



# Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society Newsletter

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## PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

**8 January 2013 1 p.m.**  
**"Blogging: Telling the Story Behind Your Research"**

**By Jen Baldwin, Owner of Ancestral Journeys, a Genealogy Blogger and Creator of Conference Keeper, a website of genealogical conferences around the world**

**15 January 2013 1 p.m.**  
**"Scangaroo for the Genealogist"**

**By Dave Hensley, Owner of Scangaroo, a Mobile Photo Scanning Company—See page 5.**

**12 February 2013 1 p.m.**  
**"Case Study on Finding My Mother's Family"**

**By Ginger Schlotte**  
Because Ginger's mother suffered from mental illness, she did not know that part of her family tree even existed. Find out the story.

**19 February 2013 1 p.m.**  
**"Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary"**

**By Steve Friesen, Director of the Buffalo Bill Museum and author**  
Just a few days before Buffalo Bill's birthday come and hear Steve talk about his new book which he will have available to our members for sale and for him to autograph.

## WHY IS GENEALOGY IMPORTANT?

A recent article at [www.genealogyintime.com](http://www.genealogyintime.com) answered this question with practical reasons. Now we all have our own reasons for doing genealogy. As we get older and have more time on our hands, do we include genealogy on our bucket list? Is it a family hobby passed on from one generation to the next? Do we want our descendants to know where they came from? Did a school assignment to make a family tree mark the starting point? Practical reasons for why climbing the family tree is important include:

1. To validate family stories.
2. To see if we are related to any famous people.
3. To trace an ancestor's involvement in an historical event.
4. To assess the risk of certain medical conditions that run in families.
5. To gain a family inheritance.
6. To find birth parents of an adopted child..
7. To establish proof of paternity.
8. To abide by a religious tenet.
9. To document community history.
10. To provide insight into a famous or royal family's history.
11. To provide proof of lineage to join heritage societies.
12. To preserve family traditions.
13. To preserve family culture.
14. To reconnect with family.
15. To pass on a family legacy.

So as we start a new year maybe now is a good time to re-visit the reasons why we do genealogy. Such a practice might just lead us to new branches on our family trees.



**A can of Kuner's Cut Wax Beans yields information on Max Kuner, a Bavarian watchmaker, who founded the Kuner Pickle Company in CO in 1864. KEEP YOUR EYES, EARS & MOUTHS OPEN FOR WHERE GENEALOGY WILL "CROP" UP!**

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## CJ Backus

President of Columbine  
Genealogical and Historical Society

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year 2013! I'm looking forward to this new year and being the President of Columbine.

I thought a little background information would be helpful to see what I've done with our society since joining in the fall of 2005. Maybe a list will be the easiest way to do this, so here goes:

2006-2007 Historian (Ask George MacDonald about recruiting me in the parking lot)

2007 Author of *We Just Did*--the memoir of my parents during WWII

2007 Established my research business, CJ Piglet Research Company

2007 Power point presentation of *We Just Did* to Columbine

2008 Author with Gary Routh of *CG&HS, Celebrating Our 35th Anniversary, 1973-2008*

2008 Photograph used in the Italians of Denver exhibit at the CO Historical Museum

2008 Co-taught Columbine beginner's class in the fall at Bemis Library

2008 Author showcased at Englewood Library's Faces Behind the Books for *We Just Did*

2008 Power point presentation of *We Just Did* to Colorado Genealogical Society

2008-2009 1st Vice President of Programs

2008-2009 Planned Early Bird programs on the third Tuesdays

2008-2010 Society research trips to Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah

2009 Contributor to the book *The Book of Wapakoneta (OH)* by their historical society (photos, research)

2009 Power point presentation to the Glenmoor Ladies Bookclub Society

2009-2011 1st Vice President of Programs (second term)

2010 Became a member of Association of Professional Genealogists and local Colorado chapter

2010 Chair of Society Symposium in June with presenter APG President, Laura Prescott



2010-2011 Nominating Committee for Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies  
 2011 Power point presentation on Writing Your Memoir to Columbine  
 2012-2013 Secretary of Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies  
 2012 Power point presentation on beginning genealogy to Pathfinders (group at Montview Presbyterian Church)  
 2012 Nominating Committee of Columbine (took over as chair)  
 2013-2014 President of Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society

One of the things I have learned about being involved with the genealogy community is that you get back more than you give. New friends are made, trips are taken to SLC, history is documented, classes are attended in best practices of research, and a sense of pride is felt in being a member of a group where we believe in the importance of coming together to preserve the past for those future generations who one day will decide that they, too, are interested in their ancestry.

If I don't know you already, be sure to say hello when you check in at the front door, and enjoy what the board and standing committees have lined up for the coming year. Don't be surprised if I say "hi" first, as all are welcome at Columbine.

My dog, Babalu, wanted to be 'assistant to the president', but she settled for being in the photo. To know her is to love her; woof.

Sincerely,  
 CJ Backus

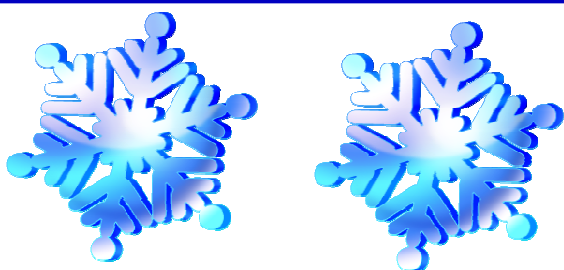


Bert and her Pinkie bear.



**Are you following the Brown Family in their Genealogy Tour across America?**

If you aren't, go to <http://www.ancestry.com/adventure>. The Brown Family of 2 parents and 5 children, ages 10 to 18 months, waved goodbye to Utah on 2 Nov. 2012 to embark on a six-month trip, sponsored by Ancestry.com, to travel around the United States. The children will learn American History, and the parents will do research in various places their ancestors lived. Ancestry.com is surprising them with new family stories and information in various places they visit. "Now why didn't I think of that?"



THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING BOARD &  
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS!!!

While “It takes a village to raise a child,” a society cannot function without the leadership, guidance and efforts of persons who step up to contribute in some way to the benefit of all.

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## 2013 Salt Lake City Trip!

**Monday, May 6th to Saturday, May 11th or Sunday, May 12th**

A group of members from Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society will be making another trip to Salt Lake City in May, 2013. We plan to arrive in Salt Lake on Monday, May 6th, and will leave on Saturday, May 11th or Sunday, May 12th. For planning purposes, please remember that Sunday, May 12th, is Mother’s Day.

The group will be staying at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel. If you are planning to be there Monday to Saturday, hotel rates are approximately \$240 per person, double occupancy. Monday to Sunday, hotel rates are approximately \$288 per person, double occupancy. Rates are also available for single and triple occupancy.

We will not be going through a travel agent this time, and someone from each room will need to make the reservation. When making the reservation, let the hotel know that you are with Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society. You will need to reserve the room with a credit card, but the card will not be charged until checkout. The hotel will split the bill between you and your roommate at checkout time. The Plaza’s phone number is 801/521-0130.

You will also need to make your own airline reservation. As of December 12th airline rates are between \$140 and \$160 on Frontier and Southwest.

Please feel free to contact Marilyn Elrod at 303/979-8435 or ramjel@msn.com with any questions you may have.

If you are interested in going to Salt Lake, please let Marilyn know so that she can put you on the “interested” list. If you’ve never been, there’s no better time to go with your fellow Columbine members—and who knows what you just might find in your searching at the Family History Library!



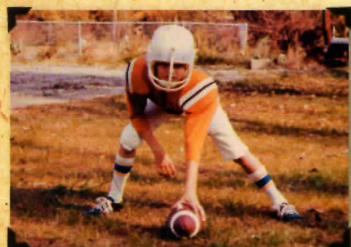
**Woody with her doll, Patsy**



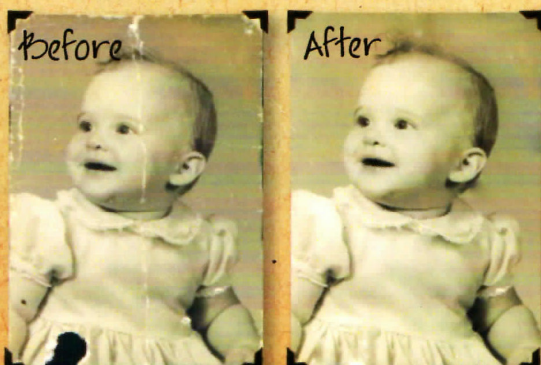
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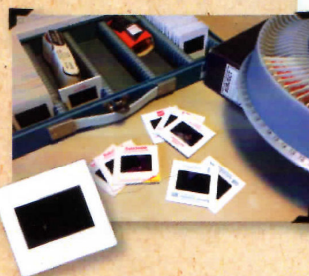
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## 2013

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#### Other Appointments

Photographer -- Steve Johnson, Livie Grogan  
 Queries - Woody Trospen  
 Library Liaison - Open

### WHO WILL CONTROL YOUR “DIGITAL ESTATE” AFTER YOU ARE GONE?

Dick Eastman wrote an article in his Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter on 10 September 2012 that may be of interest to many of us. You can find it at: [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2012/09/who-will-control-your-digital-estate-after-you-are-gone.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2012/09/who-will-control-your-digital-estate-after-you-are-gone.html)



On 9 October 2012 **Mary Ann McNair** spoke to CGHS about Digital Storytelling for Genealogists.



On 13 November 2012 **Christie Wright** spoke to CGHS about “Those Dastardly Deeds: Using Criminal Records as Genealogy Resources”.

**LOST:** It has come to our attention that in the past Certificates of Appreciation from CGHS included gold seals with the CGHS logo embossed on them. Has anyone seen the embosser with the CGHS logo on it? Could it be in someone's box from a previous member? Please check around. If you should know of its whereabouts, please contact Carol Johnson at carolj46@comcast.net or (303)850-9739. THANKS!!!!



**Christine with her Green Teddy Bear**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BARBARA WALKER**

When Mom, Betty Olsen, passed away last June, she left behind her collection of over 100 dolls. She had found them over the years since she moved to Colorado and they were her "kids." Last week my sister, Mary Jo, contacted a local thrift store that would take them and give them to needy children. Mary then contacted a local TV station and told them about Mom's legacy and how we called her the Queen Mum, because she resembled the "real" Queen. The TV station sent a camera man to capture Mary's trip to the store and their reception of the "kids." It was on 9News, our local NBC station last night. Thought you might like to see it. There's a commercial before the segment starts.

<http://www.9news.com/video/2046596540001/1/ColoradoStrong-The-Queens-Gift>

## **FYI--NATIONAL GENEALOGY CONFERENCES**

20 March 2013 The Association of Professional Genealogists' Professional Management Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown, Salt Lake City, UT. More info at <http://www.apgenorg/conferences/index.html>

21-23 March 2013 Rootstech 2013 will hold its conference in Salt Lake City, UT. More info at <http://rootstech.org/>

8-11 May 2013 The National Genealogical Society will present "Building New Bridges" in Las Vegas, NV. More info at [http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference\\_info](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info)

Announcement Brochure: [http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/2013\\_Announcement\\_Brochure\\_27\\_April.pdf](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/2013_Announcement_Brochure_27_April.pdf)

7-9 June 2013 Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree will be held in Burbank, CA. More info at <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/>

Blog at: <http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com/>

21-24 Aug 2013 Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold their annual conference in Fort Wayne, IN. Conference website: <http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43>

Brochure at: <http://www.fgs.org/upload/files/>



**Susan with her Madame Alexander Doll**

**12 March 2013 1 p.m.**  
**“The Ladies of the Brown”**  
**By Debra Faulkner, Historian for the Brown Palace Hotel and author**

Debra will help us celebrate March as Women’s History Month by telling us about some of the remarkable ladies who stayed at and worked at the Brown Palace Hotel. Her book, Ladies of the Brown: A Women’s History of Denver’s Most Elegant Hotel will be available for sale and for her to auto-graph.

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**19 March 2013 1 p.m.**  
**“Tools for German Genealogy Research”**  
**By Bert Paredes, Arapahoe Community College Instructor on German genealogy**

Bert will give us a survey of resources that will help you find out where in Germany your ancestors originated and help you trace your ancestors within Germany.

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**9 April 2013 1 p.m.**  
**“Location is the Key to Finding Your Ancestors”**  
**By Carol Darrow, past CGS president, certified genealogist and author**

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**16 April 2013 1 p.m.**  
**“The History of Littleton from its Founding to 1959” and CGHS’ 40th Anniversary**  
**By Lorena Donohue, Deputy Director/ Curator of Collections at the Littleton Museum**

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**14 May 2013 1 p.m.**  
**“Recollections of a Genealogist’s Daughter” and “What the Arapahoe Library District has to Offer Genealogists”**  
**By Pamela Bagby, Reference Librarian for the Arapahoe Library District**

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**21 May 2013 11 a.m. Book Fair**  
**12 noon Luncheon and**  
**1 p.m. Program on “Tips on Trips for Genealogy”**

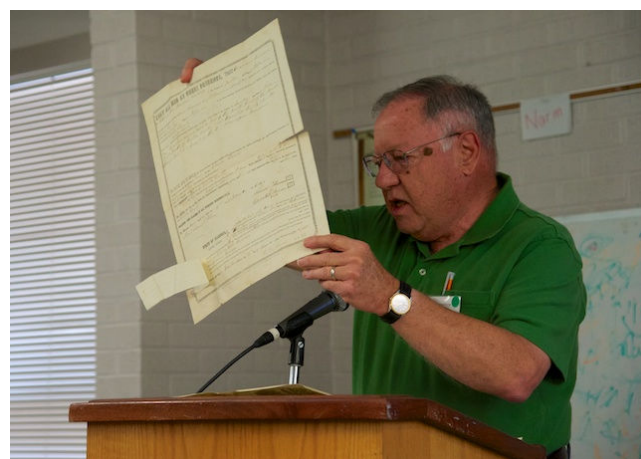
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Richard Evans with a Silly Putty table favor toy, Anita Burbank-Jenkins tasting some of the delicious holiday luncheon items, and Anita’s husband enjoying the camaraderie of a tableful of genealogists.

**THANK YOU to Cookie Volunteers**

- 9 Oct 2012 Bert Norton, Ed Randall and Sandi Klein
- 16 Oct 2012 Shirley Stertz, Alison Gibbens, Flori Brooks, and JoAnn LaGuardia
- 13 Nov 2012 Sharon Feeley, Elaine Zimdars, Patsy Parker



On 16 October 2012 Ken Beets spoke about his War of 1812 Relic.



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The latest rage in tattoo art is to have one's family coat of arms inked somewhere on one's skin. While this may seem like a good idea, it can cause some concern. For example, is the above coat of arms the actual Johnson one or are there others? How does one know which coat of arms is the correct one for one's surname? Before one goes under the ink gun be sure and check that the coat of arms is correct!



**Santa left an early genealogy present for CGHS's outgoing President, JoAnn LaGuardia.**

### **This Is How It Ends**

by **Kathleen MacMahon.**

**New York: Grand Central Publishing, 2012.**

By Carol Johnson, CGHS 1st Vice President

I just finished reading a library book that may be of interest to others who do genealogy. It sounds like *Genealogy 101* in fiction form. The opening sentence reads, "It was a wet Monday morning in mid-autumn when Bruno Boylan finally set foot in the land of his forefathers" (page 1). Suddenly out of a job in the United States before the Obama-McCain presidential election, he travels to Dublin, Ireland as the last of the Boylans to meet his cousins several times removed who have a different reaction to his arrival than what he anticipates. Addie "kept having to remind herself that he was her cousin. It didn't feel like they were from the same family. It didn't feel like they were from the same species... To Addie, Irish America was something you wanted nothing to do with. Irish Americans were fat people in check trousers and baseball hats who descended out of tour buses onto Nassau Street and waddled into Blarney Woollen Mills to buy Aran jumpers. They were red-faced people in sneakers who hung around the National Library trying to trace their family tree. They were people who attended fund-raising dinners in hotel ballrooms in Boston and New York and talked nonsense about the North. They spoke too loud and they pronounced all the place names wrong. The very thought of an Irish American in search of his roots was enough to make you squirm.

Of course Bruno was oblivious to all the negative connotations he was arousing. He had no idea of all the prejudices and petty resentments he was stirring up. He was under the impressions that he had nothing to be ashamed of" (page 47-8).

I especially liked the part in Chapter 16, where "Bruno had started working on his family tree.

When you looked at it on paper it was a winter tree. It was a naked-looking thing, all bare branches ending in blank spaces. There was no foliage and no color, no life in it yet. Only on the far left-hand side of the page was there any indication of growth. Starting with his grandfather, Bruno had constructed a system of straight lines and neat boxes dropping down through the generations..."

Next, Bruno realizes he should have done some preparation before he embarked on his trip. "He should have done some foundation work. Before he left New York, he should have questioned his sisters... For some reason he had imagined that his search would start only when he got here" (page 130).

Fortunately Bruno meets a genealogist at the National Library



who gives him some much-needed advice.

Then, in order to help Bruno, Addie asks her father, Hugh, about their common ancestors. Unfortunately Hugh's attitude shows in his statement to her, "Firewood, that's all it's good for, our family tree" (page 137).

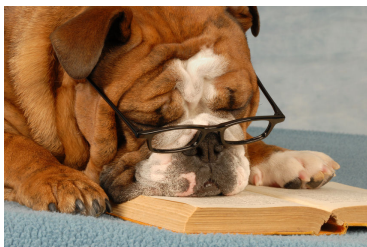
In addition, Addie and Bruno take a genealogy research trip. Their "country cousins" invite them for tea. Addie is horrified to visit them, has no recollection of them, and has never even known of their existence, but she feels guilty about her feelings after she meets them. "She was overcome by everything she didn't know, by all the things these women seemed to know about her. She didn't remember any of it. She felt as if she'd walked into a room and suddenly people were jumping out from behind the couches and curtains and they were shouting, surprise!" Then, Bruno and Addie go to the family graveyard, where Bruno meticulously copies gravestone information in his notebook, while Addie waits for some kind of emotion to come over her, but none does (page 174-5).

In Ireland Bruno settles into a routine of going to the library daily and becoming a part of the "same silent community" of researchers (page 240). "He would unfold the family tree, spreading it out flat on the desk and allowing his eyes to wander over the page.

There was an alchemy involved in this work, there was the potential for some magic. If you collected enough facts, there was the possibility of conjuring some life out of them. All of a sudden a story would rise, like a vaporous cloud that has been produced by mixing two chemicals together in a laboratory. And Bruno was the magician, he was the one bringing his ancestors back to life" (page 241).

Eventually Bruno and Addie have their first fight. During it, Addie remarks, "I bet you had this really happy childhood," she said. "That's why you're so keen on talking about the past. People who had happy childhoods always love to talk about the past" (page 244).

This Is How It Ends ends sadly and far too abruptly. That is my only criticism. I marvel at how Kathleen MacMahon wove genealogy into this love story between two mature adults, but I wanted more of the author's unique descriptions of genealogy.



## Editor's Notes

Is everyone ready for 2013? What are your genealogy goals for the coming year? Where will you search? As you can see from page 1, even a vegetable can may be a place you'll find information about your ancestors!

I want to spend a day or two at the library at the new History Colorado Center. I have relatives from both sides of my family who came to Colorado in the 1880's. I am sure I can find information on some of them in the library. Also, I need to spend more time at the Denver Public Library's Western History and Genealogy Floor.

My wife recently submitted her DNA to the new AncestryDNA test that uses some of the latest DNA autosomal testing technology as a more comprehensive way to find family across all lines in your family tree. So one test covers both sides—maternal and paternal—and is equally effective for both men and women. Some of the hits she is getting are just a few generations back. The test I had done a couple of years ago was fraternal only and gave results back as much as 20 generations. This info is not very good for my research. Seems I am of Polish descent. The matches I've received are mainly from Poland and may go back as far as 20 generations before there is a connection. It leaves me with more questions than answers. So the next time they have a sale, I'll do the DNA autosomal.

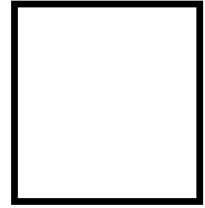
In the mean time, I'll go back and Google my ancestors again. I just never know when someone will post new info that will help me out.. Editor's Note: Right after I wrote this, I received an Ancestry email with information on my paternal grandmother. Our family always thought that she had an illegitimate, 2-year-old son when she married my grandfather in 1913. The new info indicates that she was married when she had him and listed her first husband's name. From that, I was able to find her in the 1910 U.S. Census. Isn't genealogy amazing!

Here's to a Happy New Year of brick wall breakthroughs!



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