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A Polio Case

By Jean Adams



There is a movement today by people who call themselves Anti-Vaxxers and are against all or part of childhood vaccinations. I'm old enough to remember getting the Polio vaccine on a sugar cube when I was about 7 years old. It was not unusual in our grammar school to see a classmate using crutches and having their legs encased in braces. I had always known that I had a first cousin Carolyn who died of Polio at an early age but that was before I was born. Her older sister Dottie and I were close friends as well as relatives. While checking my family tree and cleaning out my paper genealogy files, I came across a letter written by her father A. R. Sudman to his sisters Edythe and Marie. I knew him as Uncle Butch, but others called him Art, short for Arthur. This letter was so sad that I wish those against vaccinations could read it.

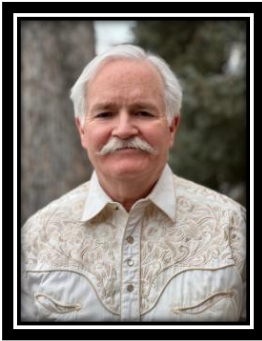
I plan to send the original letter to another cousin, Mary Romanelli who knew the sisters Edythe and Marie (her aunts) and our shared cousin Dottie. I've retyped a portion of the letter for this story. I tried to not do a lot of editing and grammatical corrections to the letter.

Aug. 14, 1942

Dear Edythe, Marie and Paul,

The neighbors and friends were so good to us. We received considerable food such as cakes, juices, fruits and other food. That made it much easier the first days. Dottie has been fine. She worried us one day with sort of a husky throat and a little fever. We had the Doctor out and he gave us some pills to give her for a couple of days. She is as peppy as ever now. She was sort of lost at first with no one to play with and being quarantined made it hard. She has been real good

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President's Message

By Sean McGuire

I was recently asked to participate in a panel discussion for a workshop sponsored by the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies this coming October. The topic: Recruiting and Training Volunteers - including board members. My response was somewhat flippant (although I agreed), because I feel like I have little insight on recruiting. Although Marylee Hagen has recently agreed to become our new Vice-President in charge of Programs, we lost our membership coordinator due to circumstances beyond her control.

We currently have openings for two membership co-coordinators. One needs to commit to coming to most program meetings in-person, acting as a greeter and keeping simple attendance records, and occasionally picking up mail at our local post office (on Arapahoe Road near University Blvd). The other person need not even live in Colorado. That person would keep records on spreadsheets regarding attendance and payment of dues.

There are several other positions open, particularly a recruiting coordinator. We had a committee at one time, and the only member left passed away last year. Given my lackluster ability to persuade others to help out, you may be getting a phone call from me this summer - I'll try anything.

I do have some good news. Neil Johnson has agreed to assist Nancy Reubert in her webmaster function. Additionally, a group of us (Neil, Nancy, Jean Adams, Marylee Hagen and me) are looking into recording program meetings and having them available for later view by our membership. Stay tuned for further developments.

One problem we've had this year is reaching a quorum at our Board of Directors meetings. As a result, we are looking at what we might do to restructure things. For example, perhaps we need fewer members of the Board of Directors and a realistic quorum requirement. A group led by Barbara Elliott, our past President, will have met at least once by the time you read this, coming up with recommendations for our Board of Directors.

That's all for now. Have a great summer, and keep researching.

CGHS



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Columbine Meetings

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

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

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

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

Meeting Place: Englewood Public Library, Anderson Room, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood, 80110

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

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

For more information about Columbine meetings, changes, additions or cancellations visit our website:

www.columbinegenealogy.com

Program Previews

By Sean McGuire

Tuesday September 12 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Breaking Down Brick Walls With Reason & Logic

Greg Liverman will showcase the skills of analyzing evidence and arriving at valid conclusions through the use of reason and logic. These skills are applied to the problem of discovering the great-grandparents and great-great-grandparents of the author and in the process uncovering some surprising unknown facts about the Liverman family.

In-Person Location

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 8545 E. Dry Creek Road, Centennial 80112

Also via Zoom



Education Previews

By Jean Adams

Wednesday September 6 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Expand Your Genealogical Research

Presenters: CGHS's Barbara Elliott, Past President and Jean Adams, Education Coordinator

If you have started researching your ancestors but have hit some brick walls this class will give you some additional resources. We will look at archives, historical newspapers, land records, military records, immigration sources and more. The library has copies of "How To Do Everything Genealogy", 4th edition, by George G. Morgan. This class will feature highlights from Part II of this excellent book.

In-person Only

Englewood Public Library, Anderson Room, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood, CO 80110

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Fee: \$35.00 (\$45.00 family) includes notebook, 6 continuing education sessions, mentor connection, newsletter and membership for one year in Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society (CGHS). New researchers who are current 2023 CGHS members may attend for free. Register at Bemis Library by Friday, September 8, 2023.

In-person Only**Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura Street, Littleton, CO 80120 303-795-3961 bemis.marmot.org**

Tuesday September 19 1:00 – 3:00 PM**Introduction to Family Tree Maker**

Presenter: Mark Olsen, Family Tree Maker Ambassador since 2016 – Mark Olsen is the Family tree Ambassador to historical and genealogical societies around the world working to support their members as they use Family Tree Maker. Mark is a graduate of Brigham Young University and holds a bachelor's degree in Family History with a Spanish records emphasis. He has been working in the genealogy industry since 2007.

Description: Join us for an introduction to the current version of Family Tree Maker. We will discuss Family Tree Maker and what makes it different from other genealogy products and software. We will focus on a quick walk through of the various family tree building features from how to get and install the software and move on to basic use and creating or downloading your very own family tree. We will discuss how it works with Ancestry.com and with FamilySearch and be happy to discuss all your questions. We will also discuss Family Tree Maker partner products – Charting Companion and Family Book Creator. Both are amazing plug-ins that can help you create incredible charts, graphs, and books.

Note: although this is an introductory class, it is for all levels of genealogists whether you are just getting started or very experienced.

In-person**Englewood Public Library, Anderson Room, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood, CO 80110
and via Zoom**



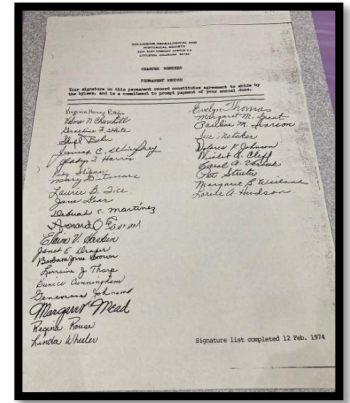
Marylee Hagen has volunteered to Chair the Program Committee. Marylee is an experienced genealogist and a long time Columbine member. She has contributed to our society in many ways. We look forward to the many great speakers she will have in the coming months. Her first program will be at our October meeting.



Celebrating COLUMBINE'S 50 Years!

Becky Clark planned Columbine's 50th Anniversary celebration on April 11, 2023. We have had 50 successful years of genealogy research, friendship and learning. The 1974 Charter Members List was displayed at the meeting.

Twenty-four people joined us in person and another 33 people joined via Zoom. We enjoyed pleasant conversations and delicious cake after our speaker Carol Cooke Darrow talked about "Writing Up The Results." We also participated in a genealogy trivia game with prizes.



Columbine's Emblem



Once Columbine acquired non-profit status it contracted Peg Hook, a local artist, to design an emblem to be used as our logo. Columbine approved and registered the logo in 1977.

A stylized columbine flower design was selected as the center piece representing Colorado. The surrounding wreath with many leaves signifies our many ancestors. The top of the wreath was left open to remind us that we all have gaps in our lineage.

Littleton Church Records Project

The dedication of approximately 120 volunteers who contributed over 11,000 hours to the Littleton Church Records Project was acknowledged by many organizations, both local and national.

In October 1987 the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) chose Columbine from approximately 400 applications from across the United States and Canada for the nation's most prestigious competition for local history achievement.

In November 1988 CGHS received the National Genealogical Society's Award of Merit for its Littleton Church Records Project. This is the highest recognition of a local society given by NGS for "distinguished work in American genealogy."

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By Jean Adams

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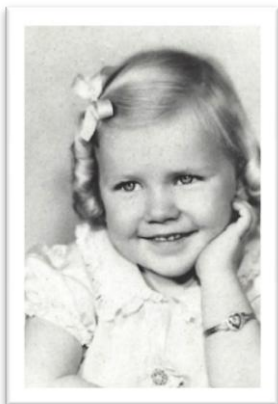
considering everything and plays by herself a lot. After the funeral she told Helen one day she dreamed that Carolyn was laying in the casket and she woke up and that it was only a dream. Everything seemed so unreal and she went so quickly we were all bewildered. The whole town was shocked and we received so many pretty flowers, cards and letters, even from people we did not know. After Carolyn had passed away and we told Dottie that she was at the Funeral Home Dottie wanted to go right away. We went that evening and Dottie said she looked like she is just asleep. Mr. Cox said she is positively beautiful and we thought she looked very beautiful. She had always been such a sweet child. But we believe as Carl, Helen's brother said, "God wanted her." Surely she is God's ministering little angel.

She took sick on Monday although she complained of a sore throat on Friday. Helen got a gargle but that evening she said her throat was O.K. and it looked alright to us. Monday she complained of stomach ache and her hips hurting her. We had Dr. Heider out that evening and he gave us some fever pills. She was quiet until midnight and then cried with stomachache until morning. Heider said to give the pills every two hrs. and she was quiet through the day but restless again Tuesday night. We could not get her to take any more pills. Heider had come out that evening and tested her reflexes. She could respond then. Wednesday morning, I called Helen before coming home for lunch and she said she was complaining of her stomach and hips again. I told Heider and he came right out. He asked to have another doctor. Dr Stevenson came in. They pronounced it polio and Carolyn already showed paralysis. We used hot packs, Kenny treatment, until 9:00 o'clock when Heider came out and said we could discontinue until morning. We were having a special nurse come in the morning. But Wednesday night, Carolyn rapidly got worse and about 4:00 o'clock we called the Drs. They immediately took her to the hospital and put her in the iron lung. She revived for a short time but passed away quietly at 10:45. Her last words to Helen just before the doctors came that morning were, "Mother, I'm seeing things. I see a doctor and a nurse and I'm playing a harp." There is a big ache in our hearts, but we still have Dottie.

We received the book today. Many thanks. Also, thanks for the plant, flowers and letters. Let us hear from you all often.

Lots of love,
Butch, Helen and Dottie

P. S. There are 10-12 cases of polio in the city and several in the county. A 16 yr. old girl died at Hershey Sunday on a farm, and a six yr. old boy living near the city died today. The state health authorities asked that no tonsil operations be performed here until after the epidemic subsides.



Carolyn age 3



Dottie & Carolyn Easter
Easter 1942



Helen, Art, Dottie & Carolyn
at Yellowstone 1942

Columbine Welcomes New Members

Terri Dennis

Mark Dennis

Robert Pine

Thank You To Our Spring 2023 Speakers



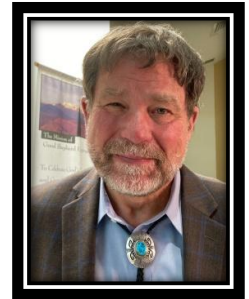
Carol Cooke Darrow
Write Up The Results
4/11/23



Barbara Elliott
Voting Records – Best Kept Secret
4/18/23



Jean Adams



Greg Liverman &
Cracking The Code
5/9/23

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Open Committee Positions

Membership Coordinator – Collect dues and maintain a membership database, distribute new member packets, member nametags, and visitors' log. Along with the publicity chair, compile and distribute the membership directory. Ask a friend to be your co-chairperson.

Nominations – This is a position for three people who have been active members for one year. Find member candidates for open positions and provide nominated candidate names to the board at the August board meeting. This position is best if filled by three people. Ask a friend to work with you.

Photographer – Do you come to meetings? You are halfway there. Just take photos of speakers, membership and activities at meetings and events then provide to newsletter and website editors.

**An organization is only as strong as its members' participation.
Help Columbine continue to be the great society that has grown for 50 years!**



A Family Spoon Story

by Joyce B. Lohse

Lately, I have been thinking more about ways to organize genealogy data I have collected through the years, and to find compelling ways to pass along nuggets of family history. Carol Darrow's CGHS program, "Don't Leave Us Hanging," contained great suggestions, and showed that others are thinking about how to preserve their hard work and labor on their family tree.

I started my ancestral journey when my son was in fifth grade and asked for help with a school assignment to fill in a basic family tree. Easy. I helped him fill in the parent slots, then the grandparent slots. After he ran off to play with his friends, I kept going ... and going, and going! Now that my grandsons are older than my son was on that fateful homework day, I feel the need to step up the pace and move this process along.

During family gatherings, I sometimes display photos from one branch of the family, in order not to overload the subject. That works pretty well while keeping everybody interested.

I wrote in the CGHS newsletter about transferring old videos to digitized versions with help from Arapahoe Library District. I am now attempting to disperse the resulting DVDs to cousins and make the video accessible to them in other formats.

A year ago, I wrote about sending a blast of information to my cousin who asked leading questions. I think I overwhelmed him, but he now has copies of important data in his possession. I also created a shadow box display of my son's grandfather's war medals as a Christmas gift. My most recent project was to create a tapestry pouch for initialed sterling silver family spoons as a gift to my daughter-in-law. She said that "we hit the ball out of the park" with this gift! With that endorsement in mind, I will share an abridged version of the letter I included. It was written as a mystery, to keep the young family interested. It apparently hit the spot!

Who Was A.D.??

A set of sterling silver spoons, engraved with the initials "A.D" on each one, was passed down through our family. According to Grandma Lohse, the spoons belonged to Ann Davidson, Grandma's great-grandmother. A.D. was my husband's great-great-grandmother, my son's gr-gr-gr-Grandmother, and the grandkids' 4th great-grandmother!

Here is what I know about this branch of the family tree: Ann Finney, who was born in England in 1844, married Richard W. Clark, born in Ireland in 1845. (Ann was one year older than Richard.)

The Irish Potato Famine in 1845-1849 resulted in mass migration from Great Britain. Ann Finney and Richard W. Clark were married in the U.S.A. in 1867. They lived in Iowa, then Wisconsin. The 1870 Census for Rock Co., Wisconsin, shows Richard Clark, 25, as a stone mason, with his wife, Ann, 26, and year-old daughter Hattie Clark, born in 1869. They lived next door to Richard's brother, William H. Clark, and his wife Anna, which causes some confusion with names.

According to Grandma Lohse, Hattie's mother Ann remarried a wealthy doctor from Iowa. However, 1889 Census and Joliet, IL City Directory show Joseph Davidson listed as a stone cutter and trader. After growing up in a struggling family, Ann received fine dinnerware, including silver spoons engraved with her initials A.D., for Ann or Anna Davidson.

Silver spoons are sturdy and thrive with use. Enjoy these spoons, which travelled through the branches of the family tree, to our present family.

As for the half-dozen spoons, I polished them, and created a tapestry holder pouch by sewing brocade fabric lined with anti-tarnish silver cloth. As a bonus, I added an antique pin, which was bent and unwearable, but retained its vintage beauty sewn on as a decoration.



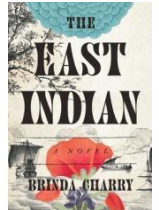
Summer Reading for Genealogists

By Susan Hollis

Several books I have read and enjoyed this year relate to genealogy and American history. Perhaps Columbine members would enjoy them also.

The East Indian by Brinda Charry.

This is the fictional account of the life of Tony, a young orphan boy kidnapped in his native India in 1635, transported to London, and then to the wilderness that was Virginia. In order to survive he became an indentured servant, gradually being trained as an assistant to a doctor. The unimaginable hardships he and fellow servants and slaves endured are graphically detailed in this tale of survival in the early settlement of Virginia. His story is based on the notation in Jamestown records of “the first East Indian transported to America.”



The Revolutionary Samuel Adams by Stacy Schiff

This biography focuses on Sam Adams, as a vital force in our birth as an independent country. Details of events starting ten years before the break with the mother country actually started, when brewer Samuel Adams was a leader among his former fellow Harvard College students who grew to adulthood filled with notions of a nation where all free men should participate in their government. It was a dangerous business in the 1760s when the mostly prosperous men of Boston came together to discuss one economic insult after another meted out by Parliament until in the end the Patriot cause came to a boil in the form of Revolution.

Ancestry by Simon Mawer

Catching the genealogy bug this author wrote his family's history. These ancestors existed only in registers and census lists, but they were once real people, who experienced birth, love, joy, fear and death almost two hundred years ago. An illiterate urchin, Abraham, scavenges on a Suffolk beach and dreams of running away to sea. A seventeen-year-old seamstress, Naomi, sitting primly in a second class carriage on the train from Sussex to London imagines a new life in the big city. A private soldier of the 50th Regiment of Foot, George, marries his Irish bride, Annie, and together they face married life under arms. This novel brings them to life by creating stories of who they were and what brought them together. The thread that connects these disparate figures is something that they cannot have known - the unbreakable bond of family.



Remembering A Columbine Members Who Has Left Us

Bonnie Jean (Lynch) Garramone transformed a long-time genealogy hobby into becoming a Denver leading expert in the field during her retirement years. She led genealogy projects and contributed to books for the Colorado Historical Society, including seminal research and storytelling for the book “Italy in Colorado.” Bonnie’s research and storytelling continued extensively documenting her own family’s stories late in her life, including her ancestral connection to colonial America. Bonnie passed May 29, 2023.

Newspaper Websites

By DJ Inman

While isolating in my basement bedroom with Covid I had plenty of time to go through Apple news on my phone. I obtained a list of news sources including one called “newspapers” where I found two articles that I thought might be of interest to our membership.

Since 1999 Thomas Tryniski has been a one man’s crusade to digitize millions of newspaper pages. He has been diligently scanning newspapers from microfilm to his free online archive, Fulton History. Currently there are over 51 million pages from American and Canadian papers in the collection. He does all of the work by himself from his Fulton, New York home. <https://apple.news/A0hNRu5KzS7yB-L1selTjzw>

Hold the front page! 400,000 historical newspaper pages made free to public online. The newspapers, courtesy of the British Newspaper Archive, covers a period between 1847 and 1920 across 67 national, regional and local titles. https://apple.news/AMygyiot_ThGZ6pONXZoKEA

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Helpful Websites

By Barbara Elliott

If you are researching in New York the “New York State Archives” (archives.nysed.gov/research) has lots of free records. There are Dutch Records with most of those already transcribed. There are over 100,000 maps including survey maps of the Erie Canal system. There are Naturalization records, Probate & Wills, Military, Land Records, just to name a few.

For those researching in North Carolina, the “North Carolina Digital Collections” (digital.ncdcr.gov) are great. There are lots of records to choose from and the site is fairly easy to use. These records are in the State Archives and most are searchable by last name, collections, dates or subjects.

Submit An Article

Do you have a story about your research or family that you would like to submit for a Columbine newsletter? Or would you like to share a reflection of your Columbine membership? Have you come across a website that helped you find some information? Maybe you have a question or observation about researching something you would like to share. Let us know. Everyone enjoys reading about other members’ research and finds. You can write a couple of paragraphs about a helpful website or a story approximately one to one and a half pages long. Submit your article to Jean Ouellette, Newsletter Editor at ColumbineGenealogy@gmail.com.

Denver Public Library News

Jaymie Middendorf started her position on June 26 as DPL's new Special Collection Genealogist Librarian in the Western History Department. Jaymie was the genealogy librarian at a public library in the Chicago area. She will be working closely with all of the societies and eventually will take over the Events Calendar and statistics, programming and outreach. Welcome Jaymie!

Of additional note we are said to report that James Rogers, Senior Special Collection Librarian retired from DPL at the end of May. He will be missed. We do wish him many happy times filling his retirement years.



Laws of Genealogy

The document containing evidence of the missing link in your research invariably will be lost due to fire, flood, or war.

The keeper of the vital records you need will just have been insulted by another genealogist.

Your Great, Great, Grandfather's obituary states that he died, leaving no issue of record.

The town clerk you wrote to in desperation, and finally convinced to give you the information you need, can't write legibly, and doesn't have a copying machine.

The will you need is in the safe on Board the "Titanic."

The spelling of your European ancestor's name bears no relationship to its current spelling or pronunciation.

That ancient photograph of four relatives, one of whom is your progenitor, carries the names of the other three.

Copies of old newspapers have holes which occur only on last names.

No one in your family tree ever did anything noteworthy, always rented property, was never sued, and was never named in wills.

You learned that Great Aunt Matilda's executor just sold her life's collection of family genealogical materials to a flea market dealer "somewhere in New York City."

Yours is the only last name not found among the 3 Billion in the world-famous Mormon archives in Salt Lake City.

Ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely proportional to the value of the date recorded.

The 37-volume, sixteen-thousand –page history of your county of origin isn't indexed.

The critical link in your family tree is named "Smith."

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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.
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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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