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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events. Saturday seminars are held at W.O. Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd, Plano, TX from 10:15 to Noon.

This Month:

January 21, 2023 - Hybrid Meeting - "Appreciating Conflicting Evidence: Analysis and Resolution Develops Broader Research" by Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL (Remote Speaker)

Future Events:

February 7, 2022 - In Person—DNA Special Interest Group - Meets in Genealogy Section from 7-8:30 pm.

February 9, 2022—Zoom Meeting—Genealogy Round Table— We are a group of genealogy enthusiasts who get together to share information and help each other on the first Thursday of each month. Zoom invite will be sent out the week before the meeting.

February 18, 2023 - Hybrid Meeting - "Applying to a Lineage Society" by Emily Richardson

March 18, 2023 - Hybrid Meeting - "Census Records - Have You Really Looked At Them?" by Barbara Coakley

April 15, 2023 - Hybrid Meeting - "Shaky Leaf Syndrome: Using Website Generated Hints More Effectively" by Sara Cochran (Remote Speaker)

May 20, 2023—Hybrid Meeting—"10 Genealogical Brick Walls You Will Have to Face" by Robert Cameron Weir

Great News—Haggard Library is now a *FamilySearch* Affiliate Library which means you can access restricted collections on *FamilySearch* from Library Computers if you have a Plano Library Card.

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Genealogy Friends

Purpose: To educate members and library patrons in doing genealogical research and to support the Genealogy Center of W.O. Haggard, Jr. Library through donations.

Goal: To expand the library collection to meet the needs of this genealogically diverse community.

Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All donations are tax deductible.

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The annual membership meeting is held each October.

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 pay for programs and 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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DNA Special Interest Group

The DNA Special Interest Group normally meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Genealogy Section of Haggard Library from 7-8:30 pm. In February we are meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 since the second Tuesday is Valentine's Day.

We are using Diahn Southard's book *Your DNA Guide the book* to guide our discussions. We are working on pages 28-44 which are about choosing your research goal.

We are learning together about using DNA to further our genealogy research.

Volunteer Opportunities

Gen Friends needs help with the following:

- Coordinating with Speakers - send reminders, request bio and handouts, send handouts to printer and pick them up from the printer.
- Social Media Posting on Facebook, Instagram, etc.
- Taking pictures at meetings to post on the website.

If you are interested in helping email Barbara Coakley at newsletter@genealogyfriends.org.

Genealogy Education

RootsTech 2023 will be in person and virtual March 2-4, 2023. Registration is open. <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023> Virtual is free and in person is \$98. Don't forget that sessions from past years are available on the website to view. <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/search>

Dallas Genealogical Society Spring Seminar "**Research and the Law: Legal Knowledge Needed to Find Your Ancestors**," featuring Judy Russell will be April 22, 2023. <https://dgs.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/dgs/eventRegistration.jsp?event=365&>

International German Genealogy Partnership Conference—Crossroads and Connections: Find Your Family Story—will be virtual and in Fort Wayne, IN June 9-11, <https://iggp.org/index.php>.

Educated Ancestors

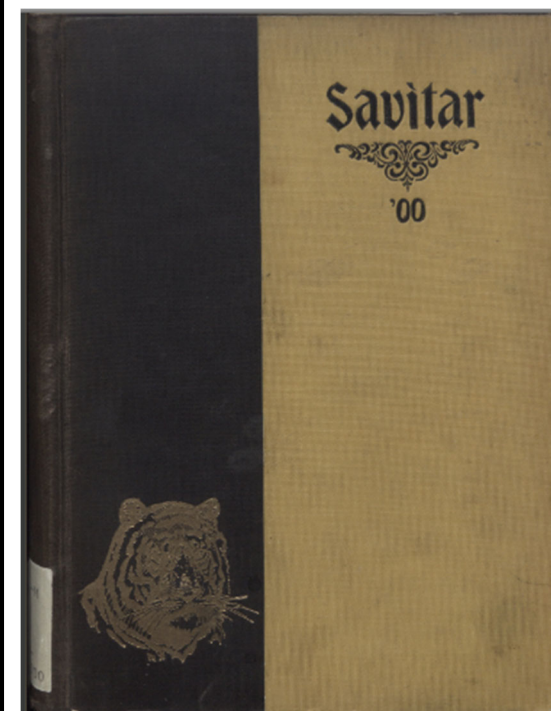
By Barbara Coakley

Two of my ancestors attended the St. Louis Medical College in St. Louis, Missouri in the mid and late 1800's. I was curious about the time they spent there so I started digging to see what I could find. College catalogs were available online for the years they attended. The catalogs included the names of the students so I was able to confirm when they attended. There was more—the classes they took, instructors names, text books used, cost of classes and labs, and the subject of their thesis. There was also a history of the school. It turns out that the St. Louis Medical College started as part of St. Louis University. In the 1850's the "Know Nothing" political movement was strong in St. Louis. They believed that there was a conspiracy by Catholics to subvert civil and religious liberty. Catholic churches and schools were attacked as the Know Nothings gained power in St. Louis. As a result the medical school spun off into a separate university and was chartered by the Missouri legislature 23 February 1855. The school continued as an independent university until 9 April 1891 when it became part of Washington University.

The books were available at *Google Books* and *Washington University School of Medicine Digital Commons*. Both were found using a *Google* search for "St. Louis Medical College."

Another ancestor attended Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. On their archives web page I found not only catalogs but a reference to letters written by the student's father to the President of the College and issues of their newspaper *The Notre Dame Scholastic* that included articles about the student.

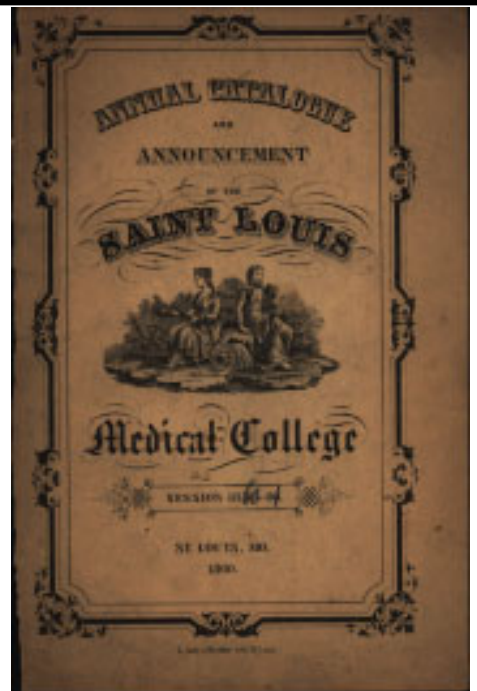
Another ancestor was a high school teacher. City Directories provided her occupation and the school's where she taught. The Public School Archives added information about the requirements to be a teacher in the 1870's and told me that she attended the Teacher's College before becoming a teacher.



Yearbooks are another great source for college students. The University of Missouri yearbook, *Savitar*, are available online on the University of Missouri Digital Library. The college newspaper, *University Missourian* is online at *Chronicling America* and contained articles about social events, sporting events, and artistic events. I learned my grandfather was a cheerleader and one of my great-aunts was called before the High Court of Civil Reprimand multiple times. She was charged with not keeping count of her dates. Apparently there was a rule that a girl could only have four dates a week. My aunt and two other girls did not keep track of their dates, "due to the ever increasing demands on their time and such a steady call for dates from their many admirers" and violated the rule.

Archivists at the Universities can also be helpful. By communicating with one via email I got the transcript for my great-grandfather.

Finding these resources can take a little digging but they are well worth the effort. Start with a *Google* search with the surname and the name of the university. If that doesn't work try just the name of the university. Check the university website to see if they have an archives, check local libraries and historical societies, and Ancestry has a collection of yearbooks—both high school and college.



Collin County Photo
Submitted by Barbara Brogdon

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Scandalous! Three young women smoke cigars in rural Collin County, 1903.



Courtesy of the Collin County History Museum via The Portal to Texas History