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DNA Testing: The Gift That Keeps on Giving

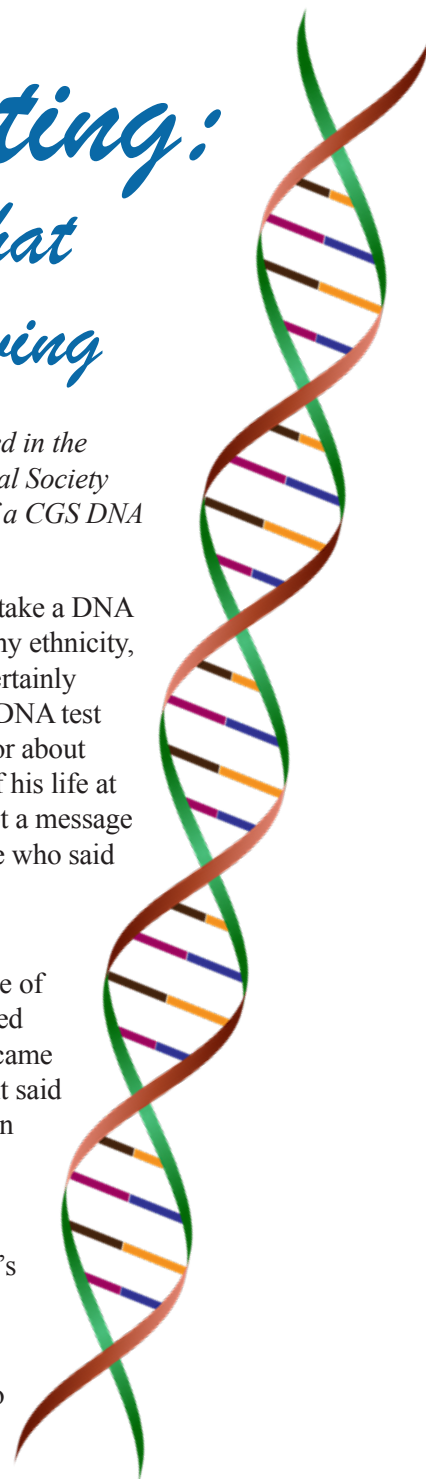
The following article was originally published in the June 2018 issue of the Colorado Genealogical Society Newsletter. Nancy was one of five winners of a CGS DNA article writing contest held in January 2018.

Three years ago I thought it would be fun to take a DNA test. I figured I'd see an interesting chart of my ethnicity, but I had no other real goal in mind. And I certainly expected no surprises. I ordered an AncestryDNA test kit at Christmastime, and it sat on my desk for about three months. My dad was nearing the end of his life at that time, and I just didn't get to it. Then I got a message through Ancestry from a woman in Delaware who said she was a second cousin of mine.

Lisa and her dad Tom had recently taken the AncestryDNA test and had gotten the surprise of their lives. For Tom's birthday Lisa had treated them both to the test. Both of Lisa's parents came from Polish immigrants. But Tom's test result said he was half Italian. What the...? Tom's Italian godfather, Domenico Ciatelli, had doted on Tom as a kid, and it now turned out that Domenico (my great uncle) knew something that Tom didn't know – he was actually Tom's father. And Tom's mother had taken that information to her grave.

Lisa is a sociable person, and she set about to learn about and meet her Italian relatives.

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Meetings at Columbine

Meeting Times:

Regular Meetings 1:00 pm - 2nd & 3rd Tuesday each month (except June, July, Aug. & Dec.)
Earlybird Class 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in April
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

Program Previews

CGHS Programs for Mid-2019

Report of Anita Burbank Jenkins, 1st VP of Programs

April 9, 2019

Angela Weeden will present "A Western Woman's Wardrobe"

April 16, 2019

Marylee Hagen will present "Irish Famine Hardships & Emigrant Journeys to Other Lands"

May 14, 2019

Tim Fritz will present "Life of Local Folk Musician, Walt Conley"

May 21, 2019

Spring Potluck and Used Book Sale. Our program will be, "Sharing Your Famous or Infamous Ancestor".

SPRING POTLUCK AND PROGRAM

May 21, 2019

(please note slightly different times).

11 a.m. Used Book Sale.

12 noon food is served.

1 p.m. Program

Details: You may bring genealogy or history related books and periodicals to donate for the used book sale at any meeting up to and including on the day of the sale.

The program: Members sharing items or stories about a Famous or Infamous Ancestor.

Food: Ham will be served. Bring items to fill out the menu.

Help: If you are able, help set up beginning at 10:30 a.m.



Congratulations, I Guess

This card was sent to my grandparents in November 1912 when my mother was born.

Was this a joke or a sign of the times?

Connie Strandberg

Educational Opportunities

By Jean Adams, Education Coordinator

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.

Early Bird Programs Defined

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. There is no charge for these classes but occasionally there is a materials fee. Early Bird classes start at 9:30am on the third Tuesday before the regular 1:00pm meeting, hence the title "Early Bird." They are held at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, 6400 S. University St, Centennial CO unless otherwise noted in the description. The following is a description of our last Early Bird program this Spring.

Colorado Council News

Our Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society is a member of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies. Sharon Mahler is our delegate to the Council and has reported the following:

"The 2019 Society Management Workshop is scheduled for May 4, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Calvary Baptist Church, Monaco and Hampden. Free for members of societies that belong to Council."

Officers and Board members would most likely find this workshop helpful. Anyone interested in learning how other Societies operate would find this educational. Sharing information and meeting new people with similar interests is always fun.



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"Reveille in Washington 1860-1865"

By Bob Jenkins

About twenty years ago, I was browsing around in a used bookstore. One book caught my eye. It was about everyday life in Washington during the Civil War. The author, Margaret Leech, won the Pulitzer Prize in History for this work. The book is old, published in 1941 and falling apart. I bought it.

On page 2, I came across an unfamiliar word "brevet". On page 4, was another unfamiliar word "gasconading". Then, on page 25 was "Zouave". I looked them up. Brevet is a temporary promotion of a military officer without an increase in pay. Gasconading is extravagant boasting. There were so many words I did not know or that I did know, but were used in an unfamiliar way. How nice it would be if there were a glossary of the words which are not commonly used today. So, I undertook a project to create one. Naturally, I listed the words on a spreadsheet along with my guess of the meaning, the real meaning, and the chapter and page number of the first encounter of the word. By chapter 11, page 267, there were 176 words on the list. There are 545 pages in the book.



My reading was interrupted by other activities. I always planned to pick up the project to complete it and publish a condensed list excluding the words which are still common today.

This would include:

- **Zouave:** soldier whose uniform imitates those of the French Zouaves
- **Pipe-clayed:** to make white (pipe clay was a whitener)

- **Plug uglies:** an offensive term meaning extremely unattractive; gangsters

- **Chasseurs:** a soldier, usually in light cavalry, equipped and trained for rapid movement.

If only I could find my copy of this book after my recent move.

Post Scripts:

- Spell checker did not know "gasconading" either.
- Coincidentally, the author's husband is Ralph Pulitzer.

Greetings From Charter Member Donna Porter

Donna Porter was teaching a genealogy class in the early 1970's, when 3 of her students, Barbara Brown, Virginia Rothfus and Gerry White, began forming Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society. Donna became one of the charter members. At that time, she was president of the Colorado Genealogical Society.

The first person Donna researched was her husband's Holland born grandmother. To enhance her abilities at researching, she took many classes on family history and became a practicing Certified Genealogist for 15 years.

For most of our members, it will be comforting to hear that Donna still has some "Brick Walls" to cope with in her own research!

Currently, Donna and her husband live in Missouri. She has grandsons who are interested in continuing her research. Records of her work are at the Denver Public Library and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Family members also have copies. She sends greetings to everyone at Columbine.

A New Idea for Your Brick Walls

By Debi Clark

We all have them. That one person on your tree that has you completely stuck and frustrated. You've tried searching everywhere you can think of, or just can't access a book or record in some distant State. A couple of years ago, I joined a 'closed' Facebook group for Delaware genealogy. I posted a question about a record and information needed from a cemetery, and within two hours, someone read the posting and sent me answers.

A much broader-based Facebook Group is YOUR GENEALOGY BRICK WALLS. This is also a 'closed' group. From your Facebook page, use the search field to type in - Your Genealogy Brick Walls. Open the site, and ask to join. (You will be given a set of three questions to answer; this insures you are not a 'bot' or scammer). The administrators of the site will then send you an invitation. When you enter the site, you will see that they have a great set of Rules. I especially like the very first rule – "Be respectful and kind".

The rules explain the guidelines of using the site. When you are ready to post a question, you are expected to include, in the initial post, what you already know about your brick wall family, and how you know it (giving full names, dates, places – as much as you have – and LINKS to census records and your tree on Ancestry if you have one). The more information you provide, the more likely you are to connect with someone who has an answer. Administrators will review your question and give approval before it appears on Facebook. Answers come through the Facebook page site. Lots of efforts for security!

This is a great resource to share your brick wall with others. The group's purpose is to help you find documentation or resources for genealogy research only. Chatting, venting, or discussion about non-related topics just won't appear here.

Columbine Members' Surname Research, Brick Walls and Research Tips

- Ginger Van Zyl's brick wall surname is Richards in New York and Connecticut.
- Marylee Hagen is researching the surnames Lovett and Higgins in County Kerry, Ireland and South Dakota

Marylee's brick wall surname is Charbonneau (Shabino in the U.S.) in Canada, Wisconsin and South Dakota.

- Barbara Elliott is researching the surnames Elgar and Baker in the 1690's. Joseph Elgar came to America from Folkestone, Kent, England in 1720. He settled in Nottingham, Pennsylvania and then moved to Maryland.
- **Sandi Klein's brick wall person is Jonathan Guess, born 1773. Locations include Maryland or Pennsylvania. He was in Hocking, Ohio 1840-1860.**

- Nancy Reubert is researching the surnames, Winslow, Southworth, Jay, Embree, Gilmore and Kenney in New York and New England.

Nancy's brick wall person is Henry Clay Jay about 1813-1891 in New York City.

- Sylvia Burnside is researching the surnames Pinkham/Pinkhame from Kent, England in 1633 and Trumper in Germany.
- A research tip from Maggie Schmidt:
"Check out all your ancestors' neighbors from census reports. Knowing their birth location, wife's maiden name, children and children's spouses may provide some hints for you about your family."

Also, Maggie has done research in Daviess County, Missouri. If you have ancestors there, she may know something about people and places that would help you.

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She found me when she plugged the name of her newly-discovered grandfather into the Ancestry search box and my maternal line tree popped up. Her searches led her as far as paying a visit to some mutual second cousins who live in the Cicatelli ancestral town of Olevano sul Tusciano in the mountains east of Naples, Italy. Because of Lisa I became acquainted with the Olevano cousins and am Facebook friends with several of them.

So after meeting Lisa I dug out that AncestryDNA test kit, spit into the test tube and mailed it off. Two weeks later, I got an email from a man named Greg in Washington, D.C. My DNA results had been posted just that day and the first I knew of that was Greg's email. So I checked my results and saw that Greg was listed as my first cousin. What the...? I knew all of my first cousins. So who was Greg?

Greg was an adoptee, and he'd grown up with adoptive parents who loved and nurtured him. He'd recently begun searching for his biological father after his DNA test showed results that didn't match what his biological mother had told him nearly three decades earlier about his biological father. That man was German/Irish, not Italian, and no relatives of his were matching with Greg on Ancestry.com. All that was clear to Greg was that he was half Italian, which came as a real shock to him.

Then I took the test. It gave Greg his first useful information about his paternal side. We had to be related on his paternal side, because he had found maternal biological connections who I did not match. And, he matched Lisa as a second cousin. So he was clearly a cousin on my Italian side. But whose child was he?

Mom had four brothers and a sister. So which uncle? Two of my uncles had been very devoted husbands and fathers so I ruled them out. A third talked a good game, but I didn't think it was him either. The fourth uncle? Uncle Anthony, who was divorced, was known in the family as a bit of a rake. From this superficial process of elimination, Uncle Ant was the obvious choice.

I saw a photo of Greg on Facebook, and, yeah, I could see a family resemblance. Greg was 49 years old at the time. Then he sent me a photo of himself when he was in his 20s that made the Italian hairs on the backs of my arms stand up. He looked like Uncle Ant, no question.

As circumstances happened, my 95-year old Uncle Anthony had died a few months prior to this occurrence. Maybe a few days before I'd ordered my DNA test kit. But Uncle Anthony and Aunt Marge had a son, my cousin Anthony. I agreed that I would call Anthony to tell him that there was a distinct possibility that he was no longer an only child. I was a little nervous about it. After all, I was about to upend a longstanding family relationship. Anthony had been an only child for 70 years. What if he didn't welcome this?

As it turned out, Anthony did welcome the information. And yes, he wanted to take the DNA test, and yes he wanted to meet Greg. Anthony had always wished for a brother, he told me. His DNA test a few weeks later proved the relationship. Anthony's mom was still alive at that point, and while Anthony waited for a bit before he told her, she also welcomed the news. Anthony and Greg live something over a hundred miles apart, but in the last three years they have found ways to occasionally meet and develop a relationship.

This is perhaps the most spectacular result of my DNA test, but as more and more people take the test, I meet more and more family. In the last year, through the DNA test, I found a huge new wing of my Italian family. My great grandmother Theresa di Prisco, Domenico Cicatelli's mother, was an immigrant from Italy and I had not been able to find out anything about her family line.

Through the test I have now met a cousin, Helen, who descended from one of Theresa's brothers. It turned out that Theresa had (at least) five brothers and a sister, along with their father, who had all immigrated from Italy to the Delaware/Pennsylvania area. These were fecund people. Hundreds of descendants have sprung from this particular group of siblings, people I had no idea I was related to before Helen took her DNA test last year.

It is interesting to me that the DNA test has introduced me to so many cousins on my maternal (Italian) side, and relatively few on my paternal (German and early New England) side. I have noticed more and more interest in family history among Italian Americans in the last few years. I look forward to catching up with new cousins among the Germans and the New Englanders in coming years, but I have a feeling the Italian-side connections are not going to slow down anytime soon.



History of the Alemannic People

By Elmar Fend

Like many genealogists I tried to answer a very primeval question: Where do I come from? As a native of Vorarlberg, west Austria, why is my native language an Alemannic dialect, also known as Swiss German? From elementary school onward I had to learn to read, write and speak High German. It was not easy!

To answer my own question I researched the genesis of the Germanic people. The Germanic language family includes German, English, Dutch/Flemish, Afrikaans, Friesian, Luxembourgish, Danish, Faroese, Riksmal (Norwegian), Islandic and Swedish.

The early historic reports are mainly derived from Greek and Roman historians, and Catholic monks

At the beginning of the first millennium AD, the Roman historian Orosius counted 54 different Germanic tribes between the Danube River, the North Sea and Baltic Sea. For some time Germanic Angles were associated with, and neighbors of the Germanic tribe of the Suevi.. The Suevi later became the most numerous and dominant tribe of the Alemannic people. In the first century AD the Roman aim was to defeat the individual Germanic tribes in their strategy to subjugate the peoples of Europe.

Realizing that tribal unity was necessary to oppose the militarily superior equipped and commanded Roman armies, Germanic tribes formed a unified strategic federation. They called themselves Alemanni (all men). The first historic Roman records of the Alemanni go back to 213 AD, when a short battle was fought between the Roman emperor Caracalla and the Alemanni, as reported by the Roman historian Cassius Dios. In a battle against the Romans in 259 the Alemanni expanded their conquered territory further south into what is today southwest Germany and Alsace, France.

As the Roman Empire collapsed under the constant onslaught of the Germanic tribes from the north, one Suevi tribe migrated in 409 to the northwest corner of the Iberian

Peninsula conquering the Gallo-Roman land and people. They established a Suevian kingdom in what is today Galicia, Spain, the capital was Braga. The kingdom lasted until 580, when it was vanquished by another Germanic tribe, the Visigoths.

Today, German Alemannic speaking people live and work in the following eight countries: Swiss German speaking part of Switzerland; Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; Swabian district of Bavaria, Germany; Vorarlberg, Austria; Liechtenstein. Alsace, France; Piemont area of northern

Italy; Colonia Tovar, Venezuela; Amish of the counties of Adams and Allen, [NE of Fort Wayne], Indiana, USA. There are about 14.8 million, who are native speakers of the various Alemannic dialects.

Most native Alemannic speakers in the above countries can converse in their own local

dialect and be understood by other Alemannic speakers, whether they live in Venezuela or German Switzerland. Alemannic has some different words and grammar when compared to standard German (High German). In some local dialectic forms Alemannic has more similarities to Anglo-Saxon than to High German.

The Alemannic people also differentiate themselves through their customs and traditions. They are known as being very hard working and frugal and aim to achieve home ownership. Here are some phrases in Swabian Alemannic: schaffa, schaffa Haeusle baua (translation: work, work build your home), Vorarlberg Alemannic: schaffa, schaffa husa, Katz vrkofa, selbr musa (translation: work, work,

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At the March 12 meeting of CGHS, the following were recognized for being part of this organization for 40 years, having joined in 1978: Ann Lisa Pearson, Shirley Stertz, and Mary Ann Thornton. The following members joined in 1998 and were recognized for 20 years participation in Columbine: Joyce and Don Lohse, Spence Klein, and Louise Durbala. Congratulations to all!



Ann Lisa Pearson

40-Year Member

My interest in family history research began when I was a senior in high school. My maternal grandmother told me the story of her pioneer family coming from Wales and finally settling in Casper, Wyoming in 1890. In the years since that first conversation, I have pursued my interest by educating myself in genealogical research. In the process I also taught classes and helped form W.I.S.E., (Wales Ireland, Scotland, England), History Society.

Some of the educational classes I attended were sponsored by Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the Institute for Genealogy and Historical Research, (IGHR); and national conferences sponsored by The National Genealogical Society and The Federation of Genealogical Societies. I joined the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, (ISBGFH) where I was one of the founding members of the British Institute, which is held annually in Salt Lake City to provide week-long classes in researching in the British Isles.

Locally I have been an officer and instructor during my forty years as a member of Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society. I am currently serving as Public Acquisitions for our two libraries. I was active in the Colorado Chapter, Palatines to America for many years, and am a member off W.I.S.E., (Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England). I have recently been accepted in the D.A.R. on my paternal grandmother's line.

The Denver area has been my home since 1956. Research on my own and my husband's families has been shared with other family members. I continue to research on my father's family and hope to be able to "find" my paternal grandfather. DNA is supposed to help me. Wish me luck.

Shirley Stertz

40-Year Member

Amazing! Where did all those years go? My journey to trace my family history was really started in my younger years sitting around the dining room table at my great-grand- parents listening to all the conversations. .

I started out as a shoe box genealogist in my teenage years. This is so true. I still have all of the newspaper clippings in boxes that belonged to so many that would share and cut out articles of interest. Several years ago, I had two cousins come to visit (our grandmothers were sisters) who I haven't seen since early 1950's and guess what they brought, little boxes of newspaper clippings. I guess this runs in the family.

It was around 1974-5 that I read in our local newspaper about a lady, Mrs. Betty Kaufman, who was starting classes in genealogy. If I remember right, it was four classes for \$5.00.

Every Thursday evening for a month I learned all I could about setting up my research and it was later I learned I was related to her husband. It was through her that I started coming to meetings. She introduced me to D.A.R., and helped me with early papers. So 2019 is a 40 year beginning at Columbine, 35th year member of Mount Rosa D.A.R and my 60th high school class reunion. What a fun year this will be.

Early research sometimes took weeks to get an answer back with no results. I wonder how many letters have I written through the years? Genealogy is a never ending game.

It is through Columbine that I have met so many, attended such informative classes to enhance my research also, hearing about others research. Thanks for the memories.

Mary Ann Thornton

40-Year Member

Mary Ann sent an email message greeting us as we celebrate long time members. She lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she started a Genealogy Society. She says, "I have so many good memories of Columbine Meetings."

Joyce Lohse

20-Year Member

On a frigid, sunny Illinois morning in January 1974, my blue squareback Volkswagen sat frozen and lifeless in my parents' snowpacked driveway. It was not a good start to our wedding day. After the car was repaired, vows were exchanged, and good-byes were shared, we left our Midwestern roots behind to live Out West.

Colorado was a good choice. Don was a middle school teacher, I was a newspaper features reporter, then a school secretary. In 1977, we started a typography and graphics business called The Letter Setters in Colorado Springs. Our son, Charlie, was born in 1982. When Don was hired by a Denver software company, we moved to Littleton in 1992. I worked in the public schools, then was administrator for a national writers' group, and wrote books for Filter Press in Palmer Lake.

When Charlie was in fifth grade, he came home from school one day with a pedigree chart to fill in for a homework assignment, and asked for help. After that day, I became totally engrossed in genealogy! In October 1997, I attended my first Columbine meeting. The programs were interesting and informative, the people were friendly, and the meetings were fun. This was the place for me! I have thoroughly enjoyed my 20+ years as a member of CGHS, and 16+ years on the Board of Directors. I encourage others to become members, get involved, and enjoy genealogy research adventures with the Columbine community.

Louise Durbala

20-Year Member

I was born in the small town of Rathbun (325 residents) in Southern Iowa. Rathbun was a coalmining town in the early 1900's with about 900 residents. When the mines closed in the 1940's a lot of the miners went to Chicago

for employment as my father did, but he didn't like the big city so it was back to Iowa. During my growing up years in Rathbun about everyone was related to me by blood (Croatian) or marriage

My maternal grandmother died three days after she gave birth to my mother in Jan. 1919, during the Influenza Epidemic. Then my mother's father died ten months later in a coal mining accident leaving five orphans. An uncle and his wife, who lived right next door, adopted my mother; the other four children were placed in the care of their 58-year-old grandmother (my great-grandmother who lived until I was nine years old.)

Both my husband and I were working for the railroad in Chicago when we married. I was fortunate to be a stay-at-home mom to our three children. Then because of many railroad mergers we were transferred to the railroad's new home office five times. Upon retirement we moved back to Colorado. I say back, because Colorado had been one of our transfers.

We moved here 23 years ago, so finally I was able to spend more time researching my family genealogy. A class at the Family History Center led me to CGHS. I continue to learn because of the many informative program meetings. I was on the mailing committee before the newsletters were emailed.

Melvin Spencer Klein

20-Year Member

I was born in 1936 in Port Allegany, PA and graduated from high school in 1954 in Bradford, PA. Spent 3 years at Penn State University followed by 4 years in the Air Force and graduated from the University of Denver in December of 1964. Over the years I worked for several different companies, the last one was a 30 year career with Bell Telephone.

Upon the announcement of the breakup of "The Bell System" in 1984, I joined the AT&T team working with all 21 of the Bell System Companies to assure an orderly separation and dissolution of the company. That assignment resulted in accumulating over 500,000 miles on United Airlines which, in later years, helped my wife, Eva and me, to visit over 80 countries around the world. After my retirement in 1991 in New Jersey I became very interested in Genealogy.

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I had been exposed to family history around the age of 12 because my g-grandmother, grandmother and mother had all been Regents of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and I was President of our local chapter of the Children of the American Revolution. When we moved to Denver in 1998 I joined the Colorado Genealogical Society and the first person I met at my first meeting was Ann Lisa Pearson, who convinced me to be her Computer Chairman for the upcoming NGS National Conference to be held in Denver that May. At that time she also invited me to join the Columbine Genealogical Society.

For the next 15 years I belonged to several genealogy societies in Denver. I was the first Webmaster for

Columbine and also their representative to Colorado Council, President of CGS's Computer Interest Group, and VP of the Palatine to America. While VP of the PAL to America Ann Lisa and I co-chaired their national conference held in Denver. I taught classes and lectured on various genealogy subjects. I attended the Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) in Birmingham, Alabama for 6 years.

As Historian for the Bacon and Spencer Family Reunion in Potter County, PA I maintain a Roots Magic data base of 3700+ members dating back to the 1500's and I have published 2 books about the history of that organization. Consecutive family reunions have been held since 1892.

I am a certified member of both the Mayflower Society and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

Welcome to Our New Members

Alexia Singer • Julie Mann • Cheryl Weaver • Larry and Barbara Foos

New Members Introduce themselves:

Barbara and Larry Foos are Colorado Natives, grew up in the Greeley area. They attended UNC, were married, Larry received his Commission in the Air Force, and they embarked on a 21 year adventure with the USAF. When Larry retired in 1987 as a Lt Col, they settled in Littleton.

Barbara's Father, Jake Ulrich, was born in Messer, Russia, immigrated in 1901. Her Maternal Grandfather, Emil Hedstrom, immigrated from Sweden in 1880. Her Great Grandmother immigrated from Sweden around 1870. Her husband, Joseph Houlcher, immigrated from Germany in 1868.

Larry's Father's Family is from Frank, Russia, arriving in 1903. His Maternal Grandfather, Alexander Deer, left Michelsdoph, Russia in 1902. His wife, Annie Miller left Frank, Russia in 1900.

Cheryl Weaver writes: This is a little about myself and my interest in genealogy. I am a retired teacher and still do tutoring for students with learning disabilities. I am excited about joining a group who share my interests in genealogy and history. My father probably instilled in me my interest in my family. He would be so amazed with all the information now available. I grew up in Chicago and moved to Colorado as soon as I could. I am of Irish and Ukrainian descent. I also work on my husband's genealogy which is so much easier than mine. We are members of Germanna in Virginia which is an historical and genealogy group. Doing his genealogy is like reading a history of the development of this country. I am very interested in developing more skills in discovering our family history. I just finished the genealogy for my daughter's membership in the DAR. I love talking about these subjects and look forward to sharing these interests with the group.



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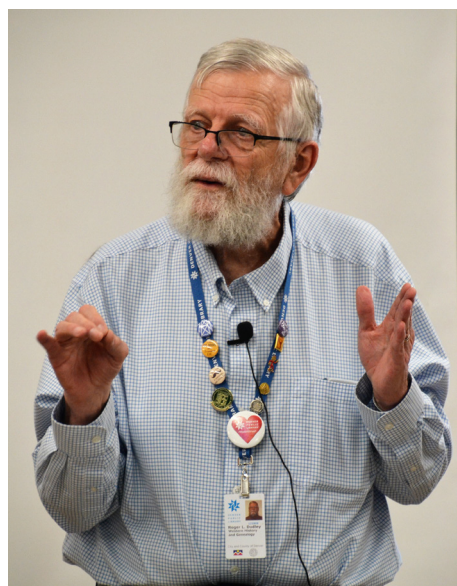


Above: Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Livie Grogan, Ken Beets, Bob Jenkins (Presenter), Julie McKemy, Susan Hollis, Marilyn Elrod, Carol Stall and Debi Clark.



Above: Speaker Randi Samuelson Brown spoke about early day Colorado Red Light Districts.

Recognizing 2018 Officers and 2019 Speakers



Left: Speaker Roger Dudley, Denver Public Librarian/Archivist presented two areas of research: Old Newspapers in January and Finding Resources at Denver Public Library in February.

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economize, sell your cat and catch the mice yourself). The Alemannic people have their own songs and poetry. Food specialties are different depending on the traditionally grown ingredients in certain areas. In general Alemannic people are more conservative and serious by nature.

However, when the Alemannic “Fastnacht” (similar to carnival) starts each year on January 6th, celebrating begins with special foods, drinking, dances and masquerades. Some customs remind us of old Germanic pagan mythology. Traditions during this period are followed with certain predated events and protocols. Somehow it is connected to the Christian calendar, 40 days before Easter.

Famous persons who were born in Alemannic speaking areas:

Albert Schweitzer (1875-1960) Kaisersberg, Alsace, German Empire; Albert Einstein (1879-1955), Ulm, Wuerttemberg, German Empire; novelist Hermann Karl Hesse, (1877-1962), Black Forest town of Claw, Wuerttemberg; Alemannic poet Johann Peter Hebel (1760-1826), Basel, Switzerland; Mathematician Leonhard Euler (1707-1783), Basel, Switzerland. Hans Nicholas Feuerstein emigrated in 1753 from Alsace, France to Pennsylvania, USA. He changed his name to Firestone and his descendant, Harvey Firestone was the founder of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. Johann Michael Kohler (1844-1900), Schnepfau, Vorarlberg, Austria is the founder of the large bathroom and kitchen products producing firm Kohler & Company in Kohler, Wisconsin.



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