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J. Mark Lowe to speak at Annual CGS Seminar

J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, will speak at the Annual CGS Seminar scheduled for Saturday, March 18 in the Lower Level Conference Center at the Downtown Denver Public Library. He will also speak on Friday, March 17, 7-9 pm, at the regular monthly meeting of CGS.

The Saturday Seminar will begin at 10 am and will include four presentations by Mark Lowe.

The Saturday presentations will include:

- Making Those Early Census Records Talk to You: Working with Pre-1850 Census Records;
- Finding Your Landless Ancestors: Tracking People Who Never Owned Land;
- My Ancestor, the Farmer: Shaping a Profile of Your Rural Ancestor;
- Road Crews and Jury Selection: Finding an Ancestor Without a Census Through Court Records.

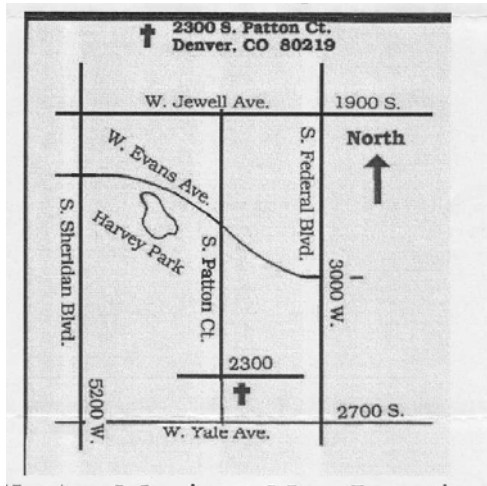
J. Mark Lowe is a board-certified genealogist, a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association, an author, lecturer, and the immediate past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He is also the Executive Director of the Robertson County, Tennessee, Chamber of Commerce. As a speaker, he combines his years of experience in working with original records and manuscripts with homespun humor and Southern style to help both beginning and experienced researchers gain new skills and insights into research.

As the Director of the Regional In-Depth Genealogical Studies Alliance, he helped to develop and direct week-long interactive learning sessions and hands-on research into primary records at regional archives. He is also an instructor at the Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.



There is a \$25 materials cost for the Saturday Seminar, and pre-registration is recommended. (See the registration form on page 8.) There is also an optional box lunch available for an additional \$7.95. Walk-in registration and materials pick-up will begin at 9 am on March 18. (Note the new downtown library hours detailed on page 3.)

J. Mark Lowe will also be the speaker at the regular CGS monthly meeting on Friday, March 17 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, Denver. The meeting will start at 7 pm. Mark's topic on Friday night will be "Here Comes the Bride – and There She Goes," to help you learn how to extract more information from marriage records – and why you should check divorce records for your ancestors. There is no fee for this meeting and visitors are always welcome.



Meeting Location

Christ the King Lutheran Church,
2300 S. Patton Court, Denver

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Comments, news tips, and news articles are always welcome. Contact Carol at Cdarrow944@aol.com.

Upcoming CGS Programs

10 AM start time for Saturday Classes at DPL

- Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class**
Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room,
10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Learn how to get started in genealogy.
- Friday, Feb. 17, 2006: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.**
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.
“Civil War in the Southwest – Hispanic Soldiers from
Colorado & New Mexico.” Speaker: Val Sena.
- Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006: CGS Special Interest Class, 10:00 am
– 3:00 pm.** “Civil War Records.”
- Wednesday, March 1, 2006: CGS Aches & Pains Tour**
Swedish Hospital, 100-year anniversary
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2300 S. Patton Ct., Denver. J. Mark Lowe, past president of
the Association of Professional Genealogists. “Here Comes
the Bride – And There She Goes” – Studying Marriage and
Divorce Records for Clues. Free, no registration required.
- Saturday, March 18, 2006: CGS Annual Seminar, 10:00 am –
4:00 pm, Downtown Denver Public Library Conference
Center, \$25 materials fee. Speaker: J. Mark Lowe.**
- Wednesday, April 5, 2006: CGS Aches & Pains Tour.** Walking
tour of historic LoDo area.
- Saturday, April 8, 2006: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class**
Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room,
10:00 am – 3:00 pm Learn how to get started in genealogy.
- Saturday, April 15, 2006: CGS Special Interest Class, 10:00
am – 3:00 pm.** “Exploring Newspapers”
- Friday, April 21, 2006: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.**
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.
Birdie Holsclaw, “Black Sheep Research.”
- Saturday, April 29, 2006: 5th Saturday – Missouri Research
and Genealogical Records.** Pam Smith, speaker.
- Wednesday, May 3, 2006: CGS Aches & Pains Tour.** Fort
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“Conducting Interviews for Oral Histories” Susan Echelmeier
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– 3:00 pm.** “Skillbuilding – Putting Research Techniques Into
Practice.”

New Downtown DPL Library Hours

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Downtown Denver Public Library Hours

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Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday, 1 pm – 5 pm

The earlier opening time on Saturdays will mean that CGS classes, both Beginning Genealogy and the Special Interest classes, will begin at 10 am and end at about 2:30 pm.

CGS/Computer Interest Group To Discuss Extreme Googling

The Google™ search engine has become so popular that “google” is a new verb in our vocabulary. Birdie Holsclaw, CG, will present “Extreme Googling for Genealogists” at the Computer Interest Group (CIG) meeting on Monday, March 13, 7:30 pm. The group now meets at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court in Denver, on the second Monday of the month.

Jewish Genealogy Group Hosts Seminar

Gary Mokotoff, an internationally recognized speaker on Jewish and Eastern European genealogical research, will be the featured speaker at the Jewish Genealogical Society Seminar on Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Downtown Denver Public

Library. Sessions will begin at 9:15 am and continue through the day until 4:15 pm.

Topics will include:

- Holocaust Research: Documenting Victims, Locating Survivors;
 - Recent Advances in Jewish Genealogical Research: The Changing Geography of Central and Eastern Europe;
 - Fundamentals of Researching Jewish Families.
- The afternoon sessions are particularly designed for a non-Jewish as well as a Jewish audience.

For registration forms, contact Anne Fendrich at 303-759-9824 or Rita Jo Tensly at 303-758-8260.

Black Genealogy Search Group indexes cemetery records of African-Americans

Volunteers from the Black Genealogy Search Group of Denver reviewed more than 86,000 burial cards dating from 1876 to identify African-Americans who lived and died in Colorado. The volunteers were able to collect records of 5,000 blacks who were buried in Riverside Cemetery in Denver.

The index contains information about notable black leaders of the Denver community including Barney Ford, an escaped slave who became a wealthy entrepreneur and civil rights leader; Lewis Price, publisher of the Denver Star, the first black newspaper west of the Missouri River; and Clara Brown, who was a friend of miners and newly freed slaves who settled in Colorado. The index also includes lesser known blacks who worked on the railroads and in construction, helping to build the city that became Denver.

A printed version of this index is available for research at the Denver Public Library's genealogy department. The volunteers hope they will be able to make the information available on-line as well.

Future plans include indexing information drawn from insurance policies and mortgage documents of the American Woodmen Insurance Company, a

company that served turn-of-the-century black communities in states west of the Mississippi.

Spring Special Interest Classes continue at DPL

Monthly Special Interest classes co-sponsored by CGS and the Denver Public Library focus on a variety of topics of interest to genealogical researchers. This spring, classes will be offered in Civil War records (February 18); exploring newspaper resources (April 15); and putting research techniques into practice (May 20). There will also be a 5th Saturday program on April 29 featuring Pam Smith speaking on Missouri research and genealogical records.

Note the new class starting time of 10 am since the Downtown Denver Library opens at 9am. Classes will end at about 2:30 pm to allow for some personal research time.

Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for all types of genealogical activities and organizational assistance. Think you aren't qualified? Think again. Volunteer activities offer you personal growth, education, and insight into a variety of genealogical and organizational areas. Here are just a few examples:

- CGS Publications Chairman: Tracks the exchange publications that CGS receives as well as the publications CGS subscribes to. Publications are stamped as CGS donations and given to James Jeffrey at DPL.
- Proofreader for index abstracts of local Rogers Mortuary records: Take home typed lists of indexed records. Compare the typed copy to the photocopy of the original record and mark needed corrections. Return the materials to the downtown Denver Public Library.
- Proofreader for index abstracts of Fairmount Cemetery records: Take home typed lists of indexed records. Compare the typed copy to the photocopy of the original record and mark

needed corrections. Return the materials to the downtown Denver Public Library.

- Assistance with registration at the Annual Seminar: Arrive at 8:30 am on March 18 at the Downtown Denver Public Library. Hand out pre-made registration packets to seminar attendees. Job ends at 10 am.
- Assistance with coffee, tea, mid-session snacks, and clean-up at the Annual Seminar. Arrive at 8:00 am to set up tables. Clean-up will be from 4-4:30 pm.
- Assistance with the planning and organization of the Aches & Pains tours that take place on the first Wednesday of the month.
- Speaker to present information at a Special Interest class – 20-30 minute presentation on a topic near and dear to your heart. Share your enthusiasm with other CGS members.

If you're interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, contact Lou-Jean Rehn at 303-333-2492 or email her at: ljrehn@yahoo.com.

CG is new Board Certification standard

The Board for Certification of Genealogists has adopted a single standard for board certification – the CG or Certified Genealogist. To meet the new requirements for certification, you will be asked to

- Sign the Genealogist's Code of Ethics, signifying your willingness to abide by its tenets.
- Describe your general educational background.
- List genealogical instructional courses completed, conferences and/or workshops attended, dates of attendance, and any certificates received or degrees earned.
- Enumerate your genealogy-related activities — such as society memberships, offices held, and volunteer activities.
- Outline briefly your research experience.
- Explain why you seek certification.
- Discuss your accessibility to the records of your geographic specialty.

You will also be asked to

- Transcribe, abstract, and comment upon the genealogical value of an historical document

provided by the Board; and comment as to its genealogical value and your research plans based on the clues it contains.

- Transcribe, abstract, and comment upon the genealogical value of an historical document chosen from your research; and comment as to its genealogical value and your research plans based on the clues it contains.
- Submit a research report prepared for a client that meets the criteria described in the *BCG Application Guide* (sent to you by BCG when you apply).
- Supply a case study from your own research that demonstrates your application of the Genealogical Proof Standard to a complex problem involving conflicting or indirect evidence.
- Submit kinship determination project as a narrative genealogy, narrative lineage, narrative pedigree, or case study that documents and explains linkages among individuals through at least three ancestral generations (ascending or descending) that conforms to criteria listed in the *BCG Application Guide*.

For more information, practice documents and application form, use the website at www.bcgcertification.org. You can also ask questions of the current CGS members who are board certified including Birdie Holsclaw, Julie Miller, Lou-Jean Rehn, or Carol Darrow.

2006 NGS National Conference set for Chicago June 7-10

The annual NGS National Conference in the States: "Chicago: They Passed This Way," will open on Wednesday, June 7 at 8 am in the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel in Chicago. The program includes basic genealogical and skillbuilding lectures; specific lectures about genealogical records in Chicago, as well as Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan records; Scandinavian, Polish and German immigration; Holocaust

research; and classes on using digital cameras for documenting research and software to record your information. There will also be several luncheons and a jazz-filled social gathering on Wednesday evening, June 7.

The annual four-day conference is an excellent opportunity to expand your genealogical knowledge by learning from the leaders in the genealogical research field. It's also a wonderful place to meet genealogists from all over the U.S.

Registration fee for NGS members is \$175 before April 21 and \$210 after April 21. The fee for non-NGS members is \$210 before April 21 and \$245 after April 21. Go to the website at www.eshow2000.com/ngs/ for registration and complete program details.

Samford University to host Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research

Samford University will again welcome more than 200 students at the annual Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research, scheduled for June 11-16 in Birmingham, Alabama.

There are ten courses, each offering a full week of classes focused on the specific topic. Courses include:

- Research Techniques and Technology
- Intermediate Genealogy and Historical Studies
- Research in the Deep South
- Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis
- Advanced Research: Law Libraries and Government Documents
- Writing & Publishing for Genealogists
- Researching French Ancestors
- Researching African-American Ancestors
- Scottish Genealogical Research
- For Land's Sake! Advanced Land Platting

Instructors include Elizabeth Shown Mills, John Philip Colletta, Lloyd Bockstruck, Helen Leary,

Mary McCampbell Bell and our own Birdie Holsclaw.

Registration fee is \$375 before March 15 and \$425 after that date. The IGHR is held on the Samford University campus in Birmingham, Alabama. Double room suite accommodations including meal tickets are available for \$190 for the week. Check <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html> for complete course details and schedules.

NIGR set for July 16-22 in Washington, DC

The National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR) is a week-long learning experience held annually at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and College Park, Maryland. It is an intensive research program for experienced researchers for on-site examination of federal records. The 2006 program, set for July 16-22, focuses on immigration, military, land, cartographic, postal, African American, legislative records and much more.

Enrollment will start in February and is limited. Tuition is \$350 before May 15 and \$400 thereafter. To receive the program announcement and registration form, submit your mailing info to <http://www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin/> Information will be available in early February.

TIPS, TRICKS, & TECHNIQUES Bureau of Land Management records are back on line

Federal land records for cash sales and homestead land are back on line as of December 25 – and will hopefully be available for a long time. The website has periodically been off limits due to federal lawsuits, is now available. Users may search for ancestors' names, print out specific land information and copies of original grants. The website currently includes only the Eastern United

States – east of the Mississippi River. The website is: www.glorerecords.blm.gov/

SSDI Updated

RootsWeb.org offers access to the Social Security Death Index (SSDI), which includes records through June 2005. This database contains several important bits of information on the more than 75,532,189 persons whose deaths are on file with the U.S.'s Social Security Administration (SSA), including: social security number, date of issuance, state of issuance, date of birth, date of death, and last address of record.

The Social Security Death Index (SSDI) is created from the SSA's Death Master File. It is a database of people whose deaths were reported to the SSA beginning in about 1962. However, only a few deaths are listed before 1962 and the SSDI does not include everyone who died from 1962 to the present, but it is close to being a national death index for the United States.

Danish Emigrant Database

The Copenhagen Police kept emigration lists from 1869 to 1940, which were recorded in ledgers that now comprise the 90-volume Copenhagen Police Records of Emigrants. There are 394,000 records available on-line for the period from 24 May 1868 to December 1908. Mormon emigrants are included in the database for the period from 1868-1872 and after 1882.

The data fields include name, occupation, age, last residence, parish, county, and first destination. The fields listed in the search results are in English. The website is: www.emiarch.dk/home.php3

Colorado Marriages CD has sold over 600 copies

CGS has sold more than 600 copies of the Colorado Marriages, 1858-1939 CD throughout the U.S. There have also been requests from County Antrim, Northern Ireland; Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, Canada; and Ashburton, New Zealand. Copies are still available for \$10 plus \$1 postage within the U.S.



Colorado Marriages CD available by mail

Denver Public Library volunteers compiled a complete cross-referenced index to Colorado Marriages 1858-1939, based on the Works Progress Administration (WPA) index cards. The original index was a grooms-only index in rough alphabetical order. Library volunteers added a brides index and search availability for wedding date, location of the marriage, and license number. Every Colorado county is represented and there are more than 912,000 separate entries.

The CD was published by the Colorado Genealogical Society and is available by mail for \$10 plus \$1 shipping and handling charge. Address orders to CGS-Colorado Marriages CD, P.O. Box 9218, Denver, CO 80209-0218.

Colorado Marriages, 1858-1939

Number of CD's in order @ \$10 each _____

Shipping @ \$1.00 each _____

Total _____

Make Check to "CGS-Colorado Marriage CD"

Ship to:

(Name)

(Address)

(City, State, ZIP)

Genealogy Exhibit at Molly Brown House Museum

The Molly Brown House Museum, located at 1340 Pennsylvania Street in Denver, is currently exhibiting the Brown-Tobin Family Tree Chart and the Brown-Tobin Heritage Album. Both exhibits were created as part of the Molly Brown Genealogy Project, a joint endeavor by Julie Miller, CG, and Becky Olson, owner of Olsongraphics Keepsake Family Trees.

The project had its roots in a 1999 book presentation by Kristen Iverson, author of *Molly Brown-Unraveling the Myth*. Becky was fascinated and envisioned a Brown-Tobin family tree depicting the lineage of Margaret Tobin Brown, heroine of the *Titanic* and her wealthy Colorado mine owner husband, James J. Brown.

In early 2002, Becky sought the genealogical research assistance of Julie Miller to resolve the conflicting and undocumented information about the famous Molly Brown.

The results – a framed graphic depiction of the Brown-Tobin Family Tree and the Brown-Tobin Heritage Album – were presented to Kerri Atter, curator of the Molly Brown House Museum.

Museum Hours:

September - May

Tuesday - Saturday

Open: 10:00 AM

Last Tour at 3:30 PM

Sunday

Open: Noon

Last Tour at 3:30 PM

June - August

Monday - Saturday

Open: 10:00 AM

Last Tour at 3:30 PM

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Annual Genealogical Seminar

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Materials Fee \$25.00; Pre-Purchased Box Lunch \$7.95. Doors open at 9am. Program starts at 10 am
 For more information, go on-line to www.rootsweb.com/~cocgs/ or call Carol Darrow (303) 287-6063.

REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to Colorado Genealogical Society (CGS). Mail to Mary Thayer, 11156 E. Ada Place, Aurora, CO 80012-3120

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Materials Fee (\$25.00) _____
 Lunch, Optional (\$7.95) _____
 Total Enclosed _____

Mark lunch selection:

- ❖ Roast beef, smoked turkey, Dutch Edam cheese, tomato, lettuce and Aioli spread served on Levain bread.
- ❖ Ham and aged provolone cheese with pesto, lettuce, tomato and Aioli spread served on a butter croissant.
- ❖ Grilled chicken breast with roasted peppers, basil leaves and Aioli spread on Ciabatta bread.
- ❖ Udi's Veggie-sliced tomato, grated carrot, red onion, cucumber, arugala, sprouts, Dutch Edam cheese and horseradish Dijon spread served on multigrain bread

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CGS Annual Meeting, Potluck, Set for June 16

The Colorado Genealogical Society will hold its Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper on Friday, June 16, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, Denver, from 6:30 pm-9 pm. Note the earlier starting time and bring a dish to share at the potluck. The meeting will include election of officers. The nominating committee, including Julie Miller, Birdie Holsclaw, and Carol Schetter, have nominated the following candidates for election:

President: Pamela Smith

Corresponding Secretary: John Gadd

2007 Nominating Committee: Sherril Erfurth,
Bonnie Garramone, Janice Prater.

The Annual Meeting will also include acceptance of the 2006-07 proposed budget. The proposed budget includes a new line item to cover the cost of the Annual Seminar, as well as Programs and Education. This money will be used to pay speakers and enhance the program offerings of the society. The \$10,450 budget for the year 2006-07 is \$90 more than the budget for the current year.

The program will also feature a presentation on "Planning a Genealogical Summer Vacation"

Annual Seminar Rated Success

For the 161 people attending the CGS Annual Seminar featuring Mark Lowe, March 18 was a day of instruction and fun. Lowe gave four presentations including Understanding Pre-1850 Census Records, Finding Your Landless Ancestors, Shaping a Profile of a Farmer Ancestor, and Using Court Records to Find an Ancestor without a Census. His storytelling skills and southern charm appeared to please the crowd while providing important information about genealogical research.

Proposed Budget for 2006-2007

Income:

Membership Dues	\$6,300
Interest Earned	300
Annual Seminar	3,600
Publications Sold	200
Research Fees	<u>50</u>

TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME \$10,450

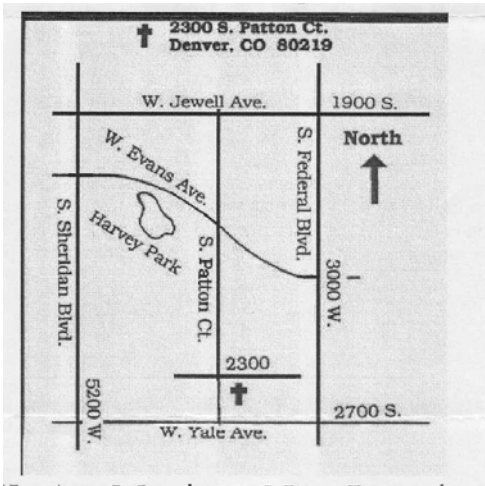
Expenses:

Membership Service	\$ 120
Quarterly/Newsletter Publication	4,725
Mailing Expenses	600
Programs	600
Education	500
Annual Seminar	2,500
Meeting Room Rent	270

CGS Archives	10
Bank Fees	60
Dues & Publications	300
Licenses & Fees	70
Publication Exchange Expenses	20
Publicity	300
Research Expenses	15
Volunteer Coordinator Supplies	50
Miscellaneous	220

President	40
Vice-President	20
Sec'y Corresponding	10
Sec'y Recording	10
Treasurer	<u>10</u>

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- Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class**
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- Friday, Sept. 15, 2006: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.**
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.
Kick-off of the 2006-07 Program Year.

Colorado Genealogical Society Website

To stay up-to-date on all the programs and events sponsored by the Colorado Genealogical Society, log on to the CGS Website. You'll find up-to-date program information, classes offered and news of special events. Make it a favorite!

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~cocgs/>

Research Room at National Archives Hours

The microfilm research room of the Rocky Mountain Region of the National Archives, located in Bldg. 46 at the Federal Center:

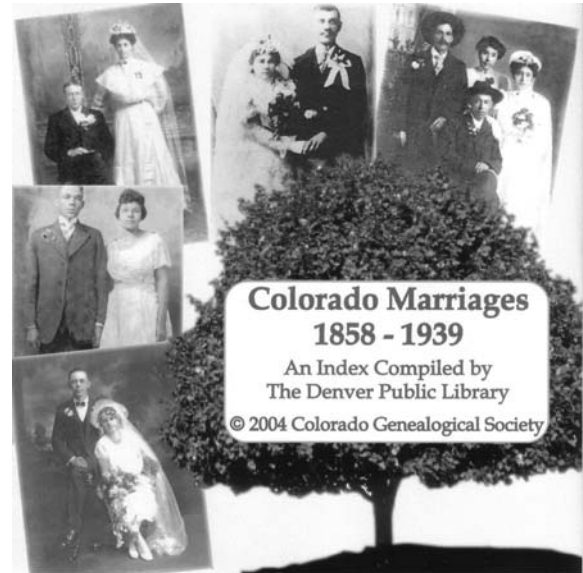
National Archives Research Room

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 7:30 am – 3:45 pm

Thursday, 7:30 am – 7:00 pm

1st and 3rd Saturday, 8:30 am – 4:45 pm

Closed Sundays and Federal Holidays



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TIPS, TRICKS, & TECHNIQUES

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Calculate the Value of Money

Ever wonder about the value of a U.S. dollar in 1895? Or the worth of a British pound from 1830 to 2004. When you see that Grampa's real estate in the 1860 census was valued at \$300, do you have any idea how that would measure up today? Here's a website that will give you the answer in dollars and cents – <http://www.eh.net/hmit/> You can convert a variety of currency into current day values to help you visualize monetary values in the past.

Donors Who Make A Difference for DPL and NARA

Generous donors have again made contributions to both the Denver Public Library Book Fund for the purchase of genealogical books and the National Archives-Rocky Mountain Region Research Fund for the purchase of new microfilm. Thanks to each of you for investing in the future of genealogical research.

Donors to DPL Fund in 2006

Arthur Achtemeier
Patricia Allen
Verlyn Barker
Jan Bartsch
Marie Baum
Mary Bayard
Scott Beadle
Sherry Broderick
Betty Brown
Eldon & Barbara Brown
Ivy Broyles
Marjorie Butts
Nancy Calkins
Teresa L. Campbell
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Pam Smith Elected CGS President for 2006-08

The Colorado Genealogical Society elected Pam Smith as its president for the two-year term beginning July 2006. Also elected for a two-year term was John Gadd, who will serve as corresponding secretary. The election was held at the organization's annual meeting and potluck supper on June 16.

Pam has been a member of CGS since 1999 and served as the CGS Newsletter editor from the fall of 1999 through June 2002. She was also publicity chair from the fall of 1999 through June 2003. She has served as recording secretary from July 2003 through June 2006.

Kitty Bond has been appointed recording secretary to complete Pam's remaining one-year term. Jan Prater will serve on the board of directors as immediate past president and Robin Frank will continue as treasurer.



Janice Prater, left, hands over the gavel to newly-elected CGS President, Pam Smith.

◀ Meet Pam Smith ▶

Pam Smith has been a very active member of the Colorado Genealogical Society since she joined in 1999. In addition to her official duties as editor of the newsletter, publicity chair, and recording secretary, Pam has volunteered on several projects including the 1885 Census of Arapahoe County, the Colorado Brides' Index, the Rogers Mortuary records project, the World War I Soldiers index, the Denver obituary index and the Trail Magazine index.

"My personal genealogical research has been on hold for the past year while I took care of my living family," Pam says. "But I look forward to getting back to my search for Robert Smith (b. 1849 in Illinois). Hearing about methods used by others, learning to keep a dated log of research, and documenting everything, learning new ways of viewing data, and placing people in historical context are all things I've learned from CGS. That is the reason I encourage others to join us in CGS." According to Pam, the best part about being a member of CGS is "the opportunity to get to know people whose eyes don't glaze over when I talk about my latest research find."

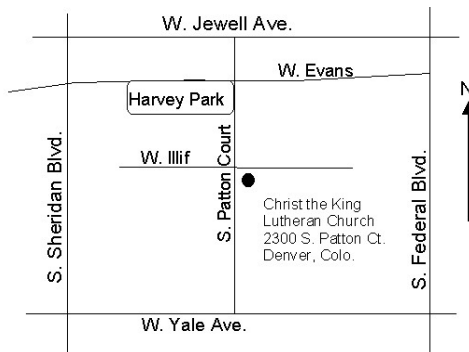
Celebrate CGS New Year with an Ice Cream Social

The CGS program year starts with the September 15 meeting featuring Annette Student, author of *Denver's Riverside Cemetery: Where History Lies*. Riverside is the final resting place of a number of famous and infamous Denver residents – from brick makers to tycoons, baseball players and brewers. Annette will present a short history of this early cemetery and discuss the various monuments, memorials and headstones of the period.

The evening will be kicked off with an old-fashioned ice cream social starting at 6:30 pm.

CGS Meeting Location

Christ the King Lutheran Church,
2300 S. Patton Court, Denver



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Upcoming CGS Programs

- Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, 10-12 noon: CGS Aches & Pains Tour** Colorado State Capitol Building
- Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class** Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Learn how to get started in genealogy.
- Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006: Hands-On Ancestry LE Class**, 10-12 noon, Downtown Denver Public Library, 4th Level Computer Lab. Mark Gray, instructor.
- Friday, Sept. 15, 2006: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.** Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Annette Student on Riverside Cemetery and tombstone art. Ice Cream Social starts at 6:30 pm.
- Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006: CGS Special Interest Class, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm** Up, Over, and Around Brick Walls – Will This Be the Year? (Bring your brick wall problem to class.)
- Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006, 10-12 noon: CGS Aches & Pains Tour.** Riverside Cemetery, tour led by Annette Student
- Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class** Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Learn how to get started in genealogy.
- Friday, Oct. 20, 2006: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.** Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Alan and Sue Cass on the “Ghosts” of Caribou Mines.
- Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006: CGS Special Interest Class, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Mapping Your Way to Success in Genealogy
- Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006, 10-12 noon: CGS Aches & Pains Tour.** Molly Brown House
- Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class** Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Learn how to get started in genealogy.
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- Friday, Nov. 17, 2006: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.** Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Sherril Erfurth on Exposing Relationships with City Directories.
- Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006: CGS Special Interest Class, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Opening the West – Homesteads, Railroads, Rectangular Land Platting
- Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, 10-12 noon: CGS Aches & Pains Tour.** Governor’s Mansion at Christmas
- Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class** Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Learn how to get started in genealogy.
- No CGS Program Meeting and No Special Interest Class in December. Happy Holidays!**

Lou-Jean Rehn named CGS Volunteer of the Year

Lou-Jean Rehn was named CGS Volunteer of the Year for 2005-06 at the CGS Annual Meeting in June. It's an honor that is well deserved based on the number of volunteer activities Lou-Jean manages to squeeze into her busy life.

Lou-Jean has been a member of CGS since 1996, but her volunteer work started in 1992 when she became a volunteer worker at her local Family History Center. She can be found each Tuesday afternoon at the Yale & Monaco FHC.

She became a volunteer at the downtown Denver Public Library in 2000 when she started working on the Mansion Livery Stable records. "These are records of boarding and renting horses and carriages for metro Denver between 1885-1890. They are a fascinating record of people using the transportation means of the period." Lou-Jean indexed the records and the index was published in the *CGS Quarterly*. She is currently working on indexing the Rogers Mortuary records that date from 1885 and is also transcribing the Horan burial journal, 1890-1899.

Lou-Jean became the instructor of CGS's Beginning Genealogy classes offered every month at DPL starting in November 2002 and has been a regular speaker at the Special Interest genealogy classes since 2004. She has served as CGS Corresponding Secretary for 2004-2006. In addition, Lou-Jean has worked tirelessly on the CGS Annual Seminar since 2000. She will serve as the chairman of the 2007 Seminar.

Lou-Jean also does professional genealogical research and has several clients. She was recently acknowledged by Dick Kreck in his book *Anton Wood, the Boy Murderer* for her research contributions to his manuscript.

"I volunteer because I believe I should pay back a debt for what others have done for me in genealogy," Lou-Jean says. "If those people weren't out there indexing their records, I wouldn't have access to them. I teach because I love to teach. I love to see the light bulb turn on, and I always learn a great deal from the students."



Lou-Jean Rehn accepting Volunteer of the Year at CGS Annual Meeting in June.

E-mail Notification of CGS Activities Available to Members

If you'd like to be notified via e-mail of upcoming CGS programs and activities, you can send your email address to new Program Chair Pat Roberts at par85@hotmail.com. Pat will be happy to add you to the list and you'll be notified about the exciting activities, programs, and classes planned for the coming year.

CIG Seminar Hosts Beau Sharbrough Sept. 11-12

Beau Sharbrough, a noted lecturer about the computer technology of genealogy, will be the guest lecturer at the Computer Interest Group of the Colorado Genealogical Society on Sept. 11 and 12. On Sept. 11, Sharbrough will speak on "Ancestry.com Today." The Sept. 11 appearance will be at the regularly scheduled CIG meeting held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, Denver. There will be no charge for this meeting.

Sharbrough will then present an all-day seminar on Tuesday, Sept. 12, also at Christ the King Lutheran Church. He will speak on "Getting the Most from Ancestry.com," "Rootsweb: The Best-Kept Secret in Genealogy," and "Online Databases: Fact or Fiction."

Registration for the Tuesday seminar is required. The fee is \$15 for CIG members and \$20 for non-CIG members. Lunch will be available for purchase or you may bring your own. Contact Bobbi King at Rking24600@aol.com or call (720) 839-4952 for more information.

Ancestry Instruction Classes Set for DPL

The Colorado Genealogical Society, in cooperation with the Downtown Denver Public Library, will offer hands-on instruction in Ancestry Library Edition as well as Rootsweb and other on-line databases. Mark Gray will be the instructor. Classes will be held on Thursday, Sept. 14 and Thursday, Nov. 16. Classes are from 10 am – noon at DPL's computer lab (4th Floor, downtown Denver Public Library). The classes are free and open to the public. Attendees should be familiar with the operation of a computer and the Internet.



Terry Quirke and his editor, Kathleen Hinckley

Quirke Wins NGS Award for Excellence for Quirke Family History Book

Terence T. "Terry" Quirke, Jr., Ph.D., was presented with the 2006 Award for Excellence: Genealogy and Family History Book by the National Genealogical Society on June 9. The award is given for a specific, significant single contribution in the form of a family genealogy or family history book that serves to foster scholarship and/or otherwise advances or promotes excellence in genealogy.

Dr. Quirke's book, *Quirke Genealogy and Family History of Clonmel, County Tipperary, Ireland; India, New Zealand, England, Australia, South Africa, and the United States*, begins in 1787 with Michael Quirke of County Tipperary, Ireland.

The preface explains: "This genealogy and family history exemplifies the Irish diaspora of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. From an Irish foot soldier in a British regiment of the early 1800s, he, his children, and their descendants became significant persons living in almost all the major English-speaking countries and the British Empire."

Quirke is a Fellow of the Irish Genealogical Research Society, a member of the board of directors of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, and a member of CGS and the WISE (Welsh, Irish, Scottish, English) Family History Society.

CGS Fall Programs Promise Variety

Come join us at a CGS Program Meeting. Program Chair Pat Roberts has planned a interesting mix of programs and fellowship for the fall.

The **Friday, Sept. 15** program will start with an old-fashioned ice cream social at 6:30 pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, Denver. The speaker will be Annette Student on the history of Riverside Cemetery, highlighting Victorian symbols and monument design in this early Denver cemetery. Annette has just published a book on the topic titled *Denver's Riverside Cemetery: Where History Lies*, and will introduce us to a variety of fascinating people who were part of Denver and Colorado's early history.

The program speaker on **Friday, Oct. 20** will be Alan Cass, assisted by his wife and research partner Sue Cass. Alan will speak on the "Ghosts" of Caribou Mines. Caribou is located at 9,800 feet and ultimately produced an estimated \$8 million of silver before closing in 1884. You'll want to hear about the exciting mining era that shaped much of Colorado history. Alan is a Glenn Miller historian and the curator of the bandleader's archive in CU's Macky Auditorium. He is also the public address announcer for CU football and basketball games.

Then on **Friday, Nov. 17**, Sherril Erfurth will give a presentation on "Exposing Relationships with City Directories." City directories were the early phone books of the period before telephones and were published by cities large and small. The program will include hands-on participation by the audience. Sherril is a professional genealogist who has been an active researcher in the Denver area since 1984. She is also a collector of city directories.

There will be no program meeting in December. The next program meeting will be January 19, 2007.

Special Interest Classes To Focus on Hands-On Learning

The fall schedule of Special Interest classes held on the third Saturday of September, October, and November at the downtown Denver Public Library will incorporate hands-on activities to enhance the subjects being taught. On **Saturday, Sept. 16**, the topic will be "Up, Over, and Around Brick Walls – Will This Be the Year?" There will be presentations about analyzing your brick wall problem, presentations about successful techniques for solving the problem, and then a two-hour session of help in identifying and using a variety of research sources that may help you break down that wall. Bring your specific brick wall problem to class for help in working through your personal research hurdle.

On **Saturday, Oct. 21**, the class will focus on "Mapping Your Search for Ancestors." There will be presentations on the historical significance of maps and the wide variety of maps that convey information about your ancestor's life and times. Students will then have an opportunity to search for a variety of maps important in the lives of their own ancestors. Again, it will be helpful if students bring information to class about the location of their ancestors at various periods.

Then on **Saturday, Nov. 18**, the class will deal with the "Opening of the West." Presentations will focus on the Homestead Act of 1862, railroad expansion in the West, and personal experience records kept in journals and diaries by the people who went West. The class will also include hands-on practice in deciphering and platting land located in the rectangular land states of the West.

All classes start at 10 am and usually end around 3 pm with a one-hour lunch break. Both the Special Interest classes on the third Saturday of the month and the Beginning Genealogy classes offered on the second Saturday of each month are free and open to the public.

Aches & Pains Tour Historic Denver Sites

Aches & Pains Tours, co-sponsored by CGS and the Denver Public Library, are walking tours of a local Denver-area historical or genealogical site. The tours are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month from 10 am – noon. There is some variation of starting time, depending on the visit location. The tours usually end with an optional lunch as a group after the tour.

Plans for the 2006-07 season include visits to the Colorado State Capitol Building on Sept. 6; Riverside Cemetery on Oct. 4; the Molly Brown house on Nov. 1; and a traditional visit to the Governor’s Mansion decorated for Christmas. Most tours are free although some may involve a small fee.

Karen Shuman arranges the tours and notes that each tour is “a chance for people to get better acquainted with each other as well as with local historical sites.” Contact Karen to reserve your spot for each tour by calling (303) 759-0331.

CGS Library Fund

Thanks to the generous contributions of CGS members, the organization has been able to donate nearly \$300 to the book fund of the downtown Denver Public Library. Purchases of new books for the collection include:

- *Indian Wills, 1911-1921*. Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Book One. by Jeff Bowen
- *Union and Confederate Soldiers and Sympathizers of Barbour County, West Virginia* by John W. Shaffer
- *Ships from Scotland to North America, 1830-1860* by David Dobson
- *New York State Censuses and Substitutes* by William Dollarhide
- *Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/25* by John Frederick Dorman
- *Botetcourt County, Virginia, Early Settlers* by Charles T. Burton
- *Barbados and Scotland Links, 1627-1877* by David Dobson
- *Henrico County, Virginia, Land Patents, Vol. 1*

Downtown DPL Hours

The Downtown Denver Public Library is now open seven days a week and has a new time schedule.

Downtown Denver Public Library Hours

Monday & Tuesday, noon – 8 pm
 Wed, Thursday, Friday, 10 am – 6 pm
 Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm
 Sunday, 1 pm – 5 pm

Colorado Marriages CD Available by mail

Denver Public Library volunteers compiled a complete cross-referenced index to Colorado Marriages 1858-1939, based on the Works Progress Administration (WPA) index cards. The original index was a grooms-only index in rough alphabetical order. Library volunteers added a brides index and search availability for wedding date, location of the marriage, and license number. Every Colorado county is represented and there are more than 912,000 separate entries. The CD was published by the Colorado Genealogical Society and is available by mail for \$10 plus \$1 shipping and handling charge. Address orders to CGS-Colorado Marriages CD, P.O. Box 9218, Denver, CO 80209-0218.

Colorado Marriages, 1858-1939

Number of CD's in order @ \$10 each _____

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TIPS, TRICKS, & TECHNIQUES

Earn Money Solving Geni Puzzles on the Internet

A new website at unsolvedancestry.com offers experienced genealogists a chance to practice their research skills and possibly earn a reward at the same time. People looking to break through their personal brick wall are invited to list their problem puzzle on the site and post a reward. Rewards currently range from \$1 to \$800. To collect, the researcher must be the first to submit documentation and citations that solve the mystery. The brick walls are challenging and it seems likely that those closest to the records of the geographical area may be able to help their fellow researchers scale their personal brick wall.

You can also post your question about your unsolved ancestry. Other researchers interested in the same family can also add amounts to the reward.

Native American Research

For genealogists seeking to learn more about Native American ancestry, the Native American Ancestry Family History & Cultural Heritage Newsletter has been revived and is now available. For a complimentary copy of the newsletter, email NAAHKITTY@aol.com.

A website for those interested in Native American ancestry details research steps needed to learn more about your possible Native American heritage and offers timelines of major events in Native American history. The website is <http://www.whitemoonraven.com/articles/tribal.html>

Forgotten Kansas Settlers

The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies has mounted the complete index to its Forgotten Kansas Settlers program, volumes 1-26. The index is located at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kcgs/> and is searchable but not browsable. If you are fortunate in finding a likely ancestor, you can purchase the specific volume for \$15 plus shipping and handling.

The KCGS has published volumes containing the application and pedigree charts of those individuals who qualified for a Forgotten Kansas Settler certificate. Each volume is soft bound and is

8-1/2" by 11" and contains the names of approximately 100 Kansas pioneers. Each application for a certificate includes the name of the pioneer, birth date and place, death date and place, pioneer's father's name, mother's maiden name and spouse's name as well as the names of the parents of the spouse. The date and place of settlement in Kansas is also stated. Each volume is fully indexed and contains 200 to 230 pages.

Union Soldier Grave Database

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War maintains a database of grave registrations for more than 367,400 Union soldiers across the United States. You can use the database located at <http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/index.php> to search for your ancestors and collateral relatives. You may also register any Union veteran graves not already on the list. This is an ongoing project and is well worth checking back on from time to time.

Southwest Missouri Pioneers

Marsha Hoffman Rising, CG, FASG, has published a four volume set titled "Opening the Ozarks, 1835-1839: First Families of Southwest Missouri." The index to the books is on-line at <http://mhrising.com>. If you locate an ancestor in the index, you may want to purchase the books from the American Society of Genealogists, P.O. Box 1515, Derry, NH.

Swedish Library at Rock Island

The Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, is a national archives and research institute providing resources for the study of Swedish immigration to North America, the communities the immigrants established, and the role the immigrants and their descendants have played in American life.

Sweden required that every person leaving the country had to register with the police. Swenson has copies of the police records and is adding parish records to its collection. There is an hourly charge for using these records and reservations must be made in advance. Check the website at www.augustana.edu/swenson for days and hours of operation.

Colorado Council of Who??

by Bobbi King

"Council Who???" As the president of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, I get that question a lot. CCGS is an aggregation of Colorado genealogical and historical societies and associate members who are interested in our activities. The Council meets every three months to discuss the state of affairs of genealogy in Colorado.

There are over 20 societies that belong to CCGS. Representative delegates from each society attend the meetings and Council dues are based on the number of members in each society. That way smaller groups pay a smaller dues fee than larger societies.

The Colorado organization is modeled on the structure of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), the national organization composed of historical and genealogical societies. That's probably why you don't know about us; you don't receive information from us as individuals, but CGS has a representative delegate who attends the Council meetings.

Each member society of the Council has a designated representative, called the Council Delegate. This delegate attends the meetings, receives email correspondence about activities of the Council, gives a report to the Council about his/her society's activities, and generally is responsible for communicating Council's activities to their local society.

The Council has a new web site (www.rootsweb.com/~cocgcs) with a calendar of upcoming events of various society program meetings and special events. The calendar is available to the public, but only Council member societies may list their events.

Council is sponsoring a project called the Cemetery Location Project, which is recording the GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude) of cemeteries listed in the Council publication, the *Colorado Cemetery Directory*. Duane Kniebes is in charge of this project, and he is recruiting volunteers to update the GPS locations of the many

Colorado cemeteries scattered in every county throughout the state.

The Family Recognition program is another program sponsored by Council. This committee, headed by Mary Heddles of the Longmont Genealogical Society, accepts applications from individuals who provide proof of ancestral lineage in Colorado. There are three categories:

First Family: the ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, the land area of what is now Colorado before 1861;

Territorial Family: the ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, a territory that is now Colorado between 28 February 1861 and 01 August 1876; and

Centennial Family: the ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, Colorado at least 100 years prior to the date of the application. The Council web site features lists of families that have been accepted into the program. There are also application forms on the site explaining the program and application process.

The Council also maintains a Speakers' Bureau, a list of program speakers that member society program chairs may use to engage genealogical speakers in Colorado. This section is a Members Only section, offered as a benefit of membership.

Council meetings are open to member societies' members, and we encourage you to look at the new web page and find out more about Colorado genealogy.

COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Carol Darrow, CG, Editor

CGS welcomes your input. Address items of interest, news, and tips and tricks for the Colorado genealogical community to the editor at Cdarrow944@aol.com or call (303) 287-6063.

Visit the Colorado Genealogical Society website at www.rootsweb.com/~cocgcs to learn about all the current activities of CGS.

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CGS Annual Seminar will feature speaker John Philip Colletta

The Colorado Genealogical Society is pleased to welcome Dr. John Philip Colletta as the speaker at its 2007 CGS Annual Seminar scheduled for March 16 and 17. Dr. Colletta, a Washington, D.C.-based genealogist and noted national speaker, will speak on Friday, March 16, at the regular CGS program meeting. Then on Saturday, March 17, Dr. Colletta will present four lectures at the all-



day seminar to be held at the Lower Level Conference Center of the Downtown Denver Public Library. The Friday night meeting is a free event. There will be a \$30 materials fee for attending the all-day seminar on March 17.

Meeting Location

Christ the King Lutheran Church,
2300 S. Patton Court, Denver

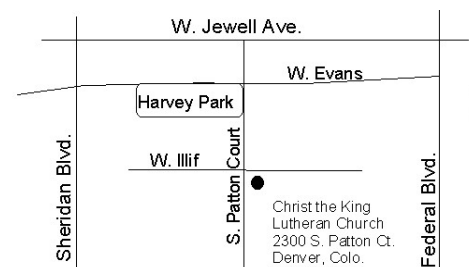
The Colorado Genealogical Society holds its monthly meetings on the third Friday evening of each month (except December, July and August) at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct., in Denver. Patton Court is between W. Jewell, W. Yale, South Sheridan and South Federal near Harvey Park.

John Colletta taught workshops at the National Archives and courses for the Smithsonian Institution for twenty years. Today he lectures at area universities and around the country. He is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University (Birmingham, AL) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (Salt Lake City, UT). He has authored many articles, both popular and scholarly, and his two manuals—*They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record* and *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans*—have recently appeared in updated and expanded editions. He has also published a non-fiction “murder mystery/family history” about the tragic demise of his great great grandfather in Reconstruction Mississippi titled, *Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath*. Dr. Colletta has appeared on local and national radio and television, and is featured in “Ancestors,” the PBS series. His Ph.D. in Medieval French is from The Catholic University of America.

Registration materials for the 2007 Seminar will be available on January 2, 2007. Check the CGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cocgs/> starting in January for more details.

CGS Meeting Location

Christ the King Lutheran Church,
2300 S. Patton Court, Denver



Upcoming CGS Programs

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006: NO BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASS. Downtown Denver Public Library CLOSED Nov. 10 & Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006: Hands-On Ancestry LE Class, 10-12 noon, Downtown Denver Public Library, 4th Level Computer Lab. Mark Gray, instructor.

Friday, Nov. 17, 2006: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Sherril Erfurth on Exposing Relationships with City Directories.

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Opening the West – Gold Rush, Homesteads, Railroads. Hands-on Rectangular Land Platting.

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, 10-12 noon: CGS Aches & Pains Tour. Governor's Mansion at Christmas. Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowan at 303-770-4438 for exact time.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Learn how to get started in genealogy.

NO CGS Program Meeting and NO Special Interest Class in December. Happy Holidays!

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007: Aches & Pains Tour. Denver Public Library. 10-12 noon.

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Learn how to get started in genealogy.

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007: Hands-On Ancestry LE Class, 10-12 noon, Downtown Denver Public Library, 4th Level Computer Lab. Mark Gray, instructor.

Friday, Jan. 19, 2007: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Bobbi King, "Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's Off to School We Go," about the many educational opportunities available to you in genealogy.

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am – 3 pm. Religion in America and Church Records.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007: Aches & Pains Tour. Brown Palace Hotel. Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowan at 303-770-4438 for exact time of tour.

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Learn how to get started in genealogy.

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007: Hands-On Ancestry LE Class, 10-12 noon, Downtown Denver Public Library, 4th Level Computer Lab. Mark Gray, instructor.

Friday, Feb. 16, 2007: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Annette Botello, "Jose Rodriguez, Where Are You?" a case study on techniques to use when researching a very common surname whether it's Rodriguez, Smith, or Jones.

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am – 3 pm. Land records in private land states (13 colonies, Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee). Hands-on metes and bounds land platting with Birdie Holsclaw

Wednesday, March 7, 2007: Aches & Pains Tour. Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 for location and exact time of tour.

Saturday, March 10, 2007: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Learn how to get started in genealogy.

Friday, March 16, 2007: CGS Program Meeting, 6:30 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Featuring John Philip Colletta. Come at 6:30 pm for a meet and greet this noted author and speaker.

Saturday, March 17, 2007: CGS Annual Seminar, 10 am – 4 pm, Lower Level Conference Center, Downtown Denver Public Library. Speaker: John Philip Colletta.

Aches & Pains Tour Will Visit Governor's Mansion on Nov. 29

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, the Aches & Pains Walking tour will visit the Colorado Governor's Mansion to enjoy the Christmas decorations. This will be the third annual visit to the mansion, which is decorated by a different designer each year. Those interested will meet at the mansion located at 400 E. 8th Ave. in Denver. After the tour those interested in having lunch will adjourn to a local restaurant.

The Aches & Pains Walking Tours of historical and cultural places in and around Denver offer an opportunity for genealogists and those interested in local history a chance to learn more about the city they live in. Other recent tours have included the State Capitol Building, Riverside Cemetery, and the Molly Brown house. On Jan. 3, the group will tour the Denver Public Library. On Feb. 7, the group will tour the Brown Palace Hotel.

Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowan at 303-770-4438 to verify time and location for meeting.

Research Room at National Archives Posts New Hours

The Rocky Mountain Regional Branch of the National Archives has changed its hours of operation. The microfilm research room, located in Bldg. 46 at the Federal Center, has eliminated its evening hours as well as Saturday operations.

National Archives-Denver Research Room
Monday thru Friday, 7:30 am – 3:45 pm
No late hours or Saturday hours

Those who have visited the Federal Center report some difficulty in reaching Bldg. 46 due to street

and parking lot repairs. Ask at the guard house for current directions to reach Bldg. 46.

The National Archives with locations in Washington, D.C., and in College Park, Maryland, has also cut back on its hours of operations. New hours are 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Once a month, NARA will have extended hours on Thursday and Friday, 9 am to 8:45 pm and one Saturday per month, 8:45 am to 4:45 pm. The days for extended hours will vary so it is important for researchers visiting Washington, D.C., to check the NARA website (www.archives.gov) to verify the future extended hours schedule.

Calling All Volunteers

Have you considered working on one of several volunteer projects currently underway? The qualifications are simple. You can work at home at your own pace. If you have a computer with Excel software, you can input data for one of the many indexes being compiled by CGS and the Denver Public Library. If you don't have a computer, you could proofread indexes to get them ready for publication. Here are two specific projects to consider:

Quarterly Index Digitizing Project: Three volunteers needed who have a scanner at home with OCR (optical character reading) software. Volunteers will scan indexes of the CGS Quarterly that will be published. Contact Julie Miller at 303-469-0724.

Rogers Mortuary Project: Proofreaders needed to review and mark corrections on indexes that have already been typed. Contact Gwen Mayer at 303-989-5885.

Other projects require computer input into Excel software. Contact Gwen Mayer at 303-989-5885 for more details.

TIPS, TRICKS, & TECHNIQUES Free Research Forms Available on Rootsweb Website

If you are looking for free research forms to speed your research, check the Rootsweb website (http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/get_started/charts__

forms.html) to download pdfs to your printer. Available forms include an ancestral or pedigree chart; research calendar; research extract form; family group sheet; correspondence record; source summary; and U.S. census forms.

Mapping Family Names in English Geography

A free website will allow family-name enthusiasts to search out the geographic areas in Great Britain to locate the frequency and density of 25,000 surnames, based on the 1881 English census. Maps show the historic and current distribution of these most common surnames in Great Britain and tables show the areas of highest density of a specific surname in other parts of the world. The maps can be printed in color. The website is: <http://www.spatialliteracy.org/index.php?p=familyname>

Colorado State Archives Offers Several Online Record Indexes

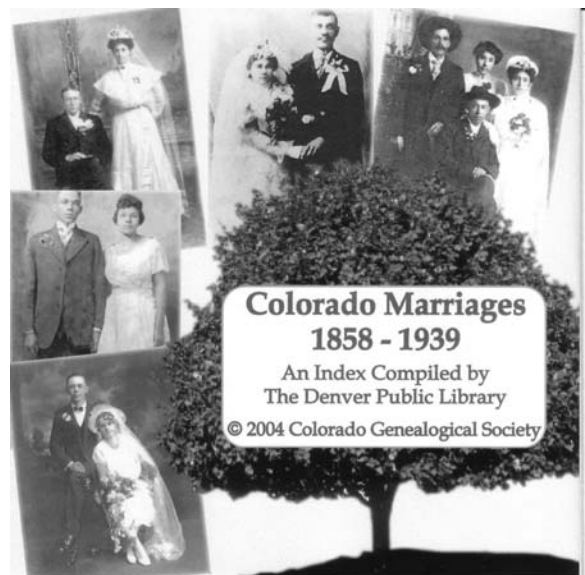
The Colorado State Archives has posted online indexes for several record groups including voter registration lists, Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Enrollment Index (1936), inheritance taxes, school censuses for selected counties including Lake County (1880-1903), and old-age pensions. There are also indexes for divorce records for Bent, Boulder, Conejos, El Paso, Garfield, Park and Pitkin Counties. The website is: <http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/hrd/index.htm>

Early California Population Project (ECPP) Posts Index

The Early California Population Project is a comprehensive database of the sacramental registers listing the baptismal, marriage, and death records from California's 21 missions. These records document the lives of some 110,000 Californians between 1769 and 1850. Study the "sample search" and "search tips" before you begin a search for best results. Website is: <http://www.huntington.org/>

Colorado Marriages CD available by mail

Denver Public Library volunteers compiled a complete cross-referenced index to Colorado Marriages 1858-1939, based on the Works Progress Administration (WPA) index cards. Every Colorado county is represented and there are more than 912,000 separate entries. The CD was published by the Colorado Genealogical Society and is available by mail for \$10 plus \$1 shipping and handling charge. Address orders to CGS-Colorado Marriages CD, P.O. Box 9218, Denver, CO 80209-0218.



Colorado Marriages, 1858-1939

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