



Genealogy Friends News

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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events. Saturday seminars are held at W.O. Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd, Plano, TX from 10:15 to Noon.

July Events

July 11, 2024—Round Table Zoom Discussion Group— Zoom meeting from 7-9 pm

July 9, 2024—DNA Special Interest Group—Hybrid —7 to 8:30 pm

July 20, 2024—Hybrid Meeting—”Working With An Online Family Tree” by Bernard Meisner

Future Events:

August 10, 2024—Research At The Library—In person at Haggard Library 10:30 am to 1 pm. Family Tree Maker Webinar at 11:00 am.

August 17, 2024—Hybrid Meeting—”Diseases, Disasters, Distress: Bad for Your Ancestors, Good for Genealogy” by Lisa Alzo

September 21, 2024—Virtual All Day Seminar—”Research: From Planning to Writing—See page 5 for more information

October 19, 2024—Hybrid Meeting—”Avoiding Bias: Consider All The Possibilities” by Barbara Coakley

November 16, 2024—Hybrid Meeting—TBD

December 21, 2024—Library Only—Show and Tell

Check out the events on our Website—<https://www.genealogyfriends.org>

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Genealogy Friends

Purpose: To educate members and library patrons in doing genealogical research and to support the Genealogy Center of W.O. Haggard, Jr. Library through donations.

Goal: To expand the library collection to meet the needs of this genealogically diverse community.

Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All donations are tax deductible.

Like and Follow us on [Facebook - Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries](#)

The annual membership meeting is held each October.

Gen Friends Membership

Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. **Join now and get the rest of 2024 and 2025 for \$45.**

The money we raise is used to pay for programs and to purchase materials for the Genealogy Section at Haggard Library.

Pay online or download the membership form on our website <http://genealogyfriends.org/news/> send it in with payment to

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September All Day Seminar

Gen Friends All Day Seminar will be on 21 September 2024—"Research: From Planning to Writing."

Topics and Speakers will be "

- Ready-Set-Plan! Developing a One-Step Research Plan by J. Mark Lowe
- Research Logs: The Key to Organizing Your Family History by Diana Elder
- Elements of a Genealogy Source Citation by Lisa Stokes
- Writing Your Family History Step-by-Step by Lisa Alzo

Recordings of the talks will be available for three weeks after the seminar for attendees.

Register on our website—<http://www.genealogyfriends.org/all-day-seminars.html>

See the flyer on page 5.

Genealogy Events—Save the Dates

Dallas Genealogical Society 2024 Seminar Series:

- July 27, 2024 "The Legacy of Forced Removal: Finding Formerly Enslaved & Indigenous Kin" with Nicka Sewell-Smith
 - September 28, 2024 "Autosomal Analysis: Tools for Finding Your Ancestors" with Blaine Bettinger
- <https://dallasgenealogy.org/meetings-events/seminars/>

Texas State Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be November 1-2. There will be 10 presentations on Live Days with Q&A and on-demand recordings that will be available through 31 January 2025. More details will be available soon.

Check out Conference Keeper to keep up with events. <https://conferencekeeper.org/>

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RootsMagic has announced RootsMagic10. https://rootsmagic.com/rootsmagic/?mc_cid=c5b1f51829&mc_eid=b0d84ca66c

MyHeritage announced New York City Birth, Marriage and Death Records have been added. This collection is indexes and scanned images. <https://blog.myheritage.com/2024/05/myheritage-releases-new-york-city-birth-marriage-and-death-record-collections/>

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck has been selected to be inducted into the National Genealogical Society Hall of Fame. Only one person is inducted each year for their contributions to the field of genealogy judged to be of lasting significance in ways that were unique, pioneering, or exemplary. We have Lloyd to thank for the amazing Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library where he served as Supervisor for 30 years. When he died in 2018 he left his genealogy papers to DPL, the collection has been digitized <https://dallasgenealogy.org/bockstruck-papers/>.

The National Archives announced a new multiyear agreement with Ancestry to index, digitize, and publish tens of millions of additional historic records. They will begin by scanning records from Record Group 21, Military Petitions for Naturalization, 1918-1947. Other records will be Morning Reports from WWII, Selective Service Draft cards from after WWII. <https://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2024/nr24-27>

Map Warper is a free tool that allows researchers to overlay historical maps onto modern ones. It digitally aligns historical maps to match modern map coordinates. <https://mapwarper.net/> Tutorials are available <https://youtu.be/EIZj67YgOXE?si=zuS9B3Mxizhkx-T2> and <https://programminghistorian.org/en/lessons/introduction-map-warper>

Ancestry has a Memories section. You can create albums, create audio recordings, tell the tale of an ancestor's life, create a collage, and search for photos that might be relevant to your ancestor's life. <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/3606937/memories/?sort=-created>

MyHeritage has added a multi-photo scanner to their app—scan multiple photos or a page of an album or scrapbook and they will be saved individually, cropped and rotated. Save them to your tree and tag the photos. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hp09Kf8w-04>

OldNews has added 11.6 million new Nordic newspaper pages from Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Greenland and the Faroe Islands with articles dating back to 1666 but mostly from the 19th Century. <https://www.oldnews.com/en>

Newspapers.com announced the launch of their Birth Announcement Index. This searchable archive contains over 70 million birth announcements printed in the largest online newspaper archive spanning three centuries. https://go.newspapers.com/birth?xid=6541&utm_source=Internal&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Content_May-2024

The National Genealogical Society introduced two new Research In The States Guidebooks—Hawaii and Maine. Books are available in both print and pdf versions in their store. <https://ngsmembers.ngsgenealogy.org/books/ngs-books?category=Research+In+the+States&reload=timezone>

The German Genealogy Resource Map is an interactive map developed by the International German Genealogy Partnership. It enables you to easily locate resources for German research. <https://palam.org/resource-map>

Volunteer Opportunities—We Need Your Help



**Gen Friends Needs
Your Help**

Genealogy Friends is run by all volunteers and there aren't many of us. In order to keep the society active we need more people to step up, help out, and think creatively.

Here are a few opportunities:

- Newsletter Articles—tell the story of an heirloom, your favorite website, history of the area, a sketch of one of your ancestors, a unique record you found that was useful, technology you use, etc. I can help edit the piece.
- Photographer to take pictures at monthly meetings to post on our website.
- Social Media—create events on our Facebook page for Saturday Seminars, DNA Group meeting, and Roundtable Discussion Group. The postings are created all you would have to do is log on and create the events on Facebook. Step by Step instructions will be provided.

The board is very supportive and we help each other

so you won't be left on your own.

DNA News

Ancestry DNA is updating the match list. It is rolling out so keep an eye out for different colors, dots become squares with a character in them, and more filters. There have also been changes in how they predict relationships. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mkg98DzbJYg>

Roberta Estes has a new e-book *The Complete Guide to FamilyTree DNA Y-DNA, Mitochondrial, Autosomal and X-DNA* available at Genealogical Publishing Company for \$24.95. <https://genealogical.com/store/the-complete-guide-to-family-tree-dna/>

Comparison of Autosomal DNA Testing Companies
https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_testing_comparison_chart

Using DNA Results In Irish Genealogical Research—5 steps to identify parents of an ancestor.
https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/using-dna-results-irish-genealogical-re-search?_sc=NDk4ODc2OCM5NDM0OQ%3D%3D&utm_campaign=Making+the+most+of+your+DNA+Results&utm_medium=email&utm_source=brevo

Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries Presents:

Research: From Planning to Writing

September 21, 2024

Virtual Seminar

Registration:

www.genealogyfriends.org

Recordings Will Be
Available for 3 Weeks



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Your Roots With Us!

Featuring:



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