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Saturday Seminars

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

January 21, 2012—Tara Carlisle from UNT will present Digitizing Your Records.

Future Topics:

February 18, 2012—Meg Hacker from the Southwest Regional Archives will discuss the 1940 Census.

February 25, 2012—LearnN—Land Records—Topics will be “Using the BLM Website” and “Land Records at Your Local Courthouse” See Page 6 For more information.

March 17, 2012—”Digital Photography for Genealogists” by Tony Hanson

April 21, 2012—Jeanette Hurst will discuss British Research

April 28, 2012—LearnN—Census Records—Topics will be “Census Search Strategies” and “1940 Census Research”. We'll also have volunteers available to help you if you want to use the computers in the Genealogy Section to do census research. See page 2 For more information.

May 19, 2012—”Introduction to Heraldry for Genealogists” by David Appleton

We are looking for topics and speakers for 2012 presentations, email Barb 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
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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Brenda Kellow writes a weekly genealogy column, Tracing Our Roots. you can read it online at <http://tracingourroots.weebly.com/>

LearnN

LearnN's are offered three times a year at the library. There are two one hour sessions. A \$10 donation is requested to raise money for materials for the Genealogy section of the library:

February 25—Land Records—learn about land records in public land states and how to use indexes to find land records at the county courthouse.

April 28—Census Records—in addition to the two classes we will have volunteers stationed in the genealogy section where you can use the computers to search the 1940 census for your family members.

August 25—Technology—topics will be available soon.

Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts

You can be one of the best dressed genealogists in town!

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)



Are You Ready for the 1940 Census?

US Federal Census records are released after 72 years. The 1940 Census images will be released on April 2, 2012 by the National Archives but they will not have a searchable index. Never fear! Archives.com, Family Search and findmypast.com are joining forces to index the census images. It depends on us how quickly the index is available; volunteers will be used to index the census records. The result will be free access to the 130 million people on the 1940 Census on Archives.com, FamilySearch.org and findmypast.com.

We need to help with the indexing project. It will save hours of work paging through the census images to find your ancestor. Why not transcribe a couple of pages while you are looking for your ancestor. Read about the census and volunteering at <http://the1940census.com/>

Find out what questions were asked on the 1940 census and access finding aids on the National Archives website <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/>

You can prepare to find your ancestors before the index is available using the tools on Steve Morse's website One Step Portal for On-Line Genealogy at <http://stevemorse.org/>. Select Census from the gray menu box on the left side of the website, a fly out menu that includes a tutorial on the 1940 Census and tools to get ready for the 1940 Census.

We also have two GenFriends programs coming up that will help with this topic. Meg Hacker from the Ft. Worth Archives is our speaker on February 18th. One of her topics will be the 1940 Census. There will also be a LearnN on April 28th that will be focusing on Census Research. The first hour we'll explore a case study focused on finding individuals in the 1940 Census. The second hour we'll discuss Census Research Strategies or you can visit the Genealogy Section of the library where there will be volunteers available who will help you search for your ancestors.

Education Opportunities

There are two genealogy classes coming up at Collin College (formerly CCCCD) taught by Barbara Coakley:

- Using One Note for Genealogy, Saturday 3/3 and 3/10 from 9-1 at Courtyard Campus. This is a hands on class. Bring genealogy notes, photos, document images on a thumb drive and you'll learn to create an electronic notebook to organize your research. Microsoft OneNote is included in Office 2010 or is available for purchase separately.
- Online Research, Tuesday nights 3/6 to 4/10 from 6:30-9:00 at Courtyard Campus. There are more and more resources available on the internet for genealogy research. In a computer lab we'll explore websites for genealogy research and you can follow along on a computer terminal.

Visit Collin College website to register <http://www.collin.edu/ce/>

RootsTech February 2-4, 2012 in Salt Lake City. Why not combine a research trip to the Family History Library with the a great learning opportunity. <http://rootstech.org/>

Legacy Family Tree offers free webinars on their website. If you can't make the webinar they offer recorded versions free for a limited time <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Webinars.asp>

Family Tree University is having a Virtual Conference March 9-11, 2012. Early Bird Registration is \$149 through February 13th. You get 3 day access to watch 15 pre-recorded video classes and participate in live chats.

<http://www.familytreeuniversity.com/>

Websites & Genealogy News

By Barbara Coakley

NARA Website Update—Citizen Archivist Dashboard

NARA has added an interactive feature to their website. You can tag images and records, transcribe a historical document, contribute to articles, upload your photos, enter competitions and much more. Projects are identified as beginner, intermediate and advanced so you can choose one that fits your experience. The Main Page headline is one day all our records will be online—won't that be great. You will no longer have to travel to Washington DC to view original historical documents. Why not spend some time helping our National Archives make materials available for researchers. Here's the link to the main page <http://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist/>

Mocavo UK Version

Mocavo is a genealogy focused search engine. They now have a site that is focused on UK genealogy. Mocavo limits search results so you don't have to sort through a lot of non-genealogical results. <http://mocavo.co.uk/>

Social Security Applications

The Social Security Administration has extended restrictions on Social Security Applications to 100 years. This means if you order an SS-5 for someone born less than 100 years ago the names of the parents will be blacked out due to privacy restrictions.

SSDI No Longer Available on RootsWeb

Due to sensitivity around the information in the database, Rootsweb has removed the SSDI. It is still available on Ancestry.com. The SSDI is a database of deaths reported to the Social Security Administration. Most records are for deaths reported since 1962. Ancestry.com requires a subscription but you can use it at your local library at no cost. Social security numbers have been removed for those that died within the last 10 years. You can still request the SS-5 without the social security number but it will cost \$29 instead of \$27.

Going forward the SSDI will not include records that the Social Security Administration receives from states. 4.2 million records are being removed from the Social Security's Death Master File for records that were provided by states in the past. Ancestry.com spokesperson Matthew Deighton says they will not be removing the records from their database so they will continue to be available. However, going forward approximately 1 million fewer deaths will be added to the database.

HistoryGeo.com

Arphax Publishing Company made Family Maps and Texas Land Survey Maps available in paper form for years. These maps show original land owners. You can now access the maps in digital format and other historical maps on HistoryGeo.com. They also have plans to add digital maps for the entire world. This is a subscription website but they do have some free content. <http://www.historygeo.com/index.php>

Historic Map Works

Historic Map Works is a subscription website that houses a collection of digital maps. Their collection includes land ownership maps from the US, antiquarian maps, nautical charts, birdseye views, special collections, and directories.

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<http://www.historicmapworks.com/>

What Was There

This website ties historical photos to Google Maps. Photos have been uploaded by volunteers. If you register you can add photos that you have in your collection. <http://www.whatwasthere.com/default.aspx>

University of Cincinnati—Cincinnati Birth and Death Records, 1865-1912

The University is digitizing index cards created by the Cincinnati Health Department. These are considered the official and legal records of births and deaths in this time period. The collection contains over 500,000 records. They aren't all available yet, this is a work in progress. You can search the entire collection on the main page or enter a subset through the links on the main page and search within that time period. Here's the link to the website—

<http://drc2.libraries.uc.edu/handle/123456789/1>

Genealogy Lectures on CD

If you can't make it to national conferences you can still take advantage of the learning opportunities. Some of the lectures are recorded and available on CD Rom through JAMB. Cost is \$12 per CD plus shipping.

<http://www.erikbuschardt.com/agora/agora.cgi>

Family Tree Maker for the MAC2

Ancestry.com announced in December that Family Tree Maker is available for the MAC2. Currently the software is on sale for %52.49. You can sync your Ancestry.com family tree from your desktop, iPhone or iPad.

War of 1812

America declared war on the United Kingdom on 18 June 1812. During this conflict almost half a million of our ancestors fought for their country. You can view the PBS documentary "The War of 1812" on their website <http://www.pbs.org/wned/war-of-1812/the-film/>. The Federation of Genealogy Societies is also raising money to digitize the pension files from the War of 1812. Currently these files are only available at the archives in Washington DC in paper form. Currently over 130,000 documents, approximately 1% of the 7.2 million images in 180,000 files are already available on fold3.com <http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/>. To learn more about the project or make a donation (\$25 will digitize 50 images) visit the FGS website <http://www.fgs.org/1812/>

Ancestry.com Update

Ancestry.com has a new viewer that lets you print the Current View of the image, has better keyboard support for zooming and panning and improved performance. They also have an app available for Android phones and tablets. You can view, add and edit your trees and view historical records that have been attached to your tree. Apps for Kindle Fire and Nook are coming soon.



Gen Friends Learn-N:

**“Using the BLM Website”
and
“Land Records at the Local Courthouse”**

by Barbara Coakley

Saturday, February 25, 2012

from 10:30am to 12:30pm

W O Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd, Plano

The Bureau of Land Management Website has records for the first purchase of land in public land states from the General Land Office. Learn how to use their website. Land records are some of the earliest records available to genealogists and can provide vast information about our ancestors. We'll explore how to find deeds in your local courthouse.

A \$10.00 donation would be appreciated. Donations are used to purchase materials for the Genealogy section of the Haggard Library.

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