

COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

February 2010

Meeting Locally, Researching Globally

Volume 34, No. 1

D. Joshua Taylor to Headline CGS Seminar

D. Joshua “Josh” Taylor will be the featured speaker at the Colorado Genealogical Society Annual Spring Seminar scheduled for March 19 and 20, 2010. Mr. Taylor will speak on Friday, March 19, at the regular CGS program meeting on “Family History: What the Future Holds,” discussing the changes and technological developments that will change the way we research and share materials.



On Saturday, March 20, Mr. Taylor will present four lectures at the all-day seminar to be held at the Lower Level Conference Center of the Downtown Denver Public Library. The Friday night meeting is a free event. There will be a \$30 per person registration fee for attending the all-day seminar on March 20.

Presentations at the seminar will include:

- **Mapping Your Success: Employing Maps for Genealogical Research.** Maps are an essential tool for any genealogist as they trace boundary changes, migrations, demographics, political districts, military battles, and other key events in the lives of our ancestors.
- **Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the United States Between 1780 and 1830.** Connecting with ancestors who lived between 1780 and 1830 can be a difficult task. Learn how to use electronic resources, primary sources and other compiled materials to bridge the gap.
- **Family Ties vs. Fairy Tales: Finding the Truth in Your Family Legends.** Just because Great Aunt Mabel said your ancestor was from

CGS To Donate Microfilm Camera to DPL

One of the key CGS objectives listed in the CGS Policy Manual is to locate, preserve and index public and private genealogical records and to make such records, or the information in them, available to members and the general public.

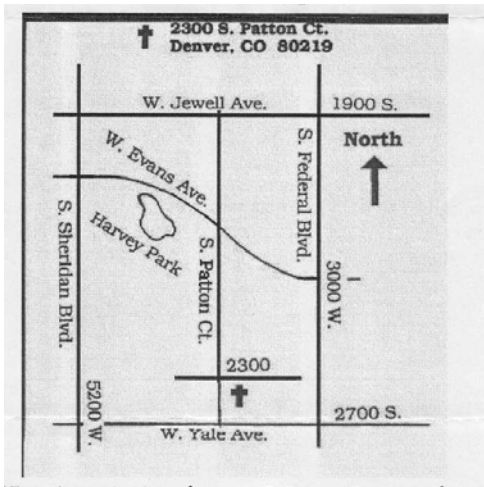
In support of that objective, CGS will donate a microfilm camera to the Western History/Genealogy Department of the Central Denver Public Library. With the help of volunteers, CGS will be able to photograph and preserve paper records now deposited at DPL via microfilm. Microfilm will be available at the library and indexes will be posted online at the library’s Web site.

Scotland and served in the Civil War doesn’t mean it’s true. Discover tools to uncover the truth behind your family stories and learn how to integrate them into your personal family history.

- **Putting It All Together: A Case Study.** Using online sources, maps, family legends, and primary and secondary records to trace a family from the Eastern U.S. through the Midwest and Western U.S. from the 1800s to the 1900s.

D. Joshua “Josh” Taylor is a nationally known genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. He lives in Boston, Massachusetts where he is currently the Director of Education and Programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He has authored columns and articles in UGA Crossroads, FGS Forum, Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly, New England Ancestors, and Digital Genealogist. Josh a member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and serves as program director for the Massachusetts Genealogical Council.

**Seminar Registration Form is on page 8!
Sign up today.**



Meeting Location

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Carol Darrow, CG, Editor

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CGS Website



www.cogensoc.us

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Welcome New Members!

New CGS members welcomed in January 2010:

Shirley Abegg
 Vivian Allen
 Beth Benko
 Barbara Bickerton
 Nancy Black
 Joan Brecheisen
 Kathleen Brown
 Helen Browne
 Paul Browne
 Karen Campbell
 Carla Churchill
 Susan Clasen
 Gary Grimm
 Lenore Gulyas
 Natalie Gulyas
 Marion Hilterbrand
 Cynthia Koenisfeld
 Kay Laughlin
 Anna Maestas
 Dawn McCarthy
 Richard Melick
 Dot Olson
 Kathy Pearler
 Cathy Petry
 Barbara Ramos
 Carolyn Romero
 Patricia Sladek
 Lillian Veonia Stone
 Betty Washington
 Rosemarie Weisse
 Vanessa Westmoreland
 Carol Williamson
 Betty Lee Wilson
 Robert Wordell

CGS Board in Action

The Board of Directors of the Colorado Genealogical Society has taken the following actions since November 2009:

- Purchased a microfilm camera that is being donated to the Western History/Genealogy Department of the Denver Public Library. The camera will be used to preserve records currently stored at DPL.
- Decided to have the CGS Web site redesigned. The board is seeking a volunteer to work on the redesign.
- Nancy Ratay has prepared a Surname Index for Volumes 1-10 of the CGS Quarterly dating from the first issue in 1939. The index will soon be available on the CGS website.

If you have any issue or concern to bring before the board, please notify President Carol Darrow at cdarrow944@yahoo.com.

Local Seminar Events

WISE Seminar, Saturday, Feb. 20. 9 am – 4 pm. Central Denver Public Library, Lower Level Conference Center. Speaker Paul Milner, on Finding your English, Welsh and Ulster-Irish ancestors.

CGS Spring Seminar, Saturday, March 20, 10 am-4 pm. Central Denver Public Library, Lower Level Conference Center, featuring D. Joshua Taylor.

Palatines to America 300th Anniversary Seminar & Celebration, Saturday, April 11. Speaker: Dr. Joseph Lieby, NY Palam Chapter

National Genealogical Society Conference, April 28 – May 1, Salt Lake City, Utah.

CIG Spring Seminar, Saturday, May 15, Central Denver Public Library, Lower Level Conference Center, 10 am – 4 pm, featuring Daniel M. Lynch, author of *Google Your Family Tree*.

Columbine 2010 Symposium, Saturday, June 5, Buck Community Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton, CO. 9 am – 3:15 pm.

Speaker Laura G. Prescott, on locating digitized images online, publishing your genealogy online, and academic archives and manuscript research.

Family History Expo, Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Embassy Suites Hotel, Loveland, CO. 80+ speakers and genealogy expo floor.

Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies Seminar, Saturday, Sept. 25, Central Denver Public Library, Lower Level Conference Center. Speaker Dr. Thomas Jones, co-editor of NGS Quarterly.



Denver Public Library Furlough Days

All Denver Public Libraries will be closed on the following days as furlough days due to budget constraints.

- Friday, April 2, 2010 (Good Friday); and
- Friday, May 28, 2010 (Friday before Memorial Day)
- Friday, Sept. 3, 2010 (Friday before Labor Day)
- Friday, Oct. 15, 2010
- Friday, November 26, 2010 (Friday after Thanksgiving)

Colorado Public Records Access Task Force Organizes

The Colorado Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists is sponsoring the newly-created Colorado Public Records Access Task Force. This task force has the goal of being the voice of Colorado genealogists and historians to the Colorado Legislature (and other parties) to preserve open access to public records of historical value to genealogists and historians.

Listed are some of the actions in other states that are of major concern to this task force:

- The Michigan governor abolished the Department of History, Arts and Libraries, despite the objection of thousands of genealogists and historians.
- The Massachusetts State Library is under closure consideration by the governor.
- The State Historical Library of Missouri will be closed Fridays and Saturdays.

Could this happen in Colorado? Can you imagine the Colorado State Archives closed? Can you imagine county courthouses not allowing genealogists and historians to obtain copies of marriage or other vital records?

It certainly could happen in Colorado. The governor and legislature, with their current budget shortfalls will consider every possibility for saving money in 2010 and future years.

As genealogists and historians in Colorado, we need to organize our voices and be prepared to act to preserve open records access, not just react when the situation arises and the window of opportunity may have passed.

The Task Force is developing a plan to introduce the genealogical community to Colorado legislators in a variety of ways. They will also be seeking to create partnerships between public records archives and private groups to help meet the budgetary needs of the public entities while preserving records access for genealogists and local historians. The Task Force needs the support of all genealogists and local historians in Colorado.

How can you help? Plan on participating to support **Genealogy Lobby Day**, happening at the Capitol in February. We plan on meeting staff, distributing handouts, and introducing ourselves to

the legislators. We will plan an organizing meeting before the Lobby Day. Contact the task force coordinators for more information at:

Bobbi King at "Rking24600@aol.com"
or Corinne Knasinski at
corinnesfamily@gmail.com.

Beginners' Corner

By Carol Cooke Darrow, CG

Since 1850, the U.S. census has reported the occupation of each individual – something that will change in 2010, when no questions will be asked about it. And since 1850, the most common answer was "farmer" or "farm laborer." It's generally understood that "farmer" indicates land ownership while "farm laborer" is a worker on the farm, often the family farm.

Other occupations are reported, of course, and can often give us a picture of the community. According to the 1870 census of Polk County, Tennessee, there are many "miners" reported, most of them immigrants from England. I assumed they were coal miners until I read a brief history of Polk County and found that it is the only copper mining area east of the Mississippi.

When you look up and down a census page, you may see the physician, merchant, lawyer, court clerk, and postmaster all living in the same hotel in a small town. You may find some occupations listed that are unfamiliar to you such as farrier, cordwainer, artificer, and cooper. If you search for occupations of the past (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fltgs/occupations.htm>), you'll learn that they are a blacksmith; a leather worker or shoemaker; a skilled soldier who worked as a mechanic; and the man who made or repaired vessels made of staves and hoops such as barrels, tubs, and casks.

I've seen "prostitute" and "flozzy" listed as occupations but one of the most surprising occupations I've found is "carpetbag maker," in the 1870 New York City census record. I knew, of course, that carpetbaggers were rascals who traveled south after the Civil War to take advantage of the social disruption and make a quick buck – but I hadn't really pictured a girl of 14 toiling away making actual carpetbags. I've also found "wool carders" who work to clean raw wool with two hand paddle "cards"; a "glazier" who makes and installs window glass; a "huckster" who peddles small household goods for sale door to door; and a

"muleskinner" who became a "teamster" because he drove a team of horses or mules, and later was known as a "truck driver" as the technology changed.

In the 1900 census and after, there are many men who worked on the railroad in various jobs. In fact, railroading was such a widespread occupation that a separate pension system was created for railroad employees at the same time as the Social Security system. (Pension records and work history from 1937 to the present can be requested from the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board at <http://www.rrb.gov/>. Sometimes, occupational safety hazards become a factor in your family history. My grandmother's twin brother died in 1915 at the age of 22. His death certificate states that he died of "scalds," burns caused by moist heat or steam. He lived just one day with his injuries. His death certificate lists his occupation as locomotive fireman on the Rock Island Railroad.

Computer Interest Group (CIG)

Meets 2nd Monday Night of Each Month
Christ the King Lutheran Church
2300 S. Patton Court, Denver
Visitors Welcome

Colorado Opens Original Birth Records for Adoptions Finalized Between 1951-1967

Changes have been made in the availability of original birth records to adoptees. Those adults who were adopted in Colorado now have access to their original birth records, as long as their adoption was finalized between July 1, 1951 and June 30, 1967.

For adoptions finalized prior to July 1, 1951, records remain sealed except via court order.

For adoptions finalized between July 1, 1967 to August 31, 1999, records remain sealed except via court order.

Records for adult adoptees (18 years or older) whose adoptions were finalized between September 1, 1999 to the present, original birth records are available.

Forms are available from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment online at <http://www.cdph.state.co.us/certs/bicert.pdf>. The cost is \$17.75.

Colorado State Archives Adds New Databases

New indexes made available at the Colorado State Archives since August, 2009 include the following.

- Business Trademarks (1877-1897)
- Chaffee County School Board Register (1882-1890)
- San Miguel Teacher Exams (1885-1906)
- El Paso School Census Dist. 11 Girls (1920)
- Park County School Board Oaths (1918-1959)
- Routt County School Census (1920)
- Incorporation Index (1861-1914). 66,000 new entries!
- Costilla County Teacher Exams (1917-1923)
- Dearfield School Census (1909-1946)
- Routt County School Census (1910)
- Logan County School Census (1915-1920)
- Mineral County Probates (1894-1970)
- Pitkin County School Census Dist. 16 (1896, 1898)
- Rio Grande County School Census Dist. 22 (1917,1918)
- El Paso School Census Dist. 11 (1920)

Other databases of continuing interest include:

- Incorporation Index (1861-1914)
- Business Trademarks (1877-1897)
- Statewide Divorce Index (1880-1939) (Search under "Court" record type)
- Dearfield School Census (1909-1946)
- Prohibition Arrests 1918-1926
- Colorado Land Commissioners Patents 1878-1970
- Court of Appeals Case Files from 1891-1911
- Pre-1909 Birth Records from Various Counties
- Denver Death Index 1870-1905
- Washington County Pauper Record 1896-1897
- Amache Japanese Internment Camp Teachers List 1942-1945
- Indian Industrial Schools Census 1900
- State Penitentiary Index 1871-1973
- Arapahoe County Voter Registrations 1893-1905
- Civilian Conservation Corps Enrollments (Statewide) 1936-1942

- Colorado Civil War Casualties
- Routt County Ditch Claim Statements 1902-1903
- Gilpin County Chancery Cases 1862-1878
- Arapahoe County Poor Hospital 1895-1899

TIPS, TRICKS, AND TECHNIQUES

NSDAR Database

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) has opened its database containing more than 27 million names abstracted from DAR membership applications. The applicant's national membership number is included in the index providing easy reference to published lineage books. Copies of applications may also be ordered from NSDAR for \$10 each. The site is at http://216.36.105.133/DAR_Research/search

Link to Nicknames

Ever lose an ancestor named Mary only to learn that she now goes by the name Polly? There's a handy website that will help you match up Patsy with Martha and Nancy with Ann and Ted with Edward. http://genealogy.about.com/library/bl_nicknames.htm

Michigan Research

Digitized versions of death records covering the years 1897 through 1920 and digitized records of the WPA Michigan Property Inventories 1936-1942 are available at <http://www.seekingmichigan.org>.

Louisiana Death Certificates

Online search is now available for Louisiana death records for deaths that occurred between 1911 and 1956. Check the index – and remember to use known name variations and locations – and then print out the order form for each record that you want to request. The cost for a certified copy of the death certificate is \$5 each. <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/tabid/640/Default.aspx>

Texas Death Certificates

You can view and print original death certificates for all counties in Texas for the years 1890-1976 online at Footnote.com. This is a pay-for-view site but is available for free at Family History Centers and at the National Archives. Records are 61% completed so check back for additional records.

Nebraska State Censuses, 1860-1885 available at Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com has recently uploaded the Nebraska State Censuses for the years 1860-1885. This is a pay-for-view site but is available for free at the National Archives, Denver and Westminster Public Library branches.

1 April 2010 is Census Day – Urge Everyone to be Counted

As genealogists, we know the importance of census records. They are proof that our ancestors were alive and living in a specific location at a specific time – census day. Taking a census dates from Roman times and started in the U.S. in 1790.

For 2010, the questions are pretty basic. In fact, they do not ask two questions that genealogists hold dear – occupation and birth place. Without knowing the birth place of an individual, we wouldn't be able to locate records that are specific to that locale. Also, because there is no door-to-door canvas, we will be alphabetized rather than grouped together with our neighbors.

But there is a great deal of misinformation out there about the census taking process, and there are very sensible people vowing not to take part in this important event. They are concerned that they will be asked for their Social Security number or their income. (The IRS already does that!). They are afraid that their personal information will be revealed to the Immigration Service or Child Welfare or some other agency. Not true. As genealogists know, specific census information is sealed for 72 years for privacy, and census takers take an oath to protect all information gathered for their lifetime.

Here are the questions that will be asked.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?
2. Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1?
 - a. Children such as newborn babies or foster children
 - b. Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws
 - c. Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in baby sitters
 - d. People staying here temporarily
 - e. No additional people

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home
 - a. Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan?
 - b. Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
 - c. Rented?
 - d. Occupied without payment of rent?
4. What is your telephone number? (we may call if we don't understand an answer)
5. Please provide information for each person living here. Start with the person living here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home.
 - a. Last name
 - b. First name
6. What is Person #1's sex?
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
7. What is Person #1's age and date of birth?
 - a. Age on April 1, 2010
 - b. Month, Day, Year of birth
8. Is Person #1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
 - a. No
 - b. Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
 - c. Yes, Puerto Rican
 - d. Yes, Cuban
 - e. Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
9. What is Person #1's race?
 - a. White
 - b. Black, African American, or Negro
 - c. American Indian or Alaska Native
 - d. Asian Indian; Japanese; Native Hawaiian; Chinese; Korean; Guamanian; Filipino; Vietnamese; Samoan; other Asian; other Pacific Islander; other
10. Does Person #1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Continue with same questions for Person #2

One final note: No one connected to the census will ask you for information via email. **Do not supply any information to anyone purporting to represent the U.S. Census Bureau who attempts to reach you via the Internet.**

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 \$2 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 @ \$2.00 each _____
 Total _____

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 For more information, go on-line to www.cogensoc.us or call Lou-Jean Rehn (303) 333-2492 or Carol Darrow (303) 287-6063.

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REGISTRATION FORM

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

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Optional Udi's Deli Lunch (Sandwich, Salad, Cookie) Materials Fee (\$30.00) x _____ = _____

Mark sandwich selection:
 Roast beef Ham
 Grilled Chicken Veggie

Lunch, Optional (\$8.75) x _____ = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

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CGS Potluck, Election, Annual Meeting June 18

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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 heirloom sharing by several members of CGS.

The proposed budget shown on page 4 indicates that the major sources of income for CGS are membership dues and seminar registrations. The major expenses for the society are printing and mailing the Quarterly, the seminar, and required liability insurance.

The nominating committee, including Jan Prater, Pamela Smith, and Sandy Ronayne, has presented the following candidates for election:

President: Carol Darrow

Secretary: Susan Winchester

2011 Nominating Committee: TBD

Josh Taylor Stars at Seminar

The CGS Annual Seminar, held March 19-20, featured D. Joshua Taylor, Director of Education and Programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Registration totaled 164.

Seminar Chair Lou-Jean Rehn presided over the event. Volunteers included Mary Thayer who handled registration; Jan Prater, food and logistics; Carol Darrow, flyers, name tags; Teresa Campbell, finances; Lynette Dick, refreshments; Bobbi King, door prizes; Sandy Ronayne, emails; Nancy Ratay, Gretchen Perryman, Margaret Kadziel, Sherry Broderick, Denise Williams, Gary Williams, registration and greeters. Special thanks also to Steve Rehn who did lots of heavy lifting and Mike Clark and his DPL facilities team for massive amounts of help.

Computer Interest Group Seminar on May 15 to Feature Daniel Lynch

Daniel Lynch, author of *Google Your Family Tree*, will speak at the all-day CIG seminar scheduled for Saturday, May 15, in the Lower Level Conference Center of the Downtown Denver Public Library.

Lynch will speak from 9:45 am – 12:30 pm on Google Basics, Google Images and Video. After a one-hour lunch break, Lynch will speak on Google Book Search, Google Alerts, and Google News Archives.

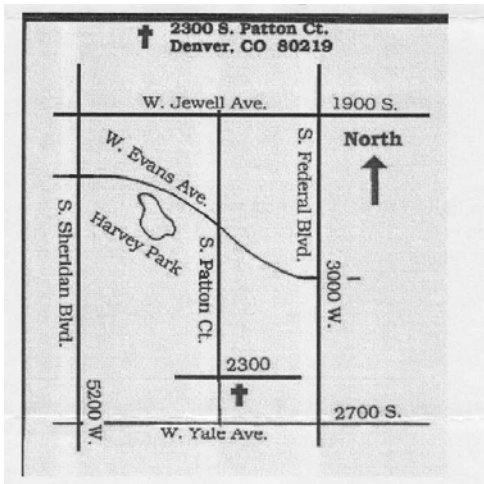
Registration and check-in begin at 9 am and the seminar runs from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. Registration is \$30 for CIG members and \$40 for non-CIG members. Lunch is on-your-own and you can bring a brown bag lunch. For more information check the CIG website at <http://www.cogensoc.us/cigmain.htm> or call Sandy Ronayne at 303-750-5002.

Family History Expo Set for Loveland, June 25-26

The Colorado Family History Expo, featuring more than 88 classes presented by 30 national and regional speakers as well as staff from the National Archives and the Family History Library will kick off at 8 am on Friday, June 25 at the Embassy Suites and Conference Center in Loveland, Colorado. Classes will range from beginner to advanced topics. The complete schedule for the Colorado Expo is available at www.FHExpos.com. Advance registration is \$65 for the two-day session. At the door the price will be \$75 for both days or \$40 for one day. Individual classes are available for \$12/each. The two-day event will also feature a vendor and exhibit area that will be open to the public.

FGS National Conference Aug. 18-21 in Knoxville, Tennessee

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Friday, June 18, 2010: CGS Potluck Supper, Annual Meeting,

Election of Officers. 6 pm–9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct., Denver. Potluck starts at 6 pm. "Heirloom Sharing" by CGS members.

Saturday, June 19, 2010: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown

Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am – noon. "Solving Genealogical Problems and Breaking Down Brick Walls" Lou-Jean Rehn, CG.

No Beginning Genealogy Class in July or August

Monday, Aug. 23, 2010: CGS Board Meeting, 6-8 pm, 10th Mt.

Room, Denver Public Library. All members welcome.

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class,

Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Lou-Jean Rehn, CG.

Friday, Sept. 17, 2010: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010: CGS Special Interest Class, 10 am – 2:30 pm. Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor.

Welcome New Members!

Sharon Bravo
 Daniel Crowther
 Mary Alice Crowther
 Jane Dahlstrom-Quinn
 Tara Drummon
 Barbara Dungey
 Debbie Escobedo
 Beverly Garcia
 Ann Hector
 Loretta Hinds
 Belinda Johnson-Dornhos
 Diane Jones
 Joseph Jordan
 Judy Keilman
 William King
 Linda Kleineider
 Jim Liston
 Venice Liston
 Teri Lombard
 Kate March
 Jeffrey Robert Mathias
 John McFarlane
 Arrillia Milton
 Lois Monroe
 Diane Nelson
 Tim Nelson
 Dave Oar
 Sharon Oar
 Brian O'Malley
 Susan Pankratz
 Diana Peterman
 Anna Phillips
 Ruth Pulju
 Denise Quintana
 Amy Anne Raspberry
 Henrietta Riedel
 Mark Rogers
 Hillary Ross
 Terry Ross
 Augustine Ruybal
 Viola Ruybal
 John Simmons
 Nina Strange
 Melinda Tarbox
 Helen Truscott
 Jimmie Turner
 Jane Vanerkolk
 Maryellen Vialpando
 Arthura Winston
 Priscilla Winter

IN MEMORIUM

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A donation has been made in memory of the following individual:

- **Ruth Carter Quirk**
- **Don Hoffmann**
- **Gary Routh**

CGS Quarterly Surname Index for Vol. 1-10 Ready

Nancy Ratay, editor of the CGS Quarterly, has prepared a surname index for Volumes 1-10 of the CGS Quarterly dating from the first issue in 1939. The index will soon be available on the CGS website. You can use the index to locate people of interest who may have been mentioned either in an article, data list, or query. You will then be able to request a copy of the page or pages referenced for a nominal fee.

CGS Board in Action

The Board of Directors of the Colorado Genealogical Society has taken the following actions since January 2010:

- Purchased a microfilm camera that has being donated to the Western History/Genealogy Department of the Denver Public Library. The camera will be used to preserve records currently stored at DPL.
- Is in the process of redesigning the CGS website. Nancy Ratay is working on that re-design.
- Is investigating investing a portion of CGS funds in CDs.

Computer Interest Group (C.I.G.)

(a Special Interest Group of CGS)

Meets on 2nd Monday Night of Each Month

at Christ the King Lutheran Church

2300 S. Patton Court, Denver

Visitors Welcome

CGS Budget Proposal

for 2010-2011

Budget for 2009-2010	
Income:	
Membership Dues	\$6,300
Interest Income	600
Publications, CDs	300
Research Fees	75
Programs	
Seminar Registrations (110)	3,300
Seminar Lunches	<u>800</u>
Total Seminar Income	4,100
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$11,375</u>
Expenses:	
Membership Service	\$ 150
Quarterly	4,500
Mailing Expenses	800
Programs	
Seminar Expenses	2,900
Seminar Lunches	<u>800</u>
Total Seminar Expenses	3,700
Programs/Education Classes	500
Meeting Room Rent	450
Bank Fees	60
Dues & Publications	300
Licenses & Fees	100
Miscellaneous	175
Publication Exchange	20
Publicity (web site)	100
Research Expenses	50
Memorial Book Donations	300
Volunteer Coordinator	50
President	40
Vice-President	10
Secretary	40
Treasurer	30
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$11,375</u>

Proposed Budget for 2010-2011	
Income:	
Membership Dues	\$6,400
Interest Income	350
Publications, CDs	400
Research Fees	75
Programs	
Seminar Registrations (117)	3,510
Seminar Lunches	<u>800</u>
Total Seminar Income	4,310
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$11,535</u>
Expenses:	
Membership Service	\$ 150
Quarterly	4,200
Mailing Expenses	600
Programs	
Seminar Expenses	2,600
Seminar Lunches	<u>800</u>
Total Seminar Expenses	3,400
Programs/Education Classes	460
Meeting Room Rent	450
Bank Fees	60
Dues & Publications	195
Licenses & Fees	185
Miscellaneous	10
Publication Exchange	20
Publicity (web site)	100
Research Expenses	10
Memorial Book Donations	200
Volunteer Coordinator	25
President	20
Vice-President	10
Secretary	20
Treasurer	20
Liability Insurance	1,400
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$11,535</u>

Local Seminar Events

CIG Spring Seminar, Saturday, May 15, Central Denver Public Library, Lower Level Conference Center, 10 am – 4 pm, featuring Daniel M. Lynch, author of *Google Your Family Tree*.

Columbine 2010 Symposium, Saturday, June 5, Buck Community Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton, CO. 9 am – 3:15 pm. Speaker Laura G. Prescott, on locating digitized images online, publishing

your genealogy online, and academic archives and manuscript research.

Family History Expo, Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Embassy Suites Hotel, Loveland, CO. 80+ speakers and genealogy expo floor.

Federation of Genealogical Societies, National Conference, Aug. 18-21, 2010. Knoxville, TN

Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies Seminar, Saturday, Sept. 25, Central Denver Public Library, Lower Level Conference Center. Speaker Dr. Thomas Jones, co-editor of NGS Quarterly.

COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

August 2010

Meeting Locally, Researching Globally

Volume 34, No. 3

Sept. 17 is Kick Off for CGS 2010-11 Programs

The Colorado Genealogical Society will kick off its 86th year on Sept. 17 with a program meeting featuring Julie Miller, CG, speaking on Post Office records. "Post office records are full of genealogical riches including the names of post masters and the location of post offices in tiny towns that have since disappeared," Julie explains.

Julie Miller is a past president of CGS and currently serves on the board of the National Genealogical Society. She was the chairman of the most recent NGS Conference in Salt Lake City.

The program speaker on **Friday, Oct. 15** will be James K. Jeffrey, Collection Specialist in Genealogy at the Denver Public Library. His presentation, "If I Only Knew Now What I Thought I Knew Then!" will describe his experience when, as a freshman in college, he had the audacity to publish a family history. "Today I know what I know and know that there is a great deal that I do not know," he explains.

Then on **Friday, Nov. 19**, Dennis Gallagher will speak on "Denver Under the Shadow of the KKK." Mr. Gallagher is Denver City Auditor by day and scholar and historian by night. He explains, "Things were very different in those days, and not always easy for Irish immigrants during the Ku Klux Klan era – even as far north as Denver."

There will be no program meeting in December. Happy Holidays!

CGS Re-elects President and Secretary for 2010-12

At the Annual Meeting of CGS in June, Carol Darrow was re-elected for a second term as president, to serve from 2010-2012. Also re-elected was Susan Winchester to serve as secretary of CGS for the two-year term.

The 2011 Nominating Committee includes Sandy Ronayne, Kim Rogers and one unfilled position.

The budget for 2010-11 was also approved by the members at the Annual Meeting. Final budget is on page 4.



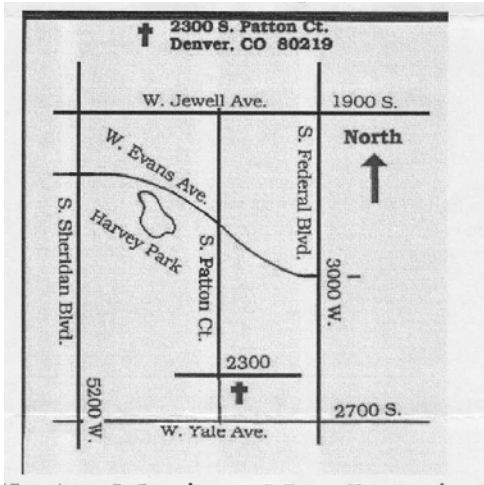
Sherry Broderick named Volunteer of the Year

Sherry Broderick, a CGS member since 2002, was recognized as Volunteer of the Year at the CGS Annual Meeting in June. Sherry has served as the chair and committee of the Mailing Committee where she singlehandedly gets the CGS Quarterly in the mail.

She has dedicated herself to the mailing job since she took over in April 2004. She has learned the multitude of postal rules and regulations (which seem to change daily). She labels and sorts the Quarterlies by ZIP code, then hauls them to the bulk mail post office where she waits for approval of postal officials.

Sherry moved to Denver in 1973. She worked for United Airlines in Denver for 12 years and then worked at Red Rocks Community College for 10 years. While at Red Rocks, she earned an Associate of Arts degree in Applied Science and a certificate in office management.

She has been working on her family genealogy for more than 30 years and published her 450-page book, *From Sea to Shining Sea: Footprints from the Past*, in January 2009. Sherry is also an avid gardener.



Meeting Location

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

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

COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Carol Darrow, CG, Editor

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CGS Website



www.cogensoc.us

Upcoming CGS Programs and Education Classes

- Monday, Aug. 30, 2010: CGS Board Meeting, 6-8 pm, 5th Floor, Denver Public Library.** CGS members welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010: Aches & Pains Tour, 10 am – noon.** Walking Tour of LoDo. Contact Karen Shuman at 720-270-4387 for directions and information.
- Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class**
Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am–3:00 pm Free. Learn how to get started in genealogy.
- Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010: First meeting of Write NOW! writing group.** Downtown Denver Public Library, 1 pm – 3 pm.
- Friday, Sept. 17, 2010: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.** Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Speaker: Julie Miller, CG, on “Post Office Records.”
- Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010: CGS Special Interest Class, 10 am – noon.** Overview of local genealogical resources including NARA, Colorado State Archives, Stephen Hart library, local Family History Center, and Denver Public Library.
- Monday, Oct. 4, 2010: CGS Board Meeting, 6-8 pm, 5th Floor, Denver Public Library.** CGS members welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010: Aches & Pains Tour, 10 am – noon.** Guided tour of Riverside Cemetery and Distinguished Women of Colorado. Cost is \$7/each. Contact Karen Shuman at 720-270-4387.
- Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010: 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.
- Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010: Write NOW! writing group meeting.** Downtown Denver Public Library, 1 pm – 3 pm.
- Friday, Oct. 15, 2010: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.** Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Speaker: James Jeffrey, “If I Only Knew Now What I Thought I Knew Then!” The perils of writing your family history at the age of 18.
- Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010: CGS Special Interest Class, 10 am – noon.** Gates Room, 5th Floor, Downtown Denver Public Library. “Sources & Citations: Analyzing sources and documenting those sources,” presented by Carol Darrow, CG.
- Monday, Nov. 1, 2010: CGS Board Meeting, 6-8 pm, 5th Floor, Denver Public Library.** CGS members welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010: Aches & Pains Tour, 10 am – noon.** Arvada History Museum and Art Gallery. Free. Contact Lou-Jean Rehn at 303-333-2492.
- Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010: 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.
- Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010: Write NOW! writing group meeting.** Downtown Denver Public Library, 1 pm – 3 pm.
- Friday, Nov. 19, 2010: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.** Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Speaker: Dennis Gallagher, “Denver Under the Shadow of the KKK.”
- Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010: CGS Special Interest Class, 10 am – noon.** “Newspaper Research and Sources,” presented by Lou-Jean Rehn, CG.

Annual Reports from the CGS Board of Directors

Here's a brief summary of annual reports submitted by the various officers and committees of CGS for the year 2009-2010. Complete reports are available for review from the secretary, Susan Winchester.

President: Celebrated CGS's 85th Anniversary in September 2009. Supported the purchase of a microfilm camera for the Denver Public Library. Supported the purchase of liability insurance to protect the society and its intellectual property.

Vice President: Assumed responsibility for Programs.

Membership: Reported 360 members as of June 30, 2010. The large increase is the result of inviting new class attendees to join for free for the first year.

Seminar: Speaker D. Joshua Taylor, Director of Education and Programs, NEHGS. Attendance was 164. Net profit from seminar was \$1,093.

Education: Beginning and Special Interest classes attracted 388 total attendees in 2009-10, up from 315 the previous year.

Webmaster: 2009-10 web visits averaged 3,166 per month through April 2010. New website design was uploaded in June 2010 at www.cogensoc.us.

Extractions: Ten volunteers have completed indexing Denver County marriage applications 1940-54, and work is continuing on 1955.

Mailing: 400 copies of Quarterly were mailed to members and exchange societies.

Aches & Pains Tours

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.

On Sept. 1, Aches & Pains will take a walking tour of the LoDo area in old downtown Denver.

On Oct. 6, the group will have a guided tour of Riverside Cemetery, 5201 Brighton Blvd., Denver, with an introduction to some of the distinguished women of Colorado. There is a \$7/person fee for this tour.

On Nov. 3, the group will tour the Arvada History Museum at the Arvada Center for Arts & Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada. This tour is free.

Then in late November or early December, there will be a return visit to the Governor's Mansion decorated for Christmas. Exact date and time to be announced.

Tours generally take place on the first Wednesday of the month and are usually followed by lunch. Call Karen Shuman at 720-270-4387 or Lou-Jean Rehn at 303-333-2492 to verify time and location for each tour.

Computer Interest Group (CIG)

Meets 2nd Monday Night of Each Month

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2300 S. Patton Court, Denver

Visitors Welcome

Welcome New Members!

New CGS members welcomed between April-June 2010

Judy Anderson	Mary Ann Looney
Kathy Anderson	Harrie Lydon
Donna Babcock	Jim Lydon
Nancy Baker	Christel Marquez
Patricia Barker	Eileen McClung
Terry Bevill	Ann McGrath
Amber Schoming Biviand	Sandra Mitchell
Jim Bosland	Mary Beth Moser
Dan Buckley	Shelley Montoya
Bethe Clark-Urban	Jennifer Mynatt
Catherine Cleary	Dariann Perry
Roberta Dice	Delane Perry
Ronald Duncan	Julie Green Perry
Ann Eakins	Josiah Perry
June Everett	Brian Rapp
Diana Faltermaier	Cyndy Redifer
Sylvia Fierro	Brad Richardson
Chloe Gahm	Mary Sable
Beth Hamilton	G. Allen Sanders
Maureen Hanson	Sally Sanders
E. Dale Hastin	Laurel Sawyer
Ann Hector	Gary Schegel
Elizabeth Holcomb	Donna Searle
William Holcomb	Michelle Simpkins
Diane Inscoe	Ann Stoelzle
Sharon A. Jenkins	Mary Lynn Sullivan
Donald Johnson	Jim Turner
Joe Jordan	Lynn Wallace
Joan Kobilan	Kathi Williams
Pamela Koppe	Jean Williamson
Sally Lewis	Bree Young
Fred Litwin	Cheryl Young-Beumer

When you change your mailing address or email, let us know ASAP! That way you'll be sure to receive your Quarterly and you'll continue to receive our monthly email alerts of upcoming programs and events. We don't want you to miss a thing! Contact the membership chair, Sandy Ronayne at (303) 750-5002 or email her at sandyronayne@comcast.net. Thanks!

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Special Interest Classes Offer a Wide Range of Genealogical Skills

CGS's Special Interest Classes, held on the 3rd Saturday of the month (except Dec., July, and Aug), focus on research skills and methodology necessary for a successful family history project.

The Sept. 18 class will offer an overview of the many research resources available to genealogists in Denver including the Rocky Mountain Regional Branch of the National Archives, the Colorado State Archives, the

Stephen S. Hart Library at the Colorado Historical Society, local Family History Centers, and the Denver Public Library. The class will include a tour of the Western History/Genealogy Collection.

The Oct. 16 class is titled "Sources and Citations." Carol Darrow, CG, will explain various classifications of source materials used by genealogists and techniques for citing and documenting those sources.

On Nov. 20, Lou-Jean Rehn, CG, will present a class on "Newspaper Research: Providing historical context for our ancestors beyond births, marriages, and deaths." The afternoon hands-on session will focus on helping attendees locate specific newspapers for specific locations.

There will be no special interest class in December.

Write NOW! Writing Group Starts Sunday, Sept. 12 at DPL

The Colorado Genealogical Society will sponsor an informal writing group -- Write NOW! -- which will meet on the 2nd Sunday afternoons of Sept, Oct, Nov, and Dec 2010 at the downtown Denver Public Library from 1pm - 3pm. (Sept. 12; Oct. 10; Nov. 14; Dec. 12).

Why informal? There will be a facilitator (Carol Darrow) who will help the interaction along but there will not be a formal lecture. Instead there will be actual writing and sharing of that writing. We'll also talk about setting a goal for your writing output (book, article, short story, multi-volume family history) and organizing information in an interesting way for your reader.

Afraid of sharing? It will not be a requirement for every person, every time. But we hope you'll learn that seeing your story through someone else's eyes can help to improve the flow of the story you want to tell.

Check Out New CGS Website Design

The CGS website has a fresh new look thanks to the efforts of Nancy Ratay. She has updated the look and feel of the pages and added a few photos. There is background color on the pages but the color will not print. Nancy also plans to add the surname index to the first 10 volumes (1939-1948) of the Quarterly soon. The website address is the same (www.cogensoc.us) but the look is different.

Fall Genealogy Events

► **The Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies (CCGS)** will present a day-long seminar featuring Thomas Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS, who serves as co-editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, on Sept. 25, 2010, at the Lower Level Conference Center of the Downtown Denver Public Library. Doors open at 9 am.

Dr. Jones will speak on “How to Avoid Being Duped by the Internet” (9:30-10:30); “Jones Jinx: Tracing Common Surnames” (11:00-12:00); “Finding ‘Unfindable’ Ancestors” (1:30-2:30 pm); and “Solving Problems with Original Records” (3:00-4:00 pm).

The registration fee is \$30 and a box lunch is available for an additional cost of \$10. Flyers and registration forms are available at the CGS website at <http://www.cogensoc.us> under Special Events.

► **CCGS Writers’ Workshop – Intermediate Level** On Friday, Sept. 24, Thomas Jones will present a Writers’ Workshop in the Gates Room, 5th Floor, Denver Public Library. The cost is \$40, the workshop is limited to 30 people, and no walk-ins will be allowed. Lunch is included in the registration fee. Registration deadline is Sept. 15, 2010.

Presentations will include “Correlating Sources, Information, and Evidence to Solve Genealogical Problems” (10:30 am – noon); and “Writing Genealogy” (1:00 – 2:30 pm) with a Q&A and discussion period from 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm.

To register, call Ann Lisa Pearson at 303-770-7164 or email her at anlpearson@msn.com.

► **The Jewish Genealogy Society** will host an all-day seminar featuring Stephen Morse, Ph.D., on Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Jewish Community Center at 350 S. Dalia St. in Denver. Dr. Morse is the creator of various tools that make Internet research on passenger records at the Ellis Island site easier, plus U.S. census and Soundex search strategies and many others.

Dr. Morse will present four lectures including “The Jewish Calendar Demystified” (9:30-10:45 am); “From DNA to Genetic Genealogy” (11 am – 12:15 pm); “One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools” (1:00 – 2:30 pm); and “One-Step Webpages: A Hodgepodge of Lesser Known Gems” (2:45-3:45 pm).

Cost for Jewish Gen members is \$18 and \$40 for nonmembers. Both amounts include a kosher lunch. Nonmembers will receive a 1-year membership in JGSCO. No walk-ins allowed. Mail registration and fee by Sept. 28 to Barry Levene, JGSCO treasurer, 12449 E. Amherst Circle, Aurora, CO 80014. For more information, visit www.JGSCO.org.

► **Colorado Chapter, Palatines to America** will host their Fall Seminar and Annual Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010, at the Holiday Inn-Lakewood (SE corner of

Wadsworth and Hampdem) from 8:30 am to 4:45 pm. Speaker will be Shirley Riemer, author of the recently published *German Research Companion* (Third Edition, 2010). The fee is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members which includes a deli buffet lunch. The dinner will feature a choice of entrees and will be an additional cost. Contact Sandy Carter-Duff at sandy@carduff.com for more information.

► **The Black Genealogy Search Group (BGS)** will hold its free annual Family Heritage Festival on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 10 am – 4 pm at the Downtown Denver Public Library, Lower Level Conference Center. The theme is Remembering the Past – Celebrating Family. The keynote speaker will be James L. Ison, AG, CG, Manager of Strategy and Planning at the Family History Library and Family Search Support division. Mr. Ison was also the first director of the Family Search Center at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Also speaking at the event will be Dr. Derrick Hudson, Associate Professor at Metro State College, and James K. Jeffrey, Genealogy Collection Specialist, Denver Public Library.

Cancellations In Case of Snow

In the event of snow on the day of a scheduled CGS meeting, check your email for a notification of cancellation. CGS will make personal phone calls to members who do not have an email address registered with the Membership Chair. We will also try to post the cancellation on local television stations although you should know that many cancellations are not shown on the crawl and you must go online to access the complete list on the website of the television station. We will also try to get the notice posted on the CGS website at www.cogensoc.us.

If you’d like to be notified via e-mail of upcoming CGS programs and activities, send your email address to Membership Chair Sandy Ronayne at sandyronayne@comcast.net. Sandy will be happy to add you to the list.

IN MEMORIAM

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A donation has been made in memory of the following individual:

- **Birdie Holsclaw**
- **Colin James, Jr.**

- **Rosalie Stephens**
- **Robert A. Reed**
- **Ruth Barnett**

Birdie Holsclaw passed away on May 13, 2010. She was past president of CGS (1987-1990), Colorado Genealogist Quarterly editor (1992-1996), and founding member of the Computer Interest Group.

Colin James, Jr. passed away on April 15, 2010. He was past president of CGS (1975-76).

Rosalie Stephens passed away on May 31, 2010. Rosalie was a member of the periodical indexing committee and was one of the volunteers who worked on the brides index for the Marriage CD.

Robert A. Reed passed away April 14, 2010. In addition to being a member of CGS, he was active in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Colorado Historical Society.

Ruth Barnett passed away June 12, 2010. She was a member of CGS as well as the Aurora Genealogical Society.

Beginners' Corner

By Carol Cooke Darrow, CG

As a beginner, you know that there are lots of records available online or through microfilm from the Family History Library – but you need to know something about those records in order to make good use of them.

For example, U.S. federal census records start in 1790 but Virginia and Delaware records have been lost.

According to Ancestry.com, "Enumerators were only required to make one copy of the census schedules to be held by the clerk of the district court in their respective area. In 1830, Congress passed a law requiring the return of all decennial censuses from 1790-1830. At this point it was discovered that many of the 1790 schedules had been lost or destroyed. Thus, we have about two-thirds of the original census from the time period. The 1790 census suffered district losses of Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, and Virginia. However, some of the schedules for these states have been re-created using tax lists and other records. Virginia was eventually reconstructed from tax lists as well as some counties from North Carolina and Maryland."

Census records for 1890 were damaged by a fire in 1921 and less than 1% of those records remain. The last census to be released to the public was the 1930 census. We will have to wait until April 1, 2012 for the release of the 1940 U.S. census.

Did you know that in 1850, 1860, and 1870, people were asked the value of their real estate. In 1860 and 1870, they were also asked the value of their personal property. In 1860, that value would have included the

value of any slaves owned and that value often exceeded the value to the real estate. A high value of personal property should alert you to check the 1860 Slave Schedule for the number of slaves owned.

Did you know that family relationships were not listed until 1880 – and those relationships (wife, son, daughter, niece, mother-in-law) refer to the individual's relationship to the head of the household. Before 1880 we have to make some assumptions about relationships, but we may be proved wrong when we assume that a woman with the same last name as the male head of household is his wife when in fact it may be his widowed daughter-in-law.

Did you know that several censuses provide us with information about naturalization? As early as 1830, census takers asked how many non-citizens were living in a household. In 1850, census takers started to ask for the birthplace of each individual in the household and in 1880, they asked for the birthplace of each individual as well as their father's and mother's birthplaces. In 1900 census takers started asking when an individual came to the U.S. and whether they were naturalized (Na), had declared their intention to be naturalized (Pa), or were an alien (Al). In 1920, census takers asked for the year of naturalization.

Did you know that in 1900 and in 1910, individuals were asked how many years they had been married and whether this was their first or second marriage. Women were asked how many children had been born to them and how many were currently alive. This information can help you verify the number of children, and whether some of them may have been born to a second wife. In 1930, the question was changed to "How old were you when you married for the first time?" That age may not be the age when the individual married the current spouse.

Learning about the rules and questions in census records, what information was included, and when that information was included will give you a head start when you use those records to gather information about your ancestors.



Denver Public Library Furlough Days

All Denver Public Libraries will be closed on the following days as furlough days due to budget constraints.

- Friday, Sept. 3, 2010 (Friday before Labor Day)
- Friday, Oct. 15, 2010
- Friday, Nov. 26, 2010 (Friday after Thanksgiving)

CGS Book Donations On the Shelves at DPL



- *Tracing Your Criminal Ancestors*
by Stephen Wade
- *How to Do Everything Genealogy*
by George G. Morgan
- *The Making of African America* by
Ira Berlin
- *Google Your Family Tree* by
George G. Morgan
- *A Calendar of the Warrants for
Land in Kentucky* by Philip F.
Taylor
- *New Jersey Biographical and
Genealogical Notes* by William Nelson
- *German Immigrants, 1868-1871* by Marion Walfert

Recommended Reading

Do you have a summer reading list? Here are some additions that can be helpful to genealogists:

Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America, by David Hackett Fischer.

Fischer traces four British cultural and social origins and how they were replanted to colonial America. Discover the link between East Anglia and Massachusetts; the South of England to Virginia; Quakers to Delaware; and the Borderlands to Backcountry America.

Man & Wife in America: a history, by Henrik Hartog. Hartog traces a century and a half of marriage and divorce in America focusing on the legal struggles that occurred when couples decided to part ways.

What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848, by Daniel Walker Howe. Howe traces events in American history ranging from the Battle of New Orleans in 1815 through the era of Andrew Jackson, the War for Texas Independence, and the Mexican War as well as religious awakenings and land distribution.

The Dead Horse Investigation: Forensic Photo Analysis for Everyone, by Colleen Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick shows you how to squeeze every drop of information from your old photos. Get new insights into the pictures right before your eyes.

The State of Jones: The Small Southern County that Seceded from the Confederacy, by Sally Jenkins and John Stauffer. This is the story of Newton Knight, a

backwoods farmer, who led a band of anti-planter, anti-slavery, and anti conscription neighbors against the Confederacy from his rural home in Jones County, Mississippi. It is a tragic story of people caught in the crossfire of war and reflects the struggle of those who opposed the conventional sentiments of their community.

TIPS, TRICKS, AND TECHNIQUES

Newberry Library Posts Free Digital Atlas of Historical County Boundaries

Newberry Library has uploaded its free Digital Atlas of Historical County Boundaries, an invaluable resource, at <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp>. You will find maps of county creation by year starting with the first county in each area and continuing through 2000. The maps are similar to those of William Thorndale's, *U.S. Map Guide to the Federal Census*, with current counties in white and historic county boundaries in black. There is also a detailed written chronology of the dates and extent of the boundary changes in each area along with complete source information. You can zoom, pan, measure, or print any desired map. . (Source: Dick Eastman's *Online Genealogy Newsletter*" at http://www.blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy)

Worldcat.org Indexes World Libraries

World Cat (short for catalog) is the world's largest bibliographic database. It contains information about more than 170 million items owned by 10,000 libraries around the world. Use the keyword feature and type in the name of the county you are researching – and you'll see all the books that relate to that county. You can then use the information to request the book through InterLibrary Loan (ILL) and have it delivered to your local library.

You should also check out the U.S. Newspaper Program to locate those vital newspaper sources. The website is easy to remember: <http://www.worldcat.org>.

Bureau of Land Management Provides Online Info on Survey-Related Records

The Bureau of Land Management, through the Government Land Office Records site, provides online access to three types of land survey records: surveys, plats, and field notes. These records represent the primary documentation of over 200 years of federal public land surveys. The website includes a discussion of record types, their context and meaning, and how to access them with descriptions and explanations. To access this information, go to:



<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/Visitors/OverviewSurveyPlatsAndFieldNotes.asp>.

Rootsweb Lists Immigrants and First Settlers to New Netherlands 1621-1664

The New Netherlands 1621-1664 website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycoloni/renbioset2.html#67> names many immigrants and first settlers to the area now known as New York and includes biographical information. Many Scandinavian and German immigrants are included for 1630-1674. Settlers are named with their place of origin, date of arrival, ship's name, and other pertinent information including petitions and depositions. (Source: Dick Eastman's *Online Genealogy Newsletter*" at http://www.blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy)

1903 Aspen, Colorado, City Directory Available Online

The Aspen, Colorado, History Society has posted a copy of the 1903 Aspen City Directory online. The directory sometimes identifies the location of outlying ranches and farms, and the posted copy has some handwritten annotations. The link is:

<http://www.aspenhistorysociety.com/documents/1903Januarytelephonedirectorysearchable.pdf>

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, send your email address to new Membership Chair Sandy Ronayne at sandyronayne@comcast.net. Sandy will be happy to add you to the list.

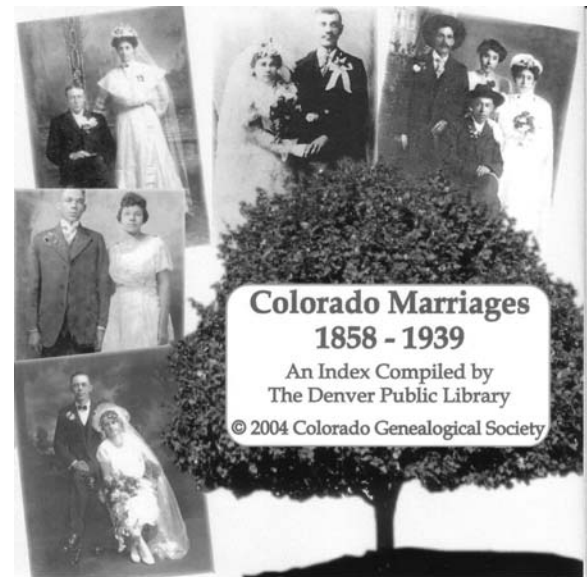
Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter Available Free

Dick Eastman publishes his free genealogy newsletter seven days a week, offering genealogy consumers information on software, technology, and document publication. Recent articles have included:

- Ancestry.com Inc. Completes Acquisition of Sweden's Genline.se
- Original Documents of Gunfight at the OK Corral Available

- Ordering Irish Civil Registration Certificates Online

The daily newsletter is free. Eastman also offers a plus edition for the subscription price of \$19.95/year. The Plus Edition offers original essays on topics of interest to genealogists. The website is located at: http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy



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 \$2 shipping and handling charge.

Address orders to CGS-Colorado Marriages CD, P.O. Box 9218, Denver, CO 80209-0218.

Colorado Marriages, 1858-1939

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Meeting Locally, Researching Globally

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Dr. David McDonald Scheduled to Speak at CGS Spring Seminar

The Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CGSM will be the featured speaker at the Colorado Genealogical Society Annual Spring Seminar scheduled for March 18 and 19, 2011. Dr. McDonald will speak on Friday, March 18, at the regular CGS program meeting on "Kith & Kin in High Places: Genealogy and the White House," exploring the origins of the rogues, patriots, and heroes who have served in the White House and whose families represent the vivid tapestry of the American experience. The Friday night meeting at Christ the King Lutheran Church is a free event.

On Saturday, March 19, Dr. McDonald will present four lectures at the all-day seminar to be held at the Lower Level Conference Center of the Downtown Denver Public Library. There is a \$30 materials fee per person for the all-day seminar on March 19.

Presentations at the seminar will include:

Lutherpalians & Presbyterians: Whatever Became of Grandma's Church?

The twentieth century saw an unprecedented number of denominational mergers between various forms of the Protestant tradition. A researcher may know where Grandma *went* to church, but can that church or its parent denomination be found *now*? We'll look at clues a researcher may find in family behavior and attitude, ethnic origins and geographic indicators which can help a genealogist find modern-day record repositories and archives, as well as congregations, which can hold genealogical treasure and family lore.

Polly's Family: Transcontinental Migration & Tips for Tracking Your Forebears

Using the story of Polly Putnam Betts, a Vermont farm girl who died aged 93 in Iowa, we'll examine the kind of migration that brought settlers across the Great Plains and onto the West Coast throughout the course of the nineteenth century. Military files, land records, family bibles, correspondence, vital records, and cemeteries are all interwoven in this tale of Manifest Destiny.



An avid genealogist since 1977, Dave McDonald is President of the Board for Certification of Genealogists®, and a frequent lecturer at national, regional, state and local genealogical societies. Board-certified since 2004, Dave teaches collegiate-level courses in beginning research methods, genealogical foundations, and British research strategies. He serves on the National Genealogical Society's

Board of Directors, and that of the International Society for British Genealogy & Family History. He is the Principal of Old Northwest Research, LLC, a genealogical practice focusing on research in the Midwest and Great Plains.

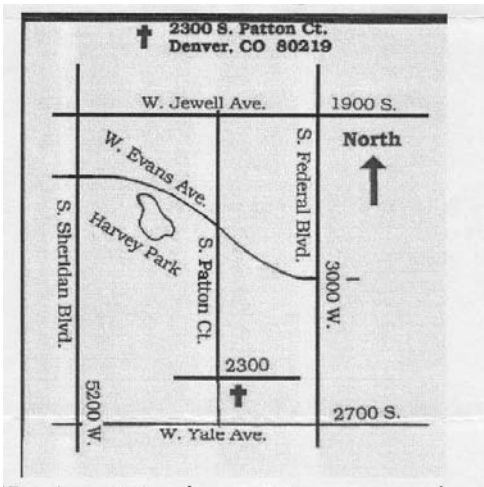
Beyond the genealogical world, Dave serves as a pastor in the United Church of Christ. He's compiled several family genealogies as well as the parish registers of two sets of church registers. He's a former editor of the *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter*, a frequent contributor to state society journals, and has written for the *NGS Magazine* and the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. He'll be speaking at both the NGS Family History Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, in May; and at the FGS Conference in September at Springfield, Illinois.

More Than Military Records at the National Archives

Any researcher with more than a little exposure to research knows that the National Archives holds a treasure-trove of family data in the census records, military pensions and land office records to be found at NARA in Washington. More experienced researchers are aware of the regional archives located in major cities throughout the United States holding items of regional interest. We'll examine what *else* can be found with a little ingenuity, careful attention and diligent sleuthing.

Enough Already! Start Writing!—Finding the Forest Amidst All These Trees

When should a genealogist STOP researching? When is enough, enough? How can a researcher recognize when the materials go beyond thorough, and have moved to the arcane? What can one do to evaluate the research others have conducted on our families of interest? We must evaluate our materials and construct detailed, well-written summaries that unlock the hidden secrets buried in years of research.



Meeting Location

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

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

COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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CGS Website



www.cogensoc.us

Upcoming CGS Programs and Classes

- Monday, Nov. 1, 2010: CGS Board Meeting, 6-8 pm, 5th Floor,** Denver Public Library. CGS members welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010: Aches & Pains Tour, 10 am – noon.** Wheat Ridge Historic Park, 4610 Robb St., Wheat Ridge, 10 – 11:30 am. \$1/person. Contact Karen Shuman at 720-270-4387 or Lou-Jean Rehn at 303-333-2492.
- Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010: 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.
- Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010: Write NOW! writing group meeting.** Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm.
- Friday, Nov. 19, 2010: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Speaker: Dennis Gallagher, “Denver Under the Shadow of the KKK.”
- Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010: CGS Special Interest Class, 10 am – noon.** “Newspaper Research and Sources,” presented by Lou-Jean Rehn, CG.
- TBA: Aches & Pains Tour of the Governor’s Mansion at Christmas.**
- Monday, Dec. 6, 2010: CGS Board Meeting, 6-8 pm, 5th Floor,** Denver Public Library. CGS members welcome to attend.

NOTE NEW AFTERNOON HOURS FOR CLASSES!!

- Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class**
Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 1:30 pm – 4:15 pm Learn how to get started in genealogy.
- Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010: Write NOW! writing group meeting.**
Downtown Denver Public Library, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm.
No Program Meeting or Special Interest Class in December.

* * * Happy Holidays * * *

- Monday, Jan. 3, 2011: CGS Board Meeting, 6-8 pm, 5th Floor,** Denver Public Library. CGS members welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011: Aches & Pains Tour, 10 am – noon.** J&B Button Factory. Contact Karen Shuman at 720-270-4387 or Lou-Jean Rehn at 303-333-2492
- Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class**
Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 1:30 pm – 4:15 pm. Learn how to get started in genealogy.
- Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011: Write NOW! writing group meeting.**
Downtown Denver Public Library, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm.
- Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011: CGS Special Interest Class, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm.** “Introduction to the new Family Search Online,” presented by Barbara Price.
- Friday, Jan. 21, 2011: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.**

SAVE THE DATE:

- Friday, March 18, 2011, CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm.** Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. CGS Spring Seminar speaker Dr. David McDonald.
- Saturday, March 19, 2011, CGS Spring Seminar 2011, 9 am – 4 pm,** Lower Level Conference Center, Downtown Denver Public Library, featuring Dr. David McDonald. Registration and materials fee: \$30.

DPL to Close on Saturday Mornings Starting Dec. 4

Starting on December 4, the downtown Denver Public Library will open on Saturdays at 1 pm and close at 5 pm due to budget cuts. This change will impact CGS classes that have been held on Saturday mornings.

Starting in December, the Beginning Genealogy will be held on the second Saturday of the month from 1:30 pm – 4:15 pm. Special Interest Genealogy classes starting in January will be held on the third Saturday of the month from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm.

Honorary Life Membership Awarded to Donna Porter

The Board of the Colorado Genealogical Society has awarded Honorary Life Membership to Donna Porter, a CGS member since 1966 and president of CGS from 1968-1970. Donna is responsible for expanding the society to a larger community. She also started beginning genealogy classes in Denver.

In Case of Snow

In the event of snow on the day of a scheduled CGS meeting, check your email for a notification of cancellation. CGS will make personal phone calls to members who do not have an email address registered with the Membership Chair. We will also try to post the cancellation on local television stations although you should know that many cancellations are not on the crawl and you must go online to access the complete list on the website of the television station. We will also try to get the notice posted on the CGS website at www.cogensoc.us.

If you'd like to be notified via e-mail of upcoming CGS programs and activities, send your email address to Membership Chair Sandy Ronayne at sandyronayne@comcast.net. Sandy will be happy to add you to the list.

CGS Board in Action

The Board of Directors of the Colorado Genealogical Society has taken the following actions since August 2010:

- Renewed society insurance that provides coverage for bodily injury and property damage that covers our meeting place as well as for outside events such as Aches & Pains tours and the Annual Seminar. We also renewed directors' and officers' liability insurance.
- Discussed revising specific financial procedures in the CGS Procedures Manual to include the Society secretary as a third signer on our bank accounts.

- Requested an audit of the 2009-10 financial records of the society. Gary Williams completed the audit.

If you have any issue or concern to bring before the board, please notify President Carol Darrow at cdarrow944@yahoo.com or attend any board meeting held the first Monday each month at DPL from 6-8 pm.

Welcome New Members!

New CGS members welcomed in September 2010:

- ❖ Roland and Cheryl Floberg
- ❖ Sue and Charles Horner
- ❖ Carolyn Myers

FGS Fund to Support Digitization of War of 1812 Pension Applications

With the approaching bicentennial of the War of 1812, the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), a non-profit genealogical organization headquartered in Austin, Texas, is pleased to announce a national fundraising initiative to raise \$3.7 million to digitize of the War of 1812 pension files. The digitization process will enable online access by historians and family researchers to the memories and biographies of those who fought to protect our nation's independence.

The War of 1812, often referred to as America's second war for independence, significantly shaped this country's identity both internationally and domestically. Many remember the War of 1812 as the war that give us the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the burning of the White House. Nearly 300,000 men served, including members of at least eighteen Native American tribes.

The pension records for the War of 1812 consist of more than 7.2 million documents in 180,000 files. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) receives more than three thousand requests per year for War of 1812 pensions, placing them among the most requested sets of records.

Digitizing these records will preserve the originals by removing them from continued heavy use. It will also make the images of the records much more widely available. With the cost for digitizing and saving a single page from a pension file estimated at fifty cents, supporters will see progress from the earliest days of the fundraising initiative.

A typical pension file may contain documents that describe a veteran's service as well as why he, his widow, or his dependents qualify for a pension. In the cases of widows' and dependents' filings, there are typically a number of documents proving the claimant is related to the veteran. The testimony of a veteran's comrades can provide unique and valuable data on what

military life entailed, the rigors of everyday camp life, and details of particular skirmishes and battles.

FGS is committed to projects that link the genealogical community and advance the cause of preserving records and making them more accessible. Those interested in contributing to the **Preserve the Pensions!** Project or wanting additional information should contact the Federation of Genealogical Societies via their website at www.fgs.org/1812, or contact Curt Witcher at 260-421-1226 or 1812@FGS.org.

David S. Vogels Award Recognizes Joanne Classen for Outstanding Service to Genealogical Community

Joanne Classen was recognized with the Memorial Hall of Fame-David S. Vogels Award for her longtime service to the Colorado genealogical community. The posthumous award was presented by the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies (CCGS).



Joanne Classen was a genealogist, a librarian, an advocate, and a friend to genealogists in Colorado. Joanne started her career at the Denver Public Library in 1971 and served as the Director of the Genealogy Department at the Central Denver Public Library from 1976 until her retirement in 1987. Joanne was the first genealogist many of us met when we began our research at the Denver Public Library. Lou-Jean Rehn said, "She would take the time to discuss your genealogical problem with you and lead you to discover the answer for yourself."

During a period of extreme budget cuts in the mid-1980s, DPL closed access to circulation to non-Denver residents. At that time Joanne fought to move the genealogical collection from closed stacks to open shelves in order to maintain access for members of genealogical societies across Colorado. Her advocacy was invaluable to the support of the wider genealogical community. She also moved the collection from the card catalog system to an electronic system allowing external access to holdings indexes.

Joanne retired from DPL in 1987 but she did not retire from her passion for genealogy. A member of the Colorado Genealogical Society since the 1976, she served as Vice President of Administrative Services from 1978-1980 and again from 1991-92. She also served as genealogical education co-chair from 1988 through 1991. She served as CGS Library Liaison and

wrote a DPL column for the CGS Quarterly from 1979-1990. Joanne also worked as a volunteer on the Colorado obituary project. She was named an Honorary Life Member of CGS for her contributions to the society.

Joanne was also President of the Colorado Chapter of Palatines to America from 1992-93 and a helpful adviser thereafter. Dick Spielman of PALAM said of Joanne, "She was my inspiration and was not hesitant to remind me of things that needed to be done to enhance our presence in the genealogy community." Joanne also served the CCGS as Library Liaison from its beginnings until 1993.

Joanne passed away in Denver on May 17, 2008.

Computer Interest Group (C.I.G.)
(a Special Interest Group of CGS)
Meets on 2nd Monday Night of Each Month
at Christ the King Lutheran Church
2300 S. Patton Court, Denver

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El Paso County Divorce Records Online

The Colorado State Archives has posted an on-line index of El Paso County divorce records from 1903-1941 at http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/divorce/el_paso.htm. This record group reflects the official record of divorce decrees granted by the County Court during these years. Information contained in the record may show the date of the marriage, the state where the marriage took place, reason(s) for filing for divorce, names of children, court action and the date the divorce decree was granted.

1903 Aspen Phone Directory Online

The Aspen Historical Society has posted a digitized copy of the Aspen, Colorado, telephone directory dated 15 Jan 1903 online. You can access it at <http://www.aspenhistorysociety.com/documents/1903Januarytelephonedirectorysearchable.pdf>

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