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DNA Presenter Greg Liverman and Program Director Anita Burbank-Jenkins

A Happy New Year



Vintage postcard with 1912 postmark

The New Year is a time for renewal, transition and anticipation at Columbine. While a new board of directors settle into their positions, members anticipate an exciting list of program presentations and early-bird educational opportunities.

At CGHS, we welcome the challenge of learning about new information and technology, as well as ever-changing resources and frontiers, such as DNA testing. While we process new data and information, learn skills with modern tools, and navigate the evolving world of genealogy research, come join us on our 2018 family history adventures! -- Editor

Meetings at Columbine

Meeting Times:

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

Earlybird Classes 9:30 am - 3rd Tuesday (several scheduled during spring & fall)

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

Board of Directors - Officers 2018

President - Bob Jenkins

1st Vice-President Programs - Anita Burbank-Jenkins

2nd Vice-President Publicity – Julie McKemy

3rd Vice-President Bookstore - Nancy Reubert

Education Coordinator - Jean Adams

Recording Secretary - Barbara Elliott

Recording Secretary alt. - OPEN position

Corresponding Secretary - Ginger Van Zyl

Treasurer - Sandy Ronayne

Membership Coordinators - Debi Clark, Carol Stall

Newsletter Editor - Connie Strandberg

Past President - Joyce Lohse

Appointed Committees - 2018

Acquisitions - Ann Lisa Pearson

Auditing - Ron and Cheryl Floberg

Bylaws - Joyce Lohse, Bob Jenkins

Bulletin Board/Historian - Pat Campbell

Equipment - Ken Beets, Bob Pick

CCGS Representative - Sharon Mahler

Mailing - Diane Hall

Nominating - Marilyn Elrod, Jeryl Voegtly

Photographer - Livie Grogan

Special Projects - OPEN position

Refreshments - Susan Hollis and Crew

Queries - Woody Trosper

Website Editor - Julie McKemy

Program Previews

CGHS 2018 Spring Programs:

Jan. 9 – Denise Lovato Duran – *The Gonzales and Paiz*

Families from Northern New Mexico to Early Colorado Jan. 16 - Carol Darrow - Marriage, Separation & Divorce

Feb. 13 – John E. Putnam – Early Northeastern Ancestors

Feb. 20 - Richard Kreck - Rich People Behaving Badly

March 13 - Mary Denise Haddon - Honor Flight of Colorado

March 20 - Greg Liverman & Wendy Dillenschneider

April 10 - Tiny Town (tentative)

April 17 - Kirsten Canfield - Census Records/Maps



Louise Durbala chats with Presenter James Jeffrey



Columbine's New Officers in 2018

Expired Board Positions

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

Newly Elected Officers

Anita Burbank-Jenkins Nancy Reubert Jean Adams Ginger Van Zyl Connie Strandberg

Election of officers for expired board positions took place at the November 14 Annual Business Meeting. A great turnout of members voted to elect the new slate of officers, to accept bylaws changes, and to adopt the 2018 operating budget. Member participation in this important election process was greatly appreciated!



January 2018 Meetings at Columbine

Tuesday, January 9, 9:30-11:30 – Board of Directors meeting – for outgoing and incoming board members, positions will transition from 2017 to the 2018 BOD. Three copies of annual reports are also due.

Tuesday, January 9, 1-3 p.m. – "The Gonzales and Paiz Families from Northern New Mexico to Early Colorado," presented by Denise Lovato Duran, VP of the Colorado Hispanic Genealogy Society Denise Lovato Duran is descended from settlers who were brought to present-day New Mexico by the conquistadors as early as 1598. Her family later settled in Las Animas County in the Colorado Territory in the 1860s. She has been exploring this heritage since 1984 and will share insights into her family's story and the early history and settlement of the Southwest.

Tuesday, January 16, 1-3 p.m. – "Marriage, Separation and Divorce," presented by Carol Cooke Darrow, Certified Genealogist

Marriage, separation and divorce have shaped the lives of many of our ancestors and their descendants. What may have started out as a dream of love and happiness may have turned into a nightmare of arguments, fights, separation, divorce, or desertion. Carol will introduce us to the types of records available and how to search for them.

Education

Jean Adams, Education Coordinator

Do you have a friend or relative that would like to start doing genealogy research? Beginners are always welcome at our Columbine meetings, but your help as a mentor is invaluable! We hope they will eventually become members and enjoy all our programs. Our Early Bird sessions are designed to provide in-depth instruction of a selected topic. In 2018 we will continue to encourage beginners to take a class and seek a mentor on special topics.

2018 EARLY BIRD CLASSES at CGHS

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – 9:30am to 11:30am

Beginning Genealogy - Presenter - Barbara Elliott, CGHS member

Explore the possibilities of researching family history with an experienced genealogist. Barbara Elliott has over 30 years of experience in genealogy. She will talk about where to start, census records, digital databases and online searches. During the past thirty years Barbara has worked at the LDS Family History Center and does research using the extensive films at the LDS Library. She knows the ins and outs of their databases and says that she can find just about anything.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 - 9:30am to 11:30am

Using Directories and Sanborn Maps to Learn More about the Lives of our Ancestors. Presenter- Ed Storey, Pike's Peak Genealogical Society, Published Author

Genealogy is much more interesting when we learn more than just vital records about people. Details of where they lived and worked can help us better understand our ancestors. Fortunately, there are two widely available types of documents. City directories often give both street address and occupation. They also came out frequently enough to enable us to follow the ancestors as they moved or changed employment. Sanborn maps were produced to help property insurers determine the type of structure and therefore the rate for insurance. They were quite detailed and enable us to learn some details about where our ancestors lived. The directories are needed to gain the most from the maps. Still, it might not be easy as street names and routes changed over the years. The presentation will show how to obtain these documents and to use them to best advantage.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 – 9:30am to 11:30am Ancestry DNA Matches: Who Are All of these People, and Why Do I Care? Presenter - Wendy Dillenschneider

Targeted at the amateur and professional genealogist, AncestryDNA has the largest consumer database of autosomal DNA test results in the world. Over 3 million people have tested with AncestryDNA. They are leaders in the use of combined genetic and genealogical data to predict the ancestor that you have in common with another individual. AncestryDNA does not offer a chromosome browser, so genealogists must use tree triangulation to discover common ancestors. AncestryDNA provides several tools to help you with your tree triangulation work.



News Briefs:

Join Upcoming Research Trip to Salt Lake City

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY - MARCH 19-24, 2018

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!

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Sept-Dec: Bev Harbourt, Becky Clark, and Terry Ohnstad (returning member)

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Thank you, U.S. State Research Coordinators

Early Bird sessions on November 21, 2017 focused on Research in U.S. States. About thirty-five people attended and visited tables hosted by Columbine members. A big "Thank You" goes out to the following members for sharing their research materials: Ann Lisa Pearson, Cheryl Floberg, Ron Floberg, Bob Jenkins, Barbara Elliott, Marilyn Elrod, Sandy Ronayne, Joyce Lohse, Chris Fleischhacker, and Marilyn Lyle.

Recent Acquisitions

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Ann Lisa Pearson, CGHS Acquisitions Chair, purchased the following books for Denver Public Library:

*Evidence Explained, Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace,* Elizabeth Shown Mills, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 2016.

Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records, Patricia Hatcher, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 2016.

*Indian Wars of the American South, 1610-1858: A Guide for Genealogists & Historians, Michael A Ports: Baltimore Genealogical Co., Inc., Baltimore, 2017.* 

American Settlements and Migrations: A Primer for Genealogists and Family Historians, Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 2017.

*International Vital Records Handbook, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition,* Thomas J. Kemp, Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., Baltimore, 2017.



## Notes from Columbine's President, Bob Jenkins Uncle George

My uncle, George, was a Marine. I knew as a child that he had served on Iwo Jima. It wasn't until I read "Flags of Our Fathers" that I really appreciated what that meant. He was born in Galveston, Texas in 1914. He married my aunt Skippy in Galveston in 1939.

In about 1945, my parents took my brother and me to visit his family on their "ranch" in Texas. Their daughter would have been about 5 years old and the twins about 3 years old. I was about 8 years old. George taught me three things on that visit:

- 1. He said "You know, I am not your uncle." I thought that was a strange thing to say. It probably did not take me long to realize that he married my real aunt (but we still called him "Uncle George").
- 2. He caught me teasing the hogs. He told me not to do that and explained why. The hogs expected to be fed when called. If I called them and did not feed them, they would not come at feeding time. I actually find that a little hard to swallow now (a hog not coming for food).
- 3. George had a tractor and asked me if I would like to drive it. I said "I can't". To which George growled "There ain't no such word as can't". This was of course after his tour of Iwo Jima. He put me up in the seat and I nearly steered it into a ravine. George stopped it just in time.

Our families kept in touch over the years. When George and Skippy retired, they moved to a small house in the woods near Halletsville, Texas. Nancy and I visited them there and noticed the most appropriate sign by their doorway, which said, "Here Lives the World's Greatest Fisherman with the Catch of his Life". When they became too old to live there, they moved to San Antonio to live with their daughter, Hanna.

George died in San Antonio in 2009. A few years before, Nancy and I visited him and his wife at their daughter's house in San Antonio. George had never talked about the war. When I mentioned some things about Iwo Jima, he growled, "How come you know so much about that?" I said, "I read a book." He began to talk. His unit was assigned to go across the middle of the island to the far beach. When they reached the beach, he took his canteen, emptied it and filled it with sea water. He used his knife to etch the words "this water ain't fit to drink" and his name on it. Then he sent the canteen back across the island. I assumed that it was his way of confirming their success. The unit's replacement ratio, the number of soldiers sent into battle to replace the casualties divided by the original number of soldiers in the unit, was between 100% and 200%.

Interestingly enough, George was our daughter's favorite uncle. They enjoyed joking with each other. We all miss him.

#### Postscript (Cast):

George is George DeLanoy Flood, Jr. (1914-2009)

Skippy is Virginia Moss Alsup (1916-2009)

Hanna is the daughter, Hanna Mary Flood (1943-2015)

Buddy is Hanna's twin brother, George DeLanoy Flood, III (1943-2008)

Sue is their older sister, Virginia Sue Flood (1941-)

Nancy is Bob Jenkins' wife.





Iwo Jima War Memorial, Arlington, VA credit: NPS.gov

## Scenes from a Festive Columbine Holiday Potluck



Photos clockwise from top left: Members enjoying luncheon, President Bob Jenkins locates a vacant chair, Shara Castle, Karen Bialkowski, Anita Burbank-Jenkins with Barbara Elliott, Chris Fleischhacker, Don Jenkins, Bob Huegel at buffet table with Chris Yaros and Susan Hollis, Chris Yaros shopping at Nancy Reubert's bookstore, Anita with Julie Haynie. *Photos by Livie Grogan* 



## COLUMBINE GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

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

 $\label{eq:Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.}$  2nd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

No meetings in June, July & August Social gathering in December on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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