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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:

July 15, 2017—"Roads to Scottish Research" by Sharon Wolf

Future Topics

August 19, 2017—"iPads in Action" by Mary Carole Strother

September 16, 2017—All Day Seminar—stay tuned for more details

October 21, 2017—to be announced

November 18, 2017—to be announced

December 16, 2017—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

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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 renew 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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Online Genealogy Education

One way to be successful in your genealogy research is to continue to learn about different types of records, research tools, and methodologies. There are websites available that offer online learning.

Legacy Family Tree Webinars <https://familytreewebinars.com/> - they offer free webinars on genealogy topics as well as using Legacy Family Tree. You can purchase a monthly or annual membership which gives you access to a library of past webinars and the speakers' handouts.

Family History Library Classes and Webinars <https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/>

Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars—You used to have to visit the Family History Library to take advantage of their classes, now you can attend online and view recordings of past webinars.

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/> - this site has webinars on every topic imaginable and genealogy is no exception. A search on genealogy resulted in 214,000 videos. Try the topic you are interested in - a location, type of record, how to use a website are just a few—and see what is available.

Genealogy Class at Collin College

There is one more class offered this summer at Collin College taught by Barbara Coakley.

Using Microsoft OneNote for Genealogy—OneNote is an electronic notebook, a great place to create research plans and store research results. This is a hands on class. You bring either your laptop with OneNote installed or a usb drive with some of your genealogy information. In Class you will create a notebook and learn techniques for adding and organizing the content. Class meets on two Saturdays— July 22 and July 29 from 8:30 to 12:30 at the Courtyard Campus, 4800 Preston Park Blvd, Plano, TX 75093. Cost is \$69.

Register online at <https://www.collin.edu/ce/>. Contact Barbara Coakley with questions about the classes at bcoakley1620@gmail.com.

Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1956

By Brenda Burns Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas
January 17, 1957, Volume 69, No. 36

Compiled by Brenda Burns Kellow, 2017

Tracing Our Roots weekly genealogy column 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.

Airman Paul G. Deering of Niagara, NY, an instructor in Amarillo, had his partial plate blown out of his mouth by 70 mph winds when he opened his mouth to answer a student's question.

Gordon Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hay Graves, was downtown scooting around in a car built just for him. His father and Tal Uland built it for him in their shop from a gasoline lawnmower. Johnny Uland turned in his order for this custom small car. Johnny lives with his parents and sister, Miss Nancy Uland.

Mrs. Jim Donley is collecting money from Plano residents for new band uniforms.

Robert Stanley, on furlough from U. S. Marines, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lance Renfro in Plano.

Christian Church minister, Daniel N. Cummins, and his family are moving to Arlington Heights Christian Church in Fort Worth. B. B. Carpenter formed a committee to find a new minister. Committee members are Mrs. Clyde Haggard, Mrs. Millard Rice, R. L. "Bob" Johnston and Fred Maultsby.

New post office to be built on South side of 16th Street announced Postmaster W. G. Carlisle. Mrs. Laura Cooley of Fort Worth was selected to build the building.

The Order of Eastern Star honors their past matrons and honor new Worthy Matron Mrs. Louise Junker. Participants were Marshal Mrs. Francis Bishell, Miss Marie Spillman, Mrs. Alma Hays, Mrs. Ettie Lyngge, and Mrs. Mytte Harrington.

First National Bank to close for Robert E. Lee's birthday, announced President Hutson Rice.

Mrs. Henry Bowman has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Brannon announced their grocery store, Brannon's Super Save, is having a big sale.

Frisco will host the District Future Farmers of America Thursday night. In addition to Master of Ceremonies Kyle Hooper, attending will be Pat Waddle, W. M. Stribling, Lewis Cave, Quincy Edwards, Kenneth Thomas, Wayne May, Morris Morgan, Glenn Dillard, Ben George, Advisor L. W. Cason, John Brigham, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Wilson, and John D. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers and daughter spent Sunday in Waco with Lt. and Mrs. Robert McKensie and little son.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davis of Renner have a new baby daughter, Kathy Ann, born December 28 in St. Paul Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Spurlin have a new son, David Bryan, born January 5. Mrs. Spurlin is the former Miss Quincy Pearl Haggard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Haggard.

Plano Wildcats win victory over Honey Grove thanks to Glen Fuller. Also on team were R. M. Loftice.

B. B. Carpenter announced the First Christian Church paid off their loan for the church.

Superintendent E. A. Sigler announced final exams are the week of January 18.

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New officers of First National Bank are Cam F. Dowell, Jr., Hudson Rice, W. H. Goodman, Frank W. Beverly, E. R. Brown, M. R. Bullington, Allan Clark, Oliver W. Majors, and Frank Parker.

J. R. "Dick" Salmon, formerly of Plano, is president elect of San Angelo Board of City Development. He is son of Mrs. Ella Salmon. Mrs. Salmon is the former Mary Louise Wendland.

Mrs. O. T. Mitchell is home after spending time at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

- p. 2 George R. Smith, principal of McKinney Jr. High, is married to Miss Mary Edna Salmon. They have two sons, Raymond Scott and James Preston.

Earl John Wilkinson of Anna, James McKinney of Farmersville, David Alton White of Blue Ridge, Edgar Spell Johnson of Nevada and Walden Gano Whitworth of Melissa were inducted into the Armed Forces on January 8, 1957.

Billy Morace Farrell, son of Mrs. Morace Farrell, joined the U. S. Army January 5.

George Jones is improving after surgery at St. Paul Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Funderburgh and children were guests of Mrs. Tom Brown.

- p. 3 Sheriff Floyd Williams and Deputy Jim Standifer investigated a burglary at Cannaday and Waddle near Frisco.

Mrs. Addie Burrow is home after being in McKinney City-County Hospital. She is the mother of Mrs. Don W. Bagwill.

Mr. and Mrs. Sholan Johnson visited in McKinney Sunday with Miss Vernice Jones and Mrs. Celesta Herndon.

- p. 4 Band Director Emmit Clem spoke at the Rotary Club Thursday. Members of the sextet music group were Nancy Uland, Mary Ann Buster, Linda Roller, Betsy Armstrong, Fredna Maulsby and Joe Bill Griffin. Program chair was Alex Schell, III. Individual awards went to Marcia Yandry, Laurana Rice, Linda Haggard, Chlorine Riggs, Mary Lou Henderson, Nancy Uland, Carol Neely, C. A. Buster and Naomi Kennedy. President T. H. "Bill" Williams presided and Rev. Edgar Huffstutler led singing. Miss Sherrie Garrett was at the piano and Walter Yarbrough gave the invocation.

Band Director Emmit Clem announced the Wildcat Band began practicing early to meet their many commitments.

H. Grady Chandler of Plano and former County Attorney of the Collin was appointed Assistant-Attorney General of Texas.

A. T. Cate of Plano purchased Mr. Harrell's barber shop.

- p. 5 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis former of Plano are moving to Plainview.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Bagwill hosted Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walthall and children, and Mrs. Celesta Herndon, Mrs. Robert Fletcher, and Misses Mary and Jennie Camp of Dallas.

- p. 6 Oscar Lee Cantrell, 74, died at his home in Princeton. He was born in Blue Ridge November 27, 1882, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cantrell. Surviving is his wife Mrs. Katherine Miller Cantrell of Princeton, six sons, three daughters, 21 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, a brother and two sisters. Burial was in the Stony Point Cemetery.

- p. 7 W. Perry Bolin is New Magnolia Dealer in McKinney. Retiring was C. H. Blewett after 33 years. Mr. Bolin is a member of the pioneer family of Collin County. He and Mrs. Bolin have three children Perry Jr. 15, Jerry 13, and Kathy 7. Remaining at Magnolia are Fred Graves and Quinton Dodson.

Important Information to Watch for in Vital Records and Obituaries

By Brenda Kellow

Not long ago, a genealogist approached me who really needed to find out more about her grandmother's death, but did not know what to do, or whom to ask. I inquired whether she had gotten the death certificate. She looked squeamish. The look on her face told me she was new to family history research. Obtaining and reading death certificates for newbies is sometimes spooky for a few, and she was one of those. She told me that to get it and read it would be creepy. I do not remember if I felt like that, but I have had others tell me they did when they were new to researching in depth. That spooky feeling quickly goes away when you find how informative each record can be. Many later tell me they got over it right away and even enjoyed searching cemeteries. Are you one of the squeamish? If so, get a seasoned researcher to help you get the death record, the obituary and help you get over your fear of cemeteries. These are all too important to ignore.

When you are dealing with birth and death certificates, you must remember that each contains primary and secondary information. Primary means someone who was present recorded it at the time of the event. Secondary means the informer was not present at the time of the event. I will use my child's birth certificate as an example because you can all relate to that record. I was present at the birth of my child and gave the information to the recorder at the time of her birth. That is primary information. The recorder asked me for my husband's vital statistics and I gave them. However, I was not present when my husband was born. He is older than I am therefore I was not even born yet. He told me when and where he was born. Because I was not present, then my husband's information I gave for our daughter's birth certificate was definitely secondary.

Because the death record was made at the time of death, the date, name, etc., are probably primary unless the recorder made a mistake. That happens from time to time on any record. The information about the deceased's birth date and place is secondary unless the person giving the information was present when the deceased was born. For instance, I was not present when my father was born but I was present when he died.

Researchers need to continue searching for additional newspaper information on a birth or death certificate. Usually, it is published in the local paper, but in rural areas, it may only be published in the county seat newspaper. That paper usually reaches all the areas in the county for information and details.

It is also possible for the birth or death to be in a different county than the one where they reside, or resided. The newspaper might list the name of the hospital, length of stay, and in some cases purpose of the hospitalization. An obituary mentions the living as well as the dead. A birth or death announcement may mention additional siblings as well as extended relatives and friends.

You do not want to stop searching after you find the obituary. On the same page or on another page in the newspaper you might find out more information regarding the funeral service. I had to learn to watch for an unfamiliar word—obsequies. This word means funeral service, burial, interment or entombment. It might appear as Smith Obsequies. It may provide then names of the pallbearers, ministers, and name of the church where the service was held. I see obsequies used only rarely because in the areas where I research all the information is usually in the obituaries. Once while I was searching a county in a California newspaper, I found obsequies used to announce all the burials for a week after an earthquake.

After finding the record, you want to transcribe the certificate or obituary exactly as it was written. If there is an obvious error, copy it and follow with "sic" notation to indicate you know the information is incorrect. Do not edit any of the information or make the corrections. It is acceptable to add an asterisk at the bottom of your copy followed by:

*Correction: Birth mistakenly written as 1908. Corrected by Brenda Kellow as 1998.

Next, make a chronology of the data found and begin researching the most recent event and work backwards. Be sure to enter all the data into your genealogical database. Do not forget to use the record as your source of information.

It is important to cite where you got your data for many reasons. First, you do not want to steal someone else's work. Secondly, you also want to show where you found the information so that later researchers can access your source of information.

When I am giving a simple source or making a bibliography, I use the Chicago Manual of Style Online Guide, http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html. I also use the Kate L. Turabian Online Quick Guide, http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian_citationguide.html. My genealogical database, Legacy Family Tree, www.legacyfamilytree.com, includes Elizabeth Mills' *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*. There is no quick online guide to my knowledge. However, you might like to have a copy in your home library. I hope you enjoyed this quick lesson in using vital records and obituaries for these are important in family history.