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May Potluck and Used Book Sale a Success

By Nancy Reubert

It cannot be said that we don't have wonderful cooks in our club. I look forward to our twice yearly potlucks to see and try some really delicious dishes that our club members make, and I frequently go home having eaten way too much. The May 15 potluck was no exception, I am both pleased and sorry to say. Such good food! And some really interesting presentations from members about their recent genealogy travel.



Shoppers peruse the selection at the annual used book sale on May 15. **More photos on page 2.**

The potluck started with the annual used book sale. We had many tables full of books and periodicals, and as usual, really avid browsers and shoppers. I think I saw whole boxes of books and other treasures being toted out to cars.

This year I encouraged the donation of cookbooks for the sale, and I have to say that turned out more successful than I expected. Fully about 35 percent of the book donations for the sale this year were cookbooks.

Proceeds from the sale totaled \$201.40. After sales tax, that's a net of just under \$190. This money will be used by the Acquisitions Committee to buy genealogy-related books for Denver Public Library and Bemis Library.

I want to thank everyone who hauled books in and out of the church, especially Richard Evans, Ron Floberg and Julie McKemy, who hauled tons of books in their vehicles, and Julie once again served as cashier.

Meetings at Columbine

Meeting Times:

Regular Meetings 1:00 pm - 2nd & 3rd Tuesday each month (except June, July, Aug. & Dec.)
 Earlybird Classes 9:30 am - 3rd Tuesday each month starting in September
 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



Reads & Eats

Above: The buffet line at the spring luncheon, our last meeting before we begin again in the fall.

Right: Nancy Reubert, Book Store Chair, and Pat Campbell, Bulletin Board Chair, preparing for the used book and periodical sale.



Programs for Early Fall Meetings

CGHS Spring 2018 Programs

From Anita Burbank Jenkins, 1st V.P. and Program Chair

Tuesday, Sept. 11

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

“What a Disaster”
 (Researching and writing
 about weather events in
 your family history.)
 By Susie Wickman

Tuesday, Sept. 18

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

“Scottish Records”
 By Diane Barbour

Tuesday, Oct. 9

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

**“1920 Armored Car
 Robbery”**
 By Carol and
 Steve Johnson

Tuesday, Oct. 16

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

**“Iron, Dynamite and
 Intrigue: The Story of the
 Denver Northwestern and
 Pacific Railway”**
 By Carol and Steve Johnson

Early Bird Classes for Fall

By Jean Adams, Education Coordinator

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 - 9:30am – 11:30am

Basic Genealogical Research and Library Resources

Presenter: Ann Lisa Pierson, CGHS Member

This is a single Basic Class to be offered at Bemis Library in conjunction with their Adult Services. The class fee of \$25.00 includes the book "How to Do Everything: Genealogy, Fourth Edition" by George G. Morgan. We will encourage participants to sign up for membership to Columbine for rest of 2018 and 2019. The class will start with a tour of the genealogy reference section of Bemis Library and continue downstairs in their classroom that is fully equipped for multimedia presentations. Preregistration is required (preferably at least one week in advance) through the library with instructions to make checks payable to CGHS. Nancy Reubert should be able to get books in 3-5 days (any extras can be sold through our bookstore). Bemis will publicize the class on their website, CGHS will need to publicize through 2nd VP as usual.

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 – 9:30am – 11:30am

"Your cousin ... the banana?"

Presented by: J. Voegtly, CGHS Member

This is a multimedia presentation designed to introduce attendees to the world of DNA, genetic testing and application of test results to genealogical research. It includes a discussion of the current commercial DNA testing options available to the public and how to choose the kit(s) which may be best for you and your family members.

Tuesday, November 20, 2018 – 9:30am to 11:30am

Using Directories and Sanborn Maps to Learn More About the Lives of our Ancestors

Presenter: Ed Storey, Pike's Peak Genealogical Society, Published Author

Genealogy is much more interesting when we learn more than just vital records about people. Details of where they lived and worked can help us better understand our ancestors. Fortunately, there are two widely available types of documents. City directories often give both street address and occupation. They also came out frequently enough to enable us to follow the ancestors as they moved or changed employment. Sanborn maps were produced to help property insurers determine the type of structure and therefore the rate for insurance. They were quite detailed and enable us to learn some details about where our ancestors lived. The directories are needed to gain the most from the maps. The presentation will show how to obtain these documents and to use them to best advantage.



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"They Lived – Disagreeable"

A Victorian Divorce

By Joyce B. Lohse

If you think you know your ancestors from glowing reports in obituaries, other sources might reveal a different impression. Testimonies from Sangamon County, Illinois Chancery Court records provide interesting details about the marriage of my 2nd great-grandfather to his first wife.

S.G. Jones (aka Strother Gaines Jones), was married to Lucy Newton on 9 July 1834 in Mercer County, Kentucky. Their life together was not easy. Both had quick tempers, and they often disagreed and argued. S.G., a hard-drinking man, was accused of threatening his wife, Lucy, by chasing her with a buggy whip. When provoked, she bombarded him with brickbats and vile language.

By 1836, the Joneses wanted to start over. They planned to leave Kentucky, and begin anew in Central Illinois. While the young couple prepared for their journey, they anticipated another big change. Lucy was pregnant. Their first child would be born that summer.

After they boarded a steamship in Louisville, S.G. and Lucy travelled up the Ohio River to the Mississippi River, then up the Illinois River to Beardstown, Illinois. There, they disembarked, and rode by wagon to the settlement of Springfield, which would soon become the Illinois state capital. Surrounded by rich prairie farmland, the area afforded new opportunities and a fresh start.

The Joneses reconciled their differences in Springfield. S.G. became manager of a livery stable near their home. Lucy was busy managing the household. Their first child, Elizabeth, was born in June 1836. In all, they had four



While Lucy and S.G. Jones were separated, the yard outside their house provided neutral territory for civil conversations.

children together, plus one who did not survive.

When domestic trouble persisted, Lucy Jones had had enough. In 1850, she filed for divorce in Sangamon County. A 52-page handwritten court document contained lengthy accounts of "He said" vs. "She said." S.G. denied that he "commenced making insinuations against female honor and virtue which were designed cruelly to torture & agonize the mind." He also declared that living with Lucy was, "intolerable due to numerous acts of annoyance and provocation."

For three years, the Joneses lived apart. S.G. slept in the livery stable. When Lucy and the children ran out of food and fuel, she stopped cooking meals for her husband and his workers. To resolve the situation, he reluctantly delivered needed supplies, but complained about the expense.

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Welcome to Our New Members

• Linda Embree • Patricia Montano • Ruth Wyeno

A livery stable employee, John Bell, shared his testimony. He said he often saw S.G. and Lucy conversing in their yard while they were separated. Once while walking with his employer, S.G. suggested that Mr. Bell ask Mrs. Jones to make some shirts for him. "He thought I could get round her in that way." The encounter never took place.

As for Lucy, she was described as "a woman of a very bad temper so much so as to be considered devilish." A neighbor and tenant named William T. Givens said, "I seen from circumstances that they lived – disagreeable." Another employee, Alexander Jones, testified, "Whilst I was there, [Mrs. Jones] was very quarrelsome, and unpleasant, such that I thought no man could live with her."

The situation was further complicated when Lucy discovered she was again pregnant with S.G.'s child. Nevertheless, the divorce proceeded and was finalized. Lucy received custody of the children, with alimony fixed at five hundred and twenty-five dollars, which he paid.

After the 1850 divorce proceedings, Lucy Jones eventually moved to Kansas where she remarried. S.G. became a solid citizen as Springfield's City Marshal, Justice of the Peace, Postmaster in nearby Dawson where he owned farmland, and he was a founder of the Temperance Society and the Old Settlers' Society.

In 1858, a woman named Anna Gebel gave birth to a child, listing S.G. Jones as the father. Although she used the name Anna Jones, no record of a marriage or divorce was located. In 1865, S.G. married again, to a Mt. Pulaski schoolteacher named Lucy Cass. The second Lucy Jones was twenty-three years younger than S.G. The family expanded with four more children.

S.G. Jones became president of the Old Settlers' Society, a club honoring early pioneers. Following the Civil War, the group's picnics drew large crowds of families in horse-drawn carriages to Clear Lake, east of Springfield. It is possible that all three "Mrs. Joneses" and S.G.'s nine children attended these popular events.

In Memoriam

Jane Lawrence Fosdick passed away 31 March 2018 at age 91. She is survived by her husband, George Fosdick and their eight children. Her full obituary can be found at www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/by/fosdick/jane

My Serendipitous Moment at the Denver Public Library

By Connie Strandberg

First, a definition. Serendipity, an instance of finding something good accidentally.

Many of us know how much fun it is to stumble on information we were not even looking for! We who do genealogy research use the word, Serendipity, when speaking of these discoveries.

I had gone to the library to look at old maps of the city of Denver and when I finished I had time to browse. I wanted to look up the surname, Eastwood, in early Denver, since a relative's father had run for public office here in the past. A book titled: *Portrait and Biographical Record of Denver and Vicinity, Colorado*, published in 1898, seemed to be a possibility.

Please send your serendipity experiences and other newsletter submissions to russtrndbrg@aol.com

While I could find no Eastwood, I did come across Eckdahl in the list of names beginning with "E". This was the surname of a Swedish line I had been researching in Sweden and Chicago dating back to the early 1800's.

How surprised I was to find Anton Frithiof Eckdahl's biography in this book about Denver. His family was the very same as the one I had been researching in Chicago. Anton's father had witnessed the marriage my husband's grandparents in Chicago in 1886.

This discovery reminded me that my father-in-law, born in 1895, once remarked that there was a distant cousin who visited the family when he was a little boy. Anton was possibly that cousin!

Anton was active in Denver's Swedish community and was elected city auditor in 1897. He supported the silver currency standard. He spoke on behalf of the Silver Democratic Party during the 1896 presidential campaign. He apparently left Denver since he vanishes from local records.



Notes from Columbine's President, Bob Jenkins

Finding Father

I think I made a mistake many years ago, when I sent a copy of my genealogy database to a distant cousin. This was back in the days when the LDS site was much simpler, but did have data submitted by researchers. The distant cousin incorporated my data into his work (no problem to me) and made some modifications to my data (a problem for me). Then he submitted his work to the LDS site.

One of the changes he made was to my father's place of birth. I knew that my father was born in Llano, Texas. The LDS information submitted by my distant cousin showed it to be some small town between Houston and Port Arthur. I was annoyed. It led me to look for the official documentation for my father's birth. I did not have his birth certificate. I knew that my father was born in 1906 and that the Texas birth index online started with 1903. My father was not on it.

Some years went by and we were visiting friends in Austin, Texas. While there, I visited the Texas State Library and Archives on the state capital grounds. The area for vital records was to the left of the main entrance and the Texas Ranger Research Center was to the right. I was greeted as I entered the vital records area and learned that there were many delayed birth records that were not in the online index. The indexes for the delayed birth records were in the next room. They were in large books filling the extensive shelves along the walls. I found my father, copied down his number so I could order a copy of his birth certificate. I did. He was born in Llano.

For more information about the Texas Vital Statistics Indexes see: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/vitalfaq.html>

Joie de Vivre

By Jean Ouellette

Several years ago I took an English Comp course at Tunxis Community College in Connecticut. I was fortunate that the instructor was interested in family history. I think this is where I really started to get involved with genealogy. The assignment was to interview a family member and write a composition. I had been listening to the tales of my husband's family for many years and decided to write about them. This is one little anecdote.

Late in 1940, my father-in-law Lewis left his parent's home in Lille, Maine for Gardner, Massachusetts to work as a nickel plater at the Haywood Wakefield Furniture Company. About a year later my mother-in-law Aurore followed him to Gardner. On September 11, 1941 they were married at the Holy Rosary Parish in Gardner. On January 31, 1942, Mom called Dad at the factory and told him he would have to come home. It was time for her to go to the hospital to have their child. When Dad arrived home, Mom picked up her suitcase to go out the taxi. Realizing that the taxi was not outside, she asked Dad where it was. He said, "I don't know, I ran home." She giggled, thinking of her husband, a large, slow moving man, running through the streets of Gardner, so excited; he forgot to take a taxi.

Books Donated to Local Libraries

Evidence: Citations and Analysis for the Family Historian
by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

Genetic Genealogy in Practice
by Bettinger and Wayne.

Two copies of each donated to Bemis Library in Littleton; One for circulation and one for reference.

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***Sharon Presbyterian and Lutheran Church Records, Ceres, Virginia***  
by Mary B. Kegley.

*Presbyterian records begin in 1827. Lutheran records date from 1801 to 1909.*

Donated to Denver Public Library.

## May Meeting Highlights

Chris Yaros and her husband, Ron, (holding the poster), shared photos of their first genealogy research trip to Slovakia.

They took along Chris's grandmother's baptismal record, dated 1899. Using the village name, Nizny, Slakov, which was far off any main roads, they reached their destination after finally buying a local atlas. A real adventure!



Ken Beets related the story of his ancestors, a girl, aged 6, and a boy aged 8, arriving America. Their parents died at sea. These children were auctioned off by the Captain of the ship in order for him to get some form of payment for the family travel costs. Ken is descended from the boy. His sister's fate is unknown.



**Left:** Anita Burbank Jenkins, presents a certificate to Greg Liverman. **Right:** Jean Adams presents a certificate to Wendy Dillenschneider after an informative discussion of DNA test results.

**Left:** Heidi Maughan adventured to Aroostook and Lincoln counties in Maine last December to locate the grave of her great, great grandmother. Deep snow hampered her search. **Right:** Silvia Burnside has donated a fragile family tree chart, created in 1854, to the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) in Boston. The chart names the family of Sampson Mason, who came to the colonies in 1650. Sylvia's sons hand delivered this carefully wrapped document to Massachusetts after a cross country drive from Denver.

## Member Research

**Jean Adams** is researching Adams in Kentucky and Wray/Ray in Indiana and Ireland.

**Sharol Bottencourt** is researching Bonney in New York in 1830 and Iowa or Illinois after that.

**Anita Burbank Jenkins** is researching Burbank in Maine and Lima, Peru, Hamley in Cornwall until 1870 then in Meadow Grove, Nebraska.

**Sylvia Burnside** is researching Trumper in Germany and Burnside in Scotland.

**Paula Davis** is researching Butterfield, Lyman and Morrison in New York, Ohio and Iowa.

**Barbara Elliott** is researching Elliott in New York and the Southern States.

**Heidi Maughan** is researching Hilton in Maine and Driscoll in Haverhill, Massachusetts.



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