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Reader with Rickey and Virginia, Mrs. Minnie Brans, Miss Nancy Knight, Miss Fredna Bunker and Arthur A. Bagwill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Schell III with children Richard and Margaret Ann are home after a few days in Houston. Rice Brown is recovering after a recent illness.

Mrs. J. S. Aldridge and daughter Mrs. Katie Evans and son Pat are visiting Mrs. Aldridge's daughter Mrs. James H. Beall in Sweetwater, Texas.

Mesdames Ted Reddell and Celeste Herndon visited their sister Mrs. Arthur A. Bagwill in Plano.

While boating north of McKinney, Raymond R. Edwards, 18 drowned on the Jack Ryan farm.

Bailey Duncan, pastor of Frisco Methodist Church, will have an all-day revival beginning August 18. James M. Brazelton will lead the singing.

Mrs. Nannie Bennett, 72, died at City-County Hospital Monday. She was born in Wilmer Jan. 9, 1885. She is the daughter of B. F. and Sara Ann Whitmore Bennett. Rev. Bill Weir was minister and she was buried in the Allen Cemetery. Survivors are a sister Mrs. Robt. Rosenbaum; three brothers Pat Bennett, James E. Bennett and Isaac W. Bennett.

B. B. Carpenter is a patient at a Dallas hospital.

Mrs. A. C. Hays thanks everyone for the flowers while she was in the hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Brooks left on their vacation to Colorado.

p. 6 Don Warren, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Warren fractured both bones in his right leg. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warren of Frisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Banovitch attended the funeral of the latter's nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday. Celebrating with them were Mr. and Mrs. Hays Hill, Sondra Hill, Mrs. Leo Conrady, Randy Conrady, Bobby Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hill and Cathy, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Kirkland, Wynema Jo, Karen and Roy.

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p. 8 Betty Lou Skiles left Tuesday for New York.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. (Wayne) Stinson and children Helen Louise, and Wayne Jr. returned home from vacationing in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Funderburg announce the engagement of their daughter Miss Martha Funderburg to Mr. Edwin O. Choice, III on October 19, at 8:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church of Plano. Officiating will be Rev. Daniel N. Cummings. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Choice.

GenFriends Needs You

Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries began over 25 years ago and in order to keep going we need volunteers for the Board of Directors and someone to take on the office of President. Our current President is stepping down in October, the end of our fiscal year and we have openings for three board members.

The new President will have support from the Board of Directors and will be responsible for scheduling and running 3-4 Board Meetings annually and running the Annual Meeting in October. They will also be the official spokesperson of Genealogy Friends and coordinate activities of the Board.

We need a leader to help us grow in 2021 and beyond. If you are organized and are looking for a leadership challenge please consider serving on the Genealogy Friends Board.



Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries Presents:
“DNA: The Basics & Beyond”
Speakers: Debbie Parker Wayne

When: Saturday, September 28, 2019

Where: Plano Bible Chapel
 1900 Shiloh, Plano, TX

Topics:

Genetics for Genealogy - An introduction to DNA for Genealogists

DNA: The Source That Keeps on Giving – A family case study illustrates thorough step-by-step analysis incorporating multiple types of DNA data. DNA helps solve genealogical problems.

Essential Tools for Analysis: atDNA Case Studies – Enthusiastic genealogists create tools for analysis of genetic data. Which is the essential tool for your family study?

Organized Genetic Genealogy: Tips for Handling Big Data – Tips for organizing DNA data and documentary data for efficient analysis.

Details: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Members Before 09/14/19 \$50

Non Members \$55

All Registrations 9/15/19 & After \$55

Bring a Brown Bag Lunch

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