



Genealogy Friends News

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Upcoming Events

Saturday Seminars

Genealogy Friends sponsors free seminars the third Saturday of every month from 9:30 to Noon at the Gladys Harrington Library.

June 18, 2005—Weldon Fincher will discuss PERSI & Stella Fincher will discuss Changing Borders and Boundary Lines

July 16, 2005 —Learn about using Inter Library Loan and WebCat with librarian Cheryl Smith

August 20, 2005 —All day seminar. See below

September 17, 2005 — Marta Demaree will talk to us about Reference Materials Available in the Library

October 15, 2005 —Clare Molina will discuss Computer Mail Lists and Brenda Kellow will discuss Non Population Census Schedules.

November 19, 2005 —Family Reunions and Newsletters will be the topic of the presentation by Brenda Kellow and Barbara Coakley.

December 17, 2005 —Join us for our annual Show and Tell.

August 20th All Day Seminar

David Rencher, AG, FUGA, Director of Records and Information for the Family and Church History Department in Salt Lake City, will present an all-day workshop at the Gladys Harrington Library Program Room on Saturday, August 20, 2005. A professional genealogist since 1977, he was accredited in Ireland research in 1981.

The topics will be:

1. Beginning Irish genealogy (Irish Jurisdiction and Reference Work)
2. Irish immigration (North America)
3. Effective use of the Family History Library catalog
4. Irish Censuses and Census Substitutes

The workshop will be from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20, in the Program Room of the Gladys Harrington Library, 1501 East 18th Street, Plano, TX. Registration is a \$25 donation for members; a \$32 donation for non-members. Reg-

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

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 jfar-go@comcast.net.

Library Lock In—July

Then next lock in will be July 8th. The focus will be Military Records.

Military Records including compiled service records, pension records, bounty land, unit histories, and maps can be valuable genealogical records. In addition to providing background, you may find valuable family information in pension files. Bounty land records can place your ancestor at a point in time.

Lock Ins are a great place to get assistance with research problems. Sign up for a consultation and discuss your brick walls with another genealogist.

Gen Friends suggests a donation of \$10. A Pizza supper is also available for \$4.00. Registration begins at 5:30.

Watch for details on the upcoming Library Lock
October 28, 2005—Topic to be determined

Publications For Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

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	\$10

Dues Are Due

Our fiscal began October 1st which means it is time to pay your dues for 2005.

Regular dues are Single: \$30. Family: \$50. Friend: \$100; Gold: \$500; Platinum: \$1000. We currently have over 70 members.

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.

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>.

Web Sites

Do you have a favorite web site? Share it with us. Email Barbara Coakley at bjc1620@sbcglobal.net with the url.

Gravestone Photo Projects—There are web sites for the Gravestone Photo Project for AZ, CO, NE, NM, IA, OH, NY, UT and IL. This is a new project to capture images of tombstones. They are looking for volunteers to upload images. Web sites are [http://\[statedname\]gravestones.org](http://[statedname]gravestones.org)

Looking for living relatives, check out Zabasearch. Enter a name and it will give you the address, phone number (if listed), and birth year (on some entries).

<http://zabasearch.com>

BYU Digital Collections—Brigham Young University has a digital collection available on their web site that includes photographs, journals, genealogies, histories, etc.

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/online.html>

The American History and Genealogy Project is similar to US Genweb. There are state and county web sites with coordinators where information can be shared.

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

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is in the process of creating a national index to the Genealogical Records Committee Reports. These are transcripts of various records that have been compiled since 1910. You can search on your ancestors name and find the series, volume and page where the reference is. Copies can then be ordered of the page.

<http://grc.dar.org/dar/darnet/grc/grc.cfm?Action=overview>

The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly the INS) has a genealogy reference section on their web site. The Legislative History section includes links to all legislation from 1790-1900 relating to immigration and naturalization. This can be used to determine what laws were in effect when your ancestor arrived.

<http://uscis.gov/graphics/aboutus/history/index.htm>

Thanks to Bill Walton for submitting information on web sites.

Petition to Save NHPRC

The President's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2006 slash or eliminate more than 150 federal programs. In that budget, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) has been targeted to receive NO funding.

This includes no funds for the grants program and no funds for staffing to support the NHPRC programs. It effectively eliminates NHPRC.

The Council of State Historical Records Coordinators, the Society of American Archivists, and the National Association for Government Archivists and Records Administrators are working collaboratively to address this threat to NHPRC and NARA. Archivists across the U.S. are rallying to save NHPRC while also ensuring that NARA has sufficient funding to sustain its current programs and continue to advance in areas that benefit all archival repositories and every citizen of the United States.

As part of our efforts to continue to express to Congress interest in restoration of funding for NHPRC, we have created an online petition. Please consider signing this petition, and please forward it to any listservs, e-mail groups, or organizations and people you feel would be interested in helping with this effort. It is a quick and easy way for many people to assist. The petition will be forwarded to the House Appropriations Committee and Subcommittee on Treasury, Transportation, HUD and the Judiciary in late May. The petition can be access at:

www.savearchives.org

Click on the "petition" button.

If you have not received a previous action alert on this issue, we encourage you to also write a letter to your members of Congress. For information on writing letters of support, see any of the following websites: www.savearchives.org, www.coshrc.org, and www.archivists.org

Thanks for your efforts to save this important program for archives!

Members of the NHPRC Joint Advocacy Task Force Council of State Historical Records Coordinators: David Carmicheal, Sandra Clark, Kathleen Roe Society of American Archivists: Nancy Beaumont, Peter Gottlieb, Rand Jimerson, Joan Krizack, Richard Pearce-Moses National Association of Government Archivists and Records Administrators: Timothy Slavin

Collin County Historic Photographs Web Site

Members of GenFriends are contributing photographs of Collin County to the newest Gen Friends web site *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.

Virginia Research

Here are a couple of web sites you might want to check out if you have Virginia ancestors:

The Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia: 1745 to 1800. This is a three volume set containing abstracts of court records from Augusta County available on the web site.

www.rootsweb.com/~chalkley/index.htm

Land Advertisements in the Virginia Herald 1788-1806 and 1807-1817: The Virginia Herald was published in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The land ads have been transcribed and are available on the web site <http://departments.umw.edu/hipr/www/Fredericksburg/buildads.htm>

History & Genealogy Web Site

Members of Genealogy Friends are contributing to a new web site—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.

Newsletter Articles

Help keep our newsletter interesting:

- Have you found an unusual record during your search?
- How did you solve that last really tough problem?
- Write an article and submit it to be published in the newsletter.
- Have you discovered a fantastic web site?

Email it to Barbara Coakley at bjc1620@sbcglobal.net.



Volunteers Needed

Your participation can help make Genealogy Friends a better organization.

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 contact us at genfriends@comcast.net. Current Opportunities Include:

- Help is needed to continue to index the 1930 Census for Collin County. The indexes are posted on our web site to enable researchers to more easily find their families. We will provide a CD containing the Census and the format for the Excel or Open Office Spreadsheet where the data is entered.
- Volunteers are needed for all facets of the Lock Ins including refreshments, manning stations, sharing information or experiences, and registration. If you can help contact Joyce Kaplan.

Gen Friends members also volunteer in the library assisting patrons with genealogy research. You could learn by helping others. This would be a great way to learn more about different aspects of research or increase your knowledge of the libraries holdings. The schedule is posted on the Gladys Harrington Library web page. If you would like to work in the library, contact the Reference Desk 972-461-7175.

State Archives & Libraries—Missouri

By Barbara Coakley

The collections at State Archives are a valuable resource for genealogical resource. Each month one state will be highlighted in our newsletter.

Missouri State Archives

Missouri has done a great job making their collection accessible to researchers via their web site.

Location: 600 W. Main, Jefferson City, MO 65102

Hours: Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday. Saturday hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Microfilm and published materials are available in the research room; records from the Archives' stacks should be requested in advance for use on Thursday evenings, Saturdays or holidays.

Web Site: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/records/>

Research: Limited research can be requested via email, phone, or mail.

Background:

- Established in 1965 as repository for state records of permanent historical value.
- Holdings date from 1770 and include over 150 million pages of paper, 245,000 photographs, 14,400 books, 60,000 reels of microfilm and 180,000 microfiche.
- Exhibits pertaining to Missouri history are available at the Archives and on line at their web site. Certain exhibits also travel to other locations.

Microfilm records are available for purchase for \$15.00 per roll.

Local Records:

Missouri's Local Records Preservation Program was initiated in 1986 as a part time program and converted to a full time program in 1990. Grants are available for microfilming local permanent records.

There is a database of inventories of local government records housed in county and municipal offices, libraries, museums, and historical and genealogical societies. The database is a work in progress. Not all repositories have been inventoried. There is a list on the web site of the counties without any entries available.

The database includes record series, dates covered, and the name of the repository where the record is located. There is a description of the record series available on the web site also. The database can be searched by County. There is a record series search available; however, I could not get it to work.

Many of the records have been microfilmed and are available at the State Archives. The County Records on Microfilm page contains links to PDF documents by county listing records available.

Information is also available on the organization of counties. This is useful to determine when a county was formed and what the parent counties were.

Also available on the web site are databases for some local records, many from the St. Louis area.

Missouri History:

The State Archives web site contains articles and essays about events in Missouri History. The Louis and Clark Bicentennial is covered; along with President Truman, who was from Missouri. There is also a timeline of Missouri history. This section can provide you with background information on the time and place where you ancestor lived.

Photographs:

Included in the collection are 200,000 photographs that depict Missouri's culture, agriculture, recreation, industry, and state government events.

Judicial Records:

The State Archives holds records of the Supreme Court of Missouri, Appellate Courts, and County and Municipal Courts. An index to the Supreme Court cases is available on the web site. There is also a listing of County and Municipal Records on the web site.

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New Additions to the Genealogy Collection, Gladys Harrington Library

The following books, CD's and microfilm are now available in the library:

- German-American names, 2nd ed. GEN 929.408431073 JON
- Darke County, Ohio Cemetery Inscriptions, Greenville Township GEN 929.577147 SHO
- Darke County, Ohio Common Pleas, Court Records 1817-1860 GEN 929.377147 SHO
- Darke County, Ohio Deed Records, 1817-1834 GEN 929.377147 SHO
- Darke County, Ohio Marriages, 1817-1840 & Wills (1818-1857) GEN 929.377147 SHO
- Augusta County, 1850 Census GEN 929.3755916 WEA
- Index to McMinn County, Tennessee Tax Lists, 1829-1832, 1836 & Detail From 1836 Tax List
GEN 929.3768865 REK
- Missouri Genealogical Gleanings, 1840 and Beyond, Vol. 3 GEN 929.3778 EDD, V. 3
- Genealogical Abstracts From Missouri Church Records and Other Religious Sources, Volume 1
GEN 929.3778 EDD, Vol. 1
- Mississippi Newspaper Obituaries, 1876-1885 GEN 929.3762 WIL
- Kentucky Genealogical Records & Abstracts, Volume 1: 1781-1839 GEN 929.3769 EDD
- A Genealogical Collection of Kentucky Birth & Death Records, Volume 1 GEN 929.3769 EDD
- Index to the 1820 Census of Tennessee GEN 929.3768 BEN
- Parker's History of Bedford County, Virginia GEN 975.5675 PAR
- Mississippi Court Records from the files of the High Court of Errors and Appeals, 1799-1859 GEN 929.3762 HEN
- Upper Midwest German Biographical Index GEN 977.00431 TOL
- A Cutler Memorial and Genealogical History GEN 929.2 CUT
- Kith and Kin... GEN 929.2 DIX
- A Genealogical Record of Several Families Bearing the Name of Cutler: in the United States GEN 929.2 CUT
- 1850 and 1860 Federal Census of Ellis County, Texas GEN 929.37642815 EIG
- Ellis County, Texas Marriage Records, Vol. F Through Vol. J: January, 1887 Through May, 1900

Recipes

Have you ever wondered about the food your ancestors prepared? These web sites can provide clues to their favorite meals.

A collection of 16th and 17th Century recipes presented in their original language transcribed from primary sources is available at <http://www.godecookery.com/engrec/engrec.html>

Here is a link to an article on making bread in early America <http://www.foodhistory.com/foodnotes/leftovers/bread/early/>

The Historic American Recipes web site contains traditional from classic cookbooks <http://www.foodbooks.com/recipes.htm>

The Michigan State Library and MSU Museum have partnered to create the Feeding America: The Historic American Cookbook Project. There are digital images of important American cookbooks from the 18th through 20th centuries available on the web site—<http://digital.lib.msu.edu/projects/cookbooks/>

2005 Education Opportunities

June 3, Scottish Family History Symposium sponsored by the Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games will be held from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the La Quinta Conference Center in Arlington. This year's program is "Researching Your Scots-Irish Ancestors". Speakers are from Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Northern Ireland. Visit their web site for more information <http://www.texasscottishfestival.com/symposium.htm>.

June 6-23, Genealogy I will be held at CCCCD, taught by Lynne Darrouzet. Classes will be held on Monday and Thursday nights from 6-9 pm.

June 9-11, Palatines to America National Conference Fort Wayne, Indiana will be held at the Hilton Hotel and Grand Wayne Convention Center. Their web site is <http://palam.org/welcome.html>

June 12-17, Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research will be held at Samford University, Birmingham, AL. Info available at www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html.

State Archives—Missouri (Continued)

Military Records:

Service in both domestic and foreign wars between 1812 and WWI are represented in the military records collection. The primary record is individual service cards. There is a description by war available on the web site. You can search a database of soldiers' names on line. The search will tell you what war, unit, and an image of the service cards is available. The papers of the Union Provost Marshal from the Civil War are also available on line. Using the information from the database you can request the record via email. The information from the web site can be used to locate Federal Records for the soldier.

Land Patents:

Public domain land was sold by the state from 1820 to 1951. The land patents include Swamp Land, Seminary and Saline Land, Township School Land, and the 500,000 Acre Grant. There is an ongoing project to transcribe the information from these records. You can search the database, basic details are available on line, and you can order a copy of the record on the web site.

Naturalization Records:

The St. Louis Genealogical Society partnered with the Missouri State Archives to transcribe naturalization records from various courts. There is a searchable database which will provide you with the date of naturalization, native country, the court, and information needed to locate the record. Copies can be requested on the website.

Vital Records:

The Missouri Birth and Death Records Database includes records of events before 1909 which are available at the State Archives. Records after 1910 are available from the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Other Records:

Collections also include state agency records, state government publications, federal census schedules for Missouri, and records of the state House and Senate.

Collin County Bits—Collin County, Texas History**By Joy Gough**

(1936) Republic of Texas Centennial Historical marker.

Formed from Fannin County, Created April 3, 1846, Organized July 13, 1846

Named in Honor of Collin Mckinney (1766 -1861) Land Surveyor, Signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, Member of Congress, Republic of Texas, Member of the Texas Legislature. Fannin County was created from Red River County in 1837 when Texas became a Republic. Collin County was created out of Fannin County in April of 1846 when Texas became a state.

The ruling to create the new counties in Texas stated that the counties should be about thirty miles square with the county seat within three miles of the geographic center of the county. This ruling made the county seats of Dallas, Sherman, Denton, and Greenville all about thirty miles from McKinney.

COURTHOUSES

County Seat, Buckner 1846-1848, Mckinney, Since.

The first Collin County courthouse was a log building in Buckner. When the county seat was changed to McKinney, a log structure was built on its square. It was later replaced with a two-story, wood-frame structure. There was some dispute about this building, so it was replaced within about one year with another two-story, wood-frame building. Before the Civil War, around 1861, this wooden courthouse was moved from the square in order to build another courthouse.

Because of the Civil War, construction did not begin on a new courthouse until 1872. The resultant courthouse was a two-story, native-stone building of Victorian design with towers on the east side over the two entrances.

In 1979 a new courthouse was built a couple of blocks southeast of the square. It is six stories and modern in design. The county commissioners are talking about building another courthouse which would be northwest of downtown McKinney on the road to Weston near the new jail.

PETERS COLONY

The officials of the Peters Colony made a contract with the Republic of Texas in 1841 to bring six hundred families into the land that was designated for the colony by 1848.

After three contracts, the land area started just east of McKinney, went south to include most of Dallas County and parts of Johnson and Ellis Counties. It extended west to include most of Denton and Cooke counties and half of Tarrant County.

The headquarters for the company was in St. Louis, Missouri, with the local representative, Oliver Hedgcoxe, having his office at the area known today as The Colony.

The settlers who took advantage of the Peters Colony's offer of free land were mostly from Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

Many families moved to the Peters Colony, but not the required six hundred families. The Peters Colony was considered a failure for that reason.

INDIANS LIVING IN COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

Indians living in Collin County were of the Caddo, Cherokee, Delaware, Kickapoo, and Tonkawa tribes. The Delaware had a village in the vicinity of Fitzhugh Mills northeast of Allen. The Tonkawa had a village along Indian Creek northeast of McKinney. These tribes were peaceful farming/hunting Indians.

A Kiowa chief by the name of Spotted Tail moved his band to the flats between Frisco and Prosper in the mid 1840s. As

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long as his band lived in the area, Collin County was not attacked by marauding Indians. Spotted Tail helped bury the dead in a smallpox epidemic in 1873. He contracted the disease and died from it. He asked for a white man's burial and was buried at the Buckner Cemetery in McKinney.

INDIAN MASSACRES

Around Christmas of 1842 Wesley Clemmons, and a man named Whistler were clearing land around Honey Creek for farming. The Indians attacked. The men ran to their house for their guns. They were killed before they got there. One of the wives and the wife of Sam Young held the Indians at bay from the house until nightfall when they escaped. The third wife was at the creek at the time of the attack. She hid in the water using a reed to breath until she thought she was safe. All of the women ran toward the Throckmorton settlement for safety. Sam Young was in Bonham at the time of the attack getting supplies.

The last Indian massacre in Collin County was in the fall of 1843. Jeremiah Muncey and his family were massacred by Indians at their home in north Plano between Plano and Jupiter Roads on the south bank of Rowlett Creek. The Indians had camped upstream the night before. As they proceeded down Rowlett Creek, they came upon two boys hunting. The Rice boy was killed and the Searcy boy escaped. The Indians continued down the creek to the Muncey place. The Muncey home was a lean to that they were using while they constructed their home. Jeremiah Muncey, his wife, a three-year-old child and neighbor McBain Jameson were all killed. Two of Muncey's boys were taken by the Indians and never seen again. The site of the massacre is marked, as well as spot where the Munceys were buried.

In 1862 Christian Stelzer was killed east of Celina. Many people attributed it to Indians. It was later revealed that he was killed in an argument over the Civil War.

The attacking Indians usually came in from the west and were Comanche.

COMMUNITIES

Early: Buckner, Chambersville, Decatur, Empire, Forest Grove, Hominyville, Lebanon, Frankford, Highland, Mantua, McKinney, Millwood, Nickelville, Rock Hill, Roseland, Rowlett, Sugar Hill, Throckmorton, Walnut Grove, Weston

Created by railroad: Allen, Anna, Frisco, Josephine, Melissa, Murphy, Princeton, Prosper, Sachse, Van Alstyne, Wylie

Moved to railroad: Celina, Copeville, Nevada, Plano, Richardson

Had a railroad at one time: Blue Ridge, Westminster

Still have railroad: Allen, Dallas, Farmersville, McKinney, Murphy, Plano, Wylie

Others: Branch, Culleoka, Desert, Fairview, Lavon, Lowry Crossing, Lucas, New Hope, Parker, Pike, Rhea Mills, St. Paul, Weston, Remnants of Altoga, Climax, Valdasta, and Verona.

Ghost towns with nothing left: Ardath, Donna, Renner, Rock Hill,

Ghost towns with cemetery only: Buckner, Empire, Highland, Mantua, Millwood, Throckmorton

Online Genetic Conference

The FamilyLink Network (<http://www.familylinknetwork.com/scripts/index.php>) is hosting an online conference on genetic genealogy from June 7 to July 7. There will be six fifteen-minute presentations covering various DNA related subjects. You can access the presentations as many times as you want to during the conference time for one fee, \$29.95. If you sign up before May 24, 2005 you get a 15% discount. You can access a free sample presentation at <http://www.relativegenetics.com/>.