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A Genealogical Surprise

By Dotty Burdick

It is natural that people who enjoy talking about genealogy join genealogy societies. Many fascinating anecdotes about ancestors are told. Now follow along through one of my life stories and you will find a surprise.

January 1959 was horribly cold in Baltimore County, Maryland. I grew up two miles south of the Mason/Dixon line in an 1820 farmhouse with a big Home Comfort range in the kitchen. One side of the stove could hold a huge bucket of coal and it could be banked to last through the night. Pop had put a floor furnace in the living room that, along with the range, was supposed to heat the whole house. The fireplaces hadn't been opened in years.

It was while I was there that month that my mother and I huddled around the furnace vent, all bundled up, trying to keep warm after my father had gone to work. She told me all the family stories she knew and I recorded everything. She knew about most everyone back to the early 1800s, and some even earlier, which was not too surprising for someone born in 1895 who grew up surrounded by relatives. Also, her grandparents lived with her in their old age, and they remembered people born in the mid-1700s.

Our mother had a fabulous memory. She was good at storytelling, so we always knew that we were mostly English with some German mixed in. Mom could name most relatives back to her great-grandparents.

Mom knew a lot of my father's relatives also. His sister had introduced them and she loved his Quaker family. She often questioned her mother-in-law about her relatives. Grandma knew a lot about her husband's family also, because the families were intertwined.

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Meetings at Columbine

Remember our new meeting place!

Meeting Times: (except June, July, Aug. & Dec.)

Program Meetings 1:00 pm - 2nd Tuesday of the month **In-Person & via Zoom**

Education Meetings 1:00 pm - 3rd Tuesday of the month **via Zoom**

Board of Directors Meetings 9:00 am - 2nd Tuesday of the month **via Zoom** (except June, July & Dec.)

Columbine Writers' Group 10:00 am - 3rd Wednesday of the month **via Zoom**

Meeting Place: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 8545 E Dry Creek Rd., Centennial, CO 80112

For more information about Columbine Meetings, visit our website: www.columbinegenealogy.com

Program Previews

By Sean McGuire

January 11, 2022

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – In-Person & Via Zoom

**Greg Liverman -- Techniques for
Coordinating Family Trees Between
Ancestry & Family Tree Maker**

While many genealogists use Ancestry to build their family trees, other PC-based software packages like Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, and Roots Magic have features that exceed Ancestry's tools. In this beginner-level talk, Greg Liverman will discuss coordinating his Ancestry Tree with Family Tree Maker.

Please note that if Arapahoe County mask requirements stay in effect in January, or in the event of southern Colorado inclement weather, Greg may appear by Zoom.

February 8, 2022

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

To be announced later.

March 8, 2022

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – In-Person & Via Zoom

**Janet Rupert, President - Pennsylvania Chapter,
Palatines to America –
Exploring Pennsylvania Land Records Online**

Are you researching someone who acquired land from the Pennsylvania proprietors or the Commonwealth/State? You can find those early land transactions online, but it can be confusing to know where to look and what the records are telling you.

Janet Rupert will walk you through the process for obtaining title to land and where to find records documenting the transaction with an overview of the process, records, and how to find documentation by sharing examples from her own research.

Education Previews appear on Page 5



President's Message

By Barbara Elliott

Welcome to 2022 and lots of wonderful programs in the coming months. Your Board has been working hard to find great presenters for our program and education meetings. We will continue having hybrid meetings for the 2nd Tuesdays and Zoom only on the 3rd Tuesdays. We're hoping everyone will continue to join us for these meetings.

Since we started having hybrid meetings in September 2021, the society has averaged around 60 people attending these meetings. It has been nice seeing our members and friends joining us in-person and on Zoom. We're hoping to see more people in the future attending these meetings.

Our Writers' Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month via Zoom. They have also met in person the past couple of months. If you love to write stories about your family, consider joining this fantastic group. If you are just starting your writing adventure, this group helps critique your writing.

Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies is starting a Family Tree Maker Users Group in January 2022 on the first Wednesday at 1 pm via Zoom. If you are interested in joining this group, send an email to ftm@cocouncil.org with your name and email address. For more information on this user group, go to www.cocouncil.org and click on Events. I hope to see a few of you FTM users there.

Your Board is interested in knowing what you would like to learn. We try to bring you interesting programs, so feel free to let your Board know if there is something specific you want. As always, there are volunteer opportunities for any member to join a committee. We are always looking for help and welcome an email or phone call from you, our members.

RootsTech 2022 Registration Now Open

You can sign up for RootsTech 2022 now. It will be virtual and free again this year. Here is the link to sign up now.

https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/next/?fbclid=IwAR2waevvIcA8XZvvoHgSwH001kLJpbGEiHksYJ-BagLNS_iOEmIr3yQWl4

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Genealogical Surprise, cont'd from Page 1

After the sudden death of her husband, my oldest sister started doing genealogy research. She joined a genealogy society, visited relatives to ask questions, and asked for copies of all the research I had done. She spent the next 30 years collecting data and transcribing it onto 3x5 cards. She lived in Maryland, the right place to do research, because most of our people had lived in the nearby areas of Maryland and Pennsylvania for over 300 years.

When she died in 2003, it was my responsibility to clean out her home. I brought five 12-inch boxes of 3x5 cards, books, and notes she had collected to my house in Colorado. It took me weeks to record the cards and notes into my genealogy database, but I was so happy to have all the information. My sister did the hard work of tramping through graveyards, visiting churches, and going to court houses, archives, and any place else she could find information about dead relatives. It was then that my husband said I had recorded 11,000 of my closest relatives. Of course, half were his relatives that I had entered long before.

One of our ancestors was Robert Longshore who was born in Lancashire, England. He came to Pennsylvania a little ahead of William Penn to be a deputy surveyor under Thomas Holme.

It wasn't until my sister delved deeply into eastern Pennsylvania records that we found an "outsider" had drifted into our British/German lines. We were astonished! Our Revolutionary War patriot Euclidus Scarborough's grandfather, Robert Longshore, married a Swede. The Swedes had settled around the Delaware River area in Pennsylvania in 1641, long before William Penn.

In 1682 Robert Longshore married Margaret Persdotter Cock. She was the daughter of Peter Larsson Cock who came from Sweden, married in 1643, and lived on an island named Kipka between the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers.

In September 2021 Maggie Schmidt shared a story with the CGHS Writers' Group about court records of her ancestor, Barbara Nilsdotter Friend, who married Peter Longacre in 1705. In her story she referenced the family Cock/Cox, who appeared to be related to her Friend family. I recalled Peter Larsson Cock was in my database, so Maggie and I compared family details and found that Peter Longacre's maternal grandfather was Peter Larsen Cock and is our common ancestor. My line is through Peter Larsen Cock's daughter, Margaret, who married Robert Longshore. Maggie's line is through another daughter of Peter Larsen Cock, Magdalena, who married Andreas Peterson Longacre.

Peter Larson Cock is part of my only Scandinavian ancestral line. My ancestor, Robert Longshore, became part of the Swedish community when he married Margaret Cock, but their daughter married into the Quaker Scarborougs of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. No one in my family remembered anything about any Swedish ancestor.

Robert and Margaret Longshore's grandson, Euclidus, moved his family to Harford County, Maryland about 1775. His descendants stayed there until about 1930 when my father moved my older siblings to Baltimore County, Maryland where I was born. I left Maryland in 1957 and ended up in Colorado in 1983.

The Cock sisters' families went separate ways starting 339 years ago. What was the probability of me ever meeting Maggie? Thanks to the Columbine Writers' Group we found each other. **We are 9th cousins.**

Do You Share Family Ties with Other Columbine Members?

Dotty Burdick's story above is only one of several stories of Columbine members who have found they have familial ties to one another. That's why being a member can be so fun! Others have found ties by sharing at meetings, reading, or writing stories in our newsletter, or sharing the stories we write with one another at our Writers' Group. See the article on page 6 for more information on our Writers' Group or fill out the Surname Research form on page 8 and discover if you also may have ties to other members.

Education Previews

By Jean Adams

Please Note: All Education Programs will be via Zoom, unless otherwise announced.

Beginner Genealogy Workshop – In Person

January 10, 2022

1:00– 2:30 p.m.

Location: Bemis Library

6014 S. Datura Street

Littleton, Colorado 80120

Have you always wanted to research your ancestors but didn't know where to start? If so, this basic class will give you some resources and valuable local connections. Some of the topics include where to find records, how and when to document your sources, using software to build your family tree, using online resources and an introduction to the Bemis Library genealogical collection.

Registration required on or before Friday, January 7, 2022. Fee for class is \$35.00 (\$45.00 for a family). Includes a resource notebook, mentor program, and a one-year society membership, which entitles you to Zoom links to six additional genealogy education classes and nine in-person/Zoom presentations.

Make checks payable to Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society or CGHS. To register, call the library at 303-795-3961. (Note: new, recently-joined CGHS members can attend this class at no cost).

January 18, 2022

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – via Zoom

Barbara Elliott, CGHS President -- FamilySearch.org - Do's and Don'ts and What's New

FamilySearch.org is just one site used to locate original records for your ancestors. It is open to everyone worldwide. Barbara has used this site for over 30 years and found valuable information on her family.

This program will cover the many ways to research on FamilySearch, including the catalog, records, images, books, and the research wiki.

February 15, 2022

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – via Zoom

Megan Koepsell, Author & Past President, Highlands Ranch Genealogical Society -- Extending Your Family Tree: Creative Ways to Connect with DNA Matches and Find Common Ancestors

It can be overwhelming looking at your numerous DNA matches, which can number in the thousands. Where do you begin to make sense of it all? Join us as Megan guides you through creative ways to think outside the box to find useful DNA matches and connect with them to help you find common ancestors and break down brick walls.

March 15, 2022

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – via Zoom

Sylvia Tracy-Doolos, Colorado Chapter, Assn of Professional Genealogists & other local societies. Centuries of Censuses: What Census Instructions Can Teach Us.

Instructions to enumerators differ every ten years and can tell us a lot about what was going on in the country. Understanding the details hidden in the census can help us take advantage of the information gathered and understand the context of our ancestors' times.

Sharing Genealogical Discoveries with Our Columbine Colleagues

Winter is upon us and maybe you are sitting down to do some serious genealogy research. Let us know what ancestral family or genealogical discoveries you have recently made. Have you had an experience where you learned something new about your roots or your family's experiences? Did any interesting tidbits get shared over the holidays?

Fill us in on what you've been discovering. We want to hear from you!

Submit to Becky Clark, Newsletter Editor. We look forward to hearing from you!



Columbine Writers' Group – How It Works

It is a little daunting to ask others to read something you've written, and then to ask for their opinion of it! That is exactly what our Writers' Group is about. We believe that family stories are an important part of our heritage, and we want to help one another write those stories. It is always done in a friendly, non-judgmental way.

The way our meetings work is that a writer submits a story they have written. We usually have three or four stories submitted about a week before our monthly meeting. We submit them in advance so that everyone has time to read them carefully. Not everyone submits a story each month, which allows others a chance to have their own story discussed in the meeting.

We have learned that it is difficult to proofread your own story, so it is helpful when others read it and suggest changes. Suggestions might be as simple as comma usage or spelling corrections. Sometimes it might involve a change in sentence structure, to make it clearer. Or sometimes, questions from the group tell us places where more information is needed or where the group finds some story points worth highlighting more specifically. The best part is, we learn how to improve our writing and we have fun doing it!

This is an opportunity to get friendly support, share comradery and get our family stories down on paper to leave as a legacy to children, grandchildren, or other family members. Feel free to join us and share in this fun learning activity.

Membership Workgroup Update

The Membership Work Group initiated a membership kick-off campaign, to make everyone aware that it was time to renew memberships. Our November meeting included a town crier shouting "Hear Ye, Hear Ye" to grab everyone's attention before the President read a proclamation saying that "November Is Membership Month."

Our membership co-chairs have committed themselves to make routine phone calls to our members to stay in touch through the year and to get acquainted.

Going forward, the group wants to make sure that our meeting times are friendly and sociable and we are discussing ways to do that. You may be seeing official greeters at future meetings, and other efforts to make sure everyone feels welcome. Ideas are being discussed to make sure Zoom attendees feel like a part of the meeting. Part of the approach is to make sure that Zoom attendees can hear the meetings well and are engaged.

Columbine 2022 Election Results

New Officers (Two-Year Term)

First Vice President/Programs	Sean McGuire
Third Vice President/Bookstore	Ann Lisa Pearson
Education Coordinator	Jean Adams
Corresponding Secretary	Susan Hollis
Newsletter Editor	Open

Appointed Committees (Not Voted On)

Acquisitions	Open
Nominating	Open
Hospitality	Open
Photographer	Open
Website Editor	Nancy Reubert
Facebook Editor	Open

Looking for Volunteers

Are you creative? Do you have an eye for graphic design, good grammar and editing? Do you enjoy sharing genealogy and history with others? If so, Columbine is looking for a Newsletter Editor. Our current editor will be happy to work with you for a few months to help you learn the ropes.

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Do you enjoy social media? Are you a Facebook or Twitter devotee? Do you enjoy sharing genealogy news on the social platforms? If so, Columbine would love to put your skills to use as our Facebook/Social Media Editor.

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Are you the family photographer? Do you enjoy capturing all the special moments? If so, consider becoming our Photographer to take pictures at our meetings and events to be shared with the newsletter and website editors.

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Are you a person who enjoys spending time at the library in the genealogy section? Do you feel our libraires, archives, and historical museums deserve our support? If so, we are looking for an Acquisitions Coordinator to find material to be purchased and donated to our local libraries.

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Do you enjoy talking to and discovering the skills of your Columbine colleagues? If so, you can help us to fill our board and committee positions by serving as Nominations Committee chair.

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Do you enjoy a good cookie or similar item at group meetings? Are you good at organizing refreshments at get-togethers and organizing parties? If so, we would love it if you would be our Hospitality Coordinator.

If interested in one of these volunteer opportunities, please contact a board member for more information.

## ***Census News***

In the U.S. we have been looking forward to the 1950 federal census becoming available April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. But there is more good news for census seekers.

If you are researching ancestors in England and Wales, as of January 6, 2022 the 1921 Census of England and Wales will be released on Findmypast.

For more info on access to that 1921 census, see this article: <https://www.findmypast.com/blog/family-records/1921-census>.

There will be a charge for record transcripts to cover the costs of digitizing and transcribing the images. The article at this link has more on those costs: <https://www.findmypast.com/1921-census>.

The 1921 census for Scotland is also projected to be published on ScotlandsPeople in the last half of 2022, but no details have yet been released.

For those with Republic of Ireland ancestors, unfortunately there was no 1921 census taken due to the civil war going on at that time. The first Irish Free State census was not done until 1926 and will not be released until 2027.

## *Mentoring Opportunities*

By Jean Adams

Free mentoring for CGHS members is available in many areas of research. Notice the words “free” and “members.” One of the advantages of being a member of Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society is the opportunity to receive assistance in your research. Areas of mentors’ expertise include:

Software and Applications:

- Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, MAC Reunion, Ancestry, FamilySearch.
- Spreadsheets, Writing/Editing.
- Basic research and organization, Spanish translation, DAR application assistance.
- Country research in England, Wales, Norway, Sweden, France/Alsace, Ireland.
- US research in specific states, Civil War, and other Military Records.

If you have volunteered in the past to be a mentor, please consider continuing in that role. Or, if you have an interest in a particular subject to receive some mentoring, please contact Jean Adams, Education Coordinator, at: [ColumbineGenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:ColumbineGenealogy@gmail.com).

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## *Surname Research*

Are you researching specific names and families? Find out if someone else in the group may be researching the same names. Fill out the form below and submit it to Newsletter Editor, Becky Clark. In the next newsletter we will print the names people are looking for.

### **Columbine Member Surname Research**

Surnames You Are Currently Researching

Surname

Location

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit at meeting or to Newsletter Editor, Becky Clark.



## Thank You to Our Fall Speakers



Thomas MacEntee



Mark Olsen



Ann Lisa Pearson,  
Nov. Speaker &  
Outgoing Education  
Coordinator



Phil Goodstein

## Thank You to Our Outgoing Board Members



Anita Jenkins,  
Programs



Jean Adams,  
Acquisitions



Nancy Reubert,  
Bookstore

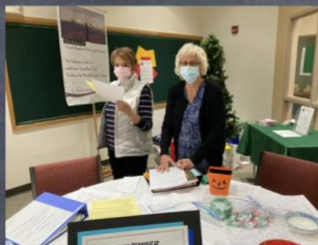


Karen Bialkowski,  
Hospitality



Julie McKemy,  
Website

## Columbine Fun in a New Location



## *Barbara Elliott Serves on NGS “Focus on Societies” Panel*

By Susan Hollis

Last fall Columbine president Barbara Elliott was asked to be a panelist on the National Genealogical Society’s “Focus on Societies” panel. She was asked to speak on the topic of hybrid meetings for genealogical societies. Columbine is a member of NGS and thus has one delegate to attend the Zoom meetings put on by the prestigious national organization. Barb has been working with other Columbine members for many months learning about Zoom and hybrid meetings. Hybrid means members attend either in person or at home on Zoom and the two groups can communicate during the meeting. Barb was asked to be on the discussion panel because Columbine is one of only about five genealogical societies in the country who are meeting via a hybrid mode. In addition to Barb, one representative from Wisconsin and one from Texas were also on the panel. Members of societies from around the United States who tuned in asked many questions of the three panelists about using hybrid meetings for their organizations. Each group hopes to maintain members and attract more during the current unstable situation. It is an honor to have our president contribute on a national platform and share her expertise with others.

Barb did not learn this specialized skill alone. She had the Zoom Committee! This is a group of Columbine members who volunteered to delve into new technology for the benefit of our organization. Chairperson Jean Adams worked with Bob Jenkins, Barb Elliott, Maggie Schmidt, Becky Clark, Richard Evans, Sean McGuire, Chuck Towne, and Heidi Maughan. The group began in 2020 and has been hard at work ever since. They taught members the ins and outs of Zoom, ran our Zoom meetings and later, initiated work on the hybrid protocol. They met in libraries to practice setting up a meeting aided by library technology experts who answered questions and helped solve glitches. Individual members have donated not only their time, but their personal devices to add to the equipment needed for these meetings. We at Columbine are grateful for the many hours of work put forth by all these members.

### Behind-the-Scenes with the Zoom Team at Our Hybrid Meetings







## ***2021 Virtual Holiday Party Fun***



## *Facebook and Genealogy*

By Nancy Reubert

If you are on Facebook and are not using it for genealogy, you are missing a bet. Over time, I have joined numerous genealogy groups on Facebook, and the help I have received in a couple of these groups has broken a few of my brick walls. I am a member of a German genealogy group, and four different Italian genealogy groups.

Last year I learned how to use the Antenati, the Italian online archives. I was looking for my great-grandmother, Anna Della Paolera. I found her birth record, which gave me the names of her parents. Reading the old handwriting can be tough. I could make out her father's name, Nicola Della Paolera, but could not read her mother's surname, Mariantonia -something-. After looking at it for a while, I decided to get help on Facebook, and posted the document on the Southern Italian Genealogy group.

The beauty of doing this is that multiple users of the group jumped in to help. Within a day, several users had deciphered Mariantonia's surname as DiGregorio. And I got a wonderful bonus -- one of the people who answered my question turned out to be my fourth cousin! And she lives in the old village where my ancestors are from. And, she's a professional genealogist! She's descended from Mariantonia's sister Flaminia. She directed me to another Facebook group she administers which posts photos of the ancestral village, so now I also have photos of that village, Castello del Matese. Quite a result from one request for help!

Here's how to find genealogy groups on Facebook. In the Facebook search box type in a location of interest and the word "genealogy" after it. Example: "Polish genealogy" or "New York genealogy." You can also use the word "history" along with a location name. "Adoption search" will get you several related groups. "Photos" is another search word you can combine with your genealogy terms. A group I joined is called Random Acts of Photo Restoration where users help other users restore damaged old photos. "Family Bibles" in the search box will get you a group that seeks to restore family bibles that have been found to their rightful families. Are you a Mayflower descendant? There is a group called Mayflower United.

You can start your own group. Thanks to the Ancestry DNA test, I have met many second and third cousins, and even a first cousin, that I had no idea were out there. We started our own FB group to stay in touch with each other and swap family photos. Because of this group I now have a number of photos of my grandparents' generation that I had never seen before.

These suggestions barely scratch the surface of what you can find to further your genealogy. Get creative in your search terms and you will discover lots of information, and even more importantly, lots of other folks who are interested in helping each other.



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Meetings:

January-May and  
September-November

Regular Meetings,  
1:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

Education Programs via Zoom  
1:00 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

Board Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 9:00 am via Zoom

No meetings in June, July, and  
August

Holiday Event,

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in December

**Location:** Good Shepherd  
Episcopal Church  
8545 E. Dry Creek Rd.  
Centennial, CO 80112

**Annual Dues:**

Individual - \$35.00

Couples - \$45.00

**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. ***Please do not call the Church office.***

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