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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2018. 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:

November 17, 2018—"Solving Mysteries of Women in Your Family Tree" Speaker Cheryl Smith

Future Events

November 19, 2018—**OneNote Users Group**—Group meets in the Genealogy Section of the library from 7:00 to 8:30 on the third Monday of each month.

November 27, 2018—**Legacy Users Group**—Group meets in the Genealogy Section of the library at 1:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

December 15, 2018—Show and Tell—bring your genealogy discoveries to share with the group.



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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

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 Classes at Collin College

Barbara Coakley will be teaching two classes at Collin College Courtyard Campus, 4800 Preston Park Blvd, Plano, TX 75093.

Genealogy II—January 16—March 6, 2019, Wednesday Nights from 6:30—9:00 pm

In this class 8 week class we will review various types of records, learn where to find them, how to analyze them, and what they might tell you about your ancestors. Topics include Military Records, Land Records, Tax Records, Naturalization and Immigration Records, Maps, and more.

Using Microsoft OneNote for Genealogy—February 23 & March 2, 2019, Saturday 8:30-Noon

This is a hands on class, where you will create a OneNote notebook while learning how to organize your genealogy research reports, research notes, and reference materials.

Tracing Our Roots Column

The Tracing Our Roots column published weekly in the Plano Star Courier (available on the paper's website) and written by Genealogy Friends' member Brenda Kellow, covers a different topic or subject each week.

In addition, Brenda announces national events, fee increases in everyday genealogical records, new records added to the Internet and to genealogists' favorite sites.

The past topics are available for several years. Access the site at

http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/. Brenda will add your name to her weekly announcement when her column appears online if you request it by emailing her at bbkellow@verizon.net. You may also request topics for her to cover.

Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1957

By Brenda Burns Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas
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Compiled by Brenda Burns Kellow, 2018

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.

Donnie, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cason, awoke the family early because he wanted an ice cream cone.

Mrs. Laverne Chandler was visited by her brother Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Skelton and family, Henry Thomas, Annie Mae, and Billie of Mississippi.

Mrs. Fred S. Donaldson purchased the Town & Country Shop in Plano from Mrs. Major Neely and Mrs. Percy Bozeman on Monday. Mrs. Donaldson and her husband have two children, Mike 7, and Don 9 months.

Warren Culbertson, Channel 8 Weatherman, spoke to the Plano Rotary Thursday. He was introduced by Forrest Moore of Plano and also Channel 8. Program Chair for the day was Don W. Bagwill. President T. H. Bill Williams presided to end his year term when the new president, Claude J. Schexnayder, took the reins and gavel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunn and family visited the home of Hyatt Vandeventer in Frisco Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Schimelpfenig spent Sunday in Graham visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon.

Mayor David B. McCall announced summer water rates begin July 1.

Plano B&PW held installation of officers on June 27. Those attending were: Mrs. Eurilla Williams, Mrs. Alma Mays, Mms. Nancy Uland, Laurana Rice, Aline Mays, Patsy Jackson, Hazel Rogers, Aethra Philpot, Mrs. Georgiana Hasford, Mrs. Louise Jolly and Mrs. Maurea Arnold.

The Plano Masonic Hall installed new officers Thursday night. Attending were: J. Raymond Robinson the W. M., Leland Robinson, Herbert Shaffer, A. R. Schell, III, Frank Beverly, Lewis Haun, Paul Hart, W. Richard Kirkham, O. F. Wilson, Bates Davis, and Curtis Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cox of Plano and grandchildren Pete and Kay Cox, children of Mr. and Mrs. George Cox, Jr., were in the path of Hurricane Audrey while on vacation in Galveston. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hardwick, were also in the hurricane in Sulphur, Louisiana. No one suffered injuries.

p. 2 Lt. and Mrs. Robert McKensie and son Danny of Waco visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers of Plano, and Mrs. McKensie's sister, Miss Rosemary Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Merritt are on vacation in Nevada and California.

William Clarence Cobb of Frisco since 1928, died on Tuesday in McKinney City-County Hospital. Officiating the funeral service at the Frisco Baptist Church were Rev. B. C. Housewright and Rev. T. H. McSpedden. Interment was at Restland. Pallbearers were Raymond Watson, George Marion, J. P. Coulter, Ben Haun and A. L. Laymen. He was born in 1894 in Kaufman to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cobb. He married Miss Modena Good in 1917. Survivors include his wife, son Robert Cobb of Frisco; four daughters, Mrs. Inez Evans, Mrs. Isabelle Turner, Mrs. Pauline Duvall and Mrs. Reba Cobb of Dallas; brother, Charlie Cobb of Frisco, and sisters Mrs. Dora McGinty, Mrs. Amanda Kinard, Mrs. Edna Smith, and Mrs. Betty McGrath of California.

A. A. Bagwill and daughter, Mrs. E. L. Sherrill attended the funeral services of Mrs. Gibson Caldwell at the

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McKinney First Methodist Church.

- p. 3 Clyde Todd is improving at the McKinney Veteran's Hospital in McKinney.
Mrs. Chester Cole is improving at McKinney City-County Hospital.
Miss Nannie Belle Ritchey has gone to Abernathy, Texas to live with her brother Henry Ritchey and children. Mrs. Spence Ritchey subscribed to the paper for her new home.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haggard have been vacationing in Mineral Wells. Their grandson Eddie Ray Haggard and granddaughter Miss Jennie Ray have visited with them over the past two weeks.
- p. 4 Jessie Lee Frazier, 40, of McKinney, was killed at McKinney's Mack's Drive-in Café.
- p. 5 Cecil Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Coleman and son Mark of Indiana visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Merritt.
Mrs. Ples Gilliam of Washington State is visiting here.
Winifred Taylor of McKinney visited here.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stranz are visiting in Colorado.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrington vacationed in Hot Springs.
Mrs. Leonard Uland of Farmersville visited in Plano Sunday. She is the mother of Talmadge and J. T. Uland.
Doss Carleton II, five-week old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wattenburger died in Ft. Worth on Saturday. Officiating graveside was Rev. Charles E. Whittle of Morningside Methodist Church. Survivors besides his parents are a sister Jexanne, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wattenburger and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Brigham of Ft. Worth. Doss' mother was the former Miss Fredna Brigham.
Sheriff Floyd Williams and Deputy Jim Standerfer arrested the wife of an East Collin County woman after she killed her husband. The couple have two children.
Mr. and Mrs. F. T. N. (Nick) Hood celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hood were sons Dr. Francis Hood and wife of Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hood of Dallas.
- p. 6 Miss Vernice Jones and Celesta Herndon of McKinney visited their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bagwill.
Mrs. Letcher Watkins returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. John C. Carter, brothers Syrell Carpenter and wife, Willie Carpenter and wife of Farmersville.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dupree and granddaughter Trudy Uland spent Sunday in Temple visiting his brother Ray Dupree and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stinson Jr. and children moved to Freeport, Texas.
Miss Carolyn Clem, accompanied by her aunt Mrs. Claude Brown, visited in Arkansas.
Mark and Phillip Creed, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Wayne Creed, returned after visiting Duncan, Oklahoma. They were with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson and son Skipper.
- p. 7 DISTRICT COURT
Divorce: Emma Lee Myers vs Clifton F. Myers; Geneva Harris vs Gerrell L. Harris; Ruth W. Trusty vs Carl W. Trusty; Dora Ann Johnson vs Alfred Johnson; John Ellis vs Mattie Lou Ellis; Wanda Imogene Watson vs Vernon Jean Watson; Jessie Davis vs Johnny Davis; Paul Warren vs Maxie Earl Warren; Velma Haines vs Raymond H. Haines.
Damages: Leon Doan et ux vs Joseph Sartor et ux damages.
Divorce Granted: Jeannette Crawford vs Kenneth E. Crawford; Ray Rogers vs Juanita Rogers; Gloria Wal-

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den Schmitt vs Charles Smith.

COUNTY COURT

Marriage License: W. C. White—Nita Jewel Reynolds; Billy Dale McNatt—Edna Earle Perryman; James Ray Hess—Carol Elizabeth Baze; Levi Caruth—Leta Mae Nelson; Bob Ed Turner—Bobbie Sue Lindsey; Sammy B. Gentle—Ova Lee Young; William F. Williamson—Paula Janelle White; Bryan Berry Swanner—Billie Kathryn Robison; Chester William Story—Marian Lee Smith; Ralph Leon Lemons—Lefa Marie Taskett; Virgil Albert Reed—Nora D. Proctor; James Ernest Cross—Barbara Lee Owens.

Cases Disposed of: Archie Henderson, charged with theft under \$50 in value, fined \$100 and costs totaling \$127.70. James Lewis Johnson charged with driving while intoxicated, fined \$50, and costs totaling \$81.85.

Miss Eva Hughston attended the funeral services of Mrs. Gibson Caldwell in McKinney at the First Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long of McKinney and grandson Freddy Griffin of Plano are spending the week in Mineral Wells.

Mrs. Goldie Caldwell, 68, of McKinney died at City-County Hospital Friday. Conducting the service at the First Methodist Church were Rev. Glendell Jones and Rev. H. C. Hoy with burial at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney. Pallbearers were: Roy Roberts, Elton Riggs, Byron Hope, H. H. Neilson, Dr. J. C. Erwin, Dudley Perkins, J. A. Dyer and Jack Ryan. Mrs. Caldwell was born in McKinney on March 25, 1889. She is the daughter of F. M. and Candice Olmstead Warden. She married Gibson Caldwell August 25, 1909. She attended Christian College, Columbia, Missouri. Survivors are her husband, daughters Mrs. Paul C. Young and George C. Webb, and son James A. Caldwell, two brothers General John A. Warden of McKinney and Ben Warden of Austin.

Lebanon Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday in home of Mrs. J. K. Wade. Mrs. Claud Alexander was nominated as a delegate to the State Meeting in Houston. Mrs. James Wade gave a book review.

Sam Wade returned home from a visit to St. Paul Hospital Monday.

The N. H. A. delegates of Plano High School returned home from Leadership Camp. Mrs. Opal C. Jones was guest consultant. Delegates were Ruthie Mae Cummings, Louise Chancellor, and Wanda Jean Drake. Mrs. Tressie Wortham is the instructor and advisor.

Funeral services for Elbert L. Williams, 90, who died in McKinney, were held Friday in Blue Ridge Baptist Church. Although born in Tennessee, he lived in Blue Ridge for 73 years. The funeral was conducted by Rev. John Ashley, Dr. L. L. Morriss and Rev. I. E. Driggers. Interment was in Blue Ridge Cemetery. Survivors are his wife, two sons Fairest Williams, Derrest Williams and four daughters Mrs. Ethel Hutton, Mrs. J. B. Cunningham, Mrs. Lola Nesbett and Mrs. Josh T. Moore.

Miss Sadie Dunn, bride-elect of Jack Harris, was honored with a miscellaneous shower Thursday by Mrs. Dick Sheridan, Mrs. Morris Farrell, and Mrs. Pat Clark. Mrs. Jack Harris Sr. presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Owen Dunn served cookies.

A. L. Merritt and family thank everyone for their care and thoughtfulness during his time in the hospital.

Miss Mattie Punchard of Temple visited her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris Jr. of Plano.

Family Feud: Skeleton in the Closet?

I've heard the story since I was quite young, my maternal grandmother had three brothers; one died young, one was our Uncle Fred, and the third brother wouldn't speak to her, or even acknowledge her death. Unfortunately, she died when I was 4 ½ years old, so I have only vague memories of her.

When I was older my mom explained that Grandmother would not discuss her brother, nor much about anyone in her family. She was unwilling, or unable to shed any light on what had happened to create such animosity between a brother and sister.

Then, a few years before her death my mom asked me if I could do her a favor. "Would you find out what happened between my mother and her brother" she asked. "It would really mean a lot to me."

Okaaaay!! Sure, Mom, I'll see what I can do. How could I deny my eighty-six-year-old mom anything? So, I began my search by signing up for Ancestry—just a two-week trial. Didn't think I'd find anything on the family at all so no need to pay for a permanent membership, right?

My grandmother's name was Gertrude Calkins/Caulkins. It took less than a minute for her name to pop up on the 1900 Federal Census. She was right there with Uncle Fred, her brother, Frank, and my Great-Grandmother, Mary. That was her for sure. I'd met Uncle Fred, and my mom was named after her Grandmother, Mary. I knew I'd found the correct family.

Wait, there are supposed to be three brothers, and where's Dad? Mary is listed as married and Head of the house. More digging found that the third brother, Harry, was living with Mary's father and his large family. Still no sign of Dad.

Five years later, after many hours of searching including a trip to Salt Lake City, hoping to find what had happened to Mary's husband, Randal Calkins, a hint popped up on Ancestry.com. It took me several more months to confirm that this was the same man. I'd found my Great-grandfather in an Indian School in New Mexico! He'd abandoned his wife and four children and settled there, married another woman and, according to several newspaper clippings, was loved by everyone in the town. An all-around nice guy.

He left New York about three years after my grandmother was born. Something had gone terribly wrong. Did he ever get divorced from Mary? Did his leaving cause the rift between Harry and Gertrude? Why was Harry living with his grandfather and not his immediate family? What had happened??

My mom passed away in January of 2014, two years before I saw that Ancestry hint. But with all that I've learned, I have never been able to answer her original question. The family skeleton is still buried deep in that closet.

Barbara Battocchio Brogdon

I want to thank Jennifer Mitten, of the Jane Douglas Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for finding the New Mexico newspaper articles about Randal Calkins.

Happy Thanksgiving

