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Estrangement Isn't Forever

By Ginger Dockstader Schlote

Nearly a century ago two little girls, ages five and two, lost their mother to pneumonia and were placed with a group of Catholic nuns to be raised. Those little girls were my mother Dottie Jones and her sister Ginny. The nuns were the women who made up the Society of St. Ursula, the founders of a school in New York City and the Academy of St. Ursula, Marygrove in Kingston, New York.

After the death of my grandmother, Mary Murray Jones, in 1922, my grandfather Charles asked the nuns to raise his daughters, citing the difficulties of a single father. The nuns gladly assumed this task and took the girls to live nearby at their convent in New York City. The nuns grew to love these two girls, calling them “two dear little babies of our adoption.” Others joined them, but the yearly annals kept by the nuns mentioned the girls frequently.

My grandfather, an alcoholic, quickly remarried a young woman, Elizabeth, and she insisted that her two daughters “by marriage” should live with them. The arrangements were made and the annals note, “We are soon to lose the two little children... whom Mother Superior has cared for so many months, and who have made



**Dottie (left) and Ginny on the step of the
“Pagoda” at Phoenicia, New York**

their way into the very depths of the hearts of everyone here. Their new Mama will be taking them away.” Again, on December 23, 1923, the annals state, “The house is lonely without their childish prattle and laughter.”

The two opposing viewpoints about the girls’ upbringing held by the nuns and by the reunited Jones family continued. The nuns’ wish for the little girls to live with them was met by Elizabeth’s desire for the girls to be with her and Charles. Dottie and Ginny became extremely devoted to each other. By 1924, they were both enrolled as day students at the Academy the nuns operated nearby. The annals of that year note, “These two dear little babies of our adoption will attend school with us...”

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Meetings at Columbine

Meeting Times:

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

Early Bird Classes 9:30 to 11:30 am

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 website: www.ColumbineGenealogy.com

CGHS Spring 2020 Programs

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

Considering the constantly changing and unpredictable course of this current global health crisis, it is impossible to make long range meeting plans. The April meetings have been cancelled and whether we will have May meetings is still unknown. We will keep you posted as to whether the May presentations listed below will take place. Stay safe.

May 12, 2020, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Becky Clark presents "You Don't Have to be a Writer to Share Your Family Stories."

If you don't have a hankering to be a writer, there are other ways to share family research that you may find more fun.

May 19, 2020

Spring Potluck & Program

12:00 noon - Food is served

1:00 pm - Program

Program: Members Sharing - **Bring a picture of an ancestor or relative you admire.**

Food: Bring your choice of main dish, side, or dessert

Help: If you are able to help set up, arrive at 11:00 am

Columbine Member Research

Judy Garner is researching the surnames Shawnee in Kansas and Oklahoma, Ragan in Missouri, and Bland in Oklahoma.

Norma Whitaker is researching the surnames Piper in Pittsburgh, PA and in England and the name Powell in Breconshire, Wales (near Crickhowells).

Julie Haynie is researching the surnames Blackwell and Jett in Virginia.

Black and White to Color - From MyHeritage

In their blog of February 16, 2020 MyHeritage announced a new site feature which can colorize black and white photos. Read about it at:

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2020/02/myheritage-in-color-goes-viral-over-a-million-photos-already-colored/>

You can even try it for yourself. Upload a black and white family photo and see the results!

Columbine Seminar

Save the Date

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Columbine is holding a seminar on American Church Records.
Featured speaker: David McDonald.

The seminar will be held at:
Denver Public Library, Central Branch, 13th and Broadway
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Watch for more details coming soon!

Public Acquisitions

By Jean Adams, Acquisitions Chair

Recently CGHS purchased books for Bemis Public Library through the Public Acquisitions funds. The following books will be donated and added to their collection:

“How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records: A Genealogist’s Guide: With Specific Resources for Major Christian Denominations before 1900” by Harold A. Henderson

“Organize Your Genealogy: Strategies and Solutions for Every Researcher” by Drew Smith

“Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com: How to Find Your Family History on the #1 Genealogy Website” by Nancy Hendrickson

“The Family Tree Scandinavian Genealogy Guide: How to Trace Your Ancestors in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway” by David A. Fryxell

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Planning for Columbine's Future

By Bob Jenkins

In the 47 years since the incorporation of the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society there have been many changes in technology and administrative procedures. The original setup and design of the Society was excellent. Bylaws were established and a governing board put in place. Each position on the Board was included in a procedures manual that expanded on the position descriptions in the bylaws.

As the years passed, the computer appeared and the Internet. Many new ways to search for our ancestors appeared. There are new ways to communicate, new ways to handle finances, and new ways to publish. The combined effect of all these changes has stressed our structure despite the original provisions for an annual structure review.

Last year, I appointed a Strategic Planning Committee to study the situation and make suggestions. It was ably chaired by Nancy Reubert. There were 10 members on the committee. Their report to the Board was 11 pages long and included 11 recommendations.

As a result of the Committee report, we are already looking into a number of innovations. At this stage, it would be premature to go into any detail. I am becoming more optimistic that we will see some welcome changes to our meetings, our projects, and our governing structure in the 21st century.

Estrangement (from Page 1)

In 1925 the nuns were asked to open another school in Kingston, New York. According to Dottie and Ginny's younger half-sister, Josephine, the nuns asked that Charles and Elizabeth allow Ginny and Dottie to move with them to be the first students in the new school. From that time on the girls lived primarily with the nuns at the school in Kingston along with other children who boarded with the nuns. They spent summers at a getaway in Phoenicia, New York. Occasionally Charles and Elizabeth along with Josephine and new little brother Charles, Jr. would visit.

As the years went by Ginny became close to her "new" Mama, but my mother Dottie did not. Charles remained employed, but alcoholism continued to plague him the rest of his life. Elizabeth's health was poor. For a time, she and the two younger children lived in New Hampshire on a farm, aggravating Elizabeth's condition. Her own mother and uncles lobbied hard for Charles to bring them back to New York City to live with him and to be closer to her family. Several times Josephine was sent to Kingston for long visits. Her father was hoping she would attend Marygrove too, but she was terribly homesick for her family and friends in the City.

After Ginny graduated from Marygrove in 1934, Dottie became difficult (missing her sister so much) and the nuns asked Ginny to return to work in the kindergarten and live with them until Dottie graduated in 1936. This she did.

Both girls returned to New York City to live with their parents and their younger siblings. They were employed by the Equitable Life Assurance Society. Sadly, my mother became more estranged from the family and more jealous of the closeness that Ginny and Elizabeth shared. In addition, Elizabeth's health concerns continued. Ginny developed tuberculosis. Despite surgery and what medical care was available at that time, Ginny became ill enough that she was transferred to a hospital on Staten Island where she lived for the next year before succumbing to this terrible disease in 1940. Josephine remembers the awful day when the ambulance staff came to take Ginny away and the tears shed by all. Pictures of her from this time show a brave young woman who could still smile through her pain and misfortune. I am proud to be her namesake.

The toll of being a caregiver and devoted mother on top of ill health were too much for Elizabeth, and she died in late 1939. Josephine and Charles went to live with their grandmother in the Bronx. Charles Sr. continued to live and work in New York City. For a time, my mother tried living with him, but they soon parted ways. She kept in touch with the family through Elizabeth's brother, but the only time they ever saw her again was when her father Charles died in 1942. By that time, her estrangement from them was complete—so complete that she never spoke of these things again.

Would you believe that I learned virtually everything I have written thus far in 2011? My mother rarely spoke of her family, mentioning only Ginny, who she said died in her teens. She never talked about her parents, saying they both died in 1922 and she lived in a Catholic orphanage. I only knew enough to begin a genealogical search because, as a teenager, I secretly went through her papers and learned the names of my grandparents and a few other facts. If asked a question about family, she would lie or make up a ridiculous answer. After a while, I stopped believing anything she said. Only lately have I learned that there were small truths embedded in the stories.

In 1943 my mother moved to southern California where she met my father after WWII. They married in 1946, moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and bore me, Ginger Ann, in 1947 and my sister, Nina Lu, in 1949. She did keep in touch with the Murray side of her family through the mid-fifties and barely so with the Jones' side. In fact, the young family traveled back east in 1950 and included the nuns at Kingston in the visit. She gifted them the photo shown here.



Dottie with children Nina (left) and Ginger

After moving back to California, my parents divorced and my mother's mental health deteriorated. She was hospitalized and treated, but she never regained good health. Despite this, she was a devoted mother who made sure her children were fed, clothed, and housed. We were not rich, but we had two parents, who, although, they couldn't live with one another, provided role models of hardworking, caring parents. She was loved and respected not only by the

children of my father's second marriage, but by his mother and second wife as well. They were not perfect, but they did the best they could.

My mother eventually was able to work again, lived to enjoy the company of her grandchildren, had a peaceful retirement, and died in 2008.

I have always had a curiosity about my family. I respected my mother's privacy, but vowed I would learn more. After her death I discovered my family at the age of 63 through family documents, newly-discovered pictures, the National Archives, and other sources. I learned that I had an Aunt Josephine (still living), an Uncle Charles (deceased) and lots of wonderful cousins.

When my aunt Josephine and I finally spoke for the first time on the phone, she said, "I've been searching for your Mother for 70 years." Her search was done, but mine continues!

Welcome New Members

Kathy Adams - Valerie Durkin - Sandra Pacer - Debbie Harrison – Paula Riebe -
Robert & Jodi Stevens - Sarah Davies - Frank Francone – Linda Lentz – Mary Theresa Neuhalphen

Jodi K. Prather Stevens – My family moved to Colorado when I was two years old. My genealogy journey has helped me prove 18 DAR patriots, tracing my Grandparents' lines back to the early 1600's. I'm a member of Mayflower Descendants, Baronial Order of Magna Charta, Descendants of Knights Templar, Daughters of American Colonists, Military Order of the Crusades, Friends of St. George Knights of the Garter, Washington Family Descendants and Presidential Families of America. I'm working on applications for Order of the Crown of Charlemagne and Jamestowne. Happy to be a member of Columbine – I've learned a lot. Thank you!

Robert L. Stevens – I'm a seventh generation Wisconsinite who moved to Colorado to go to UNC and never left. I once believed all the great ancestors were in my wife's line, until I discovered a gateway ancestor through my Grandmother. This yielded many surprises and my favorites are the infamous ones! I am a member of SAR, Society of Cincinnati, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, Baronial Order of Magna Charta, Mayflower Descendants, Descendants of Knights Templar, Winthrop Society, and the Roger Williams Family Assn. I'm working on my Jamestowne application and researching my Scots ancestors, the Earls of Rothes.

Paula Barry Riebe - I was born in San Antonio, Texas, and moved to Boulder in 1969 to attend CU. After marrying, we moved to Africa, beginning 25 years of international living on four continents. Last year I traced my family lineage to John Buchanan, earning DAR membership, and that introduced me to CGHS. A goal I have is to verify that one of my first immigrants to America was Edward Wade from England, who at age of 24, arrived in Virginia in 1635 on the ship "Paule." My heritage appears to be English, Irish, Scottish, Dutch and German.

2020 Board of Directors



Seated, L-R: Nancy Reubert, Anita Burbank-Jenkins, Bob Jenkins, Barbara Elliott, Jean Adams
Standing, L-R: Ann Lisa Pearson, Jean Ouellette, Pat Campbell, Becky Clark, Maggie Schmidt,
Ginger Van Zyl, Judy Garner, Julie McKemy, Sharon Mahler

Strategic Planning Committee

By Nancy Reubert, 3rd Vice President

Planning for Columbine's Future

By the time this article is published, the Strategic Planning Committee will have submitted its final report to the Board and the report will be available to all CGHS members to read and comment upon. The report will be found on the CGHS website, on the members-only page. It will then be up to the Board to discuss and implement its best ideas.

The whole point of this exercise is to keep CGHS the vital organization it is into future years. By far, the most important

issue will be financial stability in the face of the declining membership that all organizations of our type face, due to the many and increasing Internet resources for genealogists.

CGHS will turn 50 years old in 2023, and it is our hope and plan to stay vital and relevant as we move toward that milestone. It will require the interest and efforts of our membership to keep us the useful organization that we are.

Book Report

By Barbara Elliott

Discover Protestant Nonconformity in England and Wales

By Paul Blake

Doing research in England and Wales is not that difficult, but the researcher will need to understand the differences in Conformity and Nonconformity.

As I read this booklet (only 59 pages), it became clearer as to where you will need to look for records. There were lots of "Acts and/or Laws" passed from the 1500's to the late 1700's regarding religion. Henry VIII's break from the Church of Rome in 1534 caused Catholics to go underground or conform to the Church of England.

As these Acts and Laws were passed, many of our ancestors changed religions, but some did not. Most Catholics did not give up the Church of Rome and, as such, lost their lands or were fined heavily.

Following is a list of some of the laws that were passed:

1. 1662 – Act of Uniformity – referred to Protestant Christians who did not "conform" to the Established Church of England
2. Clarendon Code – reasserted the authority of the Church of England following the Restoration of Charles II
3. The Penal Laws – a series of laws enacted between 1581 and 1699 against anyone not subscribing to the Church of England

Here are a few websites to help in your research:

1. <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk>
2. www.methodist-central-hall.org.uk
3. www.portcullis.parliament.uk/calmview

This booklet is very informative if you're doing English research and have religious dissenters in your family. As I have Quakers in my line, this booklet and the class I took from the author, Paul Blake, helped me understand what my family went through before coming to the United States.

Land Terms Used In Genealogy

Metes and Bounds – uses physical features of local geography, along with land measurements, directions, and distances, to define the boundaries of a piece of land. Used in England and the original thirteen colonies.

Example: “South eighty-one degrees, west one hundred and twenty perches to a post, south thirty-five degrees, west eight perches to a white oak, thence by land of James Johnson, south seventy-three degrees, east forty perches to the place of beginning.”

Surveyor’s Measurements

Chain - 66 feet. In early America a surveyor had chain carriers to carry the chains for them.

Rod or Perch – a surveyor’s tool 5 ½ yards long or 16 1/2 feet (also called a pole).

Acre - 160 square rods, 4840 square yards; 640 acres – 1 square mile

Township and Range – Standard east-west and north-south lines to make deeds clearer than the old “metes and bounds” method.

Township is a square parcel of land of 36 square miles, 36 sections, set out in one-mile sections.

A measure of the distance north or south from a referenced baseline in units of six miles.

Range is a measure of the distance east or west from a referenced principal meridian in units of six miles.

Section - a measurement of land consisting of one square mile or 640 acres.

Early Process of Acquiring a “State Land” Property

Most of this information is derived from “*How to Do Everything Genealogy, Fourth Edition*,” by George G. Morgan

State Land States – lands originally controlled, sold or distributed by the state. Most state lands were the former 13 colonies.

Land Grant – the terms set out to transfer a property.

Grantor - one who sells property or makes a grant.

Grantee - one who buys property or receives a grant.

Application – filed by a person to obtain an original grant for a parcel of land.

Land Warrant – an official, legal order for a survey to be done to accurately describe a property.

Survey – done to include the physical characteristics of a property to be presented for a patent to be issued.

Patent – title document indicating the acquisition process had been conducted. Grants exclusive right, title, and interest to a piece of property. This document was recorded so the title process would be complete.

Indenture – subsequent land transfer was done through an indenture, which in land terminology refers to a contract or legal agreement for a real estate transaction. (*Not to be confused with its other usage referring to a contract for indentured labor.*)

Deed - transfers title of a property from one party to another.

Do You Listen to Podcasts

By Becky Clark

Podcasts have been around for years, but recently have become very popular. These days everyone seems to have a podcast. I've been listening to technology podcasts for ten years and have many favorites.

Listening to a podcast can be compared to the way people used to listen to the radio, but podcasts exist on many more subjects. They are similar to listening to an audio book. You can listen in your car, in your kitchen while making dinner, working in the garage, doing yardwork or while taking a walk. Some of them also feature video presentations.

There are many genealogy podcasts and you can gain new information by listening, in addition to hearing good stories and sharing in the interesting discoveries of others.

One of my favorite genealogy podcasts is *Extreme Genes* hosted by Scott Fisher. David Allen Lambert of the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) is featured with him on the first part of this one-hour podcast and they discuss many interesting subjects. One of my favorite episodes was Episode 308, which aired December 1, 2019, about a man who found his father's WWII prisoner-of-war camp cartoon strips. It was a very inspiring episode of a great discovery! This weekly podcast airs every Sunday and can be found at: <https://extremegenes.com/>.

I also enjoy *Genealogy Gems* hosted by Lisa Louise Cooke which airs monthly and can be found at <http://genealogygemspodcast.com/>. Her episode #235, from November 12, 2019, was all about Federal court records and contained lots of useful information on how to use the regional offices of the National Archives to locate Federal court records. On Episode #236 from December 11, 2019, she spoke with David Lowe, a Specialist in the Photography Collection of the New York Public Library on how to date your old family photographs. The New York Public Library is hosting an experimental website to help you research photographers from various eras called "Photographers' Identities Catalog (PIC)" where they have assembled data on photographers, studios and others involved in the production of early photos. This website helps you figure out how to start your research and where you might find information to identify where and in what period a photo was taken.

<https://www.nypl.org/collections/articles-databases/pic>

A third podcast I enjoy is called *Genealogy Happy Hour* hosted by Amy Crabill Lay and Penny Burke Bonawitz. This is also a monthly podcast where they share their research insights, tips and tricks as well as give their listeners recommendations on a new wine they sample on each episode. (Hence the reason they call the podcast the Genealogy Happy Hour.)

<https://genealogyhappyhour.com/>

There are many genealogy podcasts out there to choose from. Go to your favorite podcast app on your phone or computer to find a selection of them. Type in the subject "genealogy" and see what you come up with. You can also go to the individual websites online and listen there. Some of them provide written transcripts of their shows.

Podcasts are a lot of fun and a great way to learn new genealogy tips right from home or on the go. If you haven't tried them, you should. You may make some new discoveries!



Write Down Your Stories

By Becky Clark

How many times have you come to a Columbine meeting and chatted with your friends about a family story, a personal experience, or an ancestral discovery? Have you shared a breakthrough with the group during one of our breakthrough sessions?

Your Newsletter Editor and the Columbine Writers' Group would like to encourage you to write those conversations down. You may have the beginnings of a story or an anecdote.

Writing conversations or breakthroughs down will record them for history. You may not think you can write, or you may not like to write, but sometimes doing an exercise as easy as answering a question that brings up a memory will provide you with something worth putting on paper.

You may say "no one's interested enough in this for me to write it down," but if it was worth telling a friend about or sharing as a breakthrough, you may find that you would enjoy recording those thoughts -- even if it's just for you and no one else. Write it down, put it aside and then go back to it later, and see if you enjoy revisiting it.

To encourage you to write something, below are some ideas. We will present others in upcoming newsletters. And if this exercise does produce a story you'd like to share, send it to the Newsletter Editor for consideration or visit the Writers' Group and share with others who are learning to tell their personal and family stories.

Here are some ideas:

Do you remember a family trip that you really enjoyed?

Do you have a special holiday memory?

Do you have a relative who was a real character?

What are your favorite memories of your grandparents?

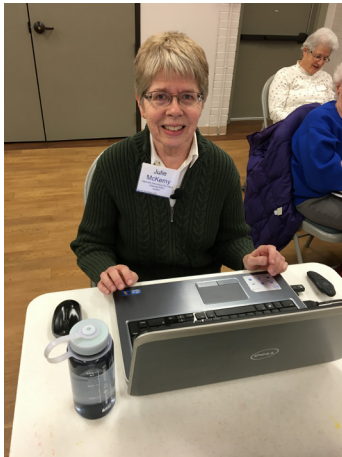
As we go through these trying times, wondering when Columbine will be able to meet again, don't forget that your Columbine colleagues are still available, even if it's not in person. We should keep in touch.

Take some time to work on your genealogy projects, read a book that you've been putting off, write a story about an ancestor. Call or email one of your colleagues and share a story or a discovery. Confer on the phone about something that's been perplexing you. Keep in contact and take the time to contemplate how your ancestors also lived through difficult experiences and came through them. If they hadn't, we wouldn't be here.

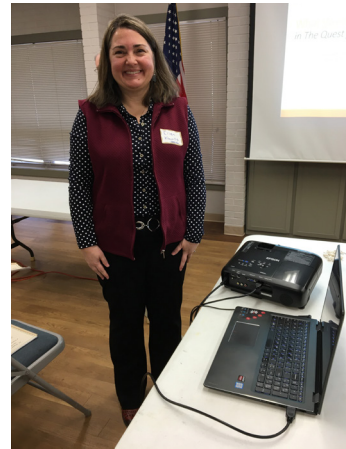
Wishing you all the best.

Becky Clark,
Columbine Newsletter Editor

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September through November

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2nd Tuesdays at 9:30 am

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August

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2nd Tuesday in December

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