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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2015. 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:

October 24, 2015—"Writing Your Family History" speakers are Jerry Lincecum and Peggy Redshaw.

Future Topics

November 21, 2015—"Google –Everything New that you need to know for Genealogy" by Lisa Louise Cook

December 19, 2015—Show and Tell

January 16, 2016—"Researching Military Records" by Doug Fugate

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

Genfriends Membership

Have you renewed your membership yet?

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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Do You Have Witches in Your Family Tree?

A friend of mine discovered an interesting person in his family tree—Bridget Bishop, the first person executed for witchcraft at Salem, Mass. The transcripts of her trial are extant and make very interesting reading.

The 2011 issue of Gateway Family Historian from the St. Louis Public Library is full of interesting information about Witch Hysteria and Witchcraft Trials both in the US and Europe, here is a link. <http://www.slpl.org/pdf/newsletters/gfh201102.pdf>

This Wikipedia article about Bridget contains lists of accused witches as well as the accusers and court officials. There is also a bibliography of other possible sources. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridget_Bishop_\(Salem_witch_trials\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridget_Bishop_(Salem_witch_trials))

There is a lineage society for witches—Associated Daughters of Early American Witches. <http://www.adeaw.us/home.html>

Cyndi's List has links to websites regarding witches <http://www.cyndislist.com/female/witches/>

Witch Trial Ancestors and Families is a website dedicated to bringing together people who have witches in their Family Trees. <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~witchtrialancestors/index.html>

National Geographic has an interactive website on the Salem Witch Trials that includes a comprehensive bibliography. <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/97/salem/>

An interesting paper on witch craft in Europe <http://draeconin.com/database/witchhunt.htm>

The Library of Virginia has digital images of papers related to the Salem Witch Trials on their website <http://salem.lib.virginia.edu/home.html>

If you are lucky enough to find a witch in your family tree please share your research results with us in a newsletter article.

Flashback—Tracing Our Collin County Roots

By Brenda Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas

July 19, 1956, Volume 69, No. 11

Compiled by Brenda Burns Kellow, 2015

Tracing Our Roots weekly genealogy column http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/

First Christian Church Revival set for Sunday July 29 through Sunday August 5 according to pastor Rev. Daniel N. Cummins.

Rev. Daniel N. Cummings was hospitalized at North Fort Hood with viral pneumonia last week while on maneuvers at Fort Hood. He received the news he had been promoted to Captain while in the hospital. Others on maneuvers are Lt. Arthur Stranz, Randall Nicholson and L. A. Davis.

Billy Charles formally employed with the newspaper just finished his three year service in the Coast Guard. He lives in Dallas now and is employed by the Dorsal Printing Company.

Mrs. W. A. Giddings is in Baylor Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Schell and children recently vacationed in Colorado.

Mr. Emmett Jones recently lost everything when his house burned. He did save three pieces of furniture.

Mrs. Isobel Naugle who recently broke her hip is recovering at the home of her son.

The Funeral of Benny Gibson Simms, 70 year old father of Mrs. Arthur Fineout, was held at the First Baptist Church. He was interred at Nacogdoches. He was born in Montgomery County, Texas on November 19, 1885.

Rev. Arthur Brooks announced the revival of the Renner Baptist Church will be from Wednesday through June 29. Rev. S. D. Lindsey will be the evangelist.

Funeral services for Joseph E. Hight, 70 of McKinney, were held at the Turrentine Jackson Funeral Home. Interment was at Pecan Grove Cemetery.

The Lebanon Baptist Church revival is July 18-29. Rev Tommy Watson is the minister. Rev. John Click pastor of Rhea Mills Baptist will conduct the music.

New residents to Plano are Mr. and Mrs. Hall Taylor and five-month old son will reside at 1104 Avenue L. Mr. Taylor is employed by Eastman Products.

Five Plano Girl Scouts attend Camp Gambill at Paris, Texas. They are Judy Prince, Barbara Chandler, Rebecca Robinson, Barbara Stinson, and Bettie Jo Askue.

Mrs. W. H. Brown, 72, mother of Mrs. P. L. Bozeman, died last week at Baylor Hospital. She will be buried at Grove Hill Cemetery.

Ray Watson underwent surgery last week and is improving nicely.

Mrs. Doyle Nelson of McKinney, candidate for Tax Assessor-Collector, visited in Plano last week.

E. S. Bolin, 55, passed away last week at his home in Allen. He was born August 14, 1900 near Allen. He married Miss Annie O?? Harrington in 1921. Burial is in Rowlett Cemetery.

Mrs. Percy Bozeman joins Town and Country Shop announced Mrs. Major Neely.

Assault charges were filed against James Samuels after he shot James Hill. Both men are from Plano. Mr. Hill is at McKinney City County Hospital and Mr. Samuels is in the Collin County jail.

p. 2 Mrs. Major Neely was taken to St. Paul Hospital with an illness.

Robert Lee Wells of Frisco is still in the McKinney Veterans Hospital after an accident while riding his tractor.

Funeral services for 70 year old retired farmer Joe Rutherford held at Restland Cemetery last week. He was born February 19, 1878 in Tennessee. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Rutherford. He had lived in Collin County for 71 years. His wife passed away May 10 this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forman and daughter are home after vacationing in Montana. They were guests of their son Frank Forman of Billings.

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Perry Joe Luellen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Luellen, celebrated his third birthday on July 13. Brownie Scouts go to Camp Gambill for vacation. Those attending were Linda Bichell, Martha Cannon, Cathy Chandler, Mary Ann Erwin, Dianne Robinson, and Pamela Skaggs. They will spend a week with their leader Mrs. Lloyd Rogers.

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- p. 4 Mrs. E. E. Wilson of Waco returned David Lobb to his home after his visit to her home.
Mrs. A. R. Schell announced the next meeting of the Ruby Kendrick Circle will be September 17.
- p. 5 Scout executive for North Star District Bob Hickman visited in Plano last week.
Mrs. Williams returned from Miami, Florida where she had attended the Women's Business and Professional Women conference.
The B&PW meet for their regular meeting on July 12 at the Community Building.
Mrs. L. W. Beckman of Dallas visited her sister Miss Maud Davis and Mesdames Harry Houston and Pauline Thompson in Plano last week. The ladies had just returned from a trip to Florida and Nassau.
George Wyatt attended the University Park Fire Department School in College Station.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKensie visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers.
Cathy Clisbee daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clisbee of Rosenberg, Texas, is spending several weeks in Plano with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. George Wyatt.
- p. 6 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haggard and Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Haggard and children are vacationing in Ruidoso, New Mexico this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Richardson and daughters Candace and Kay are moving to Roswell, New Mexico.
D. W. Bagwill, son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Otis Melton of Fort Worth visited in Plano.
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sherrill and daughter Linda Kay are vacationing in the Smokey Mountains.
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Forman and daughter Mrs. George Ray Harris are visiting in Horseshoe, North Carolina.
Dr. and Mrs. Scott Haggard Sally and Scotty of Denton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Haggard.
Mr. and Mrs. Jewell DeVasher have returned from vacationing in New Mexico.
Rev. Huffstutler, pastor of the Methodist Church, is assisting with the revival in Whitewright.
Leaving for camp Carter YMCA camp are Jimmy Hamilton, Bob Yandry, Billy Perkins and Kent Gordon. The boys will be gone two weeks.
- p. 7 Marion Faries, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Faries, is a patient at McKinney Veterans Hospital.
County Attorney Dwight Whitwell and son visited in Plano Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pate spent several days visiting and fishing in San Antonio.
Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chandler and Kathy were their son and brother, Charles Chandler.
- p. 8 Thomas Lafette Nash, 80, of Frisco and Lewisville, died Saturday in a Terrell Hospital. Mr. Nash was born December 7, 1875 near Garland. He married Mrs. M. V. Johnson of Garland, February 14 1894. She passed on December 15, 1935.
Mrs. Ted Reddell of McKinney visited in Plano, Saturday. Ted Reddell was a visitor earlier in the week.
- p. 9 Ula Sanders' mother, Mrs. J. C. Saunders, passed away in Oklahoma City. She was 95.
Mr. and Mrs. Noel Haun and children Mrs. Laura Haun of Frisco visited the latter's brother, L. C. Shelly and wife.
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan E. White and sons Nathan and Larry left in their air conditioned station wagon for Colorado.
Mrs. George Wyatt visited Mrs. Peyton Adams in Dallas.
Mrs. Ettie Lynge is vacationing in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
George A. Haldeman returned home after being a patient in the McKinney Veterans Hospital.
Miss Lucy Rasor, chairperson announced there will be a Republican Precinct Convention at her home July 21 at 2 p.m.
Mrs. Ruth Deason vacationed with Mr. and Mrs. James Ray Wright and baby Donnie at Tacoma, Washington.

Kirkin O' The Tartans

Corinth Presbyterian Church, 5609 East Parker Road in Parker, Texas invite you to join them celebrate their Scottish Connection to the Presbyterian Church on November 1. The Procession of the Tartans begins at 10:55 followed by the 11 am worship service. Piper Bethanne Meriweather will lead the procession. Following the service, refreshments, including tartan haggis, will be served. The Dallas Highland Dancers will perform traditional dances. Additional information, a map and directions to the church are at <http://www.corinthpresbyterian.org/>.

Writing Your Family History

How to write your autobiography or family history, one story at a time, is something Austin College professors Jerry Lincecum and Peggy Redshaw have been teaching out-of-school adults for 25 years. Their program is called Telling Our Stories (TOS) and what they teach is how to move beyond a family tree or set of genealogical facts to craft a story. By answering simple questions in a workshop format and converting memories into short narratives, the participants are encouraged to record their family history.

Sharing these personal stories orally in a workshop setting is fun and it encourages remembering and writing the stories down. Since 1990 TOS has sponsored the publication of a dozen books of story collections, and two-dozen individuals have written and published their own books as a result of participating in the program. After introductory remarks, they will provide prompts for stories as well as writing exercises. Books will be available for sale afterward.

The 2015-2016 Board of Directors were voted in at the general meeting held on October 8, 2015 at Outback Steakhouse in Plano. Here is our new board:

Jean Funk, President

Charles Law, Vice President/Program Chair

Roger Greening, Treasurer

Roberta Hendricks, Secretary

Joy Gough, Historian

David Duff, Publicity

Don Stevenson, Communications

Don Hinson, AV

Ann Allen, Hospitality

Jennifer Pitts, Webmaster

Barbara Coakley, Newsletter Editor

Jan Greening

Bob Kellow

Brenda Kellow

Thanks to Carol Hofer, who is stepping down from the board, for all her hard work.

Mary Onofrio

Mary Lou Schauf Onofrio passed away on September 20, 2015, she will be missed. Mary joined Gen Friends shortly after it was formed. She was a valued member of the board from 1998-2011. Mary served as Treasurer from 2006-2011. Mary grew up on a farm in Beaver, Kansas. She graduated from Mt. Carmel Academy in Wichita, Kansas and attended Wichita State University where she met her husband, Louis. They were married in Wichita in 1956. Mary held several accounting positions at Rockwell Collins before retiring in 1991. She enjoyed researching both her ancestors and Louie's. Mary is survived by two children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Louis passed away last year. We were blessed to have Mary in our group for so many years. She was a kind, gentle, caring woman. I'll miss her smiling face at GenFriends monthly meetings. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.



Genealogy Classes at Collin College

There will be two genealogy classes offered at Collin College at the Courtyard Campus, 4800 Preston Park Blvd, Plano, TX 75093. The instructor is Barbara Coakley.

Using Microsoft OneNote for Genealogy

Saturday February 27 and March 5, 2016 from 8:30-12:30

OneNote, a free digital notebook for multiple platforms, is a great compliment to your genealogy program. This is a hands on class. Bring your laptop with OneNote installed on it or use a school computer and bring your own usb drive with genealogy information, notes, pictures, etc on it and create a notebook to keep your family history research plans and notes organized.

Genealogy II

Eight Wednesdays—January 6 through February 24, 2016 from 6:30 to 9:00

This course focuses of different records used to bring your family members to life, including land records, tax records, military records, immigration records, court records, probate records and wills, and maps and directories. Students will learn how to locate the records— both online and in offline repositories, what they can add to your family history and how to interpret them. We'll also cover research planning and documentation. The class is designed for those who have completed the Introduction to Genealogy class, those returning to genealogy or experienced researchers who want to refresh their skills.

Register for both classes on the continuing education of the Collin College website <https://www.collin.edu/ce/> If you have questions about the classes, contact Barbara at bcoakley1620@gmail.com.

Donations to the Library

The following were donated to the Genealogy Section at Haggard library on September 15th:

Navarro County, TX—13 volumes

- Marriages 1846-1888
- Marriages 1889-1899
- Cemetery Records, Vols II-XI

Iowa County Records—384 Books from the Iowa Genealogy Society covering the following counties:

Adair, Adams, Benton, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Calhoun, Carroll, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Clinton, Delaware, Des Moines, Floyd, Franklin, Fremont, Hamilton, Henry, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Louisa, Lucas, Monroe, Osceola, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Polk, Pottawattamie, Scott, Shelby, Story, Tama, Wapello, Warren, Wayne, Webster, and Worth

The books are Marriages, Deaths, Births, Delayed Births, Mining Records, Divorces, Indentured and Citizenship. The types of records vary by county.