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Saturday Seminars

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2012 & 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:

December 15, 2012 - Show and Tell. This is your opportunity to share your successes with fellow family history enthusiasts.

Future Topics

January 19, 2013— “British Research Basics” by Jeanette Hurst

February, 16, 2013—”Whoa, Whoa, Yikes” by Sandra Crowley

March 16, 2013—”How to Find Your Ancestor’s Maiden Name” by Don Raney



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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

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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Generous Genealogists

Mark Rabideau has launched a new website, Generous Genealogists.

Volunteers donate their time to provide research, networking, and coaching to the genealogy community. The site is building on the work that was done on Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness whose founder Bridget Schneider died in November, 2011. Recently I helped a man in Kansas by getting an obituary for his ancestors from the local newspaper. You can volunteer to help as well as find volunteers in the areas you are researching. Volunteers are available outside of the US as well as inside. You will have to create a free account.

The url is <http://generousgenealogists.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



2012 Acquisitions

In 2012 Gen Friends and their members donated materials the following materials to the Genealogy Section of the library:

Alabama

- Dekalb County Wills & Estates 1836-1929 2 vols

Arkansas

- Columbia County, AR Cemeteries
- Columbia County, AR Obituary Index 1948-2004
- Arkansas Prior Birth Index Vol 8-10

Connecticut

- Some Early Records and Documents of and Relating to the Town of Windsor, CT 1639-1703

Georgia

- Georgia's Roster of the Revolution
- Admission Register of Central State Hospital, Milledgeville, GA 1842-1861
- 1807 Georgia Land Lottery Fortunate Drawers and Grantees
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Maryland

- Western Maryland Catholics, 1819-1851

Mississippi

- Alcom County Cemetery Records
- Tishomingo County Marriage Bonds & Ministers' Returns 1842-1861

Pennsylvania

Berks County, Pennsylvania

- Church Records of the 18th Century Vols 1-5
- Abstract of Wills 1685-1785, 1752-1785, 1785-1800, 1800-1825, and 1825-1870

- Church Records of the 17th & 18th Century Vol 1,3 and 4 (the library already had vol 2)

- Chester County, Pennsylvania Early Church Records Vol 1/3

- Dauphin County, Pennsylvania Early Church Records

- Lebanon County, Pennsylvania Early Church Records

South Carolina

- Some South Carolina Marriages, Obituaries and Misc Info 1826-1854

Tennessee

- Carroll County, TN Varied Records, Court Minutes, Tax Records, Etc. 6 Vols

- Some Records of the JM Cox Funeral Home, Brownsville, TN

- Memphis, Shelby County, TN The Early Years, Selected Court Records & Survey Books 1820-1850

- Weakly County, TN Occupant Entry Records 1827-1833

- Alphabetical Index to Hardeman County Tennessee Deed Books A-Z, 2 vols

- Fayette County, TN Minute Book 1840-1844

- Obion County TN Court minutes 1849-Sept 1862

- Shelby County, TN Gravestone Inscriptions Cemeteries Vol 1-3

- Petersburg, Hustings Court Marriage Bonds, Register Ministers Returna 1784-1854

Texas

- Cemeteries of Bexar County, Vol 8

- Bexar County District Court Minutes 1838-1848

- Big Springs Cemetery Book

- Texas Naturalizations to 1906 Aransas, Dewitt, Karnes, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria Wilson

Rosamond Baptist Church, continued

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Naturalizations to 1906 Atascosa • Texas Naturalizations to 1906 Cameron • Texas Naturalizations to 1906 Dimmitt, Frio, Hidalgo, Lasalle, McMullen, Medina, Zavala • Texas Naturalizations to 1906 Gonzales • Texas Naturalizations to 1906 Kinney • Texas Naturalizations to 1906 Maverick • Texas Naturalizations to 1906 Neuces • Texas Naturalizations to 1906 Starr • Texas Naturalizations to 1906 Uvalde • Texas Naturalizations to 1906 Webb • Texas Naturalizations to 1906 Zapata • History of Murphy • History of Plano • Van Zandt County 2 vols • Chester County Heritage 2 vols • Van Zandt County Marriage Records 1909-1932 • Graveyards of Van Zandt County Vol B, C, D • School Days in Van Zandt County 2 vols • Divorce Records of Van Zandt County 1848-1920 • 1890 in Van Zandt County • 1900 Census Index to Van Zandt County • Where They Lie, Civil War Veterans of Van Zandt County • Early Births 1872-1900 Van Zandt County • 1850, 1860 & 1870 Censu of Van Zandt County • Van Zandt County Court Minutes A& B 1848-1871 | <p>Virginia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinwiddie County VA Data 1752-1865 • Dinwiddie County VA Land Records 1852-1820 • 1815 Directory of Virginia Landowners & Gazetteer Vol 1-6 • Goochland County, VA Marriage Bonds & Ministers Returns 1816-1854 • Compendia Annotations of Washington County, VA Cemeteries 6 vols • Virginia Final Pension Payments 1816-1864 2 vols • Virginia Men in Gray Frederick County • Virginia Men in Gray Shenandoah County 2 vols • Virginia Men in Gray Clarke County • Virginia Men in Gray Page County • Virginia Men in Gray Rockingham County 2 vols • Virginia Men in Gray Men in Gray Interments 4 vcls • Virginia Men in Gray Men IN Gray Interments 20 vols • Virginia's Civil War Casualties a Roster 6 vols <p>Wisconsin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Louis Catholic Parish, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin: Repertoire of baptisms, marriages and burials <p>Belize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Registers 1794-1810, 1813-1827, and 1828-1841 <p>England, Scotland & Wales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key to Anciane Parish Registers of England and Wales • Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Listings in the British Isles • British Army Pensions Abroad 1772-1899 • Scots in the Mid-Atlantic Colonies, 1635-1783 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scots in the Mid Atlantic States, 1783-1883 • Scots-French links in Europe and America 1550-1850 <p>Native American</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sitting Bull Surrender Census • The Crazy Horse Surrender Ledger • Applications for Enrollment of Creek Newborn, Act of 1905 Vol 1-4 and 8-10 • Applications for Enrollment of Seminole Newborn Freedman, Act of 1905, Vol 1, 2 & Supplement | <p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinship: It's all relative • Missing Relatives and Lost Friends • Colonial Clergy of the Middle Colonies • Diligence and the Disappearance of Manakintowne's Huguenots |
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Make the Holidays a Tradition Your Descendants Remember!

By Brenda Kellow

The holidays are here. It is another time of the year to follow those family traditions and begin a few new ones for your family. Our Thanksgiving will be on Thanksgiving Day, although not a tradition, our family Christmas this year will be December 27 in order to get all of us together. The date change does not bother me as long as we have family present. It's a time for family, and it can happen anytime around the original date.

When I was growing up in Plano, my relatives always celebrated Thanksgiving Day with a big turkey, cornbread dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce and many, too many, vegetables, pies and cakes. That tradition continued in my family long after my parents passed away. Well, my children do not want all the traditional food. They want only want the big turkey breast, cornbread dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce and my 'pumpkin pecan' pie saying they can eat the vegetables the rest of the year. The pie they prefer is a special pumpkin pie

on top and pecan pie on bottom that a friend gave me years ago. That has pretty much been our meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas since they were in their teens.

Thanksgiving is an old custom. It began in 1623 when Governor William Bradford proclaimed the Pilgrims give thanks for their harvested crops. The date of the feast has changed many times over the years.

On November 1, 1777, Congress proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving be held annually on the third Thursday of November. However, George Washington changed that when he declared Thanksgiving be on 19 February 1795. Nevertheless, Abe Lincoln changed that when he declared Thanksgiving be on the last Thursday of November.

The date changed for the last time when President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared on December 26, 1941, by federal legislation, that Thanksgiving be the fourth



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Thursday in November. Seems he felt that moving it to any earlier date it would give the country an economic boost. That continues to be law.

My family often refers to Thanksgiving as Turkey Day. I don't doubt it's because they can't wait to eat turkey and all the specified trimmings.

Growing up, Christmas was always welcome. I loved the suspense of what Santa would bring me under the tree and the thrill of presents coming from my family. I still love Christmas, all parts of it from the tree, lights, and spices wafting their fragrance from the simmering pot on the stove, the decorations and even the food preparation. We have lovely Christmases.

Well, there was one Christmas that was not so lovely—disappointing even. That was the year Santa brought me a jockey cycle when I was about five years old. I wanted a bike but instead I got the “three wheel wonder with a seat that went up and down.” I hated that thing. Why would Santa get that for me? I'm a girl. The three or four times I rode it I felt like a clown in a parade! Yuk! I just wanted a plain o' girl's bike. I did get a bike a few months later. It was a hand-me-down boys bike. Oh, well. I rode it anyway.

Our Christmas these days is traditional, but we have inserted our own traditions as we did with the Thanksgiving dinner. I have a collection of Baldwin brass candles I bring out for the holidays. I display them alongside my Old World Santa and sleigh collections. Instead of the red and green, I decorate with peachy and apricot colors. I also have a couple of angels and one is displayed on top of our tree. The tree has tiny twinkling lights and a few ornaments but mostly it is covered with our ancestor's pictures captured inside hanging Battenberg lace ovals. We also hang photos encased in lace on the tree of our children, grandchildren and dogs. Dogs are family, too.

Christmas Eve consists of lasagna dinner followed by singing carols accompanied by one or both of the girls on the piano. We read the Christmas Story from a book I had in the third grade followed by opening the presents under the tree. That leaves lots of room for Santa to deposit his presents that night while we are asleep. Yes, of course Santa still comes to our house! Those who doubt a Santa get no gifts. Boo hoo!

I still prepare a Christmas dinner for my family and friends consisting of turkey, cornbread dressing, gravy and cranberry sauce. When friends are attending, I also prepare a couple of vegetables, salad, and pumpkin pecan pie. This year I have been asked to make apple crumble that is both delicious and sugar free. Years ago the kids asked me to write down my recipes so they would have them when they cooked for their family. Keeping the recipes in writing and available is something we should all do for our descendants.

Christmas is a wonderful time for winter festivals. The most enjoyable trip I have ever taken at Christmas was to see Salt Lake City Temple grounds decorations. There were millions of twinkling lights. Today there are probably billions. They have a living nativity scene at dark with Christmas carols being sung and played inside the grounds for at least two weeks before Christmas. It is simply enchanting!

Over the weekend we went to the Gaylord-Texan to eat, see the Christmas display there and the fascinating ice show. That place is beautiful. And huge. No wonder they put Texas in the name of it.

Historically, we celebrate Christmas as the day Jesus was born although scholars actually do not know his date of birth. Christmas has been celebrated on many dates but the earliest reference using December 25 as the day to celebrate was in 354 A.D. Whatever the date, there was a celebration as early as 221 A.D.

Do you have holiday traditions? Have you sat down and written them down so your descendants will know what they are? You should do that if you have not. Think about all those times you lament about your parents and grandparents talking to you, but you didn't listen—or remember what they said. Well, now it is your time to pen your traditions.

Wherever you go and whatever you do this holiday season, have a Happy Holiday Season!