



# Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society Newsletter

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## PROGRAMS/WORKSHOPS

*CJ Backus, Program Chairman*

### 13 October at 1:00 p.m.

Colorado Family Recognition Program; Ann Lisa Pearson, CGHS Member and James Jeffrey, Denver Public Library

### 20 October at 1:00 p.m.

“Naturalization Records” Carol Darrow, Colorado Genealogical Society

### 10 November at 1:00 p.m.

Elections

“All You Need to Know About the CGHS Web Site”; Don Elliott, Marilyn Elrod and Gary Routh, CGHS Members

### 17 November at 1:00 p.m.

“Google Your Family Tree—Useful Tips”; Gary Routh, CGHS Member

### 8 December at 12:00 p.m.

Holiday Party

### 12 January 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

“Family Tree Maker 2010”, Mary Heinritz, CGHS Member

### 19 January 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

“Flickr”

Carol Stall, CGHS Member

### Missed a Program or Workshop?

You can find handouts from our past programs on the CGHS website! <http://www.columbinegenealogy.com>

## Connecting in Connecticut

*by Dave Miller*

When I began researching my ancestors, a trip to the east coast of the United States was the furthest thing from my mind. I was sure I had no ancestors from the east coast since my relatives were from Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Oklahoma. I soon realized that most families who have been in the United States for some time started on the east coast and migrated west.

I started my genealogy research looking for my maternal grandfather, John Raymond **Avery**. I knew when and where my grandfather lived and died because my parents, my younger brother and sister and I had visited both sets of grandparents every summer on our annual trip to central Kansas. I also knew that he worked for the Santa Fe Railroad (kids love trains and pay attention to things like that). I was nine years old when he died while sitting in the engine of his locomotive in the switching yard in Guthrie, Oklahoma. From a discovered obituary, I learned that he was born in South Dakota. (South Dakota? How did he get there?)

I found John Raymond’s grandfather (John Rhodes **Avery**) quite by accident in South Dakota and located his probate records from the Day County clerk. Following up on hints from probate records, Ancestry.com

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**Captain James Avery**

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*Meet A Genealogy Friend  
at Columbine*

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## Dues are Due

By CJ Backus, First Vice President of Programs

Two surprises arrived in my mailbox while we members of Columbine were on our "summer vacation" in 2009. The first arrived in late May, and what a delight it was! The second came in mid July, and I was just as tickled to receive it. Well, what you may be thinking, does this have to do with the title, "Dues are Due?"

Thus begins my tale of why joining Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society goes way beyond our wonderful meetings, newsletter, projects, classes, and website...

During the CGHS trip to Salt Lake City, Utah this past April, I had a lively conversation with fellow CGHS member, Diane Hall, while we were sitting together on the second floor of the Family History Library. My innocent remark about "Vinita, Oklahoma" caught her attention as her husband's family lived there. Well, so did mine! We compared notes about this small town and our histories came alive as we realized that our collective ancestors had been in Indian Territory around the same time.

At our annual May luncheon this year, I shared this experience and after the program, another member, Jean Wilson, approached me and said that she had family who lived in Vinita, Oklahoma right now. Once again, talking with a fellow member brought an unknown connection to the present.

So, what were the two surprises?

The first surprise was a letter from Jean with an article and photo from a book she has "Oklahoma, Land of Opportunity" by Lerona Rosamond Morris which was published in 1934. She also included the table of contents and said she would copy anything else that was of interest. There was my Auntie Maxine as a cuddly baby, with information about her and the family which had lots of little tidbits I hadn't known before and can now share with a first cousin genealogist in Oregon.

Diane sent me a package with an application to join the Craig County Genealogical Society in Vinita, OK. And she included a book she had purchased while she was in Vinita, only to find that there was a copy at home, so she graciously sent me the book published in 1969 by C.B. Campbell titled: "Vinita, I.T. The Story of a Frontier Town of the Cherokee Nation ~1871-1907~".

When it comes time to renew or begin a new membership, one may think, why bother? I can sit at home in the middle of the night in my pajamas and find everything I need as I surf the Internet. While the internet has aided in the speed and ease with which we can do our sleuthing, it cannot take the place of the human interaction which produces the connection between the past and the present.

Need more reasons to join? Join because of the many wonderful things which are happening at Columbine. Join because you never know who might have some golden clue to share. Join because the person sitting next to you at the next meeting might just be a long lost cousin. Join because it is a way to volunteer for the preservation of history. Join because you can find new friends as we keep history alive and well in Colorado.

## Connecting in Connecticut, CGHS Member Dave Miller's Memorable Research Trip (continued from Page 1)

and published material on the **Avery** Clan of Groton, I found a large number of my ancestors had lived in Groton, Stonington, New London, and Mystic, Connecticut. What a revelation when I found I was descended from Captain James **Avery** and his wife Joanna **Greenslade**, two founders of this country!

My next step was to plan a re-search trip to Connecticut. "Googling" cemeteries in Groton turned up an **Avery-Morgan** Cemetery in Groton, Connecticut. I did not have evidence that any of my **Avery** ancestors were buried here but thought there was a high probability that I'd find 'something'. (At the time I didn't know of any **Morgan** ancestors.)

My wife, Enid and daughter, Cori, and I flew to Philadelphia then cautiously navigated through New Jersey and New York to Connecticut. Imagine driving across three states in less than four hours.

The **Avery-Morgan** Cemetery lies tucked in next to the Smith Lake Cemetery in a beautiful, rustic meadow. The leaves in New England had just started to turn colors. What a sight! A large granite boulder with a dedication plaque stands sentry at the entrance. The plaque, erected in 1924, reads "Erected to the memories of the founders of the first **Avery** and first **Morgan** families in America, whose graves are near this site. Captain James **Avery** (1620-1700) and his wife Joanna **Greenslade** along with James **Morgan** (1607-1685) and his wife Margery **Hill**." Imagine that! I found the beginning of one of several **Avery** clans in the colonies. There are no marked graves for James **Avery** and Joanna **Greenslade** but there are



*The Avery-Morgan Cemetery and dedication plaque in Groton, Connecticut where many Miller ancestors and several founders of our country are buried.*

large stones scattered throughout the cemetery which mark the sites of many graves of unknown ancestors. The oldest marked grave of an **Avery** ancestor I was able to locate in Groton was John **Avery** who died in 1759. In all, I collected pictures of 88 gravestones of **Averys**. I also took pictures of 45 **Morgan** gravestones—just in case they were later found to be of importance.

Captain James **Avery**, the only son of Christopher **Avery** (1590-1679), was born in England in 1620. James arrived in the United States about 1630 with his father. It is doubtful they came as part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony or any other organized Puritan migration since Christopher **Avery** immigrated without his wife Margery **Stephens** (1590-1653). It is unlikely that the Puritan migrations would have selected Christopher **Avery** to sail with their groups if he was planning on leaving his wife in England indefinitely.

Captain James **Avery** married Joanna **Greenslade** (1622-1693) on 10 November 1643, in Boston and they are both listed as members of the First Church of Boston. James built a home in Groton in 1656 which was occupied by his descendants until it burned down on 20 July 1894. A memorial stands on the home site as do the



original cornerstones, water well, and chimney supports. On 15 Dec 1652, a land transaction is recorded in which he and James Morgan received land from the crown—thus establishing a relationship between the **Morgans** and the **Averys**. Captain James **Avery** died 18 April 1700.

The next cemetery I visited was in Stonington. While I was able to locate only three **Averys**, I found 28 **Chesebroughs** and a variety of other **Palmer**, **Wheeler**, and **Denison** gravestones, all surnames in my ancestry tree and notable surnames of our founding families.

Having Enid along proved invaluable, as Enid seems to see grave markers that float beyond my vision. While we all enjoyed the cemetery visits, a side trip to the Mystic Seaport and Mystic Aquarium helped round out the visit, especially for Cori.

To submit a story about a memorable research trip that you have taken, contact Dave Miller at 303-346-2252.

# Revisions to CGHS Bylaws

<p><u>Article III Objectives</u></p> <p>Section A. Objectives</p> <p>1. c. Eliminate To Locate              d. Eliminate To Assist              e. Eliminate To Publish</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES</u></b></p> <p><b>Section A. Objectives</b></p> <p>1. The objectives of the Society shall be to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Promote an interest in genealogy and history.</li> <li>b. Encourage and instruct members in genealogical research through informative programs, careful documentation and maintenance of quality genealogical standards.</li> <li>c. <del>To locate</del>Locate, preserve and index public and private genealogical and historical records and make such available to members and the public.</li> <li>d. <del>To assist</del>Assist and support those genealogical libraries, archives, and historical museums in Colorado which are open to the public.</li> <li>e. <del>To publish</del>Publish genealogical and historical information in a regular newsletter and any other publications as directed by the membership.</li> </ol>
<p><u>Article VII – Board of Directors</u></p> <p>Section D. Quorum:</p> <p>1. Eliminate members</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u></b></p> <p><b>Section A. Members:</b></p> <p>1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers and the Immediate Past President of the Society. Ex-Officio (non-voting) members of the Board shall include the Standing Committee Chairmen. A failure of any elected officer to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board without sufficient excuse acceptable to the Board shall be considered as a resignation from that body.</p> <p><b>Section D. Quorum:</b></p> <p>1. The quorum for the board of Directors shall be a majority of seven (7) or more officers members.</p>
<p><u>Article VIII – Duties of the Officers</u></p> <p>Section A. Duties:</p> <p>6. Recording Secretary shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Change to read: Sign, with the President, all contracts and documents authorized by the Society.</li> </ol> <p>Section C. Procedures Manual:</p> <p>1. Eliminate 2<sup>nd</sup> All Officers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. eliminate your</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS</u></b></p> <p><b>Section A. Duties:</b></p> <p><b>6. Recording Secretary shall:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Be the recording secretary of the Society and the custodian of its records except as are specifically assigned to others</li> <li>b. Keep a record of the proceedings of the Society.</li> <li>c. Keep and have available for reference at all meetings a current copy of the Society's Charter, Bylaws and Standing Rules.</li> <li>d. Notify officers and committees <del>and delegates</del> of their appointments.</li> <li>e. <del>Supply delegates of the Society with credentials.</del></li> </ol> <p><b>Section C. Procedures Manual:</b></p> <p>1. All officers and Standing Committee chairs <del>All officers</del> shall be responsible for maintaining and updating a procedures manual for their respective positions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Such manual shall contain a copy of all annual reports for that office.</li> <li>b. A current copy of the procedures manual shall be passed on to <del>you</del> a successor.</li> </ol>

## Revisions to CGHS Bylaws (continued)

<p><u>Article XI – Sundown Clause</u></p> <p>Section A.</p> <p>1. &amp; 2. Eliminate all wording and replace with:</p> <p>1. Any budget not expended by the end of the calendar year does not continue to subsequent years.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE XI – SUNDOWN CLAUSE</b></p> <p><b>Section A.</b></p> <p>1. Any monies not expended by the end of the calendar year are to be resubmitted by the subsequent Board. Neither monies nor budget allocations not used by the end of a fiscal year can be carried over into subsequent years.</p> <p>2. This time limit also applies to the annual budget allocations.</p>
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## CGHS Election of Officers

Following is the slate of officers from the nominating committee. Elections will be held at the November Annual Meeting. Officers will serve a one-year term beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 2010.

<i><b>Position</b></i>	<i><b>Nominee(s)</b></i>
1st Vice President:	CJ Backus
3rd Vice President:	Cheryl and Ron Floberg
Education Coordinators:	Judy Phelps and Barbara Walker
Corresponding Secretary:	Jo Marie McKinnis
Newsletter Editors:	John (Dave) Miller and Mary Heinritz
Nominating Committee:	Alison Gibbens, Shirley Jenkins, Betty Marsland
Auditing Committee:	Joe Clement and Gordon Johnson

The members of the current Nominating Committee are Connie Strandberg, Judy Phelps and Ann Lisa Pearson.

## Welcome New Members

Joetta Williams, Membership Coordinator

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**Boone, Martin, Ucker**

**Bill Ebert**  
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**Christopher, Mofield,**  
**Albright, Baugh, Clark**

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Surnames: **Janek, Janak,**  
**Walston, Pitcock, Chandler,**  
**Dickenson**



Our condolences to the families of CGHS Members:

Geraldine **White**, Charter Member of CGHS, passed away on Monday, June 8, 2009 in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 81.

Cecilia **Reznicek**, March 2, 1927 to May 26, 2009.



## Spring 2009 Salt Lake Trip—A Beginning to Making Connections

### By Bonnie Strandberg

It took awhile to get all the names, dates and notes entered into the computer after participating in Columbine's trip to Salt Lake City. I was researching **EKDAHL** and **GRELL** people in Ekeby Parish, Ostergotland, Sweden. It seemed the whole area was populated with various families with those surnames, the records of which I copied and untangled after coming home.

It never hurts to "Google" an unusual name. I did this with Otto Amandus **EKEDAHL** (one of the alternate spellings of the surname) and up popped an entry made on a Swedish discussion site from 2006! Soon after, a heretofore unknown distant relative of ours answered an email and we began exchanging information. The Swedish site is called Anbytarforum. There is no charge to register, though a donation is accepted.

Another Google search for a member of the **GRELL** family produced a hit! This time, I located people in Sweden who posted their work on Ancestry.com. Their branch of the family changed the name to **CEGRELL**.

Our **EKDAHL** and **GRELL** ancestors were metal workers (smets or smiths). On Anbytarforum we learned that there is a special family research association for smed families which has published a CD

In ensuing email exchanges we learned that Belgian iron workers were imported to help with the iron industry in Sweden in the 1600's. The CD contained information about a **GRELL** ancestor who was born in Belgium in 1610.

Prior to the trip to Salt Lake we knew very little about Johan Petter **GRELL**, b 1827. He deserted his wife and children in 1868 and the legend was he went to Kansas. Census records helped us locate Johan in Marshall County, Kansas and his brother in neighboring Riley County. With the help of Swedish Church records found in Salt Lake, plus the websites, we now have a family line which goes back seven generations from Johan Petter and we can add Belgium to the list of countries represented on our family tree!

## 2010 Salt Lake City Research Trip!

The Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society is planning another research trip to Salt Lake City for spring 2010. If you would like to reserve a spot or help with planning this wonderful event, contact Sandi Klein at 303.688.9846.

CGHS presents

## 2010 SYMPOSIUM

June 5, 2010

9:00 am–3:15 pm

Littleton, Colorado

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Featuring

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- \* Locating Digitized Images Online
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- \* Publish Your Genealogy Online
- \* The Rest of the Story: Using Manuscripts to Create Family History

Nationally known professional writer, researcher and speaker Laura Prescott's specialties include the use of manuscripts in genealogical research, genealogy on the Internet, genealogy for Mac users, and merging history with genealogy. Laura's articles have appeared in *New England Ancestors*, *Ancestry*, *NGS News Magazine*, *Genealogical Computing*, and *Digital Genealogist*.

Laura graduated with a B.A. in History from Dartmouth College in 1980. She currently serves as the vice president of the [Association of Professional Genealogists](#). She is genealogy project manager for the [Nickerson Family Association](#), and a consultant for [Footnote.com](#).

Learn more about Laura at:

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

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## Budget for Calendar Year 2010

CGHS Treasurer, Bob Jenkins

Each year the CGHS officers prepare and submit a budget to the membership for approval at our October meeting. Please review the budget and contact Sandi Klein if you have comments or questions.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** 

**CGHS Mastering Genealogical Research**  
 Class full; Judy Phelps at 303.794.3162.

**Colorado Genealogical Society** offers Beginning Genealogy Classes and monthly special interest classes at the Denver Public Library. The next beginner class will be held on November 14. 17 Oct 2009—Land Records and Deed Books.  
<http://www.cogensoc.us/cgsclasses.htm>

**Palatines to America**, Seminar/Dinner Meeting  
 17 Oct 2009, Holiday Inn Lakewood  
<http://www.palam.org/pdf/2009fall-co.pdf>

## 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 \$20.00 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

Acct.	Account Name	2009	2010	Changes
<b>Income</b>				
101	Membership Dues	2,700	2,700	0
102	Interest on CD	490	490	0
103	Donations for NARA	180	180	0
104	Donations for Public Acquisition	400	400	0
105	Miscellaneous Income	350	350	0
106	Bookstore Sales	2,350	2,870	520
107	Class Fees	200	200	0
108	State Sales Tax	160	194	34
109	Used Book Sale	200	250	50
110	Seminar Income	0	4,000	4,000
	Special Projects	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>7,030</b>	<b>11,634</b>	<b>4,604</b>
<b>Officer Expense</b>				
200	President	25	25	0
205	1st VP Programs	600	600	0
210	2nd VP Publicity	300	200	(100)
215	3rd VP Ways & Means	50	50	0
220	Recording Secretary	50	50	0
225	Corresponding Secretary	45	45	0
230	Treasurer	50	50	0
235	Newsletter Editor	1,200	1,000	(200)
240	Membership	270	270	0
245	Education	200	200	0
250	Stationary for Officers	100	50	(50)
<b>Total Officer Expense</b>		<b>2,890</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>(350)</b>
<b>Committee Expense</b>				
300	Archivist	25	25	0
305	Equipment	100	100	0
310	Historian	25	25	0
315	Hospitality	300	300	0
320	Mailing	250	250	0
325	Photographer	10	10	0
330	Public Acquisitions from Donations	400	400	0
331	Public Acquisitions by CGHS	0	400	400
332	Public Acquisitions from Used Book Sale	0	250	250
335	Special Projects	140	140	0
340	Bemis Library	50	50	0
345	Council Representative	10	10	0
350	Web Master	250	150	(100)
355	Queries	0	10	10
<b>Total Committee Expense</b>		<b>1,560</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>560</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>				
400	Bank Fees	25	25	0
405	Church Cleaning	450	450	0
410	Society Membership Dues	260	260	0
415	Miscellaneous	200	200	0
420	NARA Contributions from Donations	180	180	0
421	NARA Contributions from CGHS	0	100	100
425	Postal Box	65	65	0
430	State Sales Tax & Licensing Fees	200	194	(6)
435	Ways & Means - Purchases	1,200	1,500	300
436	Ways & Means - 35th Year Book	0	0	0
440	General Fund Expense	0	0	0
445	Seminar Expense	0	4,000	4,000
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>		<b>2,580</b>	<b>6,974</b>	<b>4,394</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>7,030</b>	<b>11,634</b>	<b>4,604</b>
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Columbine  
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Meetings  
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  
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**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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