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Schedule of Events

Haggard Library is closed until March 27, at which time the closure will be reassessed. Our March and April programs have been cancelled.

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2020. 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:

Future Events

May 16, 2020—"Mining the Gems in a Civil War Pension File" by Bernard Meisner

June 20, 2020—"Four Methods to Search Familysearch.org" and "FamilySearch.org Q&A" by Lynell Moss

July 18, 2020—"Armchair Mysteries Solved at Home with Old School Technology" by Patty Gillespie

We are working on the sessions for 2020, if you have a topic or speaker suggestion please email Barbara Coakley at newsletter@genealogyfriends.org.

Since we are all stuck at home, I compiled this newsletter with bargains, education opportunities and websites that might help you further your family research. If you have a favorite website that isn't included. Send it to me for the next edition of our online newsletter.

Barbara Coakley

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Publications for Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

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| 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 |

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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Genealogy Education

Family History Library Classes and Webinars are available on FamilySearch.org to watch.

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Webinars—You can attend live webinars for no cost and recordings are available for a limited period of time. Use promo code thomas15 to save 15% off an annual membership . <https://familytreewebinars.com/>

New York Genealogical and Biographical Society is offering 16 different free webinars between March 17 and April 3rd. <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/upcoming-free-webinars>

New England Historic Genealogical Society offers webinars and online classes

<https://www.americanancestors.org/>

Generations Café—Amy Johnson Crow has classes, podcasts, and a blog.

<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/announcing-generations-cafe-genealogy-podcast/>

Echoes of our Ancestors, the National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held 20-23 May, 2020 in Salt Lake City, UT. <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/> Currently the conference is still on, NGS is making contingency plans in case they have to cancel. Early bird registration deadline has been extended to March 31, 2020 and they have waived the \$50 cancellation fee. There is a link on the conference page to their COVID-19 page.

DNA from A to Z: Unlocking Your Genetic Code Dallas Genealogy Society Summer Seminar will be held July 24-25, 2020 <https://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/2020-summer-seminar/>

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference will be held 2-5 September, 2020 in Kansas City, MO.

<https://fgs.org/conferences/> Conference registration opening has been delayed.

Texas State Genealogy Society Conference, “Remebering Your Heritage” is scheduled for November 13-15, 2020 at the Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas. <https://www.txsgs.org/2020-conference/>

Genealogy Bargains

Genealogical Publishing Company is offering 25% off all purchases on their website <https://genealogical.com/> . Use Code LAH25 at checkout. They sell books, ebooks, and a subscription plan that provides unlimited online access to genealogy reference books for a monthly or annual fee.

Family Tree Magazine is offering a free digital copy of their latest issue https://www.familytreemagazine.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FTM_MarApr20_giveaway.pdf?genealogybargains

Shutterfly is offering agroupon for One 8x8 Hardcover 20 Page Photo book for \$5. Normal Price is 29.99. There are also discounted deals on two, three and five books. There are a limited number available https://www.groupon.com/deals/n-shutterfly-photobook-20-page-8x8?z=skip&utm_medium=afl&utm_campaign=207229&mediaId=1854681&utm_source=GPN&wid=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.genealogybargains.com%2F

DNA Boot Camp Digital Downloads 50% off through March 31. Use promo code SAVE50 There are 8 different webinars by Mary Eberle, JD. <https://hackgenealogy.com/dna-boot-camp-digital-downloads/#dnabcbundle>

Genealogy Websites

Archion recently added more German Church Records. If what you need isn't available on FamilySearch check out this website for your research in Germany. There is a free trial available. <https://www.archion.de/en/news/recently-added/>

State Historical Society of Missouri has digitized newspapers and articles from their quarterly, Missouri Historical Review on their website. <https://shsmo.org/>

JSTOR—You can sign up for an individual researcher account and search JSTOR. It is a digital library for scholars, researchers and students. I found an article written about a great uncle on my first search. Don't forget to search on places, occupations, etc. if you don't find your family names. <https://www.jstor.org/>

Colorize Photos—MyHeritage has a new feature to colorize black and white photos. Upload a black & white photo and it is colorized. Then you can download it. <https://www.myheritage.com/incolor?s=597979611>

IrfanView—Free, Open Source Photo Editor—Irfanview is a free photo editor for windows. It is small only 3mb so it doesn't take up much room on your computer. It opens quickly and has many of the features of bigger, more expensive programs. <https://www.irfanview.com/>

DoHistory—shows you how to piece together the past from the fragments that have survived using a case study. <http://dohistory.org/home.html>

Genealogy Websites

Map of US—Boundary changes can impact our research. This website has County formation maps and historical maps for each state. <https://www.mapofus.org/>

Geneawebinars—Blog about upcoming hangouts, meetins and webinars offered online. <http://blog.geneawebinars.com/>

Chronicling America—Digitized newspapers are continually being added to the Library of Congress website. Several Montana newspapers are now available. <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Evidence Explained—Elizabeth Shown Mills website has quick tips and quick lessons on subjects related to research methodology and citing sources. <https://www.evidenceexplained.com/>

Wolfram Alpha—Compute expert-level answers using breakthrough algorithms, knowledgebase and AI technology. Use it to generate calendars for a specific year, calculate the value of money between historical times and now, generate a map, get info about a specific place, determine the date of holidays in prior years. <https://www.wolframalpha.com/>

The Photo Detective—Maureen Taylor- With Maureen's guidance I recently identified a photograph of my Great-Grandfather. Her website includes a blog and podcasts about using photographs for family history. You can sign up for her newsletter, watch her YouTube Channel. She also offers consultations and classes on identifying photos and organizing photos. <https://maurentaylor.com/>

Florida Militia Muster Rolls, 1826-1900—Muster rolls are now online at Florida Memory, State Library & Archives of Florida website. The documents are from three different series of militia records in the State Archives' holdings. They are rosters of officers and men serving in Florida militia units from 1826 to 1900. https://www.floridamemory.com/collections/muster_rolls/

Founders Online—The National Archives and the University of Virginia Press created a website to make documents of the Founders of the US—George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. <https://founders.archives.gov/>

Reclaim The Records—Non profit group of genealogists, historians, researchers and open government advocates that files Freedom of Information and Open Data requests to get public data released to the public. <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/>

Portal to Texas History—A gateway to rare, historical, and primary source materials from or about Texas. Collection continues to grow, if you haven't visited recently go back to see what has been added. <https://texashistory.unt.edu/>

Google Scholar—We all use Google for searches all the time, have you tried searching Google Scholar for journal articles about places your ancestor lived or historical events they may have participated in and much more. <https://scholar.google.com/intl/en/scholar/about.html>

Old Providence—if you have ancestors in Providence, RI this site is a map of Providence and contains pictures, stories and research. <https://oldpvd.com/>

The Chisolm Trail

This is Jesse Chisholm, the man for whom the famed Chisolm Trail was named. Jesse (circa 1805 - March 4, 1868) was a mixed-blood Scottish-Cherokee fur trader. Although Chisholm died before the heyday of the Texas-to-Kansas cattle drives, he was nevertheless a participant in several important events in Texas and Oklahoma history.

Chisholm's father, Ignatius, was of Scottish descent, and his mother Martha (née Rogers) was a Cherokee from the region of Great Hiwassee. He moved with his mother to (what is now) Oklahoma during a period when Cherokees were migrating voluntarily. In 1826, Chisholm became involved in a gold-seeking party, which blazed a trail and explored the region to present day Wichita, Kansas. In 1830, he helped blaze a trail from Fort Gibson to Fort Towson. In 1834, he was a member of the Dodge-Leavenworth Expedition, who made the first contact with the southern plains Indians on behalf of the United States federal government.

In 1836, Chisholm married Eliza Edwards. They resided in the area of her father's trading post on the Little River near its confluence with the Canadian River, where Jesse worked in the Indian trade.

Chisholm was an interpreter and general aid in several treaties between the Republic of Texas and local Indian tribes, as well as between the United States federal government and various tribes after Texas joined the United States. This diplomatic work spanned 20 years, between 1838 and 1858. During this period, he also continued in the Indian trade, trading manufactured goods for peltry and for cattle.

During the Civil War, he mostly remained neutral. Many residents of Indian Territory feared they might be massacred, either intentionally or as an accident of war if either side attempted to contend for control of the territory. He led a band of refugees to the western part of the territory. For some time, they suffered privation, as the trade had dried up during the war, as well.

At the end of the war, he settled permanently near present-day Wichita, and recommenced trade into Indian Territory. He built up what had been a military and Indian trail into a road capable of carrying heavy wagons for his goods. This road became known as Chisholm's Trail. Later, when the Texas-to-Kansas cattle drives started, the users of the trail dubbed it the Chisholm Trail.

He died at his last camp near Left Hand Spring due to food poisoning on March 4, 1868, and is buried there. Chisholm was inducted into the Hall of Great Westerners in 1974. His grave site in Blaine County is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Source for the above information:

Jesse's Wikipedia article. Submitted by Barbara Battocchio Brogdon

