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Programs and Workshops

CJ Backus Program Chairman

May 19 at 11:00 AM Lunch
and used book sale

May 19 at 1:00 PM Program
"What I'm Doing for Summer
Vacation" Columbine 1st VP
CJ Backus / Columbine Members

June, July & August
Summer Break: Create a Break
through to talk about in September

Miss a Program/Workshop?

You can find the handouts from our past programs on the CGS website!

14 April 2009—"Tracing Your Ancestor's Footsteps", Marylee Hagen

10 Feb 2009—"Where Do We Go From Here? Finding Your Way in the World of Maps" Wendel Cox, Denver Public Library

20 Jan 2009—"An Obituary Obsession", Cari Taplin, Boulder Genealogical Society

"Finding Online Newspapers", Cari Taplin, Boulder Genealogical Society

<http://www.columbinegenealogy.com/meetings.htm>

(This symbol indicates a live link on the online newsletter .pdf version.)

Letter from the President

The Columbine Genealogical Society (CGHS) was established in 1973 to promote interest in genealogy and history, encourage and instruct members in genealogical research, preserve genealogical and historical records and to assist with the growth of genealogical resources available in public libraries. The accomplishments of our members chronicled in Celebrating Our 35th Anniversary (1973 2008) show how a society that celebrates the past becomes a dynamic part of the present and future. (The book is still available to purchase from Ways and Means Committee or from the CGHS website.)

Several articles in this newsletter describe more recent contributions by CGHS and its members such as the completion of the Evergreen Cemetery Online Project, the addition of the Colorado Territory Civil War Volunteer Equipment Records 1861 1865 to the CGHS Online Archives, donations to local libraries, and a genealogy presentation to the Littleton Public Schools' Adult Options program. Also included in this issue of the newsletter are pictures of our dedicated officers and committee members. Many thanks to all of you for your contributions this year.

Workshops and presentations in 2009 have helped members expand their genealogy skills in mapping, online obituary searches and use of the Denver public library research services. No doubt the excellent programs and workshops set up by our education committee have contributed to an average of 68 people at each program this year. As a matter of fact, our April 14 meeting drew 82 members and guests. One member quipped, "They must think we're giving away something free!" Well, he was right. We are giving away something—INFORMATION—that can help you find and get to know your ancestors better.

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at Columbine*

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2009 CGHS Officers & Committee Members



2009 Columbine Elected Officers

Back from left: Cheryl Floberg, Ron Floberg, Jo Marie McKinnis and CJ Backus;
Front from left: Doris Elliott, Robert Jenkins, Sandi Klein, Joetta Williams, Bonnie
Toland and George MacDonald



2009 Committee Members

Back from left: Gary Routh, Richard Evans, Woody Trosper, Olivia Grogan,
Eleanor Spence and Jane Monroe; Front from left: Don Elliott, Ann Lisa Pearson,
Paula Davis, and Shirley Stertz

Welcome

Letter from the President (continued from page one)

But beyond that, CGHS provides a chance to meet and collaborate with others who have the same thirst for information! Please consider becoming a member and/or calling one of the member of our Nominating Committee to volunteer for one of our open positions. Many of us are in transition periods in our lives, having recently retired or finding ourselves unemployed for other reasons. Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society's seminars, genealogy classes, socials and community outreach present many opportunities for involvement.

Please join us for our annual potluck lunch and book sale on May 19th then stay to share your plans with us as CGHS First Vice President CJ Backus and Columbine members discuss "What I'm Doing for Summer Vacation".

CGHS Members Present Beginning Genealogy Workshop



CGHS members Marylee Hagen and Marilyn Lyle pose with students from Littleton Public School's Options Program.

Marylee Hagen and Marilyn Lyle recently introduced Genealogy to one of teacher Maureen White's Adult Issues classes at Littleton Public School's Options Program, 6558 S Acoma St. Ms. White had requested Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society give a program on beginning genealogy. The students were also given handouts that contained important tips for genealogy research, examples of primary and secondary records and places to do research. The students got involved in filling out their own Pedigree Charts and Family Group Sheets and both students and teacher were enthusiastic after seeing the colorful display boards that represented the results from years of research done by Marylee and Marilyn. Both have traveled and researched in Norway and Ireland where they found their ancestors' homelands and living relatives. Marylee and Marilyn belong to CGHS and other genealogical societies.

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CONDOLENCES

We recently received word that Gene Schmeckpeper, CGHS member from 1988 to 2009 passed away. Gene was instrumental in starting the CGHS newsletter. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gene's family.

CGHS Website Update

Donald Elliot

New databases on the CGHS site:

- Pedigree/surnames from Joyce B. Lohse, Archivist.
- Littleton Cemetery records from the Projects Committee.
- Arapahoe marriages from earlier publications.
- Search engine specifically set up for the Columbine site.

www.columbinegenealogy.com



Books Donated to Bemis and Denver Public Libraries

Gary W Routh, Acquisitions



Columbine Library Donations – 1st Quarter 2009

In February 2009, member Ann Lisa Pearson donated a collection of twenty three National Genealogical Society (NGS) and Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) national conference syllabus to Bemis Public Library. These excellent research books containing genealogy materials from top genealogy experts include class handouts, maps, charts, photos and bibliographies from conferences in Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Florida, Missouri, Texas, California and other places. These books are worth a visit to the library.

The following books were purchased and donated in March. Book purchase recommendations from members are all ways welcome; please contact me by email or phone: growth@growth.org or 303 794 3790

Bemis Public Library Donations – March 2009

Early nineteenth Century German Settlers in Ohio, Kentucky and Other States, compiled by Clifford Neal Smith, 12004, 322 p. Six volumes combined in one book of *Der Deutsche Pioniere*, German American monthly newsmagazine items like obituaries, family histories, settlements, and news published from 1868 1885. Contains wonderful details on thousands of early German families. Each volume has a separate introduction and index.

Welsh Founders of Pennsylvania, by Thomas Allen Glenn, 1970, 366 p. Reprint containing both Vol I and Vol II of 1911 13 publication packed with hundreds of detailed early Welsh family pedigrees, many extensive. Unfortunately, no indexes, but offers a rich Welsh Colonial reading experience.

Kentuckians in Missouri, by Stuart Seely Sprague, 1983, 209 p. Compiled from many early county history books, this offers a tabular listing by county of the Kentucky migrant, birth date, parents, place of birth, and place in Missouri where they settled. Extensive index with over 4,000 names.

Google Your Family Tree, by Daniel M. Lynch, 2008, 352 p. Written with the sole purpose of helping family history researchers use the multitude of Google Search features. Features clear examples of tips for effective searching of data, maps, photos, and more. An excellent book! Joint Purchase of Jan and Gary Routh.

Denver Public Library Donations – March 2009

Albemarle County, Virginia Court Papers 1744 1783, Benjamin B. Weisiger III, 1995, 106 p. The Albemarle Co. court books are among the few surviving early county records due to extensive British record destruction during the Revolutionary War. This fully indexed compilation of abstracts contains 40 years of activities such as debts, tobacco sales, arrests, slanders, deeds, and guardianships. Out of print book by highly respected author. Joint Purchase of Jan and Gary Routh.

Goochland County, Virginia – Colonial Wills and Deeds 1736 1742, Benjamin B. Weisiger III, 1997, 102 p. Complete abstract of Goochland Deed Book Nr. 3 covering early settlement expansion of the Virginia Piedmont land grants. Extensive land dealings of numerous Virginia families which later supplied so many Revolutionary War soldiers. Fully indexed out of print book by respected author. Joint Purchase of Jan and Gary Routh.

History of Bonner County, Idaho, Compiled by Walter S. Franklin, 1991, 743 p. Interesting Centennial history of the last county formed in Idaho. Covers early families who struggled to settle and cultivate land which had been extensively logged and left as waste. Full index. Gift of Mary Lou King.

History of Pella, Iowa 1847 1987, Pella Historical Society, 1989, 2 Vols 1,422 p. Fascinating family and town history of early Dutch settlement in Iowa. Pella has preserved its Dutch history and continues to celebrate their heritage as a tourist destination. Wonderful books found discarded by neighbors and rescued by Jini Smith.

Evergreen Online Cemetery Project Completed


Valerie Eichler Lair, Evergreen Cemetery Project Coordinator, recently announced completion of the online database for the Evergreen Cemetery records.

Part of the US GenWeb Tombstone Transcription Project, the database includes all burials from 1856 to 2006. The data is alphabetical and includes: birth date, death date, burial date, block, lot, space, funeral home as well as comments such as marriage and military information, organizations (Masons, IOOF, etc.) and information regarding whether an individual was moved to a different cemetery. If you have questions, contact Valerie Eichler Lair Smith at 720 886 9096 or valsroots@yahoo.com.

View the database at:
<http://usgtombstones.org/colorado/elpaso.html>

A QUAL USED BOOK, MAGAZINE, CD SALE TUESDAY, MAY 19, 11:00AM

Recycle your genealogy books, magazines and other genealogy related material at the May 19th sale. Great bargains to be had!!! Bring your materials in ahead of time and leave them with Cheryl and Ron Floberg at Ways & Means. They will have them priced, marked and ready for the sale or bring them in the day of the sale. The money collected from the sale goes into the acquisition fund for purchasing books for the libraries.



Colorado Territory Civil War Records Now Online

Columbine's 1994 award winning book, *Colorado Territory Civil War Volunteer Equipment Records 1861-1865*, is a recent addition to our Online Archives. Between 1985 & 1993 Columbine volunteers extracted records from twelve fragile Civil War ledger books at the Colorado State Archives. Don and Doris Elliott have worked hard converting this out of print book to our web site, bringing a fascinating piece of Colorado history to a world wide audience.
<http://www.columbinegenealogy.com/hub/civilwar/>

Professional Genealogist's Top Websites for 2009

(Ed Note: Excerpt from "50 Most Popular Genealogy Websites for 2009" by Kory L. Meyerink, MLS, AG, FUGA. Find more information about the list as well as online and printable versions of the complete list at <http://www.progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2009.htm>. The 2008 ranking is given in parenthesis after the website description.)

1. Ancestry.com \$ Ancestry.com is the leading genealogical data site, with some articles, instruction, and reference help. (1)
2. Genealogy.com \$ This is major data site, with instruction and reference help. (4)
3. MyHeritage.com MyHeritage focuses on genealogy community building and networking. (3)
4. RootsWeb.com Rootsweb is a major data site, with free instruction and reference help. (2)
5. MyFamily.com Hosts family websites for sharing photos, genealogy, and more. (5)
6. FamilySearch.org This is a major data website sponsored by the LDS Church and includes instructions and reference help. (5)
7. FindAGrave.com A database of cemetery inscriptions and photos. (7)
8. Geni.com Web 2.0 and focuses on genealogy community building and networking. (18)
9. Footnote.com \$ In conjunction with the U.S. National Archives, Footnote offers data, original records images, and more. (8)
10. AncestorHunt.com A site consisting of collected genealogy links. (12)

US Ports of Entry their Immigration Records and Passenger Lists

A Genealogy Guide by Joe Beine

A list of many United States sea ports and land border ports that have published immigration records (passenger arrival lists) 1820 1957, organized by state. Included are Canadian border crossing records, which are listed under each border state, with further information in a separate section at the end of this web page. Mexican border crossing records are also listed here for California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. The rest are for ship passenger arrival records (and a select few for airplane passenger lists).

<http://www.genesearch.com/ports.html>



The Genealogy Sleuth

Tips to help you find your ancestors and tell their stories.

United Kingdom Research: Esther Rantzen Shows You How to Trace Your Family Tree Without Spending the Family Fortune

General Register Office information now available on Directgov.

Following programmes like the BBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?", interest in genealogy has grown rapidly in recent years. Some commercial companies charge as much as GBP30.00 for a birth certificate but each [United Kingdom] certificate costs from just GBP7.00 if you order online via Directgov.

Public information about registering births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales has moved from the GRO (General Register Office) website and is now available on the government's supersite, Directgov, from 7 April 2009.

The GRO online ordering service currently receives up to 7,000 applications a day and 2.5 million views per month. More than 2 million certificate applications are made each year, the vast majority of which are investigating their family tree, others need a certificate for legal or administrative purposes and 90 per cent of these applications are made online. Other significant areas of interest include finding out about places to get married, marriage fees, and registering a birth.

Directgov, the government's flagship digital service, is now hosting information on registering births, marriages, civil partnerships and deaths, including details of how adopted adults can access their original birth records or place their details on the Adoption Contact Register. All the information is in plain English and the move to Directgov will improve public access to these services.

Jayne Nickalls, Chief Executive of Directgov, said: "This is a wonderful addition to the Directgov family and we are delighted to begin hosting this information. People don't need to pay over the odds for what is an essential legal and historical document of life in the UK. Directgov can play a key role in helping people to access it and in saving money." James Hall, the Registrar General for England and Wales said: "I am confident that all those accessing Directgov for information on

topics such as getting married, registering a birth or what to do after a death, will find the information clear and helpful. People using the online ordering service will come through directly to the General Register Office, the only holders of the national record for England and Wales." Television presenter and founder of Childline, Esther Rantzen, traced her own family history on the BBC's television series, "Who Do You Think You Are?" Esther said: "Unraveling the secrets of my family was an incredible and emotional journey, one that I am pleased to have taken, even if some of the truths uncovered were hard to accept. Finding out where you come from helps inform who you are, and I am delighted to know that more people will be able to make their own personal discoveries using Directgov in an accessible and affordable way."

Excerpted from: Rantzen, Ester. "How to Trace Your Roots Without Spending the Family Fortune", TMC News at TMC.net.com, April 9, 2009.

Read the Rantzen Article :

<http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2009/04/07/4113281.htm>

DirectGov Genealogy Main Page:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/familyhistory>

Using DirectGov to Research Family History:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Governmentcitizensandrights/Registeringlifeevents/Familyhistoryandresearch/DG_175464

Apply for a copy of a birth certificate:

<http://local.direct.gov.uk/LDGRedirect/index.jsp?LGSL=323&LGIL=0&ServiceName=Apply for a copy birth certificate>

Family Records Consortium website:

<http://www.familyrecords.gov.uk/>

Research Local, Family or House History at DirectGov:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/HomeAndCommunity/YourlocalcouncilandCouncilTax/YourCommunity/DG_4018920

United Kingdom National Archives:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archon/>

Colorado State Archives Database Updated

The Colorado State Archives would like to advise the Columbine Genealogical Society of this recent addition to our Historical Records/Name Database. There are just under 200,000 names that are recorded in what is called the Denver Lot & Block Index Books (1862-1917) and these names are now accessible via the free database search on our web site. Many of your society members are probably aware that the City of Denver was originally part of Arapahoe County until 1902. The index can help researchers find information about a particular property and the owners in the given time period. It also refers to the deed book number where the actual property deed is recorded. This will be an invaluable resource to assist researchers in searching the history of who owned a specific home/lot in the City of Denver. In addition, there are a number of other new records that have been indexed and posted to the database for researchers to use. For more information please contact Terry Ketelsen, State Archivist, Colorado State Archives, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 1B 20, Denver, CO 80203, 303.866.2072 or email at terry.ketelsen@state.co.us

Colorado State Archives: www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

To have your event information listed here, please send details to gjmacd2@comcast.net.



Saturday, April 25

Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England (WISE) Family History Society "**Chasing the Link: Passenger Arrival Lists**", Central Denver Public Library, Gates Conference Room, Fifth Floor, 10 West Fourteenth Ave Pkwy, Free

Sunday, April 26 1-5 PM

Annual Introduction to Jewish Genealogy Workshop, Open to the Public, B'nai Havurah, 6445 E. Ohio Ave, Denver. For more information or to RSVP email: grapevynwest@comcast.net.

Saturday, May 23 10-4 PM

2009 Colorado Genealogical Society Computer Interest Group Seminar; AM Session: **Genealogical Research on the Internet**; PM Session: **Advanced Genealogical Research Methodologies for the Internet**. Denver Public Library, 13th & Broadway; \$30.00 CIG members; \$40 non-members (includes one year CIG Membership). Call: Sandy Ronayne 303.750.5002
<http://www.cogensoc.us/cigmain.htm>

June 12-13th

Colorado Family History Expo 2009, Embassy Suites & Conference Center, 4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland. <http://www.fhexpos.com/events/>

De Old Query Corner

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

CGHS Query Coordinator
Woody Trosper
P. O. Box 2074
Littleton, CO 80161 2074

POTLUCK

SPRING LUNCHEON
MAY 19th 12:00 PM

The Refreshment Committee is busy organizing the Annual CGHS Spring Luncheon which will be held on May 19th. We will set up several serving tables for the delicious salads, casseroles and desserts that you so willingly prepare. Please be sure to put your name on your serving dish.



Our committee will provide punch, coffee, tea and utensils. (The church lets us use their silverware, so it's best to leave yours home.) The luncheon is always a fun activity that provides everyone an opportunity to meet new members, mingle with friends and sample the wide variety of foods. We will start serving at 12:00—we hope to you there!

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1:00 p.m.
2nd & 3rd Tuesdays
January thru May
and
September thru November
No Meetings in June, July & August
Social only in December
2nd Tuesday
South Wing, South Entrance
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
6400 S. University Blvd.
Littleton, CO
Annual Dues
Individual.....\$15.00
Individual and Spouse....\$20.00

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE

If you are concerned as to whether a meeting will take place, you are asked to call one of the officers of the Society. They will be able to inform you of any cancellations or other changes. Call before 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday as Board Meetings begin at 9:30. Please do not call the Church office. The list of officers is on page two of every newsletter.

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