



# Genealogy Friends News

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## Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2017. 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:

January 21, 2017—"Researching Land Records" by Barbara Coakley

### Future Topics

February 18, 2017—"Computer Health" by Daniel Scurlock

March 18, 2017—TBD

April 15, 2017—TBD

**The Legacy Users Group** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, downstairs at Haggard Library from 1:30 to 3:30. There is an after meeting session if you need one on one help. Contact [ptxlegacyug@verizon.net](mailto:ptxlegacyug@verizon.net)

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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. Don't forget to re-new 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 Class at Collin College

#### Genealogy II—Barbara Coakley, Instructor

Class will be held on Mondays from Feb 13 through April 10 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

Each class focuses on a different category of records—Land, Probate, Naturalization & Immigration, Military Records, Court Records, and Tax Records. Learn about how to find the records and what they can tell you. Each class includes a case study example to help you get familiar with the records.

Genealogy I or previous experience doing family history resarch is a pre-requisite.

Classes are held at the Courtyard Campus 4800 Preston Park Blvd, Plano TX 75093

To register visit their website <https://www.collin.edu/ce/>

### Maryland Families With a British Connection

by Brenda Kellow

After what seemed like a long time (it really was years), I took many of my family lines back to the immigrants who came into America in the 1600s. Once that far back, I wanted to continue my search back to their mother country, but I had to first verify their vital statistics. The majority of my families came into Virginia, Maryland and Plymouth in the very early 1600s. I am always searching for those early families to document their origin, point of departure, family left behind and those who moved to other colonies, marriages, wills and deeds. As customary, I confirm through documents their authentic place in my family history. This led me to the two books written by noted Maryland genealogist Robert W. Barnes' titled *British Roots of Maryland Families*, vols. 1 and 2, which deals with about 500 individuals and families whose origins are British families. Most of mine who came into Maryland are from England, but some are from France and Germany. Some are Protestant. Some are Catholic. Barnes categorizes the families into armigers (those with coats of arms), clergy, professionals, mercantile classes, indentured servants, convicts, and those of unknown status. I was lucky to find the Ball family, as well as the Gough, Harding, Robbins and Tyding clans. I was able to pick up a couple of daughters-in-law who had married in England and came to Maryland with their husband and his family. I had never found whom these young women married or what happened to them. Although I already had clues and a little documented proof on some but I certainly picked up more in these two volumes. Barnes takes his material from some of his research and that of earlier researchers. I am never disappointed when I search for books on Genealogical.com. If you wish to own these for your library, go to <http://tinyurl.com/zhlgmmj> for a synopsis of the two volumes, price and ordering information.

## Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1956

By Brenda Burns Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas  
November 1, 1956, Volume 69, No. 26

Compiled by Brenda Burns Kellow, 2016

*Tracing Our Roots* weekly genealogy column [http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog\\_7/](http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/)

*Remember, this is an abstract of the newspaper. Not all names may be mentioned, i.e., obituaries, showers, and marriages may not have every name mentioned that were in the newspaper. For the complete content, look at the microfilm or find the copy in Newspapers.com.*

Mrs. John Halderman fell at her home last week and suffered knee injuries. She remains at City-County Hospital in McKinney.

Mrs. Floyd and family attend her mother's bedside, Mrs. A. S. James, who is in critical condition in a Denton hospital.

James Madison Nelson, 74, passed away at his home in Plano on Tuesday. Officiating was Roy Hendricks, assisted by Rev. Milton Greer with internment at Restland Memorial Park. Mr. Nelson was a native of Wayne County, Kentucky where he was born September 5, 1882, to Mr. and Mrs. Zachariah Taylor Nelson. He came to Texas at 18 months. He lived on the W. O. Haggard farm for 21 years. He moved into Plano in 1947. He married Miss Lula Pearl Maynard of this county on December 19, 1904. They celebrated their 50th anniversary two years ago. Survivors besides his wife are: daughters Mrs. Thurman Whitaker; Mrs. Vernon Kinser; Mrs. Kora Kinser; Mrs. Johnny Hughes; sons, Jasper Nelson; Woodrow Nelson; Noel Nelson; Henry Nelson; Jack Nelson, Lloyd Nelson; 18 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Melton, and daughter Mrs. Ken Spradlin, and baby daughter Cindy Lou and their grandchildren Beverly Wilson and Kawyn Sue Melton of Fort Worth visited her brothers in Plano Mr. Arthur A. Bagwill and Don W. Bagwill.

Howard Haun's sister, Miss Lucy Haun, of Austin, was injured in an accident last Thursday. She and her roommate Miss Katheryn McKellar are expected to be released from the hospital this week. Miss Haun's father is W. R. Haun of Van Alstyne and Howard visited the ladies in the hospital. Both ladies work for the Old Age Assistance Department.

Mrs. Iva M. Woodard of Long Beach, California, returned home after a visit with nieces Maria Spillman, and Mrs. James Hays of Plano and Mrs. Bill Breedlove of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hays are home from a 5,000 mile trip across the United States. They visited Edward Carpenter formerly of Plano.

Plano Wildcats defeated Honey Grove Warriors on Friday. Players were: Jerry Burch; Earl Allman; Don Gunn; Melvin Bozeman; James Uselton; Joe Wiser; Tom Murrell; and Warriors Jerry LaRue and John O'Connor.

Attending the Chisholm Trail Directors meeting in Wylie are Mrs. G. C. Prince and Mrs. E. A. Ablowich.

Halloween pranksters soaped the Nathan E. White Department Store. The pranksters only bothered the businesses on the north side.

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The speaker at the men's First Presbyterian Fellowship according to Rev. Frank Brooks is J. Harris Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers and daughter Rosemary visited Sunday in Bonham with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baugh.

Piano pupils of Mrs. George Frysinger Sunday at the Christian Church are Laurana Rice; Sherrie Garrett; Judy Landers; Nancy Angel; Brenda Burns; Frances Offutt; Betsy and Becky Armstrong; Deedee Neeley; Shirley Renfrow; Linda Dunn; Linda Lue Junker; Pam Hasford; Fredna Maultsby; Jill Harrington; Marilyn Todd; Kay and Rick Quisenberry; Linda Kay Sherrill; Rosemary Rogers; Susan and Judy Anderson; Patsy Dean; Randy Broadhead; Diane Robinson; David McCall Jr.; Melody Kay Langford; Teresa Robinson; Charlotte Cole; Sally Jones; Steve Christie; Johnny Uland; George Jones Jr.; Phillip Creed; Carolyn Clem; Penny Apple.

Mrs. Pat Diffie and her two little daughters Dava and Lisa visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Williams.

The Horton Grocery and Market will move to the Christie Building Homer Horton, owner, announced.

p. 2 The Methodist Church Brownie Troop will study *Leaves* says Judy Anderson Chairman and co-chairman Mary Robinson. Penny Apple is troop reporter. Hostesses for the day are Alice Faye Anderson, Mrs. Emmett Clem and Mr. Leland Robinson. Members of Troop 88 are: Judy Anderson; Alice Faye Anderson; Carolyn Clem; Penny Apple; Sammy Shaeffer; Judy Ann Davidson; Mary Ann Fonder; Mary Robinson; Sherron Hicks; Pat Ivy; Nancy Hamilton; Betty Lou Hinton.

p. 3 Mrs. Charles Forman was operated on Wednesday at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

The Thursday '13 Club meets at the home of Mrs. Clint Haggard. Guests were Mrs. Millard Rice and Mrs. Pat Clark. Mrs. Clyde Haggard will be next hostess.

p. 4 Mr. and Mrs. Homer Horton Jr. and daughter and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Horton Sr. last week.

Mrs. O. L. Watson, of Seminole, Oklahoma, visited cousin Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Williams.

Jackie Pell has registered Hampshire pigs for sale.

p. 5 Mrs. Jerry Wilson and son Skipper of Duncan, Oklahoma, visited her mother Mrs. J. L. Yandell and Mrs. O. F. Wilson. Mrs. Carr Suter also visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shelton.

p. 6 The '05 Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Thomas Brooks. Guests were: Mrs. Joe Bill Griffin; Mrs. William Griffin; Mrs. O. D. Carpenter; Mrs. Royce Skaggs; Mrs. J. C. Turner; Mrs. John McKamy; Mrs. Charles Pearson; Mrs. Bill Stubbs; Mrs. C. J. Christie; Mrs. Nathan White; Mrs. George Apple; Mrs. S. G. Carpenter; Mrs. John Broadhead.

Mrs. Harold Tippet of Dallas is spending the week with her mother Mrs. Fred Newman.

p. 7 Ad for Grave's Warehouse.

## Organizing Your Computer Files

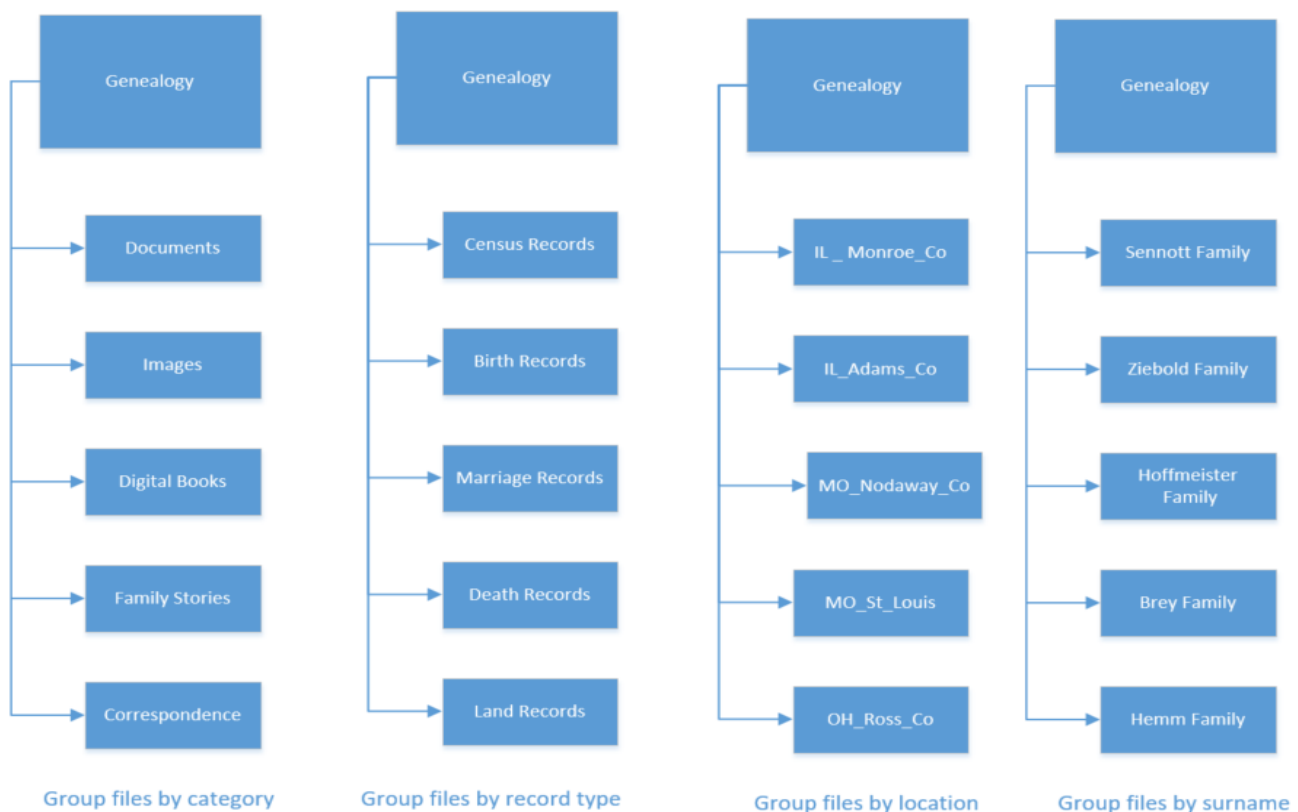
By Barbara Coakley

Being organized helps you be efficient. I don't know about you but I don't have as much time to work on family history as I would like, so I need to make the most of the time I do have. I've been focusing on one family at a time and reviewing everything that I have collected. As I go through the notebooks, I am scanning any paper documents that I don't have electronically and getting rid of the paper if it isn't an original document. I'm also analyzing each document and making notes as I go. Unfortunately, the hard drive on my computer is getting full so I purchased a new 3TB external hard drive that is linked to my lap top when I am at home and a smaller drive that I can use when I travel. This was the perfect opportunity for me to re-evaluate how my files were organized.

There are many ways to organize both your electronic files and your paper files. Organization is personal, what works for one person may not work for another. The first thing I needed to do was determine what would be best for how I think and work. Here are a few options:

1. Group files first by major category—digital books, family stories, images, documents, and correspondence.
2. Group files together by record type. Setup a folder for groups of records—census, land, immigration, military, etc.
3. Group files by location. Setup a folder for each county where ancestors lived.
4. Group files by family. Setup a folder for each surname. Further subdivide the surname folder by adding a folder for each person or couple.

Here is a picture of what each of these groupings might look like:



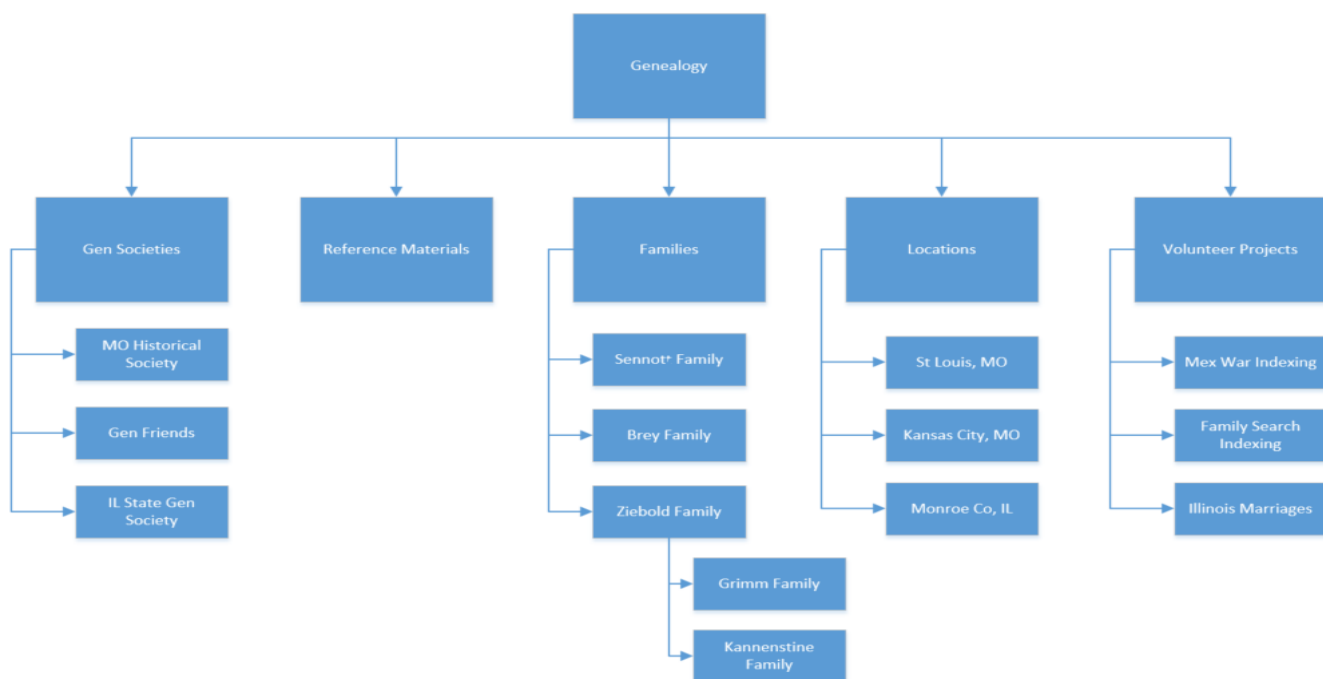
Within any of these groupings sub folders could be used to further divide the group.

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How files are named is also important. There should be enough information so that you can easily identify what is in the file without having to open it and consistency is important. For example, a death certificate for Harry B. Sennott who passed away in 1975 could be named Sennott\_Harry\_B\_DeathCert\_1975. This would allow sorting by file name to find all the documents for Harry within a folder or searching by the surname, ancestor's name or record type in multiple folders.

I settled on a combination of these methods. I setup folders for different categories and broke them down further with sub-folders.

- Genealogy Societies—each society has a folder where I can store digital publications, correspondence, membership receipts, etc.
- Reference Materials—this folder is for how to articles, digital publications on genealogy subjects, etc.
- Families—in this folder I have a sub folder for each of the surnames I am researching. Inside a family folder I added a folder for the families that my ancestors siblings married into. In each surname folder there is a sub folder for each person in that family. Inside each person's folder there is a sub folder for the events in their lives that generated records like—birth, marriage, death, military service, etc.
- Locations—I created subfolders for each place where my ancestors lived. These folders will hold records for that place that contain information on more than one family or general information on the location. For example the transcribed tax records for Monroe County that contain records for the Ziebold, Sennott, and Brey families would be in the IL\_Monroe\_Co folder.
- Volunteer Projects—each project has a subfolder.



Don't forget to include a back up plan when you are organizing your computer files. Hardware can get lost, stolen or fail. The last thing you want is to loose the hard work that you have done. My genealogy files are stored on two drives and everything on my computer and external hard drive is backed up by a cloud backup service.

Think about how you work and what makes sense for you. Look at what you have to store and plan how you will store it. Consistency apply the methodology that you chose and set aside time each month or quarter to file to avoid misplacing files. Doing this will help you be efficient and save precious time for productive family history research.