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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2020. 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:

February 15, 2020—"Organizing Genealogy Stuff" by Barbara Coakley

Future Events

March 21, 2020—"Westward Ho! Migration Routes of the US" by Judy Allen

April 18, 2020—Ruth Fischbein Lloyd will speak to us about her research as a 2nd Generation of Holocaust Survivors.

May 16, 2020—"Mining the Gems in a Civil War Pension File" by Bernard Meisner

June 20, 2020—"Four Methods to Search Familysearch.org" and "FamilySearch.org Q&A" by Lynell Moss

We are working on the sessions for 2020, if you have a topic or speaker suggestion please email Barbara Coakley at 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. 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

Genealogy Online Research class at Collin College meets on Wednesday from March 18, 2020 through April 22, 2020 at Courtyard Campus from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Instructor is Barbara Coakley. In this hands on class in a computer lab we'll explore websites to help you further your Genealogy research

<https://www.collin.edu/ce/classes/index.html>

Rootstech will be held February 26-29, 2020 at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, UT. The theme will be The Story of You. Info available <https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake> . If you can't attend watch for the sessions that will be streamed on the web or consider a virtual pass.

Paths to Freedom: African American Research in the South Dallas Genealogy Society's Spring Seminar by speaker Tony Burroughs, FUGA will be held April 18, 2020. <https://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/2020-spring-seminar/>

Echoes of our Ancestors, the National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held 20-23 May, 2020 in Salt Lake City, UT. <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

DNA from A to Z: Unlocking Your Genetic Code Dallas Genealogy Society Summer Seminar will be held July 24-25, 2020 <https://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/2020-summer-seminar/>

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference will be held 2-5 September, 2020 in Kansas City, MO. <https://fgs.org/conferences/>

Family History Library Classes and Webinars are available on FamilySearch.org to watch. https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Texas State Genealogy Society Conference, "Remembering Your Heritage" is scheduled for November 13-15, 2020 at the Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas. <https://www.txsgs.org/2020-conference/>

Painted Churches

By Texas Historical Commission

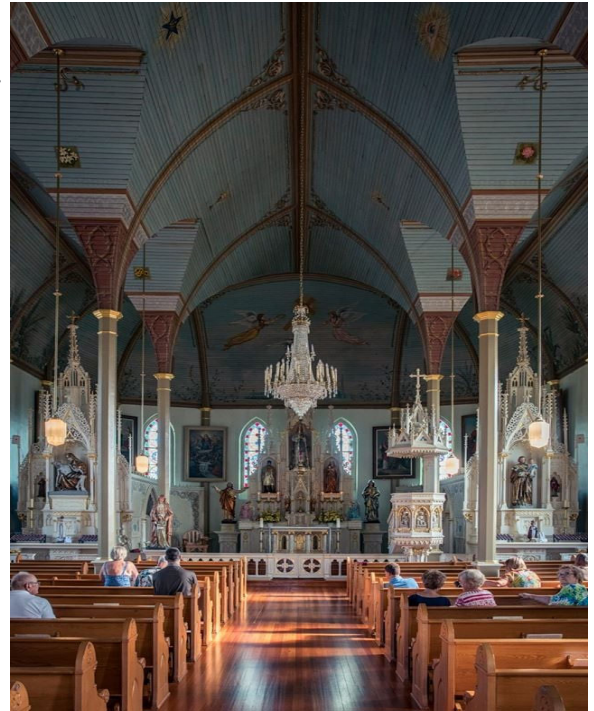
Many predominantly Czech and German communities transplanted versions of their former hometowns to the new world, most notably in what are known today as the Painted Churches.

Dedicated in 1895, St. Mary's is one of the famous Painted Churches of Texas and is visited by thousands each year. A granite monument to Praha's Nine rests in the churchyard, memorializing the nine Praha men who died on World War II battlefields.

Given Praha's diminutive population, the loss of the nine men ranks Praha's per capita World War II losses higher than almost any other city in America. A ceremony is held on Memorial Day annually at St. Mary's.

In 1983, 15 Painted Churches statewide were listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This rare art form is manifested in some of the state's highest expressions of design, architecture, and worship through such methods as freehand work, stenciling, infill, graining, and marbling.

Submitted by Barbara Battocchio Brogdon



Genealogy Resources

By Barbara Coakley

MeasuringWorth.com

This website has data on the US, UK and Australia that can help you understand the value today of a past transaction or asset. You can convert your ancestors military pension or the amount your ancestor paid for land to today's value. There are different calculations so you'll need to spend some time learning which calculator to use. <https://www.measuringworth.com/>

North Carolina Digital Heritage Center

The collections at DigitalNC have been expanded to include newspapers from Northampton County. This collection is made up of images from 266 libraries, museums, and archives across North Carolina. The newspaper collection has over 143,000 images. They also have yearbooks, images, city directories, and images. <http://www.digitalnc.org/>

TheGenealogist

This site just added over 500,000 images of parish records for Norfolk county in England. The records are fully searchable. This is a pay site. They have a 14 day free trial. <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/>

Heredis 2020

There is a new version of Heredis, a genealogy program that works on both Windows and MAC. There is a free trial available is you want to try it out. <https://www.heredis.com/>

1862 Massacre of German Patriots

By Barbara Battocchio Brogdon

In 1862, several dozen Hill Country men, mostly Germans, were camped along the banks of the Nueces River. Most of them refused to fight for the Confederacy and were on the run toward Mexico.

Little did they know, a group of Confederate soldiers were in hot pursuit on horseback. Shots rang out. There was an ambush. When the smoke cleared, 19 Germans lay dead. Roughly 15 were wounded, and some managed to escape. Two hours later, nine of the wounded were taken outside camp and executed. A week later, eight more were caught trying to escape across the Rio Grande. They, too, were executed.

It was called the Nueces Massacre. One historian called it “a crime unjustified by even the rules of savage warfare.” It struck fear in Germans across Texas. German immigration halted. Many Germans in Texas fled north or to Mexico. The Treue der Union Monument in Comfort stands as a memorial to the 36 German men and boys killed in the Nueces Massacre.

Detailed image from Harper's Weekly, August 20, 1865 by [Texas State Library and Archives Commission](#)

