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Connecting the Dots-- Grandmother Elvira's Earrings

By Anita Burbank-Jenkins

As many of you know I have been working for a long time on a history of my family. I've often shared what I've learned with Writers' Group and with Columbine members. Our newsletter editor, Becky Clark, has heard many of these stories and she wanted me to share an intriguing story with a message that will be part of my book.

After writing and editing the first chapter of my book, *My Intertwined Roots*, I was ready to add pictures to enhance the story. In 2000 my husband Don and I visited my second cousin Cecilia in Marbella, Spain. Since then, we've stayed in touch by calling each other on WhatsApp, and I've shared my struggles in writing my family history. A couple of years ago she remembered that her Peruvian cousin Margarita had inherited many old family photos. After she contacted Margarita, she emailed digitized copies of the original photos of our Peruvian ancestors.

As I was perusing the photos of my Peruvian grandmother Elvira, I did a double take when I recognized the earrings she was wearing! When I enlarged the image, I was certain that these were in my jewelry box!

In 1987, my cousin Roberto and his family came to visit us in Colorado. Roberto brought me a few mementos of our grandmother Elvira. He gave me a picture she had painted, a beveled hand mirror in a silver frame with her initials on the back, and a pair of earrings.

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Meetings at Columbine

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 each month (except June, July & Dec.)

Columbine Writers' Group Meets via Zoom at 10 am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.**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

Oct 11, 2022**1:00 – 3:00 pm – In Person & via Zoom**

Harry Glenn Ross - past President of Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies and Longmont Genealogical Society will discuss “The Scots, the Irish, and the Scots-Irish.”

Nov 8, 2022**1:00 – 3:00 pm – In Person & via Zoom**

Sam Carlino - author of *The Carlino Brothers: A Bootlegging Empire* will discuss how, during Prohibition, the Carlino brothers, Pete and Sam, moved alcohol from southern Colorado to Denver and rose to power in the Mafia. Sam Carlino is Pete's grandson and will give us a portrait of these notorious siblings.

Education Previews

By Jean Adams

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

Oct 18, 2022**1:00 – 3:00 pm via Zoom**

Vivs Laliberte - YDNA and mtDNA and How They Impact Your Genealogy Research

YDNA is being used to construct a “Tree of Mankind” showing our interrelatedness going back 210,000 years. Every man today can be traced back to “YDNA Adam.” A “Tree of Womankind” is being developed using mtDNA, tracing every man and woman through their maternal lines, back to a single woman. Learn how you can find your families' place in these trees.

Nov 15, 2022**1:00 – 3:00 pm via Zoom**

Barbara Elliott - Using Fold 3 and Other Military Records

Military records are easy to find if you know where to look. We will be looking at records on Fold3.com, Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. This class will trace a few surnames through military records to show you what information can be obtained.



President's Message

By Barbara Elliott

The other day I decided to start cleaning out file folders of material collected over the years. There was a lot of useful information on some of my husband's Massachusetts collateral lines which helped to fill in missing data.

As I cleaned out those folders, I found a lot of research notes I never did anything with. I also found lots of duplicate records to discard. I keep my genealogical software program running and input data and checked film numbers and info at the same time.

Some of us are making the trip to Salt Lake City on September 25th for a week of research, so that is part of the reason I have been looking at my files. I want to make good use of my time while I am there. Since I am not sure which family line I want to work on, I have been re-evaluating my Quaker line and plan to look at books, maps and films on my North Carolina family. Maybe I'll get lucky and find all the records I need on these families to further those lines.

The Writers' Group has been meeting during the summer and I am sorry I have not been able to participate in those meetings. I hope to get back to this group of wonderful people with their stories. I have been reading the stories and they are wonderful and diverse as all our members are. I hope that more of our members will join this group to share their stories.

I have also been attending the Family Tree Maker Users Group once a month since January and there are usually about 80 participants that attend. Quite a few of them are from Columbine. Each month a chapter from the FTM Companion Guide is presented via PowerPoint by someone that is well-versed on FTM. Even though I am a RootsMagic user, I have found the information shared to be invaluable. The classes have touched on a lot of issues, and we are able to ask questions during and after the presentation. I hope this group will continue to meet after the last session in December. As new updates become available, the information changes and can be more confusing post-update.

As the last three months of this year approach, I hope to see more of our members attending in person. Good Shepherd Episcopal Church has a nice large room and refreshments are being offered again. Don't forget our bookstore has some wonderful new books for sale, along with our used books that can be had for a donation of your choice.

Hope to see you all there.

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Open Position

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Columbine 2023 Election Ballot

Election of officers will take place at the Annual Business Meeting on November 8, 2022.

President	Sean McGuire
Second Vice President/Publicity	Open
Recording Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Julie McKemy
Membership Coordinator	Open
Newsletter	Jeanie Ouellette

Appointed Committee Changes (NOT VOTED ON)

Bulletin Board/Historian	Open
Nominations	Open
Photographer	Open
Hospitality	Open
Colorado Council Representative	Open

As you can see, we have many open positions. Please consider volunteering to assist our organization. Your participation will be appreciated!

CGHS Bylaws and Standing Rules Changes**STANDING RULES**

13. Added "until exempted by the State of Colorado" after "report sales tax"

17. Removed this one about not paying members to make a presentation.

BYLAWS**Article IX - Standing Committees and Special Appointments****1. Standing Committees shall be:**

Added "Facebook Administrator" to the list.

3. Duties:**d. Hospitality Committee**

Added

"2. Acts as official host in creating a welcome atmosphere at meetings."

Added:

"j. Facebook Administrator shall:

1. Maintain the Society's Facebook page."

2023 Budget

Income		
	101 - Membership Dues	\$4,000
	106 - Bookstore Net Sales	500
	108 - State/City Sales Tax	35
	Total Income	\$4,535
Expenses		
	200 - President	25
	205 - 1st VP Programs	600
	210 - 2nd VP Publicity	75
	220 - Recording Secretary	20
	225 - Corresponding Secretary	35
	230 - Treasurer	100
	235 - Newsletter Editor	120
	240 - Membership	50
	245 - Education	600
	305 - Equipment	-
	307 - Zoom Fees	150
	310 - Historian	30
	315 - Hospitality	-
	320 - Mailing	44
	325 - Photographer	-
	330 - Public Acquisitions	-
	333 - Stern-NARA	100
	350 - Web Master	650
	400 - Bank Fees (box rental)	35
	405 - Church Rental	900
	410 - Society Memberships	110
	415 - Miscellaneous	114
	420 - Paypal Fees	40
	425 - Postal Box	182
	430 - Sales Tax and Licensing	55
	435 - Book Store Purchases	500
	Total Expenses	\$4,535

Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society

Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
-2109 First Bank Checking	9,692.12
-4275 Savings/CD	12,490.91
-4500 Bookstore Cash	70.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$22,253.03
Total Current Assets	\$22,253.03
TOTAL ASSETS	\$22,253.03
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
30100 Unrestricted Equity Fund	21,489.73
32000 Retained Earnings	-987.02
500 Restricted Funds	
510 Restricted for Stern-NARA Gift	276.00
520 Restricted for Public Acquisiti	1,628.50
Total 500 Restricted Funds	1,904.50
Net Income	-154.18
Total Equity	\$22,253.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$22,253.03

Connecting the Dots, cont'd from Page 1

Looking at this photo I remembered that my grandmother, Elvira, had sold some of her jewelry after my grandfather Percy died suddenly in 1920. Because her sons were underage, grandmother gave her son-in-law control of the family's finances and unfortunately, he made several bad investments in the next few years that caused a family financial crisis. My grandmother was able to keep the family afloat by selling some of her jewelry. Fortunately, the earrings I was given were spared. From this I learned that it is important to examine your photos. Enlarging them will allow you to see small details you might otherwise miss.

Maintaining and fostering relationships with your immediate and extended family can be rewarding. Cecilia has also emailed me photos of our Italian ancestors. The oldest one is of my great-grandparents dating from 1822. Others were portrait photos of siblings of my great-grandfather, Luis Bianchi, who immigrated from Ventimiglia, Italy around 1868. After he got engaged to my great-grandmother, Jacoba Quezada Lama, his brothers and sisters sent their photos to her. Loving messages were written on the backs, introducing themselves. These are now part of my book and have expanded my Italian connection.

I am grateful for having made these family connections which have contributed so much to my book and for the many photos I have received which enhance my story.



My grandmother, Elvira,
wearing the earrings.



The Value of Colorado Historic Newspapers to the Colorado Researcher

By Becky A. Clark

I have been using Colorado Historic Newspapers, <https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/>, for several years now and lately have been amazed at the wealth of information to be found on this website.

The site, as you can read on their main page, is part of the Colorado State Library and has a couple of million articles from over 600 newspapers starting around 1859. Copyright prevents them from including many papers published after 1926, but they have received permission from some publishers to go beyond that date. It is supported by state and federal funding as well as contributions.

I don't have a lot of relatives who were in Colorado prior to 1895 to 1901, and all were mainly located in Pueblo, so information on many of these early relatives is sparse on this site, but I still consult it often, particularly for one relative who was well-known. In the early 1880s Bessemer, Colorado was the "company town" formed by the Colorado Coal and Iron Company, forerunner to Colorado Fuel and Iron Company (CF&I). The CF&I or "steel mill" was Pueblo's largest employer for many years. Bessemer was a separate town from Pueblo until about 1894.

My relative was Daniel W. Hartnett, the half-brother of my father's maternal grandfather and he came to Bessemer about 1881. Over the years I have discovered more and more about this relative, who was the city marshal of Bessemer in the 1880s and 90s. He was also a hotel owner and land speculator, as well as a member the city council.

The reason I began searching for him on Colorado Historic Newspapers was because my father had collected a couple of obituaries stating that when he died in 1904 his funeral was the largest ever attended in Bessemer at that time. That began my search for more information on this man. All I had from the family was a photo of him with my great-grandfather, Michael J. Downs, and a few notes from my father.

Ever since I discovered him in my father's notes in 2018, I have searched for information on this newspaper website and as of today I have found over 160 articles in which he, his family or his properties are mentioned. Someone at *The Bessemer Indicator*, one of the early newspapers of the Pueblo area, seems to have really liked him because his every move, both as city marshal and as a prominent citizen of Bessemer was noted in *The Bessemer Indicator* as well as in *The Colorado Daily Chieftain*.

With the bits and pieces I have accumulated from this site I've been able to put together quite a history of his life. This is the real value of Colorado Historic Newspapers. If you keep trying different search terms and don't limit yourself to one city, you can sometimes find a wealth of information.

I started searching for him using his name and the area of Pueblo County, but as I read articles I was able to obtain new search terms to try and just when I thought I had found everything I could, I would go back in one day, try something different and discover more. Even an article with just one sentence stating he was in Creede, Colorado looking after his interest in a mining syndicate, led me to a new way to search for him and some new information about his interests in a different Colorado location.

My success in finding information about my great-grandfather beyond what family had shared has not been as fruitful, but occasionally I will think of a new way to search for him or some other family members and will be pleasantly surprised with a great result!

It took a long time to find any articles in which my great-grandfather was mentioned, and when I did, I was pleasantly surprised to find Dan Hartnett mentioned in the same article, confirming their relationship.

That happened a few weeks ago when I put in a search as follows: "Hartnett" "Downs" and I set the search for all of Colorado. That resulted in my first proof, beyond family information, that Dan Hartnett was indeed my great-grandfather's half-brother. It was the first time I had read about their relationship beyond family data.

The article I found was reporting on an accident that occurred at the steel mill in 1896 where several workers were badly burned. The sentence read as follows: "*Mike Downs, a half brother of D.W. Hartnett, was badly burned about the shoulders, but will get along all right with good care.*"

For those of you with early Colorado ancestors, I highly recommend Colorado Historic Newspapers and continually go back to it with new search terms. You may be surprised at the plethora of information you find. And if, like me, you are rewarded with hundreds of articles, I urge you to support them with a donation so they can continue to add more newspapers to the site.

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Time Travel

By Margaret Lile Schmidt

Like other genealogists, I was excited to see my family in the 1950 census listing. I searched the NARA (National Archives and Records Administration) records as soon as they were released to the public in April of this year. Sure enough, there we all were. There were some transcription errors on our names, so I corrected them. Then I went on to find my grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. All present, but I made some necessary corrections there as well.

In the 1950 census, my grandfather was selected to provide answers to an agricultural questionnaire. He was a farmer, but he had no tractors - all the farm implements were horse or mule-drawn. I have wondered what grandpa's crops were, and how he made any money farming in that manner. I thought the questionnaire would be very interesting, so I searched for the questionnaire information but could not locate it. Finally, I learned that the data from that questionnaire was used to make generic reports, and that the questionnaires were destroyed. It was very disappointing not to see the questions and his answers.

I checked the FamilySearch website to see how my family members' names were transcribed. The site was requesting assistance from users in verifying/editing the census information. Their original data was indexed using automated handwriting analysis techniques, which was helpful, but not 100% accurate. I decided to help in their verification efforts and found that I could specify which state and county I wanted to work on. So, my efforts were directed to Finney County, Kansas.

My family returned to Garden City (in Finney County) in mid-1950, after living in a nearby city for a couple of years. We returned so that my dad could take over the farm where my grandfather lived. His first efforts were to upgrade the farm to tractors and modern equipment. The horse-drawn equipment became play equipment, and my brother and I spent hours "driving" the equipment around. I was born in Garden City and consider that my hometown.

As I reviewed and corrected Names, Headers, and Families on FamilySearch, I found familiar names - families that I knew from my years of living in Finney County. I was reminded of people that I hadn't heard of or thought of in many years.

I saw several people who were teachers and who would be teachers for me and my siblings over the next 12 years. Miss Wiebe, my favorite teacher, was my second-grade teacher and became Mrs. Williams mid-year.

In 1950, she was a 41-year-old single woman living with her brother and his family. It was difficult for we students to begin calling her by her new name. One of my sister's high school teachers was Miss Sitts, who was the high school yearbook advisor as well as an English and Latin instructor. She taught there for many years. I remember her as an older woman, but she was a young woman of thirty-seven in the 1950 census.

Names of our neighbors, school friends of my siblings and me, and co-workers and acquaintances of my family turned up during the editing that I did. Seeing one older couple who lived on Main Street reminded me that their grandson, Jack, came to live with them in his teen years after the deaths of his parents, and was a member of our 4-H club. My dad was a 4-H leader and helped Jack a lot since he was a city boy and wasn't familiar with livestock. I reviewed/edited the entry for the family of Clifford R. Hope Jr. He and his father both served as congressmen from our district. I remember how I enjoyed reading a regular column in our local newspaper written by Dodie Hope, wife of the younger Hope, about her life as a young mother. Another interesting name that I noted was William Beringer. We knew him as "Pop", and he was the host/supervisor/chaperone of the teen gathering spot sponsored by the city. The Center provided music, refreshments, and pool tables for the teens on weekends.

I was reminded about Catholic naming conventions, when I located a large family, whose children were friends of mine and my sister. There was only one daughter, and her name was Mary Anne. She was known by her complete name. The sons all had J as the first initial, which stood for Joseph. They were known by their second names – Patrick, Michael, David, etc. I don't know how widespread the custom was of using Mary and Joseph for first names. Many of my Catholic friends also had additional names, including a name that the child chose for himself/herself as a teen or pre-teenager at their confirmation.

A family named Joy caught my attention. In the census, the family consisted of a husband, wife, and three children. I recalled that several years later the wife was a widow, and her two youngest children, both boys, became ill with polio. They recovered, but were frail. The mother became a contestant on the early TV show, *Queen for a Day*, asking for bikes for her sons to strengthen their legs. She did not win the contest, but some kind people donated bikes and probably other items for the impoverished family.

Some names on the census were familiar, but I didn't remember them clearly, so I called my sister to ask if she remembered a certain person or family. She frequently did, and our conversations resulted in some fun stories – some of which I had not heard before. She was reminded of a young friend who was of Native American heritage. My sister was convinced that her pet dog was also an Indian and thought so for many years during her early life.

As I worked, I recalled the local street layout, and the street names. The early city consisted of north/south streets, numbered from one to thirteen. The east/west streets were named for trees – Walnut, Elm, Hackberry, Maple, etc. We lived on an extension of Maple Street, about two miles out of town. Those street names are probably common with many other small cities, but probably none of them has a Teitelbaum Avenue. There were some other strange street names, but they were all easily identifiable as being named after community leaders or other locally known people. We did not know how Teitelbaum Avenue came to be, but I understand that it is a Yiddish word for a type of palm tree and is also a surname.

The author Thomas Wolfe said you can't go home again. It's true, because things are always changing, including yourself. In this case, I was immersed in so much information from my childhood that I felt I had actually been there. It was a pleasant trip back in time to my youth – time travel at its best.

Thank You to Our Early Fall Speakers



Capt. Kenneth McKlem



Sara Dawson

Our Fall Session Begins



Come see what our bookstore has to offer.



Refreshments are back!

Members eagerly awaiting our Sept speaker.



Welcome new member.



Dec 13, 2022
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Holiday Pot Luck!

Stay tuned for details in the next few months!



Columbine's 50th Anniversary Is Coming Up in 2023! 1973-2003

Next year we will be celebrating the 50th year of Columbine's founding and are planning some activities to commemorate the occasion. Stay tuned in upcoming emails and newsletters for more information and memories of Columbine's past.

Stern-NARA Gift Fund

As you think about your end-of-year charitable giving, think about donating to the Stern-NARA Gift Fund.

This fund was created by Rabbi Malcolm Stern (1915-1994) and is managed by the National Genealogical Society (NGS). Its purpose is to preserve, microfilm, and digitize the materials in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). This material includes important genealogical records and indexes, including census, immigration, military, post office, and other valuable records.

CGHS has donated funds to the Stern-NARA Gift Fund for many years to aid in this work, including member gifts. Having records microfilmed and digitized makes genealogical research much easier for all of us.

There are several ways you can donate:

- You can send a check to CGHS for the fund.
 - Donate online at <https://columbinegenealogy.com/donations-fees/>
 - Scroll to the bottom of the page to the Stern-NARA Fund button.
 - Or, at the same time you are renewing your membership, you can send a donation right from the membership form available on the next page.)
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Membership Renewal Time!

It's that time of year. Time to renew your membership for 2023. We are coming up on our 50th anniversary in 2023 and in celebration we look forward to having everyone renew and bring in new members, too! We will be having anniversary activities in the new year and we don't want you to miss out.

Do you have friends and relations who aren't Columbine members, but enjoy genealogy? If so, please share with them that we offer educational programs, study groups, research tips, and mentoring to help with family research - whatever their level of experience. The next page of this newsletter (page 11) has a copy of the membership form. Fill it out to renew or give it to an interested friend. You can also renew or ask someone to join on the website via this link www.columbinegenealogy.com.

And don't forget you can also donate at the same time to the Stern-NARA fund mentioned in the article above.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

COLUMBINE GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
P.O. BOX 2074, CENTENNIAL, CO 80121-2074

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

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

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (1): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (2): _____

Is there a change in your information from a previous application? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What subjects are you interested in learning about:

What items would you consider helping with:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on a committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Special projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Position on the board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make signs/banners for events | <input type="checkbox"/> Data input | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar / workshop assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing for the newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Book reviews for the newsletter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Table – Bookselling or informing the public about CGHS | | |

- ☐ **New Membership** – By joining any time after September 1 your membership will be active until December 31 of the following year.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$35.00 per individual \$ _____

\$45.00 per couple \$ _____

(Newsletters will be sent to members by email)

CONTRIBUTIONS

Stern-NARA Fund \$ _____

CGHS Library Fund \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make check payable to CGHS or Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society or see Columbine website: <https://columbinegenealogy.com/> for information on how to pay through PayPal using your credit card.

For Membership Use Only

Date received _____

Check # _____

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**Columbine Genealogical &
Historical Society, Inc.**

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Meetings:

January-May and
September-November

Regular Meetings,

1:00 pm, 2nd Tuesday

Education Programs via Zoom

1:00 pm, 3rd Tuesday

Board Meetings:

2nd Tuesday, 9:00 am via Zoom

No meetings in June, July, and
August

Holiday Event,

2nd 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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