

COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

February 2011

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 that may 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 at age 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

Introducing Dr. David McDonald, CGSM

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 Board of Directors of the National Genealogical Society and 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'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.

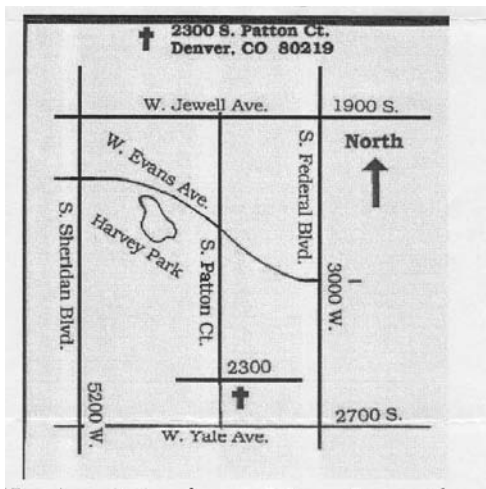
nineteenth century. Military files, land records, family Bibles, correspondence, vital records, and cemeteries are all interwoven in this tale of Manifest Destiny.

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 on Pennsylvania Avenue and 8th Street Northwest 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 Those Trees

When should a genealogist STOP researching? When is enough, enough? How can a researcher recognize when research has gone beyond thorough and has moved into 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**

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www.cogensoc.us

Upcoming CGS Programs and Classes

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011: Aches & Pains Tour, 10:30 – 11:30 am.
Grant-Humphreys Mansion, 770 Pennsylvania St. Park on the street.
Call for reservations: 303-333-2492.

Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class
Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 1:30 – 4:15 pm Lou-Jean Rehn, CG. Getting started in genealogy.

Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011: Write Now writing group, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 1:30-3:30 pm check www.cogensoc.us for class assignments.

Friday, Feb. 18, 2011: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Speaker Dr. Tom Noel, “Dr. Colorado” on “Overview of the Mile High City, from its Arapahoe tipis to the tipis of DIA.”

Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011: CGS Special Interest Class, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. “Location, Location, Location: Focusing your research on county records for best results,” presented by Carol Darrow, CG.

Wednesday, March 9, 2011: Aches & Pains Tour, 10:30 – 11:30 am. United Methodist Church, Call for reservations: 303-333-2492.

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Saturday, March 19, 2011: Annual Spring Seminar with Dr. David McDonald. Central Denver Public Library-Courtyard Entrance, Lower Conference Center. 10 am – 4 pm. Entrance will open at 9 am

Wednesday, April 6, 2011: Aches & Pains Tour, 10 am – noon. Contact Lou-Jean Rehn at 303-333-2492 for information. Lunch afterwards for those interested

Saturday, April 9, 2011: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class,
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Friday, April 15, 2011: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Speaker: Buzzy Jackson, on “The Challenge of Turning Research into Writing.”

Saturday, April 16, 2011: CGS Special Interest Class, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. “Census Records: The Backbone of Family History Research,” presented by Lou-Jean Rehn, CG.

Wednesday, May 4, 2011: Aches & Pains Tour, 10 am – noon. Walking tour of LoDo. Contact Karen Shuman at 720-270-4387 or Lou-Jean Rehn at 303-333-2492 for information.

Saturday, May 14, 2011: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class
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Welcome New Members!

New CGS members welcomed in through December 2010:

Yvonne Ashford
Harriet Downer
Thomas Duncan
Ken and Dolly Gray
Debbie Harrison
Betty Jean Holmes
Lauren Howard
Patrick Kowaleski
Theresa Kozney
Donna Leewallen
Marcia Levy
Larry and Ellen Miller
Myles Murray
Ellen Nash
Paul and Pamela Orcutt
Pam Prouty
Barbara Robson
Marcia Simmons
Katharine Smith-Warren
Dana Vaughn-Mgunda
Dawn Watson
Margaret Bettinger Weiland

CGS Board in Action

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

- Donated \$1,000 to the Birdie Monk Holsclaw Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies.
- Agreed to participate in the Family Search Indexing Project of the 1885 Colorado State Census.
- Posted surname indexes for the Colorado Genealogist Quarterly for Volumes 1-40, beginning with the first issue in 1939.

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

Local Seminar Events

CGS Spring Seminar, Saturday, March 19, 10 am-4 pm. Central Denver Public Library, Lower Level Conference Center, featuring Dr. David McDonald.

Palatines to America, Saturday, April 16, 2011
Colorado Chapter - at the Holiday Inn Central, 4849 Bannock St., Denver, CO Speaker: Mr. F. Warren Bittner MS, Genealogist, Writer, Lecturer and Assistant Director of the Salt Lake City Institute.

National Genealogical Society Conference, May 11-14, Charleston, SC.
http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

CIG Spring Seminar, Saturday, May 28, Central Denver Public Library, Lower Level Conference Center, 10 am – 4 pm, featuring Drew Smith, of the Genealogy Guys podcasts.

Family History Expo, Friday-Saturday, June 24-25, Embassy Suites Hotel, Loveland, CO. 80+ speakers and genealogy expo floor.

Beginners' Corner

By Carol Cooke Darrow, CG

The best starting place for your family history search are the census records. They create the skeleton upon which you can flesh out your family.

The first official U.S. census was taken in 1790 although records for Virginia, Georgia, and Delaware have been lost. The most recent available census is the 1930 census – and we are waiting anxiously for the release of the 1940 U.S. census on 1 April 2012.

There are several ways to study census records for free. Ancestry Library Edition is available for use onsite at Denver, Westminster, and Aurora public libraries. DPL also offers Heritage Quest that you can log on to with a Denver library card number. Familysearch.org is also posting census records as they are transcribed. Familysearch.org also has numerous state censuses posted.

Indexing is a boon to every family researcher, but always look at the original image. A slightly misread name may turn out to be your grandfather Fred rather than the indexed name "Frieda." You will also see a wealth of additional information including each individual's occupation, birth place, and age.

From 1850-1870, the census taker recorded the value of real estate holdings and in 1860 and 1870, they listed the value of their personal property. Starting in 1880, they identified the head of each household and wrote down the relationship of each person in the household to the head. They also asked for the birthplace of each person's parents.

In 1900-1920, they noted the citizenship status of immigrants (Na=naturalized; Pa=first papers/application filed; Al=alien) and in 1920 and 1930, the language they spoke in their home before they came to the U.S.

The 1900 U.S. census includes the month and year of each person's birth, the number of years a couple has been married, and the number of children a mother has given birth to and the number of children still living at the time of that census. Years married and number of children was also included in the 1910 census.

Whew! That's a lot of information from just one line of the census. It's time to start researching.

Colorado Genealogical Society Spring Seminar

featuring

David McDonald, CGSM

President of the Board for Certification of Genealogists

Saturday, March 19, 2011

10:00 AM– 4:00 PM (9:00 am registration)

DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY—WEST ENTRANCE

Conference Center, 13th & Broadway, Denver

**Lutherpalians & Presbygationalists: Whatever
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Materials Fee \$30.00/person; Pre-Purchased Box Lunch \$9.00. Doors open at 9 am. Program starts at 10 am
For more information, go on-line to www.cogensoc.us or call Lou-Jean Rehn (303) 333-2492.

FREE Friday Night presentation by David McDonald, CG at CGS Meeting, Christ the King Lutheran Church,
2300 S. Patton Court, Denver, March 18, 2011, 7-9 pm. Topic: "Kith & Kin in High Places: Genealogy and the White House."

REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to Colorado Genealogical Society (CGS). Mail to Mary Thayer, 11156 E. Ada Place, Aurora, CO 80012-3120
Lunch orders must be received by March 17, 2011.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

Mark sandwich selection:

- Roast beef Ham
 Grilled Chicken Veggie

Lunch, Optional (\$9.00) x _____ = _____

Total Enclosed _____

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CGS Potluck, Election, Annual Meeting June 17

The Colorado Genealogical Society will hold its Annual Meeting, potluck supper and election of officers on Friday, June 17 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, Denver. The Annual Meeting will include acceptance of the proposed 2011-2012 budget and election of officers.

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 “Ah-Ha!” moments and “happy dance” breakthroughs shared 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 Colorado Genealogist Quarterly, the seminar, and required liability insurance.

The nominating committee, including Kim Rogers, Sandy Ronayne and Malinda Tarbox, has presented the following candidates for election:

Vice President/Programs: Gretchen Perryman

Treasurer: Elaine Osborn

2012 Nominating Committee: Kim Rogers, chair.

CGS Spring Seminar Soars

The CGS Annual Seminar, held March 18-19, featured Dr. David McDonald, president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. Registration totaled 150.

Seminar Chair Lou-Jean Rehn presided over the event and Jim Kroll, manager of Western History/ Genealogy welcomed guests to the library. Volunteers included Mary Thayer who handled registration and Jan Prater who helped with library liaison. Thanks to all the onsite volunteers including Jane Arni, Lynette Dick, Bobbi King, Elaine Osborn, Gretchen Perryman, Janice Prater, Nancy Ratay, Steven Rehn, Pat Roberts, Sandy Ronayne, Maggie Spetnagel, Malinda Tarbox, Denise Williams, Gary Williams, Susan Winchester and Mike

Clark and his DPL facilities team for massive amounts of help.

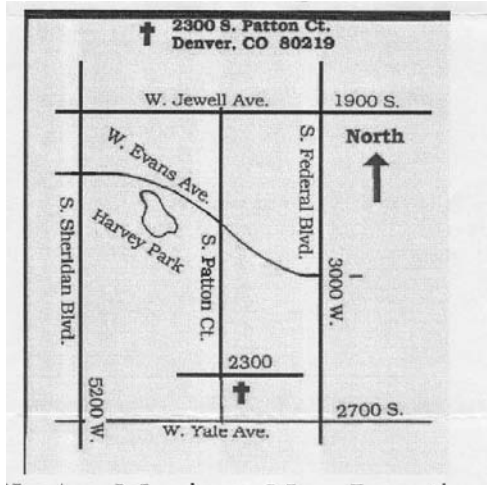
Nominations to Military Databases Honor Men and Women in Service

The National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C., has an online database for people who served in the military or helped on the home front during WWII. Such a database does not exist and must be created by family and friends who submit names. To search the electronic World War II Registry of Americans who contributed to the war effort, or add the name of a loved one, go to the website at http://www.wwiimemorial.com/registry/edit/donor_nameaddr.asp

Another memorial is dedicated to the Women in Military Service for America, located just outside the gates of Arlington National Cemetery. It is the only major national memorial honoring all servicewomen—past, present and future, including some 2.5 million women who have served or are serving in or with the US Armed Forces starting with the American Revolution. The memorial includes women on active military duty, Reserve, Guard and US Public Health Service uniformed women; and women in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Civil Air Patrol. You are invited to nominate your female ancestors. Donations and registrations of servicewomen can be sent to: Women In Military Service For America Memorial, Dept. 560, Washington, DC, 20042-0560. Or check out the website at www.womensmemorial.org for information about submitting nominations.

Family History Expo Set for Loveland, June 24-25

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 24 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. Early-bird registration is \$75 for the two-day session. At the door the price will be \$120 for both days or \$60 for one day.



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Sunday, May 15, 2011: WriteNOW! Writing Group. Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room 1:30-3:30 pm. Final meeting until September. Sharing writing projects.

Friday, May 20, 2011: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. GEM: Sandy Ronayne on Sarah Pettis Hicks: Civil War pension. Program Speaker: Barbara Price, "Getting Acquainted with the new FamilySearch.org."

Saturday, May 21, 2011: CGS Special Interest Class, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. "Cold Cases: Defrosting That Frozen Ancestor," strategies for breaking down those brick walls and releasing those ancestors that are frozen in time. Presented by Lou-Jean Rehn, CG.

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Saturday, June 18, 2010: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. "I Researched, I Wrote, Now What? Sharing Your Family History." Join a family reunion and discuss ways to share your research with your family. Presented by Lou-Jean Rehn, CG.

No Program Meetings or Classes in July or August. See you in September!

Local Seminar Events

CIG Spring Seminar, Saturday, May 28, Central Denver Public Library, Lower Level Conference Center, 9:30 am – 4 pm. "How to use 21st century technology to enhance your family history research," featuring Drew Smith, co-host of the Genealogy Guys podcast and author of *Social Networking for Genealogists*. Doors open at 9 am. Program begins at 9:30 am. Fee: \$30 before May 21, \$35 after May 21. Registration form at www.cogensoc.us

Family History Expo, Friday-Saturday, June 24-25, Embassy Suites Hotel, Loveland, CO. 80+ speakers and genealogy expo floor. Early-bird registration \$75 for both days; \$120 at the door. Speakers and registration at www.fhexpos.com

WISE Seminar, Saturday, Oct. 15, Central Denver Public Library, Lower Level Conference Center, Scottish Research Seminar.

Welcome New Members!

Rachel Anderson
 Anna Andrews
 Nancy Bailey
 Diane Barbour
 Phyllis Baker
 Joan Buckley
 Cookie Carlson
 Mary Kay Clark
 Michael Colaianna
 Shirley Cramer
 Bill Dickson
 Andi and Mack Durbin
 Robert Easterly
 Manny Gallegos
 Linda Gensmer
 Marilyn Hajicek
 Ann Holder
 Mary Howard
 Leonard Jones
 Mary Anne Larson
 Jennifer Lauman-Lee
 Charles Livermore
 Susan Livingston
 Virginia Kracaw
 Jack Marriott
 Jami Maselli
 Sandra Marsh
 Nyahuma MaCharia
 Penney Murren
 Sara Polk
 Jennifer Roybal
 Joseph and Patricia Ross
 Nick Scheidegger
 Sandra Schulz
 Patricia Ann Steiger
 Cody Stewart
 Marilyn Stewart
 Dennis Tarrant
 Marit Taylor
 Mary Thompson
 Martha Van Driel
 Edward Walton III
 Rebecca Wheeler
 Linda Wilson
 Castle Rock Genealogy Society
 Jefferson County Public Library

Quarterly Surname and Subject Indexes Available Online at CGS website

A subject index for volumes 1-70 of the *Colorado Genealogist* (1939-2009) as well as a surname index to names appearing in the *Colorado Genealogist* in volumes 1-10 (1939-1948), volumes 21-40 (1960-1979), and volumes 61-71 (2000-2010) are available at the Colorado Genealogist tab on the CGS website at www.cogensoc.us. Nancy Ratay, quarterly editor, has made the indexes available on line. If you should find a name in which you are interested, please contact Nancy at nratay@ng-tek.com for information on how to obtain the article in which the name appears.

Message for 2011: Write Your Genealogy

By Carol Darrow

Speakers as different as Dr. David McDonald and Buzzy Jackson and the WriteNow! group all have come to the same conclusion. If you don't write your family history, who will? "Something that is done is always better than the never done," says Buzzy Jackson.

When you consider all the time and money you have invested in your family research, it seems a shame to think that it might all be tossed away when you are gone. If you have organized your research into notebooks and written out family narratives, there's a better chance that your work will survive.

You can start with a scrapbook or photo album and add narrative, telling the stories that come from the pictures. You can focus on a specific event, a specific period in your life or that of an ancestor. You can focus on one person – perhaps your grandfather and tell his life story. Or you can write a collection of stories about your family's adventures.

You can have your project printed from your flash drive at a quick print shop or send camera-ready pages to a print-on-demand printer such as LuLu. Or you can send the project in electronic form to a publishing company like JournalDesign that will format the text and add your photographs.

But don't wait for the right moment or the perfect time or when you have completely finished your research. That time will never come!

If you'd like to share your efforts in getting your project off the ground and into print, join the WriteNow! group on the second Sunday in September at DPL.

CGS Budget Proposal for 2011-2012

Budget for 2010-2011	
Income:	
Membership Dues	\$6,400
Interest Income	350
Publications, CDs	400
Research Fees	75
Programs	
Seminar Registrations	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>

Proposed Budget for 2011-12	
Income:	
Membership Dues	\$6,700
Interest Income	120
Publications, CDs	400
Research Fees	80
Programs	
Seminar Registrations	4,200
Seminar Lunches	<u>800</u>
Total Seminar Income	5,000
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$12,300</u>
Expenses:	
Membership Service	\$ 175
Quarterly	4,300
Mailing Expenses	625
Programs	
Seminar Expenses	3,000
Seminar Lunches	<u>800</u>
Total Seminar Expenses	3,800
Programs/Education Classes	460
Meeting Room Rent	675
Bank Fees	60
Dues & Publications	195
Licenses & Fees	135
Miscellaneous	10
Publication Exchange	20
Publicity (web site)	125
Research Expenses	15
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TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$12,300</u>

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service Fills Requests for Information

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) can provide information taken from naturalization and visa applications created after 1905. For \$20, the agency will run a search of the name. If there are records available, the USCIS will provide copies of those records for an additional fee.

Typically, information is available for immigrants who applied for naturalization after 1905 and who are now deceased. The documents typically include date of arrival, ship, port of entry, hometowns in the native

country, and information on brothers, sisters, wives and children. For more information about the program, check out <http://www.uscis.gov.genealogy>.

Past Issues of Ancestry Magazine Online

Genealogy doesn't get old and back issues of Ancestry Magazine may hold just the clues to techniques and records that you need to break through that brick wall. Articles from sixteen years of Ancestry Magazine are available for free at www.google.com → books → and then enter the title Ancestry Magazine.

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Gretchen Perryman (left) and Elaine Osborn (right)

CGS Elects Vice-President and Treasurer for 2011-13

At the Annual Meeting of CGS in June, Gretchen Perryman was elected to a second term as vice-president/program chair for 2011-2013. Elected to the post of treasurer was Elaine Osborn, who has been serving as appointed treasurer, filling the vacancy left by Teresa Campbell. The 2012 Nominating Committee includes Melissa Tarbox, Kim Rogers and one unfilled position.

The budget for 2011-12 was also approved by the members at the Annual Meeting. Final budget is on page 3.

Sept. 16 is Kick Off for CGS 2011-12 Programs

The Colorado Genealogical Society will kick off its 87th year on **Friday, Sept. 16** with a program meeting featuring Pat Roberts, speaking on “Out of the Computer and Onto the Shelf—Self-Publishing with Lulu.”

Pat Roberts is a past vice-president of CGS and an enthusiastic self-publisher who has created 10 books currently available on Lulu.

The program speaker on **Friday, Oct. 21** will be Mona Lambrecht who will speak on “Rethinking Online Genealogy: Free Websites You Probably Never Thought About.”

Mona Lambrecht is a professional historian, genealogist and lecturer specializing in placing individuals and families into the historical context of their communities. She has worked on a variety of community-based projects in Boulder, Denver, and the Boston area. She has a Masters in history, is an author, currently works at the University of Colorado's Heritage Center, and is a co-founder of Roots Publishing Workshops.

Ray Harrell named Volunteer of the Year

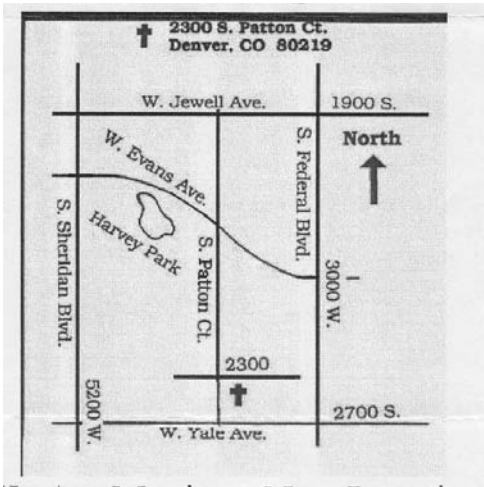
Ray Harrell was named 2011 Volunteer of the Year by the Colorado Genealogical Society in recognition of his more than 15 years of work extracting and indexing records at the Denver Public Library. Ray has been a member of CGS for more than 20 years.

James Jeffrey recalled at the meeting that Ray was straightening books early one morning when James told him to come and work on the brides project. Ray has worked on extractions ever since. Ray is currently reading the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News from microfilm and collecting death and obituary notices. Ray then takes the printouts home and enters them into a database.

Ray says that he has been fascinated by the impact of the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918-1919 on Denver. “There were city-wide restrictions on group gatherings. Even funerals were prohibited. Social activities were banned for more than a year.”



James Jeffrey (left) tells stories on Ray Harrell (right).



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Friday, Sept. 16, 2011: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm - 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Speaker: Pat Roberts, "Out of the Computer and onto the Shelf: Self-Publishing with Lulu."

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011: Free CGS Special Interest Class, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Topic to be announced later.

Monday, Oct. 3, 2011: CGS Board Meeting, 6-8 pm, 5th Floor, Denver Public Library. CGS members welcome to attend.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011: Free CGS Beginning Genealogy Class
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Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011: WriteNOW! writing group meeting.
Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, 1:30 - 3:30 pm.

Friday, Oct. 21, 2011: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm - 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Speaker: Mona Lambrecht on "Rethinking Online Genealogy: Free Websites You Probably Never Thought About."

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011: Free CGS Special Interest Class, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Gates Room, 5th Floor, Downtown Denver Public Library. Presenter: Carol Darrow, "Using Tax Records to Trace Your Ancestors."

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Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011: Free CGS Beginning Genealogy Class
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No WriteNow, Special Interest Class or CGS Program Meeting in December. Happy Holidays!

Computer Interest Group (CIG)

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

CGS Budget for 2011-12

Income:	
Membership Dues	\$6,700
Interest Income	120
Publications, CDs	400
Research Fees	80
Programs	
Seminar Registrations	4,200
Seminar Lunches	<u>800</u>
Total Seminar Income	5,000
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$12,300</u>
Expenses:	
Membership Service	\$ 175
Quarterly	4,300
Mailing Expenses	625
Programs	
Seminar Expenses	3,000
Seminar Lunches	<u>800</u>
Total Seminar Expenses	3,800
Programs/Education Classes	460
Meeting Room Rent	675
Bank Fees	60
Dues & Publications	195
Licenses & Fees	135
Miscellaneous	10
Publication Exchange	20
Publicity (web site)	125
Research Expenses	15
Memorial Book Donations	200
Volunteer Coordinator	25
President	20
Vice-President	20
Secretary	20
Treasurer	20
Liability Insurance	1,400
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$12,300</u>

Electronic Newsletter will be an Experiment

Toward the end of August, CGS will publish an electronic newsletter to bring you up to date on programs, classes, and other activities of the Colorado Genealogical Society as well as tips about new websites, new books, and new discoveries that may help to speed your research. It will be sent in .pdf format and should be easy to open and read.

We will want to hear from our members about how they like or dislike this format. We will continue to publish the newsletter in the quarterly but we hope that the new format will provide more timely information.

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 research project.

We will publish information about the Fall Special Interest Classes in an electronic version of the CGS Newsletter in August.

WriteNOW! Writing Group Starts Sept 11

The WriteNOW! informal writing group will reconvene on Sunday, Sept. 11 at the downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor Gates Room, from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

This is the second year for the group but newcomers are welcome to join any session. We'll start by helping people get over the fear of writing about their lives and the lives of their ancestors and then start work on a personal project.

The group is 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 project (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.

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 Membership Chair Sandy Ronayne at sandyronayne@comcast.net.

CGS Considers Donation to Finding Aid Project at the Colorado State Archives

The CGS Board of Directors will take under consideration a donation to the state archives' Finding Aid Project at its August board meeting. The state archives currently lacks a comprehensive online finding aid to its holdings. The state archives currently has 150 notebooks indexing its holdings but they must be converted to digital format before they can be uploaded to the web. The total project is expected to cost \$2,500.

This project supports CGS's Objectives 3 and 4 as stated in the by-laws:

3. "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."
4. "To assist and support the genealogical community in Colorado, including researchers, fellow societies, libraries and archives."

The project was established by the Boulder Genealogical Society and is supported by the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies.

Birdie Monk Holsclaw IGHR Scholarship Application Period Opens

Applications for a \$450 scholarship to attend the Institute for Genealogical and Historic Research, held one week each June in Birmingham, AL, will be accepted until Oct. 1, 2011. In 2012, the dates are June 10-15. The scholarship is open to applicants in all 50 states.

The institute offers study tracks including:

1. Techniques and Technology
2. Intermediate Genealogy and Historical Studies
3. Research in the South, Part I
4. Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis

5. Writing & Publishing for Genealogists
6. Advanced Library Research: Law Libraries & Government Documents
7. Virginia's Land and Military Conflicts & Their Effect on Migration
8. Researching African-American Ancestors
9. Military Records Research III: 1820-1919
10. Tracing Your English Ancestors

Your application should include your name, address, email, telephone, length of time you have been doing genealogy, name of the IGHR course you plan to take, 500 words or less describing how this course will benefit you, 250 words or less about yourself and your interest in genealogy, and a letter of recommendation from another genealogist. The website for IGHR is <http://www4.samford.edu/schools/ighr/>

Send your application to:

Birdie Monk Holsclaw Memorial Fund Committee
c/o Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies
P.O. Box 40270
Denver, CO 80204-0270.

Welcome New Members!

CGS members welcomed since April 2010

Sherla Alberola
Carol Barber
Lori Fogarty
Kelly Glenn
Jim & Jane Kroll
Mary Reynolds
Jenny Stinson
Richard & Millie Young
Phyllis Mevloia

IN MEMORIUM

A donation to the book fund of the Denver Public Library has been made in memory of the following individual:

- **Eleanor M. Jones**

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!

Family Recognition Program Honors Colorado Pioneer Families

The Family Recognition program, sponsored by the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, recognizes First Families, Territorial Families and Centennial Families of Colorado who are descended from Colorado settlers. Each family is presented with a certificate verifying their status as Colorado pioneers. The certificate could be a perfect addition to a family history book, a presentation at a family reunion or a family scrapbook.

There are three categories:

First Family: The ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, the land area of what is now Colorado before Feb. 28, 1861;

Territorial Family: The ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, a territory that is now Colorado between 1 March 1861 and 1 August 1876;

Centennial Family: The ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, Colorado at least 100 years prior to the date of the application.

Ancestors must be documented as Colorado pioneers during the category period but they do not have to have lived in Colorado continuously after that period. Also, applicants need not currently reside in Colorado, but must be a direct descendant of an ancestor who qualifies. There is also NO requirement for genealogical society membership although most societies can offer assistance in completing the necessary forms. Applicants must submit proof of relationship between generations, from applicant back to the earliest Colorado ancestor. See the application form for types of acceptable proofs and documentation forms on the site that explain the program and application process. Forms and more details are available at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cocccgs/Council-familyrecognition.htm>

The process takes 3-4 months so plan ahead. Mail all application materials to Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, Family Recognition Program, P.O. Box 3126, Littleton, CO 80161-3126.

Beginners' Corner

By Carol Cooke Darrow, CG

I attended the most recent Family History Expo in Loveland and met lots of enthusiastic family researchers. Some were new to genealogy and wanted to know how to get started and some were experienced researchers who were there to extend the depth of their knowledge or to learn something new.

Most of us can get so involved in research, whether at a library or online, that we collect piles of new information in a relatively short time. We're not just collecting names—we're collecting census records, land documents and military records. But without also gaining genealogy education, we may not recognize all the information in those records.

There are many ways to educate yourself about the records you find. One is to read a good guide such as *Unpuzzling Your Past* by Emily Croom or Val Greenwood's *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*.

Another way is to go to Google.com and enter a topic such as "colonial American taxes" and read a one- or two-page overview of the history and process of tax collection in colonial America. It's a quick and free way to answer a question.

Free classes and program speakers are another way to learn about the ins-and-outs of genealogy records. Every local society offers program speakers and classes designed to help you understand the whys and wherefores of genealogy records.

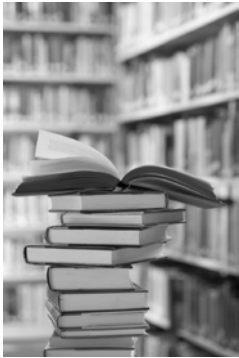
Finally, you can attend a seminar or conference to get an even broader view of a topic that intrigues you. This year, local seminars in the Denver area will focus on African-American research, Scottish ancestry, Jewish ancestry, and online researching.

If you want to be successful in your family history search, you need to balance research with education. Learn how those records were created, why they were created, and what information they convey. That way, you'll get a clearer understanding of a record and what it tells you about your ancestor's life.

CGS Book Donations On the Shelves at DPL

- *White Servitude in Maryland: 1634-1820* by Eugene Irving McCarmae.
- *Indian Territory, 1861-1865: The Forts, The Battles, The Soldiers* by Ethel Crisp Taylor.

- *District of Columbia Marriage Records Index: Jan. 28, 1892-Aug. 30, 1896 (Marriage Record Books 31-40)* compiled by Wesley E. Pippenger.
- *The 1850 Slave Inhabitants Schedule of Accomac County, Virginia* by Celestine G. Koger.



- *The Ultimate Search Book, 2011 Edition, Worldwide Adoption, Genealogy & Other Search Secrets from the Files of Americans for Open Records*, by Lori Carangelo.
- *Family Maps of Dubuque County, Iowa*, Arphax
- *Family Maps of Johnson County, Iowa*, Arphax
- *Family Maps of Linn County,*

Iowa, Arphax

- *Family Maps of Coshocton County, Ohio*, Arphax
- *Family Maps of Guernsey County, Ohio*, Arphax
- *Family Maps of Hancock County Ohio*, Arphax
- *Family Maps of Sandusky County Ohio*, Arphax
- *Family Maps of Seneca County Ohio*, Arphax
- *Family Maps of Wyandot County Ohio*, Arphax

[Note: The Family Map series published by Arphax includes plat maps of the original landowners of a specific county as well as roads and waterways. There is also an index to surnames and place names. CGS has donated Family Maps volumes for Kansas, Iowa, Colorado, and Ohio.]

Also new at DPL are two donated genealogy books.

- *STO LAT: A Modern Guide to Polish Genealogy*.

FamilySearch.org Needs Volunteers to Index 1885 Colorado Census

You may have heard that your Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies is partnering with FamilySearch to index a new digital scan of the 1885 Colorado State Census. When we've completed this project, the index and images will be available for free to genealogists world-wide at Familysearch.org.

You can sign up now to be an indexer – and I found that the indexing was easy but signing up may be a bit tricky! If you have any questions, contact our Society Coordinator Mary Alice Crowther at mac.gendetective@comcast.net for help.

1. Go to <www.familysearch.org> and select "Index Records" from the menu just below the FamilySearch logo. Click on the "Volunteer" button.
2. Fill out the form and click "Submit."

3. Now go back to the <FamilySearchIndexing> screen and click the "Start Indexing" button. An "Opening iude-launcher.jnlp" will open. Click "OK". Install on your PC or Mac. It works on both systems. Save the icon on your dock or desktop for quick access to the Indexing starting page. If you have any installation problems, go to HELP and select Product Support. Type in your problem and hit ASK.
4. On the Main Indexing Page (the one that says Download Batch on the upper left side) from the Menu select Tools, then Options, then Edit My Preferences. Hit Save or Cancel.
5. On the page that comes up, select My Info and then Edit.
6. Go to the "Local Support Level" and select "Group or Society."
7. On the "Group" line select "Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies."
8. On the bottom line of the form select "United States of America" then "Colorado" from the drop-down menu. Click the "Save" button or you'll get a warning message! (It happened to me!)
9. To start indexing, select Download Batch, and "Show All Projects." Then find US, Colorado 1885 Census in the drop-down menu. I would start with a "beginning difficulty" selection. A census batch is two census pages or 100 lines. Other batches of marriage, birth, etc records usually have 10-30 records.
10. When you get a batch, open the Table Format, enter the page number, line no., and family no. and start entering information. There is a help screen to tell you what the acceptable formats are.
11. When you've finished the first 50 lines, go to "Image Navigation" tab to move to the second page. You can only do two pages before you have to Upload the file.
12. When you've entered 100 lines, you can "Save" and then "Upload" the file.

FamilySearch will send CGS a confirmation e-mail. Please let your Society Coordinator know that you registered successfully. We'll keep track of everyone's numbers and have some incentives for individuals and societies. Thanks for your participation.

Recommended Reading

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

The Genealogist's Google Toolbox, by Lisa Louise Cooke. Cooke leads you through Google searches,

Google books, the Google translation toolbox, and Google Earth – including ways to create a virtual tour of your ancestor's neighborhood.

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.

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.

1861: The Civil War Awakening by Adam Goodheart. Focuses on the actions and reactions of ordinary citizens from Boston to New York City, from Hampton Roads, Va., to St. Louis, Mo., and San Francisco, emphasizing the cultural, rather than military, clash between those wanting the country to move forward and those clinging to the old ways. War would be waged for four bitter years, with enduring intensity, great heroism, and catastrophic losses.

TIPS, TRICKS, AND TECHNIQUES

1940 U.S. Census Will Be Released on Monday, 2 April 2012

The 1940 U.S. Census will be released on April 2, 2012 and the digital images will be accessible at NARA facilities nationwide through their public access computers as well as on personal computers via the Internet. Initially, the 1940 census will be browsable but not indexed. Finding aids will include geographic descriptions of census enumeration districts, enumeration district maps, and microfilm of 1940 City Directories available at the National Archives. Also useful will be Stephen P. Morse's search engines for identifying census enumeration district numbers. An every-name index is sure to be available within a year of release.

Familysearch.org Online Links Create Statewide Marriage Indexes

The new Familysearch.org now has online statewide indexes to marriage records for many states. This is very helpful if you think you know the state your couple married in but are unsure of the county. The results give you the name of the groom, the maiden name of the bride, the marriage date and the county where the

marriage took place. Go to www.familysearch.org and click on the U.S., Canada, and Mexico link on the home page. Then scroll down the alphabetical list of online indexes for the state marriage records that interest you.

Atlas of County Boundary Changes are Free Online from Newberry Library

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)

Muster Rolls for U.S. Navy Ships of World War II Era, Jan 1939-Jan 1949 Available at the National Archives

The National Archives holds the muster rolls for Navy ships from 1 Jan 1939 to 1 Jan 1949. These muster rolls take up nearly 20,000 rolls of microfilm. In addition, NARA also holds approximately 22,000 deck logs for Navy ships from 1941-1950. The muster rolls often list a serviceman's service number, date of enlistment, and the date he joined the ship's crew. Rolls are by ship name and are filed chronologically.

Several State Death Indexes and Certificates Available Online

Several states have posted scanned images of older state death certificates or have posted indexes to death records online. Some have been posted in Ancestry.com. Others are posted by the Secretary of State of that state. Some are on Rootsweb, like the California Death Index which lists the mother's maiden name. Or use Google.com and enter "historic death certificates Kentucky" for example. Avoid the Archives.com site unless you are a paying member.

Digital copies of Texas death certificates are downloadable from Footnote.com. Digital copies of North Carolina death certificates are on Ancestry.com. Georgia death certificates, 1919-1927, are available from the Secretary of State's website at <http://cdm.sos.state.ga.us/cdm4/gadeaths.php>.

1843-1850 Lauderdale County, Alabama Circuit Court Record Book Now Online

The Lauderdale County [Alabama] Circuit Court record book for the years 1843-50 has been digitized and is available on the Internet. It contains a record of court proceedings through the years, including the case of Irish-born Ellen M. Weakley becoming a U.S. citizen, and future governor Edward A. O'Neal being sued over a debt.

The link is available through the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library at <http://flpl.org>. Select the Digital Archive button, then enter the name of the document and you will be able to access the document.

1911 Census of Scotland Made Available Online on 5 April 2011

The 1911 census of Scotland was the last population survey carried out before the First World War. The census includes the name, address, age, occupation, birthplace, occupation, and marital status of everyone counted in 1911. There is a fee for accessing the databases. More information is available online at www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk.

Culpeper County, Virginia, Court Records Online at Library of Virginia

Culpeper County, Va. Chancery [Property] Court records from 1829-1913 are available to view online at the Library of Virginia website at <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/>. Chancery cases often involved divorces, the dissolution of business partnerships, land disputes or divisions of estates, and information about slaves included in estates.

Mocavo.com Collects Bulletin Board Postings on Your Ancestor

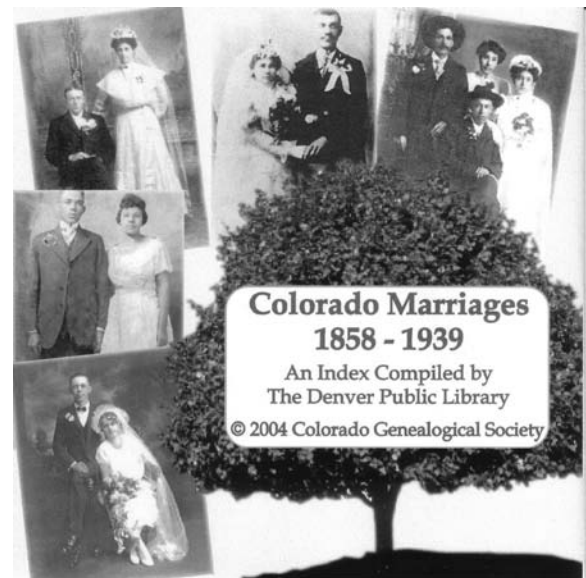
Mocavo.com is a free search engine that collects online references to your ancestor into one file. Just enter the name of your ancestor, enclosing the name in quotes, and Mocavo will present you with listings from bulletin boards including GenForum.com, boards.Ancestry.com, family tree postings, findagrave.com and other sources. You will see postings that you have put up, but you may find a posting that could lead you in a new direction.

Flip-Pal Scanner Operates Without a Computer and Scans in 600 or 300 dpi

The Flip-Pal mobile scanner is a flatbed scanner with a 4x6 inch screen that captures photos at either 600 or 300 dpi. Images are saved to an SD card that can then be used to transfer the photos to your computer hard drive.

It is battery operated so you can use it anywhere and it is great for traveling, especially when you want to scan photos at a relative's home. Price is about \$150.

The Flip-Pal can also be used to copy large images, even pictures hanging on walls, using the "stitch together" software that comes with the device.



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 _____

Make Check to "CGS-Colorado Marriage CD"

Ship to:

(Name)

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City, State, ZIP)

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Geoff Rasmussen Scheduled to Speak at CGS Spring Seminar



The CGS Annual Spring Seminar is pleased to welcome Geoff Rasmussen to the podium on Saturday, March 17, 2012. Mr. Rasmussen has authored books, videos, articles, and websites and is a developer on Legacy Family Tree. His computer skills along with his degree in Genealogy and Family History from Brigham Young

University make him a champion of electronic genealogical research and family history sharing.

Geoff 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. The regular CGS meeting on Friday evening, March 16, from 7-9 pm will also feature Mr. Rasmussen who will talk about "The 1940 Census – Coming Soon to a Computer Near You." The Friday evening meeting is free and open to the public.

Presentations at the seminar will include:

Mapping Your Ancestors Electronically

Using AniMap, Centennia, Map My Family Tree, Parish Locator Program, and online mapping website to locate your ancestors.

Timelines and Chronologies: Secrets of Genealogical Success.

Learn how to easily create an effective timeline and how timelines can help you solve difficult research problems.

Sharing Your Genealogy

Learn how to publish to CD/DVD, the Internet, and e-books, create websites and share genealogy files electronically.

12-Step Checklist to Using Your Genealogy Computer Program More Effectively

Get research done faster by using some of the lesser-known features in your genealogy computer program. Save the date – March 17, 2012 – for the annual CGS Spring Seminar.

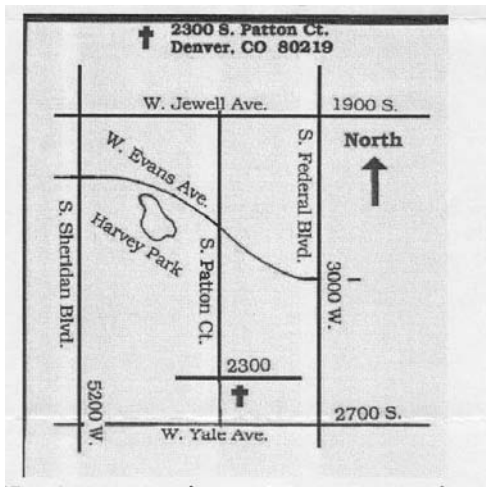
Geoffrey D. Rasmussen has a degree in Genealogy and Family History from Brigham Young University and specializes in connecting genealogists to available technology and making it easier to understand. He encourages all genealogists, from the novice to the experienced, to explore and enhance and update their skills.

Geoff has served as director and vice-president of the Utah Genealogical Association. He is an expert in all forms of genealogy technology, and as host of the Legacy Family Tree webinar series, has spoken virtually in nearly 100 different countries. He recently received the Distinguished Presenter Award at the RootsTech conference in Salt Lake City. He has authored books, videos, articles, and websites, and develops the Legacy Family Tree software program. Geoff met and proposed to his wife in a Family History Center. They are now the parents of four budding genealogists.

Groundbreaking for New Denver-Area National Archives Facility Held

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Denver-area National Archives facility was held on Sept. 27 at 17101 Huron Street, in Broomfield. The archives will be moved from its present location in the Federal Center to the intersection of Route 7 (Exit 229 from I-25) and Huron, approximately one mile west of I-25.

The building is scheduled for initial occupancy in May 2012 and will house NARA's Denver-area Research Services and Agency Services including a Federal Records Center and public research rooms and program event space. The 162,000 square foot building will have a storage capacity of 750,000 cubic feet of Federal records. The facility will store records from more than 100 Federal agencies and courts located in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. Significant holdings will include records from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service as well as the U.S. Mint, the U.S. Forest Service, and Los Alamos National Laboratory.



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

CGS Website



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Upcoming CGS Programs and Education Classes

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- Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012: CGS Special Interest Class, 1:30 – 3:30 pm.** Gates Room, 5th Floor, Downtown Denver Public Library. Speaker Dottie Hunt on "What About Those Free Websites?" Little known free research sites.
- Monday, Feb. 6, 2012: CGS Board Meeting, 6-8 pm, 5th Floor, Denver Public Library.** CGS members welcome to attend.
- Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class, 1:30 – 4:30 pm**
Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, Learn how to get started in genealogy.
- Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012: WriteNOW! writing group meeting. 1:30 – 3:30 pm**
Downtown Denver Public Library, Gates Room.
- Friday, Feb. 17, 2012: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Speaker: Nanette Randall on "The Power of Story: Life Memoirs Keep Our Stories Alive."
- Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012: CGS Special Interest Class, 1:30 – 3:30 pm.** Gates Room, 5th Floor, Downtown Denver Public Library.

CGS Board in Action

The Board of Directors of the Colorado Genealogical Society has taken the following actions since August 2011:

- Welcomed new Seminar Chair Kim Rogers (kimrogers@comcast.net). Lynette Dick will serve as Seminar Registrar.
- Voted to donate \$500 to the digitization of finding aids at the Colorado State Archives. The project is under the auspices of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies and will enable the online posting of indexes to the holdings of the state archives.
- Discussed specific financial procedures in the CGS Procedures Manual and how they impact the society. We have a current excess amount beyond the three-year set-asides of \$3,380.

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.

CCGS Offers Family Recognition Program

The Family Recognition program, sponsored by the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, recognizes First Families, Territorial Families and Centennial Families of Colorado who are descended from Colorado settlers. Each family is presented with a certificate verifying their status as Colorado pioneers. The certificate could be a perfect addition to a family history book or scrapbook or for presentation at a family reunion.

There are three categories:

First Family: The ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, the land area of what is now Colorado before Feb. 28, 1861;

Territorial Family: The ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, a territory that is now Colorado between 1 March 1861 and 1 August 1876;

Centennial Family: The ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, Colorado at least 100 years prior to the date of the application.

Applicants need not currently reside in Colorado, but must be a direct descendant of an ancestor who qualifies. There is also NO requirement for genealogical society membership although most societies can offer assistance in completing the necessary forms. Applicants must submit proof of relationship between generations, from applicant back to the earliest Colorado ancestor, and documentation of the ancestor's presence in Colorado. See the application form for types of acceptable proofs and documentation forms on the site that explain the

program and application process. The process takes 3 to 4 months so plan ahead. Mail all application materials to Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, Family Recognition Program, P.O. Box 3126, Littleton, CO 80161-3126. For forms and more details check the website at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~coccgs/Council-familyrecognition.htm>

Welcome New Members!

New CGS members welcomed in August and September 2011:

- ❖ Dawn Bunyak
- ❖ Heather Siders
- ❖ Angela Asjer
- ❖ Debbie Tarvin

All Things Cemetery Event to be Repeated in 2012

The All Things Cemetery tour and presentations event held at Riverside Cemetery on Aug. 6 and Sept. 25 attracted more than 75 attendees. Planning is underway for two more events in the spring of 2012 – one at Fairmount Cemetery and another day at Riverside.

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.

1930 Mexico National Census Now Available on Ancestry

Ancestry.com has announced a significant addition to its growing collection of online Mexican and Hispanic historical records. With nearly 13 million records, the newly available 1930 Mexico National Census (El Quinto Censo General de Población y Vivienda 1930,

México) is the most comprehensive historical Mexican census available online. It is estimated that this census counted approximately 90 percent of the population, therefore for nearly 30 million Americans who can trace their families to Mexico, it provides a valuable gateway to begin researching Mexican family history, especially if family, vital or religious records are lost.

Mexico's first formally recognized federal or national census was taken in 1895. Starting in 1900, censuses were taken every 10 years, making the 1930 Mexico Census the fifth official government census, or formally the Fifth General Census of Housing and Population. This particular census is significant in Mexican history as federal officials sought to make it a vehicle for national unity. A successful campaign urging citizens to take part as a civic duty resulted in an extremely high participation rate - the primary reason why the 1930 Mexican Census is considered the best Mexican census conducted in the 20th century.

Other collections at Ancestry.com that may be helpful when conducting Mexican family history research, including Border Crossings: From Mexico to U.S., 1895-1957; Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, Mexico, Selected Parish Records, 1751-1880; and the Spanish-American Family History Guide.

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

TIPS, TRICKS, AND TECHNIQUES

Lackawanna County, PA Records Online

Millions of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, documents have been put online and are free to view, print and download.

Documents from the Lackawanna County register of wills and clerk of judicial records offices now available online include:

- Probate records from 1878 to present.
- Marriage applications from 1885 to present.
- Orphan's court division records since 1938.
- Dockets for the civil and family court divisions from 1995 to present, with the exception of juvenile records.
- Scanned images of documents filed in the civil and family court divisions since 2003, again excluding juvenile records.

The project required eight years to complete. The records are available at

<http://www.lackawannacounty.org>.

(Source: Dick Eastman's Newsletter)

Footnote.com Becomes Fold3.com

The website Footnote.com has been renamed www.Fold3.com and focused on original military records of all types that are held by the National Archives including full text of American Revolutionary War pension applications filed after 1818 and Compiled Service Records for both Union and Confederate soldiers of the Civil War, Mexican War and Revolutionary War. Also in the collection are War of 1812 pension records and Cherokee Indian Agency records from Tennessee. World War I and II records are also represented.

Fold3 retains its collection of city directories, homestead records, and naturalization records as well as a few vital records including Texas birth and death records. They are listed under "Other Collections."

Fold3.com can be accessed at any Family History Center and at the National Archives research room in the Federal Center.

RootsTech 2012 Registration Opens

The RootsTech 2012 Conference in Salt Lake City, titled "Innovation Through Collaboration," will run from Feb. 2-4 at the Salt Palace Convention Center. The major technology creators including Dell, Microsoft, Oracle, FamilySearch, Ancestry.com, and Archives, will provide a technology-based classes, demonstrations, hands-on workshops and interactive presentations. National genealogy societies including the National Genealogical Society, New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Federation of Genealogical Societies will be represented. Early-bird registration is \$129/person and ends on Nov. 30, 2011. On Dec. 1, the cost goes up to \$189. Register online at <http://www.rootstech.org/>.

Vital Records of Maine Now More Accessible

A new Maine law went into effect on Sept. 28, reducing the 100-year closure of vital records. Birth records older than 75 years are now available, while there is a 50-year closure on marriage records and fetal death records, and 25 years for death records. Family members and genealogists with a state-issued researcher ID card will be able to access the records that remain closed.

"Accessing Vital Records in Maine," a six-page document written by Maine Genealogical Society Vice President Helen A. Shaw, CG, provides a detailed look at the new law, how to access original vital records in Maine, and what resources researchers can and should use before accessing original records.