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## Meeting and Program Schedule

Meetings at Mountain View Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place on first Tuesdays, 7:30 PM.

### September 4th:

*I Read It In a Book: Can Historical Fiction Help In Your Genealogy?:* Marcia Wyett will show how historical fiction can shed light on our ancestors' occupations, social customs and the historical events surrounding them. She will also tell us how to find the books that are just right for our research situations.

### October 2nd:

*The Pioneer and the Prairie Lawyer:* Willard Mounts will be presenting the results of his research that spans 400 years of the histories of the Daniel Boone and Abraham Lincoln families. His program will discuss much interesting information about these famous families... that the history textbooks left out!

### November 6th:

*Researching Federal Land Records- The Acquisition, Surveying & Disposal of the Public Domain:* Dennis Jenkins, BLM Retiree/Volunteer, will be the speaker. Learn what records were created and how to locate them. This program will be followed up with three more short sessions (see page 3), also by Dennis Jenkins, at 9:00 to 11:15 AM on the following Wednesday morning. Location to be announced.

### December 4th:

*Acadia, a Forgotten Land:* Dr. R.W. "Ben" Benoit will recall the journey of the Acadian people from their origin in the 17th century to the end of the 18th. In 1755, a small, independent and peace-loving people were tragically and forever dispossessed of their homeland, Acadia.

### January 1, 2002:

No meeting due to holiday.

## Library News

Several people have asked how our BGS Library items are selected. The collection has come both from donations and from purchases. The BGS serves patrons who are interested in Boulder County, but also those who have ancestors from outside the local area. To serve the local area and the Carnegie Library of Local History where our collection is housed, we strive to be the premier source of Boulder County items with a strong Colorado focus as well. The future plan is to branch out into materials of neighboring counties since many of the early miners/settlers moved throughout the territories of Boulder, Gilpin and Jefferson Counties. Obtaining more materials from neighboring states is another priority.

Purchased items on other states have a broader focus than just a specific township or county. States along migration routes are better represented because more of the ancestors stopped there. We also have excellent "how-to" manuals and aids.

Our librarian, Diana Neff, is checking in books which will be highlighted in a later *Quarterly*. The BGS will continue to update and to serve our membership. Please let Diana know if there are materials you think would be helpful to our library users.

And a thank you to our new library volunteers- Bill Real, Linda Kepler, Cari Taplin and Jan Polkinghorne. And, special thanks to Cari Taplin who has offered to be our Library Volunteer Coordinator beginning the end of August.

### Carnegie Library\* Hours

Day	Open	Volunteer On Duty
Monday	1- 9 pm	2- 4, 7- 9 pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat	11 am- 5 pm	2- 4 pm
Wednesday	9 am- 5 pm	10- 12 am, 2- 4 pm

\* 1125 Pine St. Reserved parking available at Trinity Lutheran Church on Bdwy, spaces 3, 4, 17, 18 & 19.



## Remember the *Garage Sale!*

September 1st & 2nd

Same Location as Last Year:

7351 Panorama Dr. (Spanish Hills), 8 am - 4 pm

And don't forget how important it is!



## Conference Calendar

A listing of some of the upcoming genealogical conferences, both local (in **bold**) and national. Where listed, FGS refers to Federation of Genealogical Societies, NGS to National Genealogical Society and CCGS to Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies.

On a space-available basis, this calendar will be updated and included in each *Newsletter*.

- Aug 26-Sept 8     *NGS Research Trip to Germany*- Trip to northern Germany with stops at various archives, research facilities and museums in Berlin, Hannover, Hamburg and Leipzig including the world-famous Pergamon in Berlin. Contact John T. Humphrey of NGS at (703) 525-0050.
- September 12-15 *FGS/Quad Cities Conference, Great River Bend Genealogy* in Davenport, Iowa. A Heartland Gathering. Visit FGS Website at: <[www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org)>.
- September 29     *Connecticut Society of Genealogists Genealogy Seminar*- Manchester Community College Manchester, CT. For info, call (860) 569-0002 or visit website at: <[www.csginc.org](http://www.csginc.org)>.
- October 20-27 & *NGS Research Trips to Belfast, Northern Ireland and to Dublin, Ireland*.
- October 27-Nov 3     For info on both trips, contact NGS at (800) 473-0060 or <[ngsw@ngswgenealogy.org](mailto:ngsw@ngswgenealogy.org)>.
- October 27     *NGS Regional Conference*- San Francisco, CA, hosted by California Genealogical Society at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City. Speakers will be Curt Witcher & Cyndi Howells. Call for info: (800) 473-0060. Room reservations at Crowne Plaza Hotel: (650) 570-5700.
- November 10     *NGS Regional Conference*- South Bend, IN, hosted by South Bend Area Genealogical Society. Speakers Sheila Benedict & Cyndi Howells. At Holiday Inn City Center- room reservations (219) 232-3941. Conference info (800) 473-0060.
- January 20-27, 2002     *NGS 2002 Research Trip to Salt Lake City, Utah*. For info, check NGS website at: <http://ngsgenealogy.org/edutripsaltlake.htm> or call (800) 473-0060.
- May 15-18, 2002     *NGS 2002 Conference in the States*- Milwaukee, WI. More info later.

For many other conferences in the USA & other countries, & more info on some of those above, see the latest issue of the FGS *Forum* or NGS *Newsmagazine*. BGS section of the Carnegie Library also has flyers on many conferences.

### Beginning Genealogy Class

This class is designed to acquaint beginning researchers with the tools needed to discover and organize their family histories. You will learn the basics of family history research- how to make sense of and organize the data you collect. We will also discuss the impact the computer has had on research and how you can begin to take advantage of it. The class is designed to be fun, as well as to start you on the trail of finding your family history.

There will be 3 morning classes and a field trip, plus an optional evening field trip. The dates are:

Monday September 17th & 24th, 9 am to 11:30 am and

Friday, September 21st & 28th, 9 am to 11:30 am.

The optional field trip is Thursday, September 27th, 7 to 9 pm.

Classes will be held in the Eldorado Room at the East Boulder Senior Center, 5660 Sioux Drive, Boulder CO 80303. For information, call Betty Kraling at (303) 441-4172 or Suzi Plooster (303) 494-6708.

Register with the East Boulder Senior Center by mail (make check payable to City of Boulder), or in person. Registration forms are available at Senior Centers or in the Boulder Senior Services Quarterly. Fee for class is: City resident \$24, Non-resident \$30 (includes numerous reasearch handouts). The class is open to all adults.

Attendees will need to bring to class one 3 inch, 3 ring notebook, and one set of "EXTRA WIDE" notebook dividers. These are available at office supply stores.

Suzi Plooster, instructor, has been researching her and her husband's family genealogy for 14 years. She has taught 3 previous beginners classes and other workshops and is enthusiastic about teaching beginners. She has successfully researched and found three of her grandparents familiy genealogies in Poland, Spain and Italy. She has visited with newly found relatives in Spain and Poland. She has researched her husbands four family lines back to the 1500s in Holland. Last fall, she and her husband went to the Netherlands where they visited newly found relatives and all the villages of his ancestors, which she had previously researched. She is a member of the Boulder Genealogical Society, Fayette/Raleigh County WV Genealocial Society, Sioux County Genealogical Society and the Polish Genealogical Society of America.

**Program Schedule**

(Follow-up to Nov 6th program)

7 November 2001, 9-11:15 AM:

*Fractured Patterns: History of BLM - The Public Disposal Era:* A 30 minute video including: Surveying the Land, The Early Disposal Policies, When Grass Was Gold, Indian Issues, & The Mineral Frontier.

*Using Legal Land Descriptions and Tract Books:* Learn how to use Tract Books to locate ancestors buying or homesteading federal land.

*Using the BLM - GLO Records Internet Site:* Learn how to use this surname index to locate ancestors buying or homesteading federal land.

**WWI Military Maps**

The Map Library at the University of Colorado, Boulder has indexed a set of World War I military maps of the northeast portion of France near Nancy and Metz. They are extraordinarily detailed and full of interesting features such as farms and buildings.

Anyone researching French ancestry may be interested in looking at them. For further information, call Naomi Heiser at (303) 492-4966 or E-mail at <naomi.heiser@colorado.edu>.

**Word Processor Typists Needed**

Our BGS *Quarterly* is in need of 1 or 2 persons to type first drafts of extractions to be included in our publication. If you have a few hours available each quarter to help out, please contact the Editor, Diane Benedict, at (303) 823-6651 or degebe@earthlink.net.

**Summary of Recent BGS Meetings**

April: BGS met on April 4th with 36 members and seven guests present. Our guest speaker was Silvia Pettem, author of "Separate Lives: The Story of Mary Rippon", the first female professor at the University of Colorado. She hid her marriage and daughter in order to keep her teaching position. Silvia's research pieced together the story from CU artifacts and family information.

May: Our annual Dessert Night was held at Frazier Manor. Forty-four members and fifteen guests enjoyed desserts provided by our members. Bonnie Harms played the harp for our enjoyment. Our guest speaker was Pam Faro. She shared the story "Searching for Grandpa's Island", her search for the island off the coast of Norway from which her grandfather came, and how she found her family's connection there.

June: Forty members and four guests were present for J. Richards program on "Celtic Cowboyology: Genealogical Research on American Cowboys of Irish, Welsh, and Scottish Descent". He suggested "Lonesome Dove" by Larry McMurtry as a picture of Celtic cowboy lore. Young men came to America beginning in the 17th and 18th centuries. The golden age of cowboys was 1866 to 1895. Cowboys were rugged individualists, used to hard work, and willing to work for low pay.

July: "Seven Tips and Tales" was the topic of our July 3rd meeting. Forty members and one guest learned from the genealogical experiences of seven of our members. Betty Youngblood, Julie Miller, Birdie Holsclaw, Jan Polkinghorne, Glen Berg, Rose Mary Highman and Bonnie and Orville Harms shared their experiences in finding and connecting through genealogy. ...Judy McGee, Recording Secretary