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PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, 10 April 2012 at 1 pm
"Where Denver's Scandals are Buried" by Tom Morton, Fairmount Heritage Foundation Volunteer and Tour Guide Co-chair

The Victorians were not as prudish as some believe. Sex, bribery and other crimes of early Denver were taken to the grave in Denver's Fairmount Cemetery. Find out more!

Tuesday, 17 April 2012 at 9:30 am
EARLY BIRD—"Define 'Organized'" by Barb Walker and other Columbine members

Most genealogists say their biggest research problem is getting and staying organized. BUT, "organization" seems to have a different meaning for everyone. Find out your definition!

Tuesday, 17 April 2012 at 1 pm
"50 Things I Learned while Photographing 50,000 Tombstones" by Dina Carson, BGS

A volunteer at the Colorado State Archives, Dina will enlighten us about the Archives and tips for gorgeous graveside photography.

Tuesday, 8 May 2012 at 1 pm
"Essential Books for Genealogists" by Chuck Livermore, CGHS

Chuck's Powerpoint presentation will give us a look at some of the best books to keep close at hand as we research family history.

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Commemorating "FREE LAND!"

2012 marks the 150th anniversary of the Homestead Act of 1862. It was considered to be one of America's most influential pieces of legislation and one of the most significant and enduring events in the westward expansion of the United States. "Free land!" was the cry, and it allowed nearly any man or woman a chance to make 160-acre claims and live the American dream. More than 270 million acres of land were transferred from Federal to private ownership. It was repealed in the lower 48 states in 1976, but Alaska claims were filed until 1986.

The National Park Service and U.S. Department of the Interior are planning many programs and events to mark the anniversary throughout 2012-2013. They are seeking help in locating people who filed claims under the Homestead Act in one of the 30 Homestead States in order to locate and record the experiences of remaining homesteaders. As such, Homestead National Monument of America is developing a database of homesteaders and descendants. If you are a homesteader or a descendant, send your name, address, telephone number and email address to: Friends of Homestead, Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. State Highway 4, Beatrice, NE 68310.

The Homestead National Monument of America is planning two events: **The Homestead Act's 150th Commemoration Event on Sunday, May 20, 2012, and the Homestead Day's Parade on Saturday, June 16, 2012.** They are looking for volunteers to carry state flags for a distance of 1.5 miles. Volunteers should have a strong connection to one of the 30 Homestead States. States still needing volunteers are AL, AR, CA, CO, FL, IA, IL, IN, LA, MI, MS, NE, OH, OK, UT, WY. If interested, contact Homestead National Monument of America, Attention: Homestead Days Parade Flag Carriers, 8523 West State Highway 4, Beatrice, NE 68310.

Further information: <http://www.nps.gov/home/planyourvisit/volunteers-needed-flag-carry.htm>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Barbara Brown

Barbara Jones Brown —Recipient of the David S. Vogels Award

The Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies (CCGS) established the Memorial Hall of Fame-David S. Vogels Award to recognize persons in Colorado who have given outstanding service to the genealogical community of Colorado as a whole. It was first declared in 1990 and has since been presented at the CCGS Biennial Seminar ten times. CCGS encourages societies to recognize the service and work of local individuals.

Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society is thrilled to announce that one of our founders, Barbara Jones Brown (1921-2008), has been selected by the Council as the recipient of the 2011 Memorial Hall of Fame-David S. Vogels Award. Criteria for election to the Memorial Hall of Fame include: The nominee must be deceased and must have significantly contributed to the field of genealogy in Colorado in a way that is unique, pioneering or exemplary.

The vision of Barbara Brown and two of her genealogy friends on April 4, 1973 led to an active and productive society that continues to enrich the community today. She served Columbine as First Vice President, Archivist, Library/Museum Coordinator, Second Vice President, and Littleton Church Record Preservation Volunteer. One of her life-long interests was Lineage Societies, especially the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Barbara was a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, Daughters of Colonial Wars, Captain Miles Standish chapter, Colonial Dames of XVII Century, Colorado State Society of the National Society of the United States Daughters of 1812 and many historical and genealogical societies.

During her 50 years as a member of DAR she was a founder of the Mount Rosa Chapter. Barbara is listed in Who's Who in Genealogy and Heraldry and Who's Who in American Women. Littleton Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions, published by the Mt. Rosa DAR with Barbara Brown as Editor, included information on over 7,000 burials from 1869-1981. Other publications, which Barbara Brown took part in, not only benefited Arapahoe County and Pueblo County, but all of Colorado.

It was Barbara's wish upon her death that her personal collection of genealogy books, journals, newsletters, guides and periodicals be donated to CGHS and to the Denver Public Library. She also requested that memorials be directed to the DAR Adult Education Scholarship Fund of Colorado to which she had generously bequeathed. Her nomination letter stated, "Dedicated service and professionalism to the genealogical community continues with her spirit and will benefit generations of Coloradans and Americans."

Harry Ross, the President of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, will present the award at CGHS's May 15th luncheon. Columbine will also welcome members of Barbara Brown's family, guests from the Mount Rosa Chapter of the DAR, James Jeffrey, Collections Specialist from the Denver Public Library, and members of the David S. Vogels Committee.

Query Corner

By Woody Trosper

LEATHERMAN OBITUARIES

In January 2012 a letter was received through the Bemis Library that requested an obituary for Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick Leatherman (born 1915). She died on 22 January 1997 in Englewood (probably at Swedish Hospital). No obituary for Mary Ellen was found in the Littleton Independent Obituary Index. The Denver Public Library obituary indexes were checked for the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News in 1997. Obituaries were found in the Post on 27 January 1997 and the Rocky Mountain News on 28 January 1997. Both were copied and returned to Kelly D. Fitzpatrick in Cedar Rapids, IA, in the stamped, addressed envelope that was enclosed with the request. A cover letter was also sent, which detailed the process above and added that the Social Security Death Index listed an Earl E. Leatherman (born 1913) who died 8 July 1996 in Littleton. Since the obituaries listed a deceased husband, Earl Leatherman, this information was also passed on. The cover letter concluded with a request for a donation for

Columbine book acquisitions. A return letter with a \$20 check "to cover the cost of the Fitzpatrick Leatherman obituaries ordered" was received for this successful search.

QUERY: CHARLES JOHNSON

In late December, 2011, I was contacted by a Pennsylvania man looking for the family of Charles Johnson, who had lived in Littleton and passed away on 18 Feb 2001. He said, "I served with Charlie in Vietnam and I also visited him and his family in Littleton in the mid 70s." With little hope of finding a person with such a common name, I checked the Littleton Independent obituaries for that time. I had no luck there, so I checked the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News indexes at the Denver Public Library. I found three entries for Charles Johnson in 2001, with the closest one being only a funeral notice. With very little hope of any success, I read the microfilm for this funeral notice in the Rocky Mountain News. Unlike most funeral notices, it included the address for the family (although it was in Montbello). With slightly more hope, I checked the current phone book for a Johnson at that address. I found a Dorothy Johnson at that exact address! I sent this information, with the current phone number, back to Pennsylvania. I suggested that he write to "Charles Johnson, in care of Dorothy Johnson" at that address. Leaping ahead, he called instead; he actually talked to Dorothy Johnson, who turned out to be the mother of the Charles Johnson he was seeking! The next day, the sister of Charles Johnson called him back and they "talked for quite awhile and she was glad that we got a chance to talk about him and our service time together." He had previously emailed "please let me know if I can pay you for your trouble." I replied with the

query donation address for CGHS, and he sent a nice check! What a great outcome and a happy feeling!

QUERY: UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH

In January, 2012, a request was sent to the Littleton city government for an obituary for Emma Jean Bennell. This request came from a professor at the University of Texas at Austin, and was passed on to Bemis Library. They in turn forwarded it to the Query person at Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society.

The obituary being sought was for Emma Jean Bennell, who died in Littleton on 12 October 1999. No obituary for this person was found in the Littleton Independent. In the Denver Public Library index for obituaries in the Rocky Mountain News and the Denver Post there was an entry for Jean Benell (note spelling) on 16 October 1999; this was a funeral notice in the Rocky Mountain News. This notice gave minimal information, indicating that she was buried at Chapel Hill Mortuary and contributions were to be sent to Porter Hospice.

Seeking any other possible information, the Social Security Death Index was checked. This also listed E. Jean Benell, born 30 September 1923, died 12 October 1999.

All the above information was returned to the professor at the University of Texas at Austin, with suggestions that the Social Security Application could be ordered, or that a letter sent to Chapel Hill Mortuary or Porter Hospice might be forwarded to her family.

REMINDER: The new History Colorado Center will be opening on April 28, 2012.

www.historycolorado.org

Biographies of Columbine's New 20-Year Members

ROBERT JOHN HUEGEL

I was born May, 1940, in Newark, NJ. After eight years my dad built his dream house in Meyersville, NJ. It was in a mosquito infested swamp, which is now declared to be The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. I was the oldest of two sons of John K. Huegel (of German lineage) and Ann Zoepfel (of Irish/German lineage). My dad was variously employed over the years as a skilled laborer. My mother worked at times, and we usually had my maiden aunt and/or grandmother living with us. I was very active in Boy Scouts. I attended schools in the township, up through high school.



I graduated in 1963, with a degree in Sociology from Iowa Wesleyan College, where I met my current and only spouse of 46 years. Enid Nadene Stephens and I were married in Augsburg, Germany, while I was in the U.S. Army so we could do some serious European traveling via VW bug and pup-tent. I was a social work specialist during my 3 years' Army service. We have returned to Europe six times since, to see what we have missed initially. We have one daughter and two grandchildren.

After the Army we migrated directly to the Denver area, where I began a 25-year career as a regional claims supervisor with CIGNA. After downsizing in 1992 and "retiring" I worked in the group travel business with Globus & Cosmos for six years. After that, my retirement stuck.

I inherited all the genealogical data that my mother-in-law acquired over the years. I stored it for many years before I became interested in this endeavor. She had her lineage traced back about 12 generations, although with little documentation. I also worked with a cousin of hers who documented other lines back to about 15 generations. She uncovered Susanna Martin, a convicted witch, who was hung in Salem, MA in 1692. I have a book written about the Stephens family history, along with two Taylor County, IA history books.

I have discovered several cousins on my side of the family and am pursuing them to document more of my ancestors, with little luck. I have traced my family back to my great-great-great-grandfather, who immigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania about 1830. Most of my family hail from PA and NJ. I have had little information starting out on either of my parents' branches so a fair amount of research is still needed.

I belong only to Columbine, which has been my motivation in learning and searching, but I haven't pursued this quest as diligently as I should have done.

CHARLOTTE "CHERI" HULS

I was born in Porter's Hospital in Denver, Colorado, August 17, 1943. I was given the nickname of Cheri a few days after birth. My mother's cousin came to visit her in the hospital and see the new baby. She called me Lottie Lou. My mother didn't like it and gave me the nickname. I was named after my maternal grandmother, Gladys Charlotte, who was called Lottie. My grandmother's best friend was a newspaper writer named Louise, thus my name of Charlotte Louise.



My parents are Henry Huls and Lois (Lee) Huls. My father was born in St. Benedict, Nemaha County, Kansas in 1914, and my mother was born in Luray, Russell County, Kansas in 1922. Both are deceased. I am the oldest of four. My sisters, Carolyn J (Huls) Steinbach and Rose Ann (Huls) McElroy, are also deceased. My brother is Lee Henry Huls.

My parents lived in an apartment on Kalamath in Denver when I was born. They rented a house on Rapp St. in Littleton (where Arapahoe Community College now stands). Shortly after that my sisters were born in 1945 and 1947. In August of 1947, they bought an old house on four lots in Englewood. My brother now owns the house. My father did a lot of remodeling and expanding which included digging a full basement and extending the front of the house.

Both of my parents came to Colorado for job opportunities. My father was a machinist and a jack of all trades. My mother did various things. They met in Colorado and were married on July 2, 1942, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Littleton. The four of us kids went to St. Mary's grade school for eight years. We went to Sinclair Junior High in Englewood for one year and then went to Englewood High School, where we all graduated.

I have been a bookkeeper all of my life. My brother is a mechanic owning his own business.

In 1945 my father's brother bought the Tom Skerritt house, which is the oldest house in Englewood. It has been restored and is on the Colorado Register.

My father's paternal family emigrated in 1847 from the Kingdom of Hannover in Germany. They settled in Jo Daviess County, Illinois. They moved to Allamakee County, Iowa, and in 1881 moved to Nemaha County, Kansas. His maternal side (Ketter) came from Zilshausen, Kreis, Prussia/Germany about 1857 and settled in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin. Later they moved to Nemaha County, Kansas.

My mother's paternal side (Leach later changed to Lee) came to Massachusetts from England with the Massachusetts Bay Company in 1628. They lived in Massachusetts in a part that became Oxford County, Maine. Her maternal side (DeLong) emigrated also in the mid 1600's maybe from France through Holland. They settled in Clinton County, New York. There is still a lot of work to be done on this part of the family.

ROBERT VERNON HUNT

Robert Vernon Hunt was born July 18, 1924, in Council Bluffs, IA. He was the eldest son of John Lyle and Lyla Mae Carrie Campbell Hunt. His father picked the name Robert for a first name, and his mother picked the name Vernon for a middle name. It was later revealed that Bob was named after a famous World War I ballroom dance team—the Castles'. As he grew up he attended many dances with his parents. The dances were held on Saturday nights at the dance halls in either



Mineola or Treynor, IA. He never grew up to be a famous dancer, but took up square dancing with his wife of 53 years, Lila, and believe me, they could do a mean allemande-left and right-and-left grand!

When Bob was four, the family moved to a farm four miles west of Glenwood, IA. Bob attended a one-room schoolhouse, West Liberty #1, through eighth grade, and then he attended Glenwood High School, where he graduated with the class of 1941. The following summer he traveled to Portland, Oregon, where he worked for one year at the Oregon Shipyards building Liberty ships.

In 1943 Bob entered the Army Air Corps. He served his country until January 4, 1946, including an assignment as a radar mechanic with the 9th Bomb Group, a B-29 Squadron station on Tinian, Marianas Islands in the Pacific.

On September 1, 1946, he married Lila L. Johnson. They lived in Council Bluffs, IA until 1957, when the family moved to Denver. They have two sons, Robert, Jr. and James, who is married to Janice, and one daughter, Elizabeth, who is married to Wayne Rodgers. There are six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Bob worked for Sears Roebuck and Company, but retired in 1989 after 31 years, 3 months and 8 days.

Bob's hobbies include golf, square dancing and genealogy. He has traveled in the midwestern states and Virginia doing research on the Hunt, Johnson, Campbell and Miller families. Bob was co-chairman of the Columbine Mailing Committee from 1998-2001.

JO MARIE MCKINNIS

Jo Marie McKinnis, of Littleton, CO was born October 30, 1945, in El Dorado, KS. She passed away on February 22, 2012. Jo Marie graduated from Lyons, Kansas High School and received an education degree from Kansas State University. She was married to Jim McKinnis, her high school sweetheart, for 46 years. They recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of their first date. She is survived by her daughter, Jan McKinnis; son-in-law, Harry Chow; son, Jeff; daughter-in-law Katrina



Knewton, and 3 grandchildren: Bronte, Colin and Aidan. Her son, Jon, preceded her in death. She loved her grandchildren, family, friends, genealogy, crafts, sewing and traveling.

BERNICE M. SVIGEL

I was born Bernice Larson in Rockford, IL, where I was raised and attended grade school, junior high school and East Senior High School.



I came to Denver in May, 1948, where I married Joe Svigel, jr. on the last day of 1950. We lived in Englewood for 10 years and then moved to Windermere Street in Littleton, where I have lived since 1961.

I saw an ad in the paper about Columbine Genealogy and went to the meeting. I signed up for the beginning class with Ann Lisa (Pearson) and began my research.

Most older family members were gone, and I received little information from cousins. I began research on both of my parents and found that all of my grandparents were born in Sweden.

I also looked for information on my husband's family. English information was more available. Austrian (Croatian and Slovenian) information was more difficult at that time. My information is written and kept in books. My search has been in the U.S., Sweden, England, and Austria (Croatia/Slovenia).

I learned much from programs at Columbine, but I have been unable to attend for some time. I hope to come back on a regular basis again.

RICHARD DALE SWISHER

I was born in Reading, Kansas on May 12, 1930, to Lee Orrin Swisher and Marguerite Verne Price. Even though many relatives left for California at the beginning of the "dirty 30's", Mom and Dad couldn't afford even to get out of town.



The Swisher (Schweitzer) family originated in Europe, most likely Germany, arriving in the United States prior to 1766. Birth and marriage records (1766-1810) from the First German and English Congregation have many Schweitzer family entries. Our best guess is that the family arrived via Philadelphia.

Beginning in 1803, as lands opened in the West, my family began to migrate to Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. Orrin Swisher, my grandfather, bought a small farm near Reading, Kansas. His wife, Mary Jane Teter, was an Illinois farm girl. Her ancestry goes back to Captain Georg Teter who fought serving under Col. George Washington. They raised four boys and two girls.

My wife's family (Haag and Brown) emigrated from Germany and Luxemburg in the 1850s fleeing religious persecution. They emigrated by boat up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, debarking at Atkinson, Kansas, and settling in Olpe, Kansas.

Ancestors on my mother's side (Price and Cowden) settled in Osage County, Kansas. Both families originally came from England and Ireland in the 1700s to the Carolinas and Kentucky.

Reading was a typical small Kansas town that never exceeded 500 in population. At Reading High School I participated in music-chorus, orchestra, operettas, baseball, track, and basketball, but no football. The school was established in 1885. My brother and I attended grade school and graduated from Reading High School. My mother attended a country school. She received a teacher's certificate from Emporia State Teacher's College in 1921. In 1957 I received a degree in business from the same college !

In 1949 three of my friends and I enlisted in the Air Force. We received our training just in time for the Korean War. When I returned, I got a job with the Santa Fe Railroad as a telegrapher. I returned to college, and there I met the love of my life, Charlotte. I was an independent claims adjuster for 34 years, retiring in 1989. We lived in Kansas and Nebraska twice, Oklahoma, Minnesota and Colorado.

My interest in genealogy peaked overtime when my father seemingly discouraged the whole subject. Every time I would ask about Uncle So-and-so, Dad would answer,

“Aw, __ boy, why do you ask about the past? Live for today and the future!” Well, I thought, “There has to be a skeleton in the closet somewhere, and I need to find out..” So I found a couple of things; no big deal. On the other hand, my mother kept every piece of paper, ribbon, birthday card, hank of hair, letters, etc. since 1898. I’m still trying to sort all of them out.

Thank you, Columbine members, for your collective expertise in trying to get me on track.

“Biography is the only true history.”— Emerson

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS (Cont’d from p. 1)

Tuesday, 15 May 2012:

11 am—Annual Used Book Sale

12 noon—Luncheon: Please bring a SALAD or APPETIZER to share. CGHS will provide a CAKE for DESSERT.

1 pm—Program honoring Barbara Brown as the Recipient of the Vogels Award

Saturday, May 26, 2012 9:30-4:00

The Computer Interest Group of the Colorado Genealogical Society will have noted speaker, Dick Eastman, for a Seminar at the Denver Public Library. Register and mark your calendars!

<http://www.cogensoc.us/cigseminarregistration2012-1.pdf>



Editor’s Musings

Late last year I read an article in the Denver Post entitled “To Live and Die Green in Highlands Ranch” by Kristen Kidd. Highlands Ranch is 31 years old now and has nearly 100,000 residents. It has two golf courses, four recreation centers, 23 parks, and more than 70 miles of trails. There are still 8200 acres of undeveloped land with awesome mountain views and much wildlife. However, the one thing missing from Highlands Ranch is a *cemetery*. As the community ages, some of its residents realize that they want a final resting place at a columbarium. In addition, the article’s author proposed a so-called Green Cemetery, designed like a wildlife preserve with gravesites marked only by natural trees and boulders.

Cemeteries and gravestones have been and are important sources of genealogical information. Recently a Find-A-Grave volunteer emailed photos of my wife’s Minnesota ancestors’ headstones. Also, Find-A-Grave has been a good resource for additional information through the biographical data added by loved ones.

Thus, I am not sure I am in favor of “Green Cemeteries”. The remains may be there, but other important information is not. Now more and more people are choosing cremation or burial without a headstone. I have noticed small makeshift, handmade memorials in Colorado pioneer cemeteries, such as Central City’s Cemetery and its Catholic Cemetery. Loved ones have scattered ashes and placed small memorials near the spots where their relatives have died in traffic accidents. These memorials will not last, and no record will survive the elements. So I wonder .what effect such practices will have on genealogy in the future.



One of several memorials spotted near the road on Kenosha Pass. Notice the URN.

BOOKS PURCHASED BY COLUMBINE GENEALOGY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Fall 2011

By Marilyn Lyle, Acquisitions

Columbine Genealogy & Historical Society purchases books and library materials for the genealogy collections of Bemis Library and Denver Public Library. These materials are for the use of anyone interested in genealogy and family history. Your contributions are used for these purchases, and you are encouraged to provide suggestions and requests for purchases. Please contact: Marilyn Lyle - marilyle@msn.com. The lists below are the books purchased this quarter and once cataloged, you will be able to access the books at the libraries indicated.

DONATED TO BEMIS LIBRARY:

Census Substitutes & State Census Records Vol 1 & 2—
Eastern & Western States An Annotated Bibliography of
Published Names Lists for all 50 U.S. States and States
Censuses for 37 States

Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian

Genealogical Research in Nebraska

Getting Started in Genealogy ONLINE

Index to Pennsylvania's Colonial Records Series

Lists of Swiss Emigrants in the Eighteenth Century to the
American Colonies

Locating Lost Family Members & Friends

Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735-1815

Scots-Dutch Links in Europe and America, 1575-1825

Scots-Dutch Links in Europe and America, 1575-1825,
Volume II

Scottish-German Links, 1550-1850. Second Edition

Dutch Farmer in the Missouri Valley

DONATED TO DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Birth of Colorado, A Civil War Perspective

Finding Your Chicago Ancestors, A Beginner's Guide to
Family History in the City and Cook County

Haakon Horizons (County History of Haakon County, S.
Dakota)

Irish Marriages, Being An Index to the Marriages in Walk-
er's Hiberian Magazine 1771-1812

Lists of Inhabitants of Colonial New York (excerpted from
The Documentary History of the State of New York)

Virginia Immigrants and Adventurers, 1607-1635: A Bio-
graphical Dictionary

Three copies of the Bibliography of Research Publications
at Edwin A. Bemis Public Library, compiled by Projects
Committee, Marilyn Elrod, Chairman, and published by
Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society Inc. Centen-
nial, Colorado were also donated to Bemis Library, Denver
Library and Littleton Museum.

Here is a tidbit from one of the donated books: Map Guide
to American Migration Routes, 1735-1815 by William
Dollarhide.

“When Zane’s Trace was first blazed, the dense forests of
Ohio meant that road construction consisted of cutting the
trees, leaving the stumps and clearing out any underbrush
to create a ‘trace’ of a road. The passing wagons tended to
form two rows of ruts, which were often the only visible
evidence of a road surface.

On Zane’s Trace, travelers referred to a ‘stumped’ wagon
as one that was high centered on a stump or stuck between
stumps and the word is still used today when we are
‘stumped’ over something”. Page 20.

Read the whole book at Bemis Public Library.

ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

May 15, 2012

11:00 am

Make our sale a success by donating Genealogical books
and magazines you no longer use. Historical books of ge-
nealogical significance are also welcome.

You may bring your donations to any CG&HS meeting
and place them in the boxes designated “Used Book Sale”.

Then come and shop on the 15th!

He Got No Respect!!!

By Roland Floberg, CGHS Member

In the early 1850's, Gardiner Randolph, founder of the Kansas town of Randolph, moved his family west, from North Carolina, to the Blue River Valley of Kansas. Having Southern sympathies, he came with the intent to lay claim to considerable acreage, establish a plantation and, therefore, influence Kansas statehood as a slave state. A look at pre-Civil War history will disclose how critical the issue of free versus slave state became.

His clan was the original valley settlers and did lay claim to most of the valley. As additional settlers came to the area, they jumped the Randolph claims. In an attempt at substantiating his position, Randolph laid out a town site he named Randolph. It was a paper plotting only with no streets physically made or buildings constructed. Later settlers took issue. The conflict found its way to court in Junction City, Kansas, some 35 miles southwest. The judge ruled previous site claims invalid, explained the laws governing site claims and the Randolph town site was up for grabs.

According to local legend, Gardiner Randolph had traveled to Junction City by horseback and was somewhat casual in returning home. The opposing party had walked the 35 miles and, upon leaving court, walked all night, by direct line across the prairie to the town site. By the time Gardiner Randolph made his way to the town site, he found his opponent had erected a makeshift cabin with fireplace and chimney. Two additional cabins were under construction, and he had opened a crude working blacksmith shop. Gardiner Randolph had lost his dream.

The Randolph family stayed in the area but under lesser status. New settlers moved in and the town of Randolph grew to a population of approximately 500 and served a prosperous farming area.

In the early 1950's, Randolph citizens began planning a town centennial celebration. An interest developed in the Randolph family. A question was raised on where they would have been buried if they stayed in the area. A search of the original Randolph family farm area disclosed a scattering of broken Randolph family headstones. *For years the family cemetery had been overrun by a hog feed lot.* Your imagination can picture the scene!

No attempt was made at exhuming remains but the headstones were salvaged and relocated to the town cemetery. They remain standing today, off in an area of their own.

Kansas was admitted to the Union as a free state in January, 1861.



SAVE THE DATE!

May Luncheon

May 15, 2012

12:00 Noon

Please save the date for our annual May luncheon.

This year we will be honoring our recipient of the David S. Vogels Award, Barbara J. Brown.

Please bring a salad or an appetizer to share.

HUMOR FROM THE PAST

100 years ago from The Salida Record on Jan. 26, 1912:

“Inasmuch as the new ordinance governing automobiles is about to go into effect, by observing the following, all danger of violating the road rules will be avoided:

1. On discovering an approaching team, the automobilist must stop offside and cover his machine with tarpaulin painted to correspond with the scenery.
2. The speed limit on country roads will be secret and the penalty will be \$10 for every mile an offender is caught going in excess.
3. In case an automobile makes a team run away, penalty will be \$50 for the first mile, \$100 for the second mile, etc., that the team runs, in addition to the usual damages.
4. In case a horse will not pass an automobile, notwithstanding the scenic tarpaulin, the automobilist must take the machine apart as quickly as possible and conceal the parts in the grass.”

Refreshments Committee by Nedra Fortune

THANK YOU to the following CGHS members who brought refreshments to our meetings and helped out in the kitchen:

January 10: Anita Burbank-Jenkins, Connie Strandberg, and George MacDonald

January 17: Chris Fleischhacker, Deena Coutant, and Lorraine Justus

February 14: JoAnn LaGuardia and Carol Welch

February 21: Marilyn Elrod, Rita Elmore and Joyce Towne

March 13: Paula Davis, Jim Denison and Eleanor Spence

DOORS OPEN DENVER 2012

Please join us for a weekend of **FREE** tours, historic photos and archival displays.

Fairmount Cemetery, April 14th, 10-4

Tours Start at 10 am, 12 noon & 2 pm

Riverside Cemetery, April 15th, 10-4

Tours Start at 10 am, 12 noon, & 2 pm

Further details at our website:

www.Fairmountheritagefoundation.org

Wholly Genes, Inc. announces the 2012 Genealogy Conference and Cruise, September 16-23, 2012, to Alaska's Inside Passage.

Further details at www.WhollyGenes.com/cruise.htm.

TRIP TIP

Before making your agenda for your summer plans for genealogy, read an article by Jordana Divon at <http://.goo.gl/kix7c>. We often check on genealogy at places like libraries, government offices and genealogical societies. Jordana's story reminds us to visit **antique stores** on our genealogical trips!

ONLINE SAMPLER ARCHIVE PROJECT

The Sampler Archive Project wants to build an online searchable database of American samplers stitched in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. They hope to do for American samplers what has been done for American quilts. Read the full article at <http://goo.gl/NxY4V>.

The **South Dakota** State Historical Society's Archives has gone digital! The website is: <http://sddigitalarchives.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm>

Website Tips from Mary Lou King

Shortcut to the US Gen Web sites:

<http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>

Shortcut to the International Gen Web sites:

<http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogyslethi.htm>

Birth date calculator:

<http://www.progenealogists.com/freenealogy.htm>

Book Review

by Barb Walker, Genealogy Junkie

Note: Harold Vogel, our Ways and Means chair, has ordered several copies of this book for the CGHS bookstore.

History for Genealogists : Using Chronological Time Lines to Find and Understand Your Ancestors

by Judy Jacobson

Ya know, when I was in school, history wasn't anything more than names, dates and places I had to memorize for a test. It just didn't have any relevance to me. I could never understand how my husband, who has a degree in history, could get so excited about that stuff.

But now that I'm into genealogy, history makes sense! Now I understand why my ancestors left Ireland, or Scotland, or Denmark or Norway to come to "Amerika". I saw a review of this particular book in Family Tree Magazine a couple of years ago, so I put it on my Amazon.com wish list. Lo and behold, it was under the Christmas tree this year.

History for Genealogists is 285 pages of dates and timelines that relate to various world events. Chapter 1 is titled, "Seeing Ancestors in Historical Context," something I started understanding after I'd been doing genealogy for awhile -- after I got past the beginner's initial search for names, dates and places. In order to REALLY understand why your ancestors came to this country, you have to understand what was going on in the country they left.

The book encourages the reader to create a timeline for an ancestor to get a feel for where they came from and the world events that impacted their lives, from wars, to epidemics to politics and methods of transportation. There are timelines throughout the book that address all of these topics and others. Some timelines focus on world events while others concentrate on each individual state.

I can't read a book of this type without a yellow highlighter in one hand and a fine-point red pen close by. I also commit the unpardonable sin of dog-earring pages I want to come back to. I wouldn't be telling a fib if I said I couldn't put this book down. Each chapter seemed to relate to one of my familial lines.

I would highly recommend this book to anyone who's trying to make sense of their ancestors' movements and decisions.

IN MEMORIAM

Doris F. Hulse – CGHS member from 1975 to the present; President 1980-1984; Columbine Church Records Preservation Project Director, which earned Columbine the NGS's Award of Merit in 1988; Leader of Columbine's NGS Home Study Course; 3rd Vice President, Ways & Means, and Program Presenter, 1983.

Jo Marie McKinnis—CGHS member from 1992 to the present; Corresponding Secretary 1995-1999 and 2007 to 2012, and Treasurer 2000-2002.

Lois Elliott O'Connor—CGHS member from 1984-1998; Volunteer for the Columbine Church Records Preservation Project; 1st Vice President 1994-1996.

The National Genealogical Society's

2012 Conference

will be in Cincinnati, OH.

Mark your calendars for 9–12 May 2012.

BEST WISHES

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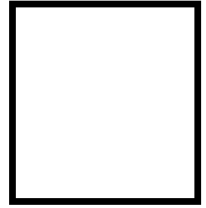
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