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LITTLETON, CO through H.R. DURAND's EYES

H. R. DURAND was a professional photographer in Littleton, CO in the early 1900s. Through his eyes one sees how the people of Littleton lived and dressed during that time. Often he relied on his sense of humor and his sensitivity when photographing babies and children.

Harold Ray DURAND was born on 19 June 1889 in Missouri. His widowed father, W. L. DURAND, who had also been born in Missouri, moved his children, Harold and Nellie, along with his sister, Emily DURAND, from Kansas to Littleton in 1900. They lived at 5516 South Sycamore Street. There, Harold photographed his sister in her Camp Fire Girls' outfit in 1913 and Main Street in Littleton looking toward the Arapahoe County Courthouse. He photographed his sister in front of their house in 1914 and himself on his motorcycle in 1915.

Ironically, 2014 is the centennial of the beginning of World War I. When it began, Harold was one of the twenty-one departing soldiers celebrated by Littleton in a farewell reception that was noted in the Littleton Independent on 21 Sep 1917. During this time Harold photographed himself in a World War I soldier's uniform carrying a clarinet rather than a rifle in 1918. He was a member of the 341st Field Artillery Band. He wrote letters to his sister, Nellie, who submitted one to the newspaper in Littleton for publication.

After he returned from the war Harold was a laborer in Nebraska before moving back to Colorado. He married Jennette Currie in 1920 in Denver. They had two daughters and lived in Douglas County, where Harold was a dairy farmer in 1930 and 1940.

In October, 1978, Harold R DURAND died in Aurora, Adams county, Colorado. He is buried in the Littleton Cemetery.

Thanks to Jennifer Hankinson at the Littleton Museum for allowing the newsletter editors to peruse Harold Durand's collection of glass negatives and photographic prints there. We hope you enjoy the Durand photos we have selected for inclusion in this issue of the CGHS newsletter and his letter home to Littleton, all courtesy of the Littleton Museum.



Main St. in Littleton Looking East—1913



Jessie, Nellie, Aunt Emily and Harold—1913

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Programs & Workshops

9 Sep 2014 1 p.m. "Giving Away Your Family Tree" By Dina Carson

16 Sep 2014 9:30 a.m. EARLY BIRD - "Family Tree Maker" (1st in a 3-part series)
By Deena Coutant

1 p.m. "The Most Prominent Citizens: Using County & Local Histories
to Locate Ancestors"

By Cari Taplin

14 Oct 2014 1 p.m. "World Cat" By John Mears

21 Oct 2014 9:30 a.m. EARLY BIRD - "Family Tree Maker" (2nd in a 3-part series)
By Deena Coutant

1 p.m. "Organized Chaos"

By Nancy Ratay

11 Nov 2014 1 p.m. CGHS ELECTIONS
"Military Ancestors"

By Marilyn Elrod

18 Nov 2014 9:30 a.m. EARLY BIRD - "Family Tree Maker" (3rd in a 3-part series)
By Deena Coutant

1 p.m. "Writing from A Journal" By Tom Tyler

9 Dec 2014 Christmas Luncheon

GENEALOGY TIP

For an amazing explanation of "The Key to Understanding Family Relationships" with a downloadable chart and a fun video go to http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/the-key-to-understanding-family-relationships-page1.html?awt_l=KzyMo&awt_m=JhSpcwpajAk.Vy

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CJ Backus

President of CGHS

President's Message: I Still Want A Pony!

Whenever I'm out and about, say at a restaurant or doing a little retail therapy, someone usually asks, "Would you like anything else?" I can't help myself. It just happens. I say, "I want a pony." Some folks get it (and laugh) and some pause and then just stare. I then have to tell them I'm only kidding.

I've included a photo that sits behind me as I write this, and it is from one summer in the mid-1950's up in Estes Park, Colorado. My father would rent a cabin for the summer and we would stay up there (he had to drive up and back for work), have relatives come visit and you guessed it, RIDE THE PONIES! I have no idea who the woman in the photo is with me; I'm sure she ran the pony rides. I remember two names of the horses--Socks and Clipper. Isn't it fun what sticks in your brain from childhood?

So now you are wondering what does this have to do with the president's message?

Well, I could say it has to do with the remodeling job this summer which is taking place where we meet at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. I receive weekly emails from their secretary, and things are progressing nicely. We plan on coming back in September, 2014 to a spruced-up place and we are excited to see what they have done.

Or, I could say that it is summer vacation and really, I have to write something?

I'm doing the message now as Carol Johnson, one-half of our illustrious newsletter editors, has just sent me an email asking where it is. (I had to stop chasing a distant relative's mother-in-law who had divorced her second husband of only a few weeks because she found out he had been accused of killing his first wife.) Now I ask you, which would you rather read about?

Maybe, just maybe, the pony reference is to jog your memory, dear reader, to send in an article for the newsletter. Nothing fancy, just a memory with a story and perhaps a photo or two? I'm guessing that the Writer's Group, led by Anita Burbank Jenkins, which is meeting this week, will have some articles in this newsletter or the next one.

At any rate, I hope the summer goes well, that you organize all of your research and know where everything is and can find it at a moment's notice. We'll have a board meeting in August and then start our programs back up in September. Check the website for more information.

As for the meaning of this message, I'm not sure, except I still want a pony.

CJ Backus

Jean, Lloyd King, and the Ink Well

By Anita Burbank-Jenkins, Writers' Group

My mother went to a one-room school when she lived on a farm in northeastern Nebraska. The large, pot-belly stove in one corner was the only source of warmth during the cold winter months. The teacher's desk and the blackboard were in the front of the room facing students. The teacher taught more than one level since there were few students and fewer teachers in that remote area of the central plains. The children learned to read from McGuffey Readers. The students sat in rows of seats that had been permanently bolted to the wood floor. My mother and her classmates sat in old-fashioned wood desks with metal sides and a shelf underneath the top. There was an indentation for an ink well in each desk.

My mother, Jean, sat in a middle row near the front. Behind her sat a boy named Lloyd King. The story is that he had a crush on her. He had tried to get her attention many times with no luck. He finally came up with a plan to get her to notice him. Jean's long braids dangled temptingly in front of him. He decided that he would put one of her braids in his ink well. I don't know if he got the desired response from my mother, but I do know she definitely noticed him! However, the story continues.

After Lloyd King grew up, he came to Denver and went into the grocery store business. He became a grocery store innovator who built a neighborhood market into the King Soopers chain in the Denver area. He pioneered several innovations that changed the grocery industry, including an in-store pharmacy and a self-service meat department.

Growing up in Denver, I remember frequently going grocery shopping with my parents at King Soopers. Several times my mother would find a receptive King Soopers' employee and tell the story of how her braids ended up in Lloyd King's ink well.

Fast forward to the early 90s. Mother was living in a Denver suburb. Grocery shopping was a weekly event that she and I shared at our favorite chain. Jean's granddaughter, Teresa, found out

Jean's granddaughter, Teresa, found out that Lloyd King was going to make a guest appearance at the grand opening of a new King Soopers store. We made plans to bring the two together again. We drove Jean to the grand opening and surprised Lloyd. I'm not sure what they discussed, but I am sure that both remember the braids in the ink well! Lloyd passed away in 1998, and Jean passed in 1999—the end of an era.

OBITUARY FOR 40+ DEAD COLORADO TOWNS

Are you aware that in the past ten years over forty towns have been disincorporated in Douglas, Jefferson and Summit counties of Colorado?

If no one lives in a town or a town has no government/budget/elections for five years, the Colorado Secretary of State's Office can deem a town abandoned and disincorporate it.

The following Colorado towns have fallen under this action in the past decade.

In Douglas County: Acequia, Deckers, Douglas, Frankstown, Greenland, Huntsville, Lehigh, Louviers, Russelville and West Creek.

In Jefferson County: Critchell.

In Summit County: Chihuahua, Boston, Braddoks, Carbonateville, Clinton City, Conger's Camp, Cow Camp, Curtin, Decatur, Delaware Flats, Dickey, Dyersville, Excelsior, Farnham, Old Keystone, Kokomo, Lakeside, Lincoln, Masontown, Naomi, Parkville, Recen, Rexford, Robinson, Saint John, Swan City, Swandyke, Tiger, Uneva Lake, Valdoro, Wapiti, and Wheeler.

Presently the town of Bonanza with a population of one in Saguache county is under scrutiny, and this fall it may lose its incorporation which was established in 1881. For a YouTube video of the "ghost" town of Bonanza, go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5qVriA45IU>



Jennie Short eating a pickle at Mr. Brown's.—1915

COLUMBINE GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEW BOOK DONATIONS for DPL & Bemis Libraries Summer, 2014

by Marilyn Lyle and Julie Haynie, Acquisitions

The Expansion of New England--The Spread of New England Settlement and Institutions to the Mississippi River 1620-1865.

Lois Mathews, England Historical & Genealogical Society, 2012, (originally published 1909 & 1936), 303 pp. Details reasons and patterns for migration of New England settlers in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries to areas along the Mississippi River. Includes maps to illustrate those patterns in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Old Northwest Territory.

Family Photo Detective. Maureen A. Taylor, Family Tree Books, 2013, 172 pp. Learn how to find clues in old family photos and put names to faces and recapture their lost stories. Case studies explain techniques in photo research.

Family Tree German Genealogy Guide. James M Beidler, Family Tree Books, 2014, 239 pp. Guide book to help retrace your German immigrant ancestors' voyage from Europe to America. Includes maps, time lines, sample records and resource lists and tips to help decipher German-language records and German script.

Family Tree Guidebook to Europe 2nd Ed. Allison Dolan, Family Roots, 2013, 272 pp. Chart your research course to find your European ancestors with this beginner-friendly, how-to instruction book.

A Guide to Chicago and Midwestern Polish-American Genealogy. Jason Kruski, Clearfield Pub., 2012, 107 pp. Details and suggestions for doing Polish research in Chicago area using family information, as well as documents of Cook County and the Polish Archives. Some information on analysis of documents and genetic research are included. The focus is on Polish Catholics, although a general history is included. Emphasis is on the use of genealogical technology.

History of Shelby County, Kentucky. George L Willis Sr., Clearfield Pub., 1999, (originally Pub 1929), 268 pp. Narrative history of Shelby County, Kentucky which included some biographies of early pioneers. Also includes some early tax lists, marriages, wills and selected illustrations of the area.

How To Climb Your Family Tree, Genealogy for Beginners. Harriet Strykeer-Rodda, Genealogical Pub Co., 1983, 144 pp. A how-to genealogical guide to help locate clues in family information, as well as in county records, census and immigration records, military and church records. A beginner's

source to help unravel the mysteries of your family.

Irish Emigration to New England through the Port of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, 1841-1849. CG Johnson, Clearfield Pub., 1996, 284 pp. A compilation of emigration lists of Irish who were seeking to come to America during the years of 1841-1849 (Famine Years) Many landed at these ports and ventured on to ports along the New England coast. Table of contents and indexed.

James Craig, Patriot Parson. Cynthia Mattson, Dog Ear Publishing, 2013, 484 pp. From the early days of the American revolution James Craig, Anglican minister of Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg County, Virginia, preached patriotism to his fellow citizens and supported the war effort by operating his gristmill as a supply depot for the American army.

Scotch Irish Pioneers in Ulster and America. Charles Knowles Bolton, New England Historical & Genealogical Society, 2013 (Originally published 1910), 398 pp. A classic study of the eighteenth-century "Scots-Irish" exodus from Ulster to America. Includes ships lists arriving in New England from Ireland, as well as court records, correspondence and other primary sources, details of Ulster immigrants in New England, Pennsylvania & South Carolina communities .

Six Women of Salem. The Untold Story of The Accused and Their Accusers in the Salem Witch Trials. Marilynne K. Roach, DeCapo Press, 2013, 445 pp. Narrative of the 1692-93 Salem Witch Trials during which over 200 ordinary people were accused and nearly 20 were executed for witchcraft. Several others were imprisoned during these hysterical times. The lives of six select women are described in this definitive book on this period of time.

The Unofficial Family Archivist, A Guide to Creating and Maintaining Family Papers, Photographs and Memorabilia. Melissa Mannon, Archivesinfo Press, 2011, 248 pp. This book focuses on the care of personal papers, photographs and memorabilia found in the typical home.



Harold Durand on his Motorcycle—1915

CGHS member Bob Jenkins found this poem among his father's saved items. Apparently the title is "Feeling Old" and the author is unknown.

Just a line to say I'm living
 That I'm not among the dead.
 Though I'm getting more forgetful
 And mixed up in the head,
 I've got used to my arthritis,
 To my dentures I'm resigned.
 I can manage my bi-focals,
 But, O God, I miss my mind.
 Sometimes I can't remember
 When I'm standing by the stairs
 If I should go up for something
 Or if I've just come down from there.
 And before the fridge so often
 My mind is filled with doubt –
 Now – did I put some food away
 Or come to take it out.
 And sometimes when it's nighttime
 With my nightcap on my head
 I don't know if I'm retiring
 Or just getting out of bed.
 If it's not my turn to write dear,
 I hope you won't get sore
 I think I may have written
 And don't want to be a bore.
 So remember I do love you,
 And wished that you lived near.
 But now its time to mail this
 And to say goodbye my dear.
 At last! I stood beside the mail box,
 And my face it sure got red.
 Instead of mailing this to you,
 I opened it instead.



Nellie Durand at home in 1914

THANK YOU'S

“THANK YOU FOR THE YUMMY COOKIES!”

From Carol Welch, Refreshments Committee

14 Jan 2014 Joyce Lohse, Chris Yaros and Julie McKemy

21 Jan 2014 Anita Burbank-Jenkins, Peg Brady and Julie Haynie

11 Feb 2014 Carol Welch, Sally Taylor and Carole Schetter

18 Feb 2014 Sylvia Burnside, Doris Livingston, D.J. Inman and our guest speaker, Meg Anderson, who brought two trays of cookies from recipes in her book.

11 Mar 2014 Dawn Bunyak, Marilyn Lyle and Shirley Stertz

18 Mar 2014 Bonnie Warner, Pat Jacobsen

8 Apr 2014 Woody Trosper, Eleanor Spence, Jim Denison

20 May 2014 Alison Gibbens

THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE “PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE FINDINGS” AT THE APRIL LUNCHEON!

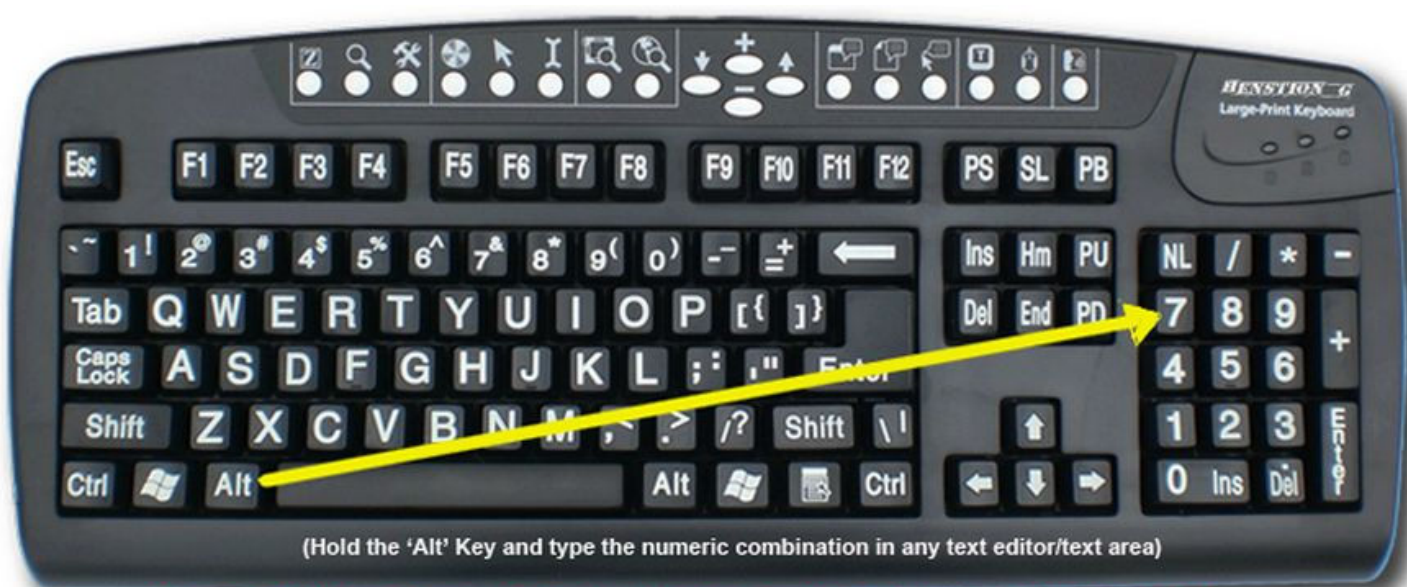
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IN MEMORIAM

John M. MOSSMAN died on 26 March 2014. He joined CGHS in 1990. In his twenty-four years of membership he served on the Littleton Cemetery Interment Record Projects and Publishing Committee, the Arapahoe County Marriage Record Projects and Publishing Committee, and was the Vice President, Publicity, from 1993-1995. According to his biography published in the 2nd Quarter, 2010 CGHS Newsletter, John was a member of Sons of the American Revolution, First Family of Gallia County, Ohio and First Family of Colorado. His Colorado roots dated back to 1835.

Bernice M. SVIGEL died on 10 May 2014, and was buried in the Littleton Cemetery. She joined CGHS in 1992. In her twenty-two years of membership she was a Littleton Cemetery Interment Record volunteer. Her biography was published as a Twenty-Year Member in the 2nd Quarter, 2012 CGHS Newsletter.



HOW TO MAKE SYMBOLS WITH KEYBOARD

- Alt + 0153..... ™... trademark symbol
- Alt + 0169.... ©.... copyright symbol
- Alt + 0174..... ®....registered trademark symbol
- Alt + 0176 ... °.....degree symbol
- Alt + 0177 ... ±....plus-or minus sign
- Alt + 0182 ... ¶....paragraph mark
- Alt + 0190 ... ¾....fraction, three-fourths
- Alt + 0215 ×.....multiplication sign
- Alt + 0162... ¢....the cent sign
- Alt + 0161..... ¡..... upside down exclamation point
- Alt + 0191..... ¿..... upside down question mark
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- Alt + 5.....♣..... Club
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- Alt + 4.....♦..... Diamond
- Alt + 13.....♪.....eighth note
- Alt + 14.....♫..... beamed eighth note
- Alt + 8721.... ∑.... Nary summation (auto sum)
- Alt + 251.....√.....square root check mark
- Alt + 8236.....∞..... infinity
- Alt + 24.....↑..... up arrow
- Alt + 25.....↓..... down arrow
- Alt + 26.....→.....right arrow
- Alt + 27.....←.....left arrow
- Alt + 18.....↑↓.....up/down arrow
- Alt + 29.....↔...left right arrow

BITS AND PIECES

Did any of you CSU alumni notice the genealogical article in the spring, 2014 issue of Around the Oval on page 2-3? The Member Profile article entitled “Five Generations of CSU Women” relates how the legacy commenced with Addie Bristol Brown, who was born in Fort Collins, CO of a pioneer family, and graduated from Colorado Agricultural College in 1902.

Nine Surprising JOBS that have been around since the 1850 Census

ARMORER – Today an armorer maintains and repairs small arms and weapons in the military or police force.

CHARCOAL BURNER – Someone who makes charcoal. Median pay in 2012 was \$35,530 annually.

COTTON GINNER – An agricultural worker who operates machinery or does physical labor to produce cotton. Median pay in 2010 was \$18,970 annually.

CORDWAINER – A worker who operates and tends machines used in the production of shoeware. Median pay in 2012 was \$24,310 annually.

CORK CUTTER – Someone who operates cutting machines to cut slices of materials. Median pay in 2012 was \$31,430 annually.

ENAMELLER – An artist who uses enamel paint on jewelry and other decorative items.

GOLD BEATER – Someone who hammers sheets of gold into gold leaf.

MAP MAKER – A technician who assists surveyors and cartographers in collecting data and making maps. Median pay in 2010 was \$37,900 annually.

RIGGER – A person who specializes in lifting or moving heavy objects with a crane or derrick. Median pay in 2012 was \$42,660 annually.

Fifteen Other JOBS of Interest that may or may not be around today

KNOCKER UP – Person who taps or shoots peas at windows to wake people up for work. A human alarm clock.

COMPUTER – Woman worker who converts figures and crunched numbers by hand.

LECTOR – Person who reads news and literature aloud to factory workers.

MILKMAN – Person who delivers milk daily before the invention of refrigerators.

CHIMNEY SWEEP – Person who cleans soot after winters of burning wood to keep warm.

DAGUERREOTYPISTS – Person who makes images on polished silver as early photographs.

HACKLERS or HEMP DRESSERS – Person who separates its coarse parts in the linen industry.

RAT CATCHER – Person who snags disease-carrying rats in neighborhoods.

QUARRYMAN – Person who extracts stone from open pits to be used in construction.

MATCHMAKER – Person who matches up two people for marriage.

DROVER – Someone who drives cattle or sheep.



Getting ready for the CGHS Luncheon in April

LAPIDARY – Person who forms gemstones or minerals into decorative items.

OCCULIST – Person who studies magic, alchemy, astrology, spiritualism and divination.

LATHMAKER – Person who sets up operation or tends wood sawing.

SALAERATUS MAKER – Person who makes baking soda.



“Columbine Writers Tell All” Audience on May 20th

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HAROLD DURAND'S LETTER HOME FROM WORLD WAR I

The following letter was written on 11 Dec 1918 to Harold's sister, Nellie, and was published in the Littleton Independent and THE ARAPAHOE HERALD on 17 Jan 1919. Thanks to the Littleton Museum for allowing us to publish it.

“Dear Sister:--

I got your letter just before we left Pannes and father's today, (written Nov. 10.)

We are now at Okerkail, Germany, about 56 miles west of Coblenz, some of the Americans are at Coblenz. I understand we are to winter here, although I have learned not to plan on anything in the army.

We are in a small village and will be billeted just about like we were in the small towns of France.

The people are going about their business as usual, and one would hardly know there had been a war.

The people are a good deal more friendly to us than I expected. It is almost impossible to buy anything of them in the way of eats, they seems to have plenty of beer. While they are short of food they don't look to me like they were so very nearly starved. I ate some of the German black bread, and it is awful stuff.

The farms and farming country look pretty well (better than in France), but the towns show the lack of care and are very dirty.

We left Pannes the day after Thanksgiving, we were on the road 11 days and hiked 9, had 2 days rest in between. I walked every step as most of the band did on account of the shortage of horses. Only those who just had to drop out rode. I got through fine except one foot bothered me and I had to limp one day.

We walked about 137 miles, averaged 15 miles a day, the best day we made over 25 miles. There was quite a lot of mud and rained some. Nearly every day was foggy. We stopped at villages and were always under a roof, slept in hay mows and any place we could get.

While it was a little hard in places, I would not

have missed it for any thing, and am glad we got to come to Germany. Now that we are here, hope we don't have to stay too long.

We crossed the border playing. Our travel was in four countries, France, Belgium Luxemburg and Germany. About 5 minutes in Belgium.

The best looking country I have seen over here was in Luxemburg.

One night after we had stopped in a small village, Hock and I with three others went into a house and bought supper. We each had a steak that would fill a plate, good bread, fresh butter, jelly, and a kind of coffee made out of barley hulls (I thought it better than coffee). O yes, and sugar for it. We sat down to a clean table cloth and it sure seemed nice. We were pretty hungry that night and would have had to wait several hours for supper. We gave them eight dollars for the five of us.

Am glad you all got through without getting the “flu.” It must have been worse than we thought. I see by the papers it is about over in Denver.

Your brother,
Cpl. H. R. DURAND”



Harold Durand with his Clarinet—1918

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Barbara Biner – Biner, Virden and Verdin

Eva Macaj – Bencsko (country - Slovakia)

Christopher Waalkes – Waalkes, Crockett, Hopkins, Evans, Howell, Landis, Taylor, Malone and Torrance



Editors' Message: Soapy, Photos and Black Sheep

The above gravestone photo of Jefferson Randolph Smith II probably has no significance to most Denverites. However, many people familiar with Denver's history in the latter part of the nineteenth century may recognize his alias, Soapy Smith. From 1879-1898 Soapy, a Georgian by birth, became the "king of the frontier con men" in Texas and plied his trade as a cheat to finance corrupt politicians and lawmen all the way from Denver to Skagway, AK. He gained his nickname through his prize soap racket, selling bars of soap supposedly covered with various bills of money and wrapped with brown paper to shills as enticement to unknowing travelers stepping off the train in Denver. His Tivoli Club on Market and 17th streets was the center of his swindling operations in Denver before he sold it in 1892, and he moved his operations to Creede, CO, where he opened the Orleans Club and exhibited a primitive, petrified man named McGinty before returning to Denver again to ply his unscrupulous trades. Soapy was lured to Skagway, Alaska by news of the Klondike Gold Rush in 1897. There, he set up his businesses with his gangs and also opened a fake telegraph office, where miners sent wires to their loved ones back in the lower-48. Little did they know that the telegraph lines went no further than its walls. The Shootout on Juneau Wharf signaled the end of Soapy as he uttered his final words, "My God, don't shoot!" just as Frank H. Reid fired a fatal bullet into Soapy's heart in 1898. On a recent cruise to Skagway, I heard this tale from a tour guide. In the Skagway Cemetery she explained that because of his bad ways Soapy was buried three feet outside the boundaries of

the cemetery, while his murderer was buried with full honors inside the same cemetery. However, citizens of Skagway found out later that Frank H. Reid was not such a hero after all. On the anniversary of Soapy's death (8 July) wakes and parties are held to honor Soapy because he has evolved into a nineteenth century folk hero. It turns out that various people found that Soapy used a lot of his ill-gained money to fund churches and aid poor widows, orphans, dogs and other criminals. I saw Soapy's grave, but even now he is still three feet outside the Skagway Cemetery. (Google "Soapy Smith" to find all kinds of articles on him: an extensive Wikipedia article on him; the official website for the Soapy Smith Preservation Trust and home of the Friends of Bad Man Soapy Smith, maintained by his descendants, to preserve him as an important Western historical figure; Gold Rush stories, and the Archives at [The Denver Post](#). In addition, the January/February, 2014 issue of [Colorado Life](#) magazine contains a five-page article on him.)

On the aforementioned Alaskan cruise I bought James A. Michener's book, [Journey](#), to read his fictionalized account of the gold fever in the Klondike in 1897. Michener's last words in that book on page 308 struck a chord: "It is strange what sometimes transpires when we go prowling about through old photographs." Keep his words in mind as you take photographs of family members and as you search through those old family photos this summer. Finally, we hope you enjoyed Harold Durand's photos of Littleton and his letter in this issue of the CGHS Newsletter.

Perhaps you have a story about one of your ancestors who was a black sheep, a scoundrel, a bad guy/gal, a bigamist, a jewel thief, a murderer? What do we do about those really bad people in our family trees? Do we write about family secrets? Do we hide them? Do we ignore them? Let us know by the middle of September in time for the next newsletter that is distributed October 1st. Email us, and share your thoughts, articles and stories!



Carol & Steve





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BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE

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