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PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

8 October 1 pm
"Don't Give Up the Search"
By Carol Swenson, AG and Blogger

Carol will tell us about her favorite genealogical sites.

15 October EarlyBird 9:30 am
WEBINAR "Reverse Genealogy-Finding the Living" by Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak

15 October 1 pm
"What the Library of Congress Has for Genealogists"
By Peggy Cummings, Library Media Specialist at Douglas County High School

12 November 1 pm
Elections and "Breakthroughs/Brick Walls" Discussion

Explain a breakthrough or bring a brick wall, and let's tackle it using the knowledge and resources of our group.. (Contact Carol Johnson to be on the Program.)

19 November 1 pm
"Case Study: Homestead Records Research"
By Jim and Carol Wolff, Members of Castle Rock Genealogy Society
Homestead records of two of their German families from Nebraska in the 1880s and South Dakota in the 1920s.

10 December 12 noon Potluck Program @ 1 p.m.

Littleton Museum's A Quilter's Craft Exhibit

The dictionary says a quilt is "a bed coverlet of two layers of cloth filled with wool, cotton or down and held in place by stitched designs." American pioneer women made quilts to keep their families warm.

"A Quilter's Craft: Marie Agnes Conway Retrospective" is currently on display at the Littleton Museum. Marie was the dressmaker/owner of Marie's dress shop in downtown Littleton. After she retired in the mid-1970s Marie began machine quilting, but then went back to hand quilting. She began creating "art quilts" for framing or hanging in 1983, and she displayed them at various art shows around Littleton. The current exhibit includes 50-60 of her art quilts, along with her very first one, a mauve, shantung silk, spider quilt.

In 1985 Marie began a "history quilt" of Littleton, CO, showing recognizable buildings and scenes, and she completed it in September, 1989, just before Littleton celebrated its centennial in 1990. She named the quilt "David's Hometown," a tribute to one of her sons who had seen her working on it and who had died in the same year she finished it. Pictured above, it is included in the exhibit.

Stop by the Littleton Museum to see this wonderful exhibit reminiscent of the quilting of our foremothers and an example of fine workwomanship by one of Littleton's late businesswomen and artisans. Thanks to the Littleton Museum for helping us with this article! "A Quilter's Craft: Marie Agnes Conway Retrospective" runs



now through March 16, 2014 at the Littleton Museum, 6028 S. Gallup Street, Littleton, CO. Admission is free. Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Sundays.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
"We Are CG&HS!"**

Have you heard the saying, "There is no I in team"? This statement is apparent at CG&HS Board Meetings in that we are a group of volunteers who come together to preserve what was started back in 1973.

Have you taken the time to look at your Membership Roster and see exactly who is doing what "job" to ensure that we take care of business? Take a glance at the inside cover, and maybe you'll see a position you might be interested in pursuing some-time. Or go up to that person and have a discussion about what it is they are doing for Columbine.

Have you seen our updated website that is in the final stages of being up and running smoothly? Have you been coming to our wonderful programs and enjoying our yummy refreshments? Perhaps it is time (if you haven't already) to join in and become an active member, not just one who attends the meetings. You will find that you get back so much more for your time and energy.

I bring up all of this here because we are quickly approaching the end of this year's term, and we will be having our election of officers on 12 Nov 2013, with positions to begin in January of 2014. Also, I will be appointing Standing Committee Chairs then. See why I want you to take a look at who is doing what and if you might be interested in joining in?

You'll find our Objectives listed on our website, Columbinegenealogy.com and I've included them. Our Bylaws prescribe that we:

Promote an interest in genealogy and history.

Encourage and instruct members in genealogical research through informative programs, careful documentation and maintenance of quality genealogical standards.

Locate, preserve and index public and private genealogical and historical records and make such available to members and the public.

Assist and support those genealogical libraries, archives, and historical museums in Colorado which are open to the public.

Publish genealogical and historical information in a regular newsletter and any other publications as directed by the membership.

One of the joys of being involved is being able to say that you are preserving history, while enjoying yourself and making new friends and connections.

Don't be surprised if you find yourself in a conversation with me in the next month about becoming a vital participant with the board of Columbine!

CJ Backus

Serendipity

By Susan Hollis, Member of the Nominating Committee and Writers Group

In thirty-three years of genealogical research I have found myself in some rare and mysterious circumstances. I have no explanations for these occurrences, but count myself lucky that somehow I have crossed paths with many of my grandfathers and grandmothers long since laid to rest.

In the summer of 1967, some college friends and I traveled to Cape Cod to work for the summer. My job was to distribute menus advertising the Neptune Room restaurant at the Hyannis Airport. All summer I drove over Cape Cod and by the end of the season, I knew the roads nearly by heart. Fast forward to the year 2000. My dad always said, "Thankful Sears' family came on the Mayflower." I thought he was joking and didn't pay any attention, but when I began to research her family I learned they actually arrived a couple of years later, and that the Sears' Burying Ground, where all my earliest Sears relatives rest, is right along the route I drove each day.

Another such event happened Memorial Day Weekend in the Kansas City area in 1990. My husband, thirteen-year-old daughter, and I had traveled there for a soccer tournament. I was thrilled to learn we would have time on the day prior to the tournament to visit Shawnee Methodist Mission on the old Santa Fe Trail in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. I knew my dad's great-great grandfather, Edward Currell, and wife, Thankful Sears Currell, arrived at the Mission in 1840, where Edward was hired to teach shoemaking to the Indian children who boarded there. Though it poured rain, we toured the beautifully restored buildings on the grounds of the museum, saw artifacts and tools used by the museum teachers, and I especially enjoyed the shoemaking tools which I knew my ancestor would have used. I treasured the opportunity to see where Edward and Thankful lived and worked and where their two oldest children were born.

That evening we got a call from my daughter's coach telling us that the field for the next morning's game had been changed from the main soccer complex, which was inundated with water,

to a neighboring field which was drier and playable.

Imagine our surprise when we found our way through the suburb only to end up one block away from the Mission! In fact, the building where my ancestors lived was visible through the houses built adjoining the Mission grounds. One good soccer punt would have hit the side of the building. I could not believe that my daughter was playing soccer there 150 years after her ancestors first came as devout Methodists to the Mission.

In 1999 soccer also took us to Greensboro, North Carolina, the Final Four NCAA girls' soccer tournament. Special events were planned for players and parents, and schedules were very strict. One evening my husband and I found ourselves after dinner near Guilford College (a Quaker college.) It was December and too dark, cold, and windy to go for a walk, so we parked the car on the campus and waited for the time we could go to the hotel and visit with our daughter. We pulled into a college parking lot next to the Quaker burial ground. I think I may have said, "Wish I had some Quaker relatives and we could go look for them." I'm pretty sure my husband said, "Yeah, that would be fun in this weather." I didn't give it another thought until about four years ago I was researching my Albright family to apply for membership in the DAR. As it turns out, Daniel Albright, my sixth great-grandfather, is buried in the Quaker Graveyard on the Guilford College campus. He was visiting his son in February, 1831, and died there and as the weather was so bad, they were not able to get him back to his home in Alamance Co., so his family was given permission to bury him there.

About 2002 I was working on tracing my Baker ancestors. My grandparents both told me that my grandmother Ruth's grandfather was named Jesse Baker. I met her brother, my great-uncle Boots, who knew this grandfather and he said his name was Jesse Baker. So for twenty-five years I looked for Jesse Baker. I even went to a soccer tournament in Boise, Idaho, and to the state archives and looked for records for Jesse Baker who was said to have come from Texas, but lived and died in Idaho. Through the many many years, I held fast to my method of research... doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. Eventually I proved that the man's name was actually George Baker...George, not Jesse, but I could not find proof of his wife's name.

My great-uncle Boots had also told me that he (and my grandmother and the other ten kids) had an uncle Easley Baker who lived at Quanah, Texas. This Easley would send the family hand-me-down clothes which were much

appreciated. He also told me Easley Baker never married and was a bachelor who worked on a cattle ranch.

In the summer of 2004 I drove from Littleton to Oklahoma, heading to a little town called Walters to visit my two sisters. I was driving alone, and by the time it was late afternoon I was worn out. I had hoped to make it all the way, but didn't think it safe; I was too tired. So I stopped in Childress, TX, got a room, had a nice BBQ dinner and settled down to read and watch TV. About 9 p.m. the tornado sirens went off and a violent thunderstorm began. Since I had grown up in southwest Oklahoma, I do not ignore such warnings. As I watched the TV, the power went out. I could see the giant Best Western sign at my motel sway violently in the wind, and decided to take shelter in the bathroom until the storm passed. It didn't last too long and the tornado did not hit the motel, but did hit part of the hospital and overturned some semis on the highway. The only damage I had was water seeping under the door to my room getting about half the carpet wet. The power did not return which meant no air conditioning. I had to open my windows which did not have screens in order to get some cooler air along with just a few mosquitoes. I took my bath via cell phone light. That was a first.

I was tired and grouchy and so slept in a little late the next day. That meant that I could not show up in Walters until dinner time as my sisters were at a school conference out of town and would not be home until evening.

What to do? I hit a few antique stores, and as I passed a sign showing the next town, Quanah, Texas, I decided I would stop there, go to the cemetery and see if I could find the grave of Easley Baker. I was only mildly interested since he wasn't a 'direct ancestor', but figured it couldn't hurt and I had all day free. I went to the Hardeman County courthouse to see if they could tell me where I could locate the sexton's records for the cemetery.

In the county clerk's office I chatted with the woman at the desk. As one does in small Texas towns, I told her my name, why I was there, and where I was from. She asked was I related to the Hollises from Hollis, OK, (about 30 miles north). I answered "Yes," which gave me a credible family connection, and I asked about the cemetery. She said, "Well, honey, you have a seat and let me check the death records for you...I have them right here." Within two minutes, on her computer she pulled up James Easley Baker's death certificate listing his father as George Baker and his mother as Mary Brewer! I was so thrilled I was close to tears.

She also pointed me to a map of the cemetery posted on the wall, which I consulted and then went to find his grave. I found the cemetery just a couple of blocks north of town, and while there, a lady watering a nearby family plot asked me who I was visiting. As we chatted, she told me, "You need to go over to the funeral home and see what they can tell you. I said that Easley Baker

never married and I doubted there would be any record. But, I did go. Mr. Smith, the owner of the funeral home, welcomed me, then wondered aloud to his wife, "Now let me think....Easley Baker...didn't he marry one of the Hunter girls? Let me ask Dad." He brought in his elderly father, asked him, and yes, it turned out he remembered the family. The owner brought out several file cards from their records. Turns out Easley Baker was married and had two children, and they are buried at the cemetery also.

Because of a tornado in Childress, Texas, I was able to trace this family from Virginia to Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, and Idaho.

I cannot explain why these things happened to me. Is it pure chance or perhaps a bond we cannot yet document; a connection which draws us to them across time and memory?



James Jeffrey displays his "Rgh" Rubber Duck and CG&HS Certificate of Achievement on 10 Sep.

IN MEMORIAM

Lucille Mildred Gargala died at her home in Monument, CO on 10 June 2013, after a 2-year battle with pancreatic cancer. As her energy for bowling faded, she found a passion and gift for Genealogy, at which she excelled. Lucy was a CG&HS member since 1995.



After succumbing to a fever of some sort in 1705, Irish woman Margorie McCall was hastily buried to prevent the spread of whatever had done her in. Margorie was buried with a valuable ring, which her husband had been unable to remove due to swelling. This made her an even better target for body snatchers, who could cash in on both the corpse and the ring.

The evening after Margorie was buried, before the soil had even settled, the grave-robbers showed up and started digging. Unable to pry the ring off the finger, they decided to cut the finger off. As soon as blood was drawn, Margorie awoke from her coma, sat straight up and screamed.

The fate of the grave-robbers remains unknown. One story says the men dropped dead on the spot, while another claims they fled and never returned to their chosen profession.

Margorie climbed out of the hole and made her way back to her home.

Her husband John, a doctor, was at home with the children when he heard a knock at the door. He told the children, "If your mother were still alive, I'd swear that was her knock."

When he opened the door to find his wife standing there, dressed in her burial clothes, blood dripping from her finger but very much alive, he dropped dead to the floor. He was buried in the plot Margorie had vacated.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Book Corner

By Susan Hollis

Do you know the meaning of the following terms? 1st Quality Land, 2nd Quality Land, 3rd Quality Land, Poll tax, Head tax, how much a piano was taxed or a gold watch?

Harold Vogel, 3rd Vice President, Ways and Means, attended the annual National Genealogical Society convention last spring and polled the booksellers there as to their hottest selling genealogy books, and he came up with a book which answers all these questions.

Oft mentioned by the booksellers was a book by two local genealogists Carol Darrow and Susan Winchester. Carol is a Certified Genealogist and Susan has a Ph.D. and C.P.A. so if anyone knows genealogy and taxes, these two certainly do. Both are active Colorado Genealogical Society members, Carol being a recent past president and active throughout Colorado in all things genealogical. She also has given several programs at Columbine, as well as this September 17's talk on Castle Garden.

The book is [The Genealogist's Guide to Researching Tax Records](#). Tax records pinpoint an ancestor's location, tell something about his age, belongings, land holdings, and sometimes the number of adult sons he has living with him. The job of a tax collector was to examine each adult in the tax district or county and check back yearly to see that he paid his taxes and paid the correct amount. No one was exempt from this scrutiny.

Finding your ancestor in tax records is striking genealogical gold. It proves your ancestor to a certain time and place as few other records do.

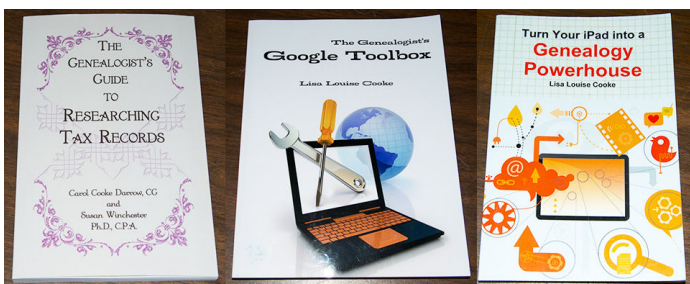
The book details the path to locating tax records in various localities and how to evaluate the records once you have located them. Examples are given for tax lists and how to interpret the information contained. So, if you need help with your research, and perhaps are looking for hints to bypass that "brick wall," visit the book table and pick up a copy of Carol and Susan's book.

The Genealogist's Google Tool Box by Lisa L. Cooke gives enumerable tips and tricks for getting the most out of your Internet genealogical search with Google's extensive technological tools...and best of all these are all free state-of-the-art tools!

Ms. Cooke is the owner of Genealogy Gems, a multi-media genealogical company. She is a frequent speaker at genealogical conferences and a producer for Family Tree Maker Podcast. Her podcast and blog can be found at lisalouisecooke.com. The Genealogist's Google Tool Box provides an easy to read and use guide for making the most of Google genealogically speaking. She advises in fact that readers keep the book not on a bookshelf, but right on the top of the desk next to the computer for frequent reference. Make your genealogical life easier...let Google help you. Learn how to master the use of Google Search, Google Alerts, iGoogle, Google books, Google Earth, Google News Timeline, and Google Translate.

In addition, Lisa also has a book for the Apple lover in you, Turn Your i-Pad into a Genealogical Powerhouse. Lisa describes the "Tablet Mindset" needed to use your i-Pad as your primary genealogy search and storage tool.

If you are looking for some high tech genealogy help, see Harold Vogel at the book table.



Slate of Officers for 2014 From the Nominating Committee Elections will be November 12, 2013

1st Vice President – Programs	Open
3rd Vice President – Ways & Means	Harold Vogel
Corresponding Secretary	Anita Burbank-Jenkins
Newsletter	Carol & Steve Johnson
Auditing	Peggy Dionne & Julie McKemy
Nominating Committee	Open
Education Coordinator	Deena Coutant

This paragraph originally appeared on 23 Sep 1891 in the Gilpin County Weekly Register-Call and was re-published on page 25 on 20 Sep 2012:

“Judge **Adrian Monster** surprised his many friends as well as himself last Tuesday by taking his semi-annual bath, getting his patriarchal beard and hair trimmed and donning a new set of clothes. It is quietly hinted that the judge will take a withdrawal card from the Crank Club, and commit-matrimony.”



Alison Gibbens and **Marilyn Elrod**, our Membership Coordinators, meet and greet by the door on 10 Sep.

THANKS FOR REFRESHMENTS

- 10 Sep Kathy Brigham, Pat Jacobsen & Diane White
- 17 Sep Nedra Fortune, Ginger Van Zyl & Rita Elmore

The Columbine Board of Directors is recommending that membership approve the following changes to our Bylaws.

Article VIII/ Page 5

Section B: All officers shall:

2. Present a yearly written report at the January Meeting. This should be done in six copies

Change: six to three

Eliminate: Bulletin Board Manager, Newsletter Editor & Webmaster

Article IX – Standing Committees and Special Appointments /Page 5

Section B. Other Committees:

1. Other appointments

a. Eliminate: Bulletin Board Manager

Section C: Budgets & Reports

1. All Standing Committees, except the Bulletin Board, shall:

Eliminate: Bulletin Board

Present a yearly written report at the January Board Meeting. This should be done in six copies, with one each for the President, Recording Secretary, Historian, Newsletter Editor, Web Master, and the Bulletin Board Manager

Change: six to three

Eliminate: Bulletin Board, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

Article IX - Standing Committees and Special Appointments/Page 5

Section A. Standing Committees

3. Duties

e. Historian shall:

add: 2. display permanent and current information of interest to the society on the bulletin board

Article IX – Standing Committees and Special Appointments/ page 5

Section A. Standing Committees:

2. Term of Office: Standing Committee Chairmen shall serve a term of one (1) year from the date of appointment and for no longer than four (4) consecutive terms.

Eliminate: and for no longer than four (4) consecutive terms.

Article X – Nominations and Elections

Section B.

1. The nominating Committee shall present a written list of at least one nominee to the Board of Directors at the September Board Meeting.

Change: September to August

**COLUMBINE GENEALOGICAL & HISTORIC SOCIETY
2014 Board Approved Budget**

Revenues:	
Membership Dues	\$4,000
Newsletter Surcharge	\$125
Investment Income	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,125
Officers Expenses:	
President	\$25
1st V. Pres.	\$1,000
2nd V. Pres.	\$150
3rd V. Pres Ways & Means	\$30
Recording Secretary	\$25
Corresponding Secretary	\$30
Treasurer	\$40
Newsletter Editor	\$365
Membership	\$225
Stationery for Officers	\$25
Operating Expenses:	
Archivist	\$30
Equipment Purchases	\$100
Historian	\$25
Hospitality	\$300
Mailings	\$215
Photographer	\$0
Public Acq-CG&HS Donations	\$0
Bemis Library	\$50
Colorado Council Rep	\$0
Web Master	\$325
Queries	\$10
Bank Fees	\$25
Church Space Usage & Cleaning	\$864
Society Membership Dues	\$10
Miscellaneous	\$50
Stern _NARA Donation-CG&HS	\$100
Postal Box	\$80
TOTAL OPERATING CASH OUTFLOW	\$4,099
NET CASHFLOW from OPERATIONS	\$26
Education:	
Class Fees Collected	\$1,000
Class & Education Expenses	-\$1,000
NET EDUCATION	\$0
Bookstore:	
Regular Book Store Sales	\$1,000
Sales Tax Collected	\$75
Sales Tax & Licenses Paid	-\$100
Ways & Means Purchases	-\$1,000
NET BOOKSTORE	-\$25
NET BUDGETED CASHFLOW	\$1

HYPERLINKS TO WEBSITES

www.MNopedia.org is a resource for reliable information about significant people, groups, events, places and things relating to Minnesota. For example, it has an article on Charles A. Pillsbury, the founder of Pillsbury flour mills, and an article on the long shelf life of Ry-Krisp. (Editor’s Note: Does Colorado have an online encyclopedia?)

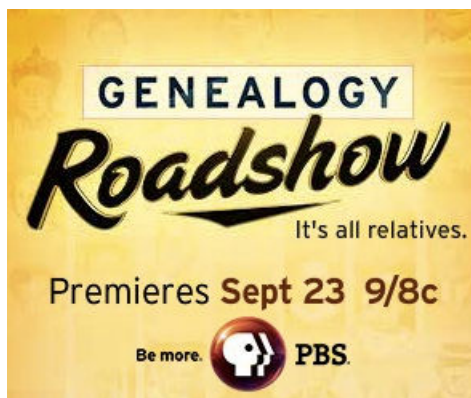
www.RootsTech.org gives information on the RootsTech 2014 conference on 6-8 Feb in Salt Lake City, UT.

LONDON FAMILY HISTORY TOUR 2014 – guided by Ann Wells, past president of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, and Barbara Baker, British research consultant at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The dates are May 28-June 5, 2014 inclusive of travel days. Exact cost of the tour will be determined as the time draws nearer, but it will be kept under \$1600 per person, double occupancy, exclusive of airfare. Lunches and most dinners are extra, and space is limited. For more info, Email: ann@wellsresearch.net or bakerbh@familysearch.org.

www.cecruisegroups.com/genealogy-cruise-2014.html tells about a genealogy cruise scheduled for 7-14 December 2014. Gary and Diana Smith are the host professional genealogists with Jana Sloan Broglin, CG, and Dick Eastman. The cruise begins in Ft. Lauderdale, FL with stops in San Juan in Puerto Rico, Basseterre in St. Kitts, and Phillipsburg in St. Maarten.

Did you see the article by Steve Mencher called “A Library for the People” in the Sep 2013 issue of AARP Bulletin on page 8? In the future handwritten memoirs by local folks will be among the stacks of bestsellers and classics available for check-out at the Richmond (Virginia) Public Library.

In Denver it’s at 8 p.m. on Mondays
on PBS.



For the Love of Family

By Anita Burbank-Jenkins, CGHS Corresponding Secretary and Writers Group Member

My family roots grew in North America and in South America. This blending of two cultures had its beginning around 1890, when my paternal grandfather, Percy Burbank, an electrical engineer from Maine, moved to Lima, Peru. There he met and married Elvira Elisa Mariana Petronila del Carmen Bianchi Quezada. Her father was Luis Bianchi, whose family had migrated from Italy to Peru several generations before and established the Bank of Lima. Her mother's family, the Quezadas, had emigrated from Spain and lived in Lima, Peru for many years.

My father, David Burbank, grew up in Baranco, Peru, where he lived with his father, mother, two brothers (Percy and Luis) and a sister, Adela. Other family members who also lived in the home included my father's maternal aunt, Maria, who was called "Bianhecita"; my father's maternal grandmother, Jacoba Quezada, and a great uncle, Enrique Oviedo.

In 1920 my grandfather, Percy Burbank, returned to Maine to visit his mother and other relatives. In November of that same

year he died unexpectedly in New York. This event proved to be a major trauma for his Peruvian family. Percy had invested in stocks and left a large amount of money in the bank. However, Elvira, not accustomed to handling finances, handed over that new responsibility to her son-in-law, Luis Blume, the husband of her daughter, Adela. He invested the entire family fortune in mahogany. When a ship carrying their mahogany burned up on a voyage up the coast of Peru, the family found itself in dire straits. However, they survived in Peru mainly because Elvira sold the jewelry given to her by her late husband. After my father and his younger brother, Luis, completed college and had jobs, they supported the family. At this point, the family included Elvira, Bianhecita, Adela, and Adela's four children, as Adela's husband had left her for another woman.

Because of this financial burden, my father was unable to marry until he was thirty-six years old. For the remainder of his life he supported his relatives however he could. He not only provided money to them, but also he acted as a surrogate father to his nephews and nieces. Family became of utmost importance to him, and my father passed this tradition of love of family down to me.



Photo from around 1900 in Baranco, Peru. Front Row, left to right: Great Uncle Enrique and Luis. 2nd Row: Percy and David (Anita's father). 3rd Row: Adela, Bianhecita, and back of Elvira. Back Row: Jacoba.

REFRESHER: 40 Facts of Basic Information on Genealogy

Editor's Note: Sometimes it is good to review those facts you learned in Beginning Genealogy class.

1. Genealogy is the search for our ancestors. Family history is the study of the lives they led.
2. There is no greater legacy for your children and grandchildren than teaching them about the history and lives of their ancestors.
3. When you begin your genealogy research, focus on one or two families so that you do not become overwhelmed.
4. Generally a generation equals 22-25 years for a man and 18-23 years for a woman.
5. Understand the basic terminology of genealogy and use only accepted abbreviations.
6. The pedigree chart is your road map. Begin with yourself. Use maiden names of married women.
7. A Family Group sheet identifies a couple and their children.
8. A Chronological Profile begins with your ancestor's birth. Fill it in with various life events as you discover them. Eventually, you'll have a picture of your ancestor's life.
9. Surname Sources – The four basic groups from which surnames developed are patronymic, landscape features/place names, action/nicknames and occupational/office names.
10. Think “out of the box” for surname spelling variations. Surname spelling standardization didn't begin until the 1900's in the United States. Many people were unable to read and write or spell.
11. The Research Log is very important for keeping a record of the sources of every piece of information you collect.
12. An ancestor is a person from whom you are descended, i.e. parent, grandparents, great-grandparent. A descendant is a person who is descended from an ancestor. A relative is someone with whom you share a common ancestor but (sic: but) who is not in your direct line.
13. Write down your sources of information. Who/what/were told you? This is documentation and from this you will be able to find the source again as will other genealogist (sic: genealogists) who read your work.
14. Civil records are created by and for a government agency.
15. Use timelines to find holes in your research.
16. The use of the term Junior or Senior did not always mean the son of or father of. Sometimes it identified the younger or older persons with the same name in the same locality.
17. Make sure you cite your sources! Cite enough information so another person could easily find that source later.
18. Search from the known to the unknown.
19. Keep track of the alternate spellings of the surnames you (sic: you are) researching.
20. When researching your family history, keep an open mind.
21. Child bearing years for women in previous generations ranged from age 13 to 48.
22. Large gaps between children can indicate other children not identified, divorce or early death.
23. In some families you will find children named after older brother (sic: brothers) or sisters who died.
24. Make photocopies of original documents and store originals in a safe place.
25. When transcribing a record or document, copy it EXACTLY as found, even if words are not spelled as they are today.
26. Some families record the most important events in their lives in a Family Bible.
27. There is no central depository for Colonial Records. They are scattered among the 13 original states.
28. Given names can have many variations in spelling as surnames.
29. If you don't find your ancestor in an index, it doesn't mean that a record for your ancestor does not exist.
30. Write your family history for future generations.
31. Sometimes it's not the people who move but the boundaries.
32. Take advantage of genealogy classes, workshops, seminars, conferences and society meetings.
33. In City Directories look at who lived near your ancestor. They could be relatives.
34. Your ultimate success in your family research will depend upon organizing this information into a readily accessible format. Researchers use genealogy software programs to organize their information.
35. Use maps. County and state lines changed from time to time. Don't to (sic: eliminate the word “to”) forget to check surrounding counties.
36. Pay attention to chronology. How young or old is the mother? Is there a generation missing?
37. Stuck on an ancestor? Don't forget to trace other family members, i.e. brother (sic: brothers), sisters, aunts and uncles of your ancestors.
38. Use information passed down as a clue, not a fact.

39. Undocumented family genealogies and county histories can contain truth and errors—document!!

40. Female lines are as important as male lines. One-half of your ancestors are female!

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From a recent Facebook Post

As a guitarist, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch.

I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed up my guitar and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost...



Margaret Giza tells of her summer "breakthroughs".



The Statue of Liberty welcomed members on 17 Sep.



There were no empty chairs left in the church on 10 Sep.!

President's Message by Virginia Taylor from the Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota's Newsletter for August, 2013
Contributed by Ron Floberg, CG&HS Treasurer

"For a little over a year now, I have been agonizing over who of my present descendants might be willing to 'house' the voluminous research I have accumulated over the past two decades. As all of you researchers know, you start out with a notebook, anxious to find and record anything you can on anyone in the family line. Fairly soon, you have shelves and shelves of research notes and photocopied documents in notebooks, books on how to research, books on what research books to have, etc., etc.

Not only is it the family tree information, per se, I have agonized about, it is the fragile original documents, the embroidered dresser scarves, table cloths, the exquisitely crocheted doilies that grandmother and mother lovingly spent their spare time on. This includes old recipes that everyone in the family years ago could hardly wait to eat, and which, unfortunately now, everyone is afraid to ingest those ingredients anymore.

As you all know, the younger generation does not keep anything that it does not use. They feel; if you have to store it, don't keep it! I am coming around to that way of thought myself. I feel so obligated as to where and to whom these items should go. I prefer it to be a person on my descendant chart.

Another concern is all of the very old photographs I have carefully documented and labeled as to who and what they are about. I know and I care about all of them, but there is such a disconnect with even my children, let alone their children. I constantly ask myself, as I look at people in the photographs; will my story be compelling enough to pull an interest from the reader to make the photographs come more alive for them?

I have to admit that I have nothing of my own that I will be passing down to family members, except for the family research I have done. Everything else I pass down will be something from the generation before me, including Depression glass given to me by my mother. Thank goodness for historical societies, but, alas, they are burgeoning at the seams with their collections and are getting more selective as to what they will accept. We are not only zealots on finding our ancestors and keeping everything we find about

them, it also encompasses any items that were given to us, and which we probably salivated over when first received them. Now we are wondering will anyone else want and appreciate them as we did?"

Another special Thank You to Virginia Taylor and Ron Swanson, Editor of the Tidningen, for permission to publish the President's Message in our newsletter. Their club's website is at www.sgsmn.org.



Speaker **Carol Darrow** shows Castle Garden info as **Rev. Vernon Tomkins** and **Nedra Fortune** watch on 17 Sep.



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

On October 18, **1973** an article appeared on page 2 of The Independent, Littleton, CO to the effect: 98 tombstones were toppled and smashed on Saturday night. Among them were that of Richard S. Little, founder of Littleton, and Anne Soper, the first person buried in the cemetery in 1864. This is the third time that vandals have destroyed monuments. Littleton police solved the two previous vandalisms.

Article on August 13, **2013** in The Denver Post: "Vandals tipped over a Civil War veterans (sic) monument and stole its head Saturday morning at Mountain View Cemetery in Longmont...106 headstones also were knocked over."

Article on page 12A of The Denver Post, August 15, **2013**: "The fate of the St. Malo Retreat Center...is up in the air after a devastating fire nearly two years ago...The Chapel on the Rock...still gets a steady stream of visitors, but there are no firm plans to restore the retreat center living quarters behind the church..., according to the Archdiocese of Denver, which owns the Catholic spiritual center."

Television and newspapers reported the astounding rescue/recovery of a framed family photo found in the turbulent waters downstream from a destroyed house during the flooding in Colorado recently. Last week's news coverage also showed the pond by St. Malo filled with, not its usual crystal blue water, but with mud.

Stories of vandalism, fire and floods challenge us as family historians. We can do our part by helping to right wrongs, whether natural or manmade. Not only can we do research and write down our stories, but we can aid in other ways. That brings me to the Memory Preservation Coalition. Go to their website at <http://memorypreservationcoalition.org>. See the ways you can help your fellow flood-ravaged Coloradans to preserve their family histories, photos and memorabilia. Memory Rescue Centers are accepting volunteers and donations of supplies and money. One Memory Rescue Center in Denver is at Leave A Legacy at 487 So. Broadway, and another Memory Rescue Center in Lone Tree is at Memories to Digital at 8481 So. Yosemite. I can think of no better way to celebrate October as Family History month than by volunteering our time and/or making a donation!

Steve Johnson

Welcome New Members!

New Members followed by Family Surnames:

Sylvia Burnside – Trumper, Kelly/Kelley, Mason, Pinkham

Mel Claytor – Claytor, Noland, McClokskey, Long

Tina Fenimore – Muchemore, Peverly, Cavid, Keene, Franklin, Blaney, Schmidt

Stan Harms – Harms

Robert Kerr – Kerr

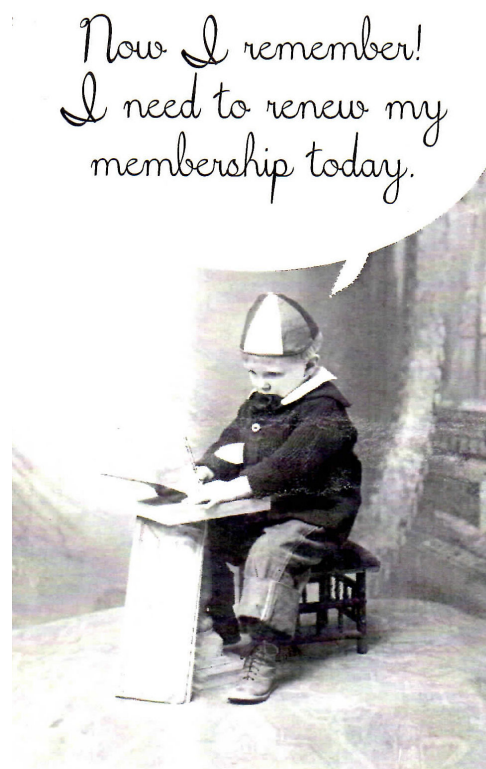
Mike Reberry – Reberry, Cargill, Foley, Wilde

Welcome Returning Members!

Returning Members followed by Family Surnames:

Jan Routh – Routh, Lamie, LaBorde, Clark, Johnson, North, Sisco, Morgan

Bonnie Wright – Lumsden, Boyd, Tranger, Kraus, Piper, Dyer, Dallas, Rogers, Inscore, Strevn, Zuercher, Haines, Wood, O'Daniels, Wiebe



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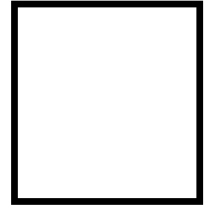
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