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PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

19 April 2011 — 9:30 Early Bird
"Kick Start Your Research and Bash Brick Walls", Barb Walker, CGHS

19 April 2011 — 1:00 Program
"Someone's Daughter"
Silvia Pettem, author

10 May 2011 - 1:00 Program
"Baby Doe's Leadville and other Historic Sites"
Joyce Lohse, CGHS

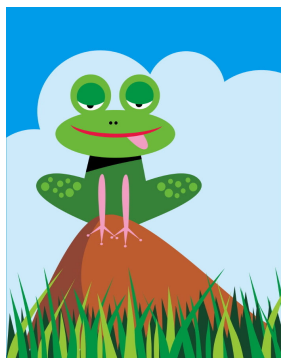
17 May 2011
Book Sale 11:00 a.m.
Luncheon 12:00 noon
**"SPRING INTO GENEALOGY-
HOP INTO ACTION"**
Program 1:00 p.m.

Bring a Main Dish, Salad, or Dessert.

Plates, Drinks, Eating Utensils & Serving Utensils will be provided.

Thank you!

The Refreshment Committee:
Carol Stahl, Nedra Fortune and Eleanor Spence



Genealogy Display a Hit by Joyce B. Lohse

Members of Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society had a chance to show their work recently at a Free Genealogy Display. The Early Bird Workshop session on February 15 in the Columbine meeting room at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit was open to the public and allowed interested genealogists to visit our group and enjoy displays of the interesting and creative ways our family histories have been translated into keepsakes to be preserved and shared with our families and friends.

Traffic was brisk as a combination of Columbine members as well as visitors browsed through the displays. Included in the exhibits were books, scrapbooks, cookbooks, military medals, paintings, ancestor charts in various formats, quilts, and family photographs used in many ways for display and decoration. The room was buzzing with excitement as attendees gathered ideas to preserve their own precious heritage and keepsakes.

Columbine is grateful to Education Coordinators, Judy Phelps and Barb Walk-



er, for their efforts in organizing this successful and enjoyable event. Participants who brought their keepsakes and creations to share are also greatly appreciated. This event was well received, and its success will no doubt translate into repeat events in coming years.

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Getting to Yes

"To think that all our projects are undertaken by volunteers is remarkable... we are indeed propelled by people power." Harry McMullen, Columbine President from 1986-1988, said this about celebrating our club's 35th Anniversary in 2008.

On April 8, 2011 Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society celebrated 38 years of activities and achievements.

How has Columbine 'gotten to yes' to have a quality organization? Answer: The greatest success over the years has been dedicated volunteers. They not only set goals and solve problems, but they are sensitive and caring. The leadership strives to think long-term about how change will influence and impact members.

Anita Burbank-Jenkins, volunteer member of the Nominating Committee, said, "For me, one of the reasons for coming to Columbine is the friendships I have made. I have even found several cousins. My family tree is even larger than I imagined."

In a survey from North Carolina State University, three qualities were identified on how volunteers view their involvement in an organization. Could this be you? First, **trust** quite simply is "confidence in being open and honest with others. The competent volunteers will follow through and do what they say they will do." Don Elliott, Web Master, when asked why he volunteers said, "Providing data for the

JoAnn LaGuardia

President of Columbine Genealogical
and Historical Society

genealogical community via publications and web pages. Also helping Columbine to better serve its members."

Secondly, **commitment** is fundamental and defined as "the extent to which one party believes and feels that the relationship is worth spending energy to maintain and promote." Ron Floberg, Vice President, Ways and Means, volunteers because "I always learn from association with others. In taking responsibility I am forced to interact."

Finally, **satisfaction** is defined "when it serves as a measure whether the parties involved have positive feelings about one another." Paula Davis, Archivist, listed three reasons to volunteer. "To give back to the society. To promote genealogy. To help others - if I can."

It's not surprising that volunteers of Columbine donate their time, effort, and energy to build programs and projects orientated to serve the community. Our volunteers initiate motivational presentations, challenging classes, and unique workshops. They provide delicious refreshments, prepare monthly reports, arrange the meeting room, run the audio and visual equipment, and do numerous other jobs. Every volunteer who steps up to the plate is deserving of praise.

Have you said "Yes"?

20 Year Members January 11, 2011 (Joined in 1991)

Patricia Caudill

Mary Christoferron

My mother, Mary Lois Hatcher Reimers, was a member of Columbine for over 20 years and introduced me to genealogy. She passed on a volume of knowledge about our family, and I have since put it into the computer, researched more and printed it out in book form. I have enjoyed the wonderful programs that Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society has given us. Thank You.



John & Marion Dwyer

According to John: I was born in Brockton, MA and went into the Army right out of high school during World War II. After the war and college on the GI bill I ended up in Detroit, MI, where I met Marion. After she finished her senior year in college we got married. Five years later I received an offer to work for the Martin Co. in Denver so we moved here in 1947.

I had a wonderful career in Aerospace and retired in January, 1989. We have a great family of 5 daughters and 1 son who have presented us with 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Our family lives from coast to coast (from New York to California).

When our children got older, Marion went to work for Arapahoe Library District. She retired from there in 2004. Marion plays the violin in the Arapahoe Philharmonic orchestra, and has belonged to the group for many years.

I became interested in family history after I retired and have completed my family tree in this country, but have run into a dead end in Ireland. Marion became interested more recently and is just starting to document her family history. Her history is a little simpler because both parents were born in Ireland, and we have met her many first cousins during trips to Ireland.

Barbara Leigh

Margaret Ringhofer



Don and Charleen Roberts

Charleen met Don Roberts while they were both at Stanford. They married in England while Don was doing post graduate work in Soil Mechanics at Imperial College, the MIT of England. She says she went to England to type his thesis for him.

We had four children and moved many times in Don's career. While living in Virginia in the 1980s, Charleen was asked by her mother to look into her mother's family. She knew her parents were born in Kentucky, but didn't know whether her grandparents were born in Kentucky or Virginia. She knew both families started in Virginia.

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THE BIG WHITE NOTEBOOKS AKA PEDIGREE CHARTS

In the spirit of sharing, Columbine began a project many years ago in which members submitted their pedigrees. The result is a set of thirteen binders containing printed pedigrees and a surname index. They are out for research at the CGHS business meeting and also available at Bemis Library.

I would like to encourage all of our new members to submit your pedigree charts. It is not hard and if you have a genealogy program on your computer it is very simple. Now for those of you who are thinking "but I'm not very far along in my research". Remember, we are never finished with our family tree. Please submit what you have. By allowing others to see your information they might be able to make a connection with you and perhaps help you grow your family tree.

Also those members who already have submitted your pedigree charts....is it time to update them?

Paula Davis



Very Important

Electronic Newsletter Distribution

It's coming! At the April 12th Board Meeting the Board approved a Special Committee Report that recommended going to electronic distribution of the Newsletter. It will be voluntary. Those willing to accept the Newsletter in electronic form will be notified when it has been posted, and a link will allow it to be downloaded from there. Others not able to receive the Newsletter in this form will continue to receive it by mail, as in the past.

Moving to electronic distribution will help with the finances of Columbine, freeing up monies from printing and mailing to be available for other uses. For the members, the Newsletter can be viewed in color; more pages and colored images can be added, when necessary; it can be picked-up on-line wherever your travels take you; and such features as on-line searches can be performed. Further, the Newsletter Editor can insert links to support articles therein.

If you were not at the April 12th meeting and did not already express your preference on the clipboard passed around then, please notify Don Elliott by email: CarQual58@comcast.net.

ARE YOU GETTING EMAIL FROM CGHS?

If you wish to receive notices and reminders a few days prior to CGHS meetings, please provide me with your email address. These notices provide detailed information about upcoming programs with detailed descriptions, in addition to other up-to-date information, reminders, and announcements. If you need to make corrections to your contact information, please provide that information to me as well.

Thank you!

Joyce Lohse, 1st VP, Publicity

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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 Trospen
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Charleen went to the genealogy room at the local Fairfax County Library and immediately found the record of her mother's maternal grandparents' marriage. She was also able to find other marriage records and thought, "Genealogy is easy," so she signed up for classes at the National Archives and the Fairfax Adult Education program. By the time she hit a number of brick walls she was as addicted to genealogy as an incipient alcoholic at the first taste of alcohol.

Charleen was not happy leaving the D. C. area. Don said every road west had her fingernail marks in it. As soon as the boxes were unpacked, Charleen found the Denver Public Library. There she saw a flier for the Columbine Genealogy Club. She soon joined the group and has enjoyed many aspects of her membership.

Don Roberts is a retired consulting engineer. Trained as both a civil engineer and geologist, Don was responsible for 500 projects in 20 countries. In recent years, Don has helped clean up hazardous wastes from industrial locations and led efforts to clean up high level nuclear wastes at World War II weapons' sites. In the last 30 years Don has been active in promoting the concepts of sustainable development.

Don admits he is not the genealogist of the family, but has been happy to trail Charleen on visits to Salt Lake City and the habitats of ancestors. Charleen is jealous of Don. His ancestors were literate and left wills. They also stayed in one spot for the first hundred years they were in the United States. That was in Connecticut, a state with good records. Hence, his family is much easier to trace than Charleen's family. It gave Don a lot of pleasure to find that Charleen's ancestor enlisted in the Revolution under the command of Don's ancestor.



THOUGHTS

from Your Newsletter Co-Editors

Steve & Carol Johnson

Thank you for allowing us to be your new Newsletter co-editors!

Whenever one joins a club or organization, one eventually has to quit taking and start giving back. Over the years we were in charge of the newsletters for our children's swim team, Denver Swimming and Diving, and also the Rocky Mountain Koi Club so we are experienced. Steve uses his computer expertise, and I use my proofreading and typing skills. After almost 3 years' of membership in the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society, we are ready to give back by putting together your club's newsletter.

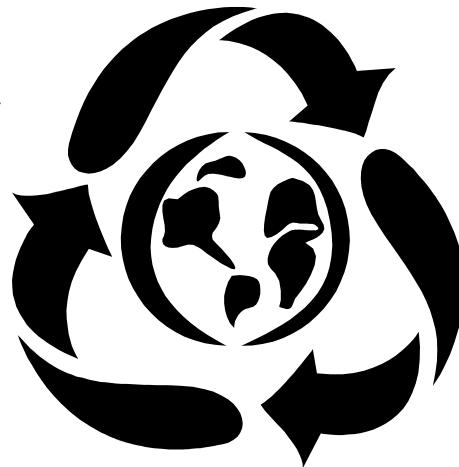
If you have any contributions, please email us at: **carolj46@comcast.net** or **stevej46@comcast.net**. We are always on the lookout for any stories, anecdotes, humorous incidents, fillers, and anything else relating to the wonderful world of genealogy. If you are too shy at one of our meetings to tell us about a brick wall or a major breakthrough or if there simply is not enough time, send us an email, call us or give us your article at a meeting. For example, it can be as simple as the following:

With Memorial Day coming up, we will be making a pilgrimage with Steve's brother, sister and their families to several of the area cemeteries (Fairmont, Crown Hill, Littleton and Riverside) to place fresh flowers on the graves of their dearly departed ancestors and relatives. Steve's mother liked irises and lilacs, so we always try to cut some of those from our yards and place them in water-filled plastic holders. Children's graves get pin-wheels, and soldiers' graves get flags. It is interesting to see if there are any other flowers and to guess who put them there. A special copper urn marks a niece's resting place. Vandals, who were caught and prosecuted, stole it, but Fairmont recently replaced it, so it will be available for her favorite flowers. Sometimes if we have flowers and holders left over, we choose a nearby grave of someone we don't know and adorn it. Afterwards, we all eat lunch at a restaurant, exchange stories about the relatives or ancestors and celebrate their lives.

Again, thank you for the opportunity of serving you. Have a wonderful summer of genealogical research and travels, and take notes about any unusual or interesting experiences for possible inclusion in a future Newsletter!

SAVE MONEY: Shop at the Annual CGHS Book Sale on May 17, 2011!

The CGHS Ways and Means Committee will host the annual CGHS Book Sale on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 beginning at 11 am before our spring luncheon and program. If you are a bargain book hunter, here's your chance to buy discounted research/reference books, periodicals, or other genealogy-related materials, like CDs and CGHS pins. Many of the books for sale have been donated from other CGHS members. Ron and Cheryl Floberg are always on the lookout for materials that might be helpful to us or relate to programs we have had during the year, including books written by program presenters, like Buzzy Jackson, or our own CGHS members, like Joyce Lohse. The prices are sometimes even better than on Amazon! If you need some summer reading, here's your chance to pick up something other than those romance novels. Please remember that all money collected from the Annual CGHS Book Sale goes into the acquisition fund for purchasing books for local libraries.



Afterwards, the Refreshment Committee will be hosting their Spring Luncheon with the theme of “**SPRING INTO GENEALOGY—HOP INTO ACTION**” at 12 noon. This is always a wonderful chance to eat some scrumptious food and chat with other CGHS members about brick walls, breakthroughs, summer plans, and anything else relating to genealogy.

Then, our PROGRAM will begin around 1 pm, that CJ Backus, First Vice President, Programs, has planned for CGHS members.

What a great way to end this year of outstanding genealogical programs. Circle May 17th on your calendar, and don't miss this exciting event to culminate another successful year at Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society.

Where O' Dogs Learn New Tricks!



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GENERAL WILLIAM PALMER: RAILROAD PIONEER

by Joyce B. Lohse, CGHS 2nd V.P.

This book is short, concise, and an easy read. Since the Palmers were Quakers, religion was very important to them. The children were brought up in a strict Quaker home. Early on, William Palmer knew he would build a railroad empire in the Great American West. He traveled extensively throughout Europe and kept meticulous notes as a teen and later in life.

William Palmer was imprisoned in a Confederate prison for 4 months. He became one of the youngest generals in the Civil War and was awarded the Medal of Honor.

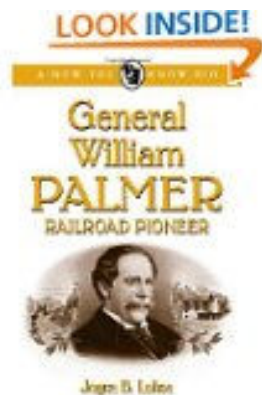
He started his own company, the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, on October 27, 1870. It became very successful. His home was named "Glen Eyrie" which means Valley of the Eagle's Nest, and is near the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs. Mr. Palmer loved the peace and quiet there. If you've never visited it, you should. It is simply grand.

The book includes many of William Palmer's successes. A few of them were: he connected the Colorado railroad system to the rest of the nation; he contributed to the booming development in the new Centennial State; he helped the city of Colorado Springs to thrive, and he built "Glen Eyrie".

Because of her health, Palmer's wife, Queen, and their 3 daughters moved to England in 1885, leaving Palmer alone and lonely. At the age of 44 Queen died in England in 1894. Their 3 daughters returned to Colorado. William Palmer died March 13, 1909 at age 72. During his lifetime he gave away between 4 and 5 million dollars. His influence can be seen throughout Colorado Springs.

The book includes a Timeline from 1829-1909 and a Glossary of new words.

Reviewed by Julie Haynie



PUBLIC ACQUISITIONS

If anyone has any suggestions for genealogical books and materials to be purchased by Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society for the Bemis or Denver Public Libraries, please contact Marilyn Lyle at 303-795-3304 or marilyle@msn.com. Thank you!



TIPS for Photographing Grave Markers By Dotty Sharp Hunt

Lighting the Tombstone

When optimal lighting is not possible, several tools can be used to reflect light onto shadowy tombstones. Directing sunlight or other light diagonally across the face of a gravestone casts shadows in indentations which makes inscriptions more visible and easy to read:

Mirror - A mirror is a common tool for reflecting sunlight onto shadowy tombstones. Mylar (plastic) mirrors are available at most home stores (no reason to risk travelling around with a glass mirror in your car) and can be easily equipped with a set of legs (like an easel) to aid in propping the mirror to effectively reflect sunlight where you need it. Larger mirrors can even be used to reflect sunlight from a distance to light up tombstones resting under shady trees.

Collapsible Reflector - A common accessory used by many photographers, a collapsible light reflector can be purchased for about \$30-\$50. They typically fold up into a small 4-6" package, handy for traveling.

Aluminum Foil - A low budget alternative, and handy for travel, aluminum foil makes a decent light reflector in a pinch. You'll either need a piece of cardboard to support the foil, or a partner to hold it for you.

Enhancing the Inscription

When good lighting isn't enough to bring out a badly eroded inscription, there are a few other methods employed by many genealogists:

Water - Wetting down a tombstone with a spray bottle of fresh water can sometimes make carvings stand out much more than when dry. After wetting the stone, allow the surface to dry for a few minutes, leaving the indented lettering damp, which makes it darker and easier to read.

Shaving Cream - A method used by many genealogists, shaving cream can do wonders at bringing out hard-to-read inscriptions. This practice is discouraged by most professional conservators, however, as shaving cream contains acidic chemicals and greasy emollients which make it hard to remove from the stone and damaging if left there over time.

Black Light - Suggested by some, a black light bulb (75 watt or higher) can be used to make a worn inscription pop out. While an extension cord may be a problem in many cemeteries, you can find portable, battery-operated black light units in many party or novelty

stores (they are especially popular around Halloween). Cast the light directly on the tombstone and the words just seem to pop right out at you. Black light works especially well when it is dark, but since cemeteries are not always the safest place to visit at night, try draping a large, dark blanket over both you and the tombstone while using the black light. This should create enough darkness for a very "illuminating inscription."

What Time of Day is Best?

Proper lighting is the most critical factor in achieving a good, high-definition tombstone photo. According to tradition, many older cemeteries have individuals buried facing East, which generally means that the inscriptions on the headstones also face East. For this reason, morning light is often the best option in which to obtain the best lighting for photographing tombstones. There are, obviously, many exceptions to this very general rule, however. Tombstones may be situated so that they face the road, a beautiful view, etc. Overhead trees and cloudy days can also make photographing tombstones a difficult task. For this reason, it is best to scout out the cemetery in advance in order to determine the best time of day for taking pictures.



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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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