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## Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2015. 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:

**July 16, 2016**—"After the Research: Organization, Analysis, Sharing" by Barbara Coakley

### Future Topics

**July 27, 2016**—Dining Out at Spaghetti Warehouse—see page 2 for details.

**August 20, 2016**—"Names and Nicknames" by Susan Sadler

**September 17, 2016**—**All Day Workshop**—Speaker will be Lisa Louise Cooke, save the date and stay tuned for more information.

**October 22, 2016**—"The Miller Family"—"Brick Walls and the Internet"

**November 19, 2016**—To be Announced

**December 17, 2016**—Show and Tell

**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

## September Workshop

Our Workshop this year is set for September

17th at the First Presbyterian Church in Plano. The

church is located on Jupiter Rd. just north of 14th street. The speaker this year is Lisa Louisa Cooke who is the owner of *Genealogy Gems*, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She is Producer and Host of the *Genealogy Gems Podcast*, the popular online genealogy audio show available at [www.GenealogyGems.com](http://www.GenealogyGems.com), in iTunes, and through the Genealogy Gems app. Her podcast brings genealogy news, research strategies, expert interviews and inspiration to genealogists in 75 countries around the world, and recently celebrated 1.5 million downloads! Her Website is [www.GenealogyGems.com](http://www.GenealogyGems.com). Stay tuned for more information .



## 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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## Dining Out

Where:

Spaghetti Warehouse  
1517 N Central Expwy, Plano, TX 75075

When:

July 27, 2016 at 7 pm

Dinner will include for \$22.00 including tip:

Beverage

Garden Salad with Italian Dressing

Bread and Butter

Your choice of one of the following:

Spaghetti & Meatballs

15 Layer Lasagna

Four-Cheese Manicotti

Fettuccini Alfredo

Chicken Parmesan

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Optional Desserts and Min Desserts for an additional cost

If you want to join other Gen Friends members for dinner email [jeano25@aol.com](mailto:jeano25@aol.com) with the number of attendees and their dinner choice(s) no later than July 25. You can pay the night of the dinner. Proceeds go towards donations for the genealogy section of the library.

## John Abston

By Joy Gough

John Abston is the only Revolutionary War Veteran buried in North Texas. His grave is on the east side of Lake Lavon in the Abston Cemetery, which is on the west side of SH 78 about ½ mile north of FM 6, at the back of a picnic area. A sign at the park says: Robert L. Yielding Park, dedicated – 6/21/88, Courtesy of Roland Boyd Family, City of Lavon, Army Corps of Engineers. The cemetery is now part of Lake View Cemetery.

Source: Abston Cemetery Historical Marker Application, 1988

The Abston (Old Bellew) Cemetery, located one mile north of Lavon on highway 78, is one of the historic sites of Collin County. John Abston (1761-1856) who is buried there, was a soldier in the American Revolution. His grave is marked by a granite monument erected by the Richard Royal Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in 1913 and by a medallion placed there by the Sons of the American Revolution. The Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution organized in McKinney in 1975 was named the John Abston Chapter in his honor.

[...]The land which included the cemetery tract was purchased by John Abston and his daughter-in-law, Sarah, widow of his son, Jesse, on January 19, 1854 from Samuel and Susannah Rainer. There are thirty seven marked graves in the cemetery.

John Abston, who died in 1856, was the first person buried in the cemetery. He was born on January 2, 1761 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, the son of Joshua and Rachel Clement Abston. In 1779, at the age of eighteen, he volunteered for service in the Revolutionary Army and served for two years in Captain John Ellis's company under Col. William Washington. On July 26, 1789 he married Frances Thurman in Chatham, Virginia. Two sons, Jesse and Stephen, were born to the Abstons. In the 1830s, after the death of his wife, John Abston sold his holdings in Virginia, and with his son Jesse, Jesse's wife, Sarah, and little daughter, and his son, Stephen, moved to Jackson County, Missouri. In 1846 he divided his fourteen slaves between his two sons. Then, in 1853, with his son Jesse, and Jesse's family, he moved to Texas. When they reached the town of Melissa in Collin County Jesse contracted pneumonia, died, and was buried there. [Note-Melissa did not exist in 1853. He probably means Highland] Subsequently, he moved on farther south in Collin County with his daughter-in-law Sarah, and her children and purchased the land that included the cemetery.

In the eighteenth report of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, published in 1914, there is the following story about John Abston:

“Abston, John. Born Jan. 2, 1761; died 1856. Son of Joshua Abston, Captain of Virginia militia; served two years in war of the American Revolution. Enlisted from Pittsylvania County, Virginia; was in Capt. John Ellis Company under Col. Washington. The evening before the battle of King's Mountain, Col. Washington, who was in command of the starving Americans at this point, sent soldiers out to forage for food. At a late hour a steer was driven into camp, milled, and made into a stew. The almost famished soldiers ate the stew without bread and slept the sleep of the just. The next morning they made the gallant charge that won the Battle of King's Mountain, one of the decisive battles of the American Revolution. After the battle Col. Washington went to the place where the steer had been slain, and finding one of the horns, gave it to John Abston, a personal friend, saying “This is the horn of the steer that won the battle of King's Mountain.” Abston took the horn and carried it as a powder horn until the war was over. In later years it was used to call slaves from their work in the fields. The horn is now as hard as flint, the color of gold, and has a polish equal to gold. A grandson owns the rifle and horn and treasures them very highly.”

From the General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Washington D. C.: The Application of John Abston – Bounty Land Claim for service during the American Revolution:

“John Abston, born Jan. 2, 1761, declared that when he entered the service he was residing in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and that his father, Joshua Abston, was a captain in the Virginia Militia...that he volunteered when he was 18 years old...in the latter part of the winter season in 1779 at Jasper Mountain, Pittsylvania County under Captain John Ellis with whom he served but a few weeks...The new enlistees were transferred to the command of Captain Rose at New London, Bedford County where they joined the main army...The troops marched from New London toward Richmond, then turned south and went into North Carolina...that he was in the Battle of King's Mountain...that he was honorably discharged at New London, Bedford County, Virginia in the latter part of 1781 a few months after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown.”

## Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1956

By Brenda Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas  
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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 are mentioned, i.e., obituaries, showers, and marriages will 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.*

John Noel Hendrix now of Brooklyn, New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hendrix, sent a box of collectable pencils to add to the collection at the newspaper office.

Pat Evans enrolled at NTSC in Denton on Monday.

Mrs. James Beall of Sweetwater visited her mother, Mrs. J. S. Aldridge of Plano.

Lelious George Edward "Ed" Jacobs died suddenly about 5 p.m. Monday. He was a farmer west of the city. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the First Methodist Church. Pall bearers were Wayne McCollom, Ray McCollom, Quinton Robinson, Vernon Robinson, W. D. Haggard, and John Broadhead. Mr. Jacobs was the son of James Thomas Jacobs and Mrs. Mary Scoggins Jacobs, both natives of Georgia. He was born in Griffin, Georgia, on September 21, 1882. He was 73 years, 11 months, and 26 days. Mr. Jacobs is survived by wife Lenora Maude Jacobs of Plano; daughters Mrs. Douglas H. Cameron of Dallas and Mrs. John Grimm of Charlotte, NC; two brothers J. L. Jacobs of Houston and Hugh Jacobs of Harrisburg, Penn.

The United Fund Drive annual fund drive is October 2-15, with breakfast for workers on Oct. 2. The Business and Professional Women's Club will campaign house-to-house. Mrs. Ettie Lyngge announces Mmes. Marie Arnold, Myrtle Wilson, and Eurilla Williams are working on details. The Plano Garden Club and the Thursday Study Club are also helping announced Mrs. W. G. Carlisle, Garden Club President and Mrs. C. C. Allen President of Thursday Study Club. The board of directors is composed of Rev. Huffstutler President, Roy Murrell VP, Leon Dugger, Mrs. Jack Lair, Bill Goodman, Frank Robinson, Ray Graves, Reese Henry, Floyd Jolly, Mrs. C. Taylor, and Frank Phillips.

Mrs. Christine Brock Campbell (Mrs. J. W.) died Tuesday in a McKinney hospital. She was born Nov. 1, 1883 in Collin County. She was 72 years, 10 months and 17 days old at her death. After the service Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, she was buried in Big Spring Cemetery. She is survived by her husband J. W. Campbell, four stepsons J. E., Tom, Dick and Robin Campbell all of Plano, niece Mrs. Frank Kelso, Tom Allen Brock, and C. F. Coyners.

Judge Hasford returned to the farm unit of the Devereux School in Downing Town, Penn. He was escorted by his mother and sister, Mrs. C. B. Hasford and Pam. Miss Margie Craig accompanied them. This summer he won 22 awards for marksmanship and crafts.

Mrs. J. S. Aldridge and Mrs. J. H. Beall Jr. were guests at the home of the former's sister Mrs. G. A. Ray of Petrus, Texas.

Mrs. Katie Evans and son Pat visited friends in Waxahachie, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Elzie Carpenter announced the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Carolyn Ruth to Don Martin Neely. Mr. Neely is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin Neely, of Gatesville, formerly of Justin. The couple will marry on November 24 at the First Christian Church, officiated by Rev. Daniel N. Cummings.

Jackie Maxwell, owner of White Auto Store (K Avenue, phone 439), announced the grand opening on September 22. Come by and register for the free refrigerator.

Visiting the paper office this week were Mrs. Charles Campbell and her 3 ½ month old daughters Lisa, and her grandmother Mrs. A. T. Cates of McKinney.

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The Lions Club celebrated their horse show with a parade in downtown Plano. The color guard was led by Marshall Wallace Williams. Sweetheart Carol Neely rode in the car with Floyd E. Jolly.

Mrs. Marie Adams, membership chair for Plano Business and Women's Professional Club presented five new members at the meeting. They are: Mmes. Leo Faries, D. W. Frost, Katie Lantrip, Irene Wells, and F. E. Jolly.

Mrs. Carrie Alice Reynolds Gregory, wife of S. D. Gregory, died Saturday at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas, at the age of 80 years and 92 days. Her funeral was held at the First Christian Church on Monday. Her nephews were pall bearers. She was born August 23, 1876 in Phillips County, Arkansas. She is the daughter of S. M. Reynolds, a native of Tennessee, and Mrs. Mollie McGrew Reynolds, a native of Kansas. The couple was married October 31, 1897. They moved to Texas in 1899. She is survived by 2 sons and 2 daughters, one sister, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mayor David McCall declared the week of September 23-29 as National Business Women's Week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Brooks observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary in the afternoon of September 30. The celebration is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Broadhead. Mr. Brooks, a native of Alabama, came to Texas in 1901. Mrs. Brooks, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Calloway of McKinney. They were married in 1908 and lived in Allen until coming to Plano in 1950 where they now reside. They have three daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Plano City Hall has been under extensive remodeling.

D. W. Bagwell, 89, died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Melton of Ft. Worth. Funeral Services were Thursday at Crouch Moore Funeral Home in McKinney with burial at Pecan Grove Cemetery. He was buried next to his wife who died in 1951. Surviving are four children and one brother, four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Sally and Scott Haggard, Jr. of Denton spent this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Haggard, while their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Scott Haggard are attending a medical convention in Houston.

The Junior Class Room Mothers sponsored an after game party at the Community House on Friday after their win over Wylie.

Graveside services at Restland were held for infant Deborah Lynn Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Davis, formerly Marjorie E. Strain, of Richardson.

Mrs. Ruth Snyder, 90, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Ed Lafollette of McKinney. She was a Collin County resident for 70 years. Burial was in Mt. Olive Cemetery. She was born February 17, 1866 in Greenville, Tennessee to Mr. and Mrs. John Bales. She is survived by one son and six daughters, six grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her aunt, Mrs. Dan Hutchinson.

p. 2 High School PTA met in the home of the president Mrs. Millard Rice on Friday morning.

Cynthia Wharton visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wharton.

Larry Uland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Uland, is a freshman at Arlington State College at Arlington, Texas.

Mrs. Addie Vandiver Starnes passed away in Frisco. She was born April 21, 1876 in Sulphur Rock, Arkansas. She married W. H. Starnes in 1893 and soon after moved to Texas where she lived in the Frisco community. Burial was in Bethel Church. Surviving is her husband, daughter two sisters.

Mrs. E. W. Reef returned to Holdenville, Oklahoma, after visiting with her daughter Mrs. Ross H. Trigg and family of Corpus Christie.

p. 3 Plano graduate Paul Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Gentry, enrolled at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Miss Carole Neely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Major Neely, entered TCU in Ft. Worth.

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Gilbert Richey entered Texas Technological College in Lubbock.

- p. 4 Plano Lions Club biggest horse show in the southwest was held in Plano Saturday night. Winners in major categories were: Robert F. Roberts' horse ridden by Doc Spence; Paul Curtner's horse ridden by Bill Iler; Mrs. L. G. Rhodes owned by Vernon Young; J. W. Oglesby Jr.; Maggie Winn's horse ridden by Honey Dodger.

Plano Wildcats trounce Pirates 38-7. Couch C. E. Massey was delighted. Those playing were James Uselton, Pinkie Allman, Perry Bolin, R. M. Loftice, Don Gunn, Perry Bolin, Billy Slayden, Mackie Christian, J. W. Gregory, Dan Slayden, Kenneth Rawlings and Ralph Walker, Dan Stout, Larry Dunn, Gerald Burton, Claiborne Gregory, Norman Nickolson, Gene Lyng, Melvin Bozeman, Charles Bader, Phillip Taylor, and Jerry Parker.

Frisco holds its biggest homecoming on October 12 by the planning committee, Mrs. G. B. Morgan, Mrs. Mary Stanton, Mrs. Wilma Fisher.

McKinney Local Board No. 22, on September 5, inducted into the Army 10 new members. They are: Walter A. Hileman, Jr; George I. Vandergriff; Richard P. Agan; Willie D. McCullough, Jr.; Kenneth M. McCloud; Jerry K. Bolton; Horace F. Simms; William E. Love; Thomas F. Eldridge; Claude E. Jones; Virgil F. Chastain.

First Baptist Church sponsors Football Frolic after the Plano-Carrollton game with comedian Gary Clark.

Mrs. A. J. Christian remains in a Dallas hospital after major surgery.

Band Director Emmett Clem attended music teacher meeting in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Prince left to attend the World Championship motor boat races in Johnson City, Tennessee. Mr. Prince will race six different motors.

- p. 5 Assembly of God formed the new "Denton Section." Rev. M. L. Milton of Frisco was elected Youth Leader. Mrs. H. B. Reed had an operation at St. Paul Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haggard attended the Democratic Rally in Greenville with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Haggard, Mrs. Eula Bowman, and Mrs. Susie Pace.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Haggard hosted the school faculty reception in their home. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sigler, Mrs. Millard W. Rice, Mrs. Frank Price, Miss Tommy Ray Brigham and Owen Haggard.

- p. 6 Plano visitors Friday were James Holland, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hines.

- p. 7 Those in County Courthouse news were: Elbert L. Clarkson vs. Mary Clarkson; Myrtle Ann Lowe vs Howard W. Lowe; Mae Lois McCauley vs Lee Michael; Billy Joe Evans vs Lester P. Evans; Mary Martin vs Maxie Martin; H. E. Berghauser and Clara Laverne Bristow; Theodore Edward Moss and Carol Joan Combest; Charles Ray Hart and Betty Rutherford; Daniel Ray Kelly and Rotha Laverne Grant; Elwin Leland Haldeman and Bonnell Davis; Claude Powell and Dorothy Ray Robinson; Albert M. Godwin; S. S. McWhorter.

Jerry Wilson, his wife and son Skipper of Plano moved to Duncan, Oklahoma.

Ray Haun is a patient in Medical Arts Hospital in Dallas.

- p. 8 James Holland, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Hines visited from Bonham.

- p. 9 County Courthouse's news repeated from page 7.

Jerry Wilson and wife's news repeated from page 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKensie visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers.

Ray Haun's news repeated from page 7.

- p. 10 The Plano band presented the new school song written by Emmett Clem.

Mrs. O. T. Mitchell thanked everyone for their kindness after her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore and her father Mr. George Loveless visited in Plano this week.

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Mrs. W. T. Griffin thanked everyone for their kindness after her recent illness.

Jack Young of Dallas will speak at the DeMolay meeting on Tuesday.

Visiting Mrs. Newton Cook of Kaufman were Mrs. F. H. Chandler, Mrs. Ben McTee, Mrs. Cord Alderson, Jerry Alderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Edgemon visited Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Clem and daughter Carolyn.

J. R. Salmon visited in the home of his mother Mrs. Etta Salmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McIntire and Joe Bob accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Syrell Carpenter on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riggins visited Eureka Springs on Tuesday.

Eddie Ray and Jennie Haggard, children of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Haggard and Sally Haggard, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Scott Haggard rode in the Plano Horse Show.

Mrs. Frank Foreman accompanied her daughter Betty Frank Forman back to the University of Texas last weekend.

The family of S. D. Gregory, deceased, thanked everyone for their kindness.

An airplane pilot and crop duster, Smiley, was injured in a car wreck near the Clyde Haggard home.

### DO VITAL RECORDS CONTAIN BOTH CORRECT AND INCORRECT INFORMATION?

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Yes, it is possible for vital records to contain correct and incorrect data. When an informant was present for the event, then the information is probably correct, but I suggest that you double-check it anyway. Other information, such as the parents' full names and birth dates may be incorrect unless the parents were there to give the information. I must follow this by saying that neither parent could remember their birth, but we usually trust that the information given is correct. Information in vital records, obituaries and biographies may have been collected by someone who was not present at the time of the event.

I have an instance that always brings a smile. It involves my dad's delayed birth certificate; one that was prepared much later that meets the standards required in the early days of social security and before vital records was recorded by law. The preparation involves Daddy's mother-in-law, my grandmother. She gave the information when and where he was born and she said she knew the family and was present when he was born. Was my grandmother's information accurate?

No. My grandmother was age four and living in Arkansas when Daddy was born. Daddy was born in Texas. Furthermore, Grandmother's family did not move to Texas until Daddy was two years old. Nevertheless, social security took my grandmother's signed document and issued Daddy a birth certificate with my grandmother's information most likely provided by my father. My dad's parents were alive during this but they did not help with the birth certificate. I do not know why. Daddy's parents did say the information supplied by my maternal grandmother was correct.

On my child's birth certificate, I gave my name and vital information and then proceeded to give my husband's information. I was not present when my husband was born, so his information is what my husband told me. He is older than I am and he was born in another state. Therefore, the information I supplied about me is considered correct, or primary. The information I gave for my husband's birth data is hearsay, or secondary, since I was not present when he was born.

Death records also contain both primary and secondary information. When my mother-in-law died, her daughter gave the information of record. Although the daughter had been to her grandparents many times over the years and even spent several days there, she could not remember her grandparent's last name. It is due to the grieving process and happens often. Nevertheless, had it been the correct names, it still would be secondary information or information told to her by someone else.

Watch vital records and other records for both primary and secondary sources. Do not rely totally on the information on documents. Please double-check everything for accuracy. Just in case there is a mistake in what seems to be a primary record, it is wise to quickly attempt to verify it.

For more on this subject, read the topic in Ancestry.com, [www.ancestry.org/primary-secondary-genealogy-sources/](http://www.ancestry.org/primary-secondary-genealogy-sources/).