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Littleton History Museum

William Edwin Flynt Armsworthy, 1869-1941

by Julie Merle Cardozo Haynie



The sun was just peeking above the horizon over the wheat and corn fields when Grandpa Willie began his day. The cows needed milking, the chickens were scratching for their food, the pigs were squealing, the hogs were grunting and the horses neighing. All these chores were done before breakfast. Grandpa was at his best; he loved his farm!

Pretty soon the aromas of bacon, sausage, fresh biscuits and other “vittles” were drawing him inside. Momma, my grandmother, was busy cooking for her Willie. She arose about an hour after Willie to begin her equally busy day of cooking and churning butter, which she kept in the well to keep it cool. She used the clabber to make yogurt with a little sugar added. Other chores were gathering eggs, mending clothes for her five children, sewing new clothes and making lovely handwork; tatting, crocheting, and knitting. Momma always had a twinkle in her warm blue eyes which highlighted her soft voice.

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Columbine's 2018 Election Ballot

Officer Positions

1st VP Programs –
3rd VP Bookstore –
Education Coordinator –
Corresponding Secretary –
Newsletter –

2018 Nominations

Anita Burbank-Jenkins
Nancy Reubert
Jean Adams
Ginger Van Zyl
OPEN Position

Election of officers by the membership will take place at the November 14 Annual Business Meeting. Please plan to attend. Your vote is important, and your participation in this process is appreciated!

Open Positions at Columbine

Our Society needs people who will help keep us the “top notch” group that it is! Please consider stepping up for the following jobs. These positions allow for more involvement and opportunities to get to know interesting people and learn about genealogical activities and opportunities. The following are open committee positions, to be filled by appointment.

Council Delegate: The Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies meets 4 times a year. If it is not possible to go to a meeting, it is possible to attend from home using “Go to Meeting”, which is a connection via the computer. *UPDATE: This position has been filled. Thank you, Sharon Mahler!*

Newsletter Editor: This responsibility can be shared by two people. One person needs to have some computer skills. Currently it is set up to use Microsoft Word. Someone who would focus more on the writing and editing of content would fill the bill to manage publication of our newsletter four times a year. Options for production duties are at hand. See Joyce Lohse for more details.

Nominating Committee Member: This job is a great way to get to know people in the group. We are always finding people with interesting backgrounds to help with leadership positions.

Special Projects: Plan and manage volunteers, duties and production for upcoming CGHS projects.

Web Editor: This can be done at home. People who have done this in the past will show you the ropes of updating inclusions. See Joyce Lohse for more details.

If you have interest in these opportunities to become more involved with Columbine, please contact Connie Strandberg at russstrndbrg@aol.com *EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you, Connie Strandberg and Shirley Stertz for bringing a great ballot to Columbine!*





Education

Jean Adams, Education Coordinator

EARLY BIRD CLASSES at CGHS

Oct. 17, 2017 - 9:30am-11:30am - Intermediate DNA

Greg Livermore will be our featured presenter as we continue to learn more about DNA and its uses in our genealogical research. Greg will base his program on the assumption that attendees have a basic knowledge of the types of DNA testing and have done at least one test on themselves or a family member.

Nov. 21, 2017 - 9:30am - 11:30am - U.S. State Research

Join other CGHS members as they share their experience with research in specific U.S. states. Bring your questions and brick walls and see what others are doing to overcome them. Volunteers are needed! If you can chair a table for a specific state, let Jean Adams know in September or October.



Jean Adams visiting a Swedish cousin's cemetery plot and headstone

ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

We have volunteers who have agreed to serve as mentors and to provide one-on-one assistance in the following areas of genealogical research and skills:

Basic Research:

Ancestry.com
Family Tree Maker
Family Search
Organization of Stuff
Writing Family Stories
Census Records
Computer Skills
DAR Registration

Specialized:

Norway, Denmark, Sweden
England, Wales, Ireland
Virginia
Civil War, Military Records
Spanish (Translation, Research)
Alsace
France
Legacy Family Tree Software

If you would like assistance please contact Education Coordinator Jean Adams at mjadams@iquest.net or cell phone 317-413-8314. In addition, if you would like to volunteer to help someone, please let Jean know of your availability and area of interest.

Armsworthy – continued from page 1

Horace and Elizabeth Armsworthy's first child, William Edwin Flynt Armsworthy, was born in April 1869. He was named for his uncle. He soon was nicknamed Willie. As a young boy, he attended school in a small typical one room schoolhouse. There were four to five windows which let in sufficient light most days. During the winter the old woodstove was constantly fired up with wood chopped and stacked by the larger older boys. Willie was not one of them since he was small for his age.

The schoolroom held a basin, maybe two towels, a teacher's desk, about 10-12 students desks and two or three brooms. There was a small slate blackboard in the front of the room. Each child had a smaller slate board in order to show his work.

Because of his father's disability, a result of the Civil War, Willie took over responsibility of his family which included his mother and brother Frank. His father Horace was a farmer who never owned his own land. He was a tenant of the Downing farm called Waterloo plantation on Route 360 near Burgess, Virginia. In the 1890's, Willie was paying all the taxes, rent and medical bills of his parents. He was approximately 21 years old and itching to have his own farm. The Federal Census of 1900 shows Willie as the head of the household. They were a family of four: Horace (80), Elizabeth (63), Willie (31), and Frank (28). By that time, Horace was sickly. All responsibility was turned over to Willie. Having so much responsibility at such a young age, which actually began when Willie was in his 20s, had positive and negative influences. The positives: responsible and financial understanding of how to run a successful farm. This experience occurred well before he owned his own farm. The negatives: uptight, impatient, fractious, and a perfectionist. In the beginning the family lived hand-to-mouth, but Willie wanted more.

In August of 1905, he put a notice in the weekly paper that he was conducting the hotel business at the Reedville House in the town of Reedville. He said, "I would be pleased to entertain my friends and the public generally." The article stated there were comfortable rooms and also a livery attached. Special attention was given to drummers' horses. Drummers were traveling salesmen.

I believe he only did this about three years because by 1908 he and his family were living in Burgess Store, Virginia on *his* farm. His mother's brother, William E. Flynt, gave the land to Willie and Maggie for a minimal price. By 1912 he had purchased enough land to own 100 acres. The land included several acres of fine timber as well as fertile soil for crops. Willie also ran a sawmill in the back woods.

Willie was quite popular with the ladies. On August 11, 1899 he even went to visit a lady in the next county. He drove his horse "Dan" and a new buggy to Middlesex County. I find this most interesting because this lady did not become my grandmother. Willie was 30 years old at the time. This was reported in the weekly newspaper. Three years later he married Maggie. They had five surviving children: Julia Merle, Graydon, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Frances.

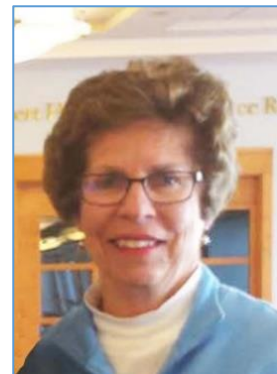
Willie kept up with repairs on the farm. In fact, he fell off the roof of the barn in 1916. He was unconscious and unresponsive for several days before the doctor decided he must be sent to a Baltimore hospital. That was quite a long distance for them to travel. I can't imagine how difficult that was and I would like to know how they traveled. Maggie was able to go with him after finding someone to take care of the children. It was several months before he was able to continue working. The neighbors all helped to harvest the crops and care for the animals. That's what small towns do!

Willie and Maggie lived to see their grandchildren visit often. David was a favorite. Mary Jane and Peggy, Graydon's girls and the oldest grandchildren, remember "Poppa" letting them ride the horse cart to the house from the fields. They also remember riding the horse from the barn to the water trough. The rest of the grandchildren were too young and don't remember him at all. Sad.

The end of the story was quite profound. The family was gathered around the radio on Sunday, December 7, 1941. That's when President Roosevelt announced the United States had declared war on Germany and Japan. Willie still had his Sunday suit on. He was heard to say, "Oh my God, my children!" Three days later he died of a stroke.

NOTE: Author Julie Haynie is a member of the Columbine Writers' Group, which meets after the CGHS Program Meeting on the third Tuesday of the month.

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News Briefs:



Don Elliott Receives Birdie Holsclaw Award

At the September 12, 2017 Columbine Program Meeting, Pat Roberts honored longtime Columbine member, Don Elliott, with the Birdie Holsclaw Award for Outstanding Genealogy Volunteer of the Year. Pat represented the family-run foundation and spoke to Columbine, explaining the award, which she planned to present later to Don at his home. Don Elliott, a former Columbine president, has been a member of CGHS since 1989, and regrets that he can no longer travel to meetings. He said, "I'm very honored. This award was unexpected. I have to thank so many of the 'real' workers, those who did all the hard, time-consuming work." Hearty congratulations go out to Don for this prestigious and well-earned recognition for his years with Columbine, and his generous work in the genealogy community.

Plans for Salt Lake City Trip

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO SAVE THE DATES: March 19-24, 2018

DESTINATION: FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY - SALT LAKE CITY

Each year, a group of genealogists from all over the Denver metro area gather together for a research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The Foothills Genealogy Society sets the dates and pre-reserves a block of rooms at a hotel adjacent to the library; and posts flight information. You can also make your own plans to stay at another hotel, or take another flight, and stay all or part of the dates. Being part of the group gives you traveling companions, possible roommates, someone to talk to at meals, and friendly faces at the library. If you have never been to the Family History Library, please take some time to visit one of the local Colorado Family History Centers or go online to learn what's available at this amazing Library, and how best to prepare for a rewarding research trip. Please see Columbine Membership Director, Debi Clark, for more details.

Welcome New Columbine Members!

May: Harold Wright, Martha Waters, Donna Drown

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Notes from Columbine's President, Bob Jenkins



President's Letter
October 1, 2017

Greetings,

In August, my home town, Houston, experienced one of the worst storms ever from hurricane "Harvey". My wife and I kept track of the situation on KHOU 11-weather. Their signal was carried live on Denver's channel 9-weather. We have had some experiences with hurricanes.

September 1961.

Hurricane Carla hit the Gulf Coast. We were living in the second floor of an old duplex on the corner of Avondale and Taft streets. We were expecting our first child and worried about driving to the hospital in the middle of the storm. Fortunately, David was born one week after the storm passed through.

Unfortunately, Carla brought a tornado through Galveston and my grandmother's house was directly in its path. The house was completely destroyed with my grandmother, Nona, and her caretaker, Gussie, inside. They were rescued by the fire department through a second floor window, shaken but not hurt. Nona came to live with my parents in Houston. She seemed a bit bitter for a month or so. When the insurance check came, she was amazed and her mood brightened considerably.

August 1983

Alicia hit Houston and Galveston. In downtown Houston, Alicia blew gravel off the roofs of new skyscrapers which broke out many windows. My office was on Allen Parkway not far from downtown, a number of windows were blown out on the north side (my side) of the building. The office ceiling was acoustical tiles supported by a metal framework. The wind knocked out many tiles and blew that old green striped computer paper all over the place. Some of it was hanging from the ceiling on the metal frame. After the storm, I happened to be in the office, inspecting the damage, when the company President walked in. He saw the mess and the paper hanging down and thought that we had lost a significant amount of data, until I assured him that the paper had been printed from electronic media and the data was not lost.

August 2017

Harvey hit Houston hard. David now lives in Katy, west of the Barker Dam, and stayed put during Harvey. Water flooded the streets and came up to his driveway. My brother, Bill, had recently sold his house near Buffalo Bayou and was in Temple, Texas.

The uninterrupted media coverage by KHOU 11 was outstanding. The Houston Mayor, Texas Governor and Houston Police Chief were all impressive in their handling and communication. It makes me proud to be a Texan (and happy to be living in Colorado).



CGHS 2017 Bylaws Committee Report

Sept. 12, 2017

The Columbine Bylaws Committee met at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at Manna Bakery. Those present were: Bob Jenkins, Joyce Lohse, and Woody Trosper. The following changes were discussed. To interpret them in context, refer to the 2016 Standing Rules/Bylaws posted at www.ColumbineGenealogy.com to compare the suggested changes. Standing rules and bylaws drafts with changes will appear on the Columbine bulletin board at fall meetings, and the changes will also be posted in the CGHS Fall 2017 Newsletter. Updated Bylaws will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

Bylaws changes were introduced to the Board of Directors meeting on August 15, 2017, with drafts sent to each member via email prior to the meeting. No further corrections have been suggested. At the Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, a motion to accept the Bylaws changes was passed by the board. Changes will be introduced, displayed and read by the membership prior to adoption at annual meeting elections on November 14. A special thank you to Carol Stall for cleaning up spacing and alignment formatting.

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Standing Rules Changes:

#2. The Membership Coordinator shall notify members whose dues are not paid by **the second meeting in January**. Members shall be removed from the **published membership directory** if dues are not received by **the second meeting in February**.

“the second meeting in January” replaces “20 January”, “published membership directory” replaces “membership”, “the second meeting in February” replaces “1 February.”

Pagination format changed at bottom of each page to read:

“CGHS Standing Rules amended 14 November 2017”.

Amended and adopted date is changed from 2016 to **14 November 2017**.

Signature changes: Joyce Lohse, President and Dawn Bunyak, Recording Secretary changed to current officers, **Bob Jenkins, President and Barbara Elliott, Recording Secretary**.

Bylaws Changes:

Article VII. Section A – Members – 1. Line 3:

“each Standing Committee Chairmen” is corrected to “Chairman”

Article VII. Section D – Quorum

1. The quorum for board of Directors shall be a majority of seven (7) or more officers. [“board of directors” is corrected to “**B**oard of Directors”, “a majority of” is dropped, and “or more officers” is dropped.] [Replaced by] 1. The quorum for **B**oard of Directors shall be seven (7) officers.

Article VIII. – Section A. – 1. President shall:

f. “of a new president” is corrected to read “of a new **President**”. [capitalized “president”]

g. **Be responsible for the annual maintenance of the procedure manual.** [added]

Article VIII. – Section A. – 7. Corresponding Secretary – [removed:]

e. **Maintain and distribute updates of the duties of the officers and chairpersons in the Procedure Manual.**

[Replaced by above addition]

Article VIII. – Section A. – 9. Membership Coordinator shall:

f. Compile and distribute the Annual Membership **Directory**. [changed “Roster” to “Directory”]

Article VIII. – Section A. – 11. Immediate Past President/Parliamentarian shall:

b. Advise the President and the **Board** about the bylaws and standing rules.

[changed “board” to “Board”]

Section B. All officers shall: [removed the following]**C. Procedures Manual:**

1. **By 1st of January President shall give each new officer and chairperson a copy of their respective duties.**

Article IX – Section A. – 3. Duties – a. Auditing Committee shall:

1. **Consist of two (2) members approved by the Board.** [added, changed numbers]

2. Audit each fiscal year’s books of the Society.

3. Submit a report at the **meeting on the 2nd Tuesday** in February to both the Board of Directors and the general membership. [added “meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in” and removed “2nd Tuesday meetings.”]

Article IX – Section A. – 3. Duties – e. Nominating Committee shall:

1. Consist of three (3) members **approved by the Board**. The first person nominated shall be Chairman. [added: approved by the Board]

Article IX – Section A. – 3. Duties – i. Refreshment Committee shall:

1. Be responsible for the refreshments at the general membership meetings and **special occasion meetings**.

[added: “special occasion meetings.” and removed “December Social.”]

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Additional topic of discussion:

The Bylaws Committee discussed the feasibility of combining the Queries position with Special Projects, due to diminished query requests in recent months. We postponed further discussion until next year, while we seek a special projects coordinator and continue further study.

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CGHS 2018 Budget Draft

Columbine 2018 Proposed Budget

Revenue

Membership Dues	\$3,840.00
Mailing Surcharge	\$65.00
Member Donation	\$150.00
Net Bookstore Revenue	\$1,000.00
CD Interest	\$25.00
Total Revenue	\$5,080.00

Expenses

President	\$25.00
1st VP Program	\$650.00
2nd VP Publicity	\$50.00
3rd VP Ways and Means	\$0.00
Recording Secretary	\$25.00
Corresponding Secretary	\$30.00
Treasurer	\$40.00
Newsletter Editor	\$270.00
Membership	\$300.00
Education	\$450.00
Officer Stationary	\$25.00
Total for Offier	\$1,865.00

Committee Expenses

Equipment	\$50.00
Historian	\$10.00
Hospitality	\$150.00
Mailing Expense	\$75.00
Photographyer	\$0.00
Public Acquisitions/Donations	\$250.00
Webmaster	\$330.00
Total for Committee	\$865.00

Operating Expenses

Bank Fees	\$35.00
Church Rent	\$1,020.00
Society Memberships	\$115.00
Miscellaneous	\$25.00
Stern NARA	\$0.00
Postal Box	\$90.00
Sales Tax and Licensing	\$65.00
Ways and Means Purchases	\$1,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$2,350.00

Total Expenses **\$5,080.00**



✓ _____ No change in information

✓ _____ New Member

✓ _____ Renewal

2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM

COLUMBINE GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

P.O. BOX 2074, CENTENNIAL, CO 80161-2074

NAME MEMBER (1): _____
(as it should appear on your nametag)

NAME MEMBER (2): _____
(as it should appear on your nametag)

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS 1: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS 2: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$25.00 for an individual (email only) \$ _____

\$35.00 for a couple (email only) \$ _____

\$5.00 mailing of newsletter (no charge if emailed) \$ _____

CONTRIBUTIONS

Columbine Book Fund: (book donations to local Libraries) \$ _____

NARA (National Archives & Records Administration Gift Fund: \$ _____
(To support program to preserve and image valuable
materials at NARA in Washington DC)

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make check payable to CG&HS or

Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society, Inc.

**Dues are payable
by December 31, 2017
for the 2018 Membership Year.**

FOR MEMBERSHIP USE ONLY

Date received:

Check #

Check Amount \$

Cash Amount \$



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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
Social gather in December
on the 2nd Tuesday

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

Annual Dues:

Individual - \$25.00

Individual & Spouse: \$35.00

BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE

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

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