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## The Lace House

By Julie Mann

I've always loved the gingerbread look of the Lace House in Blackhawk, Colorado. It was constructed in 1863 by Lucien Smith for his bride. I visited it with my folks in the 1980's when it was a museum and you could go through each room. We purchased a sketch and painting of it which hang in my home. In 2008, it was pushed up the hill to make room on Main St. for a casino. It is not open to the public anymore.

This summer my husband and I drove up to see it. It is a historic landmark. After finishing my tree, I began working on my husband Tom's tree. I knew his grandmother's maiden name was Smith. We visited Golden Pioneer Cemetery and found his entire Smith family. He didn't know

anything about them, other than his grandmother Annie Smith. His mother did not know either.

I began researching Annie's parents and grandparents on Ancestry. Tom's great grandfather was named Ensign B. Smith. He is a fascinating character who was born in NY and moved all over the west, even living for a time with the Bent Brothers at Bent's Fort. He married a Spanish woman named Juanita Ortiz in Santa Fe, NM in 1836.

They were the very first pioneers that settled Golden in 1859. Tom was able to qualify for a First Families of Colorado designation. Ensign and his brother were responsible for building the wagon road from Blackhawk to Golden (Clear Creek Canyon) in the

**See Lace on Page 9**

## Meetings at Columbine

### Meeting Times:

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

Earlybird Classes ..... 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Oct. & Nov.

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](http://www.ColumbineGenealogy.com)

## Program Previews

### CGHS Programs for Fall 2019

By Anita Burbank-Jenkins, 1st Vice President, Programs

**Oct. 8, 2019**

**John Putnam will present, "What's Your Story".**

Genealogy is more than pedigrees and family trees. More importantly, stories are an important part of preserving your genealogy because it provides your descendants with a narrative of WHO you were and how you related to the expanded family. This presentation advocates to participants to write and save these rich genealogical nuggets for the future.

**Oct. 15, 2019**

**Stan Moore will present "November 1942, Watershed of the Century"**

**Nov. 12, 2019**

**Barb Elliott will present "Using MyHeritage.com"**

**Nov. 19, 2019**

**Beth Benko will present a Program on NARA**  
(National Archives and Records Administration)

**Dec. 10, 2019**

## Potluck and Program: *Your Funniest or Worst Holiday Gathering*

*Note change in time for this gathering:  
11 a.m. set up, 12 noon food served,  
1 p.m. program.*





# Education Report

By Jean Adams, Education Coordinator

## Remaining CGHS Early Bird Classes scheduled for 2019:

### October 15, 2019

#### Keeping Up With the Genealogical Buzz

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit,  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

*Presented by Kathy Tarullo,  
Director Arvada Family History Center*

You can find genealogical information all over the Internet. It can oftentimes be overwhelming with the torrent of information out there, unless you know where to look. You can keep up on the latest Genealogy Buzz with just a few specific internet sites you already use and information digestion strategies. With this class, you can quickly learn what information is available to you through tweets, blogs, newsletters, RSS feeds, webinars and podcasts. You can discover the genealogical side of YouTube, Pinterest, Facebook and Instagram, and the power they have in developing your genealogical research skills.

### November 19, 2019

#### Think Inside the Boxes: Organize and Analyze Your Data with Spreadsheets

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit,  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

*Presenter: Beth Benko, Broomfield and Boulder Genealogical Societies*

Spreadsheets were originally created to calculate (and re-calculate) large columns and rows of numbers. They can also be used to manage and analyze vast amounts of genealogical data. This presentation covers basic spreadsheet functionality and demonstrates how they can be used for genealogy. Learn about using spreadsheets to organize information from city directories and census records. See how to create a timeline of your ancestors' lives.

## Obituary

### Sergia Claire (Fries) Dunlap

Sergia, born in Moore, MT April 3rd, 1928, passed away in her sleep, August 10, 2019 in Spring, TX. She married John R Dunlap (geologist) in Tripoli, Libya in 1954, where they lived for almost a decade. In 1969, Sergia and her family settled in Littleton, CO. It was there that she found her great passion for genealogy.

A member of Columbine Genealogy Society beginning in 1976, she served as president from 1984-86. An Honorary Lifetime Membership was granted in 1991. Sergia was project director for extracting and indexing 12 decaying Colorado Civil War equipment books. The final product

was a book 454 pages long which was published in 1994.

CGHS and her friends remained especially dear to her heart even after her move to Texas in 2008. Membership in other genealogical and historical organizations include: Daughters of the American Revolution, Northwest Missouri GS, Seneca County GS (First Families), Bucks County GS, Vernon County HS, Territorial Pioneer of Kansas, Early Settlers of Montana.

Survivors include children, John W. Dunlap, Ann Leoni and grandson Jeremy Leoni. John has been handed the genealogical 'baton' and all the file boxes!



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – OFFICERS 2018

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# Curiosity, Inc.

*(Or how I managed to find another way of escaping unpleasant chores and instead kill endless hours goofing off!)*

By Susan Hollis

Cold winter's day. Mid February. I should be tackling bills, gathering tax records, or the big one...finding out how much it is going to cost to replace my shake roof!

But wait...first I should check Facebook. Nah, nothing but obnoxious political views...from both sides...makes me wonder if any of those people made it past second grade... SO maybe just a little genealogy...I know...I will view just one episode of "Who Do You Think You Are UK"...might learn something. I start viewing an episode and realize I have seen it already...but what is this list of videos "just for me" on the right side of the screen?

One catches my eye "I Bought a Hoarder's House." Gotta find out more about that!

Now if you have never seen an episode of the show "Hoarders", you won't be interested in watching the videos. I am not ashamed, (oh, maybe I am a little), but I admit I have watched many episodes. I often look around to see if anyone is watching me watch this show. Enough said.

But, I must click on this video and see about the Hoarder's house. A charming clean cut young guy about 40 is filming his midwinter adventure at this 100-year old house in rural Saskatchewan province. His name is Alex, and he lives in Edmonton, Alberta. The house is in a rural area about 3 hours from his home. Alex has an antique shop and he is always on the prowl for new merchandise.

The Hoarders' house is a three story house full of everything from railroad lanterns, a 1950s Kelvinator refrigerator, sealed high end liquor bottles, purses with looneys (\$1 coins) and 100 dollar bills, costume and real gold jewelry mixed together in decrepit jewelry boxes, and the pottery, lots of pottery. During the video we learn that the house belonged to a famous female potter. She is now in her early 100s and could no longer live alone, so Alex has come to see if there are items he will buy then sell in his shop.

Alex tramps through the bitter cold and snow, sets up his

quest inside despite the fact that there is neither heat nor running water. Inexplicably there is electricity. Before the hunt Alex dons a commercial respirator mask, haz-mat suit, and Go Pro camera, as well as leather gloves and hunting hat with earflaps. He takes us, the viewers, with him to explore the house.

I was fascinated to see him wipe away some of the cobwebs with a hockey stick as he dug gently through box after box of wrapped trash and treasures intermingled. When he picked up an empty milk carton, I assumed it was trash,

***On and on it goes and I am hooked. I have watched 6 episodes including one where he and his wife and friends did a taste test of five thirty-year-old bottles of liquor: Tequila, apricot brandy, Bacardi rum, and some unidentifiable liqueur and all were perfect! They had a great old time.***

but he could tell by the weight that there was something carefully wrapped in paper and stuffed inside. He found bronze statues, candlesticks, crystal vases, etc. wrapped this way. Oftentimes the rest of the box was filled with newspaper. Newspaper everywhere, stacked neatly as if waiting for the owner to come, pick up a cup of coffee and read the paper, or perhaps pick up a copy of "The Ladies Home Journal" from 1954. Every surface was covered with thick dust undisturbed for years, and the cobwebs formed streamers reminiscent of a Halloween

party! Fortunately Alex said he waited until it was winter and very cold so the spiders would not be active.

Fast forward to the second day of a four day trip. Alex goes back to the hotel, confers with his wife via telephone, and decides to buy the house, land, and contents. The potter's family takes him up on his offer since they do not want to deal with the hoard. Alex is thrilled. He continues to go through the rooms inch by inch carefully searching boxes, finding what to him are treasures, including many pots which were estimated to be valued at a minimum of \$2500 each due to the reputation of the Hoarder/Potter owner. He found at least 30 pots that I saw.

Now Alex and I have bonded! I don't can't turn away of course and have to watch the episodes he has so far filmed inside the house. He and his in-laws and a random

**See Curiosity on Page 5**

# Heading for the Last Downsize

By Bob Jenkins

Six months ago we moved from a house to an apartment with one-third the floor space and no garage. We left behind more than two-thirds of our stuff. It makes me think of George Carlin's observation that "a house is a place where we store our stuff while we go out and buy more stuff". Now, what remains of our stuff is in a few small closets and two storage units. However, none of our genealogical stuff was left behind. Finding it now is a problem.



I do not know when the next downsize will take place or why. Will I be faced with the task? Or will my wife? Or will it be our son or daughter? What will happen to our combined effort for the last 40 years of collecting photos, documents, stories and facts about the family? Who will ever know that I am related to Elvis Presley (8th cousin)? Who will ever know that my wife is related to Samuel F. B. Morse (3rd cousin, 7 times removed)?

What am I to do? Well, the quickest and easiest thing is to place the 18,853 name database on Ancestry.com. That will preserve the result of many hours of my work (and of my wife's work). But, should I include the Note section of the database? And, should I make it public or private? This first step would not include photos or source documents.

My goal is to get more relatives interested in their family history and make as much information available to them as possible. This means the next step is to establish better communication with our nieces, nephews and cousins. Perhaps I can find one that is interested in the family history.

Then comes processing the documents, paper and photos.

With that finished, I can "retire" before "heading to the last round up".

## Curiosity from Page 4

lumberjack name Hans have cleared most of the house and he is beginning to work on the restoration of the inside as well as applying for historic preservation status.

I am fascinated with each step he takes for many reasons. First, having someone walk into a treasure trove/trash filled 100-year-old house and show each interesting step of his journey through this maze of historical items without having to step into it myself with gloves, haz-maz suit and respirator, is fascinating. Alex has to be one of the most patient, calm young men I have run across. He carefully unwraps each item, makes a positive comment about each, even if it is moldy, dusty, and mildewed, then tells the viewer whether it will go to his antique shop, donate to charity, or into the trash bin. (They say bin in Canada.)

On and on it goes and I am hooked. I have watched 6 episodes including one where he and his wife and friends did a taste test of five thirty-year-old bottles of

liquor: Tequila, apricot brandy, Bacardi rum, and some unidentifiable liqueur and all were perfect! They had a great old time.

I will continue to watch Alex's videos on You Tube. He has 250 of them! He also has a Facebook page, Curiosity, Inc. I can't wait for the next video on the Hoarder's/Potter's house.

After he came to find so many of the potter's works, Alex has changed the name of the You Tube videos from "The Hoarder's House" to "The Potter's House." There are plans for him to meet and interview her soon. (Let's hope it's soon as she is 104.)

So, if you, like me, enjoy exploring old houses, thick with cobwebs, mice droppings, and raccoon nest to find hidden gems, just sit back and let Alex show us the joy of the treasure hunt from our armchairs by the fire.

*Susan Hollis participates in the CGHS writer's group.*



# Just Like Before

By Margaret Schmidt

As Thanksgiving 1995 approached, my sister, Florence, her husband Bob, my husband, Bill, and I made plans to be in western Kansas to visit our parents for the holiday weekend. Mother, 81, was in a nursing home in Dodge City, getting special care for Alzheimer's Disease. At the time, she still recognized her family, although she was sometimes at a loss to recall our names or what relationship we were. Daddy, at 83, was still living at their home on Meeker Drive in Garden City and drove the 50 miles to see her in Dodge City almost every day. He had medical problems and his memory was beginning to fail also. Usually Florence and I tried to space out our visits. By seeing our parents separately, it allowed us to spend individual time with them, assess their status more easily, plus it gave them more days of visitors. But this was a holiday, and we decided to be there together.

Our plan was that we would stay in Garden City at their house but spend time also in Dodge City. For Thanksgiving Day, we planned to take Mother from the nursing home for a while and for the six of us to have a turkey dinner at one of the restaurants in Dodge City. Daddy had other ideas! He wanted us all to have a Thanksgiving Dinner at home in Garden City.

This plan implied that Florence and I would be cooking a turkey dinner in the outdated small kitchen, and at the same time, trying to visit and be aware of any confusion or medical problems with our parents during that time. It didn't seem like a good plan to us.

Soon it became obvious that my dad was not flexible on this. We checked with the nursing home about the feasibility of Mother going home for a few hours. It would



**Eleanor holding her apple pie, between her daughters, Florence and Margaret.**

be the first time for her to be back home, and we weren't sure how it would affect her. The nursing home thought she would handle it well. The Director of the Alzheimer's wing, Carol Burnett, who was very attached to Mother, said she would help Mother make a pie to bring.

I'll admit that Florence and I cut some corners in the food preparation. I recall that we used Stovetop Stuffing instead of making dressing from scratch. In earlier years Daddy might have had a problem with that, but he had become a fan of Stovetop Stuffing, mostly because it was easy to prepare. His only other priorities were roast turkey, mashed potatoes, and gravy. And of course, he loved desserts. We made a pumpkin pie and our traditional butterscotch meringue pie. This was in addition to the apple pie that Mother was making with Carol at the nursing home.

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# Following Clues in an Old Photo

By Connie Strandberg

This photo was part of the memorabilia in the Strandberg family treasure trove of letters, photos, post cards and documents. How lucky I was to have married into a family that kept so many interesting things!

On the back of the photo, my father-in-law had written "14th and Larimer". A magnifying glass assisted in reading the words over the entrance: City Hall.

Using the Internet, I learned that Denver's City Hall between 1883 and sometime in the early 1930's was indeed located at 14th and Larimer streets. The building was demolished in 1936.

The following blog gives additional information:  
<https://denverhistory.blog/2017/11/27/larimer-street-14-old-city-hall/>



## Before from Page 6

As Florence and I prepared our mid-day dinner, Bob and Bill drove to Dodge City to pick up Mother. The warm fall day made driving uneventful and they arrived back at the house at just the right time. Mother walked in with a big grin, carrying the apple pie which Carol had helped her make. She was so proud of it.

We gathered in the kitchen to sit down and eat this special Thanksgiving Dinner. I'm sorry to say it has taken me a long time to understand that Daddy wanted this day to be "just like before". And in many ways, it was. We chatted and enjoyed the time together while we ate. After we finished eating, we sat at the table for a while, talking, until someone (probably Daddy) suggested that we should eat our dessert. We helped Mother cut her pie, and she beamed as she served it.

After dinner came the cleanup – harder in the cramped kitchen and with no dishwasher, but as always, a special time to chat and laugh together. Daddy found his easy chair, reclined, and soon was snoring after the big meal – just like he had done many times before. Mother sat down on the bed and sorted through her photos and other treasures – endlessly touching them and moving them

around, just like she did before she went to the nursing home. For them, this was a relaxing, comfortable time and place.

Later in the afternoon, we returned to the big kitchen table, now cleared of food and dishes. We played cards, as we had done many times in earlier years. I don't remember the game we played. Daddy's favorite had always been ten-point pitch, so perhaps that was it. Someone partnered with Mother to help her with her cards. And, of course, we had an afternoon snack of leftover pie.

Soon it was time for Mother to return to the nursing home. I had worried about that moment, concerned that she wouldn't want to go, but she went happily.

It was a good day for us all. As it turned out, it was our last family Thanksgiving, and I wonder if my dad suspected that it might be. During the next year, Daddy had several strokes and lived in the same nursing home as Mother. Mother's caregiver, Carol, watched over both of them between our family visits.

*Margaret Schmidt participates in the CGHS writer's group.*

# CGHS Bylaws and Standing Rules

## SYNOPSIS of CHANGES

Basic changes in usage and punctuation are not listed in this synopsis. See draft revisions on bulletin board and web site member page: [www.ColumbineGenealogy.com](http://www.ColumbineGenealogy.com)

## BYLAWS:

### IV. C. Classes of Membership and Dues

2. Removed the "Honorary Associate Membership" definition.

### VIII. A. 1. President

Added "g. Be responsible for the annual maintenance of the Procedure Manual."

### VIII. A. 2. First Vice President

Replace "business and workshop meetings" with general membership meetings".

### VIII. A. 4. Third Vice President/Bookstore

b. Reworded From: "Supervise the May book sale and any other book sales." To: "Hold regular book sales at membership meetings and supervise any special book sales."

e. Replace "materials sold" with "book store materials"

### VIII. A. 8. Treasurer

Replaced d. "Assist the Membership Coordinator, when requested, in collecting dues." with a new item "Maintain business, charitable and sales tax licenses."

d. Replace "Maintain" with the words "Obtain and maintain all"

e. Remove the word "Fall" so that it just says "Annual Business Meeting"

### IX. A. 3. a. Auditing Committee

Added:

- "1. Consist of two (2) members approved by the Board
2. Audit each year's books of the Society."

### IX. A. 3. e. Nominating Committee

1. Replaced "The first person nominated shall be the chairperson" with "The committee members shall determine who shall be the chairperson."

### IX. A. 3. i. Web Editor

1. Replaced "Maintain and edit internet web site content for the Society and communicate web maintenance needs to the web master" with "Maintain the content on the Internet website for the Society".

### IX. C. 1. b. Added "signed" in front of "copies"

**XII. A.** Inserted "2. All unsold assets shall be donated to a public library or museum." and renumbered the following lines.

## STANDING RULES:

6. Changed "outdated correspondence" to "outdated correspondence and materials".

7. Removed second sentence: "Any disbursement over \$250.00 must have Membership Approval."

13. Removed "Upon signing an Agreement to Sell Publications,"

15. Changed "historic" to "historical" and changed "genealogic" to "genealogical".

15. c. Changed "the annual used book sale" to "any special book sale".

15. Insert "f. Amounts left over from Educational Committee fees." And change the original "f." to "g."

**Added: 16.** The audit Committee should avoid any conflict of interest. Specifically, no Committee member should be a current elected officer of the Board."

## Budget

Income	
101 - Membership Dues	\$3,225
106 - Bookstore Net Sales	\$1,000
108 - State/City Sales Tax	\$88
112 - Surcharge for Mailing Newsletters	\$65
Cash on hand	\$1,117
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,495</b>

Expenses	
200 - President	\$25
205 - 1st VP Programs	\$600
210 - 2nd VP Publicity	\$150
220 - Recording Secretary	\$25
225 - Corresponding Secretary	\$35
230 - Treasurer	\$10
235 - Newsletter Editor	\$280
240 - Membership	\$180
245 - Education	\$450
305 - Equipment	\$20
310 - Historian	\$30
315 - Hospitality	\$300
320 - Mailing	\$75
330 - Public Acquisitions	\$200
350 - Web Master	\$504
400 - Bank Fees (box rental)	\$35
405- Church Rental	\$1,170
410 - Society Memberships	\$165
415 - Miscellaneous	\$25
425 - Postal Box	\$106
430 - Sales Tax and Licensing	\$110
435 - Book Store Purchases	\$1,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,495</b>

## Slate of Nominees for Election in November 2019

**1st VP, Programs:** vacant

**3rd VP, Bookstore:** Vacant

**Education Coordinator:**

Ann Lisa Pearson

**Corresponding Secretary:**

Ginger Van Zyl

**Newsletter Editor:** Becky Clark



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

COLUMBINE GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
P.O. BOX 2074, CENTENNIAL CO 80161-2074

MEMBER NAME (1) : \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it will appear on the nametag and in the Membership Directory)

MEMBER NAME (2) : \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it will appear on the nametag and in the Membership Directory)

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS 1 : \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS 2 : \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$ 25.00 per individual

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 35.00 per couple

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Columbine Acquisition Fund (books for local libraries)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to CGHS  
or Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society

**New Membership** – By joining anytime after  
September 1, 2019 your membership will be  
active until December 31, 2020.

**Renewals** – A \$5.00 late fee will be added to the  
membership fee for payment received after  
January 31, 2020

## FOR MEMBERSHIP USE ONLY

Date received \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Check amount \_\_\_\_\_

Cash amount \_\_\_\_\_

## Lace from Page 1

early 1860's. There is a hill called Smith Hill part way down Clear Creek Canyon. Ensign was one of the 1st judges in Golden and his portrait hangs in the courthouse.

But back to my subject. There must be a connection, I thought, with these Smiths to Lucien K. Smith, the builder of the Lace House. I found it on Ensign's census—his nephew was Lucien who made his money operating the toll booth down Clear Creek. Tom's great uncle was the builder! I found they named the house Tragedy Point. They only lived in it for a few years. Their second daughter, Maud Smith, died at only 2 years old in Sept. 1867. After that, they couldn't deal with the sadness and moved to Central City, then finally to Washington state.

So where was little Maud buried? We found her at Dory Hill Cemetery, a small, overgrown, peaceful cemetery just off Peak to Peak highway. The family had erected a small marble tombstone in 1867. The cemetery was built in 1863 for early miners. Tom and I frequently visit the precious baby and leave flowers so she will be remembered.

So my interest in the Lace House came back to greet me, as I'm married to its descendant. You never know where your search will lead!



# Genealogical Resources at Denver Public Library

By Ann Lisa Pearson

The extensive collection of genealogical publications at Denver's Public Library is located on the 5th floor in the Western History and Genealogy area of the central downtown site.

This huge mass of informative materials is under-utilized by the genealogical community!

The collection of published records has been supported by the members of Colorado Societies for over 80 years. Societies and researchers in the past years have donated books and collections as well as contributed thousands of dollars to purchase new publications. Many of the volumes are old, but they are on open shelves for anyone to use. In order to preserve the collections, books do not circulate.

Included in the collection are published books of family genealogies, periodical publications, reference books, lineage society publications, and all types of publications of records and histories of the United States and many countries. The collection is too vast to describe in this article.

A scanning copy system is used to help preserve the books. There are computers to be used to view the microfilm collection and the Denver newspaper collection is also on film. There is a large collection of city directories as well as many other Colorado resources in this unique collection.

The catalog is on-line so you can prepare at home in order to have the catalog numbers ready for research in the library.

Genealogy presentations and seminars bring researchers to the library Conference Center and meeting rooms for educational reasons. These sessions seem to fail to activate research. Tours of the library and active research trips could help with this.

If you are interested, car-pooling from our meeting place it can be arranged with several people going together. This helps to defray the cost of parking in the parking garage. If you have any questions and wish to go, please let an officer know. Someone may be going down for the day and you are welcome to join them. There are several nearby places for lunch. The library hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Editor's note:** *How about planning a trip to this outstanding resource so close to home?*

## The Latest Books for Bemis Library and Denver Public Library

### *The following volume sets were purchased for both Bemis and DPL:*

- **The Royal Descents of 900 Immigrants to the American Colonies, Quebec, or the United States.** Two Volumes compiled by Gary Boyd Roberts and published by Genealogical Publishing Company.

*These volumes are of interest to genealogical researchers because of the extensive sources used to compile these almost 1,400 pages. Perhaps you remember the T.V. programs that researched the ancestry of many notable people. These do the same and don't be surprised about the ancestry of many other notable people.*

### *The following were purchased for Denver Public Library:*

- **Companions of Champlain: Founding Families of Quebec, 1608-1635;** Denise R. Larson, Clearfield Press, Baltimore, Md., 2008. Updated 2016.
- **"Smooth Tongued and deceitful" White New Jersey Runaways, 1767-1783;** Compiled by Joseph Lee Boyle, Clearfield Press, Baltimore, Md., 2019.
- **Tracing Ancestors in Barbados; A Practical Guide.** Geraldine Lane. GPC, Baltimore, Md., 2007.  
*NOTE: These are several volumes of the records of Barbados.*
- **Strange, Amazing, and Funny Events that Happened during the Revolutionary War,** Jack Darrell Crowder, Clearfield Press, Baltimore, Md., 2019.
- **The First 24 Hours of the American Revolution,** Jack Darrell Crowder, Clearfield Press, Baltimore, Md., 2018.
- **Women Patriots in the American Revolution,** Jack Darrell Crowder, Clearfield Press, Baltimore, Md., 2018.
- **Roots for Kids, A Genealogy Guide for Young People.** Susan Provost Beller, 2nd Edition, GPC, Baltimore, Md., 2007.
- **Genealogy at a glance: Genetic Genealogy Basics,** Angie Bush, Second Edition. GPC, Baltimore, Md., 2019. This a laminated reference bi-fold which will be used as a tool at the reference desk
- **Tips & Quips for the Family Historian,** Elizabeth Shown Mills & Ruth Brossette Lennon, GPC, Baltimore, Md., 2017.





## Book Sale & Programs

Above: Richard Kreck discussed his book, "The Untold Story of an American Crime Family."

Right: Rick Waters from the Denver Indian Center spoke to us about Native Americans in Colorado.



Above: Bob Jenkins and Nancy Reubert at the store table.  
Below: Julie McKemy helping Marilyn Schalge at the used book table.

### BOOK STORE NEWS:

Two tables of books will be displayed at upcoming meetings. Nancy Reubert will continue to have new research books for sale. A selection of used books and periodicals will be available for people to pick up at no set price; donations are accepted for these donated items. This is an opportunity for members and guests to find more resources at each meeting.

## Genealogical Websites Available at Bemis Library

By Barbara Elliot

- America's Obituaries are Death Notices** – the nation's most comprehensive obituary collection covering hundreds of newspapers. Available at home with Bemis Library Card
- American Ancestors** (in-library use only) – features many genealogical databases focusing on New England
- Ancestry Library** (in-library use only) – includes over 1.2 billion records in 3,000 databases
- HeritageQuest Online** – large collection of census data, family records and city directories. Available at home with Bemis Library Card.
- MyHeritage Genealogy Website** – has more than 5 billion historical records from all over the world. Available at home with Bemis Library Card.





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