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## A VALUABLE GENEALOGICAL RESOURCE

By Susan Hollis



A wealth of information can be found free and available to the public on the DAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution) website. This 134-year-old organization has been gathering documentation on ancestors since its founding, and as of a few years ago opened its records to the public. You might want to look at this resource to find clues and/or documentation about your early American heritage. An important point to remember is that these records are linked only to men who served in the Revolution or rendered material aid to the cause, and whose female descendant chose to join the organization. It is not a listing of all who served during the Revolution.

Here are steps to access the DAR records...

First Google **NSDAR**. This will take you to the opening page. At the top choose **Genealogy**. In the middle of the page find **Genealogical Research (GRS)**. Then select **Ancestor Search**. These are the names of Patriots who served during the Revolution.

Example:

Ancestor Last Name	<input type="text" value="Sears"/>
Ancestor First Name	<input type="text" value="Joseph"/>
State of Service	<input type="text" value="MA"/>

Then select the **Green Search Button**

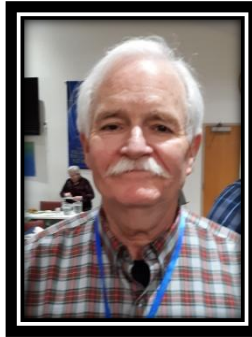
I suggest you first search by using fewer facts. By using only the Sears surname in Massachusetts I will get all the many Sears men who served from that state. Then I can check for my ancestor, Joseph Sears, and see if there are the correct wife's name and patriot birth dates and death dates. If you do not find what you want, use the usual search protocol such as filing in every blank you can, using all kinds of spelling. etc. Even if you do not find your ancestor, his brother, cousin, father, etc. may be in the database.

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## President's Message

By Sean McGuire

Now that we've passed into another year, where does Columbine Genealogy stand? This organization has been in existence more than 50 years now, and we're still going strong. Our strength is in our membership. The trend over the last few years, in non-profit organizations, has been a reluctance of members to get involved. Fortunately, we've had some of our members step up and volunteer for important positions.



Stephen Asay and Chuck Towne both volunteered to become our new Secretary. Chuck wanted to know if there was an upper age limit. I answered absolutely not! We don't discriminate against those with gray hair. I've asked Stephen to be our new Secretary, and Chuck to help Pam Rosendal (another new volunteer) on the audit. Also, Gary Witt has been making significant contributions to our membership department.

Columbine Genealogy would be nothing without the willingness of a number of people to commit their time and effort to make us succeed. I'd love to mention the names of our members who make this happen. But, on the other hand, I'm reluctant to do so at the risk of excluding someone. But I'd especially like to thank Cheryl Floberg, our outgoing Secretary, and her husband Ron, who has conducted our audits for the last couple of years. Good job, you two.

And thank you, everyone else, who make this organization run.



### DO YOU HAVE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION / GOAL FOR YOUR GENEALOGY RESEARCH?

Let us know about your genealogical resolution/goal and the results. Share the story about your journey.



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## *Columbine Genealogy Meetings*

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

**Program Meetings** . . . . . 1:00 p.m. MT – 2nd Tuesday of the month - **In-Person & via Zoom**  
 Meeting Place: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 8545 E. Dry Creek Rd., Centennial, CO 80112

**December Holiday Event** . . . 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in December – **In-Person**

**Education - Skills Sessions** . . . 1:00 p.m. MT – 3rd Tuesday of the month - **via Zoom**

**Special Interest Groups** - open to CGHS Members Only

Deeds & Property Records, Wills, Early Church Records . . . 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month at 10:00 a.m. MT via Zoom only

Family Tree Maker Software . . . . . 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month at 10:00 a.m. MT via Zoom only

Beginning Research, Websites & Software . . . . . scheduled according to Southglenn Library availability,  
 6972 S. Vine St., Centennial, CO 80122

If you wish to attend a SIG contact Barbara Elliott at [columbinegenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:columbinegenealogy@gmail.com)

**Board of Directors Meetings** . . . . . 9:00 a.m. MT – 2nd Tuesday of each month (except June, July & Dec.) **via Zoom**  
 Columbine members are welcome to attend our board meetings.

**Columbine Writers’ Group** . . . . . 10:00 a.m. MT – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month **via Zoom**

**Annual Dues:** Individual – \$35.00 Household – \$45.00

For information about Columbine meetings, changes, additions or cancellations visit our website: [www.columbinegenealogy.com](http://www.columbinegenealogy.com)

Find news updates at: [www.facebook.com/columbinegenealogy/](https://www.facebook.com/columbinegenealogy/)

**BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE** – If the President postpones a meeting due to an emergency or bad weather, the Publicity chair will send emails to members. *Please do not call the Church office.*

## PROGRAM PREVIEWS

**Marylee Hagen, Vice President, Programs**

**Tuesday January 14 1:00 – 3:00 PM**



## COMBINING DNA & GENEALOGICAL DETECTIVE WORK TO DISCOVER A ROWDY GREAT – GRANDFATHER: A DNA CASE STUDY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION



**Presenter: Bob (“Bobski”) Masson** is a retired high-tech marketing guy. Bobski helped design marketing programs in areas such as genomics, drug discovery, molecular modeling, and personalized medicine. He was around to see the first draft of the entire human genome sequence in 2001. Bobski is also an ardent genealogist, which started when he received the “family bible” from a great-aunt. Written in German, there were rudiments of a family tree tucked away in the bible, and it spurred a (now) 40-year journey in exploring his relatives.

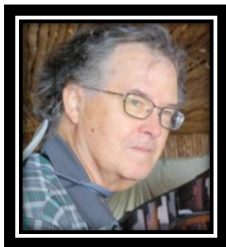
**Description:** A rough-and-tumble cowboy from Canada ended up in Wyoming using an alias and with two kids in tow. He then disappeared, leaving the kids and their mother—and a mystery—behind. This presentation details the detective work used to track down the “Cotton-eyed Joe.” Bob will describe the process of elimination employed to narrow down the possibilities regarding the identity of the mystery G-Grandfather, and the genealogical research that verified the results of that process. It is geared towards an audience familiar with autosomal DNA and experienced in genealogy.

**In-Person and via Zoom**

**Location - Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 8545 E. Dry Creek Road, Centennial, CO 80112**

**Tuesday February 11 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

## GOOGLE MAPS AND MY MAPS



**Presenter: Tony Hjelmstad** has led the Fjelldalen Slektforskningklubb (Norwegian genealogy club) since 2019 and is currently the editor of the CoPalAm and Fjelldalen Newsletters. He does occasional presentations around Colorado for various groups. Tony has been helping his wife with genealogy since 1990 and been active on his own genealogy since 1995. He has found all of his U.S. immigrants and has traced most of them back to before 1700. He is a member of NGS, CGS, CoPalAm and PalAm (Germany), Slekt og Data (The Genealogy Society of Norway), The Finlandia Foundation of Colorado,

W.I.S.E., St. Charles County History Society, St. Louis Genealogy Society, and the Highlands Ranch Genealogy Society. He has written several articles for the NGS Blog, for the Sons of Norway Viking magazine, NGS GEMS, and both the PalAm and CoPalAm newsletters.

**Description:** Google provides two tools that can help with planning road trips, Google My Maps, and good old Google Maps. **Google Maps** enables you to create and save detailed direction instructions with up to 10 destinations. Therefore, you can only get directions from place A to place J via 8 other stops along the road. You can only use one Layer. Tony will also talk about Google Earth.

**Google My Maps** The main job of Google My Maps is to save a map with lots of pinned locations. You can save 10,000 pins in a single Google My Map in dozens of Layers. You can also add driving instructions as separate Layers and alter the routes. This allows you to have a layer for what to see on a specific day and another layer for how to drive it including the time it will take. You can even send the directions to your cell phone.



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**Tuesday March 11 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

## FAMINE HARDSHIPS AND EMIGRANT JOURNEYS TO AMERICA AND OTHER LANDS



**Presenter: Marylee Hagen** has a B.A. and M.A. in Education from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. She started her genealogy research in 1995. Marylee is a member of several genealogy societies and given many presentations. She has traveled and researched in Ireland.

**Description:** Marylee will provide detailed information about her three Irish great - grandparents who came to the United States during the famine. She will show ship records for their passage. The handout will include helpful websites and books.



**In-Person and via Zoom**

**Location - Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 8545 E. Dry Creek Road, Centennial, CO 80112**



# Skills Session

## EDUCATION PREVIEWS

Darla Hofmeir & Barbara Elliott  
Co-Coordinators



Tuesday January 21 1:00 – 3:00 PM

## OPENING UP THE U. S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGMENT



**Presenter:** Carol Darrow has been a professional genealogist for the past 24 years. She currently teaches free Beginning Genealogy classes on Zoom and facilitates a WriteNOW family writing group on [cogensoc.us](http://cogensoc.us) via Zoom.

**Description:** The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is full of treasures. There are documents dealing with Cash Sales of land across the United States. There are Military Bounty Land assignments and after 1862, there are Homestead patents “to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain.” The

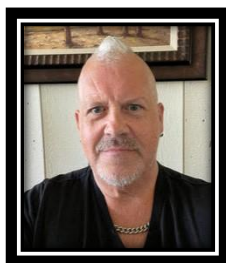
BLM also granted Timber Culture (1873), Homestead Entry-Stock Raising (1916) and Mineral Patents, Indian Allotments, and the list goes on and on. Let’s search for and find your ancestors there.



Presented via Zoom only

Tuesday February 18 1:00 – 3:00 PM

## 10 MUST HAVES FOR GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY SUCCESS



**Presenter:** Thomas MacEntee is a professional genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research and as a means of interacting with others in the family history community. Thomas is a guy with a love of punk rock music but also art history who somehow “fell” into the technology industry years ago. He left a lucrative tech career to pursue his love of family history and genealogy. Technology and historical research seem like opposites, but “tech people” like Thomas are needed to guide you through the maze of options so you can find your ancestors and bring their stories to life.

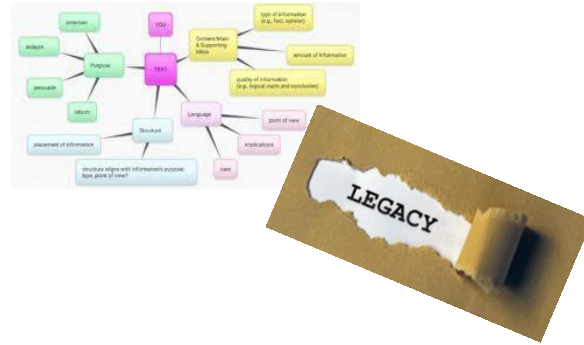
**Description:** Whether you’re just “dabbling” in genealogy and researching your roots, or you’ve become a “hard core lifer” obsessed with “the hunt,” there are basic skills that family historians of all levels have in common. We’ll review those skills that can help you find success researching online or in-person. There will be a handout to accompany this presentation.

### Outline

- Is there a RIGHT WAY to do GENEALOGY?
- The 10 Must-Haves



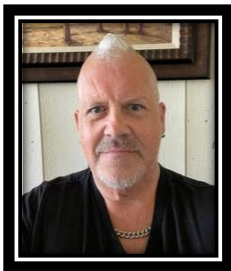
1. A Sense of Purpose
  2. Communication Skills
  3. Writing Skills
  4. Genealogy Research Toolbox
  5. Organization Skills
  6. Evidence Evaluation Skills
  7. Source Citation Skills
  8. Tech Skills
  9. A Sense of Fun
  10. A Sense of Legacy
- What if I did it WRONG?
  - Resource List



**Presented via Zoom only**

**Tuesday March 18 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

## **GENEALOGY DO-OVER™: A YEAR OF LEARNING FROM MISTAKES**



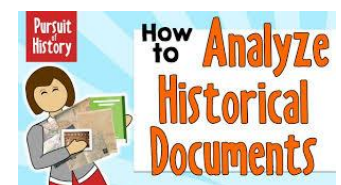
**Presenter:** **Thomas MacEntee** is a professional genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research and as a means of interacting with others in the family history community.

**Description:** It isn't often that we get a "do-over" when it comes to stuff that matters in life. When you first got started researching your family history, did you do some things that now are just plain "embarrassing" such as name collecting, not citing sources and more? Well now there's hope since genealogists from beginner to advanced are employing new research methodologies and documentation practices. Follow genealogist Thomas MacEntee as he

basically starts his genealogy research from scratch but includes sound research practices and methodologies as well as new templates, tools, and the latest technology for better family history research. There will be a handout to accompany this presentation.

### **Outline**

- The Seven Deadly Sins of a Sloppy Genealogist – A Learning Opportunity
- Confessing My Sins and Committing to a Better Way
- The Seven Successful Virtues of a Reborn Genealogist
  - Creating a Genealogy Plan
  - Embracing the Genealogical Proof Standard
  - Using a Genealogy Research Log
  - Citing Your Sources – It's Not as Scary as You Think
  - Analyzing Data Before Using Data
  - Capturing and Organizing Content
  - Sharing Your Family History Finds
- Staying the Course and Moving Forward
- Resource List



**Presented via Zoom only**



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**Darla Hofmeir & Barbara Elliott**  
Co-Chairpersons



### DEEDS AND PROPERTY RECORDS • WILLS • EARLY CHURCH RECORDS

These groups have been combined and will meet on the 1st Monday of each month at 10 a.m. **via Zoom**

January 6, 2025

February 3, 2025

March 3, 2025

**FAMILY TREE MAKER SOFTWARE** will meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. **via Zoom**

January 23, 2025

February 27, 2025

March 27, 2025 Continuation determined by group

### BASIC BEGINNING RESEARCH

This research group will continue to trace one ancestor or surname through available records. If you need help with researching, this group can help answer your questions. This group will meet at the **Southglenn Library**, 6972 S. Vine Street, Centennial, CO 80122, the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

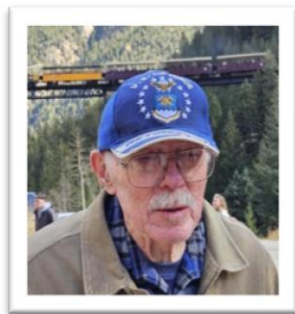
January 28, 2025

February 25, 2025

March 25, 2025

If you wish to attend contact Barbara Elliott at [ColumbineGealogy@gmail.com](mailto:ColumbineGealogy@gmail.com) so you can be sent a Zoom link.

## REMEMBERING COLUMBINE MEMBERS



**Larry Dean Foos** passed away August 14, 2024 at the age of 81. Larry and his wife Barbara (Ulrich) settled in Littleton after he retired from the Air Force in 1987. They became active in the Swedish Genealogical Society as well as Columbine. He graduated from CSC now the University of Northern Colorado in 1965 with a degree in Industrial Arts Education. Participating in ROTC he was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Air Force. He spent his career in the Strategic Air Command with assignments in aircraft maintenance management while stationed in nine different bases. After retiring Larry worked for Continental at the Base Maintenance Facility at Stapleton Airport until he was the last one to turn off the lights as they shut down the maintenance operation. After retiring he gave back to his community volunteering with various organizations. Fulfilling his dream he created a G-Scale Columbine Loop Garden Railroad in his yard to the delight of his grandkids.

Larry is survived by his wife Barbara, daughter Sheri Rocha, son Loren Foos and grandchildren Katie and Michael Rocha.

## DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY GENEALOGY NEWS

DPL's Special Collections and Archives staff and volunteers recently indexed their collection of Family History Library (FHL) microfilm. This small collection is from FamilySearch's microfilm lending program. FamilySearch ended their lending program in 2017 when they shifted to prioritize digitization of their record collections. Use the index to see which microfilmed records DPL has available. Each entry on the index links to FamilySearch's catalog page, and you can view many of the digitized images from the films with your free FamilySearch account (look for the note "FamilySearch account" under accessibility). Some strengths of this collection are the large number of Coloradoan Catholic church records and the records from Potenza in Italy. These films are stored in one of DPL's closed stacks areas, so ask a Special Collections and Archives Librarian at the Central Library to get started researching this collection.



## THANK YOU TO OUR FALL 2024 SPEAKERS



**Kelly Glenn**  
Spinning Through Time: Carousels  
October 8



**Mark Olsen**  
What's New In Family Tree Maker  
October 15



**Connie Magee Masson**  
Woman's Land Army of American in WWI  
November 12

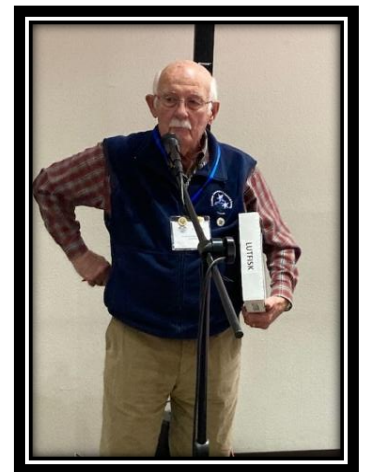
## DECEMBER 10, 2024 MEETING SPEAKERS AND HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



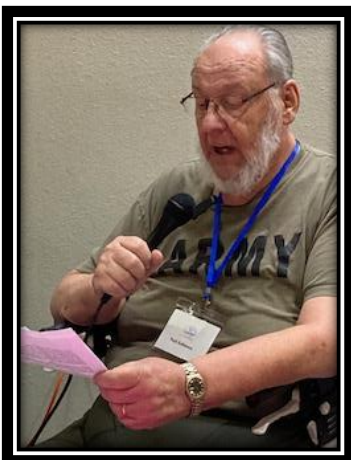
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SWEDEN



**Neil Johnson**  
GERMANY



**Nan Reubert**  
ITALY



**Julie McKemy**  
ENGLAND





## A VALUABLE GENEALOGICAL RESOURCE

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When you have located your ancestor, you can check the list of his children to tell if anyone has joined on that child's line. If you are lucky, his son or daughter (your direct ancestor) may be listed. For this example I choose Zachariah. Press the little red colored box to see the descendants line for him. This shows the line from the modern day DAR member back to the soldier.

Press the little red-colored box to see the line of descent. The yellow S box indicates whether there is supporting documentation for this patriot and this is the gold mine you are seeking. It may contain a marriage record, complete list of children and birthdates, military service details, etc. You cannot view this file online, but you can order it by pushing the green Purchase button.

If you find the person you want, you then have the option of ordering for a fee one or both files attached to him. (The little box A is for ordering the DAR member's Application.) If you select box D and/or S (Supporting Documentation) you will be sent to a shopping cart and then to checkout. You will enter your credit card number. The cost for an application is \$10 and the cost for a documentation packet is \$20. Be sure you look at the box titled Supporting Documentation, Downloadable Adobe PDF Documents available which tells you how many pages you will receive in this file. (Checking recently I found for one patriot 2 documents and for another patriot 68 documents. The price is the same.) You will need to decide which file, one or both, you wish to order. If you order, you will receive the file within a few minutes from the system, sent to your email in a PDF.

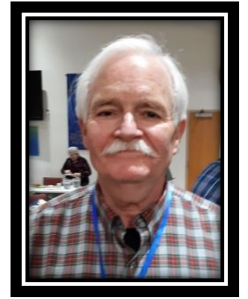
Don't forget to explore the additional buttons at the top of the search page. Descendants, Member (DAR member) and other buttons are available also.

DAR members are women over the age of 18 who can prove descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Any woman regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove their lineage, is eligible to join.

The screenshot displays the DAR Ancestor Search website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Library Catalog', 'Record Copy', 'DAR.org', and 'GIVE', along with social media icons. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with 'Ancestor', 'Member', 'Descendants', 'GRC', 'Rev War', 'Bibles', and 'Resources'. The main heading is 'Ancestor Search' with the subtext 'Search for Revolutionary Era Ancestors'. A search form is present with the following fields: Ancestor Last Name (Sears), Ancestor First Name (Joseph), State of Service (MA), Ancestor Number, State of Birth, State of Death, Spouse Last/Maiden Name, and Spouse First Name. A red asterisk indicates that at least one of the marked fields must have a value. There are 'SEARCH' and 'Clear Form' buttons. To the right of the form is a 'Search Options' sidebar with links for 'Overview & Help', 'New Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Child Search', 'Recent', 'Previous', and 'Refine Search'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Become a Member!' section featuring a photo of three women and the text 'DAR members are women who come from diverse backgrounds and share a common goal: to preserve the history of the American Revolution.'



## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF COLORADO WITH SEAN MCGUIRE'S COLORADO QUIZ PART 1



1. Mount Evans has been renamed:
  - a) Blue Sky Mountain
  - b) Chivington Peak
  - c) Mount Evans has not been renamed.
  
2. An old-time KOA-AM radio announcer by the name of Pete Smythe supposedly broadcast his show from the town of:
  - a) Leadville, Colorado
  - b) East Tincup, Colorado
  - c) Marble, Colorado
  
3. KVOD, a Classical Music radio station, used to broadcast from its studio at:
  - a) Ruby Hill Park in Denver
  - b) the El Rancho Restaurant, at the Evergreen exit
  - c) The Fort Restaurant, near Morrison, Colorado
  
4. Alferd Packer held a feast near the town of:
  - a) Lake City, Colorado
  - b) Saguache, Colorado
  - c) Marble, Colorado
  
5. The intersection of I-25 and I-70 in Denver, Colorado was known locally as:
  - a) the rat trap
  - b) the mouse trap
  - c) the squirrel cage
  
6. The 26 alphabetical streets immediately west of Broadway in Denver, Colorado are named after:
  - a) occupations
  - b) Indian tribes
  - c) U.S. Presidents
  
7. The highest town or city in Colorado is:
  - a) Alma, Colorado
  - b) Silverton, Colorado
  - c) Leadville, Colorado
  
8. A Bristlecone Pine Forest can be found near:
  - a) Alma, Colorado, in Park County
  - b) Pingree Park, Colorado, in Larimer County
  - c) Slumgullion Pass, Hinsdale County



9. A business called BWM of Denver Downtown is located at 1040 South Colorado Boulevard in the Denver metro area. This business is located in:
- The City and County of Denver
  - Glendale, Denver County
  - Glendale, Arapahoe County
10. Denver, Colorado is based on a grid map. The zero coordinates of this grid are located at:
- Broadway at Colfax Avenue
  - Broadway at Ellsworth Avenue
  - 16th Street and Cheyenne Place
11. Which Denver streets have two different names?
- Market Street, extending into Walnut Street
  - East 32nd Avenue, extending into Martin Luther King Avenue
  - Colfax Avenue, extending into U.S. 40
  - Leetsdale Drive, extending into Parker Road
  - all of the above
12. The most important marble quarry in Colorado is located in:
- Pitkin County
  - Gunnison County
  - Garfield County
13. The town of Basalt, Colorado is located in:
- Pitkin County, Colorado
  - Eagle County, Colorado
  - in both Pitkin and Eagle Counties
14. A roller coaster by the name of the Wild Mouse or the Wild Chipmunk was located at:
- Elitch Gardens at 38th and Tennyson
  - Lakeside Amusement Park at 44th and Sheridan
  - both locations
15. The only highway in America that was funded as a toll road, then decommissioned as a toll road after its construction costs were paid was:
- U.S. 36
  - Colorado Highway 36
  - The Denver-Boulder Turnpike



**Columbine Genealogy has received two generous donations from members. We wish to thank Chuck Towne and Joel and Eileen Miles for their generous gifts to our general fund. Their thoughtfulness is appreciated.**







## Excerpt from the Will of John Hull, Edenton, North Carolina, d. Jan 14, 1747

Submitted by Maggie Schmidt



Published in  
North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 1, from Ancestry.com.

...and my body to the earth, to be buried in manner following, by my executors hereafter named, viz, that there be a neat plain walnut coffin full large and my body put therein, without either screws or nayles, or any other security except hindged on one side, and that there be a hole or vault made 8 feet long, 3 ½ feet wide, and four feet deep, made from ye bottom up with bricks, 2 ½ feet above the ground, with three red cedar pieces across near the bottom, worked in ye brick wall to prevent water coming to the coffin, which vault I order and direct to be made due South thirty rods from my house on my Island called Batis Grove (otherwise Hulls Island). I desire my wife Susannah Hull be taken up and first put in the above vault, then my body; the top to be covered with a tombstone which I direct my executors to provide, with our names, time of decease and age. I do likewise desire, if there should be any eminent Quaker Minister in these parts at the time of my burial, that he or she be desired to give a discourse, but if none such to be had, I desire that no other Clergyman of any other persuasion be suffered to have anything to do on the occasion...



## ROOTSTECH FULL CONFERENCE Thursday–Saturday, March 6–8, 2025 Family Discovery Day (Free): Saturday, March 8, 2025

The paid in-person conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.  
The online RootsTech conference will be available for free on RootsTech.org.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

**Elaine Osborn** has been researching for many years but still has a brick wall in western Pennsylvania where she is searching for her maternal second great-grandmother's maiden name. Her first name was Mary and her husband was Thomas D. Richardson. Issac Lopus is the name of another one of her maternal second great-grandfathers and Elaine is hoping to find the origin of his surname. On her father's paternal line, she can trace her ancestors to New England in the 1630s, but so far has not found a Mayflower connection. Germany is the origin of her father's mother's family, who arrived in New York in 1867.

**Nancy Worthington** is beginning genealogical research with her sister's assistance. They are researching the surnames Olson, Palmer, Babcock, Dreyer, and Roesgen which have Swedish and German origins.

**Jacqueline Langey-Johnson** is also researching names with German origins. She is researching surnames Zoelloer, Bales, Thomas, Pelham and Hobart. In the US she is researching areas in New York and the Midwest.

We also would like to welcome new members **Peter and Connie Badger** who live in Highlands Ranch, CO.



## MEMBERSHIP MONTH M&M

### Jean Adams, Membership Co-Chair

Columbine Genealogy is ready to start a new year of genealogy and history through our programs, special interest groups, newsletters, website and fellowship. We called November our **Membership Month (M & M)** with the kickoff announcement during the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Your annual membership expires December 31, 2024. Renew now to continue receiving all the membership benefits. Go to our website <https://columbinegenealogy.com/> for more information on how to pay by check or credit card.

### RECIPE FOR COLUMBINE GENEALOGY M & M'S:

#### Special Ingredients:

Volunteers  
Dues for speakers/programs

#### Blend together:

Classes and Programs  
Quarterly Newsletter

#### Measure and Mix in Members Only Benefits:

Recorded presentations & handouts  
Writers' Group

#### Special Topping for Members Only:

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



**Instructions:** Bake in a family chart that is pie shaped or tree shaped.

**High Altitude baking instructions:** Baking time varies. At Denver's elevation of 5,280 allow 4 hours for searching through tidbits at Denver Public Library. In Leadville, elevation 10,119, allow 8 hours for snow days.

### DON'T MISS ANY 2025 MEMBERSHIP PERKS

A Great Membership Perk is access to research help from our Special Interest Groups and Classes. And members can watch previously recorded programs for ideas and hints to pursue their genealogy investigations – a good tool to refresh your research skills or if you miss a live program! Join us for a great year of fantastic Programs and Skills Sessions.

So, How do I join?

It's easy. Go to [Friends Corner](#) to join online. Or download our [membership form](#) and mail it or bring it to a meeting.

Program Videos are a Membership Perk. Most programs, skills sessions and SIGs are recorded. Only members have access to these recordings, so [become a member](#) now.

Benefits of Membership:

- Access to valuable resources: Participate in informative SIGs as a benefit of your Columbine membership.
- Learn from experienced researchers: Gain insights and tips from fellow members and experienced genealogists.
- Get your questions answered: Find solutions to your research roadblocks in a supportive group setting.
- Expand your knowledge base: Deepen your understanding of various research methods and resources.

We encourage all members to take advantage of these valuable resources and enhance their genealogical research journey!

## COPYRIGHT

Copyright law provides protection for books, sheet music, films, photos and more from entering public domain. This law is a statute that can be amended by Congress at any time. Public domain allows a publication to be free to the public to copy, reuse, adapt or distribute. As of January 1, 1999 there was a 20-year pause on releasing works to public domain. But as of December 31, 2018 “the end of the calendar year in which copyrights would otherwise expire” Congress neglected to act. Therefore, as of January 1, 2019 we could start to use publications dated before 1923. Congress still has not amended the copyright law since 2018. This January 1, 2025 we are now able to use works legally published in the United States before 1930. Hopefully Congress will continue to leave the copyright law as it stands.

*Information taken from The Legal Genealogist by Judy G. Russell Jan 2, 2025 and Denver Public Library Jan 1, 2025 informational articles.*

## YOUR NEWSLETTER



This newsletter is produced with the help of many people submitting articles and information about the world of genealogy. Thank you to all who participated. Please consider writing an article for our next issue. The April newsletter deadline is March 1.

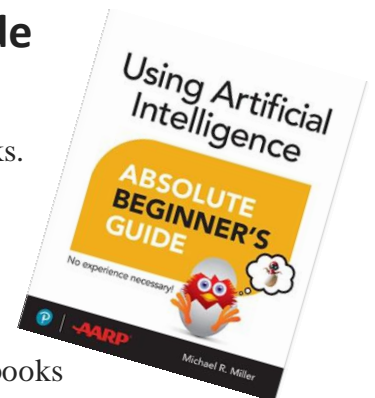
**May your 2025 research break down many brick walls.**

## Using Artificial Intelligence Absolute Beginner's Guide

Author **Michael R. Miller**

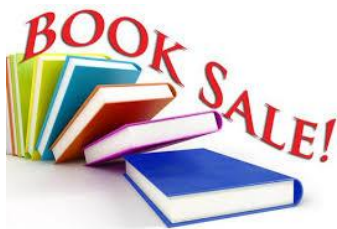
This book was released on November 27, 2024 by Que Publishing and AARP Books.

Learn about today's AI tools and how to get the best results. Turn ideas into art, write a great email, research everything from planning a trip to your next big purchase. And find out how to protect yourself from the risks of AI and distinguish AI fakes from the real thing.



[aarp.org/techbooks](http://aarp.org/techbooks)

## The PPGS Virtual Book Sale is back!



Pikes Peak Genealogical Society's Virtual Book sale will run from **8:00 am January 5, 2025 to 5:00 pm January 18, 2025**. The sale may be accessed by clicking the link in the left-hand menu of the home page for PPGS (<https://ppgs.org/index.php>) during the dates/times of the sale. Please read **ALL** of the explanatory material for the sale so that you understand how the sale will be conducted. All proceeds of the sale go to the PPGS General Fund to support their monthly speaker program and educational program.

Listed will be over 1351 items in the categories of Biographies/Autobiographies; Cooking, Gardening & Nature; Family Histories; Genealogy Reference & Methods; General Fiction & Nonfiction; History; Lifestyle; Maps & Other Graphics; Periodicals & Newsletters; and Other/Misc. Many of these books are rare and/or out-of-print. This is particularly true of the Family Histories material.

**SEAN MCGUIRE'S QUIZ – ANSWERS**

1. Mount Evans has been renamed Blue Sky Mountain.
2. Pete Smythe told listeners he was broadcasting from East Tincup.
3. KVOB used to broadcast from its studio at Ruby Hill Park.
4. Alferd Packer's victims were eaten near Lake City.
5. The convergence of those two highways were known as the mousetrap.
6. Those streets are named after Indian tribes.
7. Carbonate is the highest statutory town and extinct mining camp at 10,925 feet. Alma is the highest populated town at 10,578 feet. Leadville is the highest city at 10,152 feet. Silverton is located at 9,308 feet.
7. That forest may be found near the town of Alma.
9. That business address is located in Glendale, Arapahoe County. Although Glendale lies entirely within the City and County of Denver, it is part of Arapahoe County.
10. The zero coordinates are located at Broadway and Ellsworth.
11. All four streets have two different names.
12. The Yule Marble Quarry is located near Marble, Gunnison County.
13. The town of Basalt is nearly equally located in both counties.
14. That roller coaster was located at Elitch Gardens until a fatal accident occurred, then Lakeside Amusement Park purchased and installed it.
15. All of those names describe the same road.



“Humor from British Newspapers”