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Columbine Writers' Group

by Barbara Elliott

(The Columbine Writers' Group has been meeting since 2013 after the program meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.)

I have been a member of Columbine for almost 3 years. Last year I finally went to the Writers' Group meeting. I was warmly greeted by everyone and at the close of the meeting, Anita asked me to write a story for the next time we met.

As I have been jotting down ideas for stories, I wanted to write about my family; it wasn't hard to do. I started writing a few different stories and finally decided on one that I wanted to share with the group. Since that first time, I have written another story to share and have received corrections and suggestions on making my stories come alive and be more interesting.

One thing I have noticed about my writing is that the stories do not flow well. I am still trying, and realizing that my stories are not flowing well is not a bad thing to learn about one's writing ability. No one in the group has ever made a negative comments about anyone's work, but just the opposite. There are remarks about adding more descriptive phrases about an area or changing a few words to help the story flow more freely.

We have also shared ideas on where to publish family picture books to give as gifts for holidays and birthdays. I was surprised that there are quite a few places online that offer that service for a small price, and quite a few of our members have taken advantage of that.

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Meetings at Columbine

Meeting Times:

Regular Meetings 1:00 pm - 2nd Tuesday of each month (except June, July, Aug. & Dec.)
 Earlybird Classes 9:30 am - 3rd Tuesday (several scheduled during spring & fall)
 Board of Directors Meetings 9:30 am - 2nd Tuesday of each month (except June, July & Dec.)

Meeting Place:

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, 6400 South University Blvd, Centennial, CO 80121

For more information about Columbine Meetings, visit our web site: www.ColumbineGenealogy.com



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*L to R 1st Row: Debi Clark, Marilyn Elrod, Bob Jenkins, Jean Adams, Carol Stall
 2nd Row: Joyce Lohse, Sandy Ronayne, Susan Hollis, Pat Campbell, Ginger Van Zyl, Julie McKemy, Barbara Elliott, Ken Beets, Nancy Reubert*

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Volunteer Opportunities

Several openings will soon be available on the Columbine Board of Directors and on Special Committees. If you would like to be more involved and get to know other members, contact the nominating committee, or anybody on the board. Immediate openings include Special Projects, Refreshments, and Colorado Council Representative. Join the fun, learn more about the organization, and work with some great genealogists!

Writers' Group - Continued from Page 1

If anyone is interested in writing a family history, this is a good group in which to learn to create and share your stories. If you feel that your stories or your family is not that interesting, come and listen to the way others put their stories together. Some have incorporated into their stories the census and the area in which their people have lived and died. Others have included just one person in their story. I wrote about the neighbor boy and girl that my brother and I played with while growing up.



Columbine Writers at the December 2016 Meeting

L to R 1st Row: Dorry Rice, Jean Adams, Chris Yaros
2nd Row: Sylvia Burnside, Anita Burbank-Jenkins, Eva Macaj,
Marilyn Elrod, Jan Routh, Susan Hollis, Ginger Van Zyl, Elmar Fend

This group helps to get your ideas flowing, to put them into stories, and to listen to the way other writers put their memories into writing. The Columbine Writers have been meeting regularly after the second CGHS meeting on the third Tuesday of the month since 2013. If you enjoy writing, are interested in writing, and wish to share ideas, come and join the fun. You will find inspiration to write and save your family stories, or to prepare them for future use.



Vikings in Denver

by Joyce Lohse

When our DNA results revealed that I am 18% Scandinavian, and my spouse is a whopping 58%, our Viking awareness quickly increased. A visit was planned to see the Viking exhibit, which opened recently at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

My favorite displays featured Norse runes and Celtic artwork, which were captivating. Their heavy jewelry was also stunning. I never considered the possibility of a gilded turtle shell for a brooch. Keys and locked boxes were finely developed due to strict Norse laws against robbers who broke into a locked area. The exhibit was outstanding, and piqued our curiosity to learn more.



“Vikings: Beyond the Legend,” is the largest collection of Viking artifacts to visit North America. The display is in Denver until August 13, 2017. For ticket information, visit: <http://dmns.org/vikings-beyond-the-legend/>

Editor's note: Go early to avoid the crush of crowds, traffic jams, and a full parking lot.

NEW -- Littleton Address Changes 1961

Database is available on the Resources Page
at www.ColumbineGenealogy.com Web Site

In 1961 Littleton made a number of address changes to bring their naming and numbering system into harmony with Denver. Before, that Littleton had independently numbered their east/west streets from Prince Street, and their north/south streets from Littleton Boulevard. After the change the streets matched Denver with the north/south divide being Ellsworth Avenue, and the east/west divide being Broadway. The changes were documented on typed index cards, one deck for old to new address and the other deck referring back from the new address to the old address.

NEW	LOT	BLOCK SUBDIVISION	OLD
West Aberdeen Ave.		Aberdeen Drive East and West	
699	- 1 - 22	- Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1600
690	- 1 - 1	- Aberdeen Village	1650
679	- 2 - 22	- Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1620
640	- 2 - 1	- Aberdeen Village	1635
659	- 3 - 22	- Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1640
639	- 4 - 22	- Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1660
619	- 5 - 22	- Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1680
610	- 3 - 1	- Aberdeen Village	1695
589	- 6 - 22	- Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1700

NEW	LOT	BLOCK SUBDIVISION	OLD
South Aberdeen Street		Aberdeen Drive North and South	
6051	- 4 - 3	- Aberdeen Village	6155
6052	- 17 - 2	- Aberdeen Heights	6160
6661	- 5 - 3	- Aberdeen Village	6165
6062	- 18 - 2	- Aberdeen Heights	6170
6071	- 6 - 3	- Aberdeen Village	6175
6082	- 19 - 2	- Aberdeen Heights	6180
6092	- 20 - 2	- Aberdeen Heights	6190
6091	- 7 - 3	- Aberdeen Heights	6195
6102	- 21 - 32		6200
6101	- 1 - 4		6205
6131	- 2 - 4		6215

NEW	LOT	BLOCK SUBDIVISION	OLD
ABERDEEN AVENUE WEST		ABERDEEN DRIVE	
570	- 4 - 1	- Aberdeen Village	1705
549	- 7 - 22	- Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1720
519	- 8 - 22	- Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1740
520	- 5 - 1	- Aberdeen Village	1745
499	- 7 - 24	- Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1800
449	- 8 - 24	- Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1850

NEW	LOT	BLOCK SUBDIVISION	OLD
ABERDEEN AVENUE WEST		EVERGREEN ESPLANADE	
1689	- 8 -	- Sterne Pkwy.	750
1659	- 7 -	- Sterne Pkwy.	760
1709	- 9 -	- Sterne Pkwy.	740
1789	- 10 -	- Sterne Pkwy.	730
1710	- 13 -	- Sterne Pkwy.	745
1750	- 12 -	- Sterne Pkwy.	735

In 2015, when Sue Rosser learned that Roger Peterson was worried that his two decks of address change cards might be lost when he eventually retired, she told her friends Cheryl and Ron Floberg about it. The Flobergs are members of the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society and brought the matter to the attention of their fellow members. The Projects Committee looked into it, and saw that it was a reasonable project and volunteered to digitize the cards. The data was entered on a spreadsheet from one of the decks by Bob Jenkins and cross-checked against the other deck by Cheryl Floberg.

The data was checked for consistency by sorting the file in different ways. There were some typos on the original index cards, which were cautiously corrected.

As carefully as the data was checked, there could still be some remaining errors.

The lists are in order by base street name and house number. The base name does not include modifiers such as direction (north, east, etc.) or type of street (avenue, road, circle, etc.). This ordering system matches that

used by local tax assessor record lookups and usually produces no duplications. The full name of the street is also shown on the list.

Thirty-three street names that were eliminated in the change. A copy of the two lists were sent to Roger Peterson at the Littleton Public Works Department and to the Littleton Museum.

*Robert W. Jenkins, Projects Committee Chairman 2013-2016
Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society*

References:

"Addressing Change No Simple Story"
by Jennifer Smith
Littleton Independent Newspaper, May 18, 2015

"Historic Context of Littleton, CO 1949-1967"
by Diane Wray Tomasso
July 31, 2008, Page 17.
(Paragraph on road names)

Littleton Street Names -- 33 that were eliminated in the 1961 address changes.

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|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Alyce | Fern | Leland | Palm |
| Barbara | Hazard | Lining | Peabody |
| Blue Bonnet | Heard | Locust | Riche |
| Bonnie | Hillcrest | Marge | Ridgewood |
| Buckingham | Joleen | Mitchell | Sharlor |
| Burton | Kassler | Mullis | Valore |
| Davis | Kenmore | Orange | Vanda Rae |
| Evergreen | Koldway | Osmer | Vermont |
| | | | Weber |

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*Good Times at Columbine!*



*Christine Fleischhaker explains the complexities of her delicious, colorful, multi-layered jello recipe at Columbine's Holiday Social.*



*Sandy Ronayne shares a Cabbage Patch story at the CGHS Holiday Pot Luck*



*Chris Yaros*



*Elmar Fend*

## Programs and Classes

### CGHS Spring 2017 Scheduled Programs

April 11 – Recording Your Family History – Dr. Ron Ross  
 April 18 – ID Details from Old Photos – Kirsten Canfield  
 May 9 – Hidden Treasures of Family Search – Barbara Elliott  
 Summer Break – June, July, August



CGHS Program Director Anita Burbank- Jenkins with postcard program presenter Dede Horan

## Education

Education Coordinator Jean Adams

Do you have a friend or relative that would like to start doing genealogy research? Beginners are welcome at our Columbine meetings and can learn techniques from our assortment of afternoon programs. Since we do not have a regularly scheduled Basic Class in Genealogy, listed below are some local classes for beginners.



### Earlybird Classes at CGHS

#### Family Tree Maker Software Class 2 of 3

Tuesday March 21, 2017 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

#### Family Tree Maker Software Class 3 of 3

Tuesday April 18, 2017 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Taught by Deena Coutant, Professional Genealogist

Our look at Family Tree Maker continues in the second of a three-part series on this popular genealogy software program. Anyone with an interest in this software is welcome and current users can brush up their skills and learn about the new features coming in the soon-to-be released 2017 edition. Both PC and Mac versions will be covered. There is no fee to attend and no advance registration is required.

### Classes of Interest in Beginning Genealogy at Denver Public Library

|                                           |                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, April 8, 2017 – 10am to 12 noon | Beginning Genealogy, Floor 5, Gates Conference Room |
| Saturday May 13, 2017 - 10am to 12 noon   | Beginning Genealogy, Floor 5, Gates Conference Room |

## Assistance Opportunities

In January of 2017 members were asked to volunteer to mentor others in our organization. Picture yourself with a research question, a cup of coffee, and a new friend. We anticipate that this can be an ongoing service based on requests. We have volunteers who have agreed to serve as mentors and to provide one-on-one assistance in the following areas of genealogical research and skills ...

#### **Basic Research:**

Ancestry.com

#### **Specialized:**

Norway, Denmark, Sweden

*If you are interested in mentoring a new member, please contact Jean Adams or a CGHS Board member.*

## *A Note from Remedial History Class*

by Bob Jenkins

Columbine is both a genealogical and an historical society. One of the things I have done to learn history is to do genealogical research on historical figures. It helps to get a better understanding and to see the relationship between historical characters. Some of them are really characters. The Lees got my attention. There are so many well-known members in that family. Probably the best known is Robert E. Lee, so I started with him. His line going back is Henry (Major General Light Horse Harry), Henry (also a Major General), Henry (only a captain), Richard (the scholar), and Richard (the immigrant). Richard Lee, the scholar, it is said, studied most of the time, yet he managed to have five children. He made his notes in Greek, Hebrew and Latin.

Robert E. Lee's wife was Mary Anna Randolph Custis, the great grand-daughter of Martha Dandridge (who later married George Washington) and Col. Daniel Parke Custis.

Some of the other relationships in this family are:

Zachary Taylor, the 12th president, was the 2nd great grandson of Richard Lee, the immigrant, and the 3rd cousin once removed of Robert E. Lee.

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president, was the 5th great grandson of Richard Lee, the immigrant, and the 4th cousin twice removed of Robert E. Lee.

Abraham Lincoln and Zachary Taylor are 3rd cousins 3 times removed.

It is far more fascinating to delve into the families of historical characters than to read about them in a history book. It makes a nice respite from hitting one's head against one's own brick wall. It is even more interesting when you can tie your own family to the famous one.



**Outgoing Columbine Board of Directors – L to R:**

*Stan Harms, Joyce Lohse, Ron Floberg, Cheryl Floberg, Julie McKemy, Christine Fleischhaker, Ken Beets, Marilyn Elrod, CJ Backus, Richard Evans, Marilyn Lyle, Julie Haynie, Bob Jenkins*

## Public Acquisition News ...

When Columbine members donate money or make purchases to support the Public Acquisition Fund, the committee goes to work acquiring new genealogy resources. Those books and materials are donated to area public libraries for access by the community and genealogy researchers.

Our library partners work with us to best serve the community and to help each other provide services and resources for the betterment of genealogy research. It is a Win/Win situation. 2017 Public Acquisitions Chair is Ann Lisa Pearson.



In 2016, Marilyn Lyle and Julie Haynie delivered Public Acquisition Books to James Jeffrey, Librarian at Denver Public Library

## Spring Pot Luck Luncheon & Used Book Sale

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 - bring a dish to share for lunch

11:00 Come shop at the Book Sale - 12:00 Enjoy Pot Luck Luncheon - 1:00 Program

### SPRING POT LUCK PROGRAM:

#### ANCESTORS' HEIRLOOM FASHION STYLE SHOW

Do you have articles of clothing or accessories of your parents, grandparents or other ancestors that you could **model** for our spring luncheon **Ancestors' Heirloom Fashion Style Show**? Example: Marylee has her father's last pair of **Vintage Penney's Big Mac Railroad Striped Denim Overalls**. They have several pockets and loops to hold his tools: hammer, pliers, screwdriver and paint brush. She also inherited his **Gold Canvas Fieldmaster Guaranteed Sears Roebuck & Co. Hunting Jacket**. Yes, ladies, you can style men's fashions and men, you can wear ladies fashions! Often you can find detailed descriptions of clothing and accessories on sites like Esty, Amazon.com, Ancestry.com - Sears Catalog.

Please contact **Marylee Hagen** ([mlhtutor@aol.com](mailto:mlhtutor@aol.com)) or **Anita Jenkins** ([aebjenk@gmail.com](mailto:aebjenk@gmail.com)) by email or phone if you wish to join in the fun and participate in this program. We must know in **advance** so we can plan our program. For the book sale, **Nancy Reubert** is accepting books and other genealogy items at our meetings.

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## In Memory ...

**Lily Wright Budd** passed away on September 17, 2016 in Denver. She was an active member of Columbine, and was in the organization beginning in 1990. She served as president 1993-1997. Lily is survived by her husband, **Clarence Edward Budd, Jr.**, whom she married in 1958, as well as four sons and their families.

**Jean S. Wilson** passed away on August 13, 2016 in Centennial. Jean joined Columbine in 1984 and served in several capacities including projects chairperson. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, **Larry Wilson**, four children, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.



## *It Takes Time*

A bit of Trivia fom Reverend Cody Sandahl,  
1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Littleton, CO  
shared by CGHS member, Eleanor Spence

### *When did the United States become an independent country?*

Well, it turns out, that's a difficult question to answer. Perhaps you like July 4, 1776. The Declaration of Independence. That's fine, but the Revolutionary War didn't see its last battle until the Siege of Yorktown on September 28, 1781. But then there's the Treaty of Paris, in which Britain formally recognized our independence. That was signed on September 3, 1783. But of course, it was not ratified until January 14, 1784. A simple question, but one with four different answers spanning seven years.

Here's another way to look at it. July 4, 1776 – that is when it was decided to seek independence from Britain. And it took five more years of war, and then two extra years of diplomacy to get there.

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## *New Members*

**January:** Claudia Anderson

**February:** Susan Meeker, Maria Morgan, Delores Legg,  
Muffie Swan, Bob Esterl, Sean McGuire, Sharon Aherns

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## *Congratulations!*

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

Woody, Columbine's Queries director, welcomes  
Genealogy queries in the Littleton area.



*Woody Trospen  
20-year member*

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## *Announcements*

Longtime Columbine member, **Sergia Dunlap**, is seeking a copy of the Columbine published book, *Colorado Territory Civil War Volunteer Records 1861-1865*. If you have one for sale, please contact her. (See directory) She does not have internet access.

**Connie Strandberg** is looking for people who are interested in a project to help record and preserve stories of people in the Littleton community. Please contact Connie if this topic interests you.  
*For inspiration, attend the April 11 Columbine program, "Recording Your Family History" with Dr. Ron Ross.*



*Bob Jenkins*

## *Notes from Bob Jenkins: Columbine's President*

*Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Bob Jenkins was named after his grandfather, Robert Wesley Jenkins. He has been a Columbine member since 2006.*

Once upon a time, quite few years ago, I happened to see a multi-generational pedigree chart, and thought wouldn't it be something if I could fill out this chart completely. Fortunately, my grandmother was a member of the DAR and had kept up with her cousins as well as my grandfather's family. Unfortunately, my interest began just a few months after my grandmother died. My other grandparents had already passed on. Fortunately, one of the best genealogy libraries in the United States was (and still is) the Clayton Branch of the Houston Public Library. They stayed open late one night a week during the summer. One summer, every week on that day, after work, I went to the library to do my research on the family. Then I would go home to a late supper. The pedigree chart is not completely filled, but it keeps getting closer.

I have used the word fortunate a lot, but I cannot think of much unfortunate about genealogy. It is not unfortunate to have a "brickwall", but usually very fortunate to break one down.

My research slowed to a crawl until the internet came along. Good fortune again. When I joined Columbine, my brickwalls began to crumble, slowly, of course. One of these breakthroughs came from a conversation at an Early Bird session with another member of Columbine. At our January meeting, when a visitor was asked what families he was researching, he said "is anyone interested in the Kendall family?" I had to raise my hand since my grandmother was Hazel Grace Kendall. The visitor had brought with him a book about the Kendall family. After the meeting, Cheryl Floberg asked me why I have all the luck. If I ever figure that out, I will write an article about it.



*Marilyn Elrod at the  
Holiday Pot Luck*

## *Visit Columbine Online*

Web Site:

[www.ColumbineGenealogy.com](http://www.ColumbineGenealogy.com)

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/  
ColumbineGenealogy/](https://www.facebook.com/ColumbineGenealogy/)



*MaryLee Hagen brought Ireland to us.*

√ \_\_\_\_\_ No Changes      √ \_\_\_\_\_ New      √ \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

### **2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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EMAIL ADDRESS 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

\$25.00 for an individual (email only)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$35.00 for a couple (email only)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$5.00 mailing of newsletter (no charge if emailed)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Columbine Book Fund: (book donations to local Libraries)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NARA (National Archives & Records Administration Gift Fund:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(To support program to preserve and image valuable  
materials at NARA in Washington DC)

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2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays each month  
January through May and  
September through November

Board Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

No meetings in June, July & August  
Social gather in December  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

Location: South Wing Entrance  
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit  
6400 S. University Blvd.  
Centennial, Colorado

**Annual Dues:**

Individual - \$25.00

Individual & Spouse: \$35.00

**BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE**

If the President postpones a meeting due to an emergency or bad weather, the VP of Publicity will send emails to members, and a sign will be posted on the door of the church. *Please do not call the Church office.*

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