



# Genealogy Friends News

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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:

**July 21, 2012**—"Genealogists Go Mobile" by Sandra Crowley

### Future Topics:

**August 18, 2012**—"Early American Migration Routes" by Don Raney

**August 25, 2012**—Immigration and Ships Passenger Lists. See Page 2 for more information.

**September 15, 2012**—David Duff presents "Searching for Our French Canadian Ancestors"

**October 20, 2012**—Join us to learn about the Genealogy Collections at the Haggard Library and the McKinney Library. Speakers will be Cheryl Smith and Susan Kusterback.

**November 17, 2012**—All Day Workshop—Lloyd Bockstruck—Stay tuned more information will be available soon.

**December 15, 2012** - Show and Tell. This is your opportunity to share your successes with fellow family history enthusiasts.

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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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**Great News! Beginning September 4th the Genealogy section at Haggard Library will be open all the same hours as the main library.**

## 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:

August 25—Immigration—Learn to use Stephen Morse's "One Step" website to locate ships passenger lists as well as general information on immigration records. Speaker will be Jean Funk.

## Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts & Tote Bags

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)

Tote Bags \$17



## Library Volunteers Needed

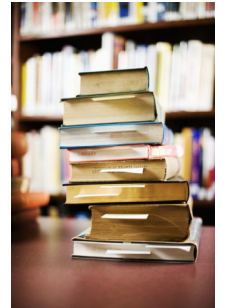
The Genealogy section needs volunteers to help with indexing the Plano Star Courier, sorting through six boxes of the Wells collection to create a bibliography and scan images, data entry of information for digital collection. Think about all the resources you have used that were made possible by volunteers. We should all be giving back to the genealogy community. If you are interested contact Cheryl Smith at [cheryls@plano.gov](mailto:cheryls@plano.gov) or 972-769-4240.

## Donations to the Library

The following books are being donated to the library and will be available soon:

- The Crazy Horse Surrender Ledger
- The Sitting Bull Surrender Census
- The History of Murphy Texas

Paperback books are sent to the bindery for hard cover binding before they are available for use in the library.



## 1910 & 1920 Soundex Images On Line

The Soundex is a coded surname index based on the way a surname sounds rather than the way it is spelled. Surnames that sound the same but are spelled differently, like Smith and Smyth have the same code and are filed together. The soundex system was developed so that you can find a surname even though it may have been recorded under various spellings. Although all available census records have been digitized, the Soundex remains a useful tool for finding names that are commonly misspelled. Formerly only available on microfilm, the 1910 and 1920 Soundexes have been digitized and placed on the Internet Archives website. Images are organized by state, then by Soundex code, then by first name. 1910 and 1920 U.S. Census Soundexes <<http://archive.org/index.php>> Finding the correct Soundex film on the website can be a challenge, but searching on the state, the Soundex code, and the census year works. Use Rootsweb's useful online Soundex converter <<http://resources.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/soundexconverter>> to find the code.

## 1940 Census Update

Here's an update on indexes available to search the 1940 US Census. Soon all 50 states will be complete:

FamilySearch.org—Washington DC, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming are completed and available. 5 more states are over 95% indexed and will be available soon.

Ancestry.com—California, Colorado, Indiana, Georgia, Kentucky, Washington, Kansas, Nebraska, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Alabama, Arizona, New Hampshire, Michigan, Wisconsin, Montana, Hawaii, Nevada, Maine, New York, Delaware, and Washington DC are searchable.

MyHeritage.com has over 8.5 million indexes available on their website, a list of states was not found.

## Letter From Plano

Contributed by Joy Gough

### Texas



Plano, Texas, March 16th, 1880

Editor Enquirer

If it makes you smile to hear from Plano, just smile away; but I tell you it's not any time for smiling now with farmers or stockmen, who have 100 head or so of cattle and most out of feed. Another by at Mr. Clint Haggards. They say Clint has had a smile on his face until his wife and neighbors are uneasy. Candidates are now coming around; I would as soon see them as a book agent; but come along boys, father Russell and I are both old enough to vote and if we don't vote for you we may against you. Our old friend Luther Curtis give me a little dog - he lives on the Muncey survey on Rowlett's creek, near where the Muncey family were murdered by the Indians in 1844. I took dinner with them a few days ago- had a splendid dinner.

Mr. Curtis was out of pies, but had splendid egg custards and apple preserves. Mr. Curtis keeps his sweet potatoes in a cellar; let's all dig us a cellar. My little boys are trapping for birds today. I used to trap for birds and varmints in old Virginia when a boy. I'm fearful oats are ?. This is a hard spell for March. I was looking for it when January was so lovely. If the fruit crop was not too far advanced we will have fruit this year. Next Saturday they vote for local option in Piano; both sides claim it. We are glad to see John Johnson's card. Come right along Johnson, we believe you are the farmer's friend; we have many other good men but can't vote for them all. Old Mr. Skiles, near Richardson, died a few days ago; he was a good citizen, highly esteemed by those who knew him. Temperance society organized in Piano a few nights ago; twenty-one prominent citizens joined the first night. Chickens most all dead with cholera. We haven't heard from Bear Creek schoolhouse for some time.

Since the above was written I have examined my oat crop and think they are not injured; though the corn that is in the ground is likely to stay there. Mr. Brock's son, who left some time ago rather mysteriously, made his way back to Missouri, to his friends. He walked to Rockwall the first day; from there to Terrell, and there took the train and worked his way through. Mr. H. C. Overaker buys more cotton than any man in Piano. With respect, R. H. B.

Plano, Texas, Oct. 4th, 1880

Editor Enquirer:

Feeling as I do, that Plano is head quarters, and many want to hear from here, I give you a few dots. Health good. As I sit here and write, the Autumn winds sigh round the corners of the house and whistle through the tree tops, and the yellow leaves are fast falling to the ground, all remind us that another summer is past and the melancholy days of fall are upon us and very soon they will glide by and make room for bold winter.

Cotton is turning out better than was expected. Corn is so plentiful and cheap that every old rogueish cow is going to be

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## Letter From Plano, continued

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fed. Cornfed beef will be cheap. Somebody will be hurt feeding this winter. There is no one believes Joe Foreman and Oscar Flack took Abe Enloe's beef hide. Thanks to Dr. Feland for a silver mounted walking cane. It brings me back to my boyhood days, when we first met in Collin county and the Comanche Indians were our neighbors. Dr. Feland was the first physician who ever practiced medicine in Collin county. Doc. I often think of your fine home surrounded with forest trees. Judge Andrews



made me a present of a hive of bees for the benefit of the Methodist church at Plano. I will be after it soon. Now Judge, I want it full of honey. I went to Fannin county a short time ago, got two loads of apples and had a nice time eating pies. I was pleased to see a communication from our much esteemed J. J. Thompson. Hope we will hear from him [lost]

Plano, Tex Dec. 19, '81

Editor Enquirer:

The year 1881 is most gone - soon 'twill be numbered with the things that were.

I have been absent from home some time, therefore am not posted in regard to Plano news.

The coming Christmas will be my 37th year spent in Collin county. I crossed Red River the 17th day of Dec., 1845, at old Warren's, in the company with my father and mother; also, father and mother Russell. My father died in 1876, at the age of 89; my mother, the same year, at the age of 82; mother Russell in 1877, at the age of 72, and father Russell in 1881, at the age of 81. Rev. Wm. Allen, of Bethel, will preach the funeral of Joseph Russell, at the Methodist Church in Plano, Sunday, January 1st 1882.

Rev. John W. Chalk is appointed on the Plano Circuit for the coming year, where many of his old friends will welcome him.

We have had a very mild, warm winter. Stock looking well; wheat and oat pasture never better.

I bought five colts of Mr. G. W. Barnett, sired by the famous old Blackhawk, of Plano, so long owned by Capt. Joe Foreman. I am to have them on exhibition at the next fair.

Mr. Luke Recer sold two sorrell mules recently to Mr. J. Bowman for \$300.

When I looked out over Texas, thirty-seven years ago, at her rich rolling prairies, then one broad open prairie, and look at it now, what a change! All fenced and mostly in cultivation, and dotted over with some neat little cottage homes and good barns. There is no telling what old Texas is destined to rise to yet - now linked by railroad from the Atlantic to the

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Pacific - then about 30 voters; now 5,000! As the year draws near to a close it reminds me of when I first came to Texas, when I was well nigh through my teens. How many of Steps' and Fitzhugh's company are there in Collin county? Where is John Gray, the ranger, Bill Biles, substitute? Sam Pritchett, the bugler, is gone with many others. I'm looking for Tom McDonald, George and Bill Fitzhugh, Doc Franklin, Doc Felan and Alif Chanler, Fount Vance and Jim Graves to visit me. I don't believe a better set of men ever baked an ash cake, or roasted bear meat than the early settlers of Collin county. Where is our friend, Geo. White? Is he eating fish at Elm Grove?

I do think Doc. Foote and I. D. Newsom might have sent me a venison ham.

I'm fixing to run that foot race with Adam Hedgecoxe, I. D. Newsom and Dr. Foote,

We are needing cold weather - I mean hog killing weather.

What has become of our correspondents at Rock Hill, Bear Creek school house and Lebanon?

Our bachelors, Loveless, Flack and Matthews, about 55, are fixing to make a change, and what a change it will be.

I will here say this has been a strange season-the coldest and the hottest, the wettest and dryest.

Christmas tree at Plano Christmas Eve. A merry time for the old and young folks.

Capt. W. N. Bush remarked the other day that over half of the old settlers had passed away in twenty-five years.

Plano is fast building up with brick buildings.

Christmas gift to the ENQUIRER. It has never faltered or turned from its straight forward old Democratism, true to its cause. Well might we be proud of such a county paper. R. H. B.

Plano, Tex., Feb. 20, '82.

Editor Enquirer:

Weather warm and wet. Wheat looks fine. Too wet to sow oats; some are mudding them in. I hear it round and round that there is three cases of small-pox at Dr. Stancel's in Plano. The roads are worse than they have been since Jim Ned and Spotted Tail left the range. There has been a fast cattle buyer about Plano, lately, paying from \$25 to \$60 a head, for cotton seed fed as well as corn fed. Mr. Wash Ford, of upper Lazy Neck, sold his short horn bull, weighed him at Plano; he pulled down 1755 pounds. I have two nice half-breed bulls I want to sell. I went up on the 11 o'clock train and down on the 3 o'clock; was in town only a short time; long enough to meet some old friends; Mr. James Herndon; one whom I have known from '45 all up to '82; and in the court house hall I was greeted by Judge Goodner, Wilkins and Kerr. I am engaged in setting out an orchard in Dallas county; have set out about 120 fruit trees, apples, peaches, plums, apricots; total 1000.200 vines blackberry's and grapes, mostly from Messrs. Kerr and Kirkpatrick's nursery, of Collin county. I have a high, rich sandy location. Turnip greens and chicken pie for dinner to-day. Plenty of fish in my lake on Elm. Good men are coming to Plano now. R. H. B.