

COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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John Colletta To Speak at CGS Seminar

Dr. John Philip Colletta, Washington, D.C.-based genealogist, author, and noted national speaker, will be the guest lecturer at the 2007 CGS Seminar scheduled for March 16 and 17. Dr. Colletta will speak at the regular CGS program meeting on Friday, March 16, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, in Denver. 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 that will start with a meet-and-greet social hour from 6 to 7 pm. There is a \$30 materials fee for attending the all-day seminar on March 17.

Dr. Colletta's topic for the Friday night presentation on March 16 is based on his book, *Only a Few Bones*, and is titled "How to Turn a Juicy Family Story into a Book (and a Career!)."

On Saturday, March 17, two morning lectures will cover:

- Passenger Arrival Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century;
- Naturalization Records, Colonial Times to Early 20th Century.

The Saturday afternoon lectures are titled "Assembling & Writing a Narrative Family History."

- Part 1: "Creating a Reliable Document" will cover scope, form, style, and documentation that are necessary to produce a family history that will serve as a reliable foundation for future researchers.

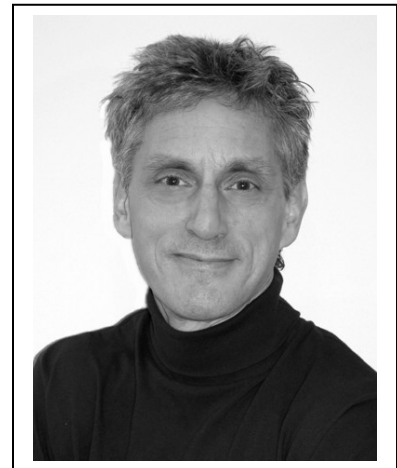
- Part 2: "Writing a Readable Story" will cover techniques that can make your family history come alive by putting your ancestors into historical context.

Dr. Colletta has authored many articles, both scholarly and popular, 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 the non-fiction "murder mystery/family history" titled *Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath*, which recounts the tragic demise of his great-great grandfather in Reconstruction Mississippi. Dr. Colletta has appeared on local and national radio and television, and is featured in "Ancestors," the PBS series.

Registration materials for the 2007 Seminar are included on page 4 of this newsletter and are also available on the CGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cocgs/>



Upcoming CGS Programs & Classes

- 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.** Speaker: Annette Botello, “Jose Rodriguez, Where Are You?” a case study on techniques to use when researching a 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). Learn about grants, patents, headrights, lottery, deeds. Hands-on metes and bounds land platting with Birdie Holsclaw
- Wednesday, March 7, 2007: Aches & Pains Tour.** U.S. Mint, 320 W. Colfax, followed by Firefighters Museum, 1326 Tremont Pl. Meet at the U.S. Mint at 10 am. Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 to make your reservation. Cost is \$6 (\$5 for seniors).
- 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, 6:00 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** John Philip Colletta. Come at 6 pm for a meet-and-greet reception and book signing before the meeting. “How to Turn a Juicy Family Story into a Book (and a Career!).”
- Saturday, March 17, 2007: CGS Annual Seminar, 10 am – 4 pm, Lower Level Conference Center, Downtown Denver Public Library.** Speaker: John Philip Colletta.
- Wednesday, April 4, 2007: Aches & Pains Tour.** Four-Mile House, 714 S. Forest. Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 for exact time of tour. (\$3 seniors)
- Saturday, April 14, 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, April 20, 2007: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Speaker: Birdie Holsclaw, “Blogging for Genealogists.” Learn about this low-cost method of storing and sharing information on the Internet.
- Saturday, April 21, 2007: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am–3 pm.** “The Immigrant Experience,” Consider what it was like to sail for six weeks in a tiny space with limited food and no privacy. Then learn about the communities created in the U.S. by those immigrant ancestors. Joe Cohn, guest speaker.
- Wednesday, May 2, 2007: Aches & Pains Tour.** Walking Tour of Lower LoDo. Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 for meeting location and exact time of tour.
- Saturday, May 12, 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, May 18, 2007: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Speaker: Philip J. Panum, “Maps, Maps, and More Maps for Genealogists.”
- Saturday, May 19, 2007: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am – 3 pm.** Speaker: Nancy Ratay. “County Histories: Full of Hidden Treasures.”
- Saturday, June 9, 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.
- Saturday, June 15, 2007: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Potluck Supper starts at 6 pm. Speaker: Lou-Jean Rehn. “Who’s Buried in Grant’s Tomb?” Come and hear the stories of the people behind the tombstones.
- Saturday, June 16, 2007: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am–3 pm.** “You Can’t Take It With You!” Discover a multitude of ideas for sharing your genealogical research, from scrapbooks and quilts to family histories and novels.

Meet *Colorado Genealogist* Editor Nancy Ratay

After Nancy Ratay retired as an elementary school teacher, she decided to get back to her genealogical research that had been put aside for work and family. She rejoined the Colorado Genealogical Society in 2000 after a 20-year hiatus and soon became the Education Coordinator for the group.

Nancy became the assistant to *Colorado Genealogist* editor Jan Meeker in 2003 and, after Jan's death, shouldered the responsibility for editing the Quarterly. "Jan did a great job of making the Quarterly a professional publication, and I wanted to continue her focus on quality," Nancy said.

The mission statement of the Quarterly is to publish information about genealogical resources in and near Colorado as well as extracted Colorado records and the work of genealogists who seek to share information about Colorado families or communities. Nancy explains, "Like many members of CGS, I don't have any Colorado connections. But I have the opportunity to read the fascinating stories that come to us for the Quarterly. I like organizing the finished product and giving it a professional appearance."

Nancy is interested in any articles or extractions with Colorado connections. She is currently seeking articles about homesteading of Colorado families for an upcoming issue. There is also a need for volunteers who can use their home computer and scanner with optical character reading (OCR) software to scan Quarterly indexes. A searchable subject index of all issues is complete, although not proofed for errors, in pdf format. She hopes to be able to compile a complete surname index in searchable pdf format as a finding aid for Colorado researchers.

"Editing the Quarterly is my 'pay it forward' for the rest of the genealogical community. I do this for Colorado and I appreciate that there are others out there who are doing the same work in communities where I research," Nancy concluded.



Summer Learning Opportunities in Genealogy

Even though you may still be shoveling snow, it's not too early to plan for those wonderful days of summer. In addition to attending a family reunion or traveling to a family homestead, you might consider taking advantage of the many conferences and seminars offered over the summer months. Most cost under \$400 (plus lodging) and offer the opportunity for learning more about the techniques and records associated with genealogical research. Here are a few of the major events:

- NGS Conference in the States, Richmond, Va., May 16-19.
- Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research, Birmingham, Ala., June 10-15.
- National Institute on Genealogical Research, Washington, D.C., July 15-21.
- Federation of Genealogical Societies, Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 15-18.

DPL Hours Change

Researchers will be happy to learn that the downtown Denver Public Library now opens at 10 am on both Monday and Tuesday.

Mon. & Tues.	10 am – 8 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	10 am – 6 pm
Saturday	9 am – 5 pm
Sunday	1 pm – 5 pm



Annual Genealogical Seminar

Co-sponsored by the
Colorado Genealogical Society
& Denver Public Library

John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.

nationally-recognized speaker and author

Saturday, March 17, 2007

10:00 – 4:00 PM

DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
13th & Broadway, Denver, Colorado
Lower Level Conference Center

PROGRAM

- **Passenger Arrival Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century**
- **Naturalization Records, Colonial Times to Early 20th Century**
- **Assembling and Writing a Narrative Family History**
Part 1: Creating a Reliable Document
Part 2: Writing a Readable Story

Materials Fee \$30.00; Pre-Purchased Box Lunch \$8.25. 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.

FREE Friday Night presentation by John Philip Colletta at CGS Meeting, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, Denver, March 16. Topic: “*Only a Few Bones*: How to Turn a Juicy Family Story into a Book (and a Career!)” Meet the author & book signing, 6-7:15 pm. Program 7:30–9:00 pm.

REGISTRATION FORM

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

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Materials Fee (\$30.00) _____
 Lunch, Optional (\$8.25/each) _____
 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 Potluck, Annual Meeting, Election Set for Friday, June 15

The Colorado Genealogical Society will hold its Annual Meeting, potluck supper and election of officers on Friday, June 15, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, Denver. The Annual Meeting will also include acceptance of the 2007-08 proposed budget

The potluck supper will begin at 6 pm and the meeting will start at 7 pm. Bring a dish to share with the group. Plates, utensils, and beverages will be provided.

The program will feature Lou-Jean Rehn who will be speaking on "Who's Buried in Grant's Tomb?" -- reflections on the stories of several individuals that take you beyond the inscriptions on a tombstone.

Election of officers for a two-year term will also be held. The following candidates have been nominated for election:

Vice President: James Rogers

Recording Secretary: Corrine Fey

Treasurer: Kitty Bond

Presentation and acceptance of the budget will also be part of the Annual Meeting. This year a seminar reserve fund has been established.

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. Guests are always welcome.

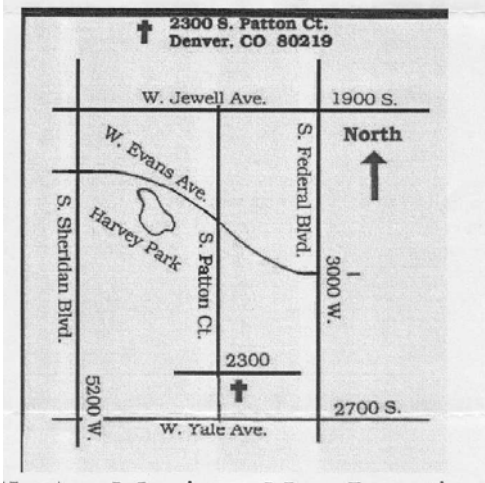
Proposed Budget for 2007-2008

Income:

Membership Dues	\$6,300
Interest Earned	400
Marriage CD	100
Programs	4400
Seminar Registrations	3,600
Annual Seminar Lunches	<u>800</u>
TOTAL SEMINAR INCOME	4,400
Seminar Reserve	3,709
Publications Sold	0
Research Fees	<u>50</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$14,959</u>

Expenses:

Membership Service	\$ 120
Quarterly	4,725
Mailing Expenses	600
Program Expenses	4,400
Seminar Speaker	1,930
Seminar Lunches	800
Educational Programs	<u>1,670</u>
TOTAL PROGRAM	4,400
Seminar Reserve	3,709
Meeting Room Rent	270
CGS Archives	10
Bank Fees	60
Dues & Publications	300
Licenses & Fees	70
Publication Exchange	20
Publicity	300
Denver Occupational Tax	50
Research Expenses	15
Volunteer Coordinator	50
Miscellaneous	140
President	40
Vice-President	10
Sec'y Corresponding	30
Sec'y Recording	10
Treasurer	<u>30</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$14,959</u>



Meeting Location

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

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New Downtown Library Hours

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

Downtown DPL Hours

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

New library website address:
www.denverlibrary.org

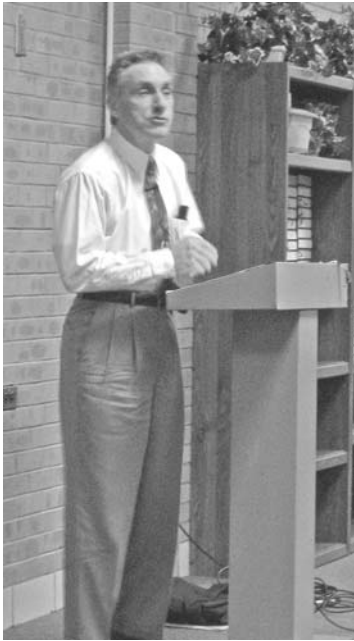
Upcoming CGS Programs and Education Classes

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Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room,
10:00 am – 3:00 pm Learn how to get started in genealogy.
- Friday, May 18, 2007: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.**
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.
“Jamestown, 400th Anniversary” James Jeffrey
- Saturday, May 19, 2007: CGS Special Interest Class, 10 am – 3 pm.**
“Researching with County Histories,” Nancy Ratay.
- Saturday, June 9, 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, June 15, 2007: CGS Potluck Supper, Annual Meeting, Election of Officers. 6 pm – 9 pm.** Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct., Denver. “Who’s Buried in Grant’s Tomb?” presented by Lou-Jean Rehn.
- Saturday, June 16, 2007: CGS Special Interest Class, 10 am – 3 pm.** “What Are You Going to Do With Your Genealogy?” Explore ways to share and preserve your research. Carol Darrow & Lou-Jean Rehn.
- No Beginning Genealogy Class in July or August**
- Saturday, Sept. 8, 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.
- Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am – 3 pm.** “Back to Basics in Genealogy”
- Friday, Sept. 21, 2007: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.** Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Ice Cream Social and Kick-off of the 2007-08 Program Year. “American Art of the Colonial and Early Republic Periods,” presented by Dr. Jean McGinnis.

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/>



CGS Annual Seminar Rated Successful

The CGS Annual Seminar, held on March 16-17, was extremely successful. Guest speaker John Philip Colletta entertained 155

attendees on Friday evening with the story of his initial foray into genealogical research at the age of 21 – which eventually resulted in the publication of the popular true story of his ancestors in Mississippi, titled *Only a Few Bones*.

More than 210 people gathered in the Lower Conference Center at the downtown Denver Public Library on Saturday, March 17, to hear Dr. Colletta present four lectures covering ship passenger arrival records, naturalization records, and assembling and writing a narrative family history. Colletta is the author of *They Came in Ships* and *Finding Italian Roots* as well as *Only a Few Bones*. This is the largest attendance ever at an annual seminar, according to Mary K. Thayer, registrar. Seminar

chair, Lou-Jean Rehn, credited the great speaker and the popular topics for drawing the large crowd. Proceeds from the seminar will fund CGS program and education classes for 2007-08.

Committee members who assisted in a variety of ways included: Carolyn Thomson, C.J. Backus, Teresa Campbell, Denise and Gary Williams, Jan Prater, Karen Shuman, Maggie Spetnagel, Ann Lisa Pearson, Carol Darrow, Mary K. Thayer, Jan and Gary Routh with assistance from Steven Rehn and James Darrow.



Seminar committee at work including (left to right): Maggie Spetnagel, Mary Thayer, Carolyn Thomson, Teresa Campbell, CJ Backus. Denise and Gary Williams handled the book sales, Carol Darrow created flyers and badges, and Karen Shuman was the designated driver.

Preserving Your Research

You have finally discovered the link to your American Revolutionary War veteran or pioneer Colorado settler. Have you considered applying to the DAR or Pioneer Daughters of Colorado or any of a number of other organizations that recognize pioneer settlers or patriotic military service? One excellent reason is to preserve your research and documentation in a central library where it can be accessed by other families doing research.

Another way to preserve your research is to submit a copy of a documented pedigree chart or family group sheets to a local library in the vicinity of your ancestral home. Most libraries maintain vertical files (file folders in cabinets) and many would be pleased to add a documented family history to their collection.

The June Special Interest Class on June 16 at the downtown Denver Public Library will include a variety of ways for you to preserve your research and make it available to other researchers.

National Archives Considers Raising Fees

The National Archives is studying a plan to raise its fees for copies of documents. Fees for passenger arrival lists, federal census pages, bounty land warrant applications and military service files would go up from the current \$17.50 to \$25. Land entry files including homestead files would go up to \$40. Fees for full Civil War pension files would go from \$37 to \$125. Non-Civil War pension files would go up to \$60. A decision is expected by June.

Donors Contribute to DPL Book and NARA Microfilm Funds

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.

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CGS Elects VP, Secretary, Treasurer for 2007-09

The Colorado Genealogical Society elected Jim Rogers as vice-president for the two-year term beginning July 2007. Also elected for a two-year term were Corrine Fey, recording secretary, and Lynette Dick, treasurer. The election was held at the organization's annual meeting and potluck supper on June 15.

The Annual Meeting was also the opportunity to honor Karen Overholdt as CGS Volunteer of the Year. Karen has worked on transcribing and proofing both the Rogers Mortuary records and the Fairmount sexton burial records and has converted the obituary index file at Denver Public Library into a usable format.

Newly elected Vice-President Jim Rogers has been a member of CGS since 1981 and served as newsletter editor in 1989-90. During that period, the CGS newsletter won the NGS award for best newsletter for mid-size genealogical organizations. Jim has also published a book on the Rogers family of colonial Connecticut.

Corrine Fey has been a member of CGS for the past two years. Recording secretary is her first office with CGS.

Lynette Dick, new treasurer, has served for the past several years as hospitality chairman. She serves as the church secretary for Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Programs for CGS Meetings Promise Variety

CGS Program Meetings, held on the 3rd Friday evening of the month, promise an interesting mix of topics and fellowship for the fall.

The **Friday, Sept. 21** 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 program speaker will be Jean McGinnis, on "American Art of the Colonial and Early Republic Periods." Jean is a British historian who taught the History of England at CU for 28 years.

The program speaker on **Friday, Oct. 19** will be Dina Carson who will tell us about the "50 Things I Learned While Photographing 50,000 Headstones." Dina has photographed most of the small cemeteries in Boulder County and has gained vast experience in shooting photographs that capture the art and information of the tombstone.

Then on **Friday, Nov. 16**, Carol Darrow will give a presentation on "The Tax Man Cometh." Tax records were made annually and are often the best source for identifying the year when your ancestor relocated, the amount of land he owned, and personal possessions he owned. Carol will talk about poll taxes, real estate taxes, personal property taxes, federal taxes, and a few forgotten tax records as well. Carol is the co-author, along with Susan Winchester of CGS, of *The Genealogist's Guide to Researching Tax Records*.

There will be no program meeting in December.

Sign up for E-mail Notice of CGS Activities & Classes

If you'd like to be notified via e-mail of upcoming CGS programs and activities, you can send your email address to 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.

Celebrate CGS New Year with an Ice Cream Social

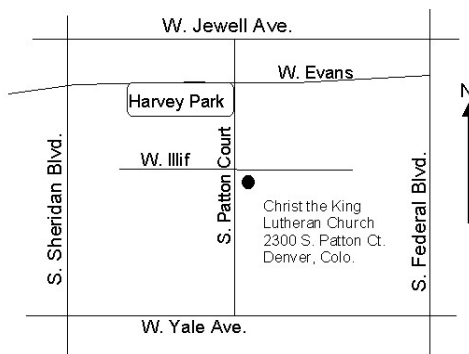
The CGS program year starts with the September 21 meeting. The evening will kick off with an old-fashioned ice cream social starting at 6:30 pm.

Then Jean McGinnis, retired CU professor, will speak on "American Art of the Colonial and Early Republic Periods." Jean taught British history and is a interesting speaker.

There will also be time to share your most fascinating genealogical discovery of the summer.

CGS Meeting Location

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Upcoming CGS Programs & Classes

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, 10-12 noon: CGS Aches & Pains Tour. Tour of Genealogy & Western History Dept. at Downtown Denver Public Library. Call Karen Shuman 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowen 303-770-4438 for details.

Saturday, Sept. 8, 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.

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007: CGS Special Interest Class, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. "Census Records – Squeezing Them For All They're Worth."

Friday, Sept. 21, 2007. CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Jean McGinnis will speak on "American Art of the Colonial and Early Republic Periods." Ice Cream Social starts at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, 10-12 noon: CGS Aches & Pains Tour. National Archives, Bldg. 48, at the Federal Center.

Saturday, Oct. 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.

Friday, Oct. 19, 2007: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Dina Carson will speak on "50 Things I Learned While Photographing 50,000 Headstones," including the best tips for capturing great photos at the cemetery.

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007: CGS Special Interest Class, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. "Marriage and Divorce Records: For Better or Worse" marriage bonds, divorce by legislation, probate clues

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, 11 am: CGS Aches & Pains Tour. Lunch at the Buckhorn Exchange. Call Karen Shuman 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowen 303-770-4438 for details.

Saturday, Nov. 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, Nov. 16, 2007: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Carol Darrow will speak on "The Taxman Cometh," Using tax records to document location, possessions, and much more.

Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007: CGS Special Interest Class, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. It's A Matter of Life and Death: Determining birth and death dates before vital records.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, 10-12 noon: CGS Aches & Pains Tour. Button Museum & Wholesale Warehouse, 1955 S. Quince St.

Saturday, Dec. 8, 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.

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

Longmont Genealogical Society to Host Hank Jones Seminar

The Longmont Genealogical Society will host a day-long seminar featuring Hank Jones on Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Longmont.

The program includes presentations on:

- When the Sources Are Wrong!
- Tracing the Origins of Early 18th Century Palatine & Other Emigrants
- Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact From Fiction
- How Psychic Roots Became an Unsolved Mystery (serendipity and intuition in genealogical research)

Hank Jones is a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists and has received the Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society for Distinguished Work in Genealogy. He has also been an actor and recording artist.

Downtown DPL Hours

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

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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.

Special Interest Classes Focus on Hands-On Learning

If you haven't attended a Special Interest class recently, you might want to take advantage of these events. A recent class on the Immigrant Experience featured the emigration of the entire class from Europe to America. Another class based on sharing your genealogical research enjoyed a family reunion complete with picnic and refreshments. Creative learning experiences have made these classes a must for everyone from beginners to experienced genealogists.

The fall schedule of Special Interest classes, held on the third Saturday of September, October, and November at the downtown Denver Public Library, will continue its hands-on approach to genealogical topics. On **Saturday, Sept. 15**, instructors Carol Darrow and Lou-Jean Rehn will discuss "Census Records – Squeezing Them For All They're Worth." Learn how to gather the wealth of information in the census records and practice effective ways to use the information to further your research.

On **Saturday, Oct. 20**, the topic will be "Marriage and Divorce Records: For Better or for Worse." Proving a marriage may not be as simple as locating a marriage certificate. Proving a divorce may be even harder. The class will cover the variety of records that could clarify the relationship. (Due to the Booklovers' Ball on Oct. 20, this class will end at 1:30 pm.)

On **Saturday, Nov. 17**, the topic will be "It's a Matter of Life and Death: Determining Birth & Death Dates Before Vital Records." The class will discuss various records including wills, tombstone engravings, baptismal records, guardianship records, and more that you can use to determine these important dates.

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 Tours Will Visit Local 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 and usually run 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.

The group will tour the Genealogy and Western History Department at the downtown Denver Public Library on **Wednesday, Sept. 5**. For those of you who have never taken the tour, you're sure to learn about resources available to you that will further your research.

On **Wednesday, Oct. 3**, the group will tour the Rocky Mountain Region Branch of the National Archives at the Federal Center. The tour will start in Bldg. 48 with a behind-the-scenes look at record storage and holdings of this branch of NARA. Then the group will move to Bldg. 46 and the genealogical research reading room to complete the tour.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, will be lunch at the historic Buckhorn Exchange. Then on **Tuesday, Dec. 4**, the group will tour the Button Museum & Wholesale Warehouse at 1955 S. Quince St.

Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowen at 303-770-4438 for more details and exact starting times and meeting locations.

TIPS, TRICKS, & TECHNIQUES Print Large Pedigree Charts for Framing or Sharing

If you've entered your data into Family Tree Maker, you may have tried to cut and paste together a descendant tree. A few years ago you would have taken your cut-and-paste job to the print shop to be laminated.

Today, you can load your descendant tree on a CD or a memory stick and take it to a Kinko's or Office Depot equipped with a large format printer. They can load your information and print out your family tree in a 36-inch by whatever length copy.

Prices are extremely reasonable and laminating may also be available.

There's a notation in the bottom right-hand corner of the FTM screen giving the finished dimensions of the family tree on the screen. Reduce the size of the font, if necessary, to stay within the 36-inch wide format.

Finding a Home for Orphan Photographs

If you haunt antique stores, look for the box of orphan photographs. You may want to rescue old photos that have some identification on the back. Post a notice on Genforum.com or any of the other genealogical bulletin boards with a bit of the identification and see if you can reunite the photos with family descendants.

New Books for Genealogists

Elizabeth Shown Mills has published *Evidence Explained: Citing Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2007), an intense, 885-page reference book on citations. You can order this book directly from the publisher at www.genealogical.com.

Also new is *Our Brothers Gone Before: An Inventory of Graves and Cenotaphs in New Jersey Cemeteries for Union and Confederate Civil War Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Surgeons, and Nurses* by Charles Eckhardt and Robert MacAvoy. The book includes a full alphabetical listing of more than 40,000 burials from more than 1,000 cemeteries in New Jersey including name of the soldier and cemetery, death date, and regiment, if known. This book may be ordered from Longstreet House, PO Box 730, Hightstown, NJ 08520.

Make Up Your Own Family Trivia Contest

For the next family gathering, whether it's a reunion or a holiday dinner, you can create a family trivia contest. Get everyone involved by trying to name Aunt Ruth's two children or the name of the neighbors who lived across the street so many years ago.

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Meet New CGS Officers for 2007-09

The Colorado Genealogical Society elected Jim Rogers as vice-president for the two-year term beginning July 2007. Also elected for a two-year term were Corrine Fey, recording secretary, and Lynette Dick, treasurer.



Newly elected Vice-President James Rogers has been a member of CGS since 1981 and served as newsletter editor in 1989-90. During that period, the CGS newsletter won the NGS award for best newsletter for mid-size genealogical organizations. Jim has also published a

book on the Rogers family of colonial Connecticut.

Lynette Dick is the new treasurer for CGS. She has been very active in CGS as the hospitality chair and in charge of sales and distribution of the Colorado Marriage CD. She also serves as newsletter editor and hospitality chair for CIG, the Computer Interest Group of CGS. In addition, she has a full-time job as the office administrator for Christ the King Lutheran Church.



Lynette inherited her interest in genealogy from her grandmother who descended from ancestors who came to America in 1635. She was able to share her findings with her grandmother between 1989 and 2003. "Every discovery I made on the Internet was amazing to her. Her previous research had consisted of looking through books and writing letters to family members."

Corrine (Fey) Knasinski, new recording secretary, also got hooked on genealogy by her grandmother. "I inherited my grandmother's journals in 2000. In one notebook she sketched a family tree with names and some dates – I've been hooked ever since." Corrine has been employed as an association executive, managing professional organizations and societies. On a personal note, Corrine was married in mid-September. "Now I have a whole new family to research."

CGS Programs Offer Great Speakers

January, February and March CGS programs promise great speakers who can offer new perspectives to our research. All program meetings are held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, Denver, from 7-9 pm.

On **Friday, Jan. 18, 2008**, Cari Taplin, the author of several obituary and cemetery index books, will speak on "Obituary Obsession." She will talk about locating obituaries and using them to your genealogical advantage.

On **Friday, Feb. 15**, Kathleen Hinckley, CG, will speak on "Researching Colorful Colorado Ancestors." Kathy will discuss Colorado sources and repositories useful for discovering more about the gold miners, gamblers, outlaws, fancy ladies, farmers, TB patients and pioneers who populated our state.

Because Good Friday falls on the third Friday of March, CGS will meet on **Friday, March 14**. The program speaker will be Joan Peters, CG, who lives in Broad Run, Virginia. The topic will be "Researching Virginia Records: The 3rd Virginia Line in the American Revolution." Joan is an award-winning author and recognized expert on Virginia Revolutionary War research.

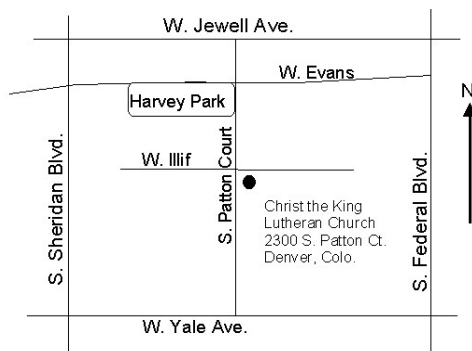
Date Changes

The CGS program meeting normally scheduled for the 3rd Friday night of March 2008 has been moved to the 2nd Friday night, March 14, 2008, due to the conflict with Good Friday.

Then mark your calendar for the Annual CGS Seminar on April 18-19, 2008. Details will be announced in January.

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Upcoming CGS Programs & Classes

Friday, Nov. 16, 2007: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Carol Darrow will speak on “The Taxman Cometh,” Using tax records to document location, possessions, and much more.

Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007: CGS Special Interest Class, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. “It’s A Matter of Life and Death” Determining birth and death dates before vital records.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007: CGS Aches & Pains Tour, 10-12 noon. JHB Button Museum & Wholesale Warehouse, 1955 S. Quince St.

Saturday, Dec. 8, 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. Instructor-Lou-Jean Rehn.

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

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008: CGS Aches & Pains Tour, 10-12 noon. Forney Museum of Transportation, 4303 Brighton Blvd. \$6 for seniors. Call Karen Shuman at (303) 759-0331 or Donna Krownen at 303-770-4438 to make reservations.

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Instructor-Lou-Jean Rehn.

Friday, Jan. 18, 2008: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. “Obituary Obsession” presented by Cari Taplin of Boulder.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008: CGS Special Interest Class, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. “Six Feet Under and Still Talking to Us.” Wills, Probate, Estate Inventories, Guardians.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008: CGS Aches & Pains Tour, 11 am. Arvada Flour Mill, 5590 Old Wadsworth Blvd.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Instructor-Lou-Jean Rehn.

Friday, Feb. 15, 2008: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. “Researching Colorful Colorado Ancestors” presented by Kathleen W. Hinckley, CG.

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008: CGS Special Interest Class, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. “Tell It To the Judge.” Court records, jury lists, grand jury, criminal vs. civil cases.

Wednesday, March 5, 2008: CGS Aches & Pains Tour, 10-12 noon. Colorado State Archives, 1313 Sherman St.

Special Date – Friday, March 14, 2008: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. “The 3rd Virginia Line, American Revolutionary War,” presented by Virginia expert, Joan Peters, CG.

NARA Record Request Prices Have Gone Up

The National Archives and Records Administration has raised the prices for copies of a variety of records frequently requested for genealogical research. The biggest jump in price is for a complete Civil War Pension File, which went from \$37.50 to \$75. Forms to order files are available at the National Archives Rocky Mt. Regional Facility at the Federal Center or online at www.archives.gov. Here is the new price list for copies of frequently requested files:

Passenger Arrival Lists	\$25
Federal Census Requests (1940-2000)	\$25
Eastern Cherokee Applications to Court of Claims	\$25
Land Entry Records (including Homesteads)	\$40
Full Pension Files Civil War and after (up to 100 pages)	\$75
Full Pension Files* (pre-Civil War)	\$50
Pension Documents (Selected Records)	\$25
Bounty Land Warrant Application Files	\$25
Military Compiled Service Files (more than 75 years old)	\$25

*Full textual records of American Revolutionary War pension applications made 1819 or after are available on microfilm at the Rocky Mt. NARA office at the Federal Center.

Aches & Pains Tours Will Visit Local Sites

Buttons are artifacts that reflect the technology and decorative arts of our past. The upcoming Aches & Pains Tour of the JHB Button Museum & Wholesale Warehouse at 1955 S. Quince St. will provide a bit of history and a relaxing get-together of those interested in how wearing apparel changed not only with the fashion trends but with the technology of the times. The tour will be on Tuesday, Dec. 4 and the group will meet at the Quince Street address. The tour will begin at 10:30 am and will end with an optional lunch as a group. For exact details and to register for the tour, call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowen at 303-770-4438.

Hands-On Learning is Focus of Special Interest Classes at DPL

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned researcher, we hope you'll take the opportunity to attend one of the Special Interest classes that combine historical background with examination and analysis of record groups. The focus is on hands-on learning. The recent class on squeezing the census analyzed the census records for one family from 1850 - 1930 to discover the variety of information available from a thorough census analysis.

On **Saturday, January 19** the class topic is "Six Feet Under -- And Still Talking to Us." The class will look at wills, probate files, estate inventories, and guardianship records to try to understand what our ancestors were trying to tell us. We'll also talk about abstracting these documents.

On **Saturday, Feb. 16**, instructors Carol Darrow and Lou-Jean Rehn will discuss "Tell It to The Judge," a study of court records, jury lists, grand jury reports, criminal vs. civil cases, and much more.

On **Saturday, March 15**, the topic will be Virginia records including those of the American Revolution and the War of 1812. Special guest speaker Joan Peter will share her expertise on researching these colonial and early Republic records.

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Rootsweb offers look-up in “Books We Own”

You have probably clicked onto the free genealogical website www.rootsweb.com and typed in a name and hoped for results. A recent article in Rootsweb Review, an electronic newsletter highlighted the “Books We Own” feature.

Simply put, Books We Own is a list of genealogical books owned by volunteers who are willing to do look-ups. 1,500 volunteers are willing to look up genealogical information in one or more of the family history books they own.

To find out if there is a book that might have details you’re looking for about your family, click on the “Books We Own” link under “Hosted Volunteer Projects” on the RootsWeb homepage. Scroll to the bottom of the page where you will see a search box and a master index. Enter a term you are looking for or browse through the index. It is divided into regions and other categories. To find a book on a particular surname, click the “Family Genealogies” link.

If you find a book of interest, request a look-up by clicking on the link at the end of the book citation. A form will appear where you can fill out your request, the name of the book, the surname you want looked up, and any additional information that will help the volunteer in his/her search. Some – but not all – volunteers will provide photocopies or scans of relevant pages. You will need to reimburse the volunteer for the cost of copies and postage. Other requests are fulfilled by email.

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NGS Conference Presentations Available on CD-ROM

A number of lectures presented at the NGS Conference in Richmond, Virginia, in May are available on CD-ROM. There are over 100 lectures given by 45 speakers. Some of the topics are:

- Family History Library resources
- Library of Congress resources

- Ethnic research including African-American, German, English, and Scots-Irish.
- NARA Records
- Using DNA in your genealogical research
- Land Grants in North and South Carolina
- Research in various states including Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina.

To check out specific titles of individual CDs and order on-line, go to <http://www.JAMB-Inc.com>. Single CDs cost \$12; a package of 10 or more may be purchased for \$11 each.

Mark Your Calendar!

The 2008 NGS Conference in the States will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, on May 14-17, 2008. Advance information is available online at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.

The 2009 NGS Conference in the States will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, on May 13-16, 2009. It’s never too early to plan ahead!

Colorado Public Records Now Available at a Bargain Price

Starting in September, copies of Colorado public records cost just 25 cents a page, not the \$1.25 they used to cost.

U.S. Indian Census Schedules posted on Ancestry.com

U.S. Indian Census Schedules, 1885-1940, have now been posted online by Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition, available at local libraries and at NARA.

Sign up for E-mail Notice of CGS Activities & Classes

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.