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- **DUES ARE DUE:** It is time for us to pay our dues. Single: \$30. Family: \$50. Friend: \$100; Gold: \$500; Platinum: \$1000. 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.
- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER:** Oct. 3, 2000 (Tuesday night), Tino's Mexican Restaurant in the Mall, 6:30-9 p.m. (Meeting Room). Help us celebrate and elect a portion of your Board of Directors. Questions? E-mail Brenda at GenFriends@aol.com.
- **OCTOBER WORKSHOP:** Christine Rose, CG, and CGL, and nationally known speaker will be here in Plano to on **October 21, 2000**, at the Plano Municipal Center, 1520 Ave. L., 9-4:30 p.m. She is one of the foremost genealogical lecturers in the nation. One of her specialties is defining the methodology necessary for finding ancestors in land and little-known records. In fact, that is the title of her workshop. It is for the beginner as well as the intermediate. Of course, our seasoned researchers will certainly pick up tips and clues to further their research. Please pick up a flyer on the table that will tell you all about her four lectures! You must not miss Christine! If you register before Sept. 30, the fee is \$32—afterward the fee is \$37.
- **LIBRARY LOCK-IN: SEPTEMBER 29, 2000**, from 5:30 until 11:00 p.m. Many Learning Stations offered. Some are: *Introduction to Genealogy Reference Section of Library*; *Beginning Genealogy (getting started)*; *Organization of Materials*; *Research Materials Available on the Family History Computer*; *Using the well-stocked CD-ROM Computer*; *Using Microfilm*; *Finding Sites and How to Use the Internet*; *Personal Research with Volunteer Help*; *Using the Ancestry Computer to Find Census Indexes*, etc.; and a *One-on-One session* with a volunteer to help you over the brick wall. Pre-registration is required. E-mail **Stella Fincher** at StellFi@aol.com, or **Jennifer Pitts** at GenFriendsghl@yahoo.com. A \$10.00 donation is suggested which will be used to purchase genealogy materials for the Genealogy Section. A pizza supper with homemade cookies is available for those interested. \$4.
- **GENEALOGY FRIENDS WebPages:** Bookmark both sites. Tell Collin County researchers about the county histories, biographies, & photos of early settlers on our WebPages.
- **CENSUS PURCHASE:** We have placed in the library the US Census for 1790-1830. Half of 1840 has been purchased and is sitting in my entry hall, but not yet in the library.
- **FISHBOWL:** From our donations we have purchased and placed in the library CDs on Early TX Settlers 1700s-1800s; RI Vital Records 1500-1900s; Deceased Physicians Records 1804-1929.
- **SEPTEMBER'S FISHBOWL PURCHASE:** With your donations we hope to purchase: Early Kentucky Settlers CD 7519, 225,000 people, early 1700s to late 1800s, \$29.99; Colonial New Jersey Source Records CD 7518, 330,000 people, 1600-1800s, \$29.99.
- **INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS:** Placed in the library: Index to the Townlands, and Towns, Parishes, and Baronies of Ireland, 1851; Local & Family Histories of Connecticut 1600s-1800s CD #515; Mormon Immigration Index on CD.
- **DONATION AWARDS:** Make a donation and receive a free publication for donations in different denominations (See Sales Table). Or, check our WebPages for listings or pick up a flyer at the next Seminar. We are a 501 [c][3] corporation.
- **GENEALOGY VOLUNTEERS:** Our volunteers are in the library during the day on most days. Check our web page and the bulletin board for the calendar of our volunteers on duty; or call the Library Reference Desk to inquire, 972-461-7175.
- **WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES** to member **Don Pitts** in the loss of his grandmother. God be with you and your family during this period of sorrow.
- **GENEALOGY COURSES:** Genealogy courses will be starting the first week of October at Collin County Community College, Preston and Park (972-985-3711); SAIL CCCC; Richardson Senior Citizens Center (972-231-4798); Computer Genealogy at SMU-in-Legacy in November (972-473-3410). See 'ivory' brochure for

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details. *Genealogy for the Determined Genealogist I, II, and III, Computer Genealogy*, **Brenda Kellow**, Instructor.

- **GENEALOGY COURSES:** **Stella Fincher** often holds Genealogy Instruction classes at the Plano Senior Center. For more information call the Senior Center for dates and times. For Stella's speaking schedule contact her at Stellfi@aol.com.
- **DOOR PRIZES:** Does anyone have any new or like new books they would like to donate for door prizes at the October Workshop on October 21st? If so, please e-mail Brenda at GenFriends@aol.com.
- **BYLAWS:** There will be copies of the Bylaws available for attendees at the annual Meeting, Oct. 3, 2000, at Tino's Restaurant in Collin Creek Mall. Meets 6:30-9.
- **EDITOR'S TIPS:** BASIC SOURCES FOR EVERYONE
Map Guide to U.S. Census 1790-1800, Dollarhide;
State Census, Anne Lainhart; *Land and Property Research in the U.S.*, Wade Hone; *The Librarians Guide to Public Records*, 1998; *The Librarians Guide to Genealogical Research*, James Swan; *Cite Your Sources*, Richard Lackey; *1790-1810 U. S. Federal Census* (new decades being acquired); *Organizing Your Family History Search*, Sharon DeBartolo Carmack; *The Genealogy Sourcebook*, Sharon DeBartolo Carmack
- **COOKIES NEEDED:** Jean Funk is looking for volunteers to make and bring cookies for the October 21st Workshop for the Break Rooms.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We need 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 volunteer. We have a volunteer sheet to fill out, or just email us that you can help us! GenFriends @aol.com.
- **MORE EDITOR'S TIPS:** For Interlibrary Loan of microfilm of state census please check for availability in Anne Lainehart's book in the library titled, *State Census*, 1st edition. Anne has out a new edition that is not in the library. Would someone like to donate a copy?
- **GLADYS HARRINGTON LIBRARY HAS A NEW MICROFILM READER/PRINTER ON LOAN:** It is fabulous! The library is going to get, and there is one available for purchase, a lens that allows us to print a census page on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper. Let's everybody tell Anne, Marta, Lynn, and Cheryl and the other library staff how wonderful it is! They need to be praised for their actions. I understand through the grapevine that they are paying for it with

what was left of this year's budget combined with some of next years. This is three-steps forward for genealogy!

- **Remember! The Oct. Workshop is at the City Hall Council Chambers and it is our annual moneymaker!**

SOCIAL SECURITY ADDRESS? Member **Bob Deen** forwarded me his problem with sending for Social Security information. You'll find it interesting. I did. Here it is:

Bob Deen says, "I was preparing a FOIA request for the SSN Application file for a couple of my ancestors and ran into a problem. The address given in the letter generated in the SSI gives an address as follows:

Social Security Administration
Office of Earnings Operations
FOIA Workgroup
300 N. Greene Street
P.O. Box 33022
Baltimore, Maryland 21290

I also have a note that I made at one of our Gen Friends seminars indicating the address had changed to the following:

Administrator
Office of Controller of Record Operations
The FOI Workgroup
P.O. Box 17772
300 North Greene Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Attempting to find the definitive address, I went to the Social Security website (http://www.ssa.gov/foia/foia_guide.htm) and got even more confused. The address that they gave the following:

Social Security Administration
OEO FOIA Workgroup
300 N. Greene Street
P.O. Box 33022
Baltimore, Maryland 21290-3022"

The editor was no help to him. I did ask him to call SSA on the phone and try to sort out the correct address and let me know the answer. More on this story if a correct address is determined.

This is our government in action! [Editor's remark, not Bob's.]

**See you in October at
Christine's Workshop!**



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Publications

Receive one of these publications with appropriate donations.
Make Checks payable to: Genealogy Friends.

1. *Star Courier Index 1904–1910*, Ned L. Hoover_ \$20
2. *Dewey Decimal Genealogy Listings at GHL*, Ned L. Hoover _____ \$15
3. *Place Names of Collin County*, Joy Gough ____ \$10
4. *Red, White & Blue: Military Investigations*, Brenda Kellow _____ \$5
5. *Colonial Ills, Brews, Concoctions*, Brenda Kellow __ \$10
6. *Confederates & Unions Burials: Pecan Grove Cemetery [Collin County]*, Margaret Hughston __ \$7
7. *About Dewey Decimal As Related to Genealogy*, Brenda Kellow _ \$10
8. *Hear that Lonesome Whistle Blow*, Joy Gough _ \$5
9. *Disaster in McKinney*, Joy Gough _____ \$5
10. *Early Roads of Collin County* , Joy Gough _ \$5
11. *Confederate Soldiers of Fannin County* , Joy Gough _____ \$5
12. *Cemeteries of Collin County*, Joy Gough _____ \$30
13. *Genealogy? How Do I Start*, Brenda Kellow. [A Work in Progress.] Now taking orders. ____ \$15
14. *Index to TRACING OUR ROOTS Genealogy Column by Brenda Kellow*, Ned L. Hoover. Price To Be Announced. \$??