

COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Lloyd Bockstruck will be featured speaker at CGS Spring Seminar

Lloyd Bockstruck, M.A., MLS, FNGS, of Dallas, will be the guest lecturer at the 2008 CGS Spring Seminar co-sponsored with the Denver Public Library. The Seminar will be held on April 18 and 19. On Friday evening, April 18, Mr. Bockstruck will present "Research along the Ohio River" at the regular CGS membership meeting at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 South Patton Court, in Denver, held from 7-9 pm.

On Saturday, April 19, Mr. Bockstruck will present four lectures at an all-day seminar in the Lower Level Conference Center of the Central Denver Public Library. Mr. Bockstruck's lectures are designed to guide researchers down the Ohio River to Missouri and beyond.

The Program

- **Arriving in Missouri**

Rivers brought many settlers; some came by land. The Catholic French and Spanish prohibited "Yankee Protestants" until the possibility of war with the British changed their minds. What was the migration pattern? How did settlers travel? What motivated them?

- **Where They Lived**

The year of arrival, origin, ethnicity, religion, transportation, and topical features of land all influenced this. Different groups settled north and south of the Missouri River. Who were they?

- **What They Did**

Your ancestors' skills played a part in their settlement patterns. Varying climates and soils influenced crop choices. Rivers, timber, and mines abounded. Did they settle on a farm and move to the city or vice-versa?

- **Who Stayed, Who Left, Why?**

Weather, earthquakes, Indian treaties, available employment, slavery, and Civil War sympathies, and Order No. 11 dispersed many to another area. Some moved to another area in the state; some chose to leave. Mr. Bockstruck will suggest where they may have gone and strategies for finding them.

The Seminar

There is a \$30.00 materials fee for this all-day Saturday seminar. The Library opens at 9:00 a.m. The Seminar will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. CGS will provide a selection of beverages and complimentary morning snacks. You are welcome to bring a lunch. We again offer the option

of ordering a prepaid deli lunch. The deli lunch includes a sandwich, a salad and a cookie. Selections and information are available on the Registration Form in this issue or at the CGS website www.rootsweb.com/~cocgs. CGS will provide utensils, napkins, condiments and an assortment of hot and cold beverages for both pre-paid deli and carried lunches.

The Speaker

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck has been with the Dallas Public Library since 1973 and is currently Supervisor of the Genealogy Section. An Illinois native, he graduated A.B. (cum laude), majoring in Biology and Chemistry. He served in the Missionary Journeyman Program of the Southern Baptist Conference assigned to the Baptist Mission of East Africa. There he served as a teacher and librarian in the Mombasa (Kenya) Baptist High School. Returning to Illinois, he was a Graduate Assistant both while earning his M.A. in European History and in the University of Illinois School of Library Science while earning his MLS. He has also taught at Southern Methodist University in the Dept. of Continuing Education.

Mr. Bockstruck is an Outstanding Alumnus and the senior ranking faculty member at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research-Samford University, in Birmingham, AL. He has been a faculty member at The Genealogical Institute of Mid-America, University of IL-Springfield since 1994.

Mr. Bockstruck has published several books including *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers*; *Research in Texas*; *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments*; *Family Tree: Weekly Newspaper Columns from the Dallas Morning News 1991-1996*; *Naval Pensioners of the United States 1800-1851*; *Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies in America, 1607-1775*; and *Bounty and Donation Land Grants in British Colonial America*.

Mr. Bockstruck has been recognized by a number of awards for his work in the field of genealogy:
1983 – Award of Merit, National Genealogical Society
1992 – Fellow, National Genealogical Society
1994 – Distinguished Service Award, Dallas Genealogical Society (Award named in his honor)
1999 – Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship (the first Filby recipient)

March 14, 2008

Regular program meeting of the Colorado Genealogical Society will be held on the 2nd Friday night of March – March 14 – from 7-9 pm. This change is necessary to avoid conflict with Good Friday observances.

CGS 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 Court, in Denver. Meetings are from 7-9 pm and visitors are always welcome. Come join us!

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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

Upcoming CGS Programs & Classes

- 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.** Kathleen W. Hinckley, CG will speak on “Researching Colorful Colorado Ancestors.”
- 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. Call Karen Shuman at (303) 759-0331 or Donna Krownen at 303-770-4438 to make reservations.
- Saturday, March 8, 2008: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Instructor-Lou-Jean Rehn.
- **Special Date ** Friday, March 14, 2008: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** CJ Backus, CGS member, has recently published a family history and will describe the mechanics of putting together a book for publication.
- Saturday, March 15, 2008: CGS Special Interest Class, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** U.S. Military Records: Hidden Treasures Found in Compiled Service Records, Pensions.
- Wednesday, April 2, 2008: CGS Aches & Pains Tour, 10-12 noon.** Hammond’s Candies, 5735 N. Washington. Call Karen Shuman at (303) 759-0331 or Donna Krownen at 303-770-4438 to make reservations.
- Saturday, April 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, April 18, 2008: Free Seminar Lecture, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Mr. Lloyd Bockstruck will speak on “Research Along the Ohio River.”
- Saturday, April 19, 2008: Annual Colorado Genealogical Society Seminar. DPL Conference Center, Lower Level, Downtown Denver Public Library. 10 am – 4 pm.** Speaker: Lloyd Bockstruck. Program: Arriving in Missouri; Where We Lived · What We Did; Who Stayed, Who Left, Why?
- Wednesday, May 7, 2008: CGS Aches & Pains Tour, 10-12 noon. Walking Tour of Capital Hill Area.** Call Karen Shuman at (303) 759-0331 or Donna Krownen at 303-770-4438 to make reservations.
- Saturday, May 10, 2008: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Instructor-Lou-Jean Rehn.
- Friday, May 16, 2008: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Speaker: Annette Botello will present a case study, “Identity Crisis: Pinning Down the Shifting Sands of West Virginia.”
- Saturday, May 17, 2008: CGS Special Interest Class, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** “Little Known and Hidden Records” including school records, mutual aid societies, railroad pensions.
- Saturday, June 14, 2008: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Instructor-Lou-Jean Rehn.
- Friday, June 20, 2008: CGS Annual Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Speaker: Bobbi King on “Research in Nebraska.”
- Saturday, June 21, 2008: CGS Special Interest Class, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** “Found in the Cabbage Patch, Beamed Up By Scotty” Locating ancestors that seem impossible to find.

CGS Programs Offer Great Speakers

Spring CGS programs promise great speakers who will give us all a new perspective on the various areas of research that engage us. All program meetings are held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, Denver, from 7-9 pm.

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.

On **Friday, March 14**, CJ Backus will discuss her newly published family history, *The Making of a Family Memoir: We Just Did, The World War II Letters & Diary of John & Katherine Backus*. CJ will describe the steps she took to organize the letters, diary material and photos into book format as a finished product for publication.

On **Friday, April 18**, our Seminar speaker, Lloyd Bockstruck will speak at the regular meeting on "Research Along the Ohio River." This presentation will serve as an introduction to Mr. Bockstruck's presentations on Missouri on Saturday, April 19.

On **Friday, May 16**, Annette Botello will present "Identity Crisis: Pinning Down the Shifting Sands of West Virginia," a case study that illustrates the use of indirect evidence in establishing the identity and parentage of three generations of the Sands family in frontier West Virginia.

Finally, on **Friday, June 20**, Bobbi King will give a presentation on "Research in Nebraska," which will include information on homesteading records and public land settlement. This is a presentation that Bobbi will be giving at the NGS Conference.

Visitors are always welcome and there is sure to be a program this spring that you will want to invite visitors to come and enjoy.

NGS Conference in the States scheduled for Kansas City, Missouri, May 14-17

"Show Me the Nation's Records" is the focus of the National Genealogical Society Conference in the States set for May 14-17 in Kansas City, Missouri. The program will feature several lectures on migration trails, homesteading records, Midwest settlement topics, Native American lectures, German research, writing and methodology sessions, DNA lectures, and a variety of computer, and BCG skillbuilding sessions. The event will also include access to the National Archives Branch in Kansas City, a research day on May 12 at the Mid-

Continent Public Library, a reception at the National World War I Museum, and the grand opening of the Midwest Genealogy Center, the largest stand-alone public genealogy library in the U.S.

Conference registration fees are:

NGS member before 3/31/08	\$175
NGS member after 3/31/08	\$210
Non-NGS member before 3/31/08	\$210
Non-NGS member after 3/31/08	\$245

This is a great time to consider becoming a member of the National Genealogical Society. Dues are just \$60 for individuals and \$75 for a family. Benefits include the *NGS Quarterly*, a scholarly journal offering excellent articles on methodology; the quarterly *NGS NewsMagazine*, which offers a variety of news articles as well as record and methodology articles; and the online newsletter, *UpFront with NGS*. To review other benefits of NGS member or to join online, check out the website at www.ngsgenealogy.org. You can also register for the NGS Conference online.

DPL Receives Grant to Digitize Denver Historic Neighborhoods

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has awarded the Denver Public Library's Western History/Genealogy Department a \$778,000 grant to fund its "Creating Communities: Digitizing Denver's Historic Neighborhoods" project. DPL holds many organizational papers, plats, and renovation records for most of the neighborhoods that make up the Denver metro area.

NGS has placed one million ancestral names online in MACs

Members of NGS have access to Member Ancestry Charts (MACs), family trees completed and submitted by NGS members and uploaded by more than 100 NGS volunteers. All names are searchable, including separate entries for women's maiden and married surnames. NGS members can go to www.ngsgenealogy.org and click on the members only tab for access to the database.

Genealogy Center opened in Aberdeenshire, Scotland

The newly opened genealogy research center in Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, is located in a room in the Arbuthnot Museum at Peterhead's St Peter Street where a wealth of documentation can already be found. Records available at the research center include tax records dating to the 1690s, burial records dating from 1841, and registrars' birth, marriage, and death records dating from 1855.

The Colorado Genealogical Society and the Denver Public Library present

ANNUAL GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR

Featuring

Mr. Lloyd Bockstruck, M.A., MLS, FNGS

Senior Faculty Member, IGHR, Samford University
Historian, Librarian, Lecturer, and Author

Saturday, 19 April 2008

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Denver Public Library
13th & Broadway, Denver, CO
Lower Level Conference Center**

Program

Arriving in Missouri
Where We Lived
What We Did
Who Stayed, Who Left, Why?

For more information, see our website www.rootsweb.com/~cocgs/

REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to: Colorado Genealogical Society.

Mail to: Ms. Sandra Carter-Duff, Registrar, 723 South Gaylord St., Denver, CO 80209-4629

Questions? Contact Sandy by e-mail at <sandy@carduff.com> or by phone (303) 777-1391

Name: _____

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Total Enclosed	_____	

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Roast Beef

Ham and Cheese

Vegetarian

Grilled Chicken Breast

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CGS Potluck, Annual Meeting, Election Set for Friday, June 20

The Colorado Genealogical Society will hold its Annual Meeting, potluck supper and election of officers on Friday, June 20 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, Denver. The Annual Meeting will also include acceptance of the 2008-09 proposed budget and changes to the CGS Bylaws.

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.

Election of officers for a two-year term will also be held. The nominating committee, including Nancy Ratay, Bobbi King, and Julie Miller, has nominated the following candidates for election:

President: Carol Darrow

2009 Nomination Committee: Roger Dudley, Sandy Carter-Duff, and Gwen Mayer

Presentation and acceptance of the budget will also be part of the Annual Meeting. The membership will also be asked to vote on bylaw changes that include eliminating the position of Corresponding Secretary. The proposed bylaw changes are on page 4 of this newsletter.

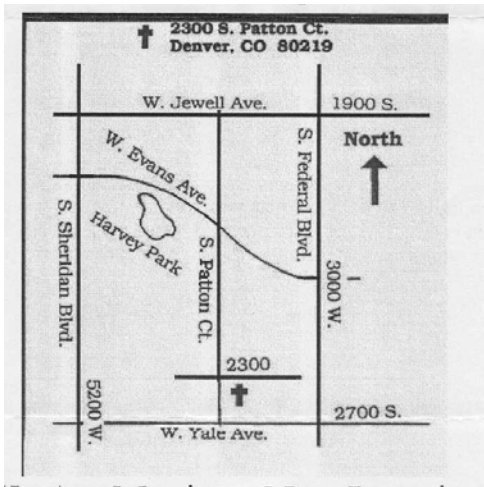
The June speaker will be Bobbi King who will be speaking on "Nebraska Research Resources."



Carol Darrow has been a member of CGS since 2003 and has served as Education Chair since September, 2003. She has served as editor of the *CGS Newsletter* since 2006. She earned her Certified Genealogist designation from the Board for Certification of Genealogists in May 2005.

Proposed Budget for 2008-2009

Income:	
Membership Dues	\$6,300
Interest Income	400
Publications, CDs	300
Research Fees	70
Programs	
Seminar Registrations	3,000
Annual Seminar Lunches	<u>800</u>
Total Seminar Income	3,800
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$10,870</u>
Expenses:	
Membership Service	\$ 120
Quarterly	4,725
Mailing Expenses	600
Programs	
Seminar Expenses	2,800
Seminar Lunches	<u>800</u>
Total Seminar Expenses	3,600
Programs/Education Classes	670
Meeting Room Rent	270
CGS Archives	10
Bank Fees	60
Dues & Publications	300
Licenses & Fees	50
Miscellaneous	75
Publication Exchange	20
Publicity	100
Denver Occupational Tax	50
Research Expenses	50
Volunteer Coordinator	50
President	40
Vice-President	10
Secretary	40
Treasurer	30
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$10,870</u>



Meeting Location

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Upcoming National Events

Federation of Genealogical Societies
Annual Conference
Sept. 3-6, 2008
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
www.fgs.org

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Upcoming CGS Programs and Education Classes

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- Friday, June 20, 2008: CGS Potluck Supper, Annual Meeting, Election of Officers. 6 pm–9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct., Denver.** “Nebraska Research Resources” presented by Bobbi King.
- Saturday, June 21, 2008: CGS Special Interest Class, 10 am – 3 pm.** Do you believe your ancestors were “Found in a Cabbage Patch – Beamed Up By Scotty”? Explore some of the ways that researchers build their own brick walls and how to tear them down. Carol Darrow & Lou-Jean Rehn.
- No Beginning Genealogy Class in July or August**
- Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008: 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, Sept. 19, 2008: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Ice Cream Social and Kick-off of the 2008-09 Program Year.
- Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am – 3 pm.**

We've Moved!

New Website Address

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cocgs

Seminar Speaker Bockstruck Highlights Missouri Crossroads



Program Chair Pat Roberts, Speaker Lloyd Bockstruck, and CGS President Pam Smith.

The CGS Annual Seminar, held April 18-19, featured guest lecturer Lloyd Bockstruck, M.A., MLS, FNGS, nationally recognized historian and speaker. In the Friday night presentation, “Exploring Down the Ohio River,” Mr. Bockstruck described the origins of the several groups who settled in Ohio and subsequently moved on down the Ohio River to Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri.

One hundred gathered in the Lower Conference Center at the downtown Denver Public Library on Saturday, April 19, to hear Mr. Bockstruck present four lectures covering Missouri history and development from its French and Spanish government periods to the Civil War. Mr. Bockstruck stressed the importance of casting a wider search for Missouri ancestors that includes the French records at Quebec and New Orleans as well as the territorial records of Indiana and Illinois and the Bureau of Land Management records for each of these states.

Volunteers who assisted in a variety of ways included: Julie Miller, Sherry Broderick, Sandy Carter-Duff, and Teresa Campbell on Registration; Jan Prater, Lou-Jean Rehn, and Carol Darrow on Refreshments; and Gary and Jan Routh and Gary and Denise Williams, Greeters.

Beginners' Corner

If you're just getting started in genealogy, some of the terms may seem confusing.

Let's talk about “citing your sources.” You may hear that it's extremely important but you aren't sure where to begin.

The easiest way to remember to cite your sources is to think about the time that you found information about your grandmother's career as a teacher that was in a county history book. You photocopied the page and put it in your files—but you didn't write down the title of the book. Your cousin doesn't believe that your grandmother was ever a teacher and she wants to see this story for herself. You remember that it was in a big fat brown book at Denver Public Library but you don't remember the title of the book.

Now is the time to make a resolution to write in the margin of every piece of information you collect: the title of the book, the author, and the page number. If it's a census record, you need to record the year of the census, the county and state, the roll number, and the page number. If it's a story that was told to you by your aunt, you need to write down her name and the date of the conversation as documentation.

Elizabeth Shown Mills has produced two excellent guides to writing citations: *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* and *Evidence Explained*. If you have the basic information (title, author, page number), you will be able to go back and put that information into the recommended format when you publish your family history. In the meantime, you'll also be able to direct your cousin to the proper source.

Buyer Beware of Web Sites

In a warning posted on Ancestry.com blog by Mike Ward, there are three potentially fraudulent genealogical sites that appear to offer less than promised while purporting to look like sites associated with Ancestry.com. The sites include SearchYourGenealogy.com, Ancestry-search.com, and Australian-Ancestry.com. Ward states that these sites are not connected with Ancestry.com although the graphics and design may make them appear similar.

Proposed Bylaws Changes to be Voted on at Annual Meeting Consolidate Position of Secretary

Proposed Bylaws changes to be presented to membership for vote at Annual Meeting, June 20, 2008. Many of the changes involve the proposed elimination of the position of Corresponding Secretary. CGS will retain the position of Recording Secretary, now to be referred to simply as Secretary. Additions are in **bold print**, deletions are ~~lined through~~.

1. ARTICLE III Membership and Dues
 - Section A. Membership. Any applicant interested in furthering the objectives of this Society shall be eligible for membership upon submission of a completed application form and payment of dues. **Any member whose dues are current shall be considered a "member in good standing."** Changes in classes of membership and the amount of dues shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the general membership at the Annual Meeting.
2. ARTICLE V Meetings
 - Section C. Annual Meeting
 1. Posting of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting ~~previously approved by the Minutes Approval Committee.~~
 2. **Reading Posting** of the Financial Report.
 - Section D. Quorum. A quorum shall be ~~thirty members in good standing~~ **a majority of those members in good standing who are present.**
3. ARTICLE VI Board of Directors
 - Section A. The officers of the Society shall be the President, Vice President, the most recent Past President willing to serve, ~~Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary,~~ and Treasurer.
4. ARTICLE VII Executive Committee
 - Section A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the **four** elected officers of the Society, and the Past President.
5. ARTICLE VIII Nominations, Terms, and Elections
 - Section D. Election of the President and ~~the Corresponding Secretary~~ and three (3) members of the Nominating Committee shall be at the Annual Meeting in even-numbered years.
 - Section E. Election of the Vice President, ~~Recording Secretary,~~ Treasurer and three (3) members of the Nominating Committee shall be at the Annual Meeting in odd-numbered years.
 - Section F. Voting shall be by a show of hands or voice provided that there is only one candidate for each office. **Only those members in good**

standing are eligible to vote. If more than one candidate is running for any office, the voting shall be by written ballot **of those members in good standing** in attendance at the Annual Meeting. A majority vote elects.

6. ARTICLE IX Responsibilities of Elected and Appointed Officials
 - Section B. The President shall:
 2. Sign, with the ~~Recording~~ Secretary, all legal documents on behalf of the Society.
 - Section D. The ~~Recording~~ Secretary shall:
 5. **Be responsible for receiving, processing, and distributing to appropriate officials all mail received by the Society at its official address. Assignment can be made to another member of the Board if that person is willing to assume the duty.**
 6. **Be responsible for responding to correspondence at the request of the President.**
 - ~~Section E. The Corresponding Secretary shall:~~
 1. ~~Assume the Presidency in the absence, incapacity, or resignation of all of the following: President, Vice President, and Recording Secretary or at the request of the President.~~
 2. ~~Be responsible for receiving, processing, and distributing to appropriate officials all mail received by the Society at its official address and for mailing the Society's official periodical and newsletter.~~
 3. ~~Be responsible for responding to correspondence at the request of the President.~~
 - Section F. Treasurer shall:
 1. Assume the presidency in the absence, incapacity, or resignation of all of the following: the President, Vice President, ~~Recording Secretary~~ and ~~Corresponding~~ Secretary.
 3. Select and appoint, **when necessary**, the Chairman and members for each of the following committees and serve on each in an ex-officio capacity: Financial Planning; Budget.
 - Section G. The Past President shall:
 3. **Serve on the Executive Committee.**
7. ARTICLE XI Affiliates [refers to 5 or more individuals, who are not within a geographical area served by an existing genealogical society, who desire to create a group whose purposes are related to the objectives of the Society.]
 - Section G. The affiliate shall designate a chairperson, whose duties will be to schedule meetings and events, and to submit an Annual Report to the Society ~~Recording Secretary~~ at least thirty days prior to the end of the fiscal year.

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CGS Elects Carol Darrow President for 2008-2010

The Colorado Genealogical Society elected Carol Darrow to serve as CGS president for the two-year term beginning July 2008. The election was held at the organization's annual meeting and potluck supper on June 20. Also elected was the 2009 Nominating Committee which includes Roger Dudley, Sandy Carter-Duff, and Gwen Mayer



The Annual Meeting was also the opportunity to honor Nancy Ratay as CGS Volunteer of the Year.

Bobbi King spoke at the Annual Meeting on Nebraska research facilities. Outgoing President Pam Smith was presented with an engraved gavel.

Carol Darrow has been a member of CGS since 2003 and has served as Education Chair since September, 2003 and as editor of the *CGS Newsletter* since 2006. She earned her Certified Genealogist designation from the Board for Certification of Genealogists in May 2005.

Nancy Ratay Honored as CGS Volunteer of the Year

Nancy Ratay was selected as CGS Volunteer of the Year for her commitment as Editor of the *Colorado Genealogist*, the quarterly publication of CGS. Nancy served as Education Coordinator in 2002-2004 and worked with Jan Meeker on the quarterly before becoming Editor of the Quarterly in 2004. Since that time, Nancy has worked diligently to produce a quality publication that reflects strong scholarship and significant research about Colorado ancestors.



In addition to editing the Quarterly, Nancy is

In addition to editing the Quarterly, Nancy is preparing a digital surname index to all back issues of the Quarterly that will be searchable. She also serves as CGS Liaison to the Computer Interest Group and is the workshop leader for Reunion for Mac.

CGS is happy to express its gratitude for all of the volunteer efforts of Nancy Ratay.

CGS Program Meetings Will Offer Extra GEM

Starting with the September 19 program meeting, CGS will be offering twice the program. In addition to a featured speaker, we will have a 20-minute Genealogical Education Module – or GEM for short. The meeting will start at 7 pm with the GEM presentation that could range from a mini case study to a discussion of genealogical software or new websites. Then there will be a short business meeting followed by the featured speaker. All program meetings will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, Denver.

On **Friday, Sept. 19**, the featured speaker will be Wendel Cox from DPL who will speak about exciting additions to the Western History Collection. The GEM program will be a mini case study presented by Jan Prater. The meeting will start with an old-fashioned ice cream social at 6:30 pm.

The program speaker on **Friday, Oct. 17** will be Historian Mona Lambrecht who will speak on "Putting History into Your Family History." Mona is a member of the Boulder Genealogical Society.

Then on **Friday, Nov. 21**, Daniel Parker will give a presentation on "New England House History," exploring four Massachusetts houses built prior to 1725 and his personal connection to those houses.

There will be no program meeting in December.

Sign up for E-mail Alerts

Sandy Ronayne has volunteered to serve as E-Mail Captain for CGS. She will automatically add CGS members' e-mail addresses to the Alert list for notification of meetings, classes and tours. If you don't see a message by September 1, please send Sandy an email at sandyronayne@comcast.net and she will add you to the notification list.

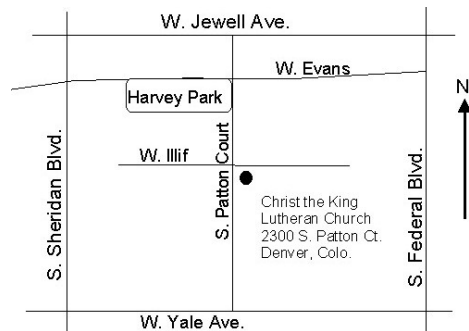
Celebrate CGS New Year with an Ice Cream Social

The CGS program year starts with the September 19 meeting. The evening will kick off with an old-fashioned ice cream social starting at 6:30 pm.

The program will include a mini case study presented by Jan Prater and a featured presentation on the expanding Western History Collection at Denver Public Library by Wendel Cox, librarian.

CGS 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 Court, in Denver. Meetings start at 7 pm. Visitors are always welcome. Come join us!

COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Editor Carol Darrow, CG
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.

Upcoming CGS Programs & Classes

- Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008, 10-12 noon: CGS Aches & Pains Tour.** Walking tour of Capitol Hill neighborhood. Meet in front of 1118-1120 Josephine St. at 10 am. Call Karen Shuman 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowen 303-770-4438 for details.
- Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am–3:00 pm.** Lou-Jean Rehn. Learn how to get started in genealogy.
- Friday, Sept. 19, 2008. CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Wendel Cox will present on additions to the Western History Department at DPL. Ice Cream Social starts at 6:30 pm.
- Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008: NO CGS Special Interest Class. Attend Forensic Genealogy lectures at Bemis Library, 6014 S. Datura St. Littleton. Free.** Come early for good seats.
- Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, 10-12 noon: CGS Aches & Pains Tour.** Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington St., Golden. \$3/admission. Call Karen Shuman 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowen 303-770-4438 for details
- Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008: 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. 17, 2008: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Historian Mona Lambrecht will speak on “Putting History into Your Family History.”
- Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008: CGS Special Interest Class, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am–1:00 pm.** “Census Records—Squeezing Them For All They’re Worth.” Lou-Jean Rehn. (Library closes at 2 pm today.)
- Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008, time TBD. CGS Aches & Pains Tour.** Ghost Tour of Brown Palace Hotel. \$2/person. Limit 25. Call Karen Shuman 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowen 303-770-4438 for details.
- Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008: 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, Nov. 15, 2008: CGS Special Interest Class, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – noon.** Bobbi King will discuss the history of the rectangular land survey and land platting in public land states. Hands-on activity from 1 pm – 3 pm.
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- No CGS Program Meeting and No Special Interest Class in**

Forensic Genealogy Seminar scheduled at Bemis Library Sept. 20

Colleen Fitzpatrick, best-selling author and genealogist, will present two free lectures at Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura St. in Littleton on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Fitzpatrick will present from 10:30 am – noon on “The Genealogy Detective” including new approaches to identifying old photographs and how-to’s on pulling the best information from Internet databases.

The afternoon session, from 1:30 – 3 pm, will cover the latest information on the use of DNA for tracing your family history and how DNA research can be combined with paper genealogy to solve genealogical mysteries.

Colleen Fitzpatrick is the author of *Forensic Genealogy* and co-author of its sequel, *DNA & Genealogy*. She has been featured on National Public Radio and in the *Wall Street Journal*.

The lectures are being presented jointly by the Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society and the Bemis Public Library and are free. For more information, contact the library at 303-795-3961. Seating is limited, so please arrive early.

Special Interest Classes start on Oct. 18 at DPL

CGS will start its fall schedule of Special Interest classes, held on the third Saturday of most months, with the Oct. 18 class at the downtown Denver Public Library. In September we urge you to take advantage of the free Forensic Genealogy seminar at the Bemis Library.

On **Saturday, Oct. 18**, 10 am – 1 pm, Lou-Jean Rehn will present “Census Records – Squeezing Them For All They’re Worth.” Learn how to gather the wealth of information in the census record and practice effective ways to use the information to further your research. Due to the Booklovers’ Ball, this class will end at 1:00 pm with no lunch break. The library closes at 2 pm on this date.

On **Saturday, Nov. 15**, 10 am – noon, the topic will be “History of the Rectangular Land Survey” and land platting in public land states presented by Bobbi King. After lunch there will be hands-on practice in land platting in public land states.

No Special Interest Class in December. Happy Holidays!

Beginning Genealogy is a great place to start

No matter whether you are new to genealogy or have been researching your family for years, you are sure to learn some new approaches to your research from the free Beginning Genealogy class, offered on the second Saturday of each month (except July and August), 10 am – 3 pm with a one-hour lunch break. Lou-Jean Rehn, CG, is the instructor.

New websites are becoming available and Lou-Jean includes these new resources and reviews the tried and tested techniques for getting started in research and for correcting missteps that may have lead you astray.

Aches & Pains Tours offer a walk through history

Aches & Pains Tours are walking tours of local Denver-area historical or genealogical sites. The tours are generally scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month from 10 am – noon. At times, some schedule changes are necessary. Check the schedule on page 2 for actual dates and times. The tours usually end with an optional lunch as a group after the tour.

The first Aches & Pains tour of the year on **Wednesday, Sept. 3** will be a visit to a Capitol Hill neighborhood. The group will meet at 1118-1120 Josephine St. at 10 am. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes for the three-block stroll in this historic neighborhood. Parking is available around Congress Park and the Botanic Gardens.

On **Wednesday, Oct. 1**, the group will tour the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington St., Golden. There is a \$3 admission charge for a group of 10.

Then on **Wednesday, Oct. 29**, Aches & Pains will have a Ghost Tour of the Brown Palace Hotel in downtown Denver. There will be a \$2 charge for this tour. Please bring exact change. The group is limited to 25 people so registration is a must.

The final tour for 2008 will be a visit to the Governor’s Mansion to view the Christmas decorations. The tour is set for **Wednesday, Dec. 10** and is free.

Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 or Donna Krown at 303-770-4438 for more details and exact starting times and meeting locations. Advance registration is necessary so that we can let you know about any changes due to weather.

Beginners' Corner

Beginners are always urged to get the birth and death certificates for the members of their immediate family. Although the federal government required birth and death registration in 1913, both official certificates were not regularly kept by all county governments until about 1920.

Today, because of concerns about identity theft, many states are limiting access, especially to birth certificates that could be used to establish an illegal identity. Death certificates are more readily available but often the requestor is required to send a photocopy of a driver's license to establish their own identity. There are also states that require the requestor to be a direct descendant of the deceased. Colorado is such a state.

Here are the steps that will lead you to that vital record necessary for your research:

1. Figure out the county *as it was* at the time of the birth or death. Remember Broomfield was in Boulder County until 2001. A quick way to do this is to go to www.epodunk.com and enter the town and the state. The county will be supplied.
2. Narrow down the year of death. Some counties charge more if they have to do an extended search over several years.
3. Go to the Internet and Google "Pennsylvania Death Certificates," for example.
4. DO NOT use the ChekVitalRecords link that will come up. They charge an extra fee of \$25 plus the fee charged by the county.
5. DO look for the State Department of Health in the state of interest.
6. Read the directions for requesting a birth or death certificate. If necessary, call the phone number listed on the website for more information.
7. Print out the online form or write a letter requesting the certificate.
8. Most websites will tell you what the fee is – usually \$5 to \$15 for each certificate.
9. Many will require some identification, usually a photocopy of your driver's license.
10. Most require that you identify your relationship to the deceased person.
11. Some may require that you include a business size self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) with your request.
12. Be sure to include your complete name, mailing address, telephone number and email, if you have one, on both the letter and the SASE.

Got a topic for Beginners' Corner? Drop an email to: cdarrow944@aol.com

Genealogy Happenings Around Colorado

Fairmount Cemetery Open House, Sept. 20 & 21, 2008, 10 am – 5 pm. Free. Guided history tours, tree and architecture walking tours, living history portrayals, and tombstone preservation tips.

Forensic Genealogy Seminar, Sept. 20, 2008. 10:30 am – 3:00 pm. Free. Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura St., Littleton. Featuring Colleen Fitzpatrick.

Black Genealogical Study Group Family Festival, Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. Free. Michael T. O'Neill Sr. Community Room, District 2 Police Station, 3921 Holly St., Denver. Rob Richards, NARA archivist, will speak on slave manifests in the morning. Dr. Polly McLean, professor at CU-Boulder in journalism and mass communications, will present an afternoon workshop.

Riverside Cemetery History & Mystery Night, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, 7 pm. \$12/person. Guided walking tour. Bring your own flashlight.

Golden Cemetery Ghost Tour, Oct. 25 & 26, one-hour tours starting at 1 pm – 4 pm. \$15/person.

Palatines to America Annual Fall Seminar and German Dinner. Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008. Dr. Roland Paul, German archivist, speaker.

W.I.S.E. Seminar on Irish Research, Saturday Nov. 8, 2008, 9:30 am – 4 pm, at DPL featuring Dr. James G. Ryan of Dublin on basic Irish genealogy, Irish Catholic records, and online resources for Irish research. \$25/in advance, \$30/after Nov. 1.

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, Jan. 12-16, 2009.

One course for a week of in-depth instruction by some of the finest presenters in the country. Radisson Hotel in Salt Lake City, near the Family History Library.

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CGS Annual Seminar to feature Thomas and Patricia Shawker Feb. 20-21, 2009

Thomas H. Shawker, M.D., and Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG, will be the featured speakers at the Colorado Genealogical Society Annual Seminar scheduled for Feb. 20 and 21. Dr. Thomas Shawker will speak on Friday, Feb. 20, at the regular CGS program meeting on "Your Genealogy and Your Health." Then on Saturday, Feb. 21, Dr. Shawker and Patricia Shawker will each present two 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 Feb. 21.

Presentations at the seminar will include:

- **DNA Testing: the Very, Very Basics**, presented by Thomas H. Shawker, M.D.
- **One Family's Footprint in the Federal Records**, presented by Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG

- **Before Statehood: Territorial Records**, presented by Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG
- **Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry: DNA Testing**, presented by Dr. Thomas H. Shawker, M.D.

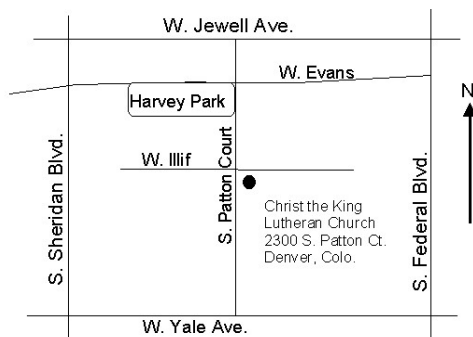
Thomas H. Shawker, M.D., is a physician at the National Institutes of Health and author of more than 200 scientific publications. He is the Chair of the NGS Family Health and Heredity Committee and authored the NGS book, *Unlocking Your Genetic History*.

Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG, is a professional genealogist whose interests are Maryland genealogy and research at the National Archives. She is the director of the National Institute of Genealogical Research (NIGR) held annually at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. She has been a certified genealogist since 1999.

See page 8 for the registration flyer for the 2009 Seminar or download the form from the CGS website at <http://www.cogensoc.us>. For more information, contact Lou-Jean Rehn, Seminar Chair, at (303) 333-2492 or Carol Darrow at (303) 287-6063.

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countries around the world. We hope you'll
join us soon.*

Upcoming CGS Programs

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Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – noon. Rectangular Land Survey System and Land Platting in Public Land States. Presented by Bobbi King. **1 pm – 2:30 pm.** Hands-on land platting practice.

Friday, Nov. 21, 2008: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Program: House History of Three Massachusetts Houses presented by Dan Parker. GEM: Family Search Labs open up new vistas presented by Lou-Jean Rehn.

Monday, Dec. 1, 2008: CGS Board Meeting, 6 pm – 8 pm. 10th Mountain Room, 5th Level, DPL. All CGS members welcome.

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, 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.

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Monday, Jan. 5, 2009: CGS Board Meeting, 6 pm – 8 pm. 10th Mountain Room, 5th Level, DPL. All CGS members welcome.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009: Aches & Pains Tour. To be announced.

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009: 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. Lou-Jean Rehn, instructor.

Friday, Jan. 16, 2009: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Lou-Jean Rehn will present "A Little Traveling Music" on planning a research trip. GEM: Round table discussions of several national genealogical educational programs.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am - noon. Getting Organized: Paper, Documents, Software.

Monday, Feb. 2, 2009: CGS Board Meeting, 6 pm – 8 pm. 10th Mountain Room, 5th Level, DPL. All CGS members welcome.

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009: Aches & Pains Tour. Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowan at 303-770-4438 for details and exact times of tour.

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009: 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. Lou-Jean Rehn, instructor.

Friday, February 20, 2009: CGS Program Meeting, 7:00 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Featuring Dr. Thomas H. Shawker speaking on "Your Genealogy and Your Health."

Saturday, February 21, 2009: CGS Annual Seminar, 10 am – 4 pm, Lower Level Conference Center, Downtown Denver Public Library. Speakers: Thomas H. Shawker, M.D. and Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG.

New website address: www.cogensoc.us

Beginner's Corner

Everybody talks about Ancestry.com but you may not know that Ancestry Library Edition, which includes both the U.S. Deluxe Version and the World Edition of Ancestry.com (valued at about \$300/year), is available for free at all Denver Public Libraries, Westminster Public Libraries, and at the National Archives (Bldg. 46) at the Federal Center.

If you are new to genealogy or haven't looked at Ancestry, you are missing out on the largest collection of databases available online. Ancestry includes images and an every-name index to all the U.S. federal censuses. Ancestry has also added several state censuses as well. Then there are the military databases including the World War I Draft Registration Cards, World War II Army Volunteers 1939-1946, and Civil War Soldier Index. There are birth, marriage, and death indexes for most states and some divorce indexes, too. New in the past year are ship passenger lists.

Before you pay for at home access, gather up your papers and go off to a public access site and test drive the system. If you have done online research before and are comfortable with the computer, you will probably have a wonderful experience.

But if you are not familiar with online research, you may need to learn a few tricks to make Ancestry deliver on its promise.

1. Ancestry databases were indexed by human beings who often made mistakes in reading the handwriting of the census taker. Although you may know that your grandfather's first name was Zarah, the transcriber may have rendered that name in a variety of ways.
2. Census takers themselves made mistakes that can only be transcribed as the indexer saw them. Elmo Harrow, for example, was listed by the census taker as Harrow Elmo, the head of the Elmo family.
3. Search screens on the Home page will force you to sort through hundreds, perhaps thousands, of John Johnsons

before getting to yours. Go instead to the "Search" screen and select the type of record you want to look at – U.S.

Censuses or Birth, Marriage, Death Records, or Military Records. Then add the name, birthplace and birth date to search for the record you want.

4. There is a new version of Ancestry (friendlier but not helpful) that asks you to enter the complete name as first, middle, last. This search method does not work well when you have only the last name or even if you're searching by first name, birth date and birthplace. Look for the option at the top of the screen to "Switch back to the old search experience."
5. Less is more. When you are entering information for a search of Ancestry databases, the most useful information is first name, last name, year of birth, and birthplace. If you get more than 25 hits, you probably need to add more information to narrow down the search.
6. Search and search again. New databases are added weekly – for example, the ship passenger lists – are new this year. So come back often and look again.

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Aches & Pains Tour Will Visit Governor's Mansion on Dec. 10

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, 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 Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, the Cheesman Park neighborhood, and the Brown Palace.

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

Genealogy Happenings For Your Calendar

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NGS Conference in the States, May 13-16, 2009, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Institute of Genealogical & Historical Research, June xxx-xxx, 2009. A week of in-depth genealogical instruction on the campus of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama.

FGS Conference, Sept. 2009, Little Rock, Ark.

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New Books Added to DPL Genealogy Collection

- **Americans of 1776. Daily Life in Revolutionary America.** James Schouler
- **By a Line of Marked Trees: Abstracts of Currituck County, North Carolina. Volume Two, Deed Books 3-4.** John Anderson Brayton
- **Colonial Families of Maryland: Bound and Determined to Succeed.** Robert Barnes
- **Companions of Champlain: Founding Families of Quebec, 1608-1635.** Denise Larson
- **Dutch Colonists in the Americas, 1615-1815.** David Dobson
- **Eastern Cherokee By Blood, 1906-1910. Vol. 1-5.** Jeff Bowen.
- **Eastern Cherokee Census, Cherokee, North Carolina, 1923-1929,** Taken by Agent James E. Henderson. **Vols. 1-2**
- **Female Index to Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England.** James Savage. Compiled by Patty Barthell Myers
- **History of Buford, Colorado.** Ricki Buckles
- **History of the Upper White River Country, Meeker, Colorado.** Ricki Buckles
- **Indian Wills, 1911-1921. Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Books 3-7.** Jeff Bowen
- **Missing Relatives and Lost Friends.** Robert W. Barnes
- **Nova Scotia Immigrants to 1867. Vol. II from Non-Nova Scotia Periodicals and from Published Diaries and Journals.** Leonard H. Smith, Jr. & Norma H. Smith
- **Revolutionary Soldiers in Kentucky.** Anderson Chenault Quisenberry
- **Scottish Transatlantic Merchants, 1611-1785.** David Dobson
- **St. Louis Family History Research Guide.** Ann Fleming.
- **The Descendants of Andrew Jackson Pittser**
- **Virginia Slave Births Index 1853-1865 Vols. 1-5**

IN MEMORIAM

The Colorado Genealogical Society voted on Sept. 19, 2008, to make a donation of \$25 to the book fund of the Central Denver Public Library, Western History/Genealogy in memory of deceased CGS members and distinguished contributors to the Colorado genealogical community.

Donations have been made in memory of the following individuals:

- **Barbara Brown**
- **Joanne Clauson**
- **Connie Dawe**
- **Isma Templain**
- **James C. Dutton**

Volunteers Wanted For FamilySearch.org Indexing Project

Over 29 million new names were posted during the last week of September 2008 on the FamilySearch Record Search pilot. Volunteer indexers from around the world are making these contributions to genealogical records and you can help. Volunteers can help any time by registering or downloading a current project at www.familysearch.org (click on Index Records>Volunteer or Start Indexing) or www.familysearchindexing.org.

Volunteers are indexing U.S. census records, state census records (1945 Florida state index), military records, and much more—and they are doing it from their home computer. Sign on for more information about projects that need help and pick one of interest to you. Even a few hours' of work will make a big contribution to this project.



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

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)

Danish Sisterhood Organizes in Denver

Does your last name end with “sen” (Larsen, Hansen, Andersen, etc.)? If so, chances are you’re of Danish descent. The Danish Sisterhood organized in 2007 in Denver and welcomes new members. Contact Chris Jensen Hix at 303-431-6690 or Nancy Hulstrom at 303-452-8077 for more information.

Put History Into Your Family History

Mona Lambrecht spoke to CGS at the program meeting on Oct. 17 about putting historical context into your family history.

Here’s an historic event that could certainly have impacted your ancestors: The year 1816 was widely known as “The Year Without Summer.” Connecticut was hit by a blizzard on June 6; Savanna, Georgia had a high temperature of 46°F on July 4. Crops failed and dire warnings of impending doom were pronounced by many church groups. Modern scientists believe the cause of the extreme weather was dust and ash from the April 5, 1815 eruption of the Tambora volcano on the island of Sumbawa near Java. But the effects were felt around the world.

How do you think a New England farmer would have been affected? Snow and killing frosts in May and June destroyed much of New England’s crops. The price of corn and other grains rose rapidly for the small available supply. The price of oats, necessary to feed horses, went from 12 cents a bushel to 92 cents a bushel.

Many historians consider the “Year Without Summer” a primary motivation in 1817 for westward migration out of New England and into Western New York, Ohio, Indiana, and the Upper Midwest. Was this the factor that caused your ancestor to relocate?

TIPS, TRICKS, & TECHNIQUES

Indiana Genealogical Society Offers Searchable Databases

The Indiana Genealogical Society has added searchable databases that cover military records from the Civil War, Mexican War and Spanish-American War, church and school records and a variety of other records. These databases are only available to members of the society – but it’s a worthwhile investment of \$30 for those who are searching for Indiana ancestors. <http://www.indgensoc.org/membersonly/>.

Lineage Society for Descendants of Early Settlers of Spanish and Mexican Land Grants Formed

Early Settlers of Spanish and Mexican Land Grants (ESSMLG) lineage society is the first national lineage society to recognize and preserve the contributions of the Spanish/Latino culture in early U.S. settlements. Early settlers of the southwest U.S. included Spaniards, Canary Islanders, French, Irish, English, Scots, Jews, German, Dutch, Portuguese, and Native Americans from both sides of the present day U.S. Mexico border.

The mission of ESSMLG is to research, preserve, and promote the history, heritage and culture of early settlers on Spanish and Mexican land grants.

Nine Million Philadelphia Records are Now Online

FamilySearch.org has placed two historical Philadelphia city record sets online. These include death certificates for 1803-1915 and marriage indexes for 1885-1951.

These records are part of the Family History Library’s extraordinary effort to place indexes of its microfilm holdings on line. The project adds new indexes almost daily so it’s worth checking back frequently. The website is <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.ht>

ml#p=0 Be patient. It takes a few minutes to load.

Western Canadian Provinces Census of 1916 Available

The 1916 census of the Western Canadian Provinces including Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, is now available on microfilm at the Library and Archives Canada. The microfilm is available for InterLibrary Loan. Website for more information is: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/022-911-e.html>. Census is not available online.

Rochester, NY Newspapers 1818-1897 Online Index Now Available on Internet

The Rochester (NY) Public Library in conjunction with the Monroe County Library System has posted a free index to Rochester, New York newspapers from 1818 – 1897 on the Internet. There are 85 volumes with 500,000 searchable entries. Web address is: <http://www2.libraryweb.org/index.asp?orgid=647&storyTypeID=&sid=&>;

Once you locate an item of interest, you can order a copy of the article for \$10/per article sent to you by email, fax, or standard post.

Writing Contest Opens for Family Historians

The International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE) has announced details of its annual “Excellence in Writing” competition to recognize excellence in genealogical columns and articles. The contest is open to all members of ISFHWE, both published and unpublished, and entrants may join ISFHWE at the time they submit their entries.

The four categories for entries include:

Category I – Newspaper Columns published on a regular basis, published in 2008. Entries must be less than 1,000 words.

Category II – Articles published in 2008 in a journal, magazine, newsletter, or web site. Entries cannot exceed 5,000 words.

Category III – Genealogy Research Story. This category is for original, unpublished articles between 1,000 – 3,000 words. The articles should focus on telling the story of genealogical research using one of these topics: “The Search for <ancestor’s name or nickname>,” “Sorting Out the Entangled Roots of <family or individual name>,” or “Encounters with a Family Skeleton.”

Category IV – Want-to-be Writer/Columnist. Entrants in this category aspire to be writers or columnists in the field of genealogy/family or local history. Submissions in this category must be original and unpublished, between 500-1000 words.

Winners will receive a cash prize and the awards presentation will take place at the ISFHWE banquet at the National Genealogical Society conference in Raleigh, NC, on 13 May 2009. For all rules and information, check the web site at <http://isfhwe.org>.

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Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry: DNA Testing
 presented by Dr. Thomas H. Shawker, M.D.

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