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CHRISTIAN FUNCK: A MENNONITE LEADER IN REVOLUTIONARY AMERICA

By Marilyn Kern Elrod

Should the War of Independence be supported on the American side or the British side? That was the dilemma facing the non-resistant Mennonites in Pennsylvania. Bishop Christian Funck was excommunicated from the Mennonite church because of his belief.

Family Background and Early Life

My fifth great-grandfather, Christian Funck (Funk) was born about 1731 in Franconia Township, Philadelphia County (later Montgomery), Pennsylvania. He was the son of Heinrich (Henry) Funck and Anna Meyer. Christian had nine siblings: Esther, John, Henry, Abraham, Anne, Fronica, Mary, Elizabeth, and Barbara.

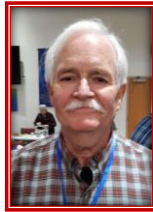
Christian grew up along the Indian Creek in Franconia Township where his father's homestead and grist mill were located. Before his death Montgomery County was formed in 1784, and Franconia Township was part of the new county.

The Funck Family and Education

Christian's father came to America in about 1719 and was the immigrant in the family. Bishop Henry Funck was a well-educated and influential member of the Mennonite church. His son, Christian was also well-educated. His basic education would have been primarily focused on religious instructions, following Christian ideals, and obedience to the church and family. However, Christian gained knowledge beyond the basic education which allowed him to better understand events outside his close-knit community of Mennonites.

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WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF COLUMBINE GENEALOGY?



By Sean McGuire

By the time you read this, Autumn will have arrived. Hopefully this has signaled a reduction in temperature. I've experienced more than my share of summers in the Denver metropolitan area; this past one seemed like the hottest!

You may have not noticed, but your Board of Directors (and other members involved with managing Columbine) have had a busy summer. We've had a dedicated committee look at strategies for the future. Particularly noteworthy have been the efforts of Nan Reubert and Stephen Asay. Others involved include Jean Adams, Jeanie Blanchard, Maggie Schmidt, and myself. I hope I haven't left anyone off! One of my weaknesses has been not acknowledging the work of our dedicated members. Without them, Columbine Genealogy would not exist. We had our in-person Board meeting at Southglenn Library in August; the remainder of our Board meetings will be held via Zoom once again. This allows greater participation by out-of-town members and others with limited mobility. And, it keeps our expenses relatively low. Have I mentioned lately that members may come join our Board meetings? All you have to do is ask. You may find my e-mail address at the end of this article. I'll send you a link.

With the coming of Fall, Columbine comes back to life, with regular Program Meetings and Skills Sessions (formerly known as Education Meetings). Our Annual Meeting occurs November 10, 2026. Our membership will vote for several new officers and (hopefully) approve our proposed budget for 2027.

Speaking of new officers, this will be the last quarter of my Presidency. I've served for close to four years now, and that's the limit for officers per our ByLaws. I will continue to serve as a non-voting member of the Board as Immediate Past President (following the footsteps of my paternal grandfather - I found an article declaring him to be the Immediate Past President of the Royal Order of the Ostrich). Hopefully I won't get my head stuck in the sand.

We have the following openings for officer positions:
President, Publicity Coordinator, Secretary, and

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Membership Coordinator. I am pleased to announce that Stephen Asay has agreed to be nominated for the President's position. Ann Kerr has agreed to be nominated to serve a second term as Publicity Coordinator (and she would absolutely love to have someone assist her). Dawn Bunyak was gracious to volunteer to begin as Secretary this summer, and she has agreed to be nominated for that position. Please note that we will gladly accept nominations for other people for any of these positions.

We absolutely need someone (or two someones) to fill the position of Membership Coordinator (or Co-Coordinators). Jean Adams and Susan Hollis have served that position as Co-Coordinators for the maximum length of time. One needs to be a member of Columbine for at least one year to serve as an officer. (We would certainly entertain the idea of having a new person serve as an assistant to a Coordinator, he or she would not be able to be a voting officer.) The Membership Coordinator(s) collect dues, maintain member and visitor's lists amongst other duties. We have a dandy software program that aids in these tasks. And you'll find that a number of people will help you learn the job.

I've found that working with the Board of Directors has been a fulfilling activity and a great way to meet new friends. So my pitch to you is to step up, make a commitment to serve in a meaningful way, and enrich your life. Please e-mail me at president@columbinegenealogy.com if you'd like to discuss this further. Thank you!



COLUMBINE GENEALOGY MEETINGS

Program Meetings 1:00 p.m. MT – 2nd Tuesday of the month (except for June, July and August) – **via Zoom and In-Person** at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 8545 E. Dry Creek Rd., Centennial, CO 80112

December Holiday Event 2nd Tuesday in December – **In-Person**

Skills Sessions 1:00 p.m. MT – 3rd Tuesday of the month (September through April) – **via Zoom only**

Special Interest Groups - open to CGHS Members Only

Do-Over (or Go-Over) *Last session* - Monday October 26 at 10:00 a.m. MT **via Zoom only**

DNA & Genealogy 4th Tuesday of each Month at 2:00 p.m. MT **via Zoom only**

Columbine Coffee Klatch Monday, October 19 at 1:00 p.m. MT - *pilot session* - **via Zoom only**

Columbine Writers Group 10:00 a.m. MT – 3rd Wednesday of the month for members - **via Zoom only**

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

Columbine members and guests are welcome to attend our board meetings. Topics on the agenda include timely concerns in addition to regular status updates from board members. For more information or to receive a Zoom link, contact the president, Sean McGuire (president@columbinegenealogy.com).

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/)

Guests are welcome at all in-person or Zoom meetings. For Zoom meetings, links will be sent to members, and to non-members who are on our non-member mailing list. To be added to the non-member list, send an email request at least 24 hours before a meeting to ZoomMailingList@ColumbineGenealogy.com. Or you may sign up on Friends Corner (click the Join Us button at <https://columbinegenealogy.com/>), subscribe to the non-member mailing list, and you will automatically receive emails regarding our future programs, skills sessions, and Zoom links. Special Interest Groups are for Columbine Genealogy members. If you find that the SIGs are of interest to you, consider becoming a member.

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



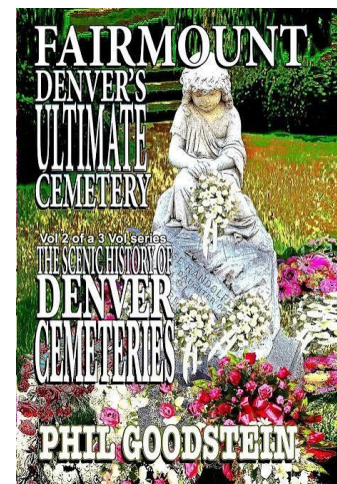
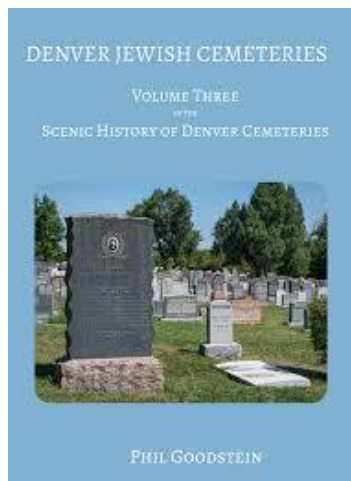
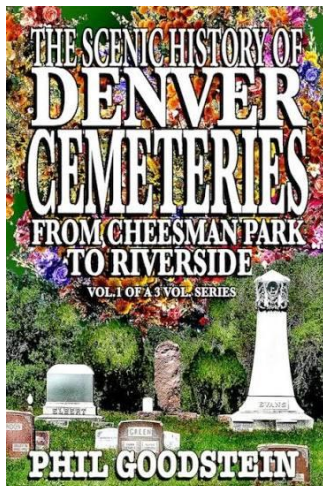
Tuesday, October 13 1:00 – 3:00 PM

THE HALLOWED GROUNDS OF DENVER JEWISH CEMETERIES



Presenter: Author **Phil Goodstein** is a Denver native who is the city's leading historian. In addition to authoring 30 other books on the community, he has given many walking tours around town. Included have been visits to the cemeteries. He explains that they are places that connect the past with the future, allowing residents a better understanding of the present.

Description: From the time of the Pikes Peak gold rush, Jews have been part and parcel of the Mile High City. They have participated in all aspects of the community. Besides business leaders there have been labor agitators. Physicians, musicians, restaurateurs, dreamers, schemers, and scoundrels have all been part of the mix. Phil, author of books about Denver Jewish cemeteries, will share his insights into the rich history of Jewish cemeteries. Along with him, we will dive into the fascinating stories and traditions that have shaped these sacred grounds.



In-Person and via Zoom

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

Tuesday, November 10 1:00 – 3:00 PM

HISTORY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT



Presenter: Karen Dvorchak retired from Highlands Ranch Douglas County - Public Library Operations work in 2020. She is involved in Women's History research and enjoys her art studio among many other things.

Description: Join Karen Dvorchak for an illustrated presentation tracing the remarkable century-long journey to women's suffrage in America. Through photos and videos, we will explore the pivotal moments and remarkable individuals who shaped this landmark constitutional amendment.

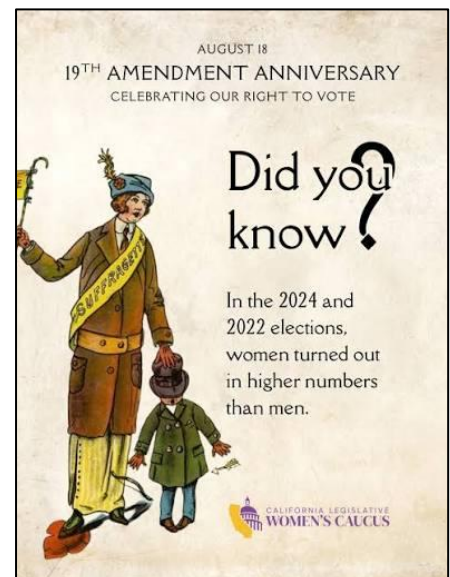


Our program begins with the Seneca Falls Convention of 1848, where the suffrage movement took root, and introduces the pioneering early leaders – Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton – whose vision and determination set the movement in motion.

We will then follow the movement through the turbulent decades that followed, examining how major national events, including the Civil War and World War I, influenced the fight for women's voting rights – sometimes advancing the cause, sometimes setting it back.

As we move into the 20th century, we will look at how the next generation of leaders, including Alice Paul and Carrie Chapman Catt, reinvigorated and reshaped the suffrage movement, ultimately carrying it to victory.

Our program concludes with the passage of the 19th Amendment on August 26, 1920 – a triumph more than seventy years in the making.



In-Person and via Zoom

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Tuesday, December 8 1:00 – 3:00 PM

WINTER SOCIAL & LIFE IN THE CONTINENTAL ARMY: A LIVING HISTORY PRESENTATION



Presented by: Sons of the American Revolution: The Sons of the American Revolution, formerly the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, is a United States patriotic and genealogical society whose members are male descendants of individuals who supported the American Revolution through military, patriotic or civil service.

Description: Step back to 1776 – in uniform, with muskets, and with stories that bring the Revolution to life. What was it really like to serve in George Washington’s army? This captivating living history program brings 3-4 costumed reenactors – including a Continental Drummer and soldiers in full period uniform – right into the room. Expect hands-on demonstrations, surprising history, and more than a few laughs along the way.

Highlights Include:

- The drummer’s commands – how a single drum controlled an entire army in march and in battle
- Uniforms of the colonies – why militia and Continental soldiers dressed so differently, with striking regional color variations.
- The enlistment – the surprisingly funny (and sometimes desperate) ways men and boys were recruited into service.
- The musket, demystified – its parts, the myths around it, commonly misquoted sayings – plus a live loading and firing demonstration



You will never look at a Revolutionary War painting in the same way again. Whether you are tracing an ancestor who served or simply love American history, this program delivers living, breathing context that no textbook can match.

We will also enjoy light refreshments



Everyone is encouraged to bring finger food, savory or sweet, to share with others. Bring a friend, as all are welcome! There will be door prizes!

In-Person and via Zoom

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SKILLS SESSION

Stephen Asay, Coordinator



Tuesday, October 20 1:00 – 3:00 PM

USING MULTIPLE DNA SITES TO INVESTIGATE A HIDDEN ANCESTRAL LINE



Presenter: Greg Liverman, Ph.D., began tracing his family history in the 1990's with an old Macintosh computer and a copy of Family Tree Maker. At that time, family and career pursuits did not leave much time for genealogy research. He was finally able to return to charting his family history in 2009. Greg quickly realized that he could bring to bear all the analytical and problem-solving skills he had developed in over forty years of working as a journalist, scientist and business manager.

Living on a ranch on the western slopes of Pikes Peak means there are few libraries nearby, so Greg has become adept at using online resources for both domestic and foreign research. He has researched his family history “on the ground” in libraries, cemeteries and record offices in seven states, with more on the list to visit. He has experience in using various techniques, based on the careful application of reason and logic, to successfully break down “brick walls.”

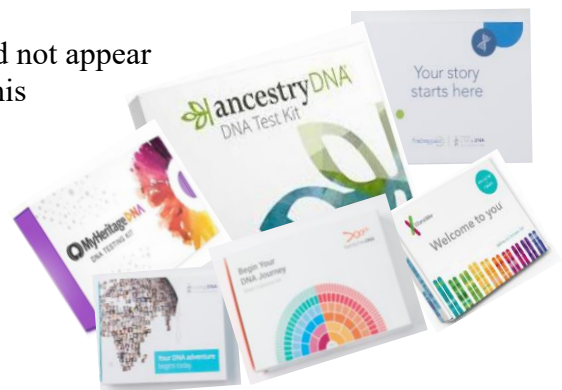
Greg and his wife Wendy added genetic genealogy or DNA testing to their brick wall demolition toolkit in 2013 and have immersed themselves in the details of DNA test and evaluation methods. They have answered several questions about their family history using DNA evidence.

Description: Not all of your relatives test at the same DNA testing site. Just like we need to be able to use records of different types and from different repositories to prove relationships between one generation and another, we need to be able to combine the evidence from multiple DNA testing sites to establish evidence of relationships.

In this case study we will investigate a series of matches who did not appear to link into Greg's ancestral lines. Through careful research of his matches on three different autosomal testing sites and combining that evidence into one master tree, it became apparent how these matches were related to him. In the process he gained new insights into a particular matriarchal line that had been frustrating him for a while.

Some of the DNA analysis techniques we will encounter are:

- using trees attached to DNA kits
- techniques for identifying the real identity of a match, and
- evaluating the amount of DNA to estimate the number of generations to a common ancestor.



Presented via Zoom only

Tuesday, November 17 1:00 – 3:00 PM

STARTING YOUR DIGITAL LEGACY

Presenter: Pat Edwards is the Director of Education for the Southern Arizona Genealogy Society, centered in Green Valley, Arizona. Pat has been researching her family history for several years and finding ancestors from Wales and Germany. Prior to retirement, she worked as an IT Project Manager at a major multinational corporation.

Description: Starting your Digital Legacy – Genealogy Edition will show how to create a plan that will enable your survivors to have easy access to your online family history documentation. The goal is to ensure all of your hard work is not lost – even if no one in your family is interested (yet).



Presented via Zoom only



COLUMBINE COFFEE KLATCH – PULL UP A VIRTUAL CHAIR AND LET'S TALK GENEALOGY!

Monday, October 19, at 1 p.m. MT

Join us for a free-wheeling discussion about our favorite topic – genealogy! The first online Columbine Coffee Klatch will be held Monday, October 19. Bring us your success stories ...your brickwalls ...your latest discoveries. Have you found a new source or research technique? Share it with your fellow members! Got a genealogical gripe?

We're all ears!

See you there!



Email education@columbinegenealogy.com for the Zoom link.

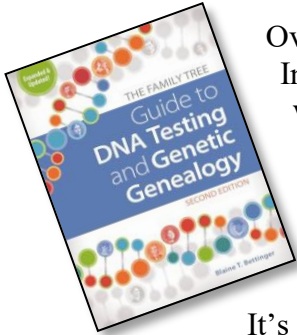


DNA AND GENEALOGY

Hosted By Gary Witt



So you've taken a DNA test. Now what? On September 22, Gary Witt hosted the kickoff session of a new Columbine Genealogy Special Interest Group – DNA and Genealogy.



Over the next several months, Columbine Genealogy will be offering a new Special Interest Group (SIG) to its members. Rather than being taught, this discussion group will be hosted and guided by one of our members and lean on the collective growth of the participants. We will use the well-respected guide entitled “The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy” (2nd Edition, 2019) by Blaine T. Bettinger. (ISBN 1440300577; available from Amazon and other retailers in paperback and electronic editions)

It's not too late to join in. The next session is planned for **October 27 at 2 p.m. MT**, but please check the Columbine Genealogy calendar for any changes. It is strongly recommended that you obtain the book and have had at least one DNA kit tested in order to get the most out of this SIG.

Columbine Genealogy hosted Greg Liverman, noted genetic genealogy expert, at our September 15th Skills Sessions (recording available on the Columbine Genealogy website), with a follow-up session planned for October 20th. See the events calendar for details. Together, the Skills Sessions and the SIG offer a fantastic opportunity to get started with this rapidly evolving aspect of genealogy!

Send an email to education@columbinegenealogy.com to join the group and obtain the Zoom link.

These Skills Sessions are tentatively scheduled for the following Tuesdays at 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. MT

Tuesdays October 27, November 24, December 22, at 2:00 p.m. MT

Presented via Zoom



National Archives Building

“Heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future.”

WRITERS GROUP

Becky Clark, Chairperson

Writers Group is a benefit available to members only. The Columbine Writers Group meets via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this group is to encourage one another to write our family stories and histories, share discoveries and get feedback from other writers. We provide friendly support and suggestions and have fun doing it! The group consists of all levels of experience.

If you are a member, join us by sending an email to ColumbineGenealogy@gmail.com for the link to our next Zoom session. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining to enjoy exclusive benefits, expert guidance and a supportive community. We look forward to meeting you!



Stephen Asay, Julie Haynie, Marge Healy, Becky Clark, Maggie Schmidt and Jeanie Blanchard (took picture) got together in August to enjoy our annual in-person meeting at DeKoevend Park. We reviewed a few stories and enjoyed great conversation, some goodies and pleasant weather!

Wednesdays, October 21 November 18 December 16 10:00 – 12:00 a.m. MT via Zoom

MAY SPEAKER CORRECTION

Two of our May Program speakers were incorrectly identified in our July newsletter.
Their correct identification and subject of their talk are:



Kathy Thompson
Peter Parlee

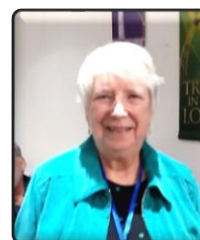


Sue Clasen
Rufus Bennet

THANK YOU TO OUR SEPTEMBER SPEAKER & SPECIAL INTEREST HOSTS



Greg Liverman,
Ph.D
DNA Testing



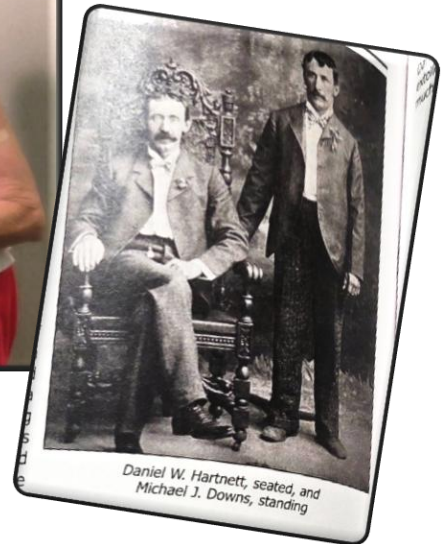
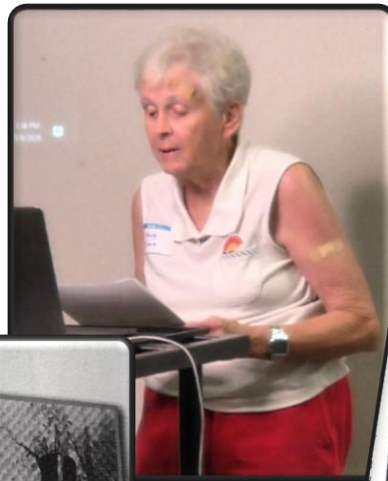
Jean Adams
Genealogy Do-Over



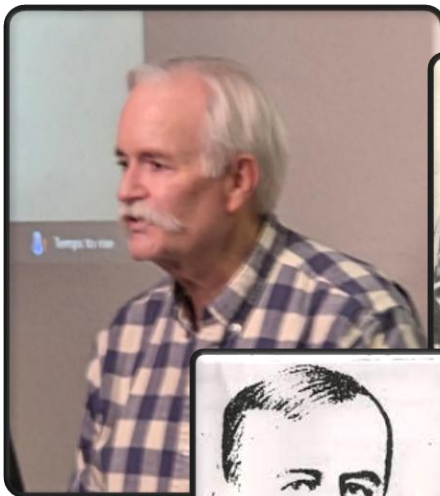
Gary Witt
DNA –
What We Learned

THANK YOU TO OUR SEPTEMBER 8th SPEAKERS

Our members spoke about their connection to early Colorado settlers

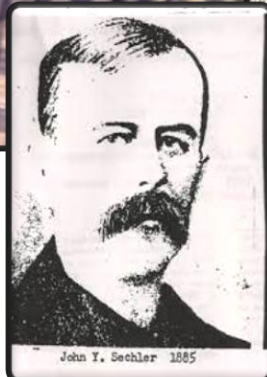


Wondering why her paternal Irish great-grandparents, Michael Downs and Hannah Riordan, immigrated from New York to Pueblo in 1895, Becky's research brought her to Daniel W. Hartnett who is believed to be the half-brother of her great-grandfather.



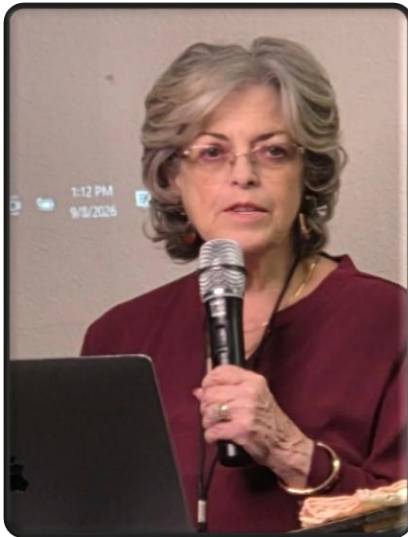
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George Bent & Magpie



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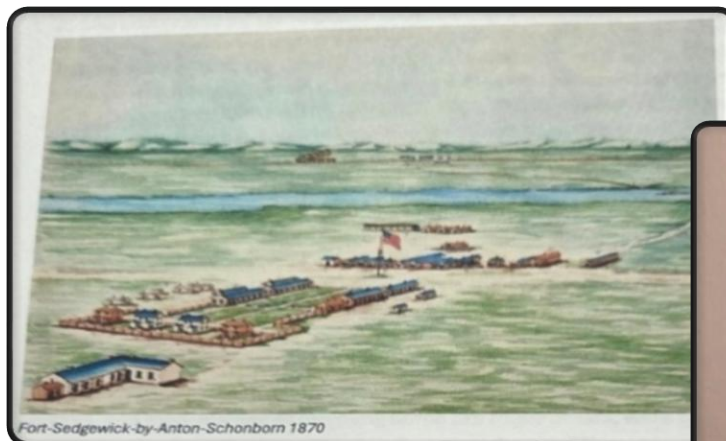
Sean talked about John York "Arkansas John" Sechler his 2nd cousin, 4 times removed. Born in Pennsylvania he went out west to seek his fortune. Also noted was William W. Bent, who was credited with being the founder of Fort Bent. Cousin John and William's son George married sisters from the Cheyenne Arapaho tribe. John married Ote se ot see Nisutha, aka Mary six fingers and George married Magpie.



Gae Jacobs talked about Josiah Allen and Rosina Meagor, her great-great-grandparents who arrived in Colorado in 1878. Also pictured is an infant's bonnet that was made for each newborn in the family.



Steven Asay spoke about his early Colorado immigrant, Elizabeth V. (Asay, Randolph, Severns) Berryman and Joseph A. Severns. Pictured are a building in the town of Hooper where Elizabeth first lived in Colorado and her grave marker.



Russ Frum spoke about his 2nd great grandfather, Captain Eli L. Parker of the West Virginia, 6th Volunteer Calvary.



CLASSIFIEDS



The Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society, Inc needs the services of a member or non-member who has experience, knowledge or skill in marketing, advertising, or organizational outreach.

This is a great opportunity to refresh and improve knowledge and skills, while working with a great group of focused energetic people interested in discovering and preserving historical and family history.

The Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society, Inc is a registered 503(c) (3) nonprofit and an equal opportunity organization.

If interested please contact us by emailing president@columbinegenealogy.com.

CHRISTIAN FUNCK: MENNONITE LEADER IN REVOLUTIONARY AMERICA

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Marriage and Children

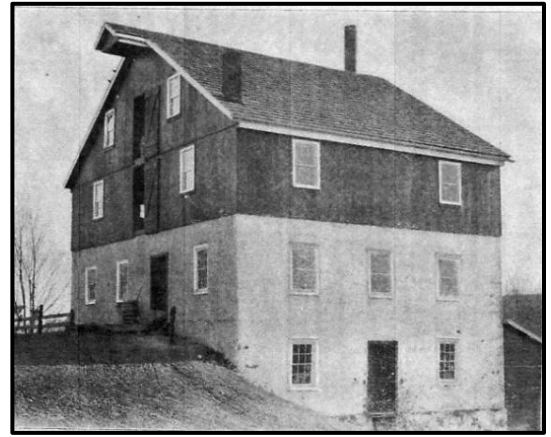
Christian married Barbara Cassel about 1755. Barbara was the daughter of Yellis Cassel and Elizabeth (unknown last name). The couple had nine children: Anna, Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine, Barbara, Sarah, John, Abraham, and Susana. A common naming pattern by the Mennonites and other German people was to give each of the children the mother's last name as the children's middle name. That tradition continued in my family through my grandfather's family.

Land Inheritance and Holdings

Upon the death of his father, Henry Funck, in about 1760 Christian inherited 137 acres of land. The will directed that he pay £362 for the land and that one acre be left for his "miller" brother, Abraham, where the mill was located. Christian later purchased the mill and the Funck homestead along with sixty-three acres from his brother, Henry. In 1790 he purchased another forty acres. Thus, his land holdings consisted of 240 acres. He had at least one homestead, a grist mill, water rights, buildings, and improvements. His estate was willed to his son-in-law upon his death for £3,300.



Henry Funck Homestead



Henry Funck Mill

Leadership in the Mennonite Church

Christian became a Mennonite minister in 1756 and became the bishop of the Franconia Conference in 1769. The Conference consisted of twenty-two congregations located in Philadelphia (Montgomery), Bucks, Chester, Berks, and Northampton (Lehigh) counties. He was a strong leader in his Conference and had the support of all the members until the Revolutionary War.



Franconia Mennonite Meeting House

Struggles During the Revolutionary War

As mentioned before, Christian was well-educated in church and Christian ideals. He was also well-educated in the events leading up to the Revolutionary War and concerned about how the war would affect the Mennonite congregations. At the beginning of the war, he, along with fellow members of his church, felt they should not support a rebellion. His family like many Europeans came to America because they had been given religious freedom in America by the British. In Europe they had been persecuted for their beliefs. Christian's ancestors who were Mennonite preachers had been severely punished in Switzerland with imprisonment in Bern and branded and marked as undesirable. Mennonites, including the Funcks left Switzerland and settled for some time in Holland and the Palatine (Rhineland, Pfalz), before William Penn welcomed them into Pennsylvania.

Christian read the new Pennsylvania constitution, and it stated the people could continue their religious liberty, and the constitution also promised not to force non-resistant (Mennonites, Anabaptists, etc.) people to take up arms. Christian started to think the Mennonite people could support the war by paying the war taxes to the new American government being formed. All the other ministers wanted to continue supporting the English crown. They had lived peacefully in America and were afraid they would not have

freedom to worship as they had been promised. Because Christian so strongly believed in his ideas, by 1778 he was forced by his ministers to leave his office as bishop of his Conference and was excommunicated by the church members.

The Funkites Split

His relatives and some other members of the church who supported him encouraged him to form a new Mennonite sect which they named in his honor, Funkites. That was the first split in the Mennonite church in America. The Funkites formed new churches and grew in membership until after his death. However, not having strong leadership by the 1850s, the last church closed.

Later Years and Legacy

After the war, his original Franconia Conference tried to persuade him to come back to their church, with certain restrictions, but he refused. He published a pamphlet describing his ordeal leading up to and after his excommunication called, "A Mirror for All Mankind."

Christian Funck died July 31, 1811 (tombstone inscription carved in German), in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and was buried in Delps Graveyard, near Harleysville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. His wife, Barbara died December 29, 1792.

Christian was an intelligent man. He had the ability to lead many people and think about the future of his church members and America. His idea that America should be an independent country proved correct as we celebrate 250 years of freedom in the United States of America.



Christian Funck, died, July 31, 1811, and Barbara Cassell Funckin, died, December 29, 1792

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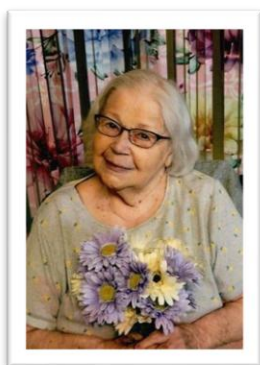
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REMEMBERING COLUMBINE MEMBERS WHO HAVE LEFT US



F. Sharon Tellier Lee, a former Columbine president, passed away on June 11, 2026, in St. Joseph, Missouri, at the age of 90. Sharon was always ready with a welcoming smile while greeting Columbine members.

Sharon grew up in Iowa, graduating from Burt High School in 1953. She considered Epworth, Iowa, to be her home. In 1958 she came to Colorado with friends. Her lifelong passion was family history and genealogy. She was an Honorary Life member of Columbine and held many offices in addition to president. She was a genealogy teacher and lecturer at many genealogical societies. She was a member of the National Genealogical Society having passed their prestigious "American Genealogy: A Basic Course." In addition she was active in numerous local and national societies.

She married Benjamin M. Lee III, a Denver police officer, on July 29, 1961. She was the mother of two step-children, Cheryl and Mark Lee. The couple welcomed another son, Doug Lee in 1965. In 2018 Sharon moved to Missouri where she lived out her final years.

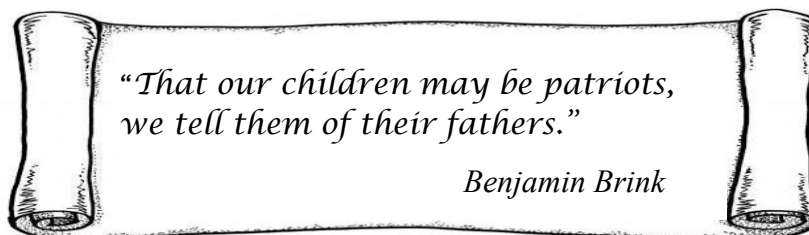
Survivors include Cheryl Stoumbaugh, and Doug Lee and their extensive families. She was preceded in death by her husband and step-son Mark.



Carole Jean Schetter, a long time Columbine member, passed away on July 25, at age 90 in Highlands Ranch. Carole was born Carole Jean Andresen in Stow, Ohio, the daughter of Henry and Juanita Andresen on August 23, 1935. She graduated from Kent State in 1957 with a B. A. in Elementary Education. In 1960 she married Bill Schetter in Berkley, California. They were married for 64 years.

Carole taught school in various districts in California and Oregon, and later worked in retail at Macy's in Denver and Houston. She was an active member of Columbine and also the Mount Rosa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was active also as a volunteer in the Presbyterian Church.

Her hobbies included skiing, gardening, knitting, cooking, Bible study, genealogy, travel and following NBA basketball. She is survived by her son William Jr., daughter Ann Bush, and three grandchildren. Services were held at Wellshire Presbyterian Church.

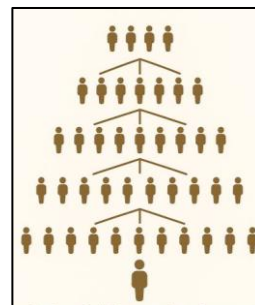




OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

September 11, 2001 our nation suffered a horrendous attack. In reaction, on September 12, 2001 during the 107th Congress, Senator Orrin G. Hatch introduced Resolution 160 to designate the month of October as “Family History Month.”

The study and documentation of family history gives individuals a sense of heritage, understanding of their cultural diversity and responsibility to the legacy of their ancestors.



On September 26, 2001 Resolution 160 was unanimously agreed to in the Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent and with requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe October with appropriate ceremonies and activities.



ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Article 4

By Barbara Elliott



As we look back at all the 4th of July celebrations across America, what does this really mean to all Americans? Mostly time spent on cookouts with family and friends. Maybe watching a fireworks show somewhere around your area or on television.

In 1826, two of the surviving members of the Declaration of Independence, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were invited to Washington D.C. to attend the 50th anniversary celebration of American independence. Both were too ill to make the journey and both died on July 4, 1826.

Years later Abraham Lincoln would describe American “rising to equality”, as the idea of political freedom that every American deserves an unfettered start and a fair chance in the race of life. Those men who undertook the American Revolution intended for it to honor human nature and not to be subjugated by a foreign king or power.



— 1776 – 2026 —



Daniel Webster - The Sunny Side of Genealogy, Compiled by Fonda D. Baselt pg. 26

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN “LOYALISTS VS. LATE LOYALISTS TO CANADA”

By Barbara Elliott



According to this article from the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society there is a definite difference between these two groups. The Loyalists were the ones that went to Canada right after the American Revolution. The “Late Loyalists” were Americans that went to Canada for free land between 1790 and early 1800’s.

The Constitutional Act of 1791 was passed by the British Parliament on June 10, 1791. It split the old Province of Quebec into two colonies; Upper Canada (now Ontario) and Lower Canada (now Quebec). The goal was to give English-speaking Loyalists and French-speaking residents their own local governments.

There ended up being an unbalanced population in between Lower and Upper Canada. Then Lieutenant Governor John Simcoe developed a land policy designed to attract settlers from America into Upper Canada. Generous grants were offered to Loyalists and grants were also available to Americans willing to swear allegiance, pay fees and physically occupy and improve their lots.

These “Late Loyalists” went to Canada not because of British loyalty during the Revolution, but for land only. When the War of 1812 broke out, many of these late settlers came back to America and New York to fight against the British.



In 1791 a Canadian constitutional act divided the Province of Quebec at the Ottawa River, establishing the **Province of Upper Canada** under the English legal system with mostly English speakers, while **Lower Canada** was populated largely by those with French ancestry. Upper and Lower Canada were not named for their physical positions in relation to one another, but instead to the Great Lakes and the headwaters of the Saint Lawrence River. Upper Canada was above these headwaters, while Lower Canada was farther downriver—hence, their names. In 1841, the two colonies of **Upper** and **Lower Canada** were merged into the **Province of Canada**, which was then divided into two parts: **Canada East** (formerly Lower Canada, presently Quebec) and **Canada West** (formerly Upper Canada, presently Ontario).



COLORADO HISTORY



Colorado officially became the 38th state to join the United States on August 1, 1876, under President Ulysses S. Grant. Because this milestone occurred exactly 100 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, it earned Colorado the famous nickname "The Centennial State". As Colorado became the 38th state on August 1, 1876, "Colorado Day" was born.

Prior to statehood, the region experienced a major population boom triggered by the Pike's Peak Gold Rush. This rapid growth led to the creation of the Colorado Territory in 1861. It took five separate attempts over a 15-year period for the territory to finally achieve statehood, with early efforts frequently delayed by political debates, voting rights disputes, and economic shifts.

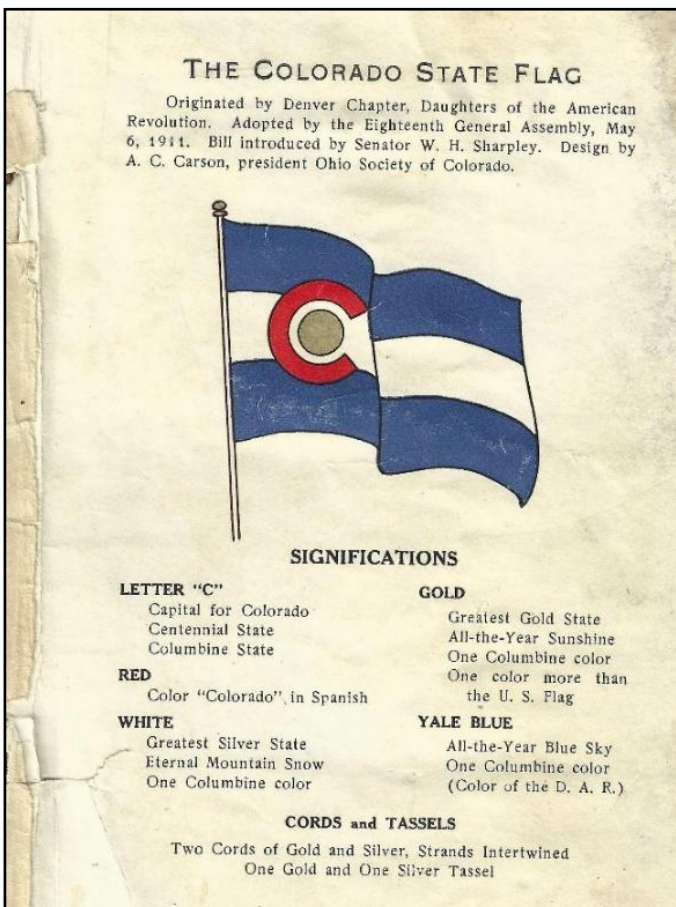
Colorado's name has its origin in the Spanish language, as the word for "colored red." The name was chosen for Colorado as a Territory in 1861 by Congress. Colorado is also called "Colorful Colorado," presumably because of our magnificent scenery of mountains, rivers, and plains. This phrase has decorated maps, car license plates, tourist information centers, and souvenirs of all kinds!

Colorado's Motto, "Nil Sine Numine," is Latin for "Nothing without Providence or Deity." This phrase appears in the ribbon on the State Seal



Colorado has two official state songs: the traditional, historical anthem "Where the Columbines Grow" and the globally recognized folk-rock hit "Rocky Mountain High". Colorado has an official state flag, a state seal, two state songs and many official emblems and symbols. These have been officially adopted by legislative action of the Colorado General Assembly or by executive order of the Governor of Colorado. The official designation of several of our symbols and emblems came to light by the participation of Colorado school children and their teachers in the legislative process.

Colorado State Archives, Google



1922 Booklet entitled "Holiday Selections"

*Compiled by Katherine L. Craig,
State Superintendent of Public Instruction*

YANKEE DOODLE DISS?

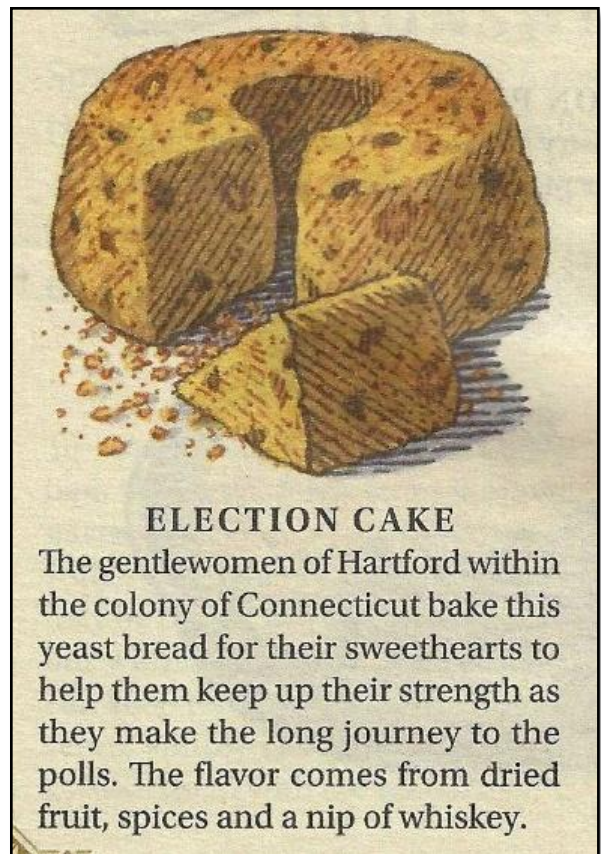
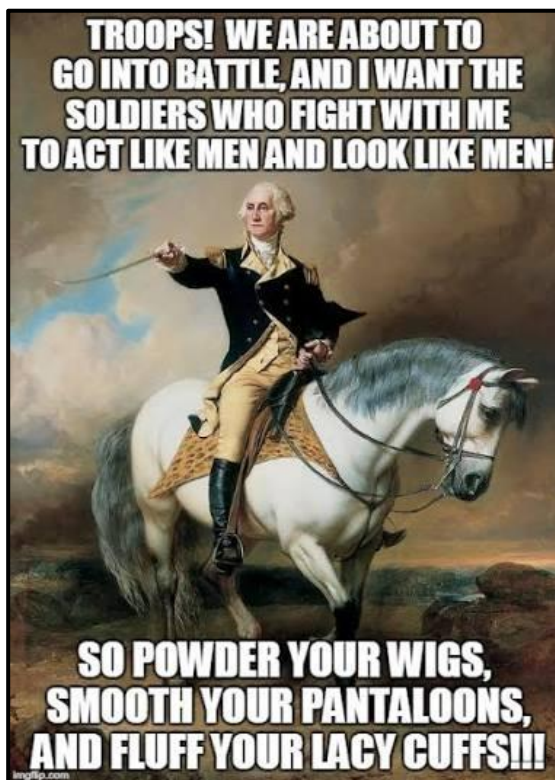
The “Yankee Doodle” tune was already well known by the 1750s. But tradition says that in 1755 a British doctor named Richard Schuckburg penned new words to an existing tune to mock his American colonists; doodle meaning “fool or simpleton” and dandy referring to a vain man. The lyric *“Stuck a feather in his cap and called it macaroni”*—was meant to ridicule an ignorant country bumpkin on a pony who foolishly believed that simply adding a feather to his hat made him look like a sophisticated, high-fashion gentleman.

The British sang the song as they marched toward Lexington and Concord, battles they were stunned to lose. According to legend, the colonial militia sang “Yankee Doodle” back to the retreating British. “Yankee Doodle” soon took hold as an unofficial anthem for what became the American Continental Army.



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REVOLUTIONARY WAR HUMOR



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WHY WE VOTE ON TUESDAY

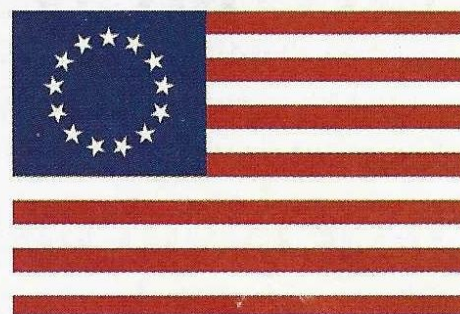
One issue the Founding Fathers did not resolve at the 1787

Constitutional Convention was the timing of federal elections. For decades, states set their own voting days, meaning elections all over the country were held at different times within a 34-day period before the first Wednesday in December. In 1845, Congress decided to straighten things out. But which day should they choose?

Monday was out, since people would have to travel to the polls in their buggies on Sunday, which wouldn't sit well with churchgoers. Wednesday wouldn't work either, since midweek usually meant market day for farmers – and most citizens at the time were farmers. Thursday didn't fit the bill because, again, buggy traveling would cut into market day. And why not Friday? It isn't totally clear, but it would seem that since the very early days of our country, Americans didn't want to deal with anything too serious right before the weekend. Therefore Tuesday was selected as the first and most convenient day of the week to hold elections.

Farm culture also explains why Election Day always falls in November. Spring and early summer elections were thought to interfere with the planting season, and late summer and early fall elections overlapped with the harvest. That left the late fall month of November — after the harvest was complete, but before the arrival of harsh winter weather — as the best choice.

*Smithsonian Magazine – Reader's Digest November 2024 pg. 31;
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▲ DIGITAL COLLECTIONS: **The Revolutionary War at FamilySearch**

Ready to research your Revolutionary War ancestors? FamilySearch has you covered <www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Finding_Your_Revolutionary_War_Ancessor>.

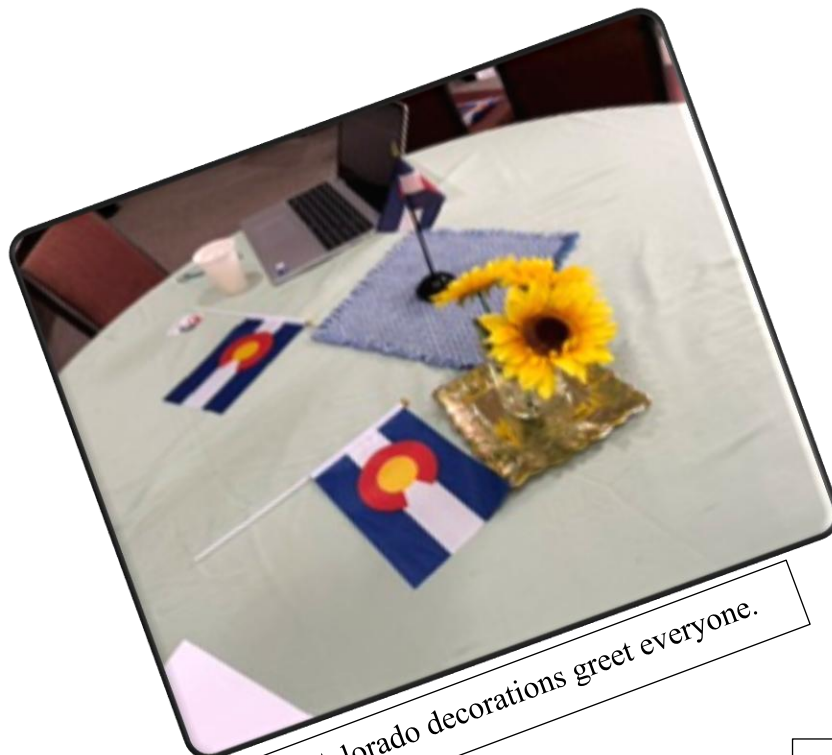
Highlights for me include pension and bounty-land warrants (for affidavits, family details and personal stories) <www.familysearch.org/en/search/collection/1417475>, compiled service records (for enlistment basics) <www.familysearch.org/en/search/collection/1849623> and muster rolls (for muster and payroll proof) <www.familysearch.org/en/search/collection/2068326>.

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COLUMBINE GENEALOGY MEMBERS CELEBRATE THE 150TH COLORADO ANNIVERSARY



Julie Haynie & Jean Adams welcome members as they arrive



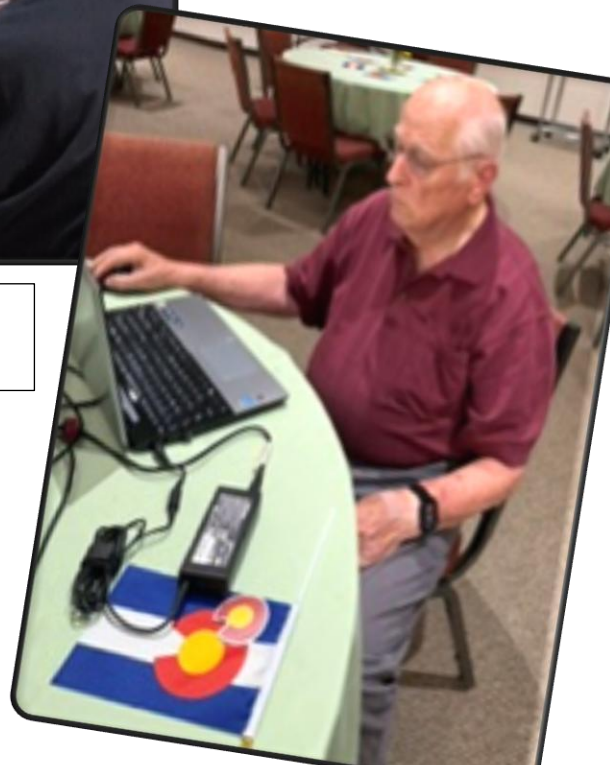
150th Colorado decorations greet everyone.



Dawn Bunyak & Chris Yaros arrive to the meeting



Columbine's Geek Squad provides the technology that allows our meetings to be transmitted via Zoom!



Richard Evans makes sure everything goes well.



Marylee Hagen, Sharol Bettencourt and Stephen Asay anxiously await the start of the meeting.

Everyone enjoyed the many sweet and savory delicacies.



Colorado's 150th Anniversary was celebrated with a delicious cake.



Everyone enjoyed good food and great conversations.



Marge Healy



Alicia Smart - Ann Kerr - Jeanie Blanchard



Becky Clark & Susan Hollis share ideas.



Russ Frum & Sean McGuire
Could they be cousins? Their ancestors
both stem from West Virginia.

USING AI IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY STORIES

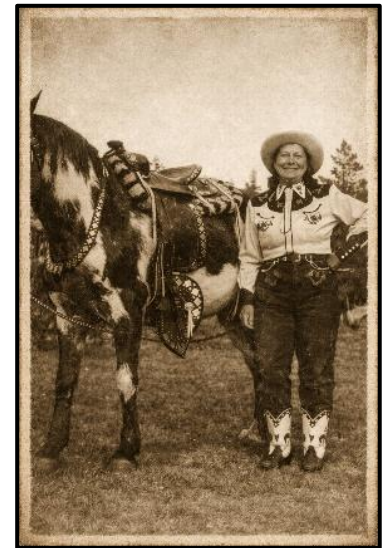


By Jean Adams

Background: I did some research on a prominent Breckenridge, Colorado woman for the Summit Historical Society's Colorado 150 Celebration posted on social media throughout the centennial year. The editor limited me to 150 words. The following narrative shown in italics is a summary of the information I found but was too long and kind of boring. My solution was to copy and paste this information into Google Gemini with the instruction to "make this more interesting and limit it to 150 words." Which version do you like and which version do you think was submitted for publication? Send comments to jadams31216@gmail.com.

The most well-known woman entrepreneur in Breckenridge was probably May Nicholson. According to her tombstone she was born in 1891 and died in 1963.

Her legacy is a classic example of the complex social fabric of Colorado mining towns, where women like May often held significant economic power and navigated between the town's "polite" society and its underworld. Born Carrie May Dahl in Kansas, she came to Breckenridge in the early 1900s. First, she operated Blue Goose parlor house/restaurant where she was known to be a madam. After her marriage to E. R. (Rusty) Nicholson in 1927 she operated the Mayfair Guernsey Dairy for 16 years before eventually selling the dairy business to the Valaer family (specifically Sena and John Valaer). May and Rusty divorced and I found him on census records remarried and living in Buena Vista. Rusty had signed the ranch over to May. For several years she operated a dude ranch on the 623-acre property, performing at local ranch rodeos with her trick horse named Gold and Silver. After selling her beloved ranch, she retired to Breckenridge where she purchased the house at 200 N. Ridge.



HERE'S GEMINI'S CONDENSED VERSION:

From running a notorious parlor house to performing rodeo stunts on a trick horse named Gold and Silver, May Nicholson (1891–1963) was Breckenridge's ultimate entrepreneurial chameleon.

Born Carrie May Dahl in Kansas, she arrived in the rough-and-tumble mining town in the early 1900s, carving out a formidable economic empire that straddled "polite" society and the underworld. After starting as a madam at the Blue Goose, she pivoted remarkably following her 1927 marriage to E.R. "Rusty" Nicholson, successfully running the Mayfair Guernsey Dairy for 16 years.

When her marriage dissolved, Rusty handed her their sprawling 623-acre ranch. May transformed it into a thriving dude ranch, dazzling locals by riding her beloved trick horse in town rodeos. After selling the property, she spent her retirement comfortably at 200 N. Ridge in Breckenridge, leaving behind a legacy as colorful as Colorado's history.

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USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

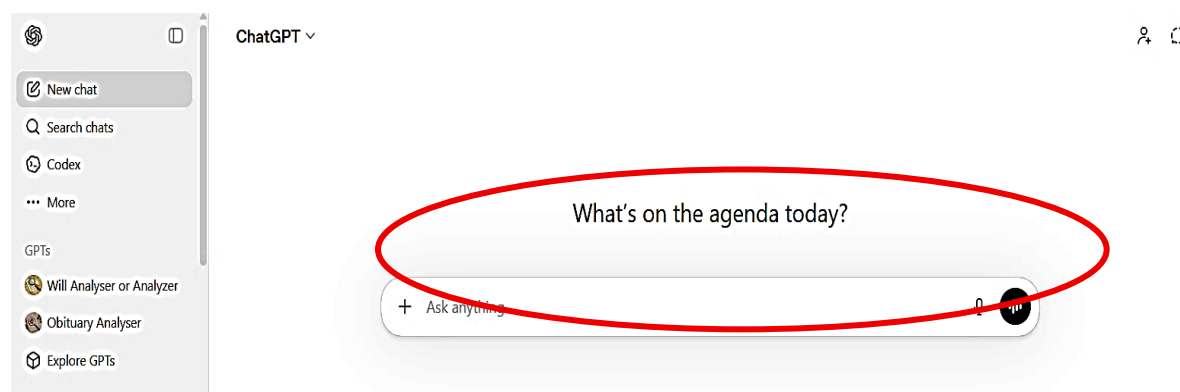
By Barbara Elliott

Using AI is very beneficial to research. It will help you transcribe records that are hard to read or darker than normal. You can ask AI to transcribe line-by-line and include square brackets [] around words that are illegible. This is just one of many tasks that AI can help the researcher with.

Here are a few sites that I have used and that work well. ChatGPT and Claude have free versions along with paid versions. Google Gemini is free and searches the web for information. Microsoft Copilot is free and also searches the web for information.

Let's look at a few examples:

Using ChatGPT



This is the home page. You will need to ask it a question on what you want to accomplish during this season or upload a document. Below is my question on my French ancestors.

I wanted to learn more about my French ancestors and what made them come to the United States.

Update memory? "Is interested in genealogy and historical records ..."

Yes

No

That's a fascinating quest — uncovering the "why" behind your ancestors' journey adds so much depth to the family story. French migration to the U.S. often had powerful drivers: war, religious persecution, economic hardship, or even adventure.

Have you traced them to a particular region in France yet?



AI will give you an answer to what you have asked it to do and will ask you a question or give suggestions to see what more you would like to accomplish. I gave ChatGPT a few more suggestions on what I wanted and below are some details it wanted me to fill out, which I did.

Great! To help you best, I'll need a bit more detail:

1. **Full names** of the three sons (especially your direct ancestor).
2. **Approximate birth years** (even a rough range is helpful).
3. **Where they lived** around the time of the Civil War (still Jefferson County, NY?).
4. Any **known military unit names** or **family stories** related to their service or exemption.

Once I have that, I can guide you to the most likely Civil War service records, draft registrations, and exemption details. Ready when you are!



myfamilymuseum.com

For Henry Lewis Croissant:

- **Look for:** Officer's service records, possible promotions in the "Official Records of the War of the Rebellion," and perhaps post-war pension or bounty land applications.

For Charles Croissant (exempt):

- **Look for:** Civil War draft registration records (especially the 1863 conscription list). Exemption reasons may include:
 - Only son of a widow
 - Physical disability



AI can also give you a Research Worksheet to help you track your ancestors with general info, specific places to research, and tips for keeping track of what and where you find the information.

You can also ask for a downloadable PDF, Excel file, or copy and paste the whole chat into a Word document or whatever you use.

Here's a tailored **Genealogy Research Worksheet** to help you track Civil War records for Edward, Henry, and Charles Croissant:

Croissant Family – Civil War Research Worksheet

GENERAL INFO

Location: Jefferson County, New York

Time Period: American Civil War (1861–1865)

us 1. Edward Peter Croissant

Rank: Private

Unit: 1st Regiment, New York Light Artillery

Focus Areas:

- Enlistment & discharge dates



These AI tools are easy to use; you just need to give it a try. With ChatGPT, if you are using the free version, just know the more information you ask for and the more answers you receive, there will be a limit and it will time out for 24 hours. But you will have some research suggestions from AI to work with during that 24-hour period.

If you upload documents, depending on how many you upload, the information extracted, the time limit might be reached sooner.



VIETNAM WALL IN MEMORY TRAVELING MOBILE – BROOKINGS, SD - Fishback Soccer Field June 11-14 2026

By Marylee Hagen



My brother John Hagen was inducted into the VIETNAM IN MEMORY program in June 2025 in Washington, DC. This is for soldiers who passed away after they returned home. John's death June 1, 2019, was caused by lung cancer due to Agent Orange the deadly chemical used in the rice paddies in Vietnam during the war. John was from South Dakota so that is his home state, and his photo and information will only be on the Traveling Mobile in South Dakota. John is buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, CO.

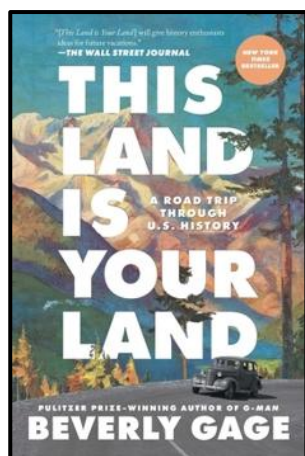
The Traveling Wall and In Memory Mobile has traveled throughout the United States every year since 1996. In 2026 it started in Oahu at the University of Hawaii and will travel to 31 communities. The Traveling Wall is ¾ size of the Wall in DC. It lists all the soldiers who died or are missing in action. The In Memory program is for those who were in the Vietnam War and came home and later died.

It is important to understand the symbols used before or after each name to indicate a service member's status. Diamond shape = known or presumed dead. Cross symbol designates the missing or prisoner status when the Wall was built in 1982 and remains unaccounted for today. When a service member is

repatriated, the diamond is superimposed over the cross. The names are inscribed in the chronological order of their dates of casualty. The list of names begins at the apex below the year of the first casualty and continues to the end of the east wall. It resumes at the tip of the west wall, ending at the apex, above the year of the last death. There are 58,182 names on the Wall and 1,500 unaccounted soldiers.



Vietnam veteran Steven Davenport gave his motor bike to the Gold Star Mothers in honor of his friend CPL Robert Cupp who died in 1968. When they volunteered for the Army, they used the buddy system. They were to be sent to the same place. However, that did not happen. Steven was sent to Germany and Robert to Vietnam. Steven fixed up his old motor bike and donated it in 2012 to the VVMF (Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund) by the Gold Star Mothers (family members who lost a loved one in service to our nation)



THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

A ROAD TRIP THROUGH U. S. HISTORY

Are you looking for a cross-country adventure through history that you can enjoy from your living room? Author, Beverly Gage takes you with her on her journey through the United States visiting various historical landmarks and talks about them as they stand today and how they were in history. She states: “I hope this book has offered some ways to think about the nation and its history with room for criticism and optimism, patriotism and dissent, the highs and lows.”

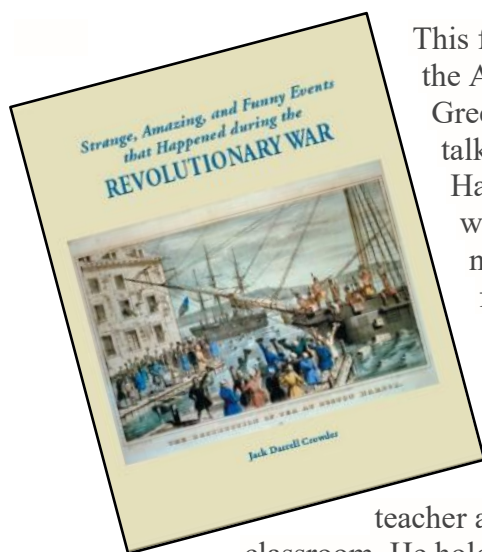
Her journey took her to museums, historic sites, monuments and anywhere she could visit the country’s past. As she tours sites from Independence Hall in Philadelphia to the Confederate memorial in Georgia, she describes their complicated and inspiring histories. Her journey takes her to Chicago and the development of Coke Cola and George Pullman’s model town; to Michigan and the Ford Motor Car. Slavery, labor movements and presidential positions are examined. She relates how America’s successes and failures took place and how they are remembered.

With the nation’s celebration of its 250th anniversary the book is a timely look back at our history.

Author Beverly Gage is an American historian who is a professor of history and American studies at Yale University, where she was the director of the Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy.



STRANGE, AMAZING, AND FUNNY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR



This fascinating and fun book is filled with unusual or little-known aspects of the American Revolution, such as the reason that future General Nathaniel Greene was compelled to enlist as a private, an early instance of “trash talking,” and who and why someone tore off most of the roof of Harvard Hall during the war. Do you know who the teenager Christopher Seider was or why his death pre-figured the famous Boston Massacre? Can you name the first Native American to serve in the Patriot Cause? You will find out if you get a copy of “Strange, Amazing, and Funny Events that Happened during the Revolutionary War.” It will intrigue you and your friends, and it has the makings of a great coffee table book as well.

About the Author: Jack Darrell Crowder is a retired teacher and administrator with forty plus years in the classroom. He holds B.A. and master’s degrees from Texas Christian University and has written twelve books on the American Revolution. He gives talks on the Revolutionary War to school classes, historical societies, and Daughters of the American Revolution chapters.



YOUR FAMILY FOOTPRINTS NEWSLETTER

Jeanie Blanchard, Editor



This past year Columbine Genealogy has focused on the 250th and 150th Anniversaries of America and Colorado. We hope you are enjoying our newsletter and the articles written by our members.

Maybe you would like to contribute to the newsletter. Your article can be a couple of paragraphs or a couple of pages.

Please send your story for the January newsletter by December 1. If you have questions send them to newsletter@columbinegenealogy.com and I will respond.

Columbine Genealogy's community is built on your ideas! Whatever thoughts, feedback, or suggestions you have, we'd love to hear them.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season filled with many happy family moments.

Thank you to the many people who helped with the newsletter. It is a team effort.

2026 has been a good year. Many people contributed to the success of Columbine Genealogy. Some people organized or brought refreshments to the meetings, others provided publicity, technical and equipment support, hosted special interest meetings, proofread, kept and audited the financial records, coordinated the membership records, meetings and speakers, recorded our meetings, attended and provided a record of the National Genealogy Society and Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies meetings.

Names are not noted as so many people helped to support the success of our society. But your help has been noticed. A great big THANK YOU for your contributions. An organization can not succeed without the participation of the membership.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO COLUMBINE GENEALOGY.



Happy Holidays!

**May your feasts be delicious,
your gatherings peaceful,
and your kitchen smoke alarms
stay blissfully quiet.**



2027 - 2028 BUDGET**Income**

101 - Membership Dues	\$3,500
Cash on hand	4,699
Total Income	\$ 8,199

Expenses

200 - President	25
205 - VP / Programs	1,400
210 - Publicity Coordinator/MKT	1,600
220 - Secretary	25
230 - Treasurer	120
235 - Newsletter Editor	120
240 - Membership Coordinator	400
245 - Education Coordinator	1,600
305 - Equipment	100
307 - Zoom Fees	170
315 - Hospitality	200
317 - Door Prizes	180
325 - Photographer	0
330 - Public Acquisitions	0
333 - Stern-NARA	100
350 - Web Master	800
400 - Bank Fees (box rental)	35
405- Church Rental	900
410 - Society Memberships	120
415 - Miscellaneous	0
422 - Credit Card Fees	50
425 - Postal Box	229
430 - Sales Tax and Licensing	25
Total Expenses	\$ 8,199

2027 Columbine Election Ballot**OFFICER POSITIONS (Two-year Term)**

Election of officers will take place at the
Annual Business Meeting on

November 10, 2026

POSITION	NOMINEE
President	Stephen Asay
Secretary	Dawn Bunyak
Membership Coordinators 2 people	Open
	Open
Publicity Coordinator	Open
OTHER OPEN POSITIONS Appointed Committee Chairs (Not voted on)	
Acquisitions	Open
Auditor – 2 people	Open
	Open
Equipment Assistant	Open
Nominating – 3 people	Open
	Open
	Open
Photographer	Open
Publicity Co-chair	Open

Columbine needs you!

We have many open positions that need your assistance. Membership participation contributes to the success of an organization. Ask a friend to co-chair a committee with you.

Remember - "Many hands make light work"



This is your opportunity to strengthen Columbine Genealogy.



NEW OR RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

COLUMBINE GENEALOGY

P.O. BOX 2074, CENTENNIAL, CO 80161-2074

MEMBER NAME (1): _____
 (As it will appear on your name tag and in the Membership List)

MEMBER NAME (2): _____
 (For Family memberships)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL MEMBER (1): _____ PHONE (h or c): _____

EMAIL MEMBER (2): _____ PHONE (h or c): _____
 (For Family memberships)

WHAT SURNAMES ARE YOU RESEARCHING? _____

WHAT LOCATIONS ARE YOU RESEARCHING? _____

Are you willing to have your research information included in tables and maps maintained in a member-only portion of our website? **Circle one:** Yes or No

Columbine Genealogy is **member-operated** and **needs involvement** from each member. As a member, please select one or more of the following areas as your way to **support** Columbine Genealogy. Check, circle or underline your choice:

- ☐ Communications - Submit newsletter articles, community outreach (libraries, marketing, social media)
- ☐ Genealogy – Teaching, translating, providing research, assisting new members, genealogy software
- ☐ Share your knowledge - Accounting, auditing, website updating, Zoom co-hosting, video recording/editing. Other: _____
- ☐ Help at meetings - room setup, photography, refreshments, greeting guests

NEW OR RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT

By joining any time after July 1, your membership will be active until December 31 of the following year.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$35.00 per individual \$ _____

\$45.00 per couple \$ _____

CONTRIBUTIONS

Columbine Genealogy General Fund \$ _____

Stern-NARA Fund (Record Digitization) \$ _____

Columbine Genealogy Library Fund \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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