



Genealogy Friends News

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Saturday Seminars & Lock Ins

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2006:

July 7, 2006—Lock In—Little Used Sources. See the article on page 2.

July 15, 2006—Learn about 19th Century Funeral Customs from Carol Taylor, the head of a genealogy library who has been researching her family history for over thirty years.

August 19, 2006—We'll have two speakers. Frank Reisch will talk to us about The Folk, Music Tales & Humor of The Pennsylvania-Dutch and Barbara Coakely will discuss Searching for Ancestors in Germany.

September 16, 2006—All Day Seminar—Lloyd Bockstruck will be speaking on Colonial Topics.

October 21, 2006—Thinking about joining a lineage society? Representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, and more will tell us about their societies and answer our questions.

October 27, 2006—Lock In—Using Computers in Genealogy. See article on page 2.

November 18, 2006—Richard Preston will talk to us about Migration Patterns.

December 16, 2006—Annual Show and Tell.

If you have suggestions for programs for 2007 please submit them to Barbara Coakley at bjc1620@sbcglobal.net

2007 Research Retreat to Washington DC

Genealogy Friends will be sponsoring a trip to Washington DC in October 2007. You will have an opportunity to research at the National Archives, Library of Congress and the Daughters of the American Revolution Library. Orientation sessions will be held at each institution. If you are interested please contact Barbara Coakley at bjc1620@sbcglobal.net. More information will be available at a later date.

Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts

Be one of the best-dressed genealogists in town. Order your Gen Friends logo t-shirt or sweatshirt now. The shirts have a 3" logo printed on the left chest. Shirts are available in white, natural, or ash gray with a dark green logo.

T-shirts are \$12.00 for toddler through XL and \$14.00 for XXL and XXXL

Sweatshirts are \$17.00 for toddler through XL and \$19.00 for XXL and XXXL

Lock Ins

Lock Ins are held at the Gladys Harrington Library. Registration begins at 5:30, the library closes to the public at 6:00.

Suggested donation is \$10.00. Pizza, drinks and cookies are served at 7:00 for an additional \$4.00.

Lock Ins are a great place to learn in small groups. Participate in classes, get help with a research consultation, or use the resources available to do your own research.

A Plano Library Card and Internet Registration are required prior to 5:30 pm to use library computers.

July 7th—Little Used Sources

Classes include:

- Institution and Coroners Records
- Using Newspapers for More than Obituaries
- Genealogy Journals—They can be useful even if your ancestor isn't mentioned
- Becoming a Certified Genealogist
- Hiring a Professional Researcher.

October 27th—Using Computers in Genealogy

Classes to be determined.

Microfiche Reader for Sale

DuKane Explorer 14 microfilm reader, in good condition, with high, medium, low viewing

Used for indexing projects. \$100.

Phone Brenda Kellow, 972-941-9280, or email TraceRoots@comcast.net

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
Military Investigations: Red, White & Blue	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10

Tracing Our Roots Column

The "Tracing Our Roots" column by Brenda Kellow appears in Plano Star Courier, Star Community Newspapers and DFW Community News weekly.

The column and an archives of past columns are also available at <http://www.geocities.com/TracingOurRoots>.

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@comcast.net.

State Libraries and Archives - Michigan State Library & Archives**By Barbara Coakley****Library of Michigan**

The Library of Michigan's Abraham Collection is one of the ten largest genealogy collections in the US, with more than 100,000 books, microforms and electronic resources. The collection emphasizes the Great Lakes region and states east of the Mississippi River.

Census Resources

- The library has a complete collection of federal census records The 1870 Michigan Census Head of Household Index and images are online at the libraries web site—http://envoy.libraryofmichigan.org/1870_census/

Electronic Resources

- Answer is the libraries online catalog. It can be searched from the website in preparation of a visit to the library—<http://35.9.2.51/search~S37>
- Access at the library includes AncestryPlus, Ellis Island Records, Family Search, HeritageQuest Online, and New England Historic Genealogical Society's Databases.
- Cemetery Index containing information about cemeteries in Michigan (not individual names) is available online
- Naturalization Records—Indexes to 29 counties records are available in .pdf format online. Copies of actual records can be requested through the link on the web site.
- Michigan County Clerks Directory—A list of county contact information, requirements for obtaining records, fees, etc. is available.
- You can subscribe to a genealogy mailing list that distributes notices of Library of Michigan events.

Printed Materials

- Service records of Michigan's Civil War volunteers
- Current and historical materials related to Michigan ranging from local government publications to history and biography, business and industry to literature and folklore.
- City Directories for Michigan Cities are available in printed form, there are also more cities available on microfilm. A list of City Directories available on the website—http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18835_18895_20699-117864--,00.html

Microfilm & Microfiche Records

- Vital Records—Prior to 5 April 1867 Michigan counties only recorded marriages and divorces. In 1867, a Michigan public act established the first statewide registration of marriages. It also required an annual assessment of births and deaths. Until 1897 when actual death certificates and 1905 when birth records were created, many births and deaths were not recorded. There are Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Death indexes and records on film at the library. Details of what is available are on the web site—http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18835_18895_20699-51001--,00.html
- Ontario Vital Records
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
- Canadian Census Records
- Passenger Lists and indices

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State Libraries and Archives - Michigan State Library & Archives

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- Civil War Unit Histories
- Family and Local Histories
- Michigan Pioneer Records Index
- Michigan Newspapers—the library has a large collection of newspapers dating to the early 1800s.

Contact Information

702 W Kalamazoo St, PO Box 30007, Lansing, MI 48909-7507

Phone (517) 373-1580; Email librarian@michigan.gov

Hours Monday, Thursday 1-6 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8am-6 pm; Saturday 9am-5pm

Archives of Michigan

The Archives is responsible for preserving the records of Michigan government and other public institutions. It also accepts papers from private individuals and organizations. The Reading Room is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. You are only allowed to take pencils, paper and research materials into the Reading Room. Lockers are provided to store your belongings. You are encouraged to call (517) 373-1408 before your visit to discuss the types of records you wish to use before your visit.

There are circulars available in .pdf format on the web site that describe various types of records—http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18637_20992---,00.html. Topics include Account Books and Ledgers, Architectural Plans and Drawings, Associations and Organizations, Business Records, Census Records, Circuit Court Records, Civil War Manuscripts, Election Records, Infirmaries, Sanatoria and Poor Homes, Land Records, Licensed Professionals, Lumbering, Logging and Forestry, Military Records, Naturalization Records, Probate Court Records, Railroad Records, etc.

Records are divided by Agency that donated the records, Record Group in which the documents have been classified, and Lot is a further refinement of the record group. The records are stored in boxes which are numbered and can contain multiple numbered files.

Location:

702 W Kalamazoo St, Lansing Michigan. Hours are Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm.

Web Site—http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18635---,00.html

The web site of the Michigan Library and Archives is full of informative reference materials including how to articles, forms and charts, finding aids, etc.

There is also a link that allows you to Ask a Librarian. There are two types of inquiry services available, you can send an email or during certain hours you can chat live with a librarian.

Family Maps

Check out the books available on the Arphax website—www.arphax.com. Greg Boyd has compiled a series of federal land patent books called “Family Maps.” The books are a valuable resource if you are doing research in public land states. Each book is for a county, it lists the first settlers who purchased the land and all future editions will also show roads and geographic features.

Digital Collections

Dreanna Belden spoke to us in January. She was kind enough to provide a list of digital collections. This is a continuation from the April Newsletter.

Florida

Palmm Collections

<http://susdl.fcla.edu/>

The Florida Memory Project Contains over 100,000 images, WWI service cards, Florida Confederate Pension files, Spanish land grants.

<http://www.floridamemory.com/>

The University of South Florida's Digital Collection—Florida History, E-Books, Periodicals, Postcards, Photography, and full-text searching of the Sunland Tribune and Tampa Bay History journals. Also oral histories and video exhibits.

<http://www.lib.usf.edu/lds/index2.html>

Georgia

The Digital Library of Georgia—connects users to 500,000 images and pages of text in 75 collections from 45 institutions and 80 government agencies.

<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/>

Hawaii

University of Hawaii Digital Collections

<http://libweb.hawaii.edu/>

Idaho

Columbia River Basin

<http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/crbeha/>

Illinois

Illinois Digital Archive

<http://eli.sls.lib.il.us/ida/index.html>

Illinois Alive!

<http://history.alliancelibrarysystem.com/IllinoisAlive/index.cfm>

Upper Mississippi Valley Digital Archive

<http://www.umvphotoarchive.org/>

Indiana

Indiana University's Digital Library Program

<http://www.dlib.indiana.edu/collections/>

Indiana Historical Society—Indiana's Storyteller: Connecting People to the Past

http://www.indianahistory.org/library/digital_image/digitalpics.html

Hoosier Heritage

<http://www.hoosierheritage.net/>

Iowa

Iowa Heritage Digital Collection

<http://iowaheritage.org/>

Kansas

The Kansas Digital Library—This project is still in the planning phase, but has a few hundred pages of content

<http://www.kansasdigital.org/>

University of Kansas Digital Initiatives

<http://kudiglib.ku.edu/digcoll/index.shtml>

Kentucky

Kentuckiana Digital Library—Contains over 30,000 photographs and over 100,000 pages of rare Kentuckiana texts and oral histories.

<http://kdl.kyvl.org/>

Louisiana

The Louisiana Digital Library—Rare maps, historical documents related to the Louisiana purchase, searching across 22 historical collections.

<http://louisdl.louislibraries.org/index.html>

Maine

The Maine Memory Network

<http://www.mainememory.net/>

“The Maine Memory Network is a statewide database of electronic versions of Maine's Historical Documents, contributed by cultural institutions from around the state, from their own locations.” From 160 contributors.

Maryland

Maryland Digital Cultural Heritage—The goal of the Maryland Digital Cultural Heritage Project is to facilitate the digitization and digital exhibition of Maryland-related historical documents, images, audio and video for Maryland's Public Libraries.”

<http://www.mdch.org/>

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A long list of great resources in Maryland

<http://collections.mdch.org/cdm4/mdchfiles/links.php>

Archives of Maryland Online—Almost a half million historical documents online.

<http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/html/index.html>

Massachusetts

Northeast Massachusetts Digital Library

<http://www.nmrls.org/nmdl/>

The Plymouth Colony Archive Project—“This Plymouth Colony Archive presents a collection of fully searchable texts, including: court records, colony laws, seventeenth century journals and memoirs, probate inventories, wills, town plans, maps, and fort plans; research and seminar analyses of numerous topics; biographical profiles of selected colonists; and architectural, archaeological and material culture studies.” From the website.

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/users/deetz/home2.html>

The Massachusetts Historical Society—Features the letters and diaries of John Adams, and other online exhibits.

<http://www.masshist.org/welcome/>

Five College Archives Digital Access Project—This collection from Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College and the University of Massachusetts Amherst features over 38,000 items related to women’s history.

<http://clio.fivecolleges.edu/>

Boston Streets—A digital collection of Tufts University, “a collaborative project that brings together resources documenting the people, places and events in Boston of the last 150 years.” City directories, maps, photos, books.

<http://dca.tufts.edu/features/bostonstreets/index.html>

Michigan

The Making of Modern Michigan

<http://mmm.lib.msu.edu/index.html>

Minnesota

Minnesota Digital Library Project

<http://www.mndigital.org/>

Mississippi

Civil Rights in Mississippi

<http://www.lib.usm.edu/%7Espcol/crda/>

Mississippi Digital Library

<http://www.lib.usm.edu/~spcol/mdl/partners/>

This will be one to watch, still in the planning phases.

Missouri

Virtually Missouri—Many collections featured, including WWI service cards, Missouri Historical Society Photographs and Prints, records of St. Louis Probate Court, 1802 – 1900.

<http://www.virtuallymissouri.org/>

Montana

Montana Library Network—

<http://montanalibraries.org/MLNDigContent/MLN-DigitalContent.asp#map>

Provides a list of digital collections in Montana. Planning phase.

Nebraska

Nebraska Western Trails

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/westertrails/photogalleries.html>

University of Nebraska Lincoln Digital Archives

<http://etc.unl.edu/>

Nevada

University of Nevada Las Vegas Digital Collections—Images of Lake Tahoe

http://www.library.unlv.edu/early_las_vegas/index.html

University of Nevada, Reno, Special Collections

<http://www.library.unr.edu/specoll/photoweb/tahoe/Default.htm>

New Hampshire

University of New Hampshire Digital Library—Mostly finding aids, but some digital content.

<http://www.izaak.unh.edu/dlp/>

New Jersey

New Jersey Digital Highway

<http://www.njdigitalhighway.org/>

Gen Friends Web Sites

Volunteers from Genealogy Friends maintain three web sites to provide information for you:

Collin County, Texas Past Finders Photo Collection. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcolli3>. The web site now contains over 3,400 photographs. Categories include Cemeteries, Churches, Schools, People, Places, and Tombstones. If you would like to contribute photos of Collin County subjects, contact Joy at jfarrgo@comcast.net.

History and Genealogy for the Active Researcher located at <http://www.geocities.com/genfriendsghl>. The goal is to expand the knowledge of those researching in Collin County and North Texas. Check out the timeline—a daily calendar of events in Collin County through the years. There is also a biography of Gladys Harrington.

Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries Website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl>. This page contains information on membership, the calendar of events, copies of past newsletters, etc.

Digital Collections (cont'd)

New Mexico

Online Archive of New Mexico—online finding aids

<http://elibrary.unm.edu/oanm/>

New York

New York Public Library—The Digital Library provides over 100,000 pages of content including photographs, maps and books.

<http://digital.nypl.org/>

Rochester Images—Will eventually encompass 22,000 images.

<http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/rochimag/>

Syracuse University Library Special Collections Exhibits

<http://libwww.syr.edu/information/spcollections/bkmonth/>

Brooklyn Public Library—The Brooklyn Daily Eagle online, 1841-1902

<http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/eagle/index.htm>

Hudson Valley Heritage

<http://www.hudsonvalleyheritage.org/>

North Carolina

Documenting the American South

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

North Carolina ECHO

<http://www.ncecho.org/>

Features over 167 collections and 1000 full-text works.

North Dakota

University of North Dakota Digital Collections

<http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/library/Collections/digital.html>

Ohio

Ohio Memory—Over 23,000 primary sources from archives, libraries, historical societies, and museums. Excellent site.

<http://www.ohiomemory.org/index.html>

Cleveland Memory Project

<http://www.clevelandmemory.org/>

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Heritage Online

<http://www.okheritage.org/>

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Oregon

Salem Public Library Historic Photograph Collections

<http://photos.salemhistory.org/>

thousands of photographs from Salem, Oregon and other communities throughout Western Oregon

Southern Oregon Digital Archives (SODA)

<http://soda.sou.edu/>

Pennsylvania

Historic Pittsburgh—

<http://digital.library.pitt.edu/pittsburgh/>

A personal favorite of mine. Features full-text local histories of western Pennsylvania, census records and maps. 521 books.