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NEW TIME:
Potluck and Program
12 noon on May 15.

Thank You, Woody!

We appreciate Edith Woodman Trosper's contribution to Columbine. We know her by her nickname, Woody.

A member of Columbine since 1997, Woody began responding to a variety of queries which were received by our organization beginning in 2001. She recently stepped down from this position because the electronic age has changed the way genealogists search for information.

In the past, Queries usually came to Columbine's Post Office Box and then were passed on to Woody for solving all kinds of genealogical questions. Researchers would locate an ancestor in the Littleton area and then would learn that our society had a person devoted to answering queries. She researched for people from all over the Denver metro area and beyond. Research was carried out mainly at the Denver Public Library and Littleton locations.

Some problems were not solvable, but most times she did answer the question. She always replied with a copy of whatever document or article she would find. Some recipients of her research sent thank you notes and donations.



Many of the letters asked for obituary information. This led to a larger project; indexing the obituaries from Littleton newspapers. She continues to work on this at the Littleton Museum, where microfilms of old Littleton newspapers are available.

Woody has been faithful in attending monthly board meetings all the years she has held this position. We thank her for the hours spent answering queries, indexing obituaries and sharing her experience at meetings for 17 years!

Meetings at Columbine

Meeting Times:

Regular Meetings 1:00 pm - 2nd & 3rd Tuesday each month (except June, July, Aug. & Dec.)

Earlybird Classes Resume in the Fall

Board of Directors Meetings 9:30 am - 2nd Tuesday of each month (except June, July & Dec.)

Columbine Writers' Group Meets following the afternoon program on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

Meeting Place:

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, 6400 South University Blvd, Centennial, CO 80121

For more information about Columbine Meetings, visit our web site: www.ColumbineGenealogy.com



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Program Previews

CGHS Spring 2018 Programs

Tuesday, April 10

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

**Social History for
Genealogy**

By Noel Ferre

Tuesday, April 17

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

**“Information from census
records to use with maps”**

Kirsten Canfield

Tuesday, May 8

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

“Fold 3”

By Barbara Elliott

Tuesday, May 15

12:00 – 3:00 P.M.

**12 noon luncheon,
1 p.m. program**

Educational Opportunities

By Jean Adams, Education Coordinator

News Flash!

In January maybe you resolved to spend more time on your family's genealogy in 2018. It is now the second quarter of the year and you have solved at least one brick wall, right? Or you have contacted at least one second cousin twice removed who can help you with that brick wall, right? If that is not the case, I have a DEAL for you! Free mentoring for CGHS members is available in many areas of research. Notice the words "free" and "members." One of the advantages of being a member of Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society is the opportunity to receive assistance in your research. Areas of mentors' expertise include:

- Software and Applications: Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree Software, MAC Reunion, Ancestry, Family Search, Spreadsheets, Writing/editing
- Basic research, Organization, Spanish translation, DAR application
- Country research in England, Wales, Norway, Sweden, France/Alsace, Ireland
- US research in specific states, Civil War and other Military Records

You may sign the Mentor Assistance Request clipboard at any CGHS meeting or contact me by email: mjadams@iquest.net.

News Flash!

Early Bird sessions will resume on the third Tuesdays in September, October and November from 9:30 to 11:30am. Due to weather and poor driving conditions our speaker for February, Ed Storey, was forced to reschedule his presentation. Ed will present "Using Directories and Sanborn Maps" on October 16, 2018. Watch the newsletter or website for more information.

News Flash!

We now have a CGHS Tech Group. This new group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 3 to 4pm after the regular meeting and cookies. We have reserved a meeting room near the main church sanctuary for this group. Our current focus will be spreadsheets and their use in genealogy research. We will have some basic tips, share some templates and help members solve questions on spreadsheet creation. Members will use a Dropbox account for sharing files and hints. We also suggest that attendees bring a memory stick to the meetings for sharing templates and copying files. Members at all levels of computer ability are welcome to attend this informal session.

New Members January/February 2018

- Judy Garner • Carolyn Mears • Heidi Maughan
- Jack and Virginia Nelligan • Peggy Hector



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Cemetery Adventures

By Ginger Van Zyl

With summer approaching, many of us begin planning for heritage trips. The internet is very useful for discovering facts about our ancestors, but to really get a feel for who they were, it can be exhilarating to visit in person the town where they lived, see the surrounding countryside, and stand where their loved ones stood as that ancestor was laid to rest. In other words, it's fun to find and explore cemeteries. Locating that tombstone can be an emotional experience or a starting point for additional research – sometimes both. My “adventures” may give you some research tips to keep in mind as you contemplate your next heritage trip.

Beginners' Luck

When my husband and I first retired in 1998, we knew we wanted to travel and to learn more about our families' history. Armed with my late mother's research notes, we set off blithely for the areas of Iowa and Missouri where my mother's family had lived. At the Decatur County courthouse in Leon, Iowa, we encountered a chatty, helpful clerk who not only directed us to local history resources, but copied a page from a Farm Bureau township/land owner map and pinpointed the location of Mt. Tabor Cemetery. According to Mother's notes, that was the burial place of my 3rd great grandmother, Mary Ann (Colledge) Fesler. She and her husband Elijah Fesler were early settlers in High Point Township, Decatur County, Iowa, in 1856. Mary Ann had been born in England in 1819, emigrated with her parents and siblings in 1829 to western Pennsylvania, and married Elijah in Ohio in 1835. Mt. Tabor Cemetery proved to be a fenced-off corner of a meadow at the end of a gravel road. There seemed to be only about a dozen graves. In a sunny, grassy spot surrounded by a grove of trees we found Mary Ann's tombstone. This peaceful setting seemed just the right resting place for this hard working, 19th century woman, removed from the noise of busy 21st century life. We were lucky to have encountered the helpful county official who made our search successful.

Tip: *The county clerk and recorder's office can be a great resource not only for records but for general information about other local resources.*



Family Notes Can Be Inaccurate:

Finding Howard Cemetery in Putnam County, in northern Missouri, proved to be a bit more difficult. Mother's notes listed several Judd ancestors buried in “Howard Cemetery near Lucerne, Missouri.” As far as we could see, Lucerne turned out to be a general store beside the rural highway. We pulled into the gravel parking area preparing to go in to ask directions when a pair of eyes peered at us through the store window and promptly turned the Open sign around to say Closed. It seemed strange and should have alerted us to the way people in this very rural area might view shiny cars with out-of-state license plates. Well, what to do now? Fortunately, just then a pickup pulled up and a young man got out, so we asked him for directions to Howard Cemetery. He didn't know but thought his mother would (she who turned the sign around). He came back shortly with incomplete directions”and after that, you'll have to stop and ask for more directions.” So we set off, heading south until we decided it was the point at which to ask again for directions. We pulled into a farm yard and immediately several large dogs charged out from the porch, barking furiously. Thinking it unwise to get out of the car, we waited until a couple of men appeared. Would they be friendly? They did calm the dogs, and we spoke with them through the slightly-opened car window. Their helpful directions sent us on a county road, a gravel road and finally, miles from any sign of farms or houses, at the end of a dirt lane, there was the cemetery. But it was not overgrown or abandoned. It was a well-

kept grassy area in a clearing surrounded by woods. On a west-facing slope, it took on a golden aura in the late afternoon sun. Here was the resting place of a 4th great grandmother, Sarah (Shepherd) Judd. Born in 1782 in Wilkes County, North Carolina, she married there in 1802 to William Judd. They were the parents of 10 children by 1829 when they moved to Wayne County, Indiana. Widowed there in 1848, Sarah moved west again with one of her sons (also a William Judd) and his family to Sullivan County, Missouri; she died there in 1858. Again, for this woman whose life was spent in frontier areas, this peaceful, out of the way cemetery seemed just right.

Tip: Family notes/stories are a great clue, but do research the area before you travel – county court house, local library, internet research. FindAGrave.com now gives GPS coordinates to locate this cemetery. However, just think! We would have been deprived of that backwoods adventure if we had discovered the information ahead of time.

Not All Gravesites Are Meant to be Found:

A heritage trip in October 2006 took us to Williamsburg, the county seat of Whitley County, Kentucky, where two of my 4th great-grandfathers lived in the early 1800s. Thomas Laughlin settled there in the 1790s and his brother-in-law, John Dunkin, Jr., arrived about 1798. This time I had done my homework -- researching land records, contacting the local historical society in Williamsburg, and corresponding with a Laughlin descendant. John Dunkin, Jr.'s burial site is unknown but more than likely was on his land on Brier Creek, which meanders at the south end of town to empty into the Cumberland River. Thomas Laughlin, however, is known to be buried in the P.C. Berry Cemetery where his grave is marked with a War of 1812 veteran's plaque; there is also a Daughters of the American Revolution plaque for his wife Elizabeth Dunkin Laughlin (John's sister). My correspondent described the cemetery as hard to find and overgrown. Thomas Laughlin's land was located on Watt's Creek, which we had crossed as we drove into Williamsburg. So in chatting with the congenial, helpful public librarian, I mentioned this overgrown pioneer cemetery. He replied "Well, you are here at a good time of year for that kind of search."

"Oh, why is that?" Gullible-looking all of my life, it was if a rural cousin was getting ready to feed this "city kid" a wild story.

He answered, "Well, the snakes will be going to sleep soon." My face betrayed my extreme fear of snakes, but my ever-helpful husband asked "What kind?"

"Oh, rattle snakes, cotton mouth, and some smaller ones." And with that, I definitely resolved not to take any strolls through any Kentucky backwoods cemetery! I settled for snapping pictures of Brier Creek, and of Watt's Creek which flows into the Cumberland River north of town.

Tip: It's best to let sleeping snakes lie. Somewhere on the internet there is probably a picture of the gravesite you're looking for!

Sometimes It's Serendipity:

My father knew very little about one of his uncles, his father's younger brother, Alonzo Alvis Blackburn, except that he had lived in Pueblo, Colorado. My research at Denver Public Library and the Colorado Historical Society (now HistoryColorado) library revealed that he had lived there from 1896 until he died in 1916. He married Lula Ochs in 1904 and there were no children. In the December 1, 1916, issue of The Pueblo Chieftain his obit and funeral notice stated he would be buried in Pueblo's Mountainview Cemetery. In 2008, my daughter and I took a trip to find great uncle Alonzo's grave. The cemetery is quite large, so I repeatedly attempted to call

the cemetery office in the days leading up to our trip. No one ever answered the phone. Luckily, when we drove up to the cemetery, the office was open. A real person was there, and we inquired about the exact location of the grave. We were really, really lucky since the plat (plot?) book told the location but also said there was no grave marker. Why, we could have wandered forever among

those headstones looking for great uncle Alonzo! I took a picture of the grassy area where he rests – the best I could do to document this grave. As a sidelight, the plot next to his also had no stone. We discovered it was the grave of his wife Lula (with another last name), and on the other side of her was a stone which later research revealed to be the man she married a few years after Alonzo died.

Tip: Calling ahead is always a good idea when you're looking in a large city cemetery, but sometimes luck plays a role. Now FindAGrave.com tells the exact location of this grave. There is, naturally, no picture since there is no stone!

With diligent research and a little bit of luck, hunting for those gravesites can be rewarding and perhaps add a memorable adventure to your next heritage trip!

*"Well, you are here
at a good time of year
for that kind of search
... the snakes will be
going to sleep soon."*



Notes from Columbine's President, Bob Jenkins

Reading and Writing

The company I worked for provided retirement consultants for older employees and their spouses. One of the exercises was to list activities expected or desired in retirement. This was somewhat like a "bucket list" on a budget. World travel would have been nice, but would have blown the budget.



I listed reading and writing. These two items were low budget. My reasoning, other than financial, was that reading puts ideas into the brain and writing gets ideas out of the brain. All you need for reading is to live near a good library. All you need for writing is a pen and paper.

Columbine activities address both reading and writing, among a number of other things. We have a bookstore, managed quite well by Nancy Reubert. She finds books of interest to our members and makes them available for purchase at a reasonable price.

We have a Writer's Group initiated and run by Anita Burbank-Jenkins. The members read and discuss their writings. They meet after our general meeting on the the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

We also support the Genealogy and History sections of the Bemis Public Library in Littleton by contributing books. In 2011 we updated an index of these two sections, which we had created in a previous project. Our index also indicates books which we contributed. A report generated from this database reveals that, as of 2011, there were 3,458 books in these two sections of the Bemis Library, of which we had contributed 2,743 or 79% of the collection.

How fortunate we are to live in the neighborhood of a good library, Bemis.

Book Report by Barbara Elliott

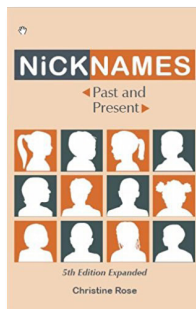
Nicknames Past and Present

Author: Christine Rose

This book was first published in 1987 and is now in the 5th edition. If you are having trouble with nicknames used in your family lines, then this is a good book to have. I had several Dutch names that I was having trouble with as the family came forward in time and not knowing that some were the same person.

This book has both male and female names in English along with their nicknames. Appendix A has Dutch and Frisian baptismal names and their English equivalents. Appendix F has Italian names, nicknames and diminutives.

I have found this book very helpful in ferreting out names of people that are listed with nicknames or truncated names. As you research, a lot of names are just hard to read and this book could be of use to anyone.



Donations for Denver Public Library

The following books were purchased for Denver Public Library, Western History and Genealogy Department. They have been received and delivered to the Library.

Cuban Census Records of the 16th, 17th and 18th Centuries, Revised Edition; Peter E. Carr; Clearfield Company, Inc. by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.; Baltimore, 2004

Jefferson County, Georgia Superior Court Minutes, Vols. I thru V; Michael A. Ports. Clearfield Company, Inc. by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2016

What to do with Your Genealogy Collection When You Downsize or Die

By Dick Eastman, Genealogy Basics

Many of us have collected all sorts of genealogy information. Not only do we have our personal data, most of us also have collected books, magazines, photographs, and more. Someday, somebody will have to dispose of all that material. Perhaps your heirs will make that decision soon after you die. If it was me, I would prefer to make those decisions myself long before my demise.

Another reason for planning to get rid of materials is a word that I fear. This word sends shivers up and down my spine: Downsizing

Again, I prefer to make decisions about downsizing while I am still able to do so. I don't want to wait until someone else makes the decision for me.

What to do with all that material? One possibility is to donate it to FamilySearch. Yes, the Family History Library accepts donations.

In reality, you cannot simply bundle everything into boxes and send them to Salt Lake City. In short, FamilySearch is only interested in unique material that is not yet available within their extensive collections. If FamilySearch already has 36 copies of a certain genealogy book, they don't have much need for a 37th copy.

According to FamilySearch's Gifts, Donations, and Loans guide at <http://bit.ly/2mf8RAs>:

FamilySearch looks for genealogical records and family histories so we can preserve and share them on FamilySearch.org.

FamilySearch will accept only materials that:

- Are readable, very well organized, and accessible to help researchers identify individuals and relationships by name, date, and place.

- Add new information to FamilySearch's collection (duplicate materials are not accepted).
- Do not violate current privacy and copyright laws.

FamilySearch does not organize collections. Submit GEDCOM files or place photographs and stories (memories) in Family Tree or the Memories section of FamilySearch.org.

FamilySearch does not enter or add information from Pedigree or Family Group charts on Family Tree.

The same guidelines also state:

"Written works, such as family histories, should be in a clear, readable format. They should include a title, the author's name, and the publication date."

The same guidelines also state:

"Contact FamilySearch before submitting a donation, as the materials must meet established criteria or they may be returned to the donor."

For complete donations guidelines, read Gifts, Donations, and Loans at <http://bit.ly/2mf8RAs>.

Your local genealogy society, historical society, or library also may be interested in accepting your genealogy information, books, and other material. However, most societies also are only interested in materials that "Are readable, very well organized, and accessible to help researchers identify individuals and relationships by name, date, and place."

Contact your local genealogy society, historical society, or library for further information about acceptable donations.



New Address for Member Jane Monroe

Our new address is: **Greg & Jane Monroe, 1417 Murrayhill Circle, Columbia, SC 29212.**
We would love to hear from our Columbine friends!

We are living within 30 miles of Newberry County, SC where numerous ancestors lived during the Revolutionary War (before moving on to Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana). We are finding many records and now are in the process of finding graves of those who died in this area.

The Little Refrigerator That Could

By Margaret Schmidt, January 2018

Our little refrigerator came to live with our family when I was just a baby, and it came with a memorable story.

Late in WWII, my parents and siblings and I moved into town in Garden City, Kansas from my grandfather's farm. We had lived with my grandfather on the farm briefly. In fact, when I was taken home from the hospital, I was taken to live on the farm. When we moved into our own home, we needed a refrigerator, but new ones were not available. (All during WWII, all metals, rubber, and manpower had gone to the war effort, not into appliance manufacturing).

My father bought a used refrigerator, manufactured before the war started, and located a pickup truck and some manpower to help him move it into the house. The manpower came in the form of his brother-in-law, my uncle Wilbur, who was quite a large, rotund man. It always amazed me that his belt would hold his pants up, as the belt went around the largest part of his body – his waist.

As they were moving the refrigerator out of the pickup, Uncle Wilbur lost his footing and fell. He must have fallen hard and ended up with a lot of scrapes, and his clothes were badly ripped. He was taken into the house for treatment. That's where my sister saw a sight that she cannot forget. As a 6-year-old, she walked into the living room to find him lying completely naked, face down on the sofa, with Aunt Kate dabbing mercurochrome on each bloody scrape on his backside. What an image that would have been for her!

We lived in that house, with the refrigerator serving us well, for about four years. It was a small refrigerator, far too tiny to store food for six people. Its freezer section held only one tray of ice, along with one or 2 other frozen items like meat or vegetables, which had to be crammed in. It had to be a daily frustration for my mother.

When we moved to the nearby town of Syracuse, Kansas,

it traveled in the back of another pickup. Along the way, the compressor cover on the top was blown off, bouncing along the road and then into the brush along the side of the road. It was recovered, but it was badly damaged and couldn't be used. The refrigerator itself was still completely functional.

We only lived in Syracuse for a year or two, and then the refrigerator faced another move. My grandfather retired from farming, and my family moved back to the farm. My father was becoming a farmer!



The move to the farm went smoothly, and the refrigerator was installed in the corner of the kitchen. It was used in the farm house without a compressor cover for at least 7-8 years. We compensated for the small size by using a frozen-food locker in town, which meant that we would pick up food every two or three days. It was a large walk-in locker, and everything we touched was icy cold. We kept mittens in the car all the time to wear in the locker when we gathered up the items we would eat for the next few days. Going into the locker wasn't much fun in the winter, but it was a nice treat on a summer day.

When we finally got a new larger refrigerator with a decent sized freezer, my mother must have had a very large smile on her face. The old one was still working well, and it was moved again, to a nearby farm building that was mostly used as a workshop. There, it took on a slightly different role, serving as seasonal fruit and vegetable storage. It was unplugged in the winter, but every summer would be called into service again as the garden started putting out all different kinds of produce.

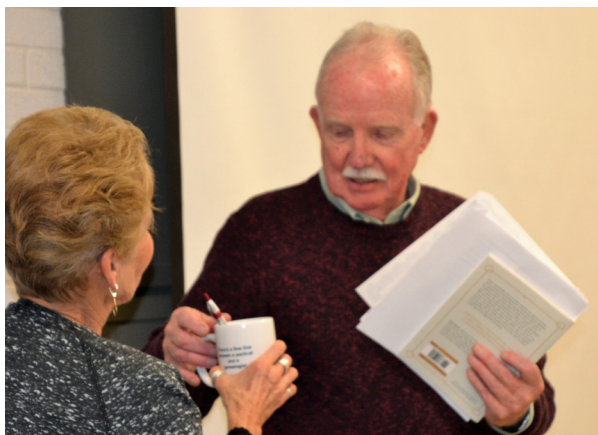
My father retired from farming, and my parents moved back into Garden City, Kansas in 1978. He auctioned off most of his farm equipment at that time. Our little refrigerator was plugged in to prove it was still functional, and was included in the auction – it was 35 or 40 years old. It was sold at the auction, and I like to think that it still had a lot of life left in it.



Certificates Go To . . .

Clockwise from above: Joyce Lohse receiving certificate of appreciation from Bob Jenkins for her work as Newsletter Editor.

Program speakers: Carol Cooke Darrow, Marriage, Separation and Divorce; Denise Lovato Duran, the Gonzales and Pais Families from Northern New Mexico and Early Colorado; John E. Putnam, Early North Eastern Ancestors; Dick Kreck, Former Denver Post Columnist, Rich People Behaving Badly.



In Memoriam

John Alexander Crouch 1929-2017

John Crouch was a member of Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society from 1999 through 2014. In addition to genealogy, he had several hobbies and interests including square dancing, clock repair and visiting historic locations.

John passed away in March, 2017 at Millbrook Assisted Living. He is survived by his sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren.

(An expanded obituary may be viewed at www.allveterans.com/obituaries/john-alexander-crouch/)

Rhea McCoy

Rhea McCoy, age 90, passed away February 20, 2018. She was elected as Columbine's Recording Secretary for a term beginning in 2012. Shortly after her term started, she suffered a stroke. Rhea will be remembered for playing the piano a couple of times for our group activities. She lived in Golden, CO at the time of her death.

Looking for Pete Peterson

By Connie Strandberg

My great grandfather, Peter Erik Peterson (b. 1861 in Sweden) deserted his wife and three children in Montana in 1906. He then settled in Alberta, Canada where he was a farmer. Family lore was that his niece and her husband had come from Sweden to Alberta to help him with the farm some time before he died in 1937.

Before researching Peter and his family, I had to know the name of the church parish where his birth took place.

This genealogical adventure began with a letter. My mother found it in a box of gift wrap paper from the home of my deceased grandmother, Selma. Mom knew I would be interested. That was in the 1980s.

The envelope was postmarked January 1956 (pictured at right). My grandmother had read this message introducing her to a cousin, Agnes Ekroth, who lived in Westaskiwin, Alberta. Agnes wrote that her mother, Selma Peterson, was my grandmother's namesake.

Once the letter was mine, I enlisted the help of a relative who lived in Edmonton to investigate if there were still Ekroth's in Westaskiwin. She sent me a phone number. No one answered on the first tries. I reached out by mail but had no reply. Years went by.

In the meantime, I researched Peter's brothers. Charles had come to Montana and later moved to California, where he died. John had settled in Minnesota. An old photo with names written on the back, helped locate that family in census records. Still no mention of a parish after hours of searching.

In early 2002 I came across the old note containing the Ekroth phone number. Before I tossed it, I tried one last call. Someone picked up! Their hired man answered the phone extension in the barn. He promised to pass my message on to the Ekroths.

The mailman brought news from Lionel and Gladys Ekroth in July of 2002. They recalled hearing of Agnes



and had found her obituary. Her death occurred in Uppsala, Sweden on September 15, 1977.

At that time, I was receiving newsletters from the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. A recent issue stated they had a CD ROM titled, Sveriges Dödbok (Sweden Death Record) 1950-1999. It listed deaths in Sweden during that time frame. I sent a request stating what was known about Agnes's death. The reply gave the key to reaching my goal. The researcher at Augustana was amazed to find Långtora, Agnes's birth parish, listed. This was a different parish from Uppsala where she died. The researcher wrote, "I have never seen this database provide a birth parish".

Immediately, the Family History Library film for Långtora Parish was ordered from Salt Lake. Most likely this would list the birth parish of Agnes's mother, Selma. There it was! She was born in Österunda Parish. That led to another order for the Österunda film.

The Swedish versions of their names; Pehr, Johann, Karl and Selma, along with their parents Sven and Caroline jumped off the page! The family surname in Sweden was Pehrsson. More research into Swedish church records led to discovering earlier generations of the Pehrsson family.

Colorado First Families Recognition Program

Are You A Colorado First Family?

As genealogists, we're proud of where we came from and the stories of our ancestors' travels, lives, and histories. And we're proud of our ancestors' contributions to the places in which they settled and raised their families.

The Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, commonly known as the Council, administers the First Families of Colorado program whereby descendants of Colorado pioneer families receive certificates of lineage honoring their Colorado heritage. The certificates are handsome, very suitable for framing (I'm sure most of them are), and memorialize Colorado early families.

The First Families of Colorado Recognition Program has been in place since 1983, and so far, hundreds of descendants have submitted proofs of lineage to Colorado ancestors and received certificates. The people who apply for and receive the certificates often include their children and grandchildren, giving proof of a personal connection to Colorado. You can see the names of these descendants and their pioneer connections at: <http://www.cocouncil.org/documents/PioneerList.pdf>.

There are three categories of recognition:

First Family, whereby an ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, the land area of what is now Colorado, before 28 February, 1861.

Territorial Family, whereby an ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, a territory that is now Colorado, between 28 February 1861 and 1 August 1876.

Centennial Family, whereby an ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, Colorado at least 100 years prior to the date of Centennial Family application.

You may learn more about the First Families program at: <http://www.cocouncil.org/familyrecognition.html>

Applicants need not be current residents of Colorado. Indeed, many descendants do not reside in Colorado, but proudly remember their Colorado heritage.

Applicants may submit documentation tracing their ancestors' activities and existence in Colorado by way of census records, church records, and birth, marriage and death records.

For an application, visit <http://cocouncil.org/familyrecognition.html>.

Member Research

- **Barbara Elliott** is researching Parker, Brown and Rakestraw in Pennsylvania and Ohio.
- **Pat Campbell** is researching Hice in Johnson County, Arkansas and Limestone County, Alabama.
- **Cheryl Floberg** is researching Schmidt in Posen in Poland, Iowa and South Dakota.
- **Ron Floberg** is researching Blanchard in Wayne County, Ohio.
- **Julie Haynie** is researching Ravenscroft, Lunsford and Hamlin in Massachusetts and Virginia.
- **Marge Healy** is researching Staat or Staadt in Nassau in Germany.
- **Tom Healy** is researching Kennedy, Murphy and Healy in Ohio and Wisconsin.
- **Joyce Lohse** is researching Burke in Illinois and Kentucky.
- **Jean Ouelette** is researching Blanchard in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
- **Connie Strandberg** is researching Hey and Gray in Yorkshire in England, Indiana and Pennsylvania.



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Board Meetings:

2nd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

No meetings in June, July & August

Social gathering in May
on the 3rd Tuesday

Location: South Wing Entrance
Lutheran Church of the Holy
Spirit 6400 S. University Blvd.
Centennial, Colorado

Annual Dues:

Individual - \$25.00

Individual & Spouse: \$35.00

BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE

If the President postpones a meeting due to an emergency or bad weather, the VP of Publicity will send emails to members, and a sign will be posted on the door of the church. *Please do not call the Church office.*

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