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## Honorary Lifetime Membership to Joyce Lohse

Columbine Historical & Genealogical Society, By-Laws Article IV. Section C. 3, states:

Honorary Lifetime
Membership may be
conferred upon any
member of the Society
who has completed
ten (10) years of
membership, has been
an officer or committee member,
and has given exceptional service.

"Has given exceptional service" has been underlined, because exceptional service is exactly what Joyce has contributed to Columbine over her 20-years of membership.

#### **Joyce's Contributions:**

- Member since 1998.
- Former President of Columbine
- Current Past President
- Gives assistance to current President
- Completed several updates to the By-Laws and Standing Rules



- Answers numerous questions about procedure
- Former Website Editor
- Former Newsletter
   Editor
- Developed Columbine's Facebook page and maintains the site
- Past Corresponding
   Secretary of Columbine
- Reviews and edits Columbine minutes
- Former Archivist
- Author of several awardwinning historical books and presents programs to Columbine members
- Worked on Columbine's Littleton Cemetery Records project
- Worked on Columbine's Arapahoe County Marriage project
- Helped edit Columbine's 35th Anniversary book
- Contributes articles in Columbine's Newsletter

## Meetings at Columbine

#### **Meeting Times:**

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: <a href="https://www.ColumbineGenealogy.com">www.ColumbineGenealogy.com</a>

## Program Previews

#### **CGHS Programs for Early 2019**

Jan. 8, 2019

Roger Dudley will present "When All Else Fails Try the Local Newspaper"

Jan. 15, 2019

Randi Samuelson-Brown and Laurel Watson will present a program on their books about prostitution in Denver and Colorado mining towns Feb. 12, 2019 1:00-3:00

Joyce Lohse will present a program on Dr. Justina Ford: Two Strikes and 7,000 Babies

March 19, 2019 1:00-3:00

Wendy Dillenschneider will present on a subject to be announced.

## Update to the Saga of the Old Green Album

By Susan Hollis

Two years ago our group was asked to find a home for a lovely green photograph album which was among the effects of Gerald Gilmartin who died in 1957 with no heirs. You can find the article "The Dusty Old Album" in the January 2017, issue of the Columbine Newsletter to refresh your memory of this quest.

Today, September 13, 2018, the album was sent on its way to the Big Rapids,

Michigan Community Library, returned to the town from which many of the photographs came originally around 1900. There the Director of the Library will display the album in their Genealogy Room.

Through the efforts of Jeanne Goldsmith, Project Coordinator of the Facilities and Fleet Management Department of Arapahoe County, Joyce Lohse, past President of C.G.H.S., Woody Trosper, Query Chair, James Jeffrey, Denver Public



Library, Bob Jenkins, current President of Columbine, and yours truly, the album is wending its way home. Woody, Bob, James, and I put considerable time researching the Hagadone (Nellie Hagadone Gilmartin was Gerald's mother), and Gilmartin families. Two Hagadone family descendants were located, one in Colorado Springs, but neither felt they were close enough relatives to claim the album.

I contacted genealogical and historical societies

in Big Rapids, Mecosta County, via e-mail and also voice mail, but received no answers from any of them. One of the Columbine board members suggested I contact the local public library which I did and they said they were happy to receive the donation.

And so the story has a happy ending, with a new home for the homeless album found with Gerald Gilmartin's effects in his residence on South Santa Fe Drive in 1957

## Educational Opportunities

By Jean Adams, Education Coordinator

#### 2019 Early Bird Programs for Winter and Spring

An Early Bird program is held several times during the year for topics that take longer than the usual meeting's hour to present. These extended sessions allow the presenter to go into more detail and to have extra time for questions. As part of our educational programs we will feature basic genealogy research topics as well as intermediate and advanced ones.

January 15, 2019 – 9:30am – 11:30am

#### **Documenting Your Research**

• **Presenter:** Barbara Elliott, CGHS member

• Location: Bemis Public Library, 6014 S Datura Street, Littleton. Colorado 80120. Phone: 303-795-3961

Learn how to document your family research based on the books "Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian" and "Genealogy, Fourth Edition". You will learn why it is important to document where you found your information. Barbara will give you tips and techniques on ways to document those sources. If you have tried documenting and have questions, she will address those. Materials fee: \$25.00 Class members will receive a copy of their choice of the two reference books.

Registration required. Call or visit Bemis Public Library by January 8, 2019.

#### February 19, 2019 – 9:30am – 11:30am

#### A Presentation on Researching at the Denver Public Library

- Location: Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Centennial
- **Presenter:** Roger Dudley, Reference Librarian/Archivist, Denver Public Library

This long-time employee of Denver Public Library will lead us through the well known and little known collections at Denver Public Library. Denver's main library is known throughout the US as one of the largest genealogical collections.

March 19, 2019 – 9:30am – 11:30am

#### **New Ancestry DNA Story Results: Why Did My Ethnicity Change**

• Presenter: Greg Liverman, PhD

In this Early Bird Greg will review how ethnicity reports are done and specifics about AncestryDNA. He will illustrate the old and new reference groups, what the changes are why the results changed. Specific examples supplied by members will serve as illustrations – both examples that were improvements and those that were not what was expected.

April 16, 2019 – 9:30am – 11:30am

#### An Introduction to **Genealogical Publishing: Saving Your Genealogical** Research One Book at a Time

• **Presenter:** Dina Carson, Publisher, Author, Genealogist

Genealogists and genealogical societies have more options for publishing their family histories now than at any other time. But which method is best? Print may be preferred by the older generation, and certainly has durability. but perhaps an electronic book would engage the younger generation better. Publishing online is a third option but not for every publishing project. There are local records projects that could help preserve or make more accessible information for genealogists who may not be able to travel to the place of the original records. Publishing is one option for passing this generation's research on to the next generation.



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In 1939 I first met my grandparents, Gideon and Hazel Alsup, on the steps of their home in Galveston.



By Bob Jenkins



I first met Hazel Grace Kendall when I was very young. Her husband was Gideon Alsup. They lived in a big two story house in Galveston at 1714 23rd Street. It had a large veranda which covered the front of the house and swept around and halfway down the right side. It was four blocks from the beach along the Gulf

of Mexico. My mother brought me down from Houston to visit her parents. Although I don't remember much about

my first visit, we probably took the train from Houston where we lived in the third ward.

In subsequent visits, I watched Hazel fix breakfast in the narrow kitchen along the left side of the house toward the back. She moved with a quick shuffling gait. She had a quiet, cheerful disposition. On the dining room buffet there was a display of photographs of the relatives. One of them was a young man dressed in the uniform of a Civil War soldier. Another had been hand tinted by Hazel. Photographs were all black and white in those days. Hazel had a small box of oil tints in various colors. I must have shown an interest in it. She gave me the box when she no longer used it. It is 1.5 inches deep, 8 inches long and 6.25 inches wide. There are 15 colors in it. It is Marshall's

Transparent Photo Oil Colors Academy Set. I still have it. She did have an artistic streak. At some point, I came into the possession of her painting of a small dog. I still have it.

There was a large, built-in storage chest in the living room under the front window. Among other interesting things for a kid to explore were National Geographic magazines and a stereoscope. They both stimulated dreams of traveling to faraway places with mountains, streams and forests. The living room also had a huge mirror on a marble base. I would guess it was about 6 feet wide and 7 feet tall.

As the years went by, Hazel developed Parkinson's disease. Her hands began to shake. Her quiet voice became softer and softer. She could still use her typewriter to write letters. She liked a good story and collected them. My parents published a short selection of her writings and her collection of stories.

When Hazel could no longer take care of herself, Gussie was hired as her caregiver. The two of them lived in that big house until 1961. That was when hurricane Carla hit

the coast. It brought a tornado that ran diagonally across the island. The big house was in its path with Hazel and Gussie inside. Gussie had managed to get both of them to the second floor. If they had been on the first floor, they would not have made it. They were rescued by the fire department through a second story window. The house was totaled. There was no trace of the large mirror in the living room.

Hazel then came to live with my parents at 711 Bering Drive in Houston. For a few months she seemed bitter about losing the house. She was so surprised and pleased when she received the insurance payment. After that her disposition was considerably brighter. Hazel lived there in my old room until she died in 1964.

Years later, I went to the cemetery in Hitchcock, Galveston County to visit my grandparents' grave. In the cemetery office files was a letter from my uncle, Cliff Alsup, saying that there was a third burial spot beside my grandparents and it was reserved for Gussie. Gussie was buried elsewhere, but she had a reserved spot in Hitchcock.



This 1961 photo appeared in the Dallas Morning News after Hurricane Carla's devastation. Just behind the brick house, it is possible to see the remnants of the upper story of my grandparent's home.

#### A Visit With

## Margaret Bettinger Weiland

In 1973 Margaret B. Weiland heard about a new genealogy group forming in Littleton. She attended some meetings and was impressed by the organizational skills of the founders, Barbara Brown, Geraldine White and Virginia Rothfus. The other feature of this group was that it met in the day time. Meetings were held about a thirty minute drive from her home in south Denver. She, along with 30 others, signed the charter in 1974. Margaret has attended meetings, workshops and conferences regularly for over 40 years.

Margaret's mother, Josephine Hough Bettinger, joined Columbine in 1975. This mother/daughter team began working together on the genealogy of a Civil War ancestor using information Josephine recalled hearing from her family in the past. Just for clarification Hough is pronounced Huff.

One of the battles Edgar Guy Hough fought in was at Pea Ridge, Arkansas. Margaret visited the Pea Ridge National Military Park some years ago and was able to flesh out her ancestor's Civil War experiences there.

Other travels for genealogical purposes were as far away as Germany and Norway. On research trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City Margaret was joined by a 2nd cousin. Their shared ancestors traveled on the Oregon Trail. It so happened that Margaret's family left the trail and settled in Colorado.

Margaret's father had 13 siblings, all of whom lived in Colorado. Margaret was well acquainted with these aunts and uncles. Their collected stories and family history information helped Margaret in researching the Bettinger family.

Margaret is interested in preserving her research possibly through the DAR or the National Society of United States Daughters of the War of 1812. She is considering how to take further steps to share her collection of documents and photos with her family and others who are interested.



Margaret Weiland, charter member.

## Welcome to Our New Members

- Ann Swanson
- Kathy Bergling
- Steve Benn

- Mary Kirkwood
- Alyce and Shawn O'Rourke
  - Monica O'Shea

- Connie Burmond
- Mike and Cindy Allen
  - Dotty Burdick



By Ann Lisa Pearson

## Books purchased for Denver Public Library – Western History and Genealogy Department:

Barbados Records Wills and Administrations, Vol II, 1681 – 1700. Compiled and Edited by Sanders, Joanne McCree. Reprinted Clearfield Company; Baltimore, 2011.

Barbados Records Wills and Administrations, Vol III, 1701 – 1725. Compiled and Edited by Sanders, Joanne McCree. Reprinted, Clearfield Company, Baltimore, 2011.

Berks County, Pennsylvania, in the Revolution from 1774 to 1783. Montgomery, Morton Ll; Reprint of original, 1894; Clearfield Press, Baltimore, 2012.

A Genealogical and Personal History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Davis, William H.; Edited by Warren S. Ely & John W. Jordan. Reprint of original 1905; Clearfield Press, Baltimore, 2015.

*Jefferson County, Georgia Tax Lists*, 1795 – 1803, Ports, Michael A. Clearfield Company, Baltimore, 2016.

*Jefferson County, Georgia Tax Lists, 1804 – 1808,* P orts, Michael A. Clearfield Company, Baltimore, 2016.

*Jefferson County, Georgia Tax Lists*, 1809 – 1813, Ports, Michael A. Clearfield Company, Baltimore, 2016.

Natchitoches Colonials, A Source Book: Census, Military Rolls & Tax Lists, 1722-1803, Mills, Elizabeth Shown & Lennon, Ellie, Volume 5, Cane River Creek Series, Revived, Tricentennial edition, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 2017.

People of Lowland Perthshire, Carse of Gowrie, Strathearn, Western Strathmore, Dobson, David; Clearfield Company, Baltimore, 2014.

*People of Strathmore, The. 1600-1799.* Dobson, David, Clearfield Company, Baltimore, 2017.

Powhatan Indian Place Names in Tidewater Virginia. McCartney, Martha W. & Rountree, Helen C., Clearfield Company, Baltimore, 2017.

Professional Genealogy, Preparation, Practice & Standards, Mills, Elizabeth Shown. Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 2018.

*Scots-Irish Links*, *1575-1725*., *Part Ten*. Dobson, David. Clearfield Company, Baltimore, 2017.

Swiss Pioneers of Southeastern Ohio, Thode, Ernest. Clearfield Company, Baltimore, 2017.

#### **Purchased for Bemis Public Library:**

Paths to Your Past, A Guide to Finding Your Ancestors. Sayre, Pamela Boyer, Revised Second Edition, National Genealogical Society, Falls Church, VA, 2018

This is a total of 14 books. For a total cost of \$462.81.

## Columbine Member Research

**Shirley Jenkins** is researching the surnames Bruner, Hagerman, Lewis, Antes, Smith, Bennett, Swan and Bray in Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, New York and Massachusetts. **Ann Swanson** is researching the surname Swanson migrating from Sweden to Canada to Louisiana.

**Dotty Burdick** is researching the surnames Rogers in Harford County, Maryland and Cooper in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

## Just a Reminder to Never Give Up!

By Debi Ashcroft Clark

Two years ago, while going through some of my old research files, I found some letters from my father's cousin, Carol. I had forgotten that thirty-five years ago, she and I had written a few times, sharing information about her grandmother; my greatgrandmother. I had sent her some group sheets and a family tree, and she said she might have some old photos to share. But time went by, and nothing arrived, and further letters went unanswered.

Thinking it could be easier today to find someone, I began searching online for Carol. I picked the two most promising names and addresses and mailed off cards explaining I was looking for a relative named Carol. No replies.

Then last month, two years after dropping those cards in the mail, an email arrived. Carol, who now goes by the name Jenni, was packing to move again, and found the card tucked away in a drawer. She's just turned 80,

and wished she had remembered to write sooner! Using emails, she has sent scans of those old photos to me, and newer photos of herself and her own family. She has shared stories about my great-grandparent's journey from England to Illinois with their two small children. And I've sent her copies of documents that support those stories: English and US Census records, a passenger list, citizenship papers, and birth, marriage and death records. She tells me stories about my dad and his brother as teenagers, and I tell her about the rest of their lives, and how they died just six months apart.

Carol and I have lives that overlapped in so many times and places, but we don't think we ever met face-to-face, and because of time and distance, we might never be able to. But – we both agree that we are having so much fun now that we've continued our correspondence after that little thirty-five year gap.



Hannah Elliott Ashcroft Maidlow, common ancestor of Debi and Jenni.

## In Memoriam



#### **Donald Elliott**

Donald Elliott, a member of Columbine since 1989, passed away November 18, 2018. Don's wife, Doris, also a member of Columbine, said he was researching his family and writing family stories up until his death.

His full obituary is available at http://www.taborfuneralhome.com/obituary/donald-elliott

In addition to the information in his obituary, Don was instrumental in indexing and preparing for print, all the books Columbine has published. He contributed so much to Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society.

In 2017 Don received the Birdie Holsclaw Award for Outstanding Genealogy Volunteer of the Year from the Colorado Genealogical Society. He was generous with his time and expertise beyond our local organization.

## Conversation With a Librarian

By Jean Adams, Education Coordinator

Recently this author (Jean Adams) had the chance to sit down with Nancy Trimm, Supervisor of Adult Services at Bemis Public Library, 6014 Datura St, Littleton, CO. Here's a summary of that conversation.

**Author:** From your website it states, "Adult Services provides reference services, selects materials and develops programs and activities for teens, adults and senior citizens, including outreach to senior housing units in Littleton." Do you personally do all those things?

Nancy: Not personally. I supervise a team of eleven. We staff three reference desks, teach computer classes, and select the materials and programs for adults and teens.

**Author:** I noticed that your library is listed as connected to the LDS Family History Library. As a genealogist can we order microfilms from the Salt Lake LDS library and have them sent here?

**Nancy:** Not any more. But we do have some permanently located here.

**Author:** What other materials do you have for genealogists?

**Nancy:** We have the second largest collection of genealogical print material in the area, second only to Denver Public Library. Many of the items are not digitized or found online. In addition, we have reference librarians who can help individuals with their research.

**Author:** CGHS completed a project to index obituaries from Littleton newspapers. Are you familiar with that index?

**Nancy:** Yes, as a matter of fact I have used the index. One month we had four requests for local obituaries and the index was very helpful.

**Author:** How long have you been with the library and are you a native to Colorado?

Nancy: I've been with the library in this position for seventeen months. Before that I lived in Gunnison CO. I graduated with a BA in English Literature from Colorado Mesa University, a Master's in Library and Information Science from Emporia State University and have been in Colorado twenty-one years. Originally, I'm from a small farming community near Columbia, Missouri.



Nancy Trimm, Littleton Bemis Librarian.

**Author:** Tell us one unusual thing that most people don't know about you.

Nancy: I take aerial dance classes.

**Author:** That's interesting. Have you ever performed on the silk rope?

**Nancy:** Actually, I have. I performed at the Arts Center in Gunnison.

**Author:** What do you see in the future for a CGHS – Bemis Library partnership?

**Nancy:** I'd like to have some public classes on library genealogy databases that we have available.

**Author:** Do you need one of our members for an instructor? And would you need us to order the take-home reference books like we did for the basic genealogy class?

**Nancy:** Possibly. There is a technology librarian on staff who can teach some of the classes. CGHS could help with the topic, publicity and possibly sale of books.

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**Author's notes:** Nancy and I talked about the next CGHS class at Bemis Library on "Documenting Your Research" to be taught by Barbara Elliott and Ann Lisa Pearson. We hope to have a good turnout even though the weather can be disagreeable in January. Date is January 15, 2019, 9:30 to 11:30am in the lower level conference room

While at Bemis Library I picked up one of their monthly newsletters. The scheduled events will have happened before this comes out in our newsletter, but several might be offered again. I suggest that you check their website for such classes as Self-Publishing for Writers: Intro to SELF-E, Self-Publishing at Your Library, Creating an eBook: Intro to Pressbooks, Storing Photos with Google and Beginning MS PowerPoint.

Just out of curiosity, I browsed the genealogy section for books on Kentucky ancestors. My brick wall is my husband's grandfather's parents. I noticed that many of the books I picked up had a label on the front page indicating that it was donated by CGHS. Just another example of your annual dues at work!

This copy of an email was sent to those who have tested with Ancestry.com to explain changes in test reports. It is good information for all of us as we further our understanding of DNA testing.

#### **Ancestry DNA Update**

#### WHY DID THE ESTIMATE CHANGE?

We have better tools for telling regions apart, especially closely related regions like Ireland and Great Britain. We also have 16,000 reference samples now instead of 3,000, which helps screen out less-likely regions.

#### HOW HAVE THE LATEST RESULTS BEEN IMPROVED?

#### **More Regions**

With advancements in DNA science and more data, we're able to divide the world into more regions. With more regions to work with, we can typically make a more nuanced estimate.

#### Larger Sample Sizes

We determine your ethnicity estimate by comparing your DNA to samples of DNA from people who have a long history in a region. As we get more samples, our picture of what DNA from a region or group "looks like" gets better. We've added more than 13,000 new samples to the original 3,000 in our reference database to give us our clearest picture yet for each region.

#### Improved Ways to Analyze Your Data

DNA is made up of strings of four different letters: A, C, G, and T. Our old algorithm looked at one letter at a time, and based on where that letter appeared in your DNA, it decided where that bit of DNA came from. Without getting too technical, our new algorithm reads longer stretches of your DNA at once, making it easier to identify regions of the world where you ancestor once roamed.

#### WHAT HAPPENED TO MY OTHER REGIONS?

We're all intrigued by unexpected regions that show up in our ethnicity estimate—even if they don't fit what we know about our family's past. Here are some reasons why some of those regions may not appear in your new estimate.

First, we have more data. We estimate your ethnicity by comparing your DNA to the DNA of people who are native to a region. We call these people a reference panel. We now have 13,000 more samples in our reference panel, which means our ability to estimate your ethnicity is even better.

Second, with more data, we have been able to narrow down and better define our regions.

Third, DNA analysis is complex, cutting-edge science. We have developed even more powerful mathematical algorithms that help improve the accuracy of your DNA results. It's like having a more powerful antenna that lets us pick up a clearer signal from a radio station.

#### WILL MY ESTIMATE CHANGE AGAIN IN THE FUTURE?

It could. As we get more data and the science behind DNA analysis improves, we may be able to provide even more precise ethnicity estimates.



# Wide Variety of Programs and Classes Entertain and Inform

**Left:** Costumed actors presented Spiritualism in the mid 1800's in the U.S.





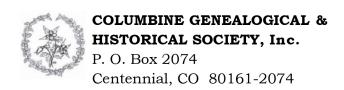
**Left:** Ed Storey followed his introduction with valuable examples of City Directory Pages. **Right:** Jeryl Voegtly explained DNA terms and research. Jean Adams presents her certificate.





**Above:** Stan Moore spoke about Early Colorado Railroad History.

**Left:** Robert Roth, Carol and Steve Johnson entertained with the story of the 1922 Armored Car Robbery in Denver.



## Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society, Inc.

Est. 1976 Meetings: 1:00 p.m. 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays each month January through May and September through November

Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

No meetings in June, July & August

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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