

Resolved to Find Your Ancestors?

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New Year's is filled with resolutions! For those of you who have declared 2009 as the year to find out more about Great Great Uncle Walt and Auntie Wyn, the search will be a bit easier thanks to the Plano Public Library System's genealogy collection.

While family treasures are often discovered in the attic, this search for your ancestors will lead you straight to the "basement!" Located in Haggard Library lower level, 2501 Coit Road, an extensive "basement" remodel and relocation in mid-2007 provided a gracious home for Genealogy, Local History, Texana and Archives, with provision of a dedicated meeting room and spacious research and collection areas.



The comprehensive collection of research materials is provided through the *Collin County Genealogical Society*, who first moved their collection to Harrington Library in 1971, where it remained until the move to Haggard. Since then, along with the *Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries*, the collection has been expanded and maintained largely through gifts, donations and fundraising programs.



"Both groups were responsible for the bulk of the collection," said David Hardin, the Genealogy Library Supervisor. "Without the efforts of these groups there would be no "genealogy" in Plano. They are a joy to have and we're happy to continue our relationship with them."

Today's extensive collection includes over 36,000 items, encompassing microfilm, print and related resource material.



"We're here to function as the general outlet for the City of Plano and the North Texas area for those who want to do their research," said Mr. Hardin. "The good thing about Plano residents is they're not just interested in one thing, so we have people pulling books from our foreign section and places all over the country. We're just really excited to see the collection used and look forward to continued expansion of both the collection and our clientele."



Whether you're a long-time genealogist or a newcomer, a trip to explore the treasures and exhibits in the collection is worth the time. Staff is available to assist with research during open hours, with an enthusiastic genealogy volunteer staff almost always available to lend a hand. Six computers, four microfilm readers/printers and one microfiche reader/printer are available with photocopies, printing from computers and microfilmfiche at 10 cents per page.

For information on hours and the Genealogy Collection, including joining the Collin County Genealogy Society or Genealogy Friend of Plano Libraries, Inc., [Click here.](#)