

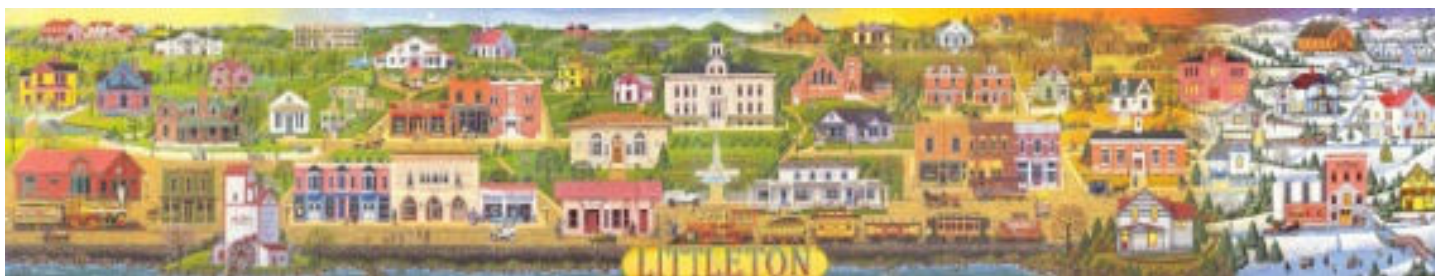


# Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society Newsletter

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## Downtown Littleton's Light Rail Station Mural

If you have been to downtown Littleton's Light Rail Station, you have seen the above mural on the wall west of the platform leading to the Park-n-Ride at 5777 South Prince Street.

In the late 90s the city of Littleton and the Rural Transportation District publicized the plan for a mural project in a call to artists to coincide with the opening of the downtown Littleton Light Rail Station. With a BFA from Colorado State University and a career as a graphic designer, Michelle Lamb appreciated Littleton's dedication to preserving its historic heritage and made a submission. The Littleton Fine Arts Committee selected her proposal of a historical landmark perspective in an American folk art style.

It took Michelle over a year and a half to complete the mural, entitled "Passages", showing from left to right the passage of time from morning to night and spring to winter. It measures forty feet wide and seven feet tall and is comprised of eight architectural panels, which she painted indoors using paints that would withstand the elements. She researched Littleton landmarks and chose over fifty structures in Littleton for inclusion: the Court House; the Carnegie Library, now the Melting Pot Restaurant; the Town Hall, formerly the volunteer firehouse and now the theater; the Columbine Mill, now the Old Mill Brewery and Grill; both train depots; the Masonic Temple; the First Presbyterian Church with the artist's two daughters and two nieces playing in front; the Post Office; Three Chimneys, Littleton's oldest building, once a general store and still on its original site; Richard Little's house; four buildings at the Littleton Historical Museum, and various buildings still standing on Main and Alamo Streets.

The mural and light rail station were dedicated on 14 July 2000.

Next time you are in downtown Littleton take a closer look at Michelle Lamb's "Passages" mural.

(Editor's Note: The Littleton Museum Gift Shop carries a line of prints and cards of the "Passages" mural. Currently Michelle Lamb is an internationally award-winning soft sculpture artist, creating and selling collectible teddy bears called "One&Only" Bears at [www.oneandonlybears.com](http://www.oneandonlybears.com).)

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*Programs & Workshops*

**14 January 1 pm**

**"Swedish Shorts" by Beverly Harbourt, Brian Rapp, and Ron Floberg**

Hear three short presentations on basic Swedish research using ArkivDigital and other online resources, three new ways to do Swedish research and "What is a Backstuga?"

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**21 January 1 pm**

**"Conducting Successful Interviews" by Kim Paul, owner, Leave A Legacy Video.**

Enhance your interviewing techniques by learning how to best capture personal family stories from living relatives.

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**11 February 1 pm**

**"Galvanized Yankees" by Karen Hancock, Retired Teacher and Genealogical Researcher**

A search for relatives led Karen to discover who a "Galvanized Yankee" is and she will share how to find out if you have one in your family, too.

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**18 February 1 pm**

**"Cherokee Ranch and Castle History" by Meg Anderson and John Lake, caterers and friends of the late Tweet Kimball**

Come and hear about Cherokee Ranch and Castle, the history of the area, as well as some of the genealogy of Tweet Kimball as told by the couple who catered, butlered and were friends of the lady of the castle.

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**11 March 1 pm**

**"What's New at Family Search?" by Concetta Kile, Littleton, Colorado Family History Center**

Find out what's new at Family Search.

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**18 March 9:30-11:30 am**

**"Introduction to Genealogy" presented by Deena Coutant, Professional Genealogist, DigiDeena Consulting**

Are you curious about tracing your roots and learning more about the ancestors in your family tree? The popularity of genealogy as a hobby has exploded due to the ease of researching online and because of TV shows that illustrate how fun and addicting it can be. Learn how to get started and explore the many benefits of this hobby, from connecting with cousins to discovering your family's origins.

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**18 March 1 pm**

**"Thinking Outside the Pine Box" presented by Kirk Patton, President, Castle Rock Colorado Genealogical Society**

A survey of death-related genealogical sources.



Cheryl and Ron Floberg always happily volunteer for us whenever needed.



Speaker Peggy Cummings accepts her Certificate of Appreciation from Medusa Bookworm.

**"Some people never boast of their family trees because of the decayed branches."**

**Gilpin County Weekly Register**  
**Call**  
**15 May 1953**

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**GENEALOGY!**

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Happy New Year of 2014!

I wanted to take the opportunity to show off one of our outstanding members. The following material was written by Cheryl Floberg and submitted this year for a local award. Even though our Don Elliott was not selected, he has won from Columbine, a heartfelt award of Thanks and Appreciation. Once you read what follows, you will know why we honor him here and say, "Job well done, DonE!"

Don Elliott made his first trip to the Family History Center in Salt Lake City in 1974, beginning his interest in genealogy. Since he joined Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society in 1989 the Society has benefited from his dedication, loyalty, generosity and high standards for quality work. Don has always understood the worth of belonging to a society and his continual volunteering has set an example for the membership.

Don has brought a valuable level of technical expertise to our Society's success. He was a computer professional by trade and has generously shared his knowledge and skills to our benefit. His key specialties have been database design and book indexing. He has been recognized with various awards for his work. Listed below are offices Don has held and some of his publications and projects:

1992-1994 Corresponding Secretary

1993-1995 Membership Coordinator

Set up a member database and included all members back to 1974 when Columbine was formed.

1994-1997 Newsletter Editor

1995 ~ CG&HS Newsletter placed first in the NGS newsletter competition.

1995 ~ CG&HS Newsletter was first runner up in the NGS Newsletter competition.

1994-1995 Projects Committee Chairman

\* Involved in all aspects of the publishing of Colorado Territory Civil War Records; and Littleton Church Books, Volumes I, II, III, IV. He handled all formatting for the last two church books plus all marketing, order processing and shipping.

\* Taught classes on using databases and indexing data and he indexed the CG&HS Newsletters.

1996-1997 Columbine Computer Group Chairman

1997-2001 Columbine Delegate to Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies

\* Developed and maintained a database for certification of Colorado pioneer families.

\* 1998 - Worked as Records Committee Chairman for projects of member societies. He produced the Colorado Resource Handbook.

\* 1999 - Special Council Web Site Chairman working to upgrade the CCGS web site.

1998-1999 Columbine First Vice-President, Programs

2000 Auditor

2001-2002 President

\* Produced and managed a database for the Littleton Cemetery Interment Records project and produced CDs for sale by the Society.

\* Concurrent with the Littleton Cemetery Interment Records project, another project was initiated to extract marriage records from Arapahoe County which resulted in three volumes titled Arapahoe County Marriages, Volumes I, II, III.

2003 Produced a book titled, Projects Guide for Indexing and Information Management, to be sold by society.

2003-2006 Past President/Bylaws

2007 Created a CD containing our Society's ten-volume Pedigree Chart project begun in 1991.

2008-2012 Web Site Chairman

\* Created searchable databases for Obituaries, Bemis Bibliography and Pedigree Surnames.

\* Developed reports on usage and ability to find information from the databases. Though his term as Web Site Chairman ended in 2012, Don has been instrumental in the updating of the website for 2013.

In addition to the 25 years of volunteer service Don has given as a member of Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society, he has also personally performed many good works for the genealogical community in general. Some of his accomplishments:

1999 Produced Place Names of Colorado and gave all the rights and profits to the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies. He researched, entered the data and oversaw printing, binding, order processing, marketing and shipping.

2001 At the request of the deceased Arvid D. "Mike" Blecha's wife, Don entered the information from Mike's manuscript into a database and handled all preparation for the publication of Blecha's Colorado Place Names. All rights and profits were given to Colorado Genealogical Society.

2005 Handled all research, data input, printing, binding, and order processing, marketing and shipping to produce the book, Cemeteries of Colorado, along with a CD of the same title.

2006 Created an every-name index for Turner County (SD) Pioneer History by W. H. Stoddard and gave it to the Hurley, South Dakota Historical Society.

Through the years, as new technology has developed in relation to genealogy, Don Elliott has been in the forefront at Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society to help the membership stay abreast of changes. His continual help with computers and knowledge of the internet was instrumental in Columbine putting up their own web site. With advances in DNA, Don encouraged Columbine members to help make use of this technology. Don Elliott serves as a true role model of volunteerism for all of us!



Our "Christmas stockings were hung by the mantle with care" for the Holiday Potluck and Program on 10 December.



Members awaiting the signal to line-up to eat at the Holiday Luncheon on 10 December.



So many decisions to make at the Holiday Potluck on 10 December.!

### Memories of George

George J. MacDonald, who served two terms as the President of the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society from 2003-2006, passed away on 10 November 2013. Various members contributed their written memories of George, and they are included here as a tribute to him for all he did for our society.

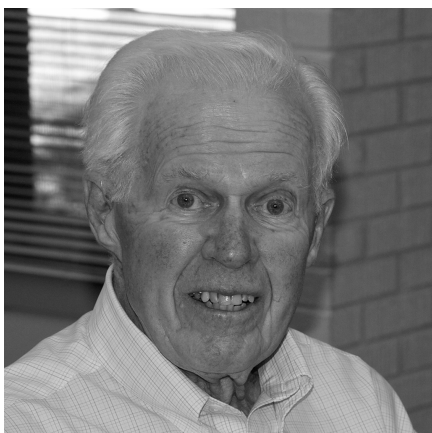
“I am a proud graduate of the George MacDonald School of Persuasion. What is that, you may be thinking? I joined Columbine in the fall of 2005, and one day in the spring of 2006, George came up to me and asked me to step into his office. He was the President of CG&HS then, and his office was the parking lot! He asked me to take on the position of Historian, which I did. I have been using that "tactic" since, as some on the board are nodding their heads as they read this. George was an amazing gentleman, and I shall miss his humor, stature and smarts.”

CJ Backus

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“We go through life meeting people we like, want to know better and become friends with. Once in a great while we find someone who is very special. To me, George was one of those special people. If you met George MacDonald, he was easy to remember with his white hair, smile and easy laugh. As time went by you would realize what a kind and generous man he was. Although there were times his impatience would get the best of him and he would be gruff, underneath the kindness was always there. One thing about George was that you always knew where he stood on an issue.

During my four years as president of Columbine, George was my salvation. He took his position as past president very seriously. No matter my concerns, whether it was the way Columbine should run or needing help in figuring out



the dynamics of people and their interactions, George was always there with his wisdom.

In the past few months I saw a different side of George. As he would talk with me about “My Jeannie” and her health problems, there was a physical and mental tiredness, plus a sadness, that had not been there before. It was difficult to see and not be able to help.

George holds a special place in my heart. I will miss him.”  
Sandy Klein

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”My fondest memory was last year when our Columbine group went to Salt Lake City and one morning we all met for breakfast before heading to the Library. George was a little late but we shuffled around and made room and the wait person accommodated him. She was not all that friendly to the rest of us, but when George turned on his charm and personality, she smiled and whatever he needed, he had it pronto--with extras!. It was a sight to behold! It was always a joy to watch George in action--what an operator!”

Marilyn Lyle

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“George MacDonald was a presence. The board meetings for CGHS were enlivened by George. Invariably, he was asked about some aspect of the proper way a motion should be presented to the board. He was a fountain of knowledge. George always loved a joke and enjoyed the give and take in a discussion. Some of the board meetings were lengthy and at times, not too interesting. I did notice that there were times when he nodded off. Several of us would have liked to have joined him. George will be greatly missed, but will live in our hearts. He lived a long and fruitful life, and he gave us many memories.”

Anita Burbank-Jenkins

#### IN MEMORIAM

**Wilma Fulk** passed away on 9 November 2013.

**George MacDonald** passed away on 10 November 2013.

**Jane Spielman** passed away on 17 September 2013. (She was the wife of the late C. R. Dick Spielman.)

**Who Me Write a Book? Yes, You! Top Ten Reasons People Put Off Writing and Publishing Their Family History. (Taken from my own experience.)**  
by Susan Hollis, CG&HS Member

1. I am not through researching, there's more to find somewhere, somehow about this family.
2. I haven't solved that big brick wall about their name and where they came from before 1773.
3. I don't know who William Highsaw's, Joel Highsaw's, Reuben Highsaw's.....on and on.....parents were. (I have an educated guess among several men, but can't prove them!)
4. My pedigree charts/family group sheets are not completely filled out and they don't fit together in a perfect and orderly manner.
5. I might run into computer issues which can be complicated to solve or to have someone else solve.
6. I have taken a DNA Autosomnal test and I have more leads to follow.
7. It's too much work.
8. What if it's boring and no one including family members want to read it?
9. What if there are mistakes in the book?
10. It's too big a project and I'll never finish.

Recently I published my Hysaw family history on lulu.com. The day I finished it I walked around with somewhat of an aura of disbelief. Had I actually condensed all that I learned about this family into 380 pages? I know a lot about this family, and here I am speaking about the family named Hisaw, Hysaw, Highsaw, Hyso who descended from a group of four or five men in Augusta Co., Virginia about 1773.

For thirteen years in the eighties and nineties I was the editor of The Hisaw Family Newsletter which was sent out quarterly. People contributed their family group sheets and I recorded them in my Roots II software which eventually morphed into Family Tree Maker. I was the sole writer and editor, and for many years the publisher also. I

can truthfully say I know more about these families than anyone living today and that instilled in me a sense of responsibility. After I gave up the newsletter, people continued to contact me for information regarding their branch of the Hisaws, but I could never put together the whole picture for them to see how all the different families were interrelated due to the fact that it was such a long and involved story. I realized that I alone had the information that would link all of these people together, and I wanted to do it in print form so that it would survive for years in libraries available to anyone who was interested.

So, as to the first reason I "couldn't" write this book, I might have worked for 35 years on this family, I might have spent a good deal of time and money going to the Family History Library in Salt Lake looking for original records, but still I didn't know everything. No, but what good is all this knowledge if only I know the story of these ancestors and how they moved from Virginia into North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, etc.?

I haven't solved the question of the original name. Family stories say it might be Hayse...some variation of Hayes that evolved into Hysaw. The name does not exist anywhere else. I have consulted German experts at the FHL and no one knows the name. The most recent expert says the first names indicate it is a British Isles name. My DNA results indicate that's the most likely place of origin. (I think they were Scots Irish.)

Negative statements 3 and 4 above are part of the same. I liken this to a huge jigsaw puzzle which was dropped on the floor. The dog came in and ate many of the parts. So what is left can be partially fit together, but there are many outliers. Perhaps someone later can fit some of the outliers in with the whole.

Computer problems? Lulu.com took care of that. Cary P. there is my new best friend. He solved every formatting problem that came up. There was no charge for any of his help.

DNA potential matches are further leads for me to follow. So far I have gotten several confirmations that some of the allied families of the Hysaws (friends and neighbors) turn out to be relatives instead as they and I share a common ancestor at some point. Exploring DNA potential matches

is a lot of fun though I do not understand much of the science behind it.

At times in the last four years I wondered if I would ever finish. At such times, and when frustration set in I reminded myself that genealogy is a hobby and as such is supposed to be fun so I put it aside for a while and went back to it after a rest period. I also had several talks with myself reminding me that my goal was not to produce a perfect book, but to create a book that people would enjoy reading.

Each section begins with a narrative about a certain family, their children and grandchildren. My favorite chapter is about the aforementioned William Highsaw and wife Lucinda whose oldest son was a cowboy who worked for cattle baron, John Chism, in west Texas. The son, James M. Highsaw, was described as a gunslinger who never backed down from a fight. He was indicted in New Mexico for the murder of Dick Smith, who was caught trying to rustle some of Chism's cattle. James Highsaw was never tried for this crime and it is said he died in a bar fight in El Paso. These people are not my direct line, but I loved researching their family and trying to find out as much as I could about them. I know that Highsaw descendants living today will be interested to read about them, though most won't want to go through the family group sheets.

Mistakes...of course. My brother called and asked who the people on the cover are! Duh....I forgot to put a caption on the photo of our grandfather and his parents and siblings from 1910!

Too big a project? Well, I finished and I don't have any more grey hair than I did when I started. The key is to sit down and start writing; that first step that is the hard one. I encourage each of you whether you have a mountain of a book to write, or a slim volume, to write that book. Yes, you can!

**The Obituary Indexing Project  
by Bob Jenkins, CG&HS Projects Chairperson**

Columbine's current project is indexing obituaries published in the Littleton Independent Newspaper. There are already 39 years and 8,712 items indexed and on the

CGHS web site. This weekly newspaper began in 1888 and is still publishing today.

In addition to obituaries, there are biographical articles for living individuals. We have begun to incorporate them into the obituary index by placing the words "bio sketch" in the date of death column. Several roadblocks slow me down in working with the older editions. There is a column of jokes each week. I started to read them, but then after a few weeks I decided that so many of them were stale old vaudeville gags that I just scan them briefly now. There are advertisements written to sound like real news. A cure for lack of energy may say that farmer Brown took this medicine and now he is back working the farm from dawn to dusk. Another was a cure for gas. A woman took it and now her husband sleeps much better. The death information, which is the important thing for us, is not concentrated into an Obituary column, but is scattered throughout the paper. The notable deaths are on the front page (usually), other deaths are on other pages and deaths from neighboring communities are on the community news' pages. If the deaths were all in one place, I would never have to look at the ads and jokes.

The team members are: Bob Jenkins, Woody Trospen, Arlene Dykstra, Pat Jacobson and Ginger Schlote.

Littleton Museum Research Center <http://www.littletongov.org/index.aspx?page=427> The research center is open by appointment only. Two of us are registered to do research at a designated weekly time using a microfilm copy.

Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection  
<http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/>

Two volunteers work online from a digitized copy of the newspaper.

History Colorado (Stephen H. Hart Library and Research Center)

<http://www.historycolorado.org/researchers/researchers>

Library hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM.

One volunteer lives close to downtown Denver and is using microfilm at the research center at History Colorado.

## My Colorado Freedom Memorial's Hero

by Shirley Sterz, CGHS Member

When the Colorado Freedom Memorial project was started approximately thirteen years ago, the volunteers had their work cut out for them. They had to determine its location and seek financial backing, along with documenting all of the names of Colorado's fallen soldiers, spanning the time period from Colorado's statehood in 1876 to the present. Is this project done? Volunteers say that it is not complete because they are sure that there are other names that have not been recorded or there are some records that may have been lost.

The Colorado Freedom Memorial consists of twenty-one large glass panels with the names of six thousand of Colorado's military heroes etched in white on them. They are veterans who were either killed or missing in action in all wars. It is the only American monument to honor its heroes by name in one place without listing their ranks, branches or conflicts. It is located at Springhill Community Park at 756 Telluride Street in Aurora, CO. In addition, there are also trees of honor with dog-tag ornaments. I first heard of this project when I was listening to a radio program.

Because my family has been here in Colorado since 1860 and has had its share of military men I became interested in the Colorado Freedom Memorial. My father, three of my mother's close cousins and two of her brothers-in-law had all served in World War II. I had seen photographs of my mother's first cousin, Clarence Norman Andersen, whom I had learned was the only one who didn't make it back home to Colorado from that war. He was killed in action, and his name appears on the Colorado Freedom Memorial.

Clarence was born to Christian Peter and Maud Ross Andersen in the basement of the family home on Delaware Street in Littleton, CO in 1925. He was the typical small town boy, graduated from Littleton High School in 1943, and joined the Marines right after

graduation. He was assigned to the Pacific in April, 1944. After he was wounded in the head, back and arms in September in the invasion of Peleliu he was hospitalized for twenty-one days. After his recovery he joined the First Marines in the Russell Islands and Guadalcanal for the Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands' invasion. This battle began on Easter Sunday, 1 April 1945. Clarence received a citation "For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy Japanese forces during the invasion". His division met stiff resistance to their attack. On 9 May, 1945, both the commander and the sergeant of Clarence's platoon were killed when they were facing heavy machine gun fire. As a result, it was impossible for the division to advance. Clarence ordered his men to remain in their covered positions, while he rushed toward the hostile gun emplacements. He silenced the enemy weapons with hand grenades. As he crossed the open field under intense small arms' fire Clarence destroyed a second automatic weapon, but then he was mortally wounded. HE GALLANTLY GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY. Today, Clarence's remains rest next to his parents in Fairmount Cemetery. Because of his heroism he was awarded posthumously the Navy Cross, two Purple Hearts, one of which has a gold star, a Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon Bar with two Stars, and an Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal: World War II Victory Medal.

Clarence Norman Andersen's story is just one of the stories of those 5,999 men and one woman who are listed on the Colorado Freedom Memorial and who served their country with the ultimate sacrifice. THANK YOU, NORMAN, FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY!





**COLUMBINE GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEW BOOK DONATIONS For DPL & Bemis Libraries, Fall, 2013**  
by Marilyn Lyle, Acquisitions

The Early Settlers of Maryland. Gust Skordas, Genealogical Pub. Co., 1968, 525 pp.

Baltimore County, Maryland, Marriage Licenses May 1, 1798 to February 11, 1815. Michael A. Ports, Clearfield Pub., 2013, 308 pp.

Baltimore County, Maryland, Marriage Licenses February 11, 1815 to April 30, 1823. Michael A. Ports, Clearfield Pub., 2013, 262 pp.

Early Records, Hampshire County Virginia. Clara McCormack Sage and Laura Sage Jones, Genealogical Pub. Co., 1969. 170 pp.

Some Recent Investigations Concerning The Ancestry Of Capt. Miles Standish. Thomas Cruddas Porteus, Tuttle Antiquarian Books, Inc., 1914. 34 pp.

Finding Family, My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA. Richard Hill, Richard Hill Pub., 2012. 247 pp.

Douglas County, Nebraska Marriages, 1854-1881. Greater Omaha Genealogical Society, Clearfield Pub. Co., 2002. 313 pp.

Index to the 1850 Census of Pennsylvania: Berks County, Bucks County, Lancaster, Luzern and Wyoming Counties, Northampton County. Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Clearfield Pub. Co., 2007. 106 pp, 88 pp, 156 pp, 108 pp, 64 pp.

Got Proof!, My Genealogical Journey Through the Use of Documentation. Michael Nolden Henderson, Write Image, 2013. 182 pp.

History of Jay County, Indiana (1864). M.W. Montgomery, Church, Goodman, & Cushing, 1864 Origin, 288 pp.

Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques. George G. Morgan & Drew Smith, McGraw Hill Education, 2014, 206 pp.

Forgetting Ireland, Uncovering a family's secret history. Bridget Connelly, Borealis Books, 2003. 259 pp.

South Carolina in the American Revolution. A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians. Eric G. Grundset, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 2013, 545 pp.

**Donated Books from Columbine to Bemis & DPL Libraries**

A Gazetteer of the State of New Jersey. Thomas F. Gordon,

Heritage Books, Inc., 1997. 295 pp.

History of Wayne County, Ohio. Wayne County History Book Committee, Taylor Publishing . Co., 1987. 357 pp.

The American Census Handbook. Thomas Jay Kemp, Scholarly Resources Inc., 2001. 517 pp.

Your Guide to the Federal Census. Kathleen W. Hinckley, Beterway Books, 2002. 275 pp.

Research in Pennsylvania : Research in the States Series #68. Kay Haviland Freilich, National Geographical Society, 2003. 34 pp.

Guide to Research Resources in the Library and Archives Division of the Kansas State Historical Society. Pamphlet.

Finding Your German Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide. Kevan M. Hansen, Ancestry Inc., 1999. 80 pp.

Homesteads & Other Federal Land Records. James C. Barsi, Nuthatch Grove Press, 1994. 80 pp.

Guide To Genealogical Notes and Charts. Lyndon H. Hart III, Virginia State Library, 1983. 167 pp.

Index 1830 Federal Population Census for Indiana. Leona Tobey Alig, compiler- 1937/38, Indiana Historical Society, 1981. 245 pp.

Early Ohio Tax Records. Esther Weygandt Powell- compiler, Ohio State Historical Society, 1971, 459 pp.



Marilyn Lyle talks about a recent Acquisition at one of our meetings.

### CG&HS' Twenty-Year Members

2014 marks a new crop of CG&HS twenty-year members which means they joined our club in 1994. They include: Christie Lewis Hansen, Lyle Haugen, Marie "Jeanie" Knudtson, Eileen M. Langdon, Betty Marsland-Marshall-Hartmann, Carole Schetter, and William Schetter. Congratulations to these seven members who will be recognized at a future meeting. Six of them sent biographies for inclusion in this newsletter.

#### Christie Lewis Hansen

My mother took me along to visit relatives and hear their stories as early as I can remember. She recorded them, and I inherited them at eighteen years of age when she passed. I was apparently born with the family history bug and have actively pursued my ancestors ever since.

All those years of research and collaboration paid off this fall, when my husband and I were able to visit with distant relatives of his in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and with mine in County Antrim. We also have a trip to Norway in store, to visit his Norwegian cousins.

This has been a life-long work in memory of my mother, and I think she would be amazed at the many wonderful stories I can add to her own.

#### Marie "Jeanie" Knudtson

If anyone remembers me, you will remember me as Jeanie. We moved from Houston, TX in 1993, and I joined Columbine Genealogical Society in October, 1993, becoming a Lifetime member shortly before we moved to Nebraska in June, 1997.

During my four years at Columbine, I assisted Jean Wilson on the Ways and Means Committee and then served a two-year term as Treasurer (1996-1997).

I was born 20 March 1941 in Alliance, NE. My parents, Eugene Michael Leahy and Florence W. (Hagel) Leahy, named me Marie Jean Leahy and then called me Jeanie Marie all my life. A Genealogist's nightmare. I just finished writing my memoirs to clarify that I'm one and the same person. I grew up in Rushville, NE. Upon graduation from high school I entered St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Denver, CO graduating in 1962. I married Lee Gardiner Knudtson on 4 April 1964, and we began the "Gypsy Life". Lee worked for Standard Oil of Texas (Chevron Oil Company), and we moved an average of every two years between 1964 and 1981. It was a great way to see the United States (Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado, Indiana, Texas, California), and we also spent three years overseas in Holland. In 1981 Lee changed jobs, and his work took him to Lima,

Peru and Buenos Aires, Argentina so I got to visit those places as well. We have two children who have now provided us with a total of six grandchildren. I was a Den Mother for Michael's Cub Scout Pack, and I am now going on my 49th year as a member of the Girl Scouts. That means ten years as a girl and 39 as an adult in various positions including Troop Leader of my daughter Katie's Troop and then started over with all my grandchildren as they became of age. Peter Pan and I refuse to grow up. In 1987 I became a travel agent which came in handy as I led Girl Scout Troops in Texas and Nebraska to Europe and Mexico until in 1998, when I finally realized that I was too old to go backpacking and sleeping in Youth Hostels in foreign countries.

I started my family research when Lee and I were married but didn't get "serious" about it until after my father died in 1984. A lady in California saw his obit and contacted my mother asking about Leahy family history. We determined that we were not related, but she put me in touch with a relative of my Gr. Grandmother, Bridget Torpey, who put me in touch with a man in Toronto, Ontario, Canada who was writing a book on his wife's side...Leahy. He gave me all the information on my 2nd Great Grandfather who immigrated to Canada from Ireland in 1825. I ended up going to a huge Leahy reunion in Douro, Ontario, Canada in 1988. I have been "hooked" ever since.

Upon moving to Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County, NE I joined the Rebecca Winters Genealogical Society. I have served as Vice President, Treasurer and became Newsletter Editor for the Society in 2000. I have also taught Beginning Genealogy Classes at the community college and given programs at various organizations in the area.

Now in 2013, I am putting all my research into the computer and printing off books, plus putting it all on CD's. My lines are: Hagel; Leahy; Kane; Knudtson; Gardiner; Merkel. My genealogy has given us the excuse to travel through Europe visiting the areas our ancestors came from. I have also enjoyed meeting cousins that I never knew about. We now spend January to May in Arizona.

#### Eileen Mahoney Langdon

Eileen Mahoney Langdon was born on a dairy farm in St. Lawrence County, NY, in a very Irish township ...many years ago! She grew up with McCuins, Sullivans, Hurleys, Keenans, Ham-mills, O'Neils, Lantry's, and so many more names that might fill a Dublin phonebook! There are other Mahoneys who tug at her, wanting to know their connection to her family. Almost all of her emigrant ancestors are buried in either St. Patrick's Cemetery in Brasher Falls or in St. Patrick's, Hogansburg, NY, parishes about thirteen miles apart. Visits to those cemeteries with her parents may have sparked her earliest interest in family history.

Later, helping her son earn his genealogy badge in Boy Scouts increased her interest and knowledge of the family.

She attended a local one-room schoolhouse for most of her elementary education and then went to boarding school at St. Joseph's Academy in Malone, NY, for her junior high and high school education. She graduated from The College of St. Rose in Albany, NY in 1965. For most of the next forty years, Eileen taught elementary school grades, in Albany, in San Diego (during the Viet Nam War, as her husband served on an aircraft carrier in the South China Sea), in Christ the King School, Denver, and finally, at South Elementary in Castle Rock, CO. She retired in 2005, but continues to substitute teach in Douglas County.

Eileen married in 1966, but the marriage ended in divorce, after the arrival of her son, Jim, and daughter, Jeri Anne. She is happy to note that both of her children and their children live in Colorado, so she sees them often.

As often noted, we don't ask enough questions of our parents or aunts and uncles, so we have to do the research! There have been many things that Eileen has discovered in the past few years that she wishes she could share with her parents now. For example, through Salt Lake City classes with the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, she has located many of the townlands from which her Irish ancestors emigrated between 1820 and 1860.

Eileen is a member of Columbine, WISE (Wales, Ireland, Scotland and England Family History Society), ISBGFH, and the St. Lawrence Valley Genealogical and Historical Society, based in Canton, NY. Columbine was the first society that she joined, as she became a researcher, and because of an Irish speaker, Brian Mitchell, many years ago!

#### **Betty Marsland-Marshall-Hartmann**

##### **My Memories of Growing Up during the Depression and Life as it continued through the Years**

I grew up in a small town in northeast Colorado during the Depression. We had limited assets, but as children we were never really aware of it. Many of our friends were in the same situation.

My two sisters and I shared one bedroom (and one small closet!) We had one bike between the three of us. (Many of the neighbor children learned to ride on that secondhand boy's bike as well.) We improvised snow skis out of pickle barrel slats and ordered ice skates from "Monkey Wards". The ice skates were two sizes too big for us so we stuffed cotton in the toes. My mother thought we would eventually grow into them. We never did!

My parents always emphasized a good education. All three of us went on to get our degrees. I went first to Colorado Women's College and then to the University of Colorado for my degree. Then, I ventured out to the University of California for a degree in physical therapy.

My first job was in San Diego with a polio epidemic. It was fascinating work but sad. A number of our patients were in iron lungs. None of them survived. I still think of many of these patients.

I eventually got restless feet and decided to spend some time in Nayarit, Mexico with a group from International Work Camps for Peace. I met my future husband, Hans Peter, who was from Switzerland while working there. We were married in Zurich, and I lived there until his early death.

My small daughter and I came back to my homeland. I eventually worked in Michigan as a physical therapist. While working in the school system, I remarried to an Englishman from Yorkshire, and then I was widowed once again. I continued working as a physical therapist until my retirement.

After a few years, my roots in Colorado and my family were calling me back to beautiful Colorado. I have lived here in Littleton for about twenty years and am happy to call this my home.

#### **Carole Andresen Schetter**

I was born in Ohio, grew up there and graduated from Kent State University, majoring in elementary education. I moved to California in 1957, and we have lived in several states with my husband's employment. We had recently moved here from Houston in 1993, when we joined Columbine. Our interest in genealogy had been developed a few years earlier when we discovered the excellent Clayton Library in Houston and had purchased a home computer in the late 1980s.

Since then we appreciate all that Denver has to offer with the local resources at DPL and the National Archives, along with such active societies and outstanding seminars.

My maternal side is made up of Pennsylvania German pioneers who later settled in northeastern Ohio. I appreciate the fact that Ohio has always made so much historical information available for research from a distance.

One of the highlights has been researching my paternal side, as my grandparents came into Ellis Island from Denmark in the early 1900s and met at a Danish Brotherhood event in Akron. That information has been enhanced by taking research trips to the library in Salt Lake City and renting film at the Family Histo-

ry Center. It was a thrill to visit Denmark, first in 1998 and twice since then to actually meet some cousins and visit historical sites.

What a fascinating hobby (or addiction) we have!

### William C. Schetter

I was born in California in 1933. I grew up there and graduated from the University of California with a degree in Geology. After finishing graduate school at the University of Oregon, I took a job as a geologist for Exxon Co., U.S.A. Over the next thirty years, we had assignments in Bakersfield and Los Angeles, CA, Houston, TX, New Orleans, LA and Denver.

While living in Houston, my wife and I became interested in genealogy and spent many Saturdays grinding through microfilm at the Clayton Library. This all happened at about the time the first personal computers became available. Storing all of our family data seemed like the perfect excuse to justify buying one – and we did. Our first genealogy program was Brother's Keeper, a share ware product that was free for the asking. Many of our first successes were obtained through the use of public bulletin boards that pre-dated the internet.

Today, I am storing my family information in Legacy. The program has good reporting capabilities and provides useful templates for inputting standardized sources. I retired in 1993, and we relocated to Highlands Ranch. We became active in Palatines to America, the Colorado Genealogical Society and Computer Interest Group, and the Columbine Historical and Genealogical Society. One of the highlights of these activities was the opportunity I had to serve as President of CGS for two years.

My historical searches have led me to places such as Wildeshausen, Germany, Camborne, England, County Louth, Ireland, Menominee, OR, and Barnard, VT. It is truly awesome to visit some of the places of one's family origins. Tombstones in Vermont are commonly made of granite, and the inscriptions on them are often illegible. However, recently I had the good fortune to visit a small family cemetery in Barnard, VT and actually stand before the headstones of two of my g-g-g-grandparents!

### 2014 Salt Lake City Trip!

**Monday, May 5th to Saturday, May 10th**

The Columbine genealogy group will be making another trip to Salt Lake City in May, 2014. We plan to arrive in Salt Lake on Monday, May 5th, and will leave on Saturday, May 10th. The group will stay at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel. Hotel rates for the five days are approximately \$240 per person, double 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, and the hotel will split the bill between you and your roommate at checkout time. The Plaza's phone number is 801/521-0130; ask for Richard Williams.

You will also need to make your own airline reservation. As of December 12th airline rates are between \$165 and \$235 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 want to research in the world's largest and greatest genealogy library, join us in 2014. You can get your questions answered by the world's best consultants and will have access to over two million books and microfilms and hundreds of computers. 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?

### CG&HS Members/Friends in the News

**Ann Lisa Pearson**, a long-time member of Columbine, became the president of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History again in 2013 to complete an unexpired term and is running for election for a two-year term for 2014-2015. The Society's headquarters is in Colorado, but its main function is held each year in Salt Lake City, where the Society sponsors the British Institute. In October, 2013, the Institute held four courses with 73 attendees. Several Columbine members attended the courses which ran for five days. The courses consisted of lectures in the mornings and research in the Family History Library each afternoon. Individual consultations with the instructors are the highlights of the Institute's programs.

2014 will be a very busy year for the British Institute when it sponsors four courses again. Thomas W. Jones will teach "Using the Genealogical Proof Standard". Also, David Rencher will teach a course on research in Ireland. These two courses are always fully enrolled. Another popular course is "Researching in Wales", taught by Darris Williams, the expert in research of Welsh ancestors. The last time Mr. Williams taught was in 2010, so this course will be very popular. Paul Milner will teach "Researching in Scotland" which was the most requested course on the 2013 surveys.

Ann Lisa will be attending both the NGS Conference in the States in Richmond, VA in May and the FGS Conference in San Antonio, TX in August as ISBGFH sponsors luncheons at each conference. The luncheon speaker in Richmond will be Denver's own James K. Jeffrey. Paul Milner will be the luncheon speaker in San Antonio.

Ann Lisa is an advocate of continuing education for genealogists and of saving one's genealogy research by writing and publishing it.

**Susan Hollis** self-published through Lulu her book on one of her families. See her article on page 6-7.

One of our speakers in 2013, **Christie Wright**, had her new book, South Park Perils – Short Ropes and True Tales, published by Filter Press.



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## Mary Lou King's Hyperlinked Websites of Interest to Genealogists

<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/> Department of Veterans Affairs

<https://familysearch.org/s/collection/list> Historical Record Collections constantly updated

<http://fhiso.org/> Family History Information Standards Organization is a community-driven organization established for the purpose of developing genealogy and family history information standards on a modern platform.

<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> Bureau of Land management

Examples of Genealogy found on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/>

Facebook -- Ancestry.com Facebook -- Family Tree Magazine Facebook-- [Footnote.com](http://Footnote.com)

Facebook -- Cyndi's List Facebook-- Genealogy Bank Facebook – Family Tree

<http://dp.la/> Digital Public Library of America

<http://www.kshs.org/p/county-records-on-microfilm/11121> Kansas county records on microfilm.

Access by Inter library loan

<http://www.statearchivists.org/states.htm> Directory of State & Territorial Archives and Records Programs

<http://www.stenseth.org/us/statehs.html> State Historical Societies in the United States

<http://www.stenseth.org/military.html> Military History Links

<http://www.ancestry.com/cs/reccol/default>

The National Archives of Norway has digitized their documents. Go to <http://arkiverket.no/eng>

A new Irish genealogy TV Program doing Genealogy in Reverse at <http://www.tg4.ie/en/programmes/tar-abhaile.html>

**Welcome New Members!**

Bob Blackburn- Blackburn

John Gadd – Gadd

Sharon Mahler – Lee, Barton, & Bailey

Cheryl McDade – McDade & Stafford

Judy McNeil – Laurunen & McNeil

Kirk Patton – Woosley, Withrow, Powell, Arnold Calvert, Harvey, Ramey & Howard

Jim & Cheryl Wolff – Wolff, Steele, Lynn, Reuland, Hause, Potter, Werner & Farris



Our members peruse a presenter's handouts at one of our meetings this fall.



Presenter (and new member) Jim Wolff explains his search for homestead records in South Dakota.

**Editors' Message**

“Out with the old and in with the new.” So goes the old saying, and it is also true of Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society. Some officers have left their posts, while others have assumed new positions. Some members have left us due to moving, changed circumstances and death, while some new members have joined. At the end of one year and the beginning of another it is time to reflect: Genealogically speaking, what did each of us accomplish with our family history in 2013? Keeping that list in mind, what do each of us hope to do with our family history in 2014? Make a new list and tape it in a prominent place, like on the computer screen or on the calendar. That's a way to begin. Finally, make a resolution now to glance at those “Things To Do” genealogically speaking on a monthly/weekly/daily basis during the year. For example, here's our List for 2014:

1. Visit DPL more often.
2. Make an inaugural visit to the Denver center of NARA in Broomfield.
3. Visit the Hart Library at History Colorado.
4. Join the CG&HS group on its annual trip to research in Salt Lake City in May.
5. Update our ancestors' records with the information found in the 1940 Census. (We started doing this last year, but got sidetracked on a group of ancestors, which led to a tangent away from the 1940 Census. You know how that is.)
6. Scan more photographs. (They seem to multiply like rabbits!)
7. Write more humorous stories about some of our more eccentric relatives/ancestors.
8. Again tackle “the drawer”. We procrastinators place all of our notes, ideas, photos, etc. some place for inclusion in Family Tree Maker someday when we have more time. (We started doing this in 2012 and in 2013, but as usual got waylaid by other things genealogical, and the contents of “the drawer” grew and grew like yeast dough left to rise. We must either take drastic measures to remedy the situation or buy a second file drawer. We will probably do the latter.)
9. Finish reading some of the genealogy books that we have started but have abandoned to read something else.
10. Try to get organized. (This is a never-ending process.)

Now the final question is, “Where in the world on the computer did we save our 2014 list of Things To Do?”

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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