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- **AUGUST SATURDAY SEMINAR:** On August 17th Leo Baca will be speaking to us on DNA. Genealogy v. Genetics. The hottest new topic around. Leo just got his DNA testing results, which determines from which "tribe" he originates based on the "Seven Daughters of Eve" by a British Genetics Researcher, Bryan Sykes. His presentation will provide some insight into the background of specific DNA types used for this "typing" and some of the information about the "tree of mankind" as presented in the referenced book. The Mitochondria gene passed down through the maternal line reveals that almost everyone in Europe, or whose maternal roots are in Europe, is descended from one of only seven women. Each of them founded a maternal clan whose descendants make up well over 95% of modern Europeans.
- **LIBRARY LOCK IN: November 1st – Compiling & Writing** – The theme for the last 2002 lock in is writing your family story. Class topics include Writing Your Family History, Copyright, Using Microsoft Publisher and Word, Genealogy Software, and Publishing Your Genealogy on the Internet. Join us 5:30 pm to 11 pm at the Gladys Harrington Library.
- **SATURDAY SEMINAR: October 19, 2002** Pat Hatcher will be lecturing on four stimulating topics: Evaluating Evidence – A Methodology for Every Day; Look Again! What Did You Miss?; “My Ancestor Isn’t In The Census!” Are You Sure? and Computer Techniques to Make you a Better Researcher. Register early and save – Before Oct 5th, Members \$25.00 Non-Members \$32.00. After Oct 5th \$37.00.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome to our new members: Carol Jenkins, and Winona Light. Join Gen Friends, dues are: Single: \$30. Family: \$50. Friend: \$100; Gold: \$500; Platinum: \$1000. Dues are used to purchase materials for the genealogy department at the Harrington Library. Please consider **matching funds** if your corporation is a participant. We are a nonprofit organization certified under Section 501 [c] [3] of the Internal Revenue Code.
- **GENEALOGY FRIENDS WEB PAGES:** Tell Collin County researchers about the county histories, biographies, & photos of early settlers on our Web Pages. Watch for our new web page <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/>
- **BOOK EXCHANGE** – Genealogy Friends would like to exchange Collin County books with books from other societies. If you have an area or society you would like us to try and exchange with, please contact Joy Gough at jfargo@attbi.com.
- **FISHBOWL:** Please consider placing a donation in our fishbowl. The money is used to purchase resource materials for the Genealogy Section of the library.
- **DONATION AWARDS:** Make a donation and receive a free publication for donations in different denominations Check our Web Pages for listings or pick up a flyer at the next Seminar. We are a 501 [c][3] corporation.
- **GENEALOGY BOOKS FOR SALE:** Postal Connection, 7000 Independence Pkwy, #160 (NE corner Legacy & Independence) has added genealogy books and “Roots Stamps” to their inventory. Stop by and see Jean Funk, the proprietor, and check out the selection.
- **BRENDA’S COLUMN:** Check out Brenda’s column each week <http://www.geocities.com/tracingourroots> There is also an archive of columns <http://www.virtualtexan.com/writers/kellow/>
- **LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS:** Our volunteers are in the library during the day on most days.

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Check out our web page and the bulletin board for the calendar of our volunteers on duty; or call the Reference Desk to inquire 972-461-7175.

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We need several volunteers to help with all facets of Genealogy Friends activities and events. If you have a talent, extra energy, or are willing to help in any way, please volunteer. Email us that you can help! GenFriends@aol.com.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the seminar on October 19th. Contact Jean Funk at if you are interested.

- **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS:** A great place to find info on upcoming events is the Federation of Genealogical Societies web site, <http://www.fgs.org/fgs-calendar.htm>.

August 7-10 Ontario, CA will be the site of the FGS annual conference.

<http://www.fgs.org>

September 20-21, Springfield, MO – The 22nd Annual Fall Conference of the Ozarks featuring Sharon DeBartolo Carmack. The Conference Topic is "Seeking Solutions". For more info see their website:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ozarksgs/>

The Dallas Genealogical Society Developing Genealogical Skills workshop series: 14 September 2002 Harold E Hinds, Jr., Ph. D; 5 October 2002 Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck; 2 November 2002 Diane VanSkiver Gagel; 1 February 2003 John T. Humphrey; 5 April 2003 Barbara Vines Little.

- **WEB SITES –**

An 1874 Harper's Monthly Magazine article on Agricultural Implements is reproduced on this web site. It includes pictures and drawings of farm implements used by our ancestors.

<http://www.ls.net/~newriver/ag/ag1.htm>

Epidemics – A list from the 1300's through the 1900's of epidemics around the world.

<http://www.city-net.com/~markd/lists/epidemics.htm>

A dictionary of medical terms

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~hornbeck/disease.htm>

The 1911 Encyclopedia Britannica has been scanned, OCR'ed and placed online.

<http://www.1911encyclopedia.org>

Genealogy Quest includes glossaries of abbreviations used in genealogy, latin words and phrases, occupations, epidemics, and diseases.

<http://www.genealogy-quest.com/glossaries.index.html>

The Minnesota Historical Society not only has an index of deaths 1908-1959 on line, but you can complete an order form to order a copy of the death certificate for \$8.

<http://people.mnhs.org>

Looking for a library. Check out Libdex, an index to over 17,000 libraries around the world.

<http://www.libdex.com>

- **PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE:** The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

Plano Star Courier Index 1901-1910
\$20

Plano Star Courier Index 1911-1917
\$20

Genealogy Section Catalog for GH
\$15

Cemeteries of Collin County, TX \$20

Place Names of Collin County, TX \$10

Railroads in Collin County, TX \$5

Disaster in McKinney
\$5

Confederate Soldiers of Fannin Co \$5

Early Roads of Collin County
\$5

Veteran Burials Pecan Grove

Cemetery, McKinney, TX \$7

Military Investigations: Red, White
& Blue \$10

Colonial Ills, Brew & Concoctions \$10

Index to Tracing Our Roots
\$30

Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal
Systems \$15

- **NEW IN THE LIBRARY:** The following have been added to the Genealogy Collection at the Harrington Library:

A Beginner's Guide to British Reference
Works

Pioneer history of Wise County, index

Meet Me in St. Louis: The People of America
(11-14 August 1999 FGS Conference)

The Homestead Years: Baca County, CO

1910 Arizona Territory census index
Clark County, Washington, Cemetery
Records (Vols. I-6)
Immigrant Dreams: the Settlement of
America: Syllabus, 1998
Explore New Frontiers Syllabus, 2001
Scotch-Irish Who Came to America: A
Genealogical History
Land Deed Genealogy of Marshall County,
Tennessee (1840-1845)
Maryland: Index to the Wills of: St. Mary's
Co, 1662-1960; Somerset Co, 1664-1955
Capon Valley: Its Pioneers and Their
Descendants, 1698 to 1940
Tennessee Convicts: Early Records of the
State Penitentiary, Vol. 2 (1850-1870)
Letters of Blanche Mavis Cobb