



# 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.

**December 18, 2004** - Annual Show and Tell—Show off your findings

**January 15, 2005** - Learn to publish your genealogy finds on the Internet using Front Page - John Darrouzet

**February 19, 2005** - Brenda Kellow will discuss Lineage Societies and National Conferences (NGS & FGS)

**March 19, 2005** - State Libraries and State Archives by Lynne Darrouzet

**April 16, 2005** -All day seminar. Gerry Haggard will do a presentation on writing.

**May 21, 2005** - Researching at the Library of Congress & Using NUCMC by Barbara Coakley

**June 18, 2005** - Weldon Fincher will discuss PERSI and 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** - Marta Demaree will talk to us about Reference Materials Available in the Library

**September 17, 2005** - All day seminar. Topic to be announced

**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.

### Library Lock Ins

Watch for details on the upcoming Library Lock Ins. 2005 dates are February 11, 2005, May 13, 2005, July 8, 2005, and October 28, 2005.

### Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held at the library. The 2005 meeting dates are January 18, 2005, March 15, 2005, and July 19, 2005. Members are welcome to attend.

## 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

### Volunteer Activities

#### Library Volunteers

Our volunteers are in the library during the day on most days. Check out our web page and the bulletin board for the schedule of volunteers on duty; or call the Reference Desk to inquire 972-461-7175. If you would like to volunteer to work in the library, contact Pat Mitchell.

#### Volunteers Needed

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](mailto: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.

### 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@hotmail.com](mailto:bjc1620@hotmail.com).

### 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

### 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>.

### 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.

## Letter From Brenda Kellow

Celebrating Family History Month in October is especially a joy for the Genealogy Friends. We celebrate seven great years since we began with only a handful of members and a dream of making a better genealogy library for everyone in the community.

September brought much for Genealogy Friends of Plano [Collin County, Texas] Libraries, Inc. to celebrate. The group was formed in 1997 by nine library junkies with the purpose of educating the members and the library patrons, and supporting the genealogy section of the library through generous donations of microform, CD-ROMs, and valuable printed instruction and finding aids. This was accomplished through

- Fund Raisers,
- Library Lock-Ins,
- Salt Lake City retreat;
- April and September all day workshops featuring nationally known speakers, devoted, generous members.
  - Airfares, and meals for out of town speakers are donated by various Genealogy Friends to perpetuate the genealogical word.
- Free Saturday seminars offered every third Saturday of the month at the library given by professionals in the area who donate their time rather than accept an honorarium.

Seeing a need for the genealogy department to come into the approaching twenty-first century was of prime importance. GHF is the largest genealogy library in the county. Genealogy Friends' goal was to

- build GHF's titles,
- develop a genealogy collection that was appropriate for a city the size of Plano,
- and to reflect the sophistication of the rapidly growing technological retirement community.

To date, Genealogy Friends has given \$50,000 in books, microfilm, CDs, and electronic support to the genealogy library. This includes the federal census on microform for every state from the beginning in 1790 to 1850. We just donated another 364 rolls of film this morning.

Genealogy Friends have donated

- the entire census collection for Collin County 1850-1930;

- all the Collin County records and indexes available on film from the inception of the county in 1846 to well into the twentieth century;
- pertinent indexes target every state and subject;
- numerous finding aids;
- an LCD projector for genealogy programs at the library;
- \$3,000 for the continuation of this year's subscription to TexShare which includes the HeritageQuest library;
- the HeritageQuest book collection of 1860 federal census indexes for the southern states;
- and the county newspaper collection on microform.

Projects include

- indexing and posting online at [www.rootsweb.com/~txgfp1](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfp1) of the 1930 census index for the county;
- publishing the Plano Star Courier newspapers index;
- indexing and publishing the 1867 Collin County voter registration index.
- Genealogy Friends built three Web sites for their various agendas.
  - The URL above is for *Activities and Events* as well as the 1930 census indexing project.
  - The *History and Genealogy of County History and for the Active Researcher* is published online at [www.geocities.com/GenFriendsGHF](http://www.geocities.com/GenFriendsGHF).

Some of its members acquired thousands of historical photographs of the people and places within the county and share these through the *Genealogy Friends' Past Finders' Historic Photographs of Collin County* site at [www.rootsweb.com/~txcolli3](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcolli3).

Three of the biggest moneymakers are the

- quarterly Library Lock-Ins, such as the one scheduled for October 29,
- followed closely by the annual retreat to Salt Lake City and the Family History Library,
- and the annual April and September workshops.

Genealogy Friends reiterates that education is high on the agenda of Genealogy Friends and its membership.

We are starting a new year. The membership drive has begun. Please pay soon to insure that your name will be in the membership directory due to be published soon.

Last year our membership was about 100 and we would

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## DNA and Genealogy

In October, Leo Baca returned to talk to us about DNA. Here is a recap of his lectures.

DNA can be used when records run out. You can connect branches of the family through DNA testing, confirm your family tree, confirm variants of surnames, and locate areas to further your research. There are two types of DNA tests used in conjunction with genealogy, Mitochondrial (Female) and Y Chromosome (Male). These two types of DNA are passed in tact from one generation to the next.

Mitochondrial DNA is passed from mother to child. There are 500 basis points that are used in the current test. Using the characteristics from the DNA the haplogroup is identified. The 33 haplogroups have been designated with women's names. There are seven haplogroups in Europe, they are names Ursula, Xenia, Helena, Velda, Tara, Katrine, and Jasmine. The 500 basis points are compared to the Cambridge Reference Sequence (CRS) and the differences between your mitochondrial DNA and the CRS indicate which haplotype you belong to. The differences are denoted on your results in red. Using the position of the red letter and the letter, you determine the position. The letter in the first position is 16001 so you count to the red letter, record the position and the letter. 16176 T, 16219 G. Go to the [www.shelob.bioanth.cam.ac.uk/mtDNA/hvrlh.html](http://www.shelob.bioanth.cam.ac.uk/mtDNA/hvrlh.html), which is an online database and enter the coordinates of your red letters. The results will be your haplotype. You can then look for papers on that specific haplotype, which will provide more information about your ancestors. These can be found by doing a search on Google for the haplogroup and haplotype. Also here are some websites for technical papers:

[www.pnas.org](http://www.pnas.org)  
[www.medioworld.com/bio/journals/genetics.html](http://www.medioworld.com/bio/journals/genetics.html)  
[www.journals.uchicago.edu/AJHG/home.html](http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/AJHG/home.html)  
[www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com)  
[www.tkandell.dynds.org](http://www.tkandell.dynds.org)

Y Chromosome DNA is passed from father to son. This is the DNA done for surname studies. 95% of all Europeans descended from 10 men. There are two common tests, 12 marker and 25 marker tests. Using the test results which will be a set of numbers, enter the haplotype combinations in the database at <http://ystr.charite.de>. Then use the information to locate technical papers (see above).

There is also a list group dedicated to DNA genealogy-DNA -L@rootsweb.com. You can subscribe on the Roots Web site. This is a great reference point to ask questions and expand your knowledge.

To learn more about your family DNA, contact either Oxford Ancestors ([www.oxfordancestors.com](http://www.oxfordancestors.com)) or Family Tree DNA ([www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com)). They will

send you a kit, you use the enclosed swabs to capture DNA from your cheek and return it to them. You can also check the Family Tree DNA website to see if there is a surname study in progress for your surname.

To learn more about DNA and family history here are some reference books and web sites:

[www.kerchner.com/cgi-kerchner/mtdna.cgi](http://www.kerchner.com/cgi-kerchner/mtdna.cgi)—You can download a free paper "Genetics and Genealogy". There is also a database you can enter your results or search.

DNA won't tell you who your great-grandfather was but it could give you a new location to check, prove you really are related to the other person with the same surname, or confirm that your ancestors came from the area of the world you suspected.

Here are a few sources if you want to learn more about DNA :

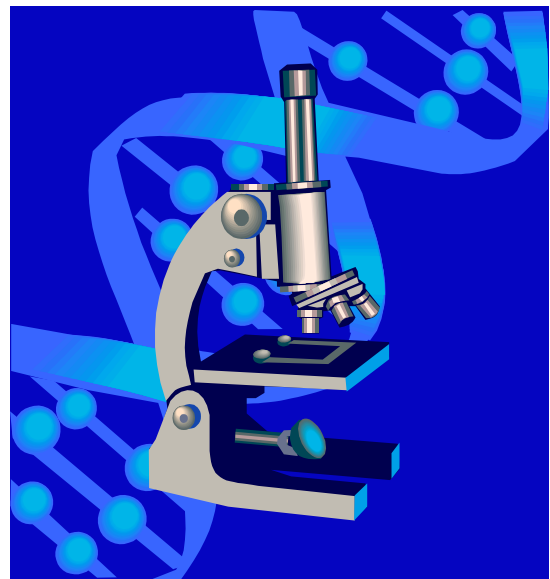
*The Real Eve* by Stephen Oppenheimer

*The Seven Daughters of Eve* by Brian Sykes

*The Journey of Man* by Spencer Wells

*Mapping Human History* by Steve Olson

*Reflections of Our Past—How Human History is Revealed in Our Genes* by John Relethford



## Gen Friends 3rd Annual Research Retreat

Mark your calendars. The 3rd Annual Research Retreat to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah will be January 30 to February 6, 2005.

Join us for a fabulous week of research and companionship with fellow genealogy enthusiasts.

- Research in the largest genealogy library in the United States with your colleagues.
- Family History Collection has been moved to the FHL Library building.
- Library Orientation by FHL Staff on Monday morning.
- Retreat includes a lecture on US Immigration Records by a professional genealogist.
- Individual and group assistance will be available from veteran researchers.

We have had a great time the last two years. Everyone returned with new information about ancestors. Plan on joining us.

Fees: Members \$80.00 per person or pay \$100 for both 2005 membership and the Retreat.

## 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 2,700 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](mailto:jfarrgo@comcast.net).

## 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 [jfarrgo@comcast.net](mailto:jfarrgo@comcast.net).

## Letter From Brenda Kellow

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like to top that this year.

“We may be small, but we are mighty.”

As this year comes to a close, I have decided to step down as President. Lynne Darrouzet has been nominated to succeed me. I feel I am leaving Genealogy Friends in very capable hands.

The board will elect the officers for next year, 2005, in a brief meeting after the conclusion of the membership’s vote on board members. I hope you will give your new president and board all the support and corporation you have given me over these last seven years.

We plan many changes over these next few years, now that we are leaving the formative years. If everything goes as planned, the bylaws will change to allow the membership to also elect the officers.

I appreciate all of you so much. You have made this position fun, exciting, and educational.

Thank you,

Brenda Kellow, CG  
Founding Director, President, 1997-2004

## 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.

There is also a biography of Gladys Harrington.

## Education Opportunities

### 2004

**October 21 to December 16**, Genealogy II taught by Lynne Darrouzet at Collin County Community College Courtyard Center Campus. Register on the CCCC web site—<http://website www.ccccd.edu/ce>

### 2005

**January 20-22**, National Genealogy Society presents “Warm Up Your Research” in Phoenix, Arizona. Speakers include Elizabeth Shown Mills, Tom Jones, and J. Mark Lowe. An online registration form will be available soon on the NGS web site <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/edutripsphoenix.htm>

**February 5**, Dallas Genealogy Society presents Claire Mire Bettag.

**March 5**, Dallas Genealogy Society presents Emily Croom.

**April 2**, Dallas Genealogy Society presents Dr. Thomas W Jones.

**June 1-4**, National Genealogy Society Conference in the States and Gentech will be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

**June 9-11**, Palatines to America National Conference Fort Wayne, Indiana will be held at the Hilton Hotel and Grand Wayne Convention Center. The program will include German, American and Internet research subjects.

**September 7-10**, Federation of Genealogy Societies National Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah

## Supporting Local Societies

By Jane Grezlik in Ohio

I would like to address an issue that many genealogical and historical societies are experiencing in this day of busy schedules and Internet access -- the loss of membership.

Internet researchers should be aware that much of the information available on the many research sites is there because genealogical societies all over the world have done a wonderful job of abstracting and publishing that information. However, without members this work and these wonderful small libraries can not survive long. Both financial support and volunteers are needed. Larger libraries are having difficulties, too. These are special libraries, run by the local societies, and are not part of the public library system and therefore not funded by them.

I want to encourage every researcher to support her or his local society and/or the society that is in the area they do most of their research. Many of these societies have a nominal annual fee that most anyone should be able to afford. It goes a long way in helping to cover operating costs of the library and the publishing costs of larger books. While sales of their books do offset costs, it is the membership that is most important.

Join and support genealogical and historical societies. Help to ensure the continued flow of information and research availability at the local level.

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