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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.

May 3rd: ⇒ 7:00 PM, not 7:30 ⇐

Sky Lounge, Frasier Meadows Retirement Community**

BGS Annual Special Dessert Night

JAMES K. JEFFREY will speak on:

Assumed, Appropriated, Attributed, Anticipated and Alluded-To Ancestors: Where You Confuse the Dead and Irritate the Living

Do your charts list the names of your ancestors or someone else's ancestors? Have you ever exchanged "heated" e-mails over mis-identification or confusion concerning persons of the same name? Discovering our ancestors and the details of their lives is our goal. Explore research methods and tools that will facilitate the recovery of your ancestors and the ability to distinguish between persons of the same name.

See Page 5 for more info on the speaker

**** Note: Remember that the time and location are different than for our regular meetings.** Frasier Meadows Retirement Community is at 350 Ponca Place, across the street on the east side of our usual meeting place at Mountain View Methodist Church. There is no public parking in the Manor lot, so park on the street or in the lot west of the church, go in the Manor main (west) entrance and take the elevator to the Sky Lounge on the 5th floor.

June 7th: Bobbi King will speak on "Homestead Laws and Homestead Records"

July 5th: Kay McDowell on "Serendipity in Genealogy"

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* Special Dessert Night Goodies Needed *

Due to the popularity of our **Special Dessert Night**, this is the eighth year that our Annual BGS Banquet will use that format, and the sixth year it will be held in the Sky Lounge at Frasier Meadows Manor. As before, the yummy desserts will be brought by members, so be thinking of some extra special goodies you might bring to share. As we do not need to have everyone bring something, a dessert sign-up sheet was passed around at previous meetings. The plan is for about half of the members to bring dessert each year, so those who did not bring a dessert last year would do so this year. But we're flexible, so if you brought a "real goodie" last year we wouldn't want to deprive you of doing so again! As usual, we welcome spouses and guests for this special event.

Library News

Since a number of meetings were cancelled due to bad weather, the Library Committee is a little behind in completing some activities. However, we do not want to imply that we have not been actively pursuing our 2005 goals.

We were pleased to gain permission from the Boulder Public Library to hold the Committee's quarterly meetings in the Carnegie building. It will be nice for the Committee to have a permanent home, and to have the quarterly meetings where the collection is housed. So now, as a group, we can review titles in the collection and see first-hand where the collection is lacking. In short, we will be able to make good purchasing decisions. The dates of the upcoming Library Committee meetings will be May 12th, August 11th and November 10th. The one drawback of holding the meetings at Carnegie is that we had to agree that the only people who could attend the meetings would be Committee members and guests invited by the Committee. BPL does not allow large groups to have meetings at Carnegie.

New instructions on using the library computer have been written and are posted by the computer. Hopefully, in the near future, a set of on-screen instructions will be developed. We are also going to ask the BPL to place a BGS icon on the BPL Website Home Page. That may be done by the time you receive this Newsletter.

We are also going to make the audiotapes and videotapes more accessible to the membership. Card catalogs will be created, allowing a member to check out the tapes for home use. At this time, we have agreed not to have a specific date for a tape to be returned to the collection. If we find that the tapes are being held too long and depriving others of their use, then a specific return policy will most likely be set. It should be mentioned that if one

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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.

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*.

- June 1-4 *2005 NGS Conference in the States*- Nashville, Tennessee. More information will be available at <http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs>, as well as online registration.
- June 9-11 *Palatines to America 2005 National Conference*- Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Hosted by the Indiana Chapter. During this conference, Palatines to America will celebrate its 30th Anniversary! For more information, contact Ralph Kroehler at RalphKroehler@prodigy.net or by writing to Ralph & Marge Kroehler, 6910 N. Rockvale, Peoria, IL 61614.
- June 23- July 16 *Samford University British Study Tour*- London, England. For a small group of active researchers who will visit major repositories in England. Contact Jean Thomason, Director, at: mbthomas@samford.edu, phone (205) 726-2846 or Website <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html>.
- July 10-15 *11th Annual Genealogical Institute of Mid-America*- Springfield, IL. Four intensive course offerings & a post-institute workshop. Options include: Research in Action, Computer Resources & two courses on researching immigrants. Contact Michele Claypool, GIMA Director, at GIMA2005@aol.com, phone (217) 789-1968 or Website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs>.
- July 10-15 *25th Conference on Jewish Genealogy*- Las Vegas, NV. Sponsored by the International Ass'n of Jewish Genealogical Societies & hosted by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southern Nevada. To be held at the Flamingo Hotel. More info at: <http://www.jgssn.org> or by E-mail: jgssn@yahoo.com.
- July 10-16 *The National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR)*- Washington, D.C. This intensive week-long study opportunity is for experienced genealogists and also for archivists, historians and librarians interested in using Federal Records for genealogical research. More information can be found on the Institute's Website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin/>, by e-mail to NatinsGen@juno.com or by writing to NIGR, P.O. Box 724, Lanham, MD 20703-0724.
- Aug. 19-20 *Midwestern Roots 2005: Family History and Genealogy Conference*- Indianapolis, IN. Presented by the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Genealogical Society. For complete conference information, visit the conference Website at <http://www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots>, send an e-mail to welcomed@indianahistory.org or telephone 800-447-1830.
- Aug. 19 *Dare to Discover: Exploring Central and Eastern European Ancestry*- St. Paul, Minnesota. The Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) announces its 11th International Conference. Additional information can be found at the Society's Website or <http://www.feefhs.org>.
- Sept. 7-10 *FGS 2005 Conference: "Reminders of the Past, Visions for the Future"*- Salt Lake City, Utah. The Federation of Genealogical Societies and The Utah Genealogical Association will host the FGS/UGA Conference, to be held in at the Salt Palace Convention Center. For more info, visit the FGS Website at: <http://www.fgs.org/2005conf/FGS-2005.htm>.
- Sept. 16-17 *The 25th Annual Fall Conference of the Ozarks Genealogical Society*- Springfield, Missouri. Will feature Barbara Vines Little. More information can be found by writing to the society, sending an SASE, to OGS Conference Registrar, P.O. Box 3945, Springfield, MO 65808-3945, or see the Society's Website at: ogsoc@sbcglobal.net.
- Oct. 21-22 *The 2nd Annual Belfast and Province of Ulster Local and Family History Fair*- Belfast, Ireland. Hosted by the Ulster Historical Foundation. More information about this event can be found by contacting Jonathan Hamill at jonathan.hamill@uhf.org.uk.

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.

Summary of Recent BGS Meetings (Edited due to lack of space)

February 1st, 2005: The meeting was called to order by President Pat Roberts at 7:30 p.m. with 42 members and 6 guests present. The minutes of the December meeting were not available. They can be seen at the next meeting. There were no minutes for January because the meeting was cancelled due to weather. Treasurer Shirley Huntbach presented the Treasurer's report: General Fund \$2,538.22, Library Fund \$4,001.39, Special Funds \$3,260.19, Endowment Fund \$7,518.45, Ending Balance \$17,332.25, Net change \$121.44. Unfinished Business: The position of Education Chair still needs to be filled. Suggestions are welcome. Rose Mary Highman would like to be replaced as Quarterly Editor. She will train her replacement. Contact Pat with suggestions. Arlene Devore has 3 more people working on the Green Mt. Cemetery project. Seth Taplin will fill the position of Computer Specialist. DPL has a seminar the 3rd Saturday of each month. New Business: Betty Youngblood installed the new officers, since there was no January meeting. The officers for 2005 are: President Pat Roberts, Vice President Arlene Devore, Recording Secretary Judy Rothe, Corresponding Secretary Anna Wittstrom, Treasurer Shirley Huntbach. Committee Reports: Library Volunteer Coordinator Joan Dawson presented a list of the many people who volunteered during the past year at Carnegie Library. She needs someone regularly on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Friday. She would also like some occasional relief for herself on Wednesdays. Membership Chairman Mary Ann Looney: two of tonight's visitors are previous members; one visitor joined this evening. Mary Ann reminded everyone that dues need to be paid for 2005. She will be sending out e-mail notices about meetings and other items of interest and therefore needs to be informed of e-mail address changes. She reported on the Heritage Round Table, of which she is a member. There is a plan to move the old RR Depot across the street to near the eventual light rail. Preservation Week will become Preservation Month in May. Newsletter Editor Clif Highman reported that apparently some zip codes don't get the Newsletter with the Quarterly until late. He should be notified if it is not received. Quarterly Editor Rose Mary Highman: more articles and 5-generation charts are requested. Social Chairman Orville Harms: Ann Sobel and Mary Ann Looney provided refreshments for this evening's meeting. Program Chairman Pam McDonald introduced the program for the evening which had been postponed from the cancelled January meeting. Bill Wolfe, Library Committee Chairman, presented the results of the Membership Survey from last summer, which had a 45% response. Linda Kepler, Librarian, then presented the new computer software for the Card Catalog at Carnegie Library. The Card Catalog is now available online at the BGS website also. Announcements: The 2005 Garage Sale dates are set for the last week-end in August, August 27 and 28. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

March 1st, 2005: The meeting was called to order by President Pat Roberts at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. View Methodist Church with 31 members and 7 guests present. Officer Reports: Recording Secretary Judy Rothe: Minutes of the February meeting were available for review, as were minutes of the January board meeting. Due to weather and illness, there was no February board meeting. Corresponding Secretary Anna Wittstrom: no report. Treasurer Shirley Huntbach presented the Treasurer's report as of February 28, 2005: General Fund \$2,135.46, Library Fund \$4,001.39, Special Funds \$3,279.19, Endowment Fund \$7,518.45, Ending Balance \$16,873.58, Net change \$458.67. Mary Ann Looney introduced our guests. One guest joined during the meeting. One member was visiting from Kansas. Unfinished Business: The Spring Dessert Night will be at 7 p.m. May 3 in the Sky Lounge at Frasier Meadows Retirement Community. The 2005 garage sale date is set for the weekend of August 27 and 28. The FGS Conference will be the Wednesday through Saturday after Labor Day. Pat is going to Salt Lake City that week and would like company. The Colorado Genealogical Society sponsors programs at Denver Public Library on the third Saturday of each month. On March 19, the program will feature DNA research in the morning by Earle Beaty and Medical Genealogy in the afternoon presented by Pat Roberts. April 15 and 16 will feature nationally known speaker Tom Jones. The cost is \$25 for the April workshop. New Business: No new business was discussed.

April 5, 2005: The meeting was called to order by Arlene Devore, Vice-President, at 7:30 p.m. with 50 members and 5 guests present. President Pat Roberts was absent due to the death of her mother in Washington state. The minutes of the March meeting were read by Judy Rothe, Recording Secretary, and approved as corrected. Shirley Huntbach presented the Treasurer's report as of March 31, 2005: General Fund \$2,160.88, Library Fund \$3,910.11, Special Funds \$3,282.19, Endowment Fund \$7,538.45, Checking Account \$3,963.94, Balance \$16,891.63; Net change \$18.05. The treasurer's report was accepted. Unfinished Business: The Garage Sale will be August 27 and 28. There was no new business. Committee Reports: Webmaster Cari Taplin: The City of Boulder is doing a major upgrade on their Website. A window is now available through the BGS site for Columbia Cemetery records without losing the BGS homepage. Book 3 of the Green Mountain Cemetery records is now completed. Cari could use help with Book 4. She could also use volunteers to help with transcribing Camera abstracts. Newsletter Editor Clif Highman: The newsletter is almost ready. Quarterly Editor Rose Mary Highman: Collating for the Quarterly will be April 18, 10 a.m., at Carnegie Library. Membership Chairman Mary Ann Looney introduced the guests and announced that one guest joined during the meeting. Three guests were from the Longmont Genealogical Society and came to hear the program on First Search. Dues are still coming in. We now have 110-115 paid members. Tom Sanford has volunteered to be the Heritage Round Table representative. Library Volunteer Coordinator Joan Dawson: One more permanent volunteer is needed for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Social Chairman Orville Harms: A sign-up sheet for desserts was passed for the May Dessert Meeting. Refreshments tonight were brought by Cari Taplin, Beth Haywood and Arlene Devore. David Baker brought the forms for sale. Jan Polkinghorne encouraged members to visit and use the Family History Center in Louisville. Program Chairman Pam McDonald: Programs for the next few months are: June- Bobbi King speaking on the Homestead Act, July- Kay McDowell on Serendipity in Research, August- John Mears on Researching Ports, including Northern European. Program this evening: Birdie Holsclaw speaking on "Tracking Down Treasures with Online First Search". Announcements: Tim Ostwald announced a workshop on Saturday, April 23 given by the Palatines to America on the use of computers to research German ancestors. Sign up sheets are at Carnegie Library, or call Tim for information. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

...Judy Rothe, *Recording Secretary*

Library News (Continued from Pg. 1)

wants to review the tapes at the Library, one might do that also. Simply ask the BPL person on duty to use one of their viewers.

Slowly, the Card Catalogs are being filed and soon the complete collection will be available, not only on the computer site, but in the Card Catalog as well. Volunteers are doing the filing and it is a labor-intensive activity. Therefore, those who prefer to use the Card Catalog system, please be patient.

Lastly, we are reorganizing the file drawer housing the Genealogy Forms. We will identify, for the membership and patrons, those forms that are free and can be copied. There will also be a listing of the forms that, due to their nature and paper quality, will need to be purchased. We will also make these forms available at our monthly meetings. For those who have Web access, you can download many of these forms free on-line as .pdf files. Some of the sites are:

<http://www.ancestry.com/charts/census.aspx> for Census Forms 1790-1930

<http://www.ancestry.com/charts/ancchart.aspx> for Ancestor Charts

<http://www.ancestry.com/trees/charts/familysheet.aspx> for Family Group Sheets

<http://www.ancestry.com/trees/charts/sourcesum.aspx> for Summary Form of Family Information Sources

You may want to try these sites. It does make obtaining basic forms convenient. All you have to do is download the form and print it. You can then make copies of the form in the quantity you need.

Well that's it for this quarter. See you in the Library!

...Bill Wolfe, *Library Committee Chair*

New Members and Address Changes

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

New Members

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**BGS Garage Sale Coming Up
in August!**

This is advance notice of the annual BGS Garage Sale that will be held August 27 & 28, again at Arlene Devore's home. Detailed information about the sale will appear in the August Newsletter- this is just to get everyone thinking about what they may want to donate to the sale. About the only items not accepted are clothing.

Family History Library Research Retreat

This coming June 20-25, a Research Retreat package is being offered that may be of special interest if you either have never been to the incredible Family History Library in Salt Lake City, or if it has been some time since you were there.

Presented by My Ancestors and Everton Publishers, it will teach you how to take advantage of this vast collection and provide assistance from skilled professionals throughout the retreat. Included in the Package are: Tour of historic Temple Square – Utah's most visited attraction, a kick-off dinner, orientation to the Family History Library, daily research classes, personal assistance by the friendly and highly-skilled professionals at the Library, a farewell get-together, a complimentary "Capture the Memories" interview book & a complimentary e-mail research consultation when you return home.

The Research Retreat price does not include airfare, hotel, or personal expenses such as tips, beverages, telephone or meals (other than the planned socials). Lodging recommended is the Crystal Inn - Plaza Hotel. The cost is \$299 (five days) or \$180 (three days at the Library). For more info or to sign up, go to: <http://www.myancestorsfound.com/retreats.htm>.

More Program and Speaker Information (From Pg. 1)

May 3rd Special Dessert Night Speaker: James K. Jeffrey is the Collection Specialist in Genealogy at the Denver Public Library, President of Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England Family History Society, trustee of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History and 2004 recipient of the P. William Filby Award for Excellence in Genealogical Librarianship. He is Past-president of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies and The Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists. He previously spoke at our November 2002 meeting on "Finding a Place Called Home: Exploring Maps, Gazetteers and Place Name Guides".

June 7th Speaker: Roberta "Bobbi" King has been doing genealogy for 8 years, specializing in the research of her immigrant ancestors and their homestead records in Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota. She is currently President of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, and also serves on the board of directors of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. She writes for the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly and teaches genealogy classes locally. Her lecture topic, "Homestead Laws and Homestead Records" will be presented also at the FGS Conference in Salt Lake City next September.

Aug. 2nd Speaker: John Mears on "Researching Northern European Ports to Find Your Ancestors"

Sept. 6th Speaker: Carol Darrow (Topic to be announced later)

Oct. 4th Speaker: Virginia Sanchez (Case study from her Hispanic genealogy research- title to be announced later)

Nov. 1st Speaker: Speaker and program to be announced later

Dec. 6th Speaker: James McQuerry- Interview with his grandmother (Title to be announced later)

New Special Funds Committee

In Jan. 2004, the BGS Board appointed a committee to develop procedures for handling the new Special Funds accounts. This committee includes: Ralph Anderson (Chair), Rose Mary Highman, Birdie Holsclaw, Cari Taplin and Pat Roberts (Ex-officio).
...Ralph Anderson

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

Maine State Archives: <http://www.state.me.us/sos/arc>

"...the Maine State Archives maintains approximately 95 million pages of official State records considered to be permanently valuable. The earliest dates from 1639." This is a very usable, interactive site full of information if you have ancestors from Maine (or from surrounding areas). I found some possibly distant ancestors from New Hampshire and Massachusetts on this website. It is within the website of the State of Maine, so you will also find information on how to order more-recent records as well.

The Cripple Creek District Museum: <http://www.cripple-creek.org>

From the website: "The Cripple Creek District Museum is a private, non-profit foundation formed to preserve the history of the fabulous Cripple Creek District. Located on Bennett Avenue in the former Midland-Terminal Railroad Depot, the Museum complex contains three buildings with six floors of mining memorabilia, maps, paintings, glass and china, children's items, furnishings, an assay office, a photograph gallery, Indian artifacts, mineral displays and two Victorian apartments."

This website also describes their large archive containing photographs and documents from this area including "books and booklets, business ledgers, city directories, documents, family files, letters, magazines, manuscripts, maps, newspapers, photographs and photograph albums, postcards, Sanborn maps, scrapbooks, stock certificates and other important historical resources."

U.S. Census Bureau: 1790 Census of Population and Housing: <http://www2.census.gov/prod2/decennial/1790.htm>

The U.S. Census Bureau has made available, for free, the Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States taken in the year 1790 for Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, and Virginia. The files are available in PDF and ZIP format. You can download these files to your computer and print out any or all of the pages.
...Cari Taplin, Webmaster

More Worldwide Websites

Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe: <http://www.sggee.org/index.html>

This website is devoted to the study of those people with German ancestry (generally of the Lutheran, Baptist, or Moravian faiths) who lived in present-day Poland and northwestern Ukraine. Special emphasis is placed on those who lived in the pre-WW I province of Volhynia (generally from the city of Kiev on the east to the present-day Polish border on the west) and on the pre-WW I region of central and eastern modern Poland known as Russian Poland or Congress Poland. Peripheral studies include the Kiev and Podolia provinces in Ukraine, and the regions of West and East Prussia, Posen, Silesia and Pomerania as well as Galicia, which was under Austrian rule.

...Pat Ostwald

The Rich and Famous in the US Census: <http://www.rootdig.com/famouscensus.html>

This is a fun website that lists where in the censuses (1850 to 1930) you can find the "rich and famous". Just a few of the many listed are: John D. Rockefeller, Jack Benny, Charles Lindbergh, Bobby Short, Amelia Earhart, Robert E. Lee, Kit Carson, Harry Truman, the Marx Brothers, Tom Landry. ...Bill Wolfe

Growth of A Nation: <http://animatedatlas.com/movie.html>

This site shows a moving map of our country, from the beginning of the 13 states and going through the present. It includes the acquisitions from England and Spain, the Slave states, the Free states, a segment on the Civil war, and mentions Central and South America, etc. You'll enjoy this site-- turn on your sound, as the narration is a significant portion of the presentation. You also can click on each state for info about them. And, don't forget to click on the dates along the bottom for more info. Be patient--- it takes several seconds to start.

Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection (and more!): <http://www.cdheritage.org>

Fifty-one newspapers, dating from 1859-1923, from 23 cities and 18 counties, are now available in "Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection" on this website. There are also historic newspapers from Missouri, Brooklyn and England. In addition, the site contains many other Colorado historical points of interest, such as Building Architecture in "Colorado's Main Streets", Agriculture, Arts, Western History, Home Life and Customs, People and more in "Heritage Colorado" and many historic trails for Native Americans, Explorers, Military, Settlements, Freight, Cattle, Railroads and more in "Western Trails".

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter Is Now Published Daily

The headlines from the April 11, 2005 edition of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter include:

- (+) Is Your Genealogy Database Insane?
- Soundex Explained
- Cousin Calculator
- Google Maps adds Satellite Photos - Wow!
- Genealogical Aspects of the Royal Wedding
- Experts "Discover" That Prince Charles and Camilla Parker-Bowles Are Related
- Changes to SmartMatches on GenCircles
- Thieves Steal Suitcases, Genealogies
- Genealogy Cruise Sponsored by the California Gen. Society
- Scrapbook Answers, a new Genealogy Magazine in England
- Canadian Genealogy Television Show Announced
- Find a Family History Center Near You
- Scotland's Historic Graveyards Questionnaire
- National Archives in Waltham Hosts Open House
- ISBN Explained
- Summer Camp for Family Historians 2005
- Other Genealogy News
- Upcoming Events

Articles marked with a plus sign (+) are available only in the Plus Edition of the newsletter. To read this week's free Standard Edition, go to: <http://www.eogn.com> (new address).

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