



Genealogy Friends News

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Saturday Seminars & Lock Ins

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2007 & 2008:

Today's Topics:

December 15, 2007—Annual Show n Tell. Bring your genealogy finds to share with your friends.

Future Topics:

January 19, 2008—"First Person Accounts in Genealogy" by John Pritchett

February 16, 2008—Aaron Holt from the Southwest Branch of the National Archives will do a presentation about their collection.

March 15, 2008—Learn about Family Tree Maker and Legacy, two popular genealogy programs—Speakers Joanne Corney and Tresa Tatyrek.

April 19, 2008—Naomi Taplin from the Texas Baptist Historical Collection will speak to use about Preservation Techniques.

May—To Be Announced

June—Richard Preston will speak to us about Migration Patterns

July—To Be Announced

August—Beginning Genealogy by Barbara Coakley

September—"Convict Ancestors from England" by Dr. Steven Butler

October—Dr. Jacob Blosser will speak to us about the History of Religions in America

November—Lynne Darrouzet will speak to us about Organization

December—Show and Tell.

If you have suggestions for programs for 2008 please submit them to Jean Funk at jeano25@aol.com.

Historians Report 2006-2007

By Joy Gough

Board Members:

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Spurgeon Cospers - Treasurer

Bill Walton - T Shirts

Richard Preston

Lynne Darrouzet

Announcements:

Spurgeon Cospers resigned as treasurer and was replaced by Mary Onofrio.

The genealogy section is moving to the basement of the Haggard Library some time within the next year. That library will not stay open after hours so there will be no more lock-ins. Due to uncertainties about the move to the Haggard library and the inability to have workshops and lock-ins at that library, donations were withheld until after the move was complete and the future is more certain.

During the summer of 2007 and into October, several members of Genealogy Friends spent many hours voting on-line to help librarian Cheryl Smith win second place in the Librarian Idol Contest sponsored by the Save Half on Books company with a winning total of 433,965 votes. All of the libraries in the Northeast Texas Library System receive a 50% discount on purchases for the next year.

Genealogy Friends celebrated its 10th anniversary after the July seminar with speakers and guests, photos and a historical facts. It was covered by the *Plano Star Courier*. Marta DeMaree, Lynn Day, and Anne Womack received Genealogy Friends Lifetime Memberships for all of their help and support at the Harrington Library.

Programs October 2006 - September 2007:

October 21- Heritage Society Panel - speakers from the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames 17th Century, Sons and Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and Sons of Confederate Veterans.

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November 18 - Researching New England Ancestors - speakers Lynne Darrouzet and Barbara Coakley.

December 16 - Genealogy Show & Tell

January 20 - The US - Mexican War - speaker Steven Butler.

February 17 - A German Research Case Study: The Ziebold & Schnaiter Families - speaker Barbara Coakley

March 17 - True Women & Westward Expansion - speaker Dr. Adrienne Caughfield.

All-day workshop: April 21 - Forensic Genealogy, presenter Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD.

May 19 - Digital Photography - speaker Vicki Belt.

June 16 - Writing Your Family History - speaker Barbara Coakley and Creating Digital Heritage Albums - speaker Jean Funk.

July 21 - Victorian Mourning Culture - Martina Willdechapparro, and Genealogy Friends Birthday Party.

August 18 - Planning: The Key to Successful Research - Barbara Coakley.

September 15 - Copyright Law and Women & the Law - Lynne Darrouzett, JD.

Lock-Ins: October 27 - Computer & Genealogy

February 9 - Breaking Down Brick Walls

July 13 - Regional Research

Donations:

In 2006 Genealogy Friends purchased 10 microfilm rolls of Collin County records and several rolls of microfilm of the *McKinney Weekly Democrat* newspaper for a total of \$6168.65 in donations.

Ten Years of Programs

Beginning Genealogy, Organizing

Beginning Again, the Right Way - Stella Fincher

Beginning Genealogy - Stella Fincher

Beginning Research - Stella Fincher

Organizing Family Research and Publishing - Lynn Fussell

Organizing Your Research - Jean Funk

Pointing you in the Right Direction for Correct Genealogical Research - Stella Fincher

Census

1880 Census - Lynell Moss

1930 Census - Brenda Kellow

Non-Population Censuses - Brenda Kellow

Special Censuses & Migration Trails - Brenda Kellow

Computers and Internet

Adobe Photoshop Elements - Jennifer Pitts

Building Personal Web Sites Using MS Publisher- David Scarborough

Creating Digital Heritage Albums - Jean Funk

How I Can Use my Access Program to Help Me with Genealogy - John Darrouzet

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How Can I Use Excel to Help Me with My Genealogy? -
Lynne & John Darrouzet

Internet Military Sources; How to Locate Military Records -
Clare Molina

New Internet Sites, How to Use Your Own Web Site to En-
hance your Research - Brenda Kellow

Publish Your Family History Using Front Page - John Dar-
rouzet

Courthouse

Changing Borders and Boundary Lines - Stella Fincher

Copyright Law and Women and the Law - Lynne Darrouzet

Courthouse Abstracts - Ruth Jon Smith

Townships & Ranges and How to Use Them - James Deen

Use of the Courthouse - Leona Richardson

Where Did They Live? How to Plot U. S. Land Records -
Weldon Fincher

Wills & Other Legal Documents, Courthouse Research -
Barkley Miller

DNA

DNA Analysis - Leo Baca

Forensic Genealogy - Colleen Fitzpatrick

Genealogy vs. Genetics: Seven Daughters of Eve - Leo Baca

Ethnic

African-American Genealogical Research - Juanita Austin

Folk Music Tales & Humor of the Pennsylvania Dutch -
Frank Reisch

Indian Research & Military Research - Kris Richens

So You Think You Have American Indian Ancestry - Lisa
Morgan

U.S.-Mexican War - Stephen Butler

Ziebold & Schnaiter Family Research - Family History Tour
to Germany - Barbara Coakley

Funerals/Tombstones

19th Century Funeral Customs - Carol Taylor

How to Obtain Military Grave Markers - Dennis Todd

Humorous Tombstones - Richard Miller

Tombstone Rubbings - Kathy Lovas

Victorian Mourning Culture - Martina Willdechapparro

Geographic Sources

British Research - Sherry Irvine

Researching the D. C. Area - Jennifer Pitts

Research in New England - Lynne Darrouzet & Barbara
Coakley

Research Using the NEHGS website - Lynne Darrouzet

Immigration/Migration

Alternative Methods to Obtain Information on your Immi-
grants - Leo Baca

Finding the Immigrant Ancestor, The Location from Which
They Came, Immigration Records, & German Records
Available in the U. S. - Ann Broihier

Immigration & Naturalization - Barbara Coakley

Leaving Home - Reasons for Migration - Barbara Coakley

True Women and Westward Expansion - Dr. Adrienne
Caughfield

Libraries

Family Search.org - Fred Moss

Holdings at the Confederate Research Center in Hillsboro -
Peggy Fox

How Can I Do Family Research at Gladys Harrington Li-
brary - Cheryl Smith

Inter Library Loan and WebCat - Cheryl Smith

PERSI - Weldon Fincher; Lynell Moss

Portal to Texas History Project - Dreanna Belden

Records Available at the National Archives - Barbara
Coakley

Reference Materials Available in the Gladys Harrington
Library - Marta Demaree

Researching at the Library of Congress & Using NUCMC -
Barbara Coakley

State Libraries and State Archives - Lynne Darrouzet

SW Regional Branch National Archives - Nygil Parker

Photography

Completed Albums, Creative Memories - Stacy Rauchwer-
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Digital Photography - Vicki Belt

Photographs in Genealogy and Preservation and Care of Old Photos - Ed Sandbach

Using Photography in Genealogy - Weldon Fincher

Preparation

Applications and Requirements for Lineage Societies - Selma Goswick

Organizing Before a Research Trip - Sidney Polley

Planning for a Research Trip - Barbara Coakley, Lynne Darrouzet, Brenda Kellow

Problems Encountered in Filing Lineage Papers - Bill Hurst

Specialized

Analyzing Handwriting - Bob Sweptson

Ancestry.com movie

Blended Families (Adoption) - Bill Hallas

Don't Wait Too Long; It's Later Than You Think - Ned Hoover

It's Relative; Using Indirect Evidence to Solve Genealogy Problems - Glenn Kinkade

National Genealogy Conferences - Brenda Kellow

Our Forgotten Hero, Killed in the Line of Duty in 1920 - Detective Luke Grant

Profiles 2000, Methodology of Face Reading; What the faces of our ancestors tell Us - Joel Lawson

Reading Old Handwriting - Stella Fincher

Remember the Ladies & 7 Habits of Highly Successful Researchers - Mary-Reid Warner

Samford Trip

Show and Tell

Social History - Lynne Darrouzet

Stump the Panel - Michael Matthews

The Why & How of 20th Century Research & American Church Records - Barbara Bayless

Writing & Publishing

Citing Your Sources - Weldon Fincher

Creating a Digital Heritage - Jean Funk

Creating an Ancestor - Clare Molina

Family Reunions - Brenda Kellow

How I Publish My Newsletter & the Methodology Used to Find Information - Barbara Coakley

Now That I have Done the Research, What Is Next? - Stella Fincher

Organizing Your Family History Albums Using Photo Safe Products (Creative Memories) (scrapbooks) - Mary Koon

Researching and Writing a Family Story- Victoria Chancellor (Huffstutler)

Write Your Family History in Small Increments - Gerry Haggard

Writing Your Family History - Barbara Coakley

Writing Your Story - Denise Midgley

Legacy Users Group

Joanne Corney started a Legacy Family Tree users group. The group will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Haggard Library in the Program Room from 10:30 to 12:30. Contact Joanne at ptxlegacyug@verizon.net for more information.

Beginning Genealogy Class at CCCD

Genealogy—Getting Started will be offered at Collin County Community College on Tuesday nights from February 5, 2008 to March 11, 2008 at Plano Senior High School. The Instructor will be Barbara Coakley. Register online at www.cccd.edu/ce

WorldCat

WorldCat is a database that contains information on sources from more than 10,000 libraries, archives, etc from all over the world. What better place to look for ideas to further your research?

Is it Factual or Is it Legend?

By Brenda Kellow¹

Sometimes it is difficult to discern good writing from the totally counterfeited. Legends have traveled down to us through the ages. Our parents read fairytales to us as bedtime stories when we were only children. Even as children we could detect that Peter Pan probably was not a real little boy who could fly in his magical world or that the old woman and her many kids lived in a shoe. But did we know whether or not the nursery rhyme about Mary's little lamb following her to school one day was written about a real little girl's early experiences, or just written to entertain the wee folk? Today we still find it hard sometimes to determine and separate what is real from fake. Sometimes we adults find it difficult to separate the factual from the legend. In genealogy, it is certainly difficult to learn and remember all the books, family histories, and other works that are legends have no factual information and contain no citations where these references can be proven. Unless legends are your chosen genre, then your writing must be factual, truthful, and well documented to be acceptable in the non-fiction field. Genealogy is non-fiction—or it should be. Here are a couple of examples followed by a list of some of the most notoriously fake genealogies and the people who wrote them.



LEGEND OR MYTH?

Born a righteous prince probably in Wales about 450, he lived until about the age of 45. He became king of England and an icon of British unity after he pulled a sword out of a stone. He conducted business when all his knights gathered together at the Round Table. He was a fair and beloved king ruling hundreds of loyal men from his favorite castle he named Camelot. Is this fact or is this a legend of a king residing in a mythical kingdom?

It is legend. Arthurian stories are written by creative writers who used actual events but twisted and replaced them in the period of Arthur's magical lifetime

The stories of King Arthur, probably modeled after the warlord Ambrosias Aurelianus, is a romanticized story of a brave and clever British king reportedly to have lived in the sixth century. History cannot document his kingship or his good deeds, even though the area around Tintagel on the North coast of Cornwall abounds with his legendary history.

The 6th century monk Gildas described the many battles between the British and the Saxons in his work called On the Ruin of Britain. In it he attributes the British triumph of Badon Hill to the brave Lieutenant Ambrosias Aurelianus. Ambrosias and his victories may be the basis for the creation of Arthur some five-hundred years later. However, the name Arthur never appeared in his writings or in other writings of that time period.

It was yet another monk in the 13th century who immortalized Arthur for all time. Apparently Geoffrey of Monmouth invented King Arthur, his line of descent, his faithful knights, and his lovely but unfaithful wife while preparing to write History of Kings of England from 1139-1150. Geoffrey describes a brave lieutenant, Ambrosias Aurelianus, in his work, Concerning the Ruin of Britain. Ambrosias was a military figure who never had a kingship. However, it is generally agreed that Aurelianus' name and his victories mutated into the legendary King Arthur character. Geoffrey used some fact but when there was no fact, or if the timing of the events did not work out, he made it up so everything fits nicely. Geoffrey's writing immortalized the name King Arthur even though Gildas never mentioned the name Arthur in his descriptions of the time period. This legend of King Arthur dictated the history of Britain for a few hundred years until it was disproven.

Does falsified behavior carry over into the field of genealogy? Yes. The field of genealogy is not without its frauds.

FACTUAL—NO, FRAUD—YES

One particular man was a convict from Europe who came to America to benefit financially from working with clients seeking a connection to someone in the military, royal lines or famous political figures. This forger of mainly unpublished genealogies in the 20th century is Gustave Anjou (1863-1942) who always gave his client just what they wanted for a price. Sometimes his fee was as much as \$9,000. The clients were elated to find their bloodlines went back to the rich and famous. These findings of Gustave Anjou are totally erroneous—inventions of the forger. Anjou was both prolific and most creative at twisting the truth and

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adjusting and inserting falsities within his work.

Anjou was a prolific writer, mainly of unpublished genealogies for people who entrusted him with documenting their family histories, but also of one published abstract containing valid Ulster County, New York probate files. His abstracting of the probates was sloppy, completely wrong in many cases, and totally pulled from thin air in others. It is impossible to prove his findings, and he offers no documental proof. Genealogical work must present proof, or else consider it as legend.

His fraudulent works appear in libraries all across the country. Some are aware that his works are fraudulent, others are not. If you find these in libraries, please determine if the librarian is aware of these made-up genealogies.

CONCLUSION

In reality, Arthur, the icon of British unity revived a shattered land for a brief time before it was disproven. Factual history including genealogies cannot be pulled from a rock. Gustav Anjou's counterfeit genealogies continue to surface from time to time. Genealogies must be original histories complete with full documentation to be believable. Just because it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck does not guarantee it a duck.

For other genealogy frauds and for more on Anjou, read Robert Charles Anderson's "We Wuz Robbed" and "Gustave, We Hardly Knew Ye" by Gordon L. Remington. Both are in the *Genealogical Journal*.

Go to America's First Families home page on the Internet and scroll down to the long red bar labeled "Fraudulent Genealogies." Here you will find a complete listing of Gustav Anjou's unsupported and incorrect histories of families by the foremost genealogist, Mr. Robert Charles Anderson², CG, FASG on the America's First Families Home page on the Internet at <http://personal.linkline.com/xymox/fraud/fraud223.htm> [The listing of fraudulent genealogies was copied by the author on October 22, 2007 from the above Website. Mr. Anderson solely compiled the book list.] At the Website above Mr. Anderson describes Gustav Anjou, and lists the four recognizable features found within Anjou's "work." A listing of these frauds by Mr. Anjou is on the following pages.

Notes

1. Brenda Kellow has a bachelor's degree in history and teaches and lectures on genealogy. Before retiring in 2007 to publish her family's histories, she held certification as a Certified Genealogist and as a Certified Genealogical Instructor. Brenda publishes her weekly genealogy column *Tracing Our Roots* online at www.geocities.com/TracingOurRoots.

2. Mr. Anderson is the Director of the *Great Migration Study Project* sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He is a Certified Genealogist, a fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, a fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association, and has published numerous articles in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, *The American Genealogist*, the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and *The Genealogist*, as well as the *Genealogical Journal*.

! The ANDREWS Family 929.273 A1 #688
 The BACKUS Family 929.273 B128a
 The BACON Family FHL #908083 item 7
 BEACH Family FHL #908083 item 9
 The BELL Family FHL #908833 item 4
 BLAISDELL Family Manuscript 929.242 A1 no. 25
 Histoire de la famille BLOEDEL 929.273 B6214a
 The BRAMAN Family 929.273 B7311a
 BROOKING (Broquin) Family 929.273 B79132a
 The BUCKNER Family 929.273 B857a
 CALDWELL Family 929.273 C127an
 History of the CARR Family of Scotland, England and the United States Part 1: Scotland and the United States 929.273 C23a
 CARROLL Family FHL #908510 item 11
 CARUTHERS Family 929.273 C2372a

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 The CHALFONT Family 929.273 C35a
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The DANIEL Family 929.273 D221a

De RONDE Family 929.273 R667a

DEVECMAN Family 929.273 A1 no. 542

DICKEY Family FHL #924400 item 4

The DORNAN History 929.273 D73451a

DOTY Family 929.273 A1 no. 543

DU PONT Family FHL #908504 item 1

DUNCAN Family 929.273 D912a

ERICKSON Family 929.273 A1 no. 551

FICKEN Family 929.273 F446a

The FISH (FISK) Family FHL #908219

FLANDERS Family 929.273 F613a

Early History of the FREEMAN Family; of Surrey, England, and New Jersey, Michigan, North Carolina, and California in the United States FHL #1033558 item 9

GALWAY Family (GALLAWAY, GALLOWAY) FHL #908219 item 9

! GILL Family FHL #908504 item 10

The HOLLIDAY, HALLIDAY Family 929.273 A1 no. 545

The HULBERT Family, 1305-{1884}; with the Ancestry of Walter HULBORD, Thomas HULBERT, William HURLBERT, and their Connections with Early Immigrants to the New World: Connections with Samuel BENNETT in *James* 1635 to Lynn, MA., the HYDE, HURD, PARTRIDGE, HARDY and Other Families/Henry Carlton HURLBERT, Descendant of Thomas HULBERT of Saybrook, CT and Wethersfield 929.273 A1 no. 540

The HULL History: Containing the Ancestry of Richard HULL of Dorchester, 1634 929.273 H877a

HUNGERFORD Family 929.273 A1 no. 548

The Jack Family (JACQUES, JAMES) 929.273 J12a

The JOHNSON Family 929.273 J63an

The JOHNSON Family 929.273 J63ab

JONES Genealogy, A Welsh Family 929.273 J71a

KENNETT Family 929.273 K393a

KLAUS (Claus) Family 929.273 K668a

! LANE Family Extracts from Suffolk Probate Record FHL #908071 item 7

LEE Family 929.273 A1 no. 549

The LENMAN Family (LEMAN, LANHAM, LENHAM) 929.273 L547a

The Lewis History; Containing Also the History of Various American Families FHL #908006 item 1

The LILLY Family: LILLIE, LILLE, LILLI, and LILLY: A Complete History of the Lillie, Lille, Lilli and Lilly Families from Sweden to France to America, 1291-1898 929.273 L628an

! LINCOLN Family 929.273 no. 550

MARK Family 929.273 M34a

The MARSHALL Family 929.273 M355a

The McVICKAR History FHL #908006 item 4

MONS (MANTZ) Family 929.273 M758a

MOORE Family 929.273 M781a

The NICHOLSON Family 929.273 N52a

ORD Family 929.273 Or2a

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PARSON Family Records 929.273 P251a

The PULLMAN Family 929.273 P967a

REDBURN Family 929.273 R246a

History of the RICHARDSON Family Q929.273 A1 no. 24

ROBINSON Family 929.273 A1 no. 556

ROBINSON Family: Genealogical History of the Robinson Family from John Robyson of England in 1374, to Henry and Richard Robinson of Maryland in 1650, to John Robinson of Delaware in 1698, to John M. Robinson, 1878 929.273 A1 no. 556 Rev. Ed;

ROCKWELL Family 929.273 A1 no. 546

ROGER Family FHL #908510 item 12

The ROSS Family 929.273 R733a

RUNK-RUNCK Family 929.273 R874r

RUSSEL Family 929.273 R911a

History of a German Family: the SCHNEIDER Family of Friesland, 1492 A.D. etc. with the Ancestry of Various American Immigrants 929.273 Sch58a

SEAMAN Family 929.273 Se16a

SHAPLEIGH Family 929.273 SH64ag

The SPROULL Family from 1283 A.D.: with Ancestry of, e.g., Governor W.C. Sproull of Pennsylvania. Also the Affiliated Families; CLARK, with the Ancestry of Sen. W.C. Clark, MURE, PATTERSON, CARRUTHERS, etc. 929.273 Sp87a

STONE Family 929.273 St72a

! STOWELL Family FHL #90854 item 12

SWIFT Family 929.273 Sw54a

! THAXTER Family FHL #908504 item 11

THOMPSON Families 929.273 T371an

The TILNEY Family 929.273 T468a

The TONE Family 929.273 T612a

TOPPING Family FHL #924086 item 4

The TRAYLOUR Family (TRAYLOR) 929.273 T699a

TURNER Family FHL #924400

The von HORN Family 929.273 H783a

WALLEY and other Families 929.273 A1 no. 599

WARD Family FHL #908504 item 3

WATERBURY Family FHL #908504 item 5

The WELD Family (WELLS, WELLES, WILLIS), 1066 A.D.-ca.1910; and WILDS FHL #928025 item 2

WELLING Family FHL #908504 item 2

WHEELER Family FHL #908834 item 6

The WHITMAN Family 929.273 A1 no. 582

WILSON Family 929.273 W691c

WITHERSPOON Family 929.273 A1 no. 558

WOLFF Family, ca. 760 A.D.-1916 929.273 W832a

WOOLEY History 929.273 W888a

The WORCESTER Family 929.273 A1 no. 557