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# Boulder Genealogical Society Newsletter

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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 7th:** *The Map Collection at the CU Library*

This Program will be held in conjunction with the Education Committee's workshop on maps at the University of Colorado Library on August 8th.

Maps can be useful and enjoyable tools in genealogical research. This presentation will give an overview of finding and using maps and related resources, focusing on the very impressive collection at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Speakers will be Laura Wright and Naomi Heiser.

### **September 4th:** *"Creative Applications for Genealogical Research"* Ellen S. Kowitt

**October 2nd:** *"How to Have the Best Family Reunion Ever"* Bobbi King. Now is a great time to get started on reunion planning. Build excitement during the holidays with the plans you've begun, and watch the excitement grow.

### **Nov. 6th:** *"How to Keep Your Computer Humming"* Art Thayer

### **Dec. 4th:** *"Piece By Piece, Page By Page- An Approach to Writing"* Cari Taplin

And, for 2008:

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**Feb. 5th:** To be announced later

### **Mar. 4th:** *"Will the Real Molly Brown Stand Up?"* Julie Miller (Women's Month)

### **Apr. 1st:** *"Black Sheep Stories"* Birdie Holsclaw

(More info on programs & speakers on Page 5)

...All Programs organized by Pam McDonald,  
Program Chairperson

## Library News (from Library Committee Mtg)

BGS has received permission from Head Librarian Wendy Hall to use the display case in the Carnegie Library in October for a Family History month display. This needs to be firmed up and a BGS group put in charge.

The Daily Camera Newspaper wants to donate its pre-1995 non-digital archive of newspaper items to the Boulder Public Library, since the Camera Archivist has resigned and will not be replaced. BPL is looking for storage space. The proposed basement addition at Carnegie would be used if that project goes forward; it would provide 1200 sq. ft. The Library does not think the archive would fit in our current BGS area.

The Library has invited BGS to be part of their monthly talk series at Carnegie if we wish to.

BGS members should read the article in Ancestry Daily News 6/1/2007 (Archive), which President Joan Dawson requested that the Board study for future discussion. It proposes that all society publications migrate to the internet, which would result in no more exchange publications being available at Carnegie. It's not known how often members and other Carnegie patrons use these at present, and it would be useful for the Board to get some feedback on that issue to help in studying all the options, costs and benefits before any changes are made.

...Ralph Anderson

### 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 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21.



## Remember the Garage Sale!

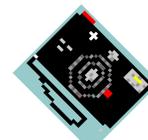
August 25th and 26th

**Same Location as Last Year:**

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

And don't forget how important it is!

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**Please Remember-- NO clothes, computers, phones or old electronics can be accepted for the sale**

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*.

- Aug. 15-18 ***FGS/Allen County Public Library Conference: "A Meeting at the Crossroads of America"***  
To be held at the Grand Wayne Center - Fort Wayne, Indiana. For lots of info, and to register, check the FGS Website at: <http://www.fgs.org>. BGS members Birdie Holsclaw and Julie Miller are among the many well-known speakers.
- Sept. 8 ***Hank Jones Seminar***: Sponsored by the Longmont Genealogical Society. In "The Meeting Place Room" at Courtyard by Marriott, 1450 Dry Creek Drive, Longmont, Colorado 80501. 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Four presentations: "When the Sources are Wrong", "Tracing the Origins of Early 18th Century Palatine & Other Immigrants", "Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact from Fiction in Genealogical Research" and "How Psychic Roots Became an Unsolved Mystery". Early Bird Special Tickets \$30 (before Aug. 15th); otherwise \$35. For info & Registration brochures, go to: <http://rootsweb.com/~colgs> or e-mail Carrie at: [car\\_olo7@yahoo.com](mailto:car_olo7@yahoo.com).
- Oct. 8 - 12 ***The Seventh Annual British Institute***, in Salt Lake City, Utah, sponsored by the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, has been announced. The Institute is a week of study in various areas of researching British Isles, with an opportunity to research in the Family History Library. For more information about courses, instructors and to register, go to the Society's Website at: <http://www.isbgfh.org> or send an e-mail to: [isbgfh@yahoo.com](mailto:isbgfh@yahoo.com).

### 2008

- Feb. 24 - ***NGS Salt Lake City Research Trip***: Salt Lake City, Utah. More info later on NGS Website at: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.
- Mar. 2
- May 14-18 ***30th NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair***: Kansas City, MO. More info later on NGS Website at: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>
- Sept. 3-6 ***2008 FGS Conference- Footprints of Family History***: Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA. More info later at: <http://www.fgs.org>.

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.

## **New Members and Other Member Information**

We welcome the following new members who have joined the BGS since the last *Newsletter*:

Mona Lambrecht  
6520 Depew Court  
Arvada, CO 80003-4736  
303 420-9405

Betty and Shirley Logan  
3125 Replier Street  
Boulder, CO 80304-2762  
303 442-5352

New Address  
John and Celesta Porritt  
3015 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Boulder, CO 80304-2732

New Phone Number  
Bill Lord 303 444-1403

New Email Address  
Cari Taplin [cat.taplin@gmail.com](mailto:cat.taplin@gmail.com)

## **News of Our Members**

At the April BGS Board meeting, it was announced that BGS members Mary McRoberts and Cari Taplin had received a "Real People Writing Real History" award from the Boulder Heritage Roundtable at the "Boulder Historic Preservation Awards" ceremony on 14 May for the Green Mountain Cemetery Index book. Mary and Cari want it to be known that they accepted the award on behalf of the volunteers who helped with the very extensive project, and it would have never gotten done without all of their help. Thanks to all!

## You Bring It, We'll Sell It!!

The **BGS GARAGE SALE**- Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26 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. And, NO computers, phones or old electronics please, because they don't sell and wind up costing us money for removal.** Here's your chance to clear out that clutter (and perhaps make room for genealogy papers!). Please bring clean items and, if the 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 Mary Ann Looney at (303) 449-5325 or Arlene Devore at (303) 499-9530.

**Items other than plants and food can be taken to the Devore's home, 7351 Panorama Drive, on Saturday Aug. 18 or the following Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 9 AM to 11AM or 1 PM to 3 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 of the first Sale day, Aug. 25.** Furniture can be taken that same morning 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 and 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 local area roads on Garage Sale days. A map will be handed out at the August BGS meeting.

**Pricing will start on Monday, August 20.** (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 Mary Ann Looney (303) 449-5325 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

## Summary of Recent BGS Meetings

**May 1st (Dessert Night):** The annual May Dessert Night meeting was called to order by President Joan Dawson at 7 p.m. in the Sky Lounge of Frasier Meadows Retirement Center. A total of 73 people (48 members and 25 guests) were in attendance. Jan Polkinghorne provided piano music while guests were arriving. During the first half hour, attendees enjoyed the various desserts provided by Society members.

The meeting began at 7:30. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were posted for members to look at. Joan mentioned that the BGS Website has a great deal of information available. Joan then mentioned some highlights of the past year: An increase in membership, publication of the Green Mountain Cemetery Index, successful monthly community program at the Boulder Public Library spearheaded by Pat Roberts, beginning genealogy class by Suzi Plooster, Pat Roberts is new president of Colorado Council of Genealogy Societies, excellent speakers and programs as well as well-attended "You Asked for It" sessions. New Business: Distinguished Service Award: Tim Ostwald spoke eloquently about the accomplishments of Lois Westcott, this year's posthumous recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Lois' name has been put on the plaque at Carnegie Library and a letter sent to her daughter stating that she has received the award. Lois was very active in the society, especially working with the Quarterly and extracting many records, including local estate records. She was a regular contributor to the Quarterly for over 20 years.

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

**Newspaper Digitization Project** <http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/>

Located at the Library of Congress Website, "This site allows you to search and read newspaper pages from 1900-1910 and find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present. Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress as part of the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)." Over a period of approximately 20 years, NDNP will create a national, digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1836 and 1922 from all U.S. states and territories. Also on the Web site, an accompanying national newspaper directory of bibliographic and holdings information directs users to newspaper titles in all formats.

**The Immigrant Servants Database** <http://immigrantservants.com/>

The Website says "The Immigrant Servants Database is a project designed to help Americans trace the European origins of their colonial ancestors. Historians estimate that over 75% of colonists who settled South of New England financed their voyages to the New World as indentured servants, convict servants, and redemptioners. This project aims to identify all immigrants described by these terms in American and European sources from 1607 through 1820 and to reconstruct their lives and families. It is predicted that over 100,000 immigrant servants will be identified."

**Nova Scotia Vital Records Online** <https://www.novascotiagenealogy.com/>

This site offers birth, marriage and death records. The years covered are different for each record group but cover the range of 1864-1955. There are digital images as well as indexes for these records. This is another great site for our neighbors to the north. You can look at the images for free but if you want a copy, either electronic or on paper, you have to purchase them.

**25 Things That Make Genealogy Fun** <http://genealogybranches.com/genealogyfun.html>

Here are some hilarious genealogy-related funnies, plus links to several somewhat more serious Websites.

...Cari Taplin, Webmaster

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### **May 1st (Dessert Night):** (Continued)

Birdie Holsclaw introduced the speaker for the evening, Robert Sheets, who presented a fascinating program on the Salem Witch Trials of 1692. His 6th great-grandfather was one of the "martyrs" who was hanged on Gallows Hill during the witch trials. Joan ended the evening by thanking all those who brought desserts, Arlene Devore for chairing the event, Betty and Bill Youngblood, the Harms, and all the others who helped make the evening a success. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

...Judy Rothe, Recording Secretary

**June 5th:** The meeting was called to order by President Joan Dawson at 7:30 p.m. Forty-four members and seven guests were in attendance. Abbreviated minutes were read. Treasurer Jim Peterson reported a total balance of all funds at nearly \$18,500. He moved \$1,800 from the Sanford Gladden Fund to the Endowment Fund per the Board's earlier decision. Anna Wittstrom, Corresponding Secretary, sent sympathy cards, a Thank You to the May speaker and get well cards during the prior month. Joan asked the members to think about changing the format of the Dessert Night to a combination of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Will be revisited later. The National Family History Month is in October and if anyone is interesting in leading local celebrations/notice of this, they are asked to contact Joan or Cari. The Garage sale is August 25 and 26. Volunteers are needed for our major fundraiser. No January meeting because of New Year's Day on first Tuesday of the month. Installation of officers will occur in February. The Longmont Seminar is September 8<sup>th</sup> and features Hank Jones. Anna Wittstrom and Mary Ann Looney were thanked for the refreshments. Membership chair Mary Ann Looney reported 128 memberships and again urged us to meet someone new each meeting. Projects Chair, Cari Taplin, reported the proofreading of the 1960-67 obituary index from the *Daily Camera* is underway. As Quarterly Editor, she also has ideas available for research and articles for this publication. Pat Roberts introduced speak Loujean Rehn, "Faith of Our Fathers." Church records are a whole body of records often overlooked by genealogists. Church records often predate civil records and will provide information on membership, baptism/christenings, marriage, confirmation, death, and records of dismissals. Many of these records are in the church minutes. Lou-Jean stressed the need to copy the key for abbreviations. Records are locality-based, so begin in the area, identify the denomination, and begin your search for the records. Look for the church itself, county histories, Family History Catalog, WorldCat and FirstSearch, local and regional church offices and archives, libraries of colleges, seminaries and schools established by the denomination. Check also denomination printed material, state and local archives, PERSI, National Union Catalogues of manuscripts Collections (NUCMC), WPA inventories of historical records and Google to find the records. The "You Asked For It Series" before the general meeting was "Cemetery Tours" by Pat Roberts. (Continued on Page 6) ...Rose Mary Highman, Interim Secretary

**More Program and Speaker Information** (From Pg. 1)**Aug. 7th:** *The Map Collection at Norlin Library* Laura Wright and Naomi Heiser

Laura Wright has been working in libraries since 1995 and in the map library at the University of Colorado, Boulder, since 2004. She is also a poet and is in training to be a volunteer firefighter.

Naomi Heiser has been working in map libraries since 1993, first at the University of New Mexico, and now at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Specific time for the next-day Workshop will be announced at the BGS meeting on August 3rd.

**Sept. 4th:** *"Creative Applications for Genealogical Research"* Ellen Shindelman Kowitt

Ellen Shindelman Kowitt has researched her colorful tapestry of ancestral origins for twenty years. Originally from New York, she lived in the Washington, DC area for ten years, and has made Colorado home for the past four where she and her husband are raising two young daughters. She is a former director of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS), a member of the Denver chapter D.A.R., and an accomplished online genealogist. She has led group trips to ancestral towns abroad and lectures frequently to local and national audiences on a variety of topics including beginner workshops, tracing the records of tuberculosis hospitals, planning trips to the old country, and the value of writing and maintaining family websites and newsletters.

"Creative Applications For Genealogical Research" provides an overview and plan for how to create personal family history displays incorporating tradition, family life events, and ingenuity. Examples will be shared including birth announcements, a wedding program, marriage contract, reunion tee shirts, quilts and more. Participants are welcome to "show and tell" their own memorable projects.

**Oct. 2nd:** *"How to Have the Best Family Reunion Ever"* Bobbi King

Bobbi King is a native-Nebraskan living in Lakewood, Colorado. She has enjoyed the company of Colorado genealogists for ten years, and has served on committees and on the board for the Colorado Genealogical Society, the Computer Interest Group of the Colorado Genealogical Society, the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, and she now serves on the board of the Federation of Genealogical Societies as their parliamentarian, editor of the Society Strategies Series papers, and Societies on Parade chair for the FGS conferences. Her family has held family reunions for over 20 years, creating lasting memories and family bonds that survive the years and distances.

**Nov. 6th:** *"How to Keep Your Computer Humming"* Art Thayer

This program is designed for novice computer users and covers the basics of computer maintenance and tips on staying out of trouble. He will also talk about ways to extend the life of your computer and keep it operating with a minimal amount of trouble. All this is geared to the novice user and presented in plain English.

Art retired from the state of Colorado after 22 years. He ran his own database consulting company until 2005 when he fully retired. During his time at the state, he worked as compliance manager and network analyst for the Great Colorado Payback in the Treasurer's office.

**Dec. 4th:** *"Piece By Piece, Page By Page - An Approach to Writing"* Cari Taplin

Writing your family history can seem like an overwhelming project. This lecture will provide ideas and examples to get started on your own writing projects. We will look at the technique of writing in small pieces in order to achieve a larger body of work over time and discuss goals, styles and tools to help make this task attainable. Some ideas for publishing and printing will also be discussed.

Cari Taplin is the BGS Website Editor, Quarterly Editor and CCGS Delegate.

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**July 3rd:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Joan Dawson. Treasurer Jim Peterson reported a balance of \$18,686. In the interest of time, the minutes from the last meeting were not read. A Longmont Genealogy Society member told of their upcoming Hank Jones seminar on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Other business: Cari Taplin and Joan Dawson volunteered to draft obituary writing guidelines which mortuaries could use so that vital info about the deceased's life history is made available to family and others. Volunteers were also requested to work with Carnegie Library staff in preparing a genealogy display in the front display case at the Library. Ralph Anderson discussed the FGS Youth Award, requesting nominations for any young people (15 to 18 years of age) who have made contributions through their genealogy research. Other announcements were: Carnegie Library Librarian Wendy Hall says that the *Boulder Daily Camera* wants to store all their local history archives at Carnegie. The BGS Garage Sale will be August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, at Arlene Devore's house. Donations are accepted from 9-3 the prior Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Quarterly Editor Cari Taplin announced that collating will be on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Program Chair Pam McDonald announced the upcoming programs: December: Cari Taplin "Piece By Piece, Page By Page- An Approach to Writing", November: Art Thayer "How to Keep Your Computer Humming", October: Bobbi King "How to Have the Best Family Reunion Ever," September: Ellen S. Kowitt "Creative Applications for Genealogical Research" and August: Laura Wright & Naomi Heiser will do a program on using the Map Library at CU as a resource. The day after the August meeting, the Education Committee will have a workshop at the Map Library at CU. Dina Carson, our July speaker, was introduced. Her program was "Fifty Things I Learned While Photographing 50,000 Tombstones In The Cemeteries of Colorado." She discussed going prepared to shoot good photos, learning your camera and its limits, looking for cemetery art as well as information. She suggested using a wide-angle lens for the pictures of the markers, and always take a picture of the cemetery entrance sign upon entering and exiting. "You Asked For It," topic before the meeting was "Finding Ancestors Death Records," presented by Pat Roberts. Pat graciously and ably substituted on short notice when the scheduled speaker cancelled because of illness. Desserts were provided by Beth Heywood, Joan Dawson and Linda Kepler.

...Rose Mary Highman, Interim Secretary

**RootsWeb Review: RootsWeb's Weekly E-zine for July 11, 2007**

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