

COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Meeting Locally, Researching Globally

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Meeting Location

Central Denver Public Library
3rd Saturday of Each Month
(no meeting in July, Aug., and Dec.)
9:30 am, 7th Floor Training Room

The Colorado Genealogical Society holds its monthly meetings on the third Saturday morning of each month except July, August, and December at the Central Denver Public Library, on the corner of Broadway and 13th St.

Parking Downtown

Rates subject to change without notice.

Civic Center Parking Garage 1-2 hrs = \$3
Civic Center Parking Garage 2-3 hrs = \$4
Civic Center Parking Garage 3-5 hrs = \$7
Civic Center Parking Garage 5-12 hrs = \$22
History Colorado Garage (Sat. & Sun) = \$5/day
Flat Lots on 14th St. = \$5/day

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If your home address or email address changes, please notify Sandy Ronayne at sandyronayne@comcast.net. We want to keep in touch with you!

Website Address



www.cogensoc.us

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Have you registered for the 2017 Colorado Genealogical Society and Computer Interest Group Joint Spring Seminar?

Registration is open for the 2017 Spring Seminar. It will be held on **Saturday, April 8, 2017** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. David Allen Lambert will be the featured speaker. The seminar topics will be Town and Vital Records, Vital Records, Land Records, and Court Records. A link to register for the seminar has been set up on the Colorado Genealogical Society [website](#). You may register online via PayPal or by mail with a check.



If you register before **February 1, 2017** you will be eligible for a drawing to have lunch with Mr. Lambert.

Additionally, by submitting a short story about an ancestor(s) you are eligible to win a free registration to the seminar. Short stories must be submitted by **January 15,**

2017. See the seminar registration link above for all details.

On **Friday, April 7, 2017** Mr. Lambert will do a presentation on the New England Historic Genealogical Society Great Migration Study Project. The aim of the Great Migration Study Project is to compile comprehensive genealogical and biographical accounts of every person who settled in New England between 1620 and 1640. Between these years about twenty thousand English men, women, and children crossed the Atlantic to

settle New England. For a century and a half genealogists have been studying these families, and thousands of books and articles have been published as a result. The Denver Public Library has many Great Migration Study publications, including books and newsletters. Find these publications on the DPL catalog; <https://catalog.denverlibrary.org/default.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.6>.

The program will take place in the afternoon at the Denver Public Library. It will be free and open to the public. Start time is still being determined. Stay tuned.

David Allen Lambert has been on the staff of NEHGS since 1993 and is the organization's Chief Genealogist. David is an internationally recognized speaker on the topics of genealogy and history. His genealogical expertise includes New England and Atlantic Canadian records of the 17th through the 21st century; military records; DNA research; and Native American and African American genealogical research in New England. He has published many articles in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, the New Hampshire Genealogical Record, Rhode Island Roots, The Mayflower Descendant, and American Ancestors magazine. He has also published A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries (NEHGS, 2009). David is an elected Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston, Mass., and a life member of the New Hampshire Society of the Cincinnati. He is also the tribal genealogist for the Massachusetts-Punkapoag Indians of Massachusetts.

His topics of discussion will be:

- Town and Vital Records
- Vital Records
- Land Records
- Court Records

Mr. Lambert is a regular guest on The Extreme Genes podcast, hosted by Scott Fisher. The podcast runs approximately 40-50 minutes and can be heard through the [Extreme Genes website](#) or you can subscribe at iTunes. It is free.

Membership Renewal

CGS membership is from January 1 through December 31. Memberships are \$25.00 for an individual or \$30.00 for two or more people in the same household. As a member you have access to the Members only web page, including all issues of The Colorado Genealogist; speaker handouts; current membership list; Index of Pioneers Born in Colorado Before 1900; and Index of Declaration of Intention, Arapahoe County Court, 1880-1906. Your membership also helps support the educational activities of CGS. Membership information is available at <http://www.cogensoc.us/membership.php>. You can renew online or download the membership form and mail it. If you have questions about your membership, please contact Sandy Ronayne at sandyronayne@comcast.net.

CGS Meets at the Library

Regular monthly meetings of the Colorado Genealogical Society meet at the Central Denver Public Library (DPL) beginning in the 7th Floor Training Room. Meetings will be **held on the third Saturday of each month** except December, July and August. Meetings begin with socializing at 9:30 am and the meetings are from 10 am - noon.

January 21, 2017, CGS members will present "Heirlooms and Their Stories." Bring your favorite heirloom and tell us its story. It could be a teacup, musical instrument, a quilt or anything else that has an interesting story. If you wish to do a presentation, please submit a short synopsis of your story and heirloom to Kelly Glenn through the [Contact Us](#) page. Your presentation should be limited to 10 minutes. Submissions are due by 14 January 2017. If you need photos on the projection screen, include that request in your submission. **Presentations will be limited to 5 submissions so that the meeting time constraints can be met. Be sure to sign up.

February 18, 2017 – James Walsh will speak on "Pueblo's Working Class Foundation: Exploring Ethnic Communities in an Early 20th Century Steel Town." Dr. James Walsh has taught history and political science at CU Denver for the past 18 years, specializing in labor, immigration, social movements, Irish America, and the use of "organic" theater in the classroom. Walsh is also the founder of the Romero Theater Troupe, an all-volunteer community theater troupe whose mission is to preserve stories of human rights acts and activists past and present.

Be sure to check out the Computer Interest Group (CIG). [Click here](#) for a link to its website. It recently released a new website.

March 18, 2017 – Dina C. Carson will speak on “Hiding in Plain Database: Tips and Tricks for Gathering Exactly the Information You’re After.” Dina Carson has been involved in genealogy for more than two decades, and lectures frequently to genealogical and historical societies throughout the West. She is the coordinator of the Boulder Pioneers Project, a comprehensive look at the original source documents for Boulder County during the Territorial period (1859-1876) and the author of more than thirty annotated indexes of Boulder County source materials. Although her formal education is in International Law and Economics, she owns Iron Gate Publishing, and is the author of 10 new books about publishing and genealogy including, *Set Yourself Up to Self-Publish: A Genealogist's Guide* and *Publish Your Family History: A Step-by-Step Guide to Writing the Stories of Your Ancestors*. Dina brings her experience with all phases of book publishing to help first-time self-publishers create quality family or local histories that are both believable and achievable. When she's not at a computer working on a publishing project, you can find her photographing the pioneer cemeteries of Colorado.

April 15, 2017 – Sandy Ronayne will speak on “Reaching US World War I Records.” Sandy has been an avid, addicted family historian since 2000. She grew up in a military family – her father was an Air Force pilot and commander. Sandy has identified ancestors and family members who served as US military personnel from the Revolutionary War through the Iraq War. Sandy is the immediate past president of the Colorado Genealogical Society. She has also served as president of the CGS/Computer Interest Group, vice-president/program chair of the Wales Ireland Scotland England (WISE) Family History Society, and is a director at large of the Colorado Chapter of Palatines to America. She is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Union 1861 – 1865, and the Society of Civil War Families of Ohio.

May 20, 2017 – Steve Friesen will speak on “I am Not a Savage: American Indian Performers in Europe.” Steve Friesen has been director of the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave since 1995. During this time he has given numerous lectures about Buffalo Bill and the West. His book *Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary* was published in summer of 2010 by Fulcrum Press and his newest book *I am Not a Savage: American Indian Performers in Europe* will be released by University of Oklahoma Press in early 2017. Like Buffalo Bill, Friesen was raised in Kansas. He attended Bethel College in Newton, Kansas, once characterized by Buffalo Bill as the wildest and wickedest town in the West. Friesen received his MA in American Folk Culture in 1976 and

has worked at a variety of museums, including Denver’s Molly Brown House, throughout his 40 year career. His abiding historical interest is in the American frontier, beginning with colonization of the eastern seaboard and continuing through Buffalo Bill’s period. His first book *A Modest Mennonite Home*, dealt with the German settlement of Pennsylvania in the early 18th century.

June 17, 2017 – John Putnam is scheduled to speak on a topic yet to be announced.

New Member Welcome

Sheree Belanger
Monica Chapman
Elmar Fend

Free CGS Classes Meet at Denver Public Library

CGS conducts its **Beginning Genealogy** classes at the Central Denver Public Library on the **second Saturday of each month**. (There is no class in July or August.) The class is held in the Gates Room on the 5th Floor. The instructor is Carol Darrow. Classes run from 10 am to noon. The next Beginning Genealogy class is **January 14, 2017**.

The **CGS Special Interest** classes meet on the **fourth Saturday of the month**, 7th floor training room, Denver Central Public Library.

January 28, 2017 – CGS Special Interest Class – Dan Cordova, “Where Genealogy Meets the Law” - Downtown Denver Public Library, 7th Floor Training Room, 10 am – Noon.

The class will conduct conversation about the intersections between genealogy and the law. We will discuss how legal records of various kinds can help you search for relatives here and passed. We will talk about the “language of the law,” and how to speak it fluently enough to find the records you need, and from whom to request them.

Other topics will include cemetery law, genealogical privacy considerations, protecting against identity theft, DNA preservation issues, and copyright/ownership concerns. A quick mention of ethics versus licensure should prove that you don’t have to be a lawyer or hold a

Ph.D. in legal history to understand the difference between “family law” and the legal aspects that relate to a family tree.

Dan Cordova is a dual-degree lawyer-librarian. He graduated from law school 26 years ago, and received his library degree from the University of Arizona in 1998. He has worked in public libraries of one kind or another since 1995. His experience includes work in local, state and federal jurisdictions, the last 15 years exclusively in law libraries. He presently serves as the Colorado Supreme Court Librarian.

February 25, 2017 - CGS Special Interest Class - Treasures Found in Deed Books - Downtown Denver Public Library, 7th Floor Training Room, 10 am – Noon.

Deed books to U.S. lands were often used as the official record of the county. They included land descriptions, the history of a title to land, mortgages and deeds of gift as well as apprenticeship papers, manumission papers, and pre-nup agreements that detail family relationships and other personal information.

The **WriteNOW** writing group meets on the **second Sunday of the month** to work on writing family history. The group offers ideas, technical information, and support for anyone trying to preserve their family history in writing. 5th floor, Gates Room, Denver Central Public Library

Next WriteNOW Group Meeting is Sunday, **January 8, 2017**, 1:30-3:30, 5th Floor, Gates Room, Denver Central Public Library. Please come prepared to select your project that should be finished by May 21 and an outline of your proposed project. The project can be limited to a memoir of an important period in your life, or a 3-generation study of your family, or a scrapbook and journal of a family, or anything else you want to write about. The outline can be simple, just to cover the sections or ideas that you want to include.

And Carol will talk about the positive negative.

Next CGS Program Meeting is January 21, 2017

Come down to the Downtown Denver Public Library and join us at 9:30 to socialize with other local genealogists. The meeting will start at 10:00 and end at noon.

Lunch Bunch is Your Invitation

The CGS Lunch Bunch is an informal gathering of CGS members who meet to share good food and great conversation. The restaurant location changes every month and all CGS members are welcome. Reservations are required and can be made by emailing Sandy Ronayne (sandyronayne@comcast.net). She will announce the date and location in her weekly CGS update email. Join us regularly or when the restaurant location is in your neighborhood.

Genealogy Spotlight Podcast - It's About Time

The podcast is sponsored by Ancestry.com and is narrated by Sir Tony Robinson. I have found them very interesting and entertaining. Sir Tony Robinson has a perfect British accent for storytelling. Below is a list of the podcasts that are available so far:

Episode 1 – The story of Joseph Meadows. In 1855 Mr. Meadows was sentenced to death for the jealous murder of his ‘sister’.

Episode 2 – The story of how Charlie Chapin and other immigrants got to America in the 1900s.

Episode 3 – The story of the Pankhurst sisters and the women’s suffrage movement in Britain.

Episode 4 – The ancestors of Mark Hamill (Luke Skywalker in the Star Wars movies).

Episode 5 – Human evolution and Sir Tony Robinson’s family story following a DNA test.

Episode 6 – Charles Dicken’s life and how it inspired the story “A Christmas Carol”.

Episode 7 – The story of Phyllis Little as told by her daughter.

Episode 8 – Sir Tony Robinson and Brad Argent, of Ancestry, discuss the future of family history.

Visit its [website](#). You can subscribe for free at iTunes or GooglePlay.

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CGS welcomes your input. Address items of interest, news, and tips and tricks for the Colorado genealogy community to the editor at cgsnews@cogensoc.us.

Upcoming CGS Programs and Education Classes

- Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017: Free WriteNOW! Writing Group.** 1:30-3:30 pm. Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, Carol Darrow, CG, facilitator. Bring and share your project outlines.
- Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017: Free CGS Beginning Genealogy Class, 10 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 5th Floor Gates Room. Carol Darrow, CG, Instructor.
- Monday, Jan. 16, 2017: CGS Board Meeting,** 5-7 pm. Panera Bread, 3702 Riverpoint Parkway, Englewood. All CGS members welcome.
- Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017: CGS Program Meeting, 9:30 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 7th Floor Training Room. CGS members will present “Heirlooms and Their Stories.”
- Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017: CGS Special Interest Class, 10:00 am – noon.** Downtown Denver Public Library, 7th Floor Training Room, Gates Room, Sandy Ronayne, facilitator. Speaker: Dan Cordova: “Where Genealogy Meets The Law”
- Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017: Free CGS Beginning Genealogy Class, 10 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 5th Floor Gates Room. Carol Darrow, CG, Instructor.
- Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017: Free WriteNOW! Writing Group.** 1:30-3:30 pm. Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, Carol Darrow, CG, facilitator. Discuss formatting issues and how to set up a book format for your project. Share your first draft and compare to outline.
- Monday, Feb. 13, 2017: CGS Board Meeting,** 5-7 pm. Englewood Library. All CGS members welcome.
- Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017: CGS Program Meeting, 9:30 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 7th Floor Training Room. Speaker: James Walsh, “Southern Colorado Civil Miners and Steelworkers: Origins and Perspectives”.
- Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017: CGS Special Interest Class, 10:00 am – noon.** Downtown Denver Public Library, 7th Floor Training Room, Sandy Ronayne, facilitator.
- Saturday, Mar. 11, 2017: Free CGS Beginning Genealogy Class, 10 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 5th Floor Gates Room. Carol Darrow, CG, Instructor.
- Sunday, Mar. 12, 2017: Free WriteNOW! Writing Group.** 1:30-3:30 pm. Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, Carol Darrow, CG, facilitator. Discuss electronic publishing options.
- Monday, Mar. 13, 2017: CGS Board Meeting,** 5-7 pm. Englewood Library. All CGS members welcome.
- Saturday, Mar. 18, 2017: CGS Program Meeting, 9:30 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 7th Floor Training Room. Speaker: Dina C. Carson, “Hiding in Plain Database: Tips and Tricks for Gathering Exactly the Information You’re After”.
- Saturday, Mar. 25, 2017: CGS Special Interest Class, 10:00 am – noon.** Downtown Denver Public Library, 7th Floor Training Room, Sandy Ronayne, facilitator.
- Saturday, Apr. 8, 2017: CGS/CIG Spring Seminar,** Downtown Denver Public Library, Basement, David Allen Lambert. More details will be coming soon.
- Sunday, Apr. 9, 2017: Free WriteNOW! Writing Group.** 1:30-3:30 pm. Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, Carol Darrow, CG, facilitator. Discuss revisions to your project and how to smooth the narrative.
- Sunday, May 21, 2017: Free WriteNOW! Writing Group.** 1:30-3:30 pm. Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, Carol Darrow, CG, facilitator. Present your project to the group.

Other genealogy events:

Registration is open for [RootsTech 2017](#) on February 8-11, 2017.

Registration is open for the [NGS 2017 Family History Conference](#) on May 10-13, 2017 in Raleigh, NC.