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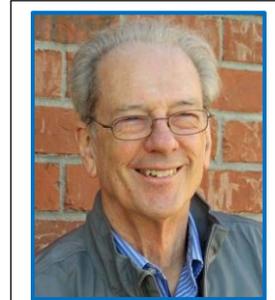
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*Elmar Fend presentation*

## 2017 Columbine Officer List

On November 8, 2016, Columbine celebrated its election day, resulting in new officers on the Board of Directors. Staggered officer positions are elected every two years. Officers elected in 2016 will be installed on the board in January 2017. Mid-term vacancies and committee chairs are appointed for one year. 2017 Officers are:



*Bob Jenkins –  
New CGHS President*

### Officers:

- President: Bob Jenkins
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs: Anita Burbank Jenkins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Publicity: Julie McKemy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Bookstore: Nancy Reubert
- Education Coordinator: Jean Adams
- Recording Secretary: Barbara Elliott (alt. Sylvia Burnside)
- Corresponding Secretary (mid-term): Ginger Van Zyl
- Treasurer: Sandy Ronayne
- Membership: Debi Clark (alt. Carol Stall)
- Newsletter Editor: (mid-term): Joyce Lohse
- Past President: Joyce Lohse

### Appointed Committee Chairs:

- Auditors: Marilyn Elrod, Bob Jenkins
- Equipment: Ken Beets
- Bulletin Board: Pat Campbell
- Mailing: Diane Hall
- Special Projects: (vacant)
- Acquisitions: Ann Lisa Pearson
- Nominating: Connie Strandberg
- Photographer: Livie Grogan
- Queries: Woody Trosper
- Refreshments: Susan Hollis, Chris Yaros, Sally Taylor
- Web Site/Facebook Editor: Joyce Lohse



CGHS Program Director Anita Burbank-Jenkins with presenter Karen Pavone

## *Programs and Classes*

### **CGHS Spring 2017 Scheduled Programs**

- January 10 – Postcards: Family in a Shoebox – Dede Horan
- January 17 – Library Digitization – Kirsten Canfield
- February 14 – Land Records – Russ Hamilton
- February 21 – Obituaries – Claire Martin
- March 14 – Irish Roots – Marylee Hagen
- March 21 – Spencer Penrose: Researching A Legacy – Joyce Lohse
- April 11 – Recording Your Family History – Dr. Ron Ross
- April 18 – ID Details from Old Photos – Kirsten Canfield

### **EARLY BIRD CLASSES – Coming this Spring at Columbine!**

Early Bird sessions are designed to provide in-depth instruction of a selected topic. Last year we featured a series on DNA. This year we are featuring the popular software Family Tree Maker class taught by Deena Coutant, DigiDeena Consulting. A majority of Columbine members surveyed use this product. Deena will start with the basics, then add more detail in the second and third sessions. This is a great way to get back into organizing your research in 2017. Please encourage new researchers to attend this free class.

#### **[Family Tree Maker Software Class 1 of 3](#)**

Tuesday February 21, 2017 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM MST

Have you started researching your roots and need a system to organize all your wonderful finds? Learn why Family Tree Maker software is a popular choice for genealogy software.

#### **[Family Tree Maker Software Class 2 of 3](#)**

Tuesday March 21, 2017 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM MDT

#### **[Family Tree Maker Software Class 3 of 3](#)**

Tuesday April 18, 2017 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM MDT

#### **A Message from EDUCATION COORDINATOR JEAN ADAMS:**

Do you have a friend or relative who would like to start doing genealogy research? Beginners are always welcome at Columbine meetings. Also, your help as a mentor is invaluable! We hope visitors will eventually become members and enjoy all of our programs. Below are more local classes if interest to beginners.

#### **OTHER CLASSES OF INTEREST IN BEGINNING GENEALOGY**

##### **Denver Public Library**

Saturday, January 14, 2017 – 12 noon Beginning Genealogy, Floor 5, Gates Conference Room

##### **Castle Rock Library (Phillip S. Miller Library)**

Tuesday, January 16 – 10am – 12 noon Beginning Genealogy

Tuesday, February 20 – 10am – 12 noon Beginning Genealogy

Tuesday, March 21 – 10am – 12 noon Beginning Genealogy



Deena Coutant presenting at Columbine

*In Memory ...*

**Betty B. Kaufman** passed away on May 29, 2016. She was an early member of Columbine, and was active in the organization beginning in 1975. She was married to **Duane E. Kaufman**.

**Charleen and Don Roberts** were members of Columbine 1991-2015. Charleen passed away in June 2016, and was preceded by Don's passing. They were married in England in April, 1951.

**Connie Strandberg's husband, Russell R. "Russ" Strandberg**, passed away on October 31, 2016. Connie Strandberg has been an active member of Columbine since 1982.

**Virginia "Ginger" Van Zyl's husband, Bert**, passed away in spring of 2016. Ginger Van Zyl has been an active Columbine member since 2003.

**Earl King, husband of Mary Lou**, passed away on January 4, 2017. Earl and Mary Lou both served as CGHS presidents, as well as many other positions since joining Columbine in 1980. They were married 66 years.

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*20 Year Member Woody Trosper - A Profile*

Edith Woodman Trosper was born in Greensboro, NC, and raised there and north of there on a farm. She started school north of the farm in Summerfield. In 1944, she had a bout of polio; she had eight months care in Hickory, west of home. After her return, she continued school in Summerfield and in Greensboro. After graduation, she went to Woman's College (University of North Carolina at Greensboro) for two years, where her roommate's friend "Cookie" gave her the nickname of "Woody" (from her middle name). She then transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she completed her degree in Pharmacy. For five years she worked there at the University Hospital. She then decided to get a Master's Degree and signed up for a work-study program at Boulder, CO. With her advanced degree she worked at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs for five years. She then returned north and worked for King Soopers in Englewood until 1995, when she retired.

After retirement Woody became interested in genealogy; her grandfather and her aunt had published a book in 1940 about her Gregg/Macgregor ancestors in Wales and Scotland. They came to America in the late 1600s as Quakers and were members of that group until her mother left to marry her father in Washington, DC. Her father later wrote a book about the Trosperes. Thus much of her genealogy was already complete before she started! She has continued researching here and at Salt Lake City and Denver Public Library. Now much of her research is over the internet. She joined Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society twenty years ago and she has answered Queries for several years; she is now also working on the Littleton Independent Obituaries Project.

*Columbine Proudly Honors 20-Year Members  
Char Page and Edith "Woody" Trosper*

*The Old Swede, Henry Recen, Founder of Frisco, CO*

by Jean Larson Adams

In several books about Summit County Colorado and its mining history I read that Henry Recen was listed as the founder of Frisco, CO and was known locally as "the Old Swede." Other books listed Henry Learned, a

developer as the founder. This started out as two simple research questions. First, I've been researching my Swedish ancestors and Henry's surname posed an interesting question. If Henry was from Sweden why did he have a surname like "Recen?" Sweden used the patronymic method of surnames during this time frame so Henry should have been an Andersson, Larsson, Nilsson or some other "son." The second question was "Who actually was the founder of Frisco, CO - Henry Recen or Henry Learned?"

In order to solve the first mystery my friend Beverly Harbourt of the Swedish Genealogical Society of Colorado and I started with the database called Emibas. The Emibas post #932631 for Henry reads in part: *Andersson Recen "Resar", Hans, Born 15/09/1848 in Leksand, Kopparbergs län (Dalarna)*

There was the actual surname Andersson, plus Recen and "Resar" and the first name Hans. The information included his birth date and last church parish (Leksand) before emigration.

That solved some of the mystery, but what or where is "Resar?" Next we accessed the Swedish household records through the subscription database called Arkiv Digital. There we found the whole family in Leksand, Kopparbergs County, Dalarna Province, Sweden in the Household Records for the years 1857 to 1867

| No | Namn och Huvust. | Född       |     | Gift | Ankom |    |      | Läser uti | Utantill                 |                     |                 | För-<br>atlr. | Anmärkningar. | Bortflyttad |      |              |                   |              |
|----|------------------|------------|-----|------|-------|----|------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
|    |                  | År och dag | Ort |      | År    | År | 1660 |           | Lath. Gaten, elen, deraf | För-<br>Alar, deraf | Host och Belpn. |               |               | År.         | till | För-<br>hör. | Natvårds-<br>gång | För-<br>hör. |
|    | Hagen            |            |     |      |       |    |      |           |                          |                     |                 |               |               |             |      |              |                   |              |
|    | Resar            | 30/1       |     |      |       |    |      |           |                          |                     |                 |               |               |             |      |              |                   |              |
| +  | Anders Andersson | 13/1       |     | 1841 |       |    |      |           |                          |                     |                 |               |               |             |      |              |                   |              |
|    | Carin Hansdotter | 13/5       |     | 1841 |       |    |      |           |                          |                     |                 |               |               |             |      |              |                   |              |
|    | S. Anders        | 2/2        |     |      |       |    |      |           |                          |                     |                 |               |               |             |      |              |                   |              |
|    | D. Anna          | 18/12      |     |      |       |    |      |           |                          |                     |                 |               |               |             |      |              |                   |              |
|    | S. Per           | 11/9       |     |      |       |    |      |           |                          |                     |                 |               |               |             |      |              |                   |              |
|    | S. Hans          | 15/9       |     |      |       |    |      |           |                          |                     |                 |               |               |             |      |              |                   |              |
|    | S. Daniel        | 14/12      |     |      |       |    |      |           |                          |                     |                 |               |               |             |      |              |                   |              |
|    | D. Carin         | 4/10       |     |      |       |    |      |           |                          |                     |                 |               |               |             |      |              |                   |              |

Hagen is the parish and actually "Resar" is name of the farm! On this page the family included:  
 Father - Anders Andersson, DOB 01/30/13 Died 1862. Note the cross in first column.  
 Mother - Carin Hansdotter DOB 05/04/13 Married 1841 (listed in "Gift" column)  
 Son (S.) Anders - DOB 05/02/42  
 Daughter (D.) Anna - DOB 12/18/1843 Died 1858. Note the cross in first column.  
 Son (S.) Per - DOB 09/11/45  
 Son (S.) Hans - DOB 15/09/48 - (Henry in the US)  
 Son (S.) Daniel - DOB 14/12/53  
 Daughter (D.) Carin - DOB 04/10/1857, Died 1857

By following this family we found that Anders (Andrew) left for N. America in 1866, Hans (Henry) left in 1869 and Daniel left in 1876. Recen was possibly an Americanized version of Resar the brothers adopted as a

surname when they left Sweden and arrived in N. America. On some emigration records they wrote Recen with an accent over last "e" (pronounced like Racine). Maybe there were too many Anderssons in the parish?

That answered one of my questions. While researching Henry Recen on Google I found some books listing Henry as the founder of Frisco, CO and others listing Henry Learned. I contacted the Frisco Historical Society. The real story seems to be that "the Old Swede" Henry Recen had the first cabin on Ten Mile Creek in the new mining area. Henry Learned, an agent for the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company, posted a sign reading "Frisco City" on Henry's cabin in 1876. "City" made a new community sound bigger than it really was. The mining town wanted to encourage the railway to put its line through the town. When the city was incorporated in 1879 Henry Learned dropped the word "city" and the town became just Frisco, CO from then on.



Present Day Frisco, CO - photo by  
Jean Adams, August 2016



Henry or Daniel's Cabin on Ten Mile Creek, courtesy of  
Frisco Historic Park and Museum.

There is much more to Henry Recen's story as a miner in the Ten Mile Mining District between Frisco and Leadville. He and his brothers Andrew and Daniel became successful mine owners from 1876 until the silver crash in 1893. They founded a town called Recen near present day Leadville. When the Climax Mine opened, the site was purchased, the cemetery moved, then the area flooded. Today there is a highway historical marker near the original town site. The Recen family donated three boxes of papers and photos to the Denver Public Library Western History Collection. In the box labeled "Photos" I found an album with pictures of the three brothers, their mother and Henry's descendants. For an amateur genealogist this was a fun search and a great excuse to use the uncirculated items at DPL.

\*Emibas is a Database on CDs available through mentors of the Swedish Genealogical Society of Colorado or for purchase.

\*\*Arkiv Digital is a subscription online service. Denver Public Library 5<sup>th</sup> floor Western History Library and Family History Centers have access at their locations.

### *New Members!*

**Sharol Bettencourt** – Bonney, Standard, Dismukes,

**Larry & Pat Campbell** – Cathren, Coffman, Whiteside, Bradley

**Carole Kadolph** – Kadolph, Sanford, Hollingworth, Lynn, Eaton, Mathis, Sharp

**Linda McNeil** – McNeil

**Kristen Nelson** – Demmler, Nelson, Penner, Ruloff

**Karen Pavone** – McLeod, Hatrik/Nilsen, Nagell, Pavone, Galante

**Jane Peterson** – White, Bennett

**Dave & Sally Richards** – Debney, Rucker, Erwin, Proctor

**Maggie Schmidt** – Lile, Longacre, Brummett, Miller

**Kay Simonson** – Monahan/Monaghan, McCawleys, Coppersmith, Tykwart, Stuchlik, Westerhouse, Deimer

**Pam Stearns** – Stearns, Roseblueth, Schleiden, Cordero, Nunez, Railey, Casey, Spenser

**Sharon Wolfe** – Ernest, Robert, Wolfe, Adeline

**Welcome Back! – Jane Monroe**



## *Bob Jenkins: Columbine's President-Elect*

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Bob Jenkins was named after his grandfather, Robert Wesley Jenkins. His best subjects in school were math and science, and the worst subjects were Spanish and history. Bob recalls, "I was in the Boy Scouts, played little league and teenage league baseball, and took piano lessons. The highlight of my baseball career was to get knocked out by a pitch in the teenage league."

Bob attended Rice Institute which, few years later, became Rice University. Rice required entering freshmen to pass a 200 word spelling test. They allowed three chances to pass it or you were out. Bob passed on the third try, then failed freshman history. When he returned for sophomore year, the Registrar asked about his history credits. He did not realize that they expected him to make up the credits in summer school. They were not good communicators in the Registrar's office at Rice.

When Bob returned for junior year, the Registrar asked about his history credits for the second semester? He made up the history credits at the University of Houston summer school. At the beginning of his senior year, he married Nancy Elizabeth Taylor, a teenager. After the first semester of senior year he left Rice permanently. "Some years later when I called to see about finishing the last semester for my degree, they would not return my phone calls. They do have high standards, except for student-friendly communications. The best grade I made at Rice was on an English paper critical of the history department."

"In spring of my sophomore year, I asked the math professor what someone with a math degree could do to earn a living. He said 'well there is teaching and then NASA was expanding in Houston and could use mathematicians.' Then he said 'there is also actuarial work, but you would not like that.' My dad asked his insurance agent, who arranged an interview for me with an actuary at the American General Life Insurance Company. He impressed me as being intelligent, honest and business like. I must have impressed him too since he asked if I wanted a summer job. I said that I was just trying to find out what an actuary did. He hired me for the summer and signed me up for the first two actuarial exams to be given in May. I passed them both. I worked there the next summer and for 25 more years after that. I passed all of the actuarial exams to become a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA), and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA).

"I moved to Denver in 1985 to work for the Security Life of Denver. Nancy and I have a 55 year old son in Katy, Texas, and a 50 year old daughter in San Francisco, California. In 1978, we vacationed in Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina to explore my side of the family, and later in Illinois to explore Nancy's side.

"I believe that history is important in spite of my early encounters with it in school. I have been reading biographies of some interesting people. Most recently, I am almost finished reading the 693 page biography of Robert E. Lee by Michael Korda. Yesterday morning as I was reading the section on the 'Battle of the Wilderness', I was startled to read that Lee had established his headquarters at 'the Widow Tapp's farmhouse' less than a mile behind the front. My great grandmother was Helen Jane Tapp. It only took an hour or so to establish that the "Widow Tapp" was Catharine Elizabeth Dempsey and her late husband (died 1859) had been Vincent Tapp, my 2nd cousin 4 times removed. Vincent was already on my database. I just had to fill in his family with his wife and four kids."

In recent years, Bob has been a successful leader with Toastmasters, and has served in several positions at CGHS. Bob and Nancy have been members of Columbine since they joined the group in 2006.

## *The Dusty Old Album*

Research report by: Woody Trosper, Bob Jenkins, James Jeffrey, and Susan Hollis

A faded and tattered green flocked velvet photo album dating from the turn of the last century has recently sparked a search for interested family members. The album, of the type that graced formal parlors in homes from the late 1880s to the 1920s, is adorned with golden brass trim and an oval mirror on the front cover. In it are page after page of a family's photographic history: men in formal suits, their Sunday best, women whose portraits and full length photos show well-dressed people of comfortable means arrayed in their finest. There is a policeman in uniform, and a young woman on her Confirmation Day, with many young children, their first years documented by proud parents. Many of the photos were taken by photographers in Big Rapids, Michigan. The one thing missing from this extensive photographic history is a family name.

The album lay undisturbed for 59 years in the storage area of the old Arapahoe County courthouse on Littleton Blvd. It was customary to retain belongings of the deceased until relatives claimed them. Recently Jeanne Goldsmith, Senior Project Coordinator of the Facilities and Fleet Management Dept. sought the long forgotten family of its last known caretaker, Gerald J. "Jerry" Gilmartin.

Ms. Goldsmith contacted Joyce Lohse, President of the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society to see if members could find relatives of Gerald Gilmartin. Lohse put Goldsmith in touch with CGHS genealogist Woody Trosper. Goldsmith then brought the album to the Littleton Historical Museum where Ms. Trosper is a volunteer. Ms. Trosper and fellow CGHS member, Bob Jenkins, did preliminary research, aided by James Jeffrey of Denver Public Library, and then brought the old album to a group meetings to ask if anyone knew of the Gilmartin family in Englewood or Littleton in the 1950s. No one did.

Sadly the green album and other ephemera with it are the unclaimed effects of the late Gerald J. "Jerry" Gilmartin who died on August 7, 1957, at Colorado General Hospital in Denver. His funeral record states he was an OAP meaning Old Age Pensioner who lived at 3801 S. Santa Fe Drive in Englewood. On Tuesday, August 13, 1957 he was accorded a graveside service and was buried at Chapel Hills. Sherman Miller of The First Christian Church conducted the service. Arapahoe County was billed \$200 for the casket and burial.

How did Gerald/Jeremiah "Jerry" John Gilmartin get to Denver, and what has been learned about his life before he died alone in a Denver hospital? Gerald/Jeremiah "Jerry" John Gilmartin was born November 6, 1889, in Detroit to parents Frederick S. and Nellie N. Hagadone Gilmartin. The birth record from Michigan on Ancestry.com named his father as Fritz Gilmartin, his mother Nellie Gilmartin and Gerald as Gerhard. There is no explanation for the German sounding name on his birth record. Nellie Hagadone was born and reared in Big Rapids, Michigan, and many of the photos in the old album may be her relatives. Nellie was the daughter of John and Harriett Griffin Hagadone, both born in Ontario, Canada, and later settling in Big Rapids.

Frederick S. Gilmartin was the son of Peter Paul Gilmartin, physician, and his wife Sophia Lanzing. Peter's practice was in the Detroit area. He was born in Boston and died in Detroit. His wife Sophia was born in Ontario. The 1900 Detroit census reveals that although Gerald's parents, Frederick S. and Nellie Hagadone Gilmartin had four children, and only Jerry survived childhood. Between 1900 and 1902 the Gilmartin family moved from Detroit to Denver.

In 1902 they appeared in the Denver City Directory with the following entry: "Gilmartin, Frederick S., wks [works] Denver Omnibus and Cab Co. residence 413 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. " In 1904 Fredrick was a solicitor [sales] and they moved to 638 S. 13<sup>th</sup>. The 1906 Denver City Directory shows Frederick S. Gilmartin living at 638 S. 13<sup>th</sup> and for the first time, **Gerald J. Gilmartin** is shown in the same household. His occupation is musician. At this time Gerald would have been 17 years old. Throughout his life the record shows he was a musician.

By 1919 Gerald was using the name Jeremiah G. Gilmartin and though his occupation is not shown he had moved out on his own to 3138 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. He seems to have often used the name Jerry Gilmartin frequently. In fact there is a curious document from the state of Oklahoma. It is a WWI draft registration from June 1919, in which the 30 year-old man named Jeremiah Gilmartin is living in Oilton, OK, and states his birthdate as 6 November 1886. Was this just a misprint on his part? Jerry Gilmartin was 30 years old in 1919. Perhaps he went to Oklahoma to work in oil fields for a time.

The 1920 Census for Colorado shows Gerald J. and wife Lucy. At the time Gerald J. made his living as a musician performing in public halls and Lucy Gilmartin was a drummer in an orchestra! As the record will show Gerald/Jerry apparently enjoyed having lady friends and always the gentleman, married several times ... three to be exact. No divorce records have been located.

1922 was the year and Gerald J. had become a policeman living at 1319 Lawrence. The next year, still listed as a policeman, he moved to 1953 Lincoln. Perhaps he was a policeman by day and a musician by night.

Not one to let the grass grow under his feet, Jerry moved to Chicago by February, 1927, when he wrote a letter to his parents, which was among his effects. He inquired after his father's goiter problem, and

answered a question from his mother saying he had not heard and doesn't want to trouble himself about "any of those people." Did his mother ask about relatives in Chicago or friends? Who knows? He signed his letter Jerry.



*Album and other papers belonging to Jerry Gilmartin*

In the 1930 census Gerald/Jerry was still in Chicago living in a large boarding house with his wife Blanche Gilmartin. He was a policeman for the railroad. Further he states he was first married at the age of 22. Blanche said she was 24 when first married and she was a dressmaker in a retail store. Gerald/Jerry was on the move again by 1933 and this time living with his parents at 4755 Alcott with his occupation listed as mechanic. There is no mention of Blanche.

In 1940 the Colorado census for Denver showed Gerald J. Gilmartin was 50 years old and married to Alva Mondell Gilmartin, a housemaid in a hotel. Gerald worked as a denier [morgue worker who is responsible for any morgue work needed] at a medical school.

Gerald/Jerry's WWII Draft registration in 1942 gave his full name as Gerald Jeremiah Gilmartin and he lived at 2555 West Dartmouth, Arapahoe Co., mailing address Route 4, Denver. He was 52 years old, born in Detroit on November 6, 1889. He had gray eyes and brown hair and was 6 feet tall. Roy Sales, 1900 S. Pearl, Denver, was listed as knowing his address. Gerald must have pleased his teachers as he had beautiful cursive handwriting on every known document!

No other information on Gerald Jeremiah Gilmartin was found. The story comes to a quiet and sad end in 1957. Jerry must have valued the old family album and loose photos along with letters from his mother. He carried them to the numerous places he lived throughout his life. Did he in his last years look through the album remembering his parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins? The task now remains to identify relatives of Jerry Gilmartin and perhaps reunite members of the Hagadone or Gilmartin family with the tattered, dusty old album.

## *Create a Genealogical Photo Board on Pinterest*

by Susan Hollis

For some time I have been trying to solve a major problem, what to do with all my old photographs. When I published my first family history a couple of years ago, I only included a few Hysaw family photos. The number I put in the book doesn't even make a dent in the many pictures I have. I never had the nerve to actually count them!

I come by this photo archives honestly ... my Granddaddy Hysaw was a professional photographer who worked at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, for the Signal Corps. His son, my uncle, worked there also, and my mother worked at Call's Studio when she was young, learning to tint photos and doing other studio work.

When we were growing up, Granddaddy Hysaw was the official photographer for all events on both sides of our family, the Hysaws, Currells, and Steins which eventually included a total of 10 children. Granddaddy also was an amateur photographer of the first order ... he loved to go to the nearby Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge and spend the day with his camera photographing anything of interest: rock formations, tree stumps, buffalo, whatever caught his eye, then processing the film in his photo lab which was a small building behind the house at 302 Summit in Lawton.

In addition he made excellent copies of all the old photos he had of his and my grandmother, Ruth's, relatives. He sent copies to me and all the other grandkids in his later years.

I have all the photos of my parents and my grandparents. I have Kodachrome, Kodacolor slides and prints, black and white prints, I have studio portraits and Brownie snapshots. That is just from the Hysaw side, which is my mother's family. My dad's relatives, including the Currells, Walkers, and Steins, also generously shared their old photos. In addition, I am the curator for my kids' ancestors too, as I have all of the Alexander and Hollis family photos courtesy of my ex-husband!

I treasure these photos with their precious memories and distributed them to all interested parties for the past 35 years. But now what do I do with them?? I have been thinking in particular about the Hysaw, Hisaw, Highsaw photos. Many people sent me copies of their old photos when I was the editor of the Hisaw Family Newsletter for 13 years. I put the photos in the newsletter, but since it was just a Xeroxed publication, the photos in the newsletter were of a poor quality. The newsletter ceased publication in 2000. Should I publish a photo book with those in them? It seemed like too big a project and many of the photos weren't my own. What to do, what to do?

Last summer I watched a webinar on Legacy Family Tree.com titled "Pinning Your Family Tree" by Thomas MacEntee. As I sat there, he showed his many genealogical sites on Pinterest and I saw the answer to my quandary ... of course, Pinterest! I browsed the site, but never actually used it, so I decided I would give it a try. *It could not* be easier. It was free, extremely easy to use. If you click on the red "Join Pinterest" button, use your e-mail to set up an account, or you can use Facebook and Twitter if you wish. There is no fee and it is open to anyone.

Then you start adding pictures. For the first one see the + button in the lower part of the screen. The pictures must be available on your computer. Most of my Hysaw pictures I scanned in, then I added to my

Pinterest board the ones I wanted. I also went to Google Images and found photos some of which were new to me by Googling the various spellings Hysaw, Hisaw, Highsaw, and Hyso. The images are available to the public. All I did was find an image, click, and a little Pin It sign appears. Then I clicked to add it to my board.

Many sites such as Ancestry are compatible with Pinterest. For example, if I found a Hysaw photo on a public tree or in the Pictures section of Ancestry, I clicked on it, clicked the Pin It button, and added it. For identifying all images, I clicked

on the image when it was on my board and a little icon of a pencil appears. I clicked on it and I put a short description and name of the owner of the picture. I did not contact each owner for permission, but if anyone objected, then I would remove the photo at once. No one has objected.

Here is an example of a description I used in the caption of one photo: Sarah Jane Simms McCoy, wife of Solomon McCoy, daughter of Zed Sims and Sarah Hisaw Sims, 1843-1913, Fayette, TX. Photo: parrotsareus on Ancestry.com.

I located the mailing list that I used when I wrote my book, the one which contained e-mail addresses of people researching the Hysaw families that I used to send out the newsletter. On my e-mail I sent out a group message telling everyone interested they could view all the Hisaw pictures I have. I thought they would be interested since I realized that I am the only one who has all pictures from all branches of the various Hisaw families. My Pinterest board is public which I chose when I set it up. Anyone who wishes can view it. I only used photos of people who are deceased so no one's privacy was at risk. If the people who are using the board want to be part of my group, click a button and get notified when I add a photo. They can click on the photo and save it to their computer if they wish. I did not use any fancy frames or backgrounds, which you can do on Pinterest if you wish. I did, however, become interested in other items such as maps, pictures of deeds, emblems of states where the families lived, old buildings associated with the families, images of wars in which they served, etc. Those I found on my computer and also Google Images. Nearly any image on the internet can be saved to your Pinterest board.

I had so much fun doing this and it could not, as I said be easier. I plan to create boards for other families and invite relatives to see them also. None will be as large as this Hysaw board because I do not have as many photos from any other families, but, it will give me the satisfaction of knowing I have distributed these old photos to those who have an interest and that is my goal.

To see my board, you do not need to have an account. Go to Pinterest.com, and in the search section, type in Hysaw, Hisaw. It will take you there. Try it. I think you will like it.

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