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Programs and Workshops

CJ Backus Program Chairman

● 9 Sept 2008 1:00 Program

“Using Power Point for Genealogy”

Columbine Member Mary Lou King

● 16 Sept 2008 9:30 Early Bird

Researching in Ireland: From North to South”

Columbine Member Marylee Hagen

● 16 Sep 2008 1:00 Program

“Researching in Ireland: From North to South”

Columbine Members Marilyn Lyle and Marylee Hagen

● 14 Oct 2008 1:00 Program

“Parishes, Priests, and Signs of the Sacred: Catholic Church Records”

Certified Genealogist Julie Miller

● 21 Oct 2008 9:30 Early Bird and 1:00 Program

“Missouri: Maps and More”

Past President CGS Pam Smith

● 11 Nov 2008 1:00 Program

Election of Officers

“Brick Walls: Brick by Brick”

Columbine 1st VP and Members

● 18 Nov 2008 10:00 Early Bird

“The Principled Politician” Colorado Governor Ralph Carr

KUSA TV Journalist Adam Schragar

● 18 Nov 2008 1:00 Program

“The Tax man Came- -and He left Records”

Certified Genealogist Carol Darrow

Think You’ll Find Anybody Famous?

Judith S. Phelps Columbine Member

A serious inquiry from a medical specialist pushed me into the deep end of family history research before I could swim. My immediate family issued warnings and raised questions. “Don’t know why you want to do this—you might find skeletons you don’t want to know about!” warned an older sibling. A nephew teased me: “Think you’ll find anybody famous?”

Starting down the path of family history research, I didn’t expect anything unusual. My roots go back to German immigrant farmers who settled in central Missouri in the mid-1800s. They relied on hard work and their strong faith to get them through the hard times. With that history, I knew I’d never qualify for an elite society. So what did I find?

Religious Service. One of several relatives who chose religious life earned her R.N. at St. Louis University, and ultimately her Ph.D. in Pharmacology at the University of California, Berkley. She started her career as a nursing instructor and became dean of Seaton Hall University College of Nursing in South Orange, New Jersey. After more than a decade of service as dean, and while on sabbatical, she realized that she wanted more out of life. She

founded a mission clinic in the small village of Wema in Kenya, East Africa. It was there in 1989 that she was fatally shot by a robber as she knelt in prayer in the mission chapel. The clinic closed following her murder; however, St. Louis University honored her posthumously with the Sword of Ignatius Loyola, their highest honor for individual achievement. The Alumni Association of Seaton Hall established a Professional Promise Award in her name, which is given annually to a graduating Senior in the field of nursing.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



The first half of 2008 is over. Thinking back it has been a fun and rewarding time. Columbine Officers and Members have accomplished so much during these months. I'm listing just a few of the things that stand out in my mind. I'm sure you probably can think of others.

Programs and Workshops were outstanding.

Tours to the Federal Archives and Denver Public Library gave great information to help us in our research.

Books that Columbine Book Store has for sale are great motivators and give a lot of guidance in our quest for our family histories.

There were the Beginner Genealogy Classes that we hope jump-started the newcomers down the path to this addicting hobby!

The Website has taken on a new life and is really shining – check it out.

Work at Bemis Library continues and is a real help to the genealogy community. The Bemis Bibliography Project is going well and will be completed soon.

The Columbine Newsletter quarter after quarter gives great insight into Columbine and its members plus great tips for research.

Last but certainly not least our celebration of 35 years of Columbine. Our booklet "Celebrating Our 35th Anniversary 1973-2008" was put together very well. There have been many people express how great they think it is. It shows how an idea can come together and through the year's people keep expanding on it and make something wonderful. I believe Columbine and all the members have done that.

The May Luncheon was one of the best I have had the pleasure to attend. The food as always was wonderful. The Refreshment Committee outdid itself as usual. Having Charter and Honorary Life Members talk about the last 35 years was fun and inspiring.

Have a wonderful summer, come back in September with some break throughs and REMEMBER: if we want to have another 35 wonderful years of Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society it takes all of us.

Sandi Klein, President



Elaine Bailey Died on 3 April 2008. Columbine member since 2003.

*Joanne Classen Many long-time patrons of Denver Public Library's genealogy department, as well as genealogists active in the Colorado community, have been saddened to hear of the passing of Joanne Classen, who died 17 May 2008 at the age of 78.

*Courtesy Birdie Holsclaw Blog <http://www.cogenblog.com/>

Think You'll find Anybody Famous? By Judith S Phelps



Business Operations. One feisty and determined cousin took on General Motors—she had never heard about a glass ceiling! Her husband had owned the local Chevrolet dealership for 25 years before his death. As the faithful wife, she managed the finances of the dealership, growing it from four to twenty-two employees in a town with population of less than a thousand. Chevrolet had a corporate policy, which frowned upon awarding dealerships to women. Their policy allowed a dealer's widow one year from the time of her husband's death to sell the business. She persisted from small town America, and in 1970, she became a member of a select group of only three women in the United States who owned a Chevrolet dealership. Simultaneously, she managed the operation of a registered Angus farm.

Government Service. A sister accepted a U.S. civil service transfer to Germany in the mid 1950s when that country was still rebuilding from WWII. There, in her free time, she learned to drive, bought a car on the economy, studied photography at the Leica factory, and traveled around Europe at every opportunity. She brushed shoulders with Elvis in the military PX and was invited by Yul Brynner for a motorcycle ride along the Amalfi Coast. After some time, she returned to the States and worked on the support team that put the lunar module on the moon. Returning to Germany for another assignment in the late 60s, her travel experiences expanded to include the Asian and African continents. With fond memories of her world travels and nearly 40 years of government service to her credit, she retired to help establish a food bank in Colorado.

As a high school senior, a cousin was presented with a D. A. R. Citizenship Award. While serving as president of her senior class and vice president of the school's National Honor Society—just two of her many achievements—she ranked first in her graduating class. After attending college on a renewable academic scholarship, she climbed the career ladder to regional management in a federal agency. Career highlights included overseeing the construction of a government office building and being selected for a prestigious fellowship, working with a U.S. senator. While working with the senator, she gained insights into the inner workings of Congress; and actually drafted legislation. What will this Cardinal baseball fan do next?

Academic Service. Another cousin currently serves as professor of music at the university level. She earned her DMA in Music Composition and has the distinction of being the first woman commissioned by Detroit's Chamber Winds & Strings. The chamber performed her composition, *Half Moon Nocturne*, in a world premiere in 2007. Water, plants, and the cycles of life play an important role in her music compositions. Her music expresses the love of nature embedded in her genes—definitely a family trait. Remember the immigrant German farmers?

Another cousin kept her day job of teaching remedial reading at the college level while working on her Masters of Library Science. She also volunteered evenings for the Greater Saint Louis Literacy Council working with minorities. With her MLA in hand she began working as an elementary school librarian. Her goal? She wanted to introduce young patrons to the joys of reading and focus her administrative and teaching skills on heading off illiteracy problems.

Community Service. A cousin by marriage started a non-profit organization specializing in seizure alert and response dogs. Faced with managing the care of a seven-year old diabetic son, the family set hourly alarms and sometimes missed seizures between the hours. Frantic, she searched for alternatives. While reading about companion dogs used for other disabilities, she developed an idea. She used her son's socks to train a dog to recognize a telltale odor of an impending seizure. Diabetic alert dogs have been placed in service around the nation and the cousin now trains others to train seizure alert dogs.

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Think You'll find Anybody Famous? By Judith S Phelps

Volunteering for the American Red Cross keeps another cousin fulfilled in her retirement. When interviewed prior to her departure to work the 9-11 Trade Center Disaster, she indicated she had been home from duty only about 30 days in the previous year. Yet, she was one of the first volunteers to leave Missouri headed for New York. Processing accounts payable for disaster relief operations in New York City kept her there for 7-1/2 months.

Family Life. An aunt who taught in a one-room country school remarked one day that she had "raised six children and provided a temporary home for 35 strays" over the years. This woman with a delightful sense of humor never met a stranger. As a newlywed at the beginning of the Great Depression, folks in need were always welcome in her home. She took her own young children to visit prisoners of war during WWII because "those men miss their families" and she just knew that seeing young children would cheer them. Even after losing her sight, she continued to invite anyone passing by to view her flowers. She simply wanted people to enjoy them even though she couldn't see them. This loving and frugal conservator of land and resources saved tomato seeds from year to year to start new plants, and she sold fresh vegetables on the honor system at a roadside stand until well into her ninth decade.

A cousin lost her husband instantaneously when a Holstein bull charged him during a whooping cough attack. Left with seven children and an eighth on the way, the young widow kept her family together, with the generous help of family, neighbors and community folks. She continued operating the dairy farm, modernized the operation, tested innovative farming practices, and volunteered as administrator and leader in both youth and adult organizations. As her children matured, she took on a full-time job in county government.

No, I didn't find anyone famous in the usual sense. Through family history research, I did meet folks with amazing stories, and I've only highlighted two generations of women in my mother's family! Wonder who I will meet next and what I will find?

Columbine Profile Bob Hugel, Equipment

I was born May, 1940 in New Ark, NJ. After eight years my dad built his dream house in Meyersville, NJ. It was a mosquito infested swamp but now is known as The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. I was the oldest of two sons of John Huegel (of German lineage) and Ann Zoepfel (of Irish/German) lineage.

We usually had my Aunt or Grandmother living with us.

I graduated in 1963 with a degree in Sociology from Iowa Wesleyan College, where I met my spouse. Enid Stephens and I were married in Augsburg, Germany while I was in the Army. We done some serious European traveling via VW bug and a pup tent. We have been back several times to see what we have missed. We have one daughter and almost two grandchildren.

After the Army we migrated to Denver area where I began a 25 year career resolving insurance claims with CIGNA and then spent six years in the travel business with Globus and am now retired.

I inherited my mother-in-law's genealogical data, which traced back 12 generation, but with little documentation.

Several cousins on my side have been discovered and I am pursuing them to document more of my ancestors. My great-grandfather is as far as I have traced my family and they are from PA and NJ.



Columbine Officers 2008

Back row.. Ron Floberg, Judy Phelps, George Macdonald, Gordon Johnson, CJ Backsus

Front Row, Cheryl Floberg, Marie McKinnis, Paula Davis, Sandi Klein, Mary Lou King, Bonnie Toland

Bemis Library Jane Monroe, Liason

We have been quite busy at Bemis Library updating the genealogical information and doing preliminary work towards getting the Genealogical Bibliography ready for our website. As we have been going through the Genealogical collection, book by book, we have been discovering books and booklets that are in need of repair, labeling with genealogy stickers, or just 'sprucing up' and I want to plan some group work times at Bemis this summer. If you are interested in joining us for a few hours on these days, please send me an email at utrainbow@msn.com and I'll put you on a list to notify when the work days are finalized and see if you are free for any of the dates.

The following list of books will give you an idea of what has already been placed on the library shelves lately from the donated collection by Anne McElroy's family.

1. Missouri: *Pioneer Families of Miller Co., MO.; Miller Co. Heritage & Vittles; A History of Miller Co., MO; Missouri Genealogical Gleanings 1840 and Beyond; Tombstone Inscriptions of Pulaski Co.; Pulaski, Camden Counties, Missouri 1890 Special Census; Early History of Pioneer Pulaski Co., MO.*

2. Tennessee: *Rhea Co., TN-County Court Minutes 1853-1866 & May 1823-Nov 1828; Meigs Co. History; Blount Co., Bledsoe Co., Bradley Co. and Anderson Co. 1836 TN Civil Districts & Tax Lists.*

3. Haywood Co., N.C. Families; King's Mountain & It's Heroes; Osage River Country-A History of the People; and Maine Wills 1640-1760, Vol 1 & 2.

Happy researching this summer and hope to see you at a work day at Bemis!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GENEALOGY RESEARCH DAY WITH AUTHOR COLLEEN FITZPATRICK

Best selling author and genealogist Colleen Fitzpatrick will present two free workshops at:
Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura St. in Littleton on Saturday, September 20, 2008.

The Genealogy Detective, from 10:30 a.m.-Noon, will show you amazing new ways to do genealogical research, including different approaches to identifying old photographs and getting the best information from databases and the Internet.

DNA and Genealogy, from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m., will cover the latest information on the use of DNA for tracing your family history and how DNA research can be combined with paper genealogy to solve genealogical mysteries. No matter what level of understanding you have about genetic genealogy, this talk is for you!

Colleen Fitzpatrick is the author of *Forensic Genealogy* and co-author of its sequel, *DNA & Genealogy*, two best-sellers in genetic genealogy. She has been featured on National Public Radio and in the *Wall Street Journal*. Fitzpatrick writes a regular column for *Ancestry* magazine and has also written articles for numerous other genealogy publications.

Copies of Fitzpatrick's books will be available for purchase as well as other genealogy books.

For more information, call the library at 303-795-3961. Seating is limited so please arrive early.

This program is presented by the Bemis Public Library and the Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society Inc. of Littleton, CO.

COLUMBINE RESEARCH TRIP



Arrangements have been made thru the Atlas Travel Agency/Sally Garcia to go on a research trip to The Family History Library in Salt Lake City next year.

We will be leaving Denver **Tuesday April 28, 2009 and returning Sunday May 3, 2009.**

The hotel that has been selected is the Salt Lake Plaza. It is conveniently located next door to the Library. Cost for the 5 night stay is \$ 267.50 per person based on double occupancy.

We have reserved 10 rooms so even though this seems early, you need to be thinking about whether you would like to take this trip. Rooms will be on a first come first served basis.

Airline costs cannot be determined until at least January 2009. If you prefer you can make your own travel plans.

More details to come as the time draws closer.

Columbine has not put together a research trip to Salt Lake in several years. It should be a fun and productive time.

■ Google Book Search...Tip from Craig Ashley

■ If you are using Google Book search, and see that on the right hand side of the webpage, there is a command "A view plain text" If you click on it, it converts the page you are viewing in a book from an image to text. Then you can simply copy and paste text into another file. Of course, like most OCR applications, you have to confirm that the text does not include misspellings.

Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies

Jan Routh Council Representative



Re: Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies meeting held 12 April 2008
Denver Public Library, Fourth floor conference room, 10:00 am

Pat Roberts conducted the meeting. After discussion, the *Bylaw* changes were passed. Revisions to *Standing Rules* were tabled until next meeting. Pat has visited 25 of the 30 Council member societies.

Reports:

Aurora—Mary Thayer—69 members.

Longmont—127 members; cemetery books; Civil War quilts (June).

CGS—Pam Smith—Carol Darrow is the next president of CGS.

Palatines—Dick Spielman—26 April seminar held; 25 October annual fall seminar and German dinner with Dr. Roland Paul; reserved 18 April 2009 for next years seminar.

Weld County—Margaret Langley, Librarian—61 members; partnership with Centennial Park Library.

Parker—Betty Ann Jones—56 members.

Pikes Peak—J Richards—189 members; members bring in ancestral artifacts, explain significance.

Certified Genealogist Chapter—Birdi Holsclaw—approximately 30 members meet quarterly.

Boulder—Cari Taplin—130 members; completed *Boulder Daily Camera* 1960s obituaries; working on membership surname directory.

Swedish—Kate Johnson—66 members; new website rolled out.

Foothills—Karen Orville—moving away from Lakewood Library; 145 books donated to DPL; completed digitizing index for naturalization records; Golden Cemetery gravestone photos on website, added 900 photos.

Broomfield—Mabel Massey—50 members.

Highland—Society taking shape, about 20 attendees.

Jewish—Terry Lasky—Colorado Jewish burial index complete; JCRS tuberculosis database in works.

The theme for discussion at the meeting was *society web sites*. Cari Taplin explained the processes, techniques and different tools she uses for Council's website after which discussion ensued. Birdi Holsclaw's blog was brought up as highly informative.

The theme for next meeting is education. Conference call capability at DPL got long distance members was discussed and will be looked into.

Next meeting: Saturday, July 12th 10:00 am—12:00 pm Denver Public Library, 4th Floor Conference Room



A huge thank you is extended to all the members who participated in our Annual Spring Luncheon for making it such a success. We had a large crowd, a variety of incredible food and tremendous camaraderie due to the positive support of our enthusiastic membership.

We would also like to thank the many members who have so graciously volunteered to help with refreshments for the upcoming fall meetings. Our committee really appreciates your willingness to help with this social time.

Rita Elmore, Diane Hall and Shirley Terry Refreshment Committee

Books Donated to Bemis and Denver Public Libraries

Gary W Routh, Acquisitions



Book purchase recommendations from members are always welcome; please contact me by email or phone: grouth@grouth.org or 303-794-3790

Bemis Public Library Donations – May 2008

New England Historical and Genealogical Register – Index of Persons, 4 Vols., Jane Fletcher Fiske, Editor, 1995, 3,824 p. Cumulative detailed index of persons in journal volumes Nos. 51-148, a superb reference addition to the Bemis collection. Gift of Carolyn Lovejoy.

Genealogist's Guide to Researching Tax Records, by Carol Cooke Darrow CG and Susan Winchester PhD, CPA, 2007, 168 p. Excellent treatise explaining every aspect of tax record research by local Colorado authors. Recommendation of Doris Hulse.

Scotch-Irish of Colonial Pennsylvania, by Wayland F. Dunaway, 1994, 273 p. Narrative history of Scotch-Irish settlement, social and political contributions with extensive index. Gift of Carole Schetter.

Tennessee Genealogical Records & Abstracts, Vol. 1 – 1787-1839, by Sherida K. Eddlemon, 1999, 243 p. Packed with church, voter and tax lists. Fully indexed. Completes series set at Bemis.

Indiana 1816-1850: The Pioneer Era, by Donald F. Carmony, Indiana Historical Society, 1998, 924 p. Scholarly narrative of early Indiana history, packed with extensive details on life styles, government, and economy. Endnotes and bibliography covers 250 pages followed by extensive index. Member donation.

Johnson County Kansas Will Book Extractions; Vols. 1-11, 1872-1934, edited by Ken Leonard for Johnson Co. Genealogical Society, 162 p. Brief extracts from all wills on record at county archives library. Fully indexed. Given in Memory of Margaret Zishka.

Johnson County Kansas Marriage Records; 1857-1905, compiled by Johnson Co. Genealogical Society, 1997 184 p. Complete listing of marriages available at county archives library. Given in Memory of Margaret Zishka.

Denver Public Library Donations – May 2008

Cemetery Records in Polk County, Missouri, 4 Volumes, Compiled & published by Roy Stanley Kirchner, Jr. for the Polk County Genealogical Society, Bolivar, MO, 1127 p., 2002 Complete description and location of cemeteries with 38,268 burials. Vol. 4 contains full index. Joint purchase by Gary Routh.

Marriage Records Index of Franklin County Nebraska 1872-1990, by Lynn E. Henning, 220 p, 1991 County marriage records abstracted from 11 original volumes. Gift of Mary Lou King

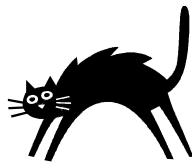
Families of Joseph and Charlotte (Shelton) Ayers, by Jeanne Brooks Gart, CG, 187 p., 1997 Easily readable and well documented history of Ayers, Shelton, Dunnington, Daniel and Moseley families with photos, sources and full index. Covers Knox Co TN, Macon Co MO, Middlesex Co VA.

Memoirs of Jerome B. Pound, by J. B. Pound, 340 p., 1949 Memoir and history of Pound, Murphey, Willingham, Palmer and Pitts families of Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Kentucky with numerous photos and documents. No index!

Decker Family, by James W. Lee and Louise Decker Gadea, 120 p. Eight generation family history with photos and index. From early Dutch roots, through Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa and westward.

Out of the Past

World Vital Records
 Weekly Advocate (Victoria, Texas)
 December 28, 1901



Recognized Its Voice

There was a banquet in Chicago not long ago to which one of the guests, a lawyer, had taken his office cat, a feline being the emblem of the organization that gave the dinner. The banquet was given in the Northern hotel where the cat the lawyer had taken to dinner became lost. The next day the lawyer called up the hotel on the telephone and asked if they had his cat yet. He was told that the bell-boys had hunted all around among the cats kept as rat catchers in the hotel, and that they had finally selected 4 cats, one of which they felt sure belonged to the lawyer.

“Well,” said the lawyer, “I haven’t time to come over and pick my cat out, Just hold those animals one by one up to the telephone receiver, and pinch their tails and make them yowl.”

One of the bell boys dutifully held up the cats to the telephone, and made each one of the felines give a good, resounding wail. The lawyer dismissed each cat until the third cat was put to the receiver, it gave one yowl, when the lawyer enthusiastically exclaimed: “Yes, all right; that’s my cat. I know her voice. Send her over right away.” So the cat was sent over to the lawyer’s office and turned out to be his missing pussy.—Chicago Tribune.

NEW SERVER FOR EVERGREEN CEMETERY RECORDS ONLINE

The online database for the Evergreen Cemetery Records has moved to a new server. They are now located at: <http://www.usgwtombstones.org/> . Once there, click on “State Projects,” then “Colorado,” then “El Paso,” and then “Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs.”

The online database includes all burials from 1856 to 1995, and 2001. The data is alphabetical and includes (when known) birth date, death date, burial date, block, lot, space, funeral home, and comments such as marriage and military info., organizations (Masons, IOOF, etc.), and if individual was moved to a different cemetery.

The final phase of preparing burial listings from 1996 to 2008 is in process. These listings will be available online by the end of this year. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the Project Coordinator – Valerie Eichler Lair-Smith at 720-886-9096 or email valsroots@yahoo.com .

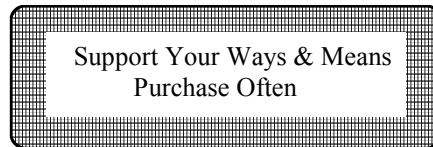
Columbine Member Profile
 Ron and Cheryl Floberg Ways & Means

Roland (Ron) Floberg: A native Kansan nearing 30 years of off and on research on the Flobergs (Johansson) immigrating to Kansas from Sweden in the 1860's. Research hi-lites include travel to Sweden to visit the area of family origin and research documentation locally and then spending a week at FHC in Salt Lake City. Recently commenced research on German mother's family (Hohman). Family Tree Maker User. Also a member of The Swedish-American Genealogy Society and of the recently formed Swedish Genealogy Society of Denver. Has brickwalls!!

South Dakota native, **Cheryl Thompson Floberg** has been actively involved in Roland’s research on his Swedes. She has accumulated data on both her paternal (Thompson) and maternal (Schmidt) families and has done preliminary work on the Schmidts. Downstream plans include a trip to northern Germany to see places of family origin.



Book Reviews



Book reviewed by Marilyn Lyle

COURTHOUSE RESEARCH FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

By Christine Rose

Perhaps you have been researching your ancestors on the internet for some time and have begun to feel as if there is nothing more to discover. This may be just the time to try some research in the actual courthouses. With the help of Christine Rose's book, Courthouse Research for Family Historians, you will gain the courage to try courthouse research.

Christine Rose is a certified genealogical lecturer, author and a member of many genealogical societies and has visited over 500 courthouses. She describes these experiences telling readers that she has learned to love the musty smell of these old buildings and the challenges of working in closet sized rooms and dank basements with courthouse staffs that can be very helpful or quite rejecting. She has prepared a guide to the records you can expect to find at a courthouse and then explains who has actual custody of the various types of records. She advises readers to do the preparation work first by using on-line searches, films, libraries, and Family History Centers.

There is a chapter in this book on preparation for your research and one on research strategies. Other chapters include information on indexes (or lack of), property records, estates (both probates and wills), court records, and vital records. At the end of each chapter you will find "points to ponder" which summarizes key points. This is a handbook you will want to add to your collection. It provides explanations about the various resources you will find at county courthouses and suggestions that all researchers will find helpful. If you read Christine Rose's excellent book, Courthouse Research for Family Historians, then create your own research plan, you will be well on your way to finding those elusive ancestors.

Book reviewed by Anita Burbank-Jenkins

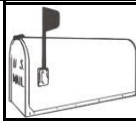
Courthouse Research for Family Historians: Your Guide to Genealogical Treasures

By Christine Rose

Doing research at a courthouse can be a daunting prospect for the experienced and newbie alike. With the help of this easy to read guidebook, the task becomes much easier. The Ms. Rose is a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists and a well-known speaker at national conferences. She also enjoys visiting courthouses. She has 500 to her record. Ms. Rose starts with the preparation for an on-site visit, gives advice on which courthouse to research first, and how to garner information once on site. She then offers examples of what can be found in each office and how to use the indexes. She then offers guidance on how to interpret what is found and the significance of the records to your family's search. Chapters are devoted to property records, different types of estates, understanding the court system, civil and criminal courts, and birth, marriage, and death records. Included is a glossary, as well as several strategies for the successful gleaning of hidden information. She includes case studies which clarify how the research is interpreted. Suggestions for using the internet, microfilm, and libraries as adjuncts to original research done on site at courthouses are presented. This guidebook is written in a concise and easy to follow format. The illustrations and charts are an added bonus. Ms. Rose states that although many records have been microfilmed, these should be used as a foundation. The on-site research, such as court house visits, can verify the published abstracts and also ferret out originals only found in the building. I strongly recommend this book not only for courthouse research, but also for general information to help you in your quest for that elusive ancestor!

There is no past, as long as books shall live.
Books make the past our heritage and our home.

Query Corner



Woody Trosper , Queries Coordinator

For a minimum donation to Columbine Book Fund of \$10.00 per surname. The Query Committee will research Colorado records at local sources in the Denver Area. Send request and S.A.S.E. and a check payable to CGHS, Inc. to Query Coordinator.

Woody Trosper
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Columbine Membership

by Paula Davis, Membership

Welcome

► New Members

Alan Folkestad 303-771-5531
Surnames: Charles and Monroe

Carol Stall 303-721-7141
Surnames: McAnear and Archer

Linda Gensmer 303-997-5508
Surnames: rogers, Rand, Sedwich, Cookerly,
Lathrop, Topper, Wierman, Steele and Beatty.

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Check the site often, there will be changes during the summer months.

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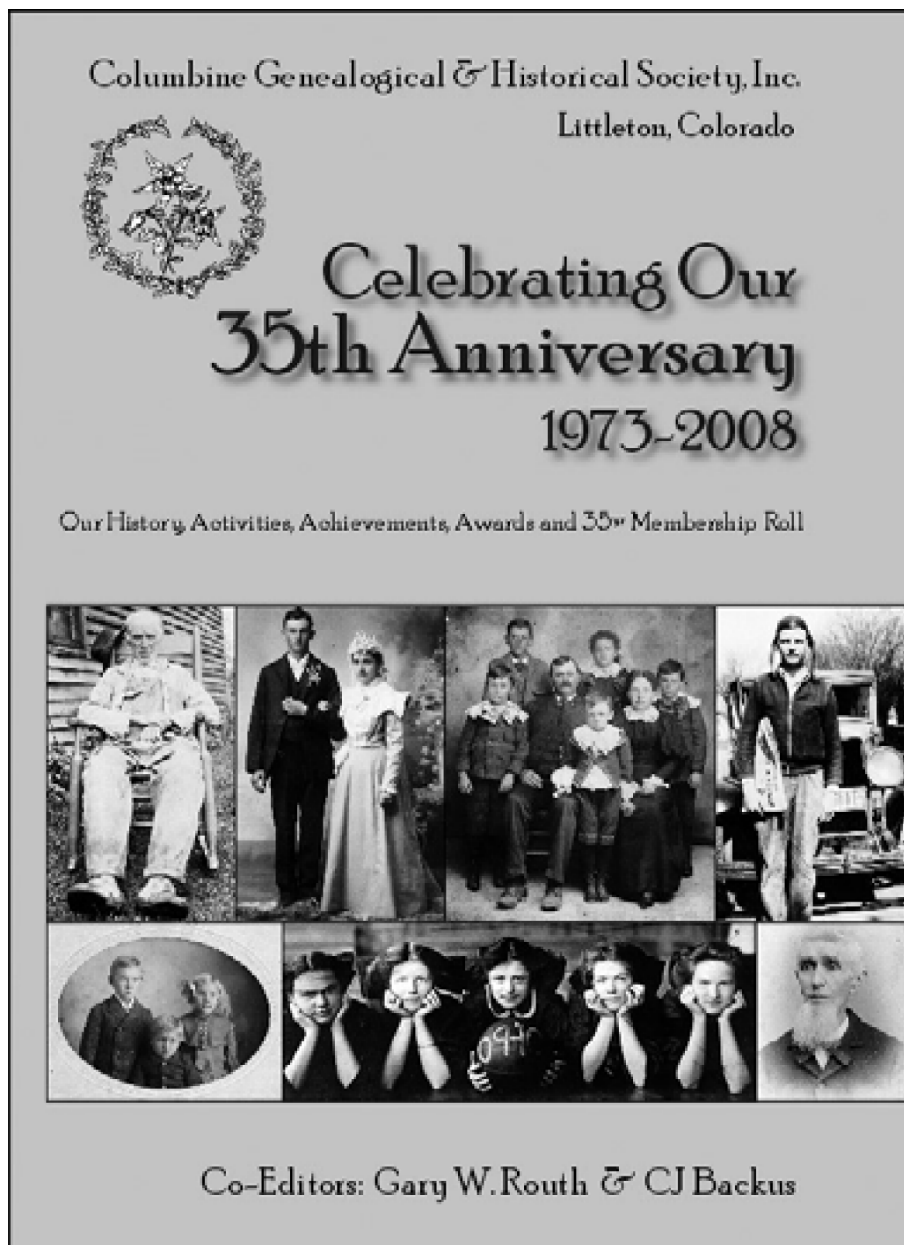


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Columbine 35th Anniversary Booklet A Success!



The 96-page booklet Celebrating Our 35th Anniversary 1973-2008 went on sale at our April 8, 2008 meeting. By all accounts the booklet has been a success, gathering many complements and kudos from members and other societies. Co-editor Gary Routh said, "Our objectives were to publish a brief history of less than 100 pages which would sell for less than \$10 and could be read in less than an hour." It looks like those objectives were met. Booklet sales have been brisk at the April and May meetings, with some members buying multiple copies for gifts.

Copies of the booklet have been donated to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, UT, the Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, IN, and a number of local Colorado libraries including Castle Rock, Bemis, Englewood, and Denver Public Library.

Columbine's Ways & Means bookstore is the sole agent for the booklet and copies will be available for sale at meetings throughout the remainder of this year. A mail order form is available on the new Columbine website for those who wish to order copies.

<http://www.columbinegenealogy.com/pdfs/35Anniv-ORDERFORM.pdf>

Behind The Name

<http://www.behindthename.com/intro.php>

Names. Everyone has one, most people have a vague idea what their own means, but few give them much more thought. The study of names is called onomastics, a field which touches on linguistics, history, anthropology, psychology, sociology, philology and much more.

When people refer to the "meaning of a name", they are most likely referring to the etymology, which is the original literal meaning. This website looks at the etymology and history on all types of given names.



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New Genealogy Guides for England and Scotland

2 May 2008

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—FamilySearch announced today the release of two new free research tools that will help those with British and Scottish roots to find their ancestors. The research guides, Finding Records of Your Ancestors, England, and Finding Records of Your Ancestors, Scotland feature easy-to-follow instructions, colorful graphics, and removable worksheets. Free copies can be viewed, downloaded, or printed online at FamilySearch.org.

The guides will help take the guesswork out of British and Scottish genealogical research by simplifying the process and giving users a specific, proven strategy to use. In an inviting workbook style, the guides show users which records to search, what to look for, and what tools to use. The steps and tools needed to navigate British and Scottish historical records to find ancestors are colorfully outlined.

FamilySearch Teams with Findmypast.com to Increase Online Access to British Historical Records

2 May 2008

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—FamilySearch announced today it is working with the UK family history Web site www.findmypast.com and The National Archives of the United Kingdom to increase access to select British historical records. The first major projects will provide access to millions of names of deceased British soldiers and seamen from eighteenth to twentieth century. Findmypast.com and FamilySearch were recently awarded licenses by The National Archives to digitize and make available both the Chelsea Pensioners retired soldiers records between 1760 and 1914, and the Merchant Seamen's collection of records dating from 1835 to 1941.

Retired servicemen and merchant seamen records are first projects.

INTERNET SITES

- ▶ <http://www.hale-collection.com/>
Hale Collection-Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions
Vital information from headstone inscriptions in over 2,000 Connecticut cemeteries was recorded in a W.P.A. project directed by Charles R. Hale ca. 1932-5.
- ▶ <http://morgan.ohiolink.edu/mgohio/Login>
Morgan Index of Ohio People, Businesses and Institutions, 1796-1850.
This index includes 132,643 names of Ohio people, businesses and institutions. The names appear in the books, pamphlets and broadsides printed in Ohio from 1796 through 1850.
- ▶ <http://www.bassetthistoricalcenter.com/>
The Bassett Historical Center is the repository for all genealogical research and local history for the counties of Henry and Patrick and the City of Martinsville, Virginia. We are a specialized branch in the Blue Ridge Regional Library system, patrons have come from all over the United States and nine foreign countries to view the 9500 family files and 3000 local history files that are housed here.
- ▶ <http://www.cyndislist.com/database.htm>
Databases - Searchable Online
- ▶ <http://www.tribalpages.com/>
TribalPages.com is the home for 193,000 Family Tree Genealogy sites with over 38 million names and 1.5 million photographs. The company went online in July 2000.
- ▶ <http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>
United States - Genealogy Sleuth
This site has greatly expanded since seminar speaker Kory Meyerink was at Columbine.



Check them out



From Nina Mack, Columbine Member

Memories of Beryl Pafford, great granddaughter of Fatama Overby & James Harvey Keyes, describing the old Keyes family property.

When I located the property in 2006, only a building at the front of the property still stood and an old chimney from another building is all that is left.



PAFFORD GOOD OLD DAYS 1917 - 1987

It had been a long ride by horse and buggy, so I was happy when we finally stopped near a house nestled among the trees. We could see the beautiful mountain in the background before we saw the house. We were greeted by Jack, a big Collie dog, then there they were, crossing the yard to meet us. This was the first time I can remember seeing or visiting my grandparents. I was born on April 16, 1913, in Knoxville, Tennessee, and my brother Ursul, who was only a few months old, was born on September 10, 1916, near my mother's home in Flatridge, Grayson County, Virginia. Our parents were Luther Oliver and Laura Wright Pafford.

Granddad and Grandma, John Henry and Sarah Ann Keyes Pafford, lived on a farm near Attoway, Smyth County, in Southwest Virginia. They had lived there with their family, five sons, William, Robert, George, Luther, Ellis and three daughters, Dora, Ellen, and Margaret, since the late eighteen hundreds. Four other children died in infancy.

Just outside the yard on the left side of the house were a vegetable garden and an orchard. On the right side setting back farther than the house was an old log house, with a big fireplace. It had been outgrown by the family many years before. Later this became one of my favorite places. So many things were done in this old house- canning, the family laundry, butchering and the quilting parties. Lots of goodies were stored there and it was a nice place to play. Today I still have a small black mark inside my right hand where Grandma put soot from that chimney on a cut to stop the bleeding. I also have memories of more than seventy years ago.

A beautiful stream ran through the valley just back of all this, and under a foot bridge. The foot bridge had to be crossed to find the spring and spring house. A house about 6' X 8' built over a spring and part of the spring branch, with a cement or wooden trough built for the cold water to flow through. Used to keep the milk cold. It can be built over the spring branch just below the spring. Anything needed to be kept cold was kept in the cold water flowing through the trough.

There were other buildings, including a log barn, where the horses and cows were kept. These were work horses, that pulled the plow and wagon and horses to ride and used to pull the buggy and sleigh, which were the only means of transportation. Near the barn were the corn crib, chicken house and hog house. The little "Necessary Room" (out house) was out back of the house.

On the front porch were several chairs, a good place for relaxing. The two-story house was heated by a fireplace in the living room, a small wood-burning stove in the only bedroom downstairs, and the wood-burning cook stove in the large, eat-in kitchen/dining area. The bedrooms upstairs were not heated.

There were several family photos in large wooden frames on the living room walls. Ursul and I talked about them recently, but we can't remember who some of those people were. Could have been the great grandparents, William R. and Mary Ann Pafford and James Harvey and Fatama Overbey Keyes. There was one of Uncle Will, who died in November, 1899, leaving his wife, Alice, with two small children, son, Irby, two years old, and baby Maude. Uncle Bob's wife, Evelyn (Evie), who died in 1906, leaving baby Oma Lee who Grandma took and cared for until Uncle Bob remarried several years later. Also one of Of Granddad and Grandma that may have been their wedding picture.

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Living on a farm in those days required hard work from early morning till late at night. A great many of the chores were done every day, such as, carrying water from the spring, filling the wood boxes, feeding the chickens, geese and ducks, gathering the eggs, milking morning and evening, straining the milk into crocks and putting it into the spring house. Three meals were cooked each day including bread making. Pies, cakes and cookies were baked several times during the week.

Doing the family laundry was a big chore. The water was carried and heated in a large kettle that hung on a rack inside the fireplace in the log house. The clothes were put in warm water in a wooden tub and scrubbed by hand on a brass washboard. The white clothes were then boiled to keep them white. Strong homemade soap, made from fat and wood ashes lye, was used to do the wash. The ironing was done with heavy iron, flatirons which were heated on the wood-burning cook stove. Several irons were used, they had to be reheated often.

Most of the clothing was sewed by hand. Gloves, caps, socks, and sweaters were hand-knitted. The girls were taught to cook, sew, knit, crochet and embroider, as well as housework. Caring for the small children was often left to the older girls in the family. Lots of quilts were needed and they were made by hand. The tops were pieced in different patterns, made into squares and sewed together to fit on a bed. Cotton batting was placed between the top and a plain piece of material for the bottom, then it was stretched on a quilting frame to be quilted. One day during the winter the women of the neighborhood came and they had a "Quilting Party." Feather ticks were also used, they were easier to make. Heavy material called ticking was used. It was sewed together like a large bag and filled with goose and duck feathers.

Churning to make the butter was another job to be done, at least once a week. The cream was taken from the top of the milk and kept in a large jar until there was enough to fill the big wooden churn. A churn is a deep round wooden container about three feet high and about a foot in diameter at the bottom, tapering to about nine or ten inches at the top. A round wooden paddle attached to the end of a long handle, which fits through a hole in the lid of the churn, was dashed up and down repeatedly until butter was formed. The milk left after the butter was taken out was the buttermilk used to make the bread, biscuits and cornbread. It was also used to drink. Any milk that wasn't used was fed to the hogs, being fattened to butcher in the fall.

Chickens, ducks and geese were used for meat as well as for eggs, and the feathers for pillows and feather ticks. Grandma kept a few guineas. They were great guards, always very loud and noisy when wild animals, snakes or strangers came around.

The vegetable garden was planted early in the spring. All vegetables that were not needed for the table were canned or dried for use during those long winter months. During the summer wild strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and huckleberries were picked and made into jelly, jam and preserves. They were delicious with hot biscuits and butter. When they went to pick berries, Jack went along to find and kill the copperheads and rattlesnakes. Yes, there were a lot of them around in those days.

While all of this was being done the men were busy with plowing, planting and harvesting the crops. The main crops were corn, wheat, oats, buckwheat, hay and potatoes. Some of the farmers grew tobacco and cane for molasses. The hay was mowed twice during the summer and either stacked in the field or stored in the barn loft. The wheat was cut in July and threshed. The straw was used for warm bedding for the cows and sheep. It was also used in the ground cellar where the potatoes and apples were stored for the winter. A ground cellar was built by digging a large cave into a hill. The hole at the top was covered with boards. The boards were then covered with a large mound of ground. A door frame was built and a door hung on the front. The cellar was lined with straw. Oats and some of the corn were used for

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feed for the animals. Sometimes it was ground together into chop for feed. Wheat and corn were hauled by wagon to a local Grist Mill to be ground into flour and cornmeal to make bread, biscuits and cornbread. Cornmeal mush was made with cornmeal. Buckwheat was ground into flour and used to make hot buckwheat cakes for breakfast. They were good with butter and honey. There were always some bees on the farm to make honey.

Farming was done the hard way by men and horses. It was done just six days a week. Sunday was a day for worship and rest. The Pafford family attended the Attoway Lutheran church service on Sunday morning. The afternoon was spent relaxing or visiting relatives and friends. A horse and buggy was used in the summer and when the snow got too deep, the sleigh was brought out to be used.

In the fall after the apples were picked, the apple butter was made. The whole family became involved. The apples were peeled the evening before. Again the neighbors came to help. Early the next morning the big copper kettle was brought from the log house where it had been stored. It was placed on a rack over an open fire and filled with apples which had to be stirred all the time they were cooking. Everyone took a turn using the big wooden stir made for stirring apple butter. When the apples were well cooked, sugar and spices were added and they were cooked and stirred until there was thick, red, spicy apple butter. At the end of that day there were gallons and gallons of apple butter.

Did I say all the work was never done? It wasn't. Butchering and wood-cutting were yet to be done. It took a lot of meat to feed the family and lots and lots of wood to feed those fireplaces and wood-burning stoves. Cutting wood was a long hard job, done with a man at each end of the crosscut saw. The trees were cut down and trimmed free of small branches in the mountains. Those logs were pulled out of the mountains, to the woodpile near the house, by horses. They were sawed into fireplace lengths and into shorter lengths for the stoves, again by two men and the saw. Logs could be burned in the fireplaces, but they had to be split into smaller pieces for the stoves. It had to be stacked so it could air dry.

Butchering was done late in the fall after it was cold. The meat was cured with salt and by smoking. It was hung in the smokehouse all winter. The sausage and pudding were cooked and canned. There was still plenty of work to be done all winter. Sewing, knitting, making quilts and making three big meals each day kept Grandma and the girls busy. Besides caring for the animals, there were plenty of things for the men to do - making and repairing harness and tools and shelling corn. Mending shoes for the family had to be done, too.

The children went to school in a one-room schoolhouse. All grades were taught by one teacher, who usually boarded with a family who lived near the schoolhouse. The teacher had to go early to start the fire, unless some of the older boys volunteered to do it.

When I was five and Ursul was two, we moved into a home on Grandad's farm. Our cousins, Marvin, Rowie and Woodie, Uncle George's sons, lived about a mile farther up the road. We played together and spent a lot of time with Granddad and Grandma. We helped Grandma gather and hull the black walnuts and hickory nuts. Granddad made whistles for us from small willow branches and took us Chinquapin hunting. Chinquapins are small nuts that grow on bushes, in burs, similar to chestnut burs.

We all liked to pop corn in the wire popper over the fire and also roast potatoes and chestnuts in the hot ashes. Grandma sat by the fire and watched us, while she enjoyed puffing on her old clay pipe. Sometimes we helped her make lighters by rolling pages of the Sears Roebuck Catalog tightly from corner to corner and folding it over a little at the end. She kept them in a container near the fireplace to light the kerosene lamps and her pipe.

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Our brother, James Burt, was born on January 19, 1919, at Attoway, in Smyth County, Virginia. One of the things I enjoyed most was when Granddad took me for rides with him on his horse, Dixie. She was a beautiful sorrel riding horse. We often rode to the back pasture fields to bring the cows in, with the help of Jack.

We learned to know all our cousins, when they came to visit Granddad and Grandma. Uncle Bob's, Oma Lee, Delena, and Robert, Uncle Will's Irby and Maude, Aunt Dora's Mary and Leola, Uncle Ellis's son, James Ellis, Aunt Ellen's, Camilla, Thelma, Evelyn and Harold, and Aunt Margaret's, Everett, Eugene, Gray, Dorothy, Robert, Josie, Emma and Mae. Most of them were older than we were.

In 1920, we moved to Groseclose, about twenty miles away. That fall I started to school in a one-room schoolhouse. Our youngest brother, Buford Gail, was born there on May 9, 1921.

Granddad became ill in 1922, and we moved back to Attoway. He passed away on March 8, 1923. Grandma went two years later, on December 7, 1925.

All of their children have been gone many years. Now, in 1987, there are twelve of their twenty-seven grandchildren still living. We are scattered into seven different States. Five are in Virginia, two in Tennessee, one in Florida, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut.

Only one grandson, Woodie Pafford and his wife, Sadie, still live in Attoway. One great granddaughter, Polly Pafford Haga, her husband, Buddy, and two sons, Eddie and Jimmy, still live nearby and drive past the old Pafford homestead every day.

The farm and house are owned and lived in by strangers. The log house and barn are gone.

Good Old Days? Maybe they were. Doors were never locked and there was no fear of being alone. One of the things that made this life more bearable was neighbors helping neighbors. There was love, caring and sharing.

Beryl Pafford Vernon, Dallstown, PA 1987

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BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASSES

Columbine put together a series of three 2 hour Beginner Classes that were held the first three weeks of May at Bemis Library. They were designed to help beginners get started this summer with looking into their family histories.

The classes were:

“Basic Introduction to Genealogy” taught by Jean Wilson

“Census on the Internet” taught by Marilyn Elrod

“How the Library can help with your research” taught by Jane Monroe

CJ Backus and Sandi Klein were there to help the students with finding their ancestors in the census and in the genealogy reference books. It was rewarding to be there when people found an ancestor for the first time. That's what it's all about – that first time and you're hooked!

During the summer we hope to be able to put together the complete Beginner Class for the fall. If this is something you feel you might help with please contact Sandi Klein.



Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die. ~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

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