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FGS/RootsTech 2015 Conference Recap by Deena Coutant, CG&HS Member

The FGS/RootsTech combined conference was held February 11-14 in Salt Lake City, and was the largest genealogical conference ever in the U.S. with over 20,000 attendees. I was honored to deliver one of the FGS keynotes and three other lectures during the conference.

This year was the first time the separate FGS and RootsTech conferences were held together, which enabled a huge expo hall with vendors covering many aspects of genealogy, storytelling, photos, games, and historic preservation. The FGS conference had a librarian’s day and society day before the main conference, and RootsTech held an Innovator’s Summit for tech developers who work to build software or apps for genealogists. The core FGS conference sessions mainly focused on genealogical methodology and records, while the RootsTech sessions covered technology, software and online searching or connecting with family.

RootsTech is sponsored by FamilySearch, so it is no wonder that many of the new companies or developers who debuted their apps were certified partners of FamilySearch. Most of these apps provided extended functionality or unique views of the FamilySearch Family Tree, making it more apparent where gaps in research or possible errors exist. Several of these newer apps include KinPoint (research aids), RootsMapper (migration paths), Puzzilla (descendant viewer), TreeSeek (charts), and RecordSeek (sourcing bookmarklet). In order to use these apps, an individual needs to have a free FamilySearch username and password to access the features, and should build out a few generations on the Family Tree if they aren’t already there. Some apps also offer additional premium features for a modest subscription price.

One new company named MooseRoots provides free ad-supported “interactive data visualizations” of historical

records and trends to such things as demographics and name popularity. Searching for the name Rufus reveals that its most popular year was 1880 when it was the 88th most common baby name—not surprisingly, my great-grandfather was given that name in 1881. Searching for a 1920 census record of one of my ancestors allowed me to drill down into statistics from the county where he lived, providing insight on such things like racial and urban/rural composition of the county, literacy rates, and historical facts from that decade placed into the context of my ancestor’s life. Clicking around on this site and seeing various charts, graphs and statistics was fun, and revealed social context that can help enhance the story of an ancestor’s life.

Another new company in beta named HistoryLines debuted at the demo theater. This company has a simple discover-build-share model. Based on a date and place, discover how life was for an ancestor, including education, clothing styles and cultural influences in his or her region.

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Programs & Workshops

14 April 1:00 P.M. "Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection" by Mary McCarthy, Colorado State Library (Colorado Department of Education)

Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection (CHNC) currently has over 600,000 pages of digitized historic Colorado newspapers, starting in 1859. A wealth of Colorado historic news for research, genealogy, or just for fun. Access to the collection is free. Learn the basics of how the site works and how to search historic newspapers.

21 April 1:00 P.M. "My Irish Genealogy Inspired by Music" by Star Edwards, Harp Instructor, Musician and Author

This presentation will be an exploration of the music of Star's ancestors. She will play music from her family's roots in County Cork, Ireland, interspersed with family history. In addition, Star features music from the 40's to honor her father's uncle's band, Sandy Edwards and the Texas Pals.

12 May 1 P.M. "A Tale of Two Case Studies" by Gina Ventola, Columbine Member

Gina will present two case studies using DNA technology to find answers from the past. Come join us to hear this exciting story!

19 May 11 A.M. Used Book Sale—Genealogy-Related Books

12 NOON Pot Luck Luncheon

1 P.M. "Gidgets, Gadgets, Tips and Tricks of the Trade" – A Sharing Experience by Columbine Members.

Members will have the opportunity to share their gidgets, gadgets, tips and tricks of the genealogical trade that help them be a successful researcher. This time can also be used to share a favorite garage, kitchen or other gadget, if you wish.

June, July, August CG&HS Summer Break

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) has announced the live streaming of ten lectures from its 2015 Family History Conference, which will be held 13–16 May 2015, in St. Charles, Missouri. NGS members and others across the United States and overseas, who are unable to attend the conference in person, are invited to sign up for these live streaming lectures. Details of the live streaming program can be found on the NGS Conference website <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/attend/live-streaming/>.

PLEASE DONATE YOUR UNWANTED GENEALOGY BOOKS FOR THE USED BOOK SALE (MAY 19TH) TO HAROLD VOGEL ASAP!

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CG&HS President's Message

Joyce Lohse

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We are so lucky! Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society has something for everybody. It is a unique combination of genealogical and historical topics. This pleasing blend lends itself to a broad range of information as well as a variety of ways to fill in the details of our family's lives. As an example of this fusion, I shared the story of my great-grandfather's heirloom gavel. A Civil War veteran, he attended the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago where he obtained the unique souvenir, handmade from the floorboards of the Confederate Libby Prison.

Columbine is running at full speed this Spring with its eclectic blend of programs and classes. Deena Coutant's Earlybird Class on March 17 taught us about scanning and organizing our digital photographs. Hey, that was one of my New Year's Resolutions ... what about yours? Another of mine was to order a DNA test kit. Our first meeting in March addressed that topic. Then, we had a program about Colorado's historic mansions, and will have programs on Colorado's historic newspapers and Irish genealogy inspired by music. We've already had displays of the latest technology at the library, a program on special census records, how to find old maps online, a virtual tour of Riverside Cemetery, and Special Projects at Littleton Museum. What a great lineup of interesting and informative presentations!

We continue to welcome a full room of audiences interested in our programs. In addition, our meetings are followed by a friendly social gathering for sharing information while munching on the best treats in town! Our enthusiastic board members keep the wheels turning so we all can enjoy and learn from our meetings. Our publicity chair keeps us informed with regular meeting notices, and our newsletter editors provide a great vehicle to share information.

I hope you all will consider helping Columbine, and sharing your skills and information with the genealogy community. There are many ways to pitch in and to be a part of Columbine. You can write an article, provide cookies, suggest a presentation, help a committee, or become a board member. With a little effort, everybody can keep Columbine strong and moving forward. Please let me know if you wish to help, or be ready to pitch in when a request comes your way.



“Who Do You Think You Are UK?” & Devices

By Susan Hollis, CG&HS Member

For a number of years I have been a fan of this show. In fact it is in its eleventh season. The subjects are actors and other famous personalities in Britain and for the most part they know next to nothing about their ancestry. No expense apparently is spared on hiring researchers to explore their genealogy. In addition these participants are flown all over the world and taken to visit the lands of their ancestors. The sites visited have included Wales, Scotland, Ireland, all of England, Australia, Canada, France, Russia, Poland, South Africa, Egypt...you name it and they fly these people there to meet distant cousins, and see places where their ancestors once resided.

One thing I love about this show is how emotional the participants become upon learning about their great-grandfather who died in the workhouse and who buried six children, or conversely the man who thought he was peasant German, but actually is a descendant of George II through England to Germany and back to England. There are soldiers who served with incredibly bravery, and soldiers who died in the trenches in World War I. And always there are the mothers who do anything necessary to feed and clothe their children, many of them widowed and living in the slums of London or on a farm eking out a meager life for themselves. There are aristocrats, but most are average people struggling to survive and provide a better life for their families. Just like us these people find they are an amalgam of society. But they all come away I think feeling that their ancestors struggled and sometimes succeeded spectacularly and sometimes ended up in the workhouse and they identify with those ancestors.

I started watching the show on You Tube a couple of years ago on my computer. At that time each show was in four sections and I had to run each one to get a complete show. The picture quality was adequate, and still is, but I have found other ways to watch my favorite show.....

One way is by using a device called Chromecast which my son got me last year. It plugs into the TV (which is about three years old). On my tablet I can control the Chromecast and view You Tube shows on my downstairs TV. I have enjoyed it very much and used it a lot the last year.

I also can tune into You Tube directly on my tablet to watch the show, but it is a smaller screen.

However, this past Thanksgiving I decided I needed something better upstairs than my 15 inch twenty-year-old Sony. On Black Friday I ordered a new Samsung with Smart TV. I had

previously shopped at Best Buy to check out the tv's and the sales boy said and I quote, "Why would you buy a new tv that's not a Smart TV?" His tone implied that I must be really dumb to consider buying a tv that wasn't SMART! So I ordered one online at a super low price.

I exchanged my old cable box for a new HD box and my son-in-law set up the tv. Now I just click the Smart TV button, choose You Tube and select which episode of “Who Do You Think You Are UK?” I want to watch. Could not be easier!

Perhaps you will want to use one of these devices to watch “Who Do You Think You Are UK?”

Welcome New & Returning Members!

Dan and Mardy Cable - Cable

Sally Evans – Evans, Thomas, Taylor, Sauer, Zinkand

Tom Healy – Noble, Feeley, Kennedy, Diver, Devine

Sharon Leslie – Moore, Avers, Bolinger, Young, Leslie, Scirupt

Patricia Montano – Lucero, Sanchez

Jeryl Voegtly – Potter, Cooper, Couture

Returning Members!

Barbara Elliott – Elliott, Rakestraw, Parker, Zohn, Crackenberger

Don and Charleen Roberts – Roberts



Congratulations to Marilyn Schalge for being a member of CG&HS for forty years!

First Families of Colorado Recognition Program

Submitted by Roberta "Bobbi" King, Treasurer, CCGS

As genealogists, we're proud of where we came from and the stories of our ancestors' travels, lives, and histories. And we're proud of our ancestors' contributions to the places in which they settled and raised their families.

The Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, commonly known as the Council, administers the First Families of Colorado program whereby descendants of Colorado pioneer families receive certificates of lineage honoring their Colorado heritage. The certificates are handsome, very suitable for framing (I'm sure most of them are), and memorialize Colorado early families.

The First Families of Colorado Recognition Program has been in place since 1983, and so far, hundreds of descendants have submitted proofs of lineage to Colorado ancestors and received certificates. The people who apply for and receive the certificates often include their children and grandchildren, giving proof of a personal connection to Colorado. You can see the names of these descendants and their pioneer connections at: <http://www.cocouncil.org/documents/PioneerList.pdf>.

There are three categories of recognition:

First Family, whereby an ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, the land area of what is now Colorado, before 28 February, 1861.

Territorial Family, whereby an ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, a territory that is now Colorado, between 28 February 1861 and 1 August 1876.

Centennial Family, whereby an ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, Colorado at least 100 years prior to the date of Centennial Family application.

You may learn more about the First Families program at: <http://www.cocouncil.org/familyrecognition.html>

Applicants need not be current residents of Colorado. Indeed, many descendants do not reside in Colorado, but proudly remember their Colorado heritage.

Applicants may submit documentation tracing their ancestors' activities and existence in Colorado by way of census records, church records, and birth, marriage and death records.

For an application, visit <http://cocouncil.org/familyrecognition.html>.



Book Corner

By Susan Hollis, CG&HS Member

Since we have a number of newcomers at Columbine, Harold Vogel, 3rd V.P., Ways and Means, suggested people might be interested in the book How to Do Everything: Genealogy. Fourth Edition by George G. Morgan. George G. Morgan is the former Director of the Florida State Genealogical Society and author of hundreds of genealogical articles and ten landmark genealogical how to books including this latest edition which has been used as a textbook for the Columbine beginners class in the past couple of years. Whether you are just starting out on your genealogical journey, or just want to learn more hints for using records effectively, this book can be invaluable.

For the experienced researcher George G. Morgan has also written Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques. Both of these books are available from Harold at the book table. All profit goes back into the general fund for Columbine. In addition, be sure and take time to peruse the other books at the book table. There may be a book or magazine which covers your special area of interest!



BITS & PIECES

Find your ancestors in 40,000 digital genealogy books (only) that are searchable and downloadable for free at a new website called www.gengophers.com.

Have you heard about the Global Family Reunion in New York 6 June 2015? www.globalfamilyreunion.com

Thomas MacEntee's "10 Ways to Jumpstart Your Genealogy" <http://www.geneabloggers.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/10-Ways-to-Jumpstart-Your-Genealogy.pdf>.

Old Photo Preservation tips can be found at <http://www.glowimagery.com/how-to-preserve-old-photos/>

Anita Burbank-Jenkins is working with a new beta website that incorporates instant biographies, personal timelines and historical and environmental facts for the British Isles, Ireland and the United States from 1600 to present into family narratives. <https://historylines.com>

DNA genealogy companies are helping Adoptees find their roots. Read the article at <http://blog.eogn.com/2014/12/30/dna-genealogy-companies-help-adoptees-find-their-roots/>

Did you know that in 1861 Denver was the first city to be incorporated in Colorado?

Did you know that in 1864 Black Hawk was the second city to be incorporated in Colorado? Last year (2014) Black Hawk celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary.

CALL for Papers/Presentations:

18-19 Sep 2015 – Midwest Family History Expo to be held in Kearney, NE

<http://blog.eogn.com/2015/02/19/midwest-family-history-expo-call-for-papers/>

2016 Genealogy CONFERENCES:

4-7 May 2016 – NGS Family History Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, FL

31 Aug – 3 Sep 2016 – FGS Conference to be held in Springfield, IL

If you are planning to visit another state and wonder if there are any conferences there, visit <http://calendar.eogn.com>

Parker's South Stake Family Discovery Day is 25 Apr 2015 from 8:30-5:00. Contact parkerfamilydiscovery-day@gmail.com or call (720)851-0916 for further information.

In Steve's Johnson's presentation on 17 Feb 2015 he mentioned "the Dash". If you would like to find Linda Ellis's 1996 inspirational poem, please go to www.linda-ellis.com/the-dash-the-dash-poem-by-linda-ellis.html

To see Betty Eichhorn's new RELATIONSHIP CHART and her explanation of how to use it, go to <http://blog.eogn.com/2015/01/20/a-relationship-chart-by-betty-eichhorn/>

The Casting Application for Genealogy Roadshow's new season can be found at <http://blog.eogn.com/2015/02/25/genealogy-roadshow-casting-call/>

"Two Italian designers are adding a new definition to "family tree". "Capsula Mundi," their eco-friendly proposal, replaces headstones in cemeteries with trees. Egg-shaped burial pods with seeds on top replace coffins. For more information go to: <http://www.aol.com/article/2015/03/02organic-burial-pods-to-replace-tombstones-with-trees/21148355/> If this proposal comes to fruition, what will it mean for genealogy?

If anyone has the **very first and fourth** CG&HS newsletter, we would very much like to add them to our collection. **A big THANKS to BOB HUEGEL** who found two newsletters for which we were searching. If you have either of the above, please contact **Bob Jenkins**.

From THE INDEPENDENT on 24 April 1896, page 2: "For the first time in the history of Colorado a woman has served on the jury. This honor belongs to Mrs. M. S. Warren, the well-known business woman of Denver, who owns one of the largest millinery establishments in the West. One of the district court judges sustained a challenge against her acting, but in another division she was not challenged and served in a divorce case."

Thanks to Woody Trosper, CG&HS member, for bringing this to our attention.

THE COLORADO RIVER EXPEDITION OF 1938

By Marilyn Kern Elrod, CG&HS Member

*"I didn't sleep that night. I just laid there, full of excitement and wonder. Occasionally I'd get up and grab a cigarette and stroll down to the River where the boats were lined up on a sand bar like three milky-white chargers impatiently waiting to be saddled and bridled and anxious to gallop away. I listened to the lapping of the water on the sand as it spun 'round and 'round in a great swirling eddy, straining to get back in the main channel to continue its bounding, dashing, thrilling journey to the sea; and as I followed the silvery shimmering path of the bright full moon out across the gently rolling stream to where it suddenly disappeared in the black shadows of the rising Canyon walls, I too strained impatiently, anxious to see farther, anxious to be away. What strange things lay before me?"*¹

Thus begins an excerpt from my twenty-four year-old cousin Lorin Bell's journal begun in the summer of 1938, the night before the most exciting adventure of his young life. Lorin's journal and manuscript detail his role as boatman and photographer as he traveled on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon.

Lorin Bell was born in 1914 at Tuba City, Arizona² when his father and mother, Ira and Edith (Edwardson) Bell were working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Navajo Reservation. By the time he was twenty-three he had already been to many places in the South Seas and New Zealand working as a photographer.³ He joined the Army during World War II.⁴ In his late 20s and early 30s he lived in Hawaii and Tahiti.⁵ He was raised and lived near Native Americans most of his life in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. In his younger years he worked in trading posts owned by my great uncles and cousins and continued trading with the Native Americans for the remainder of his life. He had great respect for them and stated, *"The Navajos are the best friends I have. They're the finest, happiest, jolliest, most honorable and peaceable people on the face of the earth."*⁶

The river expedition was to become a famous event in Grand Canyon history because it was the first commercial (for hire) boat trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, and the first successful trip by a woman the entire length of the Colorado River and through the Canyon.⁷ There were actually two women, Dr. Elzada Clover and Lois Jotter, who were botanists from the University of Michigan and their main objective was to make the first collection of plant specimens along the Colorado River and the Canyon bottom. The previous attempt by a woman failed when she and her husband, while on their honeymoon, disappeared and were never found.⁸

In 1940 my mother made a trip to California and visited Lorin and other family members living in Arizona. While there, she had a chance to read Lorin's manuscript. When I read my mother's diary about her trip a few years ago, and she had mentioned reading about his trip, I wondered if copies of the manuscript still existed and if so, how might I find a copy. Through genealogy research, I connected with his niece and also my cousin, Susan Wagner, and she sent me a copy of the manuscript and photographs from the trip. The journey started on the Green River at Mexican Hat, Utah on June 20, 1938, and ended at Boulder Dam in Nevada on August 1st. Lorin joined the group about a third of the way through the 666 mile journey at Lee's Ferry, Arizona when two other men left because of other commitments. The trip lasted forty-three days.⁹ Another one of my cousins, Ed Kerley, owner of a trading post in Tuba City, and a journalist joined Lorin and the group for the first few miles from Lee's Ferry.

*"When I first saw the boats, my heart sunk. They were such heavy sluggish looking affairs. I had never handled anything like them and I had great misgivings as to my ability to do so on The Colorado. But it didn't take long to get the feel of the oars, and I soon learned their worth and to have a great deal of respect for them. I believe the boats were of the best possible construction for the type of water we were running."*¹⁰

These were Lorin's thoughts when he first saw the boats that would be used on the treacherous rapids of the Colorado River. Lorin was boatman for Lois Jotter. Through email I connected with an archivist with Northern Arizona University where many of the records from the trip are held. He wrote to me that Lois had told him she felt Lorin was the best boatman on the trip. The three boats had been designed and hand built by Norman Nevills, who was leader of the trip and owner of the three boats. After this trip Norm Nevills continued guiding others down rivers in Arizona, Idaho and Utah until his death in 1949 in a plane piloted by him that crashed.¹¹

The first major rapid was lined because of the rushing water and large boulders, meaning the supplies were carried along the bank and the boats were guided along the bank and boulders by rope. This method would take several hours to complete. Most of the time they could hear the thundering rumble of the rapids several miles ahead. Many times the group had no choice but to ride the dangerous rapids because the narrow canyon walls were right next to the river or there were no solid banks; just water lashing in and out among the boulders. They had over two hundred and sixty major rapids to navigate.

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These were Lorin's words as they approached one of the treacherous rapids. *"As we drifted along we saw a badger swimming frantically for shore, and a mud hen dived in front of our boat. Soon The Canyon walls were towering so far above us that we couldn't see their tops. There was just a narrow strip of deep blue sky above us. Suddenly we heard a strange sound, like a railroad train coming around a distant bend. It grew louder and more ominous in its intensity until our ear drums were throbbing with the terrific, reverberating roar and hollow, thundering boom of tons and tons of heavy sand-laden water hurtling over enormous boulders and down into great holes in The River's bottom. Soon we could see the upshoots of spray from the bursting of huge waves, but we couldn't see what lay below the brink."*¹²

At another point he wrote about another rapid they navigated. *"I rowed upstream with the back-wash of the eddy to get a longer run so there'd be a better chance of hitting the tongue. The eddy started pulling us down again so I quartered and rowed cross-current into the stream. The force of the current was rapidly taking us downward. Where is that pour? I could see Norm pointing vigorously toward the left bank, so I pulled harder. Must be heading right into it. Oh, Oh! Too far! Norm was frantically motioning for me to turn around. I pulled hard on my left oar and pushed with my right, rapidly spinning the boat around. We were almost on the brink. Maybe I should have let Norm take her. It'd be a fine thing to smash the boat now. I took a few easy strokes, watching Norm closely. He threw his hands in the air and motioned for me to straighten out. We dropped over the brink and there was the pour. What a hole! Big enough to hold a herd of elephants. I could look right down into it as we skimmed by. We were picking up speed like a toboggan on a steep mountain slide, and I rowed furiously to cut down our velocity. It was like trying to hold back an avalanche. Like a huge pendulum, we swung inexorably down-ward, and with a sweeping upward surge as I nosed the stern in we rode up to the peak of the first wave. We seemed poised like a diver on the platform of a tower. Then with a breath-taking swoop, we went shooting down to the bottom. The boat was bucking like a bronco, rearing up, leaping into the air and coming down with a terrific impact."*¹³

One night they camped within view of the Desert View Watchtower two-miles above the Canyon bottom. This was the place where they were to signal; one fire if OK, and two if not and they needed help.

They still had several major rapids to navigate before they would reach Bright Angel Bridge and Trail, which is still the main trail to the bottom of the Canyon from the top of the Park. Once there they were met by reporters, photographers, tourists, autograph seekers and others at the Phantom Ranch, located at the bottom of the Canyon. The next day they made the trip to the top and

again were met by more reporters and photographers. When they needed to get away from the crowds, they were invited to stay in the home and photographic studio of pioneer residents and famous photographers of the Canyon, the Kolb brothers. If you are familiar with the Canyon, this is the building that sits on the edge of the Canyon next to the Bright Angel Trail.¹⁴

Before returning to the boats they convinced 59-year-old Emery Kolb to join the group. In 1911 the two Kolb brothers had made the complete trip from Green River, Wyoming down to the Gulf of California in two open row boats. Then from 1921 to 1923 they had piloted the U. S. Geological Survey group as they completely mapped the Canyon bottom, river, tributaries, and rapids. My cousin's group used those maps throughout their journey.¹⁵

As they continued their trip they experienced new adventures, they witnessed beautiful white-sand banks, shear walls, stone ledges, huge boulders and panoramic views. They found an old prospector's cache, cliff dwellings resting at the edge of the Canyon and they encountered many more surprises. The closer they got to the end of the Canyon the hotter it got until it was impossible to stay hydrated even though they were constantly being sprayed by water as they went through rapids.

When they left the Canyon and entered Lake Mead, it was almost impossible for them to row as the boats had been built to survive the rapids, not row in a lake. When they arrived at Boulder City, again they were met by reporters, photographers, a member of congress and the Governor welcomed the group.

As the sun set that last evening, Lorin stated, *"As I sat there, absorbed in pensive retrospection, I suddenly remembered that it was finished. Our glorious adventure had come to an end. No more Canyon; no more River; no more intoxicating thrills or glowing excitement."*¹⁶

I met Lorin one time when I was twelve years old, but he left a lasting impression on me. I remember visiting his remote and rustic cabin in the New Mexico Mountains. I also remember his sense of humor, his long hair and long beard. Lorin was an adventurer throughout his life. His legacy is his wonderfully descriptive manuscript of his adventure in 1938 accompanying the first women to navigate successfully the magnificent Colorado River through the Grand Canyon.

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Upper Photo: Boats designed/built by expedition's leader.

Lower Photo: Lorin Bell, front center, planning a run through a rapid.



Heavenly Encounter by Dorry Rice, CG&HS Member

From the age of twelve, I was fascinated by family history. My ideal heaven would be meeting all my ancestors. They would be dressed in the clothes they wore in their day. If I could choose, I would spend eternity seeing what they did when they were alive. Our Burwell and Hale branches were Virginia colonists who came to the colonies in the early sixteen hundreds.

One very hot day I found myself climbing slowly up the steep wooden staircase of a museum in Fredericksburg. After laboring around the narrow curves, I had a happy surprise. Propped on the landing was a life-size cardboard replica of my ancestor Lewis Burwell. He was wearing a richly embroidered gold satin waistcoat topped with an elegantly styled greatcoat also gold, which appeared to be velvet. He was short and stout like me.

"Well, Grandfather (seven greats), how marvelous to see you." Was I just imagining that his smile became broader? The museum was not air conditioned and I thought he must be very warm under his voluminous wig and heavy clothing. "You were president of the council and a Burgess in Colonial Williamsburg," I said with awe. I had just toured the House of Burgesses.

"I hate sitting through meetings," he sighed. I gasped. My first thought when I retired from teaching was, "Thank God. No more meetings." I had so many questions to ask him. "Did you really stab your host with a meat carving knife?"

"Yes," he answered without blinking. "We had been in rather a hot argument and had had too much wine. Luckily he recovered. He was defending the policies of King George. You notice he didn't charge me. My mother's name was Dorothy," he mused. "I wish you could have met her."

"And how did you treat your slaves?" I continued.

"Whoa," he said, "this is going to take awhile."

"What did you plant on your plantations?" I continued without giving him a chance to answer. "Why did you die at such a young age? Were you and George Washington neighbors when they lived on Ferry Farm?"

He answered me patiently until the museum closed and I was told to leave. "When will I see you again?" I managed to ask as I went down the steps backwards.

"If you want to see me again, just be a very good Christian," he advised. "Then we will have eternity to talk. We will probably need that much time," he chuckled. "There are some more of your ancestors I would like you to meet. I'm going to need their help answering your questions."

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Build upon this base story by adding personal events, stories and memories to the historical timeline. Then finally, share the ancestor’s story in a variety of online platforms or in printed copies that can be handed out at a family gathering. This company is one of several that is using historical context to enhance our understanding of what it was like for our ancestors; this context is what aids us in appropriately interpreting the records and clues we locate so that we draw correct conclusions from them and can write a fuller story of their lives.

The FGS/RootsTech conference offered many opportunities to learn, whether in the classroom sessions, computer labs, or when wandering the various demos in the expo hall. If you have not been to a large genealogical conference, consider attending one—you may be pleasantly surprised at all you can learn!

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Deena Coutant and Jennifer Baldwin at RootsTech.

One of our members provided the following form for us to use as we see fit.

A GENEALOGICAL CODICIL TO MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

To my spouse, children or guardian:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any of my genealogical records, books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years. During this time period, PLEASE attempt to find one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories. In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the genealogical organization(s), such as Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society, to determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. (List of Organizations and addresses are at the bottom.) Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel and money. Therefore, please do not ignore my requests.

Signature _____

Date _____

Witness _____

Date _____



The first meeting of the CG&HS Board of Directors in 2015: Back Row: Bob Jenkins, Richard Evans, Ken Beets, Ron Floberg, Stan Harms, & Steve Johnson. Middle Row: Carol Johnson, Marilyn Lyle, Sally Taylor, Carol Welch, Sharon Feeley, Julie Haynie, CJ Backus, Alison Gibbens, & Cheryl Floberg. Front Row: Diane Hall, Woody Trosper, Julie McKemy, Joyce Lohse, Anita Burbank-Jenkins, Jean Adams, & Dawn Bunyak..

DEAR ANCESTOR

Your tombstone stands among the rest,
Neglected and alone.

The name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who care

It is too late to mourn.

You did not know that I exist

You died and I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you

In flesh, in blood, in bone.

Our blood contracts and beats a pulse

Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled

One hundred years ago

Spreads out among the ones you left

Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and loved,

I wonder if you knew

That someday I would find this spot,

And come to visit you.

Thanks to Louise Durbala, CGHS member, for this poem she found on the Internet.

The Elusive Ancestor

By Merrell Kenworthy

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still.
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.
He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.

He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.
His parents came from Europe. They should be on some list
Of passengers to U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man.
So, I place genea-solitaire to find him if I can.
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;
But the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.
No Family Bible has emerged, and spite of all my efforts.
To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES.

Thanks to Dawn Banyak, CGHS Recording Secretary, for submitting this poem she found.

**EDITOR'S MESSAGE**

The Sullivan County History Society Museum in Laporte, PA sent Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society a photograph and a letter which stated: "Recently our Historical Society received the enclosed photograph from one of our donors. As it was taken in a cemetery in your county, we thought your Historical Society would like to have it." The photo is of an ornately carved gravestone for Beulah HUNSINGER. On the back of the photograph is written "Beulah Hunsinger, 4-22-00, Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Littleton, CO". If anyone in our society knows about Beulah or is related to her, please contact the editors for the letter and photograph. Why would someone in Pennsylvania have a photograph of Beulah HUNSINGER's gravestone here?

By using Google.search I found a Beulah G. Bennett HUNSINGER with a birthdate of 1907 and death date of 1997 in Pennsylvania. She has an extensive obituary, family tree, and photo of her gravestone at Find A Grave. Also, I found at least three other women with that same first and last name: one in North Carolina, one in Indiana, and ours in Colorado. Our Beulah in Colorado, Beulah E. HUNSINGER, has a birthdate of 18 March 1904 and death date of 27 May 1990. Find A Grave lists her as being buried in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, but has no photo of her gravestone or obituary for her.

Did someone from Pennsylvania come to our neck of the woods in 2000 and take a photograph of our Beulah's grave? Were they a relative of the Pennsylvania Beulah or a Pennsylvania relative of our Beulah? What other possibilities can you think of? Doesn't this make genealogy fun?



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