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Meeting and Program Schedule

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

August 6th: *Tombstone Tales: Digging up Information in the Cemetery* Mary Reilly-McNellan.

They say that "Dead Men Tell No Tales," but anyone who has learned how to "read" a cemetery knows that there are many genealogical clues to be found amid the tombstones. This presentation will provide information on effectively exploring old graveyards, analyzing information that can be gleaned from headstones, and an update on the recent restoration and conservation efforts taking place in Boulder's own pioneer graveyard, Columbia Cemetery. (More on page 3.)

September 3rd: *Early Days in Colorado - Hand Tools and Their Uses* Tim Ostwald.

First-hand description and demonstration of tools and implements used on small farms by blacksmiths and those engaged in logging, lumbering, and mining activity in southwestern Colorado. Presentation is based on a video made by the author as participant in the Carnegie Library Maria Rogers Oral History Project. (More on page 3.)

October 1st: Deborah Hollis, librarian at CU's Norlin Library, will be doing a presentation on resources available at Norlin (& possibly other sources on campus). Details unavailable at press time.

November 5th: *Finding a Place Called Home: Exploring Maps, Gazetteers and Place Name Guides*

James K. Jeffrey. We use maps to place our ancestors in the towns and villages where they lived, loved, worked and worshipped. Towns rarely move, but with the shifting geo-political boundaries of the last few centuries, you will need to discover the resources that will assist you in unlocking the secrets of these "new" locations. Explore the resources and methodologies that will help you find your place called home. (More on page 3.)

December 3rd: Rick Saunders, former BGS member, will present a program. Details unavailable at press time.

Library News

In memory of Phyllis Mary Peterson Christiansen, the Carnegie Library has purchased a copy of Josephine L. Harper's *Guide to the Draper Manuscripts*. Copies of Draper's manuscripts are at the Denver Public Library; now you can use the Guide here in Boulder to decide which sections you might want to use. Also, in memory of LeRoy "Bud" Dunn Moloney, we have purchased *The Spanish Recolonization of New Mexico*, an account of the families recruited at Mexico City in 1693, by Jose Antonio Esquibel and John B. Colligan and *Origins of New Mexico Families*, a genealogy of the Spanish Colonial Period, by Fray Angelico Chavez.

In this column of the last *Newsletter*, we talked about OPACs (On-line Public Access Catalogs). The most famous OPAC is at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC (<http://www.loc.gov>). On the Website, click on the graphic labeled "Using the Library-Catalogs, Collections & Research Services". Another site for library OPACs is LibrarySpot (<http://www.libraryspot.com/librariesonline.htm>). This site will link you to other libraries of all sorts. With access to these libraries you can determine library locations, hours of operation, collection content, policies, and even the cost of photocopies.

Books on order for the library include a couple other Spanish genealogy books: *Mexican and Spanish Family Research* and *Beginning Mexican Research*. Also, Rhoda McClure's *The Genealogist's Computer Companion*, Kathleen Hinckley's *Your Guide to the Federal Census for Genealogists, Researchers, and Family Historians* and Maureen Taylor's *Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs*. We have also ordered the 1930 Boulder County Census. It should be received by the time this *Newsletter* goes to press. ...Linda Kepler, Librarian

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!*

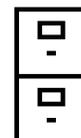
August 31st and September 1st

Same Location as Last Year:

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

And don't forget how important it is!

(See page 4 for details)



Conference & Event Calendar

A listing of some of the upcoming genealogical conferences and other events, 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*.

August 7-10 ***FGS Annual Conference 2002***- Ontario, CA. Six or more tracks of topics with about 2000 participants. For brochures: FGS Business Office, PO Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940 or E-mail <fgs-office@fgs.org> or call (888) FGS-1500 or visit Website at <<http://www.fgs.org>>.

Sept. 20-21 ***Montana State Genealogical Society Conference***- Hosted by Yellowstone Genealogical Forum at Sheraton Hotel, Billings, Montana. John Colletta is featured speaker. Contact Louisa LaRue, 191 Seven Avenue C, Billings, MT 59102, phone: (406) 252-1070 or E-mail <lourue1917@juno.com>.

Sept. 24-
Oct. 1 Ulster Historical Foundation 12th Annual Family History Conference: ***Landlords, Tenants & Tithes***.

At three locations: Belfast, Enniskillen and Dublin, Ireland, including Scottish tour & Pre-Conference Workshop. E-mail: enquiry@uhf.org.uk; Website:<www.ancestryireland.com>.

Sept. 27-28 ***CCGS Seminar: "Treasures & Trends in Genealogy"***- Elizabeth Shown Mills, Maureen Taylor, **BGS member Birdie Monk Holsclaw**, Eric Bittner, James Jeffrey, Janice Prater, Patricia Law Hatcher and Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens will be featured speakers. To be held at Hilton Hotel, Denver Tech Center South, 7801 E. Orchard Rd., Englewood, CO. For more info, contact Mary Roach at <donroach@juno.com> or (303) 421-1288. BGS members will receive registration forms by mail with the August Quarterly.

Oct. 14-19 ***The British Institute***- Salt Lake City, Utah. sponsored by the Int'l Society for British Genealogy & Family History. For registration info, E-mail: <isbgfh@yahoo.com>.

Jan. 17-18 ***Gentech 2003***- hosted by the Arizona Genealogical Computer Interest Group. Phoenix, AZ. See Web page **2003** <www.gentech.org> for info & registration.

NGS Research Trips: Sept. 14-21 Belfast, Northern Ireland; Sept. 21-28 Dublin, Ireland; Oct. 27-Nov. 2 London, England; Jan. 19-26, **2003** Salt Lake City, Utah. See Web site: <www.ngsgenealogy.org>.

NGS Regional Conferences: Oct. 19 Columbia, MD; Nov. 9 Columbus, OH; Feb. 14-16, **2003** Hilton Head Island, SC. See Web site: <www.ngsgenealogy.org> or call (703) 525-0050.

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.

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

If you haven't checked out this E-Mail "List", "A Weekly Summary of Events and Topics of Interest to Online Genealogists", you'll be impressed. The newsletter is sponsored by Ancestry.com. It is available either as an ASCII (text only) format or as HTML. The author, Dick Eastman, is the forum manager of the three Genealogy Forums on CompuServe. He also is the author of "Your Roots: Total Genealogy Planning On Your Computer", published by Ziff-Davis Press.

As an example, the Vol. 7 No. 27 - July 8, 2002 issue contains the following articles:

- Possible Lawsuit Against International Roots Conference (**HOPE YOU DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR IT!**)
- New Online Database about Early Asian Immigrants to the U.S.
- Michigan eLibrary
- The Dynamic Family Tree (International)
- 1871 and 1891 Oxfordshire Census Indexes on CD-ROM
- DNA Analysis Fails to Prove Melungeon Origins
- American Military Insignia References
- What's in a Name?
- Custer's Brief Last Stand
- Home Pages Highlighted

Over the next couple of months, we'll be celebrating the

35th Anniversary of the BGS

Stay tuned for more information.

The method of subscribing and unsubscribing changed recently. The easiest method to subscribe or unsubscribe is via the Web. Go to: <http://www.rootsforum.com> If you prefer to subscribe by e-mail, send e-mail to: newsletter-subscribe@eastman.biglist.com. To unsubscribe via e-mail, send a message to: newsletter-unsubscribe@eastman.biglist.com.

Summary of Recent BGS Meetings

May 7 (Dessert Night): The annual Dessert Night meeting of the Boulder Genealogical Society was held in the Sky Lounge at Frasier Meadows Manor. The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ann Looney. Minutes were approved and posted for all to read. There was no Treasurer's Report. Attendance was reported to be 51 persons which included 1 guest speaker, 12 guests, and 38 regular members. No business was conducted. Entertainment was provided by Bonnie Harms, who played the harp as we were having our dessert. Guest speaker was Sandra Greenberg, whose talk was "Jewish Stories from Eastern Europe to the Wild West". Desserts were yummy. The speaker was delightful. A great time was had by all! Thanks to the Harms for taking charge of this lovely event.

June 4: President Mary Ann Looney called the meeting to order and welcomed 34 members and 2 guests. The minutes of the May meeting were read by Secretary Rita Rosson and approved as read. Treasurer Pam Michener reported BGS finances as follows: General Fund \$1776.02, Library fund \$7459.49, Special Fund \$2096.04, Endowment Fund \$6321.99. Pam also reported that she printed a copy of *Measuring America*; 1790-2000 census information. The copy is to be donated to Carnegie Library; however, anyone can access it on the Web at www.census.gov and click on "Publications", and then *Measuring America*. Tim Ostwald reported that Pat is home from the hospital and doing quite well from having heart problems over the past weekend. Ralph Anderson, Member at Large, reported that October is Family History Month. BGS has exhibit space at the main library in Boulder for 3 weeks in October. He would like help in putting together a display to plug Carnegie, BGS, and different aspects of genealogy. Joan Dawson, Membership Chair, needs a person to help in this position and then take it over. She uses a program in Microsoft Access written by Earl Beaty, so computer knowledge would be helpful. Rose Mary Highman has agreed to again be in charge of the garage sale to be held at Arlene Devore's home on August 31 and September 1. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting for help with pricing, sorting and sales. Start saving your "valuables"- especially needed are antiques or collectables, but please, no clothes. Annette Botello, CCGS Representative, reported that fliers are available for the CCGS-sponsored conference in Denver this coming September. Cari Taplin, Library Volunteer Coordinator and Webmaster, says regular volunteers are still needed. Work has begun on the Daily Camera Obituary Project & she could use help. She has a microfilm reader for sale. Linda Kepler, Librarian, brought a collection of duplicate books from the library for sale. Pam McDonald, Program Chair, introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Roger Dudley. His topic was on a what a treasure trove of information there is to be found in small town newspapers. This was a very informative presentation. Snacks for the evening provided by Linda Kepler, Rita Rosson, Bonnie Harms, and Jan Polkinghorn

July 2: President Mary Ann Looney called the meeting to order. We had 41 members present and three visitors in addition to the guest speaker. Minutes of the June meetings were approved as read by Secretary Rita Rosson. June 30 balances, as read by Treasurer Pam Michener with report attached, were: General Fund \$1235.14, Library Fund \$7209.00, Special Fund \$2098.04, Endowment Fund \$6347.05. Librarian Linda Kepler reported that duplicate books from Carnegie Library are for sale after the meeting. As an experiment, audio tapes are for rent. Pat Morgan volunteered to bring the cassettes to each meeting and collect \$1 for each tape. A listing of the audio cassettes is attached. Birdie Holsclaw reported that the committee for the Library Exhibit met and has several ideas on what to put in the display case at the main Boulder Library in October. Cari Taplin, Library Volunteer Coordinator and Webmaster, still needs volunteers to help at Carnegie Library. She has started the indexing project of abstracting obituaries from the Boulder Daily Camera, but needs help. Board members were reminded that there will be no board meeting in July. Bob Kube, Forms Chairman, has 15 generation charts for sale. Diane Benedict has authored a new book, "Birth of A Quarry Town" about Lyons, Colorado. She has copies for sale for \$23.54 with tax. The BGS Garage Sale is August 31 and September 1. The August *Newsletter* will give details. Thanks to Ruth Ratliff, Bonnie Harms and Linda Kepler for refreshments. Program Chair Pam McDonald introduced the speaker for the evening, Erik P. Conard. His talk was a hands-on approach to using 1810-1850 census records.

...Rita Rosson, Recording Secretary

Mary Reilly-McNellan (August 6 Program)

BGS member Mary Reilly-McNellan has been obtaining grants and managing the Columbia Cemetery Preservation Project for the City of Boulder since 1998. She has been interested in cemeteries since the mid-1980s, when she first portrayed a deceased "madam" for a popular Historic Boulder event called "Meet the Spirits." Mary serves as coordinator of the Columbia Cemetery Conservation Corps, a group of dedicated volunteers who perform simple repairs and documentation tasks in Columbia.

Thanks in great part to the work of BGS member and Conservation Corps Documentation Specialist Mary McRoberts, she has learned to appreciate the use of graveyards as historical and genealogical resources, teaching tools, and the importance of preserving them. Her bumper sticker reads, "I Brake for Old Graveyards," so watch out if you see her in traffic!

James K. Jeffrey (November 5 Program)

James K. Jeffrey is Collection Specialist in Genealogy at the Denver Public Library and is president of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies and immediate past-president of the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists. He is Archivist-Historian of Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England Family History Society and a trustee of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History. He is a member of the CO Genealogical Society, VA Genealogical Society, Sons of the American Revolution, General Society of Colonial Wars and Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.

Tim Ostwald (September 3 Program)

BGS member Tim Ostwald was born in Durango Colorado and raised on a small homestead farm in the Pine River Valley in the San Juan Basin of Southwestern Colorado. He was former president of the Boulder Genealogical Society and for several years Editor of the BGS Quarterly.

You Bring It, We'll Sell It!!

The **BGS GARAGE SALE-** Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1 from 8 AM to 4 PM, needs you AND your sale items. This is the major fund-raiser for our Genealogy Collection at Carnegie Library, so we need your participation!

Please look in your home, apartment or garage for functional items you no longer use, but could be useful to others. (**No clothes, please**) Here's your chance to clear out that clutter (and perhaps make room for genealogy papers). Please bring clean items and, if item is electrically powered, note its working condition.

Popular sales items are: books, games, children's toys, baskets, furniture, carnival glass, dishes, tools, sports equipment, picture frames, mirrors, jewelry, collectibles, office supplies, and whatever else you have. One person's merchandise can find new life in another's household. Don't hold back—fill those sacks.

We'll sell baked goods and plants on sale days. If you have large or unique items which could be included in the newspaper ads, call Pam Michener at 447-0620.

Items other than plants and food can be taken to the Devore's home, 7351 Panorama Drive, on Saturday August 24 or the following Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 9 AM and 4 PM (the earlier in this time period, the better). No call is needed to take merchandise to the Devore home on these dates. Plants and food can be taken on **Saturday morning, Aug. 31.** Furniture can be taken Saturday morning Aug. 31 or a picture of the item can be posted as suggested below.

NOTE: large and special items, such as those listed below, may be offered for sale only by posting a notice on the bulletin board provided at the garage sale. These are: large appliances, water beds, car-top carriers, building materials, doors & windows, adult skis, paints and other liquid products, auto tires and wheels, boats, trailers, etc.

Use large lettering on your poster, include a picture of the item as appropriate, and state where and when the item may be inspected by interested buyers. Previous items sold in this manner have included a freezer, a piano, and a camping trailer! The sky is the limit--- the proceeds go to your BGS!!!

How to get there: From Boulder, go east on South Boulder Rd. and turn right (south) at Barcelona Drive, just before the signal at 76th Street which tees in from the left. A sign at Barcelona says "Spanish Hills". Note the double yellow line in the road; you will follow it most of the way. Stay on Barcelona until it ends at a stop sign at Paragon Drive. Continuing straight ahead and downhill, the street name changes to Wells Drive for a short distance until it joins Spring Drive (sign slightly hidden on left), and curves to the right (following the double yellow). Continue on Spring Drive, which starts winding up a long hill. You'll pass a "No Outlet" sign. Nearing the top, turn left on Panorama Drive, which tees into Spring Drive. The second house on the left, 7351 Panorama Drive, is Arlene's home with peach-colored siding and tan brick. Across the street is a large "A-frame". The distance from South Boulder Rd. is about a mile. Signs will be posted on Garage Sale days. A map will be handed out at the August BGS meeting.

Pricing will start on Tuesday, August 27. (And thank you to Arlene for hosting the event again!!)

WANTED: sorting, pricing, selling, clean-up help. Sign up at the August meeting or call Pam Michener (303) 447-0620, Mary Ann Looney (303) 666-7234 or Rose Mary Highman (303) 494-7688 to volunteer. **MANY HANDS MAKE THE WORK LIGHT (and fun).** Donate, Help Out, and Buy!!

Your help supports our Carnegie Library fund

Fall Beginning Genealogy Class

Advanced notice is being given for the "Beginning Genealogy" class to be offered again this fall through the joint efforts of the Boulder Senior Center and BGS with Suzi Plooster as the instructor. This class will give a thorough grounding in the basic tools and methods that you need to know and use to do sound genealogy. It will include four class sessions on Monday and Friday mornings Sept 23, 27, 30, & Oct 4 with a field trip on Monday Oct 7. Classes will be held from 9:00AM to 11:30AM each day at the East Boulder Senior Center.

As a result of the class, students will compile a notebook of tools and resources to aid in their genealogy as well as complete family group sheets and ancestor charts with information they already have. There will also be a short time devoted to using computer resources.

Classes are open to members of BGS and all adults who are interested. Cost is: City resident \$24.00, non-resident \$30.00; registration will be at the East Boulder Senior Center and information will be available in the Fall Senior Quarterly which comes out at the end of August. For more information, call Suzi Plooster at (303) 494-6708.

WWWWeb Watch A guide to finding information on the Internet for topics of genealogical interest :

Civil War Research A Web site concerning Andersonville Civil War Prison in Andersonville, Georgia put together by Kevin Frye who is a local Andersonville historian and a National Park Service Volunteer. It offers a variety of information concerning the Andersonville area as well as free look-ups and other services. If you are researching this area, you may want to check out this web site: <<http://www.angelfire.com/ga2/Andersonvilleprison/index.html>>.

The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library Web site has a nice and easy online obituary index for Sandusky County Ohio and surrounding areas of Northwestern Ohio. It features a good description of what is in the obituary as well as an easy to use shopping cart for ordering copies of the obituaries. The URL for the obituary index is: <<http://index.rbhayes.org>>.

Are you in need of a Perpetual Calendar? This Web site gives a nice, easy-to-use version for the Julian and Gregorian Calendars: <http://utopia.knoware.nl/users/eprebel/Calendar/Perpetual>

Birthday Calculator: <<http://searchforancestors.com/utility/birthday.html>>. This site offers a quick and easy way to calculate a birthday from those tombstones or obituaries that say "John Smith died on June 12, 1884. He was 84 years, 2 months and 14 days old at the time of his death". It is quick and allows you to decide between the Gregorian or Julian Calendars and offers an explanation about the two calendars, including a list of when countries switched to the Gregorian so you can be sure your calculations are accurate.

If you are interested in UK and Irish Genealogy, check out this Web site: <<http://www.genuki.org.uk>>. It offers a wide variety of topics about the region such as Archives and Libraries, Cemeteries, Colonization, Military History, Newspapers, Periodicals, Societies and many more. They also offer a free newsletter <<http://www.genuki.org.uk/news>> to keep you informed of the latest additions to the Web site.

...Cari Taplin, Webmaster

A New History of Lyons, Colorado

Diane Benedict, BGS member and former Quarterly Editor, has just published a book entitled "*Birth of a Quarry Town: 1800s Lyons, Colorado*". It consists of 354 pages with stories about the earliest pioneers and land owners, railroads, quarries, roads, etc. and also covers genealogical and geological data, plat maps, city directories and other interesting topics. Many old photos are included.

Her story of how she happened to join the BGS and to later write the book is included in the current *BGS Quarterly* issue. The book is available in Boulder libraries, the Boulder Bookstore and Borders Books or from Diane at "Applications, Plus" (303) 823-6651. The price is \$21.95 retail + tax.

Carnegie Library Class

On May 11, Pat Ostwald led a group of 12 participants through the holdings of our BGS collection at Carnegie and Linda Kepler taught them how to use the computer database for the collection. Ruth Ratliff and Betty Youngblood gave out "class assignments" which pointed to various specific findings in the collection. We appreciate Pat and Linda taking their Saturday morning time and their expertise in the use of the collection.

If you missed this class but would like to learn more about our collection at Carnegie, or perhaps become a volunteer at Carnegie, call Ruth Ratliff (303) 444-2331 or Betty Youngblood (303) 543-0230 to have your name placed on the waiting list.

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