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Schedule of Events

Haggard Library is closed so we are holding our meetings via Zoom

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events. Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice from 10:15 to 12:00. Invites will be send out the week before the meeting.

This Month

December 19, 2020—Zoom Meeting—Show and Tell

Future Events:

January 7, 2021—Zoom Meeting—Genealogy Round Table—We are a group of genealogy enthusiasts who get together to share information and help each other. Zoom invite will be sent out the week before the meeting

January 16, 2021—Zoom Meeting—Researching Your World War I Ancestors” by Dr. Margaret McMahon

February 20, 2021—Zoom Meeting—To Be Announced

March 20, 2021—Zoom Meeting—To Be Announced

April 17, 2021—Zoom Meeting—”The Most Prominent Citizens: Using County and Local Histories to Locate Ancestors” Cari Taplin

May 15, 2021—Zoom Meeting—”Brick Wall Breakthroughs” by Thomas MacEntee

If there is a topic that you would like to learn about either in a Saturday seminar or newsletter article, email Barbara Coakley newsletter@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

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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Genealogy Education & News

Genealogy 101 –Zoom Class - If you are a beginner, this class teaches you the framework for getting started on your family history research. If you are a veteran, this class can help with best practices for successful research. Topics include planning research, organizing research results, citing sources, analyzing research results, using FamilySearch, and finding census, vital records, and published sources.

Collin College Continuing Education course CRN 73467, Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:00, Jan 6 to Feb 10, 2021. Fee is \$89. Instructor: Barbara Coakley

RootsTech is virtual and free for 2021. 25-27 February 2021. Register now! <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>
They also have recordings from prior year's conferences that you can watch <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive?lang=eng>

Vivid-Pix software is available at a discount and GenFriends earns money with every purchase. Email newsletter@genealogyfriends.org for the link to purchase Restore for \$39.99 and help raise money to purchase materials for the Genealogy Section of the library.

Georgia Genealogical Society monthly free webinar "Same Name, Must be the Same Person" is on December 10th at 7:00 pm. You don't have to be a member to view the webinar but handouts are for members only. <https://www.gagensociety.org/events/same-name-must-be-the-same-person>

Webinars and Online Classes from outside FamilySearch is a list of organizations hosting webinars. https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Webinars_and_Online_Classes_from_outside_FamilySearch

TIGR—Texas Institute of Genealogical Research has four tracts in 2021. Information will be available soon. <https://www.txsgs.org/texas-research-institute/>

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy will be virtual in January of 2021. <https://slig.ugagenealogy.org/index.php>

Check the genealogical and historical societies in the areas where your ancestors lived. Many societies are holding virtual education programs.

Some institutions are doing expanded lookups and will provide copies of records. Look for a research request form or rules for lookups on their websites and requests. Explore the online catalog and submit your requests, you never know what research question you might be able to answer.

The Pegasus Story

Submitted by Barbara Brogdon

From the Texas Historical Commission Facebook Page.

The Magnolia Petroleum Company's Pegasus, a forty-foot long and thirty-foot high red neon horse, was placed atop a 50-foot tower anchored to the roof of the Magnolia Building in 1934. At the time, the Pegasus and its 1,000 feet of neon tubing rotated every minute and a half.

It was the city's tallest point for almost a decade and remains one of its most famous landmarks.

Soon after its installation, Dallas citizens could claim that the city, still considered a provincial outpost of cowboys and cattle by the rest of the nation, was no longer a one-horse town.

The Magnolia Building was completed in 1922, at the time the 16th-tallest building in the country, and housed the offices of the Magnolia Petroleum Company.

The building's architect, Sir Alfred Charles Bossom, British royal baron and member of Parliament, created a blend of Beaux-Arts classicism and modern 20th-century high rise in his design for the building.



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