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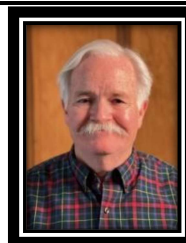
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The William Goss Conundrum

By Sean McGuire



Have you ever had trouble distinguishing between relatives with similar names, especially from the 18th or 19th centuries? This was a problem I encountered in researching the descendants of my 6th great-grandparents from England, Henry Goss (1743-1798) and Mary Pelgrave (born 1745). They lived in Pennsylvania, and had two great-grandsons named William Goss.

Consider the following:

William Goss was born in 1828 on a farm at Beaver Township, Union County (now Snyder County), Pennsylvania. He married a woman named Mary Ann and had at least ten children, some of whom were named Mary, William, and Peter. William Goss died in 1901.

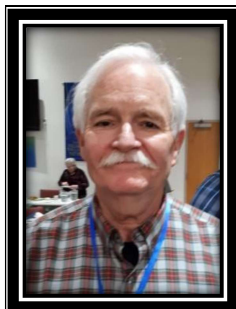
Now consider his second cousin, William Goss. This William Goss was born in 1828 on a farm at Beaver Township, Union County (now Snyder County), Pennsylvania. He married a woman named Mary Ann and had at least thirteen children, some of whom were named Mary, William, and Peter. This William Goss died in 1901.

Did you happen to notice that the previous two paragraphs are almost exactly the same?

This must have caused massive headaches for all involved - schoolteachers, neighbors, and themselves. Beaver Township consists of 18.9 square miles, and had a population of only 509 people in 2020. I'd venture to say that there was a greater population in 1850.

Here, Find A Grave was extremely helpful in sorting out this family. If you go to Find a Grave and enter the information.

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President's Message

By Sean McGuire

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – BARBARA ELLIOTT



Most of you recognize Barb Elliott as our immediate Past-President. That's actually her job title on the current Board of Directors. Well, that's one of her job titles. The other is Co-Chair of the Education Committee. She and Darla Hofmeir share responsibility for our third Tuesday Skills Sessions and Special Interest Groups. Barb has also served as Secretary of Columbine Genealogy for four years. Barb Elliott grew up in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, a small community on the outskirts of Tulsa. She is the daughter of George Elliott and Aurel Zohn Elliott, both native Kansans. Her father was a jet mechanic for McDonnell Douglas. Barb grew up with one brother, Bruce.

Barb studied computer technology at the Oklahoma State University School of Technical Training in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. After school, she found work at the Seismograph Service Company, where she met her future husband, Carl Elliott.

Carl was from New York, and attended college at the State University of New York in Oswego, where he studied to become a geophysicist. Barbara and Carl married in February, 1977 at her home town of Sand Springs. Carl's job required them to move a number of times. They ended up in Colorado in 1989. Barb and Carl had one son, Steve, who lives nearby. She has three grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and 3 step-great-grandchildren. Unfortunately, Carl died in 2017, one month after being diagnosed with amyloidosis.

Although Barb is not a member of the Latter Day Saints, she has the distinction of serving as a community volunteer at the Family History Library for 32 years! So if any of you need an expert on accessing information at that fine institution, Barb is your go-to gal. Barb lives in Centennial, Colorado with two rescue boxer-mix dogs, Apollo and Ares, who are brothers.

Barb's favorite aspect of being a member of Columbine Genealogy is the people. Next time you see her, say hello.



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COLUMBINE GENEALOGY MEETINGS

Meeting Times: (except June, July, August, & December)

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 2nd 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 1st Monday of the Month at 10:00 a.m. MT via Zoom only

Family Tree Maker Software 4th 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

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 – 3rd Wednesday of the month **via Zoom**

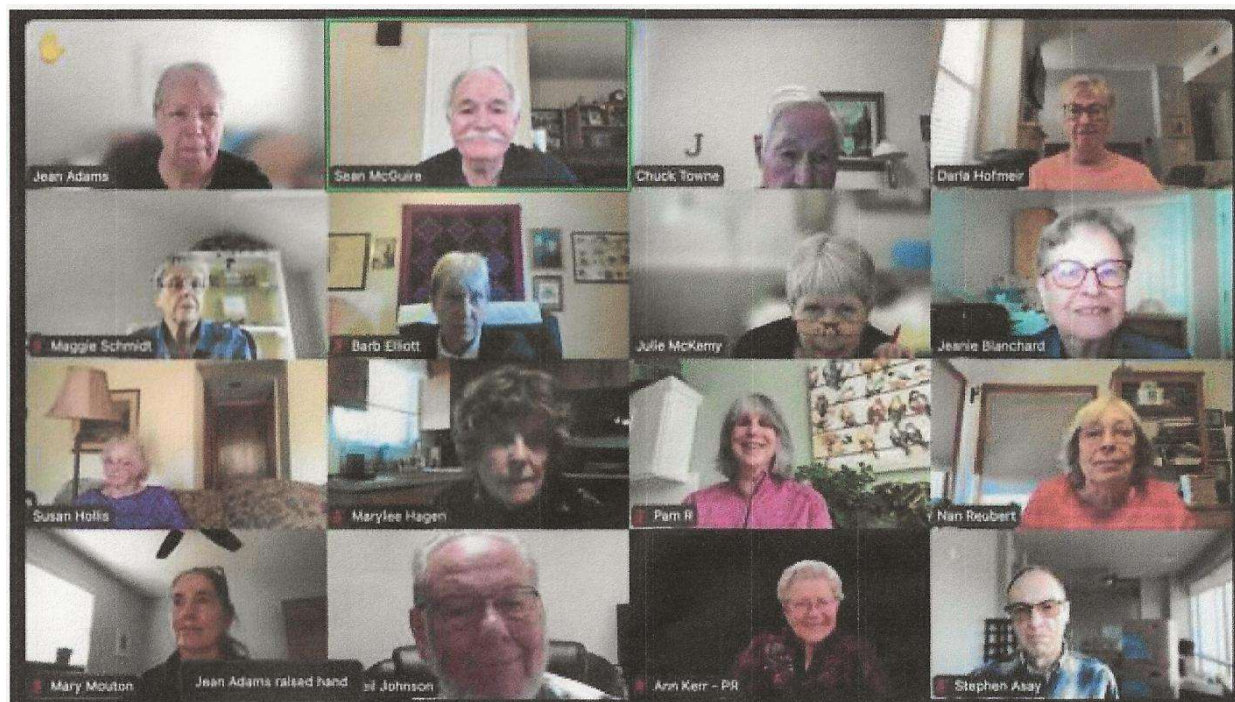
Annual Dues: Individual – \$35.00 Household – \$45.00

For information about Columbine meetings, changes, additions or cancellations visit our website: www.columbinegenealogy.com

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.*

2025 COLUMBINE GENEALOGY BOARD



PROGRAM PREVIEWS

Marylee Hagen, Vice President, Programs

Tuesday April 8 1:00 – 3:00 PM



ENGLISH ANCESTRY IS ALL AROUND US



Presenter: Sylvia Tracy-Doolos has over 40 years of genealogical experience as a researcher, teacher, lecturer, and writer. She is a member and officer of the Colorado Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the International Society of British Genealogy and Family History (ISBGFH), and the Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England Family History Society (WISE-FHS), plus a member of the Colorado Genealogical Society and others. She has a BA in History with a minor focusing on linguistics to better understand the role of language change and its effect on record keeping.

Description: As a result of the Revolutionary War, our ancestors often identified as less English and more American patriots. Yet, over half of America's 100 most common surnames could be English. Let's look at the hidden history of being English in America.

In-Person and via Zoom

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

Tuesday May13 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Becky Clark

MAY SOCIAL



At our upcoming May 13th meeting Becky Clark, our Writers Group facilitator, will talk about the Columbine Writers Group, what they do and the fun they have together sharing their writings about family.

Part of this fun will be that we are encouraging members to bring family stories that they have written and produced in hard copy for a Show n' Tell table.



Please bring books and materials you have written about your family's genealogy to the meeting. A table will be set up to display member contributions and after Becky's talk, contributors will come to the table and share information about their experiences in writing their family histories.

This is also the meeting where we share spring refreshments. – Everyone is encouraged to bring finger food, savory or sweet, to share with others. And bring a friend, as all are welcome! There will be door prizes!



Do you have genealogy books and magazines that you no longer need? Bring them to the meeting to exchange.

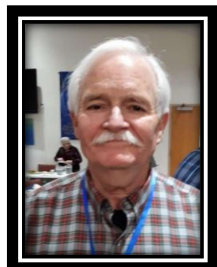
In Person and via Zoom

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

*Skills Session***EDUCATION PREVIEWS**

Darla Hofmeir & Barbara Elliott
Co-Coordiators

Tuesday April 15 1:00 – 3:00 P

**TIPS ON USING ANCESTRY.COM**

Presenter: Sean McGuire is a Denver, Colorado native who is a retired Attorney and Certified Public Accountant. He has a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Colorado, Juris Doctor from the University of Denver, and a Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Denver. He has had a non-traditional career, and retired as a Criminal Investigator for the State of Colorado. Somewhat recently widowed, he has a daughter in Brooklyn, New York. He lives with his pal, a Scottish Terrier named Rusty. Sean has been working with genealogy for approximately 10 years and has been a Columbine member since 2017. He is in his second two-year term as President of Columbine Genealogy.

Description: The focus of this Skills Session is using the website Ancestry.com. There will be three sections. First, a few basic rules for beginners will be discussed. Second, Sean will talk about analyzing DNA using the Thru-Lines and Common Ancestors features of Ancestry.com. This will be a hands-on session, and Sean will show you how he incorporates his DNA matches into his tree. Lastly, Sean will demonstrate the power of Ancestry.com's ProTools.



Presented via Zoom only

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

Darla Hofmeir & Barbara Elliott
Co-Chairpersons

**DEEDS • PROPERTY RECORDS • WILLS • EARLY CHURCH RECORDS**

Gain valuable insights on using deeds, property records, wills and church records to trace your family history. Bring your research challenges for group discussion and support. Group meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 10 a.m. **via Zoom**

Monday, April 7, 2025

Monday, May 5, 2025

Monday, June 2, 2025

FAMILY TREE MAKER SOFTWARE

Get practical tips and tricks for navigating FTM and building your family tree. Group meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. **via Zoom**

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Thursday, June 26, 2025

BASIC BEGINNING RESEARCH

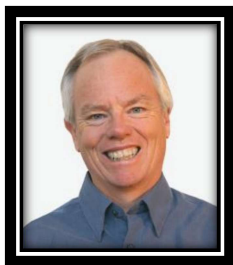
Connect with fellow genealogists whether you are just starting your research or wish to enhance your skills. This group meets at the **Arapahoe Southglenn Library**, 6972 S. Vine Street, Centennial, CO 80122, the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

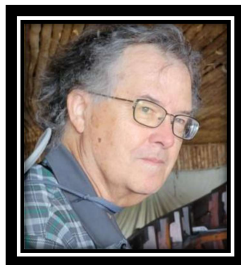
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

If you are member and wish to attend contact Barbara Elliott at ColumbineGealogy@gmail.com so you can be sent a Zoom link.

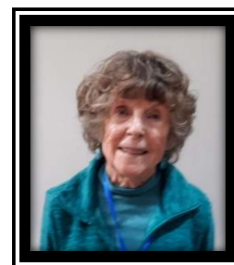
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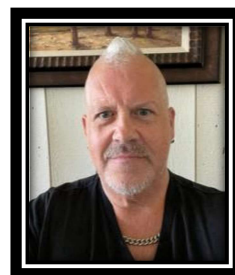
Tony Hjelmstad
Google Maps & My Maps
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Marylee Hagen
Famine & Emigrant Journeys
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Carol Darrow
Bureau of Land Management
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Thomas MacEntee
10 Must Haves for Success
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Thomas MacEntee
Genealogy Do-Over
March 18

THOMAS MACENTEE

Retiring Genealogy Guy - Advocate for Ancestor Awesomeness

Thomas MacEntee is retiring at the end of 2025 and is ready to start his next adventure in 2026. He has spent 50 years tracing, teaching, hosting webinars, and organizing genealogy bloggers. Thomas thanks everyone who joined him on his journey through tech and history. He won't be disappearing totaling as he will be there cheering on new genealogists, advocating for research innovation and acknowledging breakthroughs. Thomas says "Remember: Celebrate the success of others, believe in possibilities, and keep those family stories alive for future generations." There is still time to book a webinar for your group via this link: <https://genealogybargains.com/genealogy-webinar-request/>. Thomas has also published numerous books which can be obtained online.

For books are more than books, they are the life,
The very heart and core of ages past;
The reason why men lived, and worked, and died,
The essence and quintessence of their lives.

James Russell Lowell



The Sunny Side of Genealogy
Compiled by Fonda D. Baselt
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

By Jean Adams, Membership Co Chair

We are excited to welcome many new members to Columbine Genealogy programs. Here are some details about four new members. Watch for information about other new members in the next newsletter.

Sandy Breed has many Mayflower ancestors that are well documented. Her brick wall is the surname Crawford in Brown County Illinois in the 1800s. Other surnames she is researching include Turnbull in Scotland; Stanton in Cornwall England; Caldwell in Colorado; Rusco in Connecticut, Nova Scotia and Ohio.

Monta Lee Dakin's research time has mostly been taken up by her Swedish ancestors. Her ancestors came from the parishes of Ämneboda and Linneryd in the Swedish County of Kronoberg. She currently serves as the Program Chair for the Swedish Genealogical Society of Colorado. Let's welcome Monta Lee and see what she will be researching in the future other than Scandinavian places and surnames.

Lana Overturf is a semi-retired nurse practitioner researching surnames in Germany and the United Kingdom. Woodard and Reeves are two of the UK surnames. She has also researched the surname Overturf. It is probably Dutch or German from the German word "Oberdorf" meaning "Upper village/town."

Sheri Rocha and her daughter **Katie Rocha** are researching ancestors in Sweden and the Volga Region of Russia. They have some unusual surnames like Deer, Radi and Foos to follow. The other surnames are ones we might have heard before: Ulrich, Hedstrom and Holscher. Sheri's mother is Barbara Foos, a long-time member of Columbine Genealogy.



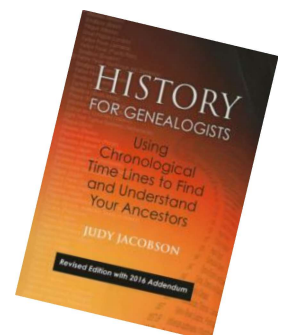
The Columbine Writers Group meets via Zoom each month on the third Wednesday at 10 a. m. If you're interested in learning more about your family history or getting feedback on your writing about your family, attending a meeting of the Columbine Writers Group could be a great place to start.

Contact us at columbinegenealogy@gmail.com to join the group!

"HISTORY FOR GENEALOGISTS"

Author Judy Jacobson

"Using Chronological Time Lines to Find and Understand Your Ancestors" Judy Jacobson provides an easy to use book for genealogists. She provides two case studies illustrating how a timeline can assist your research. Military, religious, epidemics, disaster timelines and more are provided to indicate why, who, when and how people moved from one place to another. Timelines on places that changed their names and boundaries as well as state and other countries are covered. Indexes for people, places, wars and battles are also included in the book.



Two sections have been added to the 2016 revised edition that includes a Fashion and Leisure timeline and 1907-1947/1948 Homefront timeline Hard Times: War, Depression, War Again.

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“William Goss, 1828-1901, you will immediately see why. Here is a link: <https://tinyurl.com/yfbene2y>

One William Goss is buried near the town of Decatur in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. The other is buried near Deweyville, Box Elder County, Utah (about 75 miles north of Salt Lake City).

One might presume that William “Utah” Goss, his wife, and his children all became followers of the Latter Day Saints movement. They are all buried in the western United States. All of William “Pennsylvania” Goss’ children are buried in Pennsylvania. But I could not find definitive proof that William “Utah” Goss was Mormon. I know that after the Civil War, William “Utah” Goss and his family moved to Michigan before 1866, were farming in Michigan in 1870, then in 1880 were living at Red Cloud, Nebraska. That location was a significant site in Mormon migration.

Not that Find A Grave had it completely right. Understandably, some of William “Utah” Goss’ children were attributed to William “Pennsylvania” Goss, and vice versa. It was a challenge getting corrections made. I had to establish an account with Find A Grave just to be able to find the e-mail address of one of the administrators. It was a crapshoot, considering that some Find A Grave account creators are perhaps deceased or otherwise uncooperative. But I got lucky, and got everyone sorted out.

So I can thank LDS founder Joseph Smith for the migration of William “Utah” Goss and his family. Or did he just move away to get away from his cousin?

William Goss



Born: 23 September 1828
Mifflin County Pennsylvania, USA
Death: 28 June 1901 (aged 72)
Box Elder County, Utah, USA
Burial: Deweyville Cemetery
Deweyville, Box Elder County, Utah, USA

William Goss



Born: 03 June 1828
Death: 11 August 1901 (aged 73)
Burial: Samuels Church Cemetery
Decatur, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, USA

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PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

By Jerry Sherard



What is going to happen to all the items you collected about your family history after your passing? You may have spent hundreds of hours, dollars and much hard work researching. As with many hobby items you have collected, after your passing too many times the items you have collected end up in the trash or are not sold because no one wants the items. Family history information has little financial value. The best and simplest way to preserve your research results and family history is to make an eBook. Hardcover books are expensive. There are many websites which tell you how to preserve your family history, but eBooks are the most cost-effective way to preserve your family stories and history for future interested generations. Because many libraries and museums are running out of shelf space, they are doing away with their genealogy collection of hardcover books to create space for other items which they feel will be used more often.

Begin by making family group sheets with birth, marriage, death dates, burial information and parents. Make a list of death dates and where they were living at the time of their death. To gather information about your family, Google search the name with the word obituary after the name. There are also web sites which have collected obituaries, but their early year 2000 obituaries. Biographies published in the late 1800s and early 1900s plus obituaries may be the foundation for your eBook.

The best place to begin your search for information is the FamilySearch website. There are websites that have obituary indexes only or list obituaries people have indexed. The Genealogy Bank website, a fee based website, the free Dignity Memorial or Legacy web sites and the NewsBank website available at home through large public libraries are good places to start. If you know the death date and place where they last lived, you may find their obituary in a local newspaper. Some of these newspapers may be found online or at state archives, local libraries or at historical societies and museums. The fee based website Newspapers.com is also good.

In typing the genealogies of descendants, use an outline form, giving an individual number to each person and double spacing between generations. For example each of the children of Alexander Rooney was given a letter of the alphabet. Florence R. Rooney who married Jonas M. Johnson is given the capital letter "A" to designate their order of birth. Each of their children in turn and so on down the line to the last descendant contained in the book add the number necessary to designate their order of birth into their family. Starting with the last letter or number in a given series, take off the last letter or number, one at a time, and you can trace any one person back to one of the descendants of Alexander Rooney.

If a direct descendant was married more than one time, their spouses are given a number (1), (2) etc. in the order of their marriage to the direct descendant. The numbers given to the children resulting from these marriages would show which spouse these children came from using the small letters a, b, etc to follow their individual number.

Example:

A – Florence R. Rooney, first child of Alexander Rooney who married (1) Jonas M. Johnson and had two children. Say she later married (2) John Doe and had one additional child. Give the vital information for each descendant and spouse listed, b., d., bd., md., dau. of ??? and their story.

A-3b Alice Irene Johnson, third child of Florence R. (Rooney) Johnson resulting from marriage to the 2nd spouse

To prepare your eBook use WORD format, and you may incorporate pictures. Your main sources of information are stories and obituaries. Obituaries are good sources for vital information. The most important things to preserve are vital information, lineage and stories. These things help others relate to your family history. Make the eBook simple and without graphs and charts. No book has ever been published without mistakes. An advantage of an eBook is that it can be easily changed over time.

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NOTE: Jerry Sherard is the Recording Secretary for the Foothills Genealogy Society. He has done genealogy and family history research since 1979 and volunteers for the Colorado State Archives since 1992. Jerry has published many books which are listed in the Denver Public Library catalog under the author "Gerald E. Sherard."

REMEMBERING COLUMBINE MEMBERS



Herbert E. Stertz, husband of longtime Columbine member, Shirley Stertz, passed away at age 85 on December 13, 2024. Herb was a graduate of the University of Colorado and worked at Martin-Marietta for 36 years on defense and NASA projects including the Titan Rocket, Viking Mars Explorer, and Space Shuttle programs. He was a member of the Colorado Air National Guard for many years.

In 1961 he married Shirley Ann (Mathews). They raised three sons, David, Daniel (Stacy), and Derek (Shari), and have four grandchildren, Ashley, Zachary, Leopold, and Fiona. In addition to Shirley, Herb is survived by his sister Ellen, two brothers-in-law, a sister-in-law, and many cousins, nephews and nieces.

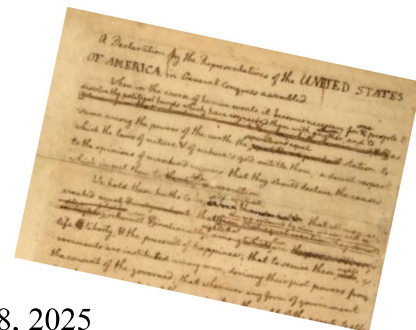
A service was held March 20, at Drinkwine Family Mortuary, followed by a ceremony honoring Herb's service at Fort Logan National Cemetery



CAN YOU READ CURSIVE?

The National Archives is looking for Americans who can read cursive. Many historical records were written in this waning form of penmanship. Volunteers are needed to transcribe a variety of more than 300 million digitized records that include Revolutionary War records to 1950 Census.

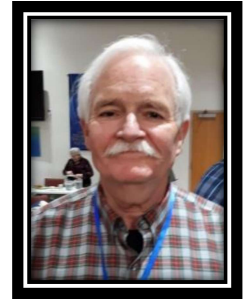
A video of How To Transcribe in the National Archives Catalog is provided. To become a Citizen Archivist register for a free user account to their catalog. Browse their webpages of "curated missions" organized by topic and select the topic that interests you. Check it out. You can provide any amount of time that meets your schedule.



Information is provided by Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter January 28, 2025



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF COLORADO COUNTY SEAT BRAIN TWISTERS SEAN MCGUIRE'S QUIZ - PART 2



16. The County seat of Crowley County is:
 - a) Ordway
 - b) Crowley
17. The County seat of Dolores County is:
 - a) Dove Creek
 - b) Dolores
18. The County seat of Kiowa County is:
 - a) Kiowa
 - b) Eads
19. The County seat of Kit Carson County is:
 - a) Burlington
 - b) Kit Carson
20. The County seat of Las Animas County is:
 - a) Las Animas
 - b) Trinidad
21. The County seat of Moffat County is:
 - a) Moffat
 - b) Craig
22. The County seat of Montezuma County is:
 - a) Montezuma
 - b) Cortez
23. The County seat of Pitkin County is:
 - a) Aspen
 - b) Pitkin
24. The County seat of Sedgwick County is:
 - a) Julesburg
 - b) Sedgwick
25. The County seat of Yuma County is:
 - a) Wray
 - b) Yuma

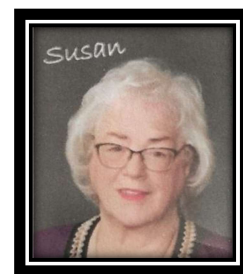


JOHN ARNOLD AND THE BATTLE OF BLUE LICK

BY Susan Hollis

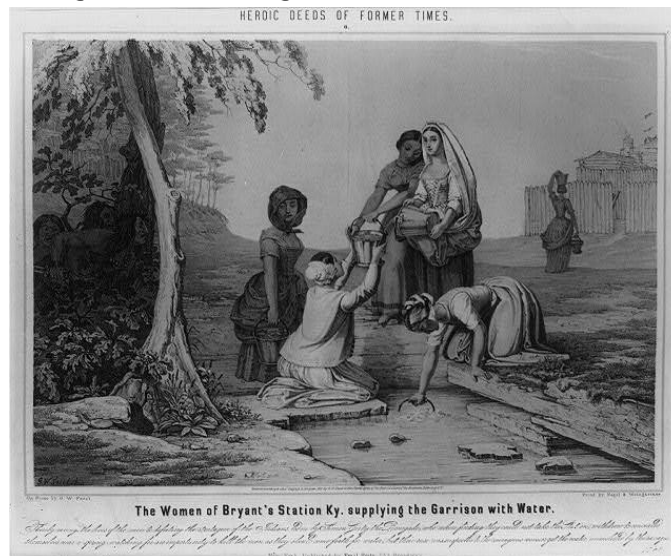


Can having a pistol blow up your hand, temporarily blinding you be considered good luck? For my 5th great-grandfather, John Arnold, it was. It meant he escaped the Battle of Blue Lick when settlers on the Kentucky frontier at Bryan's Station pursued the Indians in retaliation for the Seige of Bryan's Station in 1782.



My fifth great-grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Hitt) Arnold were married August 29, 1775 in Virginia. They moved with their young children to what is now Kentucky in August, 1781, along with 180 other settlers in John Craig's company. They lived in what was known as Bryan's Station (now near Lexington, KY) which was a fort built to protect settlers from Indian attacks. The fort did not have a spring or other water supply within its walls, so each morning the women would take their buckets and go down to the nearest creek to get water for the day.

For several summer days in August 1782, Indians began to quietly surround the fort in the covering brush. The lookouts realized what was happening, the settlers met to decide what to do. Seeing that they were greatly outnumbered they decided not to send the men out to fight the Indians, but decided that they should appear to carry on as usual to fool the attackers. It was believed the Indians would not attack the women because they wanted to launch a surprise attack against the men inside. So the women and girls gathered their wooden buckets and gourds and acting as if it were just another day, calmly went to the creek, filled their buckets, then went back to the fort, at which the gates were closed and secured.



In the meantime runners had been sent the five miles to Lexington to get help. The approximately 600 Indians then attacked, but were held back by settlers' constant fire. They retreated, did not attack a second time, but sent bullets and arrows flying into the fort from their cover. The next day three parties of armed settlers came to the rescue, each being about 50 men strong. Daniel Boone was among those in the rescue party. The Indians fled toward the Ohio River and a large party of settlers and rescuers followed them determined to get revenge. They covertly tracked the Indians following signs along a trail to the Blue Lick. Boone counseled the large party to stop as he felt there was a trap set in place. One of the men named McGary ignored his warning and issued a command to charge across the Blue Lick River. The encounter ended in disaster. Seventy settlers and their rescuers were dead and four men were captured then later murdered. An army of 500 soldiers arrived the next day. Had McCrary heeded Boone's advice, the result might have been different.

As for my ancestor, John Arnold, he was not with the pursuing army at the Battle of Blue Lick because of a serious accident which resulted in temporary blindness. He had a double triggered gun which would not fire. He removed the lock, and when he replaced it, the gun was accidentally discharged in his hand. The powder flashed up into his eyes and blinded him for quite a while. (Draper MSS., 11C.C. 241-245. History of Woodford County, Kentucky. 1928 W. E. Railey. Frankfort, KY.)

John and Elizabeth Hitt Arnold eventually moved to Woodford County, Kentucky. They had eleven children, and lived out their lives in peace. He died in 1818 and she died in 1848.



23andMe has filed for Chapter 11. Often when a company files for bankruptcy it means that they wish to stay in business and are using the legal process to restructure its debts. 23andMe states that the “filing does not change how we store, manage, or protect customer data.” The March 26 approval from the bankruptcy court requires all potential buyers to honor 23andMe existing consumer privacy policies and data protections.

The Washington Post encourages deletion of data by users and California Attorney General Bob Bonta issued a consumer alert and directed “23andMe to delete their data and destroy any samples of genetic material held by the company.”

It is basically the user’s decision whether to delete their genetic data. Family Tree suggests at least downloading your raw data and keep records of all key matches.

How to download your genetic data:

Regardless of what you choose, experts recommend downloading your raw DNA data—especially if you plan to ask the company to delete it. Users of 23andMe can transfer their data to another platform or preserve for personal storage by following these steps:

1. Log into your 23andMe account on the website
2. Go to <https://you.23andme.com/user/>
3. Scroll to the “23andMe Data” section at the bottom of the page
4. Download your data

Diahan Southard has a tutorial for downloading raw 23andMe data on her website. yourdnaguide.com/
Southard is an author, DNA expert and Family Tree Magazine columnist.

How to delete genetic data/test kit:

1. Log into your 23andMe account on the website
2. Go to <https://you.23andme.com/user/>
3. Scroll to the “23andMe Data” section at the bottom of the page
4. Scroll to “Delete Data”
5. Click “Permanently Delete Data”

Don’t forget: Confirm your request—you will receive an email from 23andMe and must follow the link in the email to confirm your request

How to destroy your 23andMe test sample:

Deleting your *physical DNA sample* is different from deleting the *genetic data* in 23andMe’s database if you previously opted to have your saliva sample and DNA stored by 23andMe. To change that preference, you can do that from your account settings page under “Preferences.”

How to revoke permission for your genetic data to be used in research:

If you previously consented to 23andMe and third-party researchers to use your genetic data in research, you can revoke your consent in your account settings under “Research and Product Consents.”

Note that this will only prevent your data from being used in future research. Your data (which has been anonymized—that is, disassociated with your name and other identifying information) will remain in any research studies that have already taken place.

The information is provided by Family Tree’s March 26, 2025 email.

YOUR NEWSLETTER

Did you attend RootsTech? What sessions did you attend? Did you come away with tips to help you with your research? Consider writing about your experience for the next issue.



How are your new year's resolutions coming? Have you followed through with any? Let us know.

The July newsletter deadline is June 1.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this April issue of your newsletter.

SEAN MCGUIRE'S QUIZ - County Seat Brain Twisters Part 2 – ANSWERS



16. Although the town of Crowley is in Crowley County, Ordway is the County seat.
17. The County seat of Dolores County is Dove Creek. The town of Dolores is in Montezuma County.
18. The County seat of Kiowa County is Eads. The town of Kiowa is in Elbert County.
19. The County seat of Kit Carson County is Burlington. The town of Kit Carson is in Cheyenne County.
20. The County seat of Las Animas County is Trinidad. The town of Las Animas is located in Bent County.
21. The County seat of Moffat County is Craig. The town of Moffat is located in Saguache County.
22. The County seat of Montezuma County is Cortez. The town of Montezuma is in Summit County.
23. The County seat of Pitkin County is Aspen. The town of Pitkin is in Gunnison County.
24. Although the town of Sedgwick is in Sedgwick County, the County seat of Sedgwick County is Julesburg.
25. Although the town of Yuma is in Yuma County, the County seat of Yuma County is Wray.

ATTRIBUTES OF A GENEALOGIST



A good genealogist has an innate pride in family and country, and recognizes his duty to search out and record the truth. He becomes, first of all, a full-time detective, a thorough historian, an inveterate snoop, and at the same time, a confirmed diplomat, a keen observer, a hardened skeptic, an apt biographer, a qualified linguist, a part-time lawyer combined with quite a lot of district attorney, a studious sociologist, and --- above all, an accurate reporter.



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ACQUISITIONS



Donna Crislip, Acquisitions Chair, has purchased four books of The Great Migration series listed below for donation to Bemis Library from Columbine's Acquisitions Fund.

The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England 1634 -1635, Volume I, A-B,
Robert Charles Anderson, George F. Sanborn, Jr., and Melinde Lutz Sanborn

The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England 1634 -1635, Volume II, C-F,
Robert Charles Anderson, George F. Sanborn, Jr., and Melinde Lutz Sanborn.

The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England 1634 -1635, Volume III, G-H,
Robert Charles Anderson

The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England 1634 -1635, Volume IV, I-L,
Robert Charles Anderson

They are a great research source. Be sure to check them out and see if they can help you with your genealogy research. They are located in the Genealogy section on the main floor at Bemis Library

COLUMBINE GENEALOGY HAS A NEW PASSWORD



After many years Columbine has updated their password for Members to access the "Members-Only" section of our website. You should have received an email on April 9 indicating what the new password is. If you are a member and did not receive this email contact columbinegenealogy@gmail.com to notify us so we can give you the new password.





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