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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2014. 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:

March 15, 2014—Technology Tools for Research Planning and Capturing Research Results. Join us to learn about Mind Mapping your research plans and using Microsoft One Note to organize your research results.

Future Topics

March 20, 2014—Dining out at Spaghetti Warehouse. See back page for more details.

April 19, 2014—Tresa Tatyrek, “Organization for the Genealogist, Digital and Other Filing Tips”

May 17, 2014—David Pitts will discuss using DNA for your Genealogy.

June 14, 2014—Family Search Updates by Lynell Moss.

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

If you have an idea about a program or a speaker, email Charlie Law at programs@genealogyfriends.org.

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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

Genealogy Class at Collin College

Genealogy III will be held on Tuesday nights May 13 to June 17th from 6:30-9 pm at Courtyard Center. Instructor is Barbara Coakley. www.collin.edu/ce/

If you have been researching your family history for a while and have some tough problems this class is for you. You'll learn how to analyze problems and look for alternatives to solve them; get around burned courthouses; sort out individuals with the same name; learn about sources for finding women; and more tricks to break through brick walls.

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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Events at Allen Public Library

March 20 As the Nation May Direct: Pensions and the Financing of a Post-Removal Cherokee Nation - Dr. Julie Reed

March 14 Celtic Night at the Library to feature The Selkie Girls

April 10 Trail of Tears Presentation by Dr. Julie Coates who has wrote a book about the Trail of Tears from the perspective of a Cherokee.

Allen Public Library is located at 300 N Allen Dr <http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=7506>

Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts & Tote Bags

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



Flashback—Tracing Our Collin County Roots

By Brenda Kellow

The Plano Daily Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas
February 23, 1956
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Compiled by Brenda Kellow, 2013

Plano Star Courier, established in 1888. Arthur A. Bagwill, editor, publisher and proprietor. Telephone number 33. Subscription rates: 1 yr. in state \$1.50. 1 yr. out of state \$2.00.

p. 1 Miss Joan Gallagher announced that Plano captured District 12-A championship. Lewis Allman made a beautiful one-handed shot from center field. Outstanding efforts were made by Doyle Braden 21 points, Tommy Shields 15 points and Glenn Fuller 12 points. Lewis Allman and Sam Shields each scored 9 points. Plano 71, Duncanville 56.

Man's wooden leg surprises Jack O. Harrington (ambulance and undertaker) last week when he arrived at the accident to find a man on the side of the road with his foot turned backwards. Further investigation uncovered the artificial leg. Jack says you can never tell what you may find.

The newspapermen were reminded of a similar case several years ago when workmen arrived after a storm to find a wire swinging dangerously. In a quandary of what to do, one workman said he would take care of it and kicked the wire with his foot. The wire fell and no one was injured. The other men learned then for the first time that the brave man kicked the wire with his wooden leg.

After the two sieges of ice storms the recent heavy 2-3 inch rains caused a totally different problem. Businessman Nathan White reported his rain gage had 2.90 inches this past week. This follows a severe draught (sic). Farmers and stockmen are smiling as the pastures are green, creeks running and crops never looked so healthy.

The paper thanks those who remember to bring in their pencils to the newspaper. It seems they are low on pencils.

Miss Ammie E. Wilson, sheep exhibitor throughout the country, won several awards for her sheep at the San Antonio Livestock Show.

Mrs. Gladys Harrington announced that Miss Vivian Rhea Newsom will keep the library open Thursday and Friday from 305 p.m. beginning next week. The library is located in the Community Center.

Ladies Thursday Study Club presents their annual style show at the High School Gymnasium. Participants this year will be Mrs. Major Neely's Town and Country Shop and Mrs. Jewell DeVasher's Devasher's Dress Shop. Band Director Emmett Clem said the High School Band will play before and at intermission. The Majorettes will also perform. Mrs. Fred Miers is style show coordinator. Mrs. Sylvia Floyd will be pianist. Don W. Bagwell will be master of ceremonies and Miss Mary Virginia Wyatt will be commentator and Mrs. Peggy Nelson will be coordinator. It is a free community event.

Benny Pate (teenager), an employee of the newspaper, returned home last week after spending time at the City-County Hospital in McKinney. He received painful injuries after his left hand became entangled in a job press. He is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McKenzie visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers, before being stationed in Big Springs.

Mrs. Ruby Chaddick was visited by her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Brent of Denton.

A pickup truck belonging to B. F. Goodrich caught on fire on North Hwy. 75 and the Plano Volunteer Fire Department put out the fire.

Mayor Fred Miers announced that more dogs are being vaccinated at City Hall by a veterinarian. Because of the recent law, the Future Farmers of America can no longer vaccinate animals, but thanks Mr. L. W. Cason and his fine students for doing so in the past.

Dr. Harrington, brother of Jack O. Harrington and T. C. Harrington, and his wife will go on a trip around the world. Dr. Harrington, Chancellor of the A&M College system, will be on business for the college.

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James L. Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Griffin, is back home after being honorably discharged by the U.S. Army.

The Plano Colored High School Panthers remain the undisputed district champions for 1956. Their coaches are Mr. Roy Lamb and Mr. Virgil Doty.

Fireman Scott Bell announced a large donation to the Volunteer Fire Department after recent fires. The donors are F. M. Armstrong, B. B. Carpenter, Jr., A. G. Wilson, Homer Horton, and Freddie Covington.

Plano Wildcats lose to Grandbury in Bi-District. The final score was Grandbury 60, Plano 54. Doyle Braden led in scoring 21 points.

Plano's Explorer Scouts led by advisor Roy Murrell, scored 293 points out of a possible 300 in the annual Explorer Scouts Exposition in McKinney last week.

Bobby Graves, son of Mrs. Claudia Graves, visited his mother before leaving soon to serve with the 11th Airborne in Germany.

Election for Mayor of Plano and two councilmen will be held April 3rd, announced Frank Armstrong, election officer.

Mrs. Bebe Donley says Armentrout & Donley won at the San Antonio Livestock Show with their Hampshires. Over 50,000 people attended the event.

The High School Band gives their first concert at 2:30 on February 26.

George C. Dickerson of Jacksonville, Florida, visited his aunt Mrs. Annie D. Wells. He was reared in Renner by the late Clark Dickerson.

Rev. Edgar L. Huffstutler announced the Christian Workers School on February 27-29, from 7-9:30 p.m. Mrs. Paul Cardwell will teach a children's class. Rev. Bill Morgan Smith will teach adults.

President C. F. Dowell, Jr. announced the First National Bank will be open from 9-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. The drive-through window will be open 9-2 p.m. Mon-Friday.

The city election held on April 3rd has Fred Miers and David McCall running for Mayor. No one has filed for Alderman as current Aldermen R. A. Bud Milrany and James Harting's positions expire. City Secretary Walter Yarbrough and assistant Mrs. Betty Taylor remind prospective candidates to file by midnight 30 days before the election.

p.2 Mrs. Aline Mendenhall celebrated her 82nd birthday on February 15. Helping her celebrate were her daughters Mrs. Emma Hansel and Mrs. George P. Fryinger of Dallas. They had lunch at James Hays Café where Mrs. Mendenhall had her favorite fried chicken. Mrs. Mendenhall [Ms. Aline as we called her] taught first grade for 33 years.

p. 3 Speaking at the Plano Presbyterian Church in "Sermons in Brief," were Mrs. Valiant Nichols, Mrs. Effie Allen, and Mrs. James Hickey, and Mr. Carter Massey. Rev. Poe is the pastor.

Mrs. Lester Floyd and her daughter Sylvia hosted the Thursday Study Club. Guests were Mrs. Arthur Fineout and Mrs. Raymond Shelton.

The Rejebian Club met at the home of Mrs. Jack Harrington on Feb 28. Hostesses were Mrs. T. C. Harrington, Mrs. J. W. Ball, Mrs. Roy Carpenter, Mrs. Ray Graves and Mrs. A. R. Schell, Jr.

The Brownies and Girl Scouts are led by Mrs. Jerry Thompson, Mrs. Lloyd Rogers, Mrs. G. C. Prince and Mrs. Lex Newbill.

In 1940, dirt was turned for Temco Aircraft the first aircraft plant in Texas near Dallas. Plants are now in Garland, Greenville and Dallas.

Mrs. W. L. Thompson offers her thanks in her recent loss.

p. 4 First Christian Bar-B-Q supper was hosted February 15 by S. G. Carpenter and Fred Maultsby. Afterwards, the speaker was Peter Soloman.

Travis Corzine visited Plano on Saturday.

Mrs. George H. Jones thanked everyone for the visits and flowers during her hospital stay.

Dr. Jerry R. Thompson was also recently in the hospital.

Mrs. Ruby Chaddick was recently visited by Mrs. Lillie Chaddick and son Johnny Earl of Ft. Worth and Mrs. Lectra Brigham of Murphy.

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- p. 5 Plano Lumber Yard opens. Manager is Joe Keim.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Masters and children of McKinney and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Chaddick and son visited their mother and grandmother on Sunday.
Wildcats defeat Duncanville Thursday night, 71-55. Doyle Braden had 22 points; Tommy Shields had 15; Glenn Fuller scored 12. The coach is C. E. Massey.
- p. 6 Plano's Sharon Moseley was a winner in the Soil Conservation Contest.
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Starnes thank friends and family for helping during their time of need.
Local Businesses: Plano Laundry, Mrs. John Ivy, Owner; D&D Flowers, Mrs. Bebe Donnley, owner; Dr. J. H. Porterfield, Dentist; Dr. O. T. Mitchell, M.D.; Frank Harrington, Attorney; Dr. Jerry R. Thompson, D. O.; Dr. Geo. W. Apple, Jr., M.D.; Nathan White Department Store.
- p. 8 Plano girls win second in District 51-43. Nancy Chalenor scored 27 points, Sue Conoly 12 points, Venita Tomberlin 12 points. Players were Sadie Dunn, Doris Craft, Betty Frank Forman and Margie Prince.
Kay Quisenberry, student of Mrs. George P. Frysinger, played the piano in the Spring Series of the Dallas Music Teachers Association. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Quisenberry.
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vavra of Dallas visited in Plano.
Friends and family surprised Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Davis February 12 with a housewarming in their new home at 801 Haggard.

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Interesting article about using Sticky Notes to work out research problems, create timelines, and much more <http://upfront.ngsgenealogy.org/2014/03/post-it-notes-as-great-research-tool.html>

An alternative to One Note is EverNote. Diane Haddad recently posted a blog article about using Evernote <http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2014/03/05/WaysToMakeEvernoteEvenBetterForGenealogy.aspx>

The National Genealogy Society 2014 Family History Conference, "Virginia: The First Frontier" will be held in Richmond, VA 7-10 May 2014 <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/> If you can't make it to Richmond, two tracks will be live streamed. Info on the website.

The National Archives has partnered with Ancestry.com and Fold3.com to digitize their records. There is a list of records that have been digitized on the NARA website <http://www.archives.gov/digitization/digitized-by-partners.html>

From 1850 to 1880 census enumerators collected information about individuals who died in the twelve months preceding the census date. MortalitySchedules.com has an article about the mortality schedules and you can search the mortality schedules <http://www.mortalityschedules.com/>

RootsTech took place in Salt Lake City Feb 6-8th. There are videos of some of the sessions available online <https://rootstech.org/about/videos/>

What DNA Testing Did for my Genealogy

By Lynn Fussell

I knew my grandfather, James Jefferson Spencer, since he had lived with us for a while as I was growing up. It had been said by family members that our ancestors came to Tennessee from North Carolina. This was true for both families, Fussells and Spencers

I had been able to document my Fussell ancestors back to Nicholas Fussell who was born about 1603 and lived in London, England. In doing, so I discovered that I had a Revolutionary War ancestor and was able to join the Sons of the American Revolution.

After my seemly good success researching my Fussell line I started on my mother's Spencer line. I wanted to trace the line back and at least see if I had a Revolutionary War ancestor in the Spencer line. It was relatively easy tracing the line. though Tennessee census records, starting with my grandfather in the 1900 and working. In the 1850 census for Hardin, Co., Tennessee I identified Charles Spencer, my ggggrandfather, who was 58 years old at the time and gave birth place as North Carolina. This confirmed some of the information I had gleaned from several family members. Some of this information stated that Charles's oldest son, Samuel B. had been born in Hickman Co., Tennessee about 1814. The 1810 census for Tennessee had been lost and much of the 1820 census for Hickman Co. was obliterated. This led to searching records for Hickman Co. I found a Charles Spencer and a Samuel Spencer mentioned on a number of deeds and records. The dates on these records ranged from about 1810 to 1819-20. This led me to conclude that Samuel was the father of Charles.

The next step was to search the North Carolina 1800 census records for a Samuel Spencer. One was found in Burke Co. with three children, 2 males and 1 female all less than ten years of age. He was not listed in the 1790 census as head of household. After

I found Samuel I hit that infamous brick wall. I joined the Spencer Historical and Genealogical Society hoping I might get some leads for my research. Richard Spencer who was President of SHGS at the time and lives in Franklin, Tennessee found out I was searching for information on Samuel Spencer from North Carolina. He was a volunteer in the Williamson County Library and found some information on a Samuel Spencer which was in a Williamson County Genealogy Society file. One of the documents he sent me was four pages of a letter from Messina to her grand niece, Mabel which was written in 1923. Mabel wanted to know something about her family genealogy. Messina gave her very significant information from memory. Messina said the records in Pontotoc, Mississippi were strewn about by Yankee soldiers and there was a big rain that night and the records were destroyed. Some of the information she gave was the name of

her father, his birth day, 13 April 1797 and place, Rutherford County, NC and her grandfather, Samuel who was born in 1775 in North Carolina. She stated that Samuel left North Carolina when William was five and settled in Hickman Co., Tennessee. Her father left Hickman County and came to Mississippi and married her mother Margaret Montgomery on 5 March 1823 in Cottonginport, Monroe Co., Mississippi. William Spencer was listed in the 1830 Monroe County census and subsequently in Pontotoc County census records from 1840 through 1870. Messina was listed in the 1850 Pontotoc

County Census as a daughter of William born about 1842. Messina's information identified the second male son in the 1800 Burke County, NC, census. All my documentation at this juncture indicated that Charles and Samuel were brothers, both being sons of Samuel Spencer. Messina stated her father William said that his grandfather, Edmond, had come to America with his four brothers in 1700 and landed in Maryland. This statement was only partially correct; there were not enough generations accounted for between Edmond and Samuel. Regardless, I was making little headway getting through or around my brick wall.

About 2001 SHGS initiated a surname program using DNA tests as a genealogy tool. The idea that Spencer ancestors might be identified using the DNA in the y chromosome which is passed from father to son unchanged. This only applied to males.

What DNA Testing Did for my Genealogy

Since I was related to the Spencers through my mother, for me to participate I had to sponsor a male cousin, James. In the report on his DNA there were no matches. About three years later there was a notification by Family Tree DNA, the test organization, that there was a match with James. This was Garry whom I had met several years back at a Spencer reunion. Both James and Garry descended from Charles through Charles oldest son, Samuel B. There were about seven matches with Garry listed as McWhirters(?). I could only hope additional testing would be more fruitful.

In February or March of this year I got a call from Sharron Spencer who is the data manager for SHGS. She informed me that a descendant of Samuel's son, William

whose name was also William had a DNA test and it did not match James' and Garry's

DNA. Something was amiss! How could this be? Oh, by the way, William's DNA did match another group of Spencers. How to clear up this dilemma?

It was decided I should sponsor two more DNA tests from descendants of another son of Charles. This was done for Don and Arthur, descendants of Charles M. and their DNA matched James and Charles. My documentation for relationship between Charles and Samuel were records from Hickman Co., Tennessee, primarily deeds whereas for William there was Messina's letter identifying her father and grandfather in addition to DNA match with other Spencers. I had to conclude that Charles was not a biological son of Samuel. You can only speculate on an explanation or answer as well as I can.

WHAT DID DNA TESTING DO FOR MY GENEALOGY? It didn't get me pass my brick wall. It created a dilemma, for sure. I only know that my ggggrandfather was Charles Spencer, beyond him it's _____ and most likely will remain that way.

Fast forward to Dec 2013, about ten years later.

I became interested in DNA testing again and rejoined the Spencer Historical & Genealogical Society. I entered the kit number and password for James A. Spencer, a second cousin, supplier of test specimen back in 2002. and noted a large increase in the number of matches. Two that had been listed within past 2 years were of particular interest: George Gillespie, Jr. and George Lance Gillespie. Both listed Henry Gillespie, . 1732 as most distant relative who was from McDowell Co., NC which adjoins Burke Co., NC the birth place of Charles Spencer on July 28,1781. Maybe a crack was about to open in the brick wall. The 1790 Census Record for Burke Co., NC lists Henry Gillespie having 3 males over 16 and 2 females. One male would be Henry and the other two would be sons. One female would be his wife and the other a daughter or possibly a wife

of one of his sons. Further research on Ancestry.com identified the two sons as David, born c. 1769 and William c. 1771. This would make their ages about 21 and 19 in 1790. These birthdays are confirmed by the 1850 McDowell Co. NC Census. John Spencer, Sr is listed in 1790 Burke Co., NC Census, Morgan Dist., p. 108. He is only Spencer listed except John, Jr. Senior is listed with 1 male over 16, 3 males under 16 and 5 females. The oldest of the 3 males is assumed to be Samuel Spencer, about 16. Samuel is not listed in 1790 census as head of household but is listed in Burke Co. 1800 Census with two males. Charles Spencer could have been taken in by Samuel any time between his birthday and the 1800 Census. William was born April 13, 1797 Charles was probably taken in because he was a relative, a son of either Samuel's sister or his wife's sister. From the census we know that Samuel had sisters. DNA tests show that Charles had to have been sired by either Daniel or William. Conception was likely around late Nov or early Dec of 1790 for July 28, 1791 birthday. The marriage date for either David or William has not been found. William married Judith Clarissa Hensley and their first of eight children was Polly born 1795 which suggests William was married after 1790. This data came from Ancestry.com but similar data was not found for David but likely married after 1791

With the documentation and DNA data I think it safe to conclude that Charles Spencer was the biological son of either David or William Gillespie, the sons of Henry Gillespie c. 1732 of McDowell Co., NC. Additional research may determine which of the two was the biological father.

JOIN GENEALOGY FRIENDS OF PLANO LIBRARIES
MARCH 20, 2014
FOR A DINING OUT AT 7:00 P.M.



1517 N. Central Expwy.
Plano, TX 75075

Dinner will include:

- Beverage
- Garden Salad with Italian Dressing
- Bread and butter
- Your choice of one of the following:
 - Spaghetti & Meatballs
 - Our Incredible 15-Layer Lasagna
 - Four-Cheese Manicotti
 - Fettuccini Alfredo
 - Pesto Spaghetti Basilica
 - Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad
- Optional Dessert for \$4.00 additional cost – Choice of one of the following:
 - Brownie
 - Tiramisu
 - Cheesecake

Please provide us with the following by March 15, 2014 – Can pay at the door

Name _____ How Many Attendees _____

Dinner Choice _____

Cost Per Person is \$22.00 without dessert (tip is included)

Cost Per Person is \$26.00 with dessert – Dessert Choice _____

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