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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 2nd: ⇒ 7:00 PM, not 7:30 ⇐

Sky Lounge, Frasier Meadows Retirement Community**

BGS Annual Special Dessert Night

Alan Cass will speak on:

“Caribou: A Place Where The Wind Begins”

Tucked into timberline below the Continental Divide in western Boulder County, Caribou was one of the highest and most important silver camps in Colorado. Join 4th-generation Boulder history buff, Alan Cass, as he presents a photographic collage depicting the colorful history of the area and his pioneering mining family who haunt the hills of Caribou.

*** See Page 2 for more on the speaker and OTHER info ***

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**** 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 6th: Shear D’Lite- The History of Scissors

By Grace Jenkins Goss. Shear D’Lite will enlighten you not only with humor but with the historical lifestyles of the workers in the cutlery industry. You will be fascinated also by how dogs worked in the trade. Tracing business roots, a parallel to family genealogy, gives us another dimension into the lives of our forefathers and mothers.

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July 4th: Due to the holiday, there will be no July meeting this year.

Library News

Many of you will remember that, for lack of storage space, BGS sent many of our large collections of past issues of exchange periodicals to the Denver Public Library. Many of these exchanges are still active - we will shelve as many issues as space allows before passing them on.

What you may not know- at the Carnegie Library we DO have shelf space for many years of past issues of our major subscription journals. We are continuing to renew the following:

- National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (NGSQ)
- The American Genealogist* (TAG)
- New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* (NYG&B Record)
- New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (NEH&G Register)
- Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*
- The Virginia Genealogist*
- Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* (APGQ)

Many of the articles in these publications are written by the same talented researchers who present lectures at the major conferences. For no cost to you at all, a visit to the Carnegie Library will enhance your research skills through reading interesting case histories and research reports. You probably will not find specific answers to your particular problems, but you will gain the skills needed to solve them yourself!

Please come and spend a few pleasant hours perusing the Boulder Genealogical Society research collection at the Carnegie Library! ...Pat Ostwald

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<u>Carnegie Library* Hours</u>		
<u>Day</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Volunteer On Duty</u>
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.		

*** Special Dessert Night Goodies Needed ***

See details on Page 2

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*.

- May 8 *Putting the Genes in Genealogy*- Dick Eastman, well-known genealogy speaker and publisher of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, will speak at the CGS Computer Interest Group's regular meeting, 7 PM at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 Patton Ct., Denver, CO. No charge for attendance.
- May 9 *A Day With Dick Eastman*- Dick will give 3 different talks related to computer and online genealogy and other related topics, beginning at 10 AM. Registration required; \$15 for non-CIG members, \$10 for members. Contact Bobbi King at (720) 839-4952 or Rking@aol.com to register or for more info.
- June 7-10 *NGS Conference in the States*- Chicago, Illinois. To be held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel. Check the NGS Website at: www.ngsgenealogy.org for detailed information, including a downloadable brochure and registration form.
- Aug. 13-18 *IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy*- Researchers around the world are learning about their Jewish family roots, and 2,000 are expected to attend the 26th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy at New York City's Marriott Marquis Hotel. The annual conference draws international researchers and experts to showcase new developments and resources, methodology and to network with those who share similar research interests. Dr. Allen Weinstein, Ninth Archivist of the U.S., will be the keynote speaker. Programming includes sessions for beginners through expert family historians. In addition to lectures, attendees will participate in tours and hands-on computer classes, visit Jewish cemeteries and search for information in the city's famed archives and libraries. For frequently updated conference information, including online conference/hotel registration, go to the NGS Website: www.jgsny2006.org, or email: information@jgsny2006.org.
- Aug. 30-
Sept. 2 *FGS/NEHGS Conference*- To be held in Boston, Massachusetts, the "Birthplace of American Genealogy". Come together with thousands of fellow researchers to immerse yourself in everything genealogical in the hometown of the oldest genealogical society in America- the New England Historic Genealogical Society. FGS and NEHGS are proud to bring together some of the finest genealogical presenters from not only the United States but also England, Scotland, Ireland and Canada for this four-day conference. You will have an opportunity to learn from those who work in the very repositories from which you need information. This conference will be the largest genealogical event ever held, with more than 370 educational opportunities. For more info, lodging and registration, go to: <http://www.fgs.org/2006conf/conf-order.asp>.

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.

May 2nd Special Dessert Night Advance Info

More on the speaker: A descendant of Colorado mining pioneers, Alan Cass has worked at the University of Colorado for over 40 years. He does public address announcing for the CU football and basketball teams as well as the Denver Broncos. He is the Curator of the Glenn Miller Archives at the American Music Research Center at CU and is also a former BGS member.

*** Special Dessert Night Goodies Needed ***

Due to the popularity of our **Special Dessert Night**, this is the tenth year that our Annual BGS Banquet will use that format, and the eighth year it will be held in the Sky Lounge at Frasier Meadows Retirement Community. 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 will be passed around at prior 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.

Summary of Recent BGS Meetings

February 7th: The February meeting of the Boulder Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Joan Dawson with 54 members and 7 guests in attendance. Cari Taplin earlier had led the "You Asked For It" session at 6:30 on basic census research. Mary Ann introduced our 4 guests. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read. In the absence of Jim Peterson, Treasurer, the Treasurer's report was posted. General Fund: \$3,532.69, Library Fund: \$5,713.24, Special Funds: \$1,838.73, Endowment Fund: \$7,504.62, Total: \$18,589.28. New Business: There has been a request for an updated surname list. Clif Highman and Joan Dawson have looked over the present list and would like a volunteer to help put it in Excel. Announcements: Joan posted the announcements. Tim Ostwald announced an upcoming Palatines to America program. Also included were 2 items about Salt Lake City and an article about Mary Wolfe in the New York Times. These will be put in Carnegie Library for reference. Marcie Oeter had instructions available for how to find the church for Friday night's CGS Genealogy workshop the 17th of March. Birdie Holsclaw announced a new blog on the Internet that she and Julie Miller are working on and encouraged us to check it out. The URL is www.cogenblog.com. Reports: Membership Chair Mary Ann Looney said there are 103 paid members to date and reminded any who have not paid their dues to do so. She introduced 5 new members and mentioned news about several current members. Library Committee Chair Bill Wolfe: Bill reminded the members that Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest are now available on Boulder Public Library computers. Most of the library computers, including the one at Carnegie, are high and require the user to stand. The library is obtaining stools to make them more comfortable for longer use. Bill handed out information on the free training available from Pro Quest. Webmaster & Quarterly Editor Cari Taplin has the last 2 packets available for volunteers to transcribe for the Green Mountain project. She can always use Quarterly articles. Program Chair Pam McDonald: Pam reviewed the programs for April (Carol Peterson talking on Migration Trails) and March (Virginia Sanchez talking about Searching Clues in Strange Places - A Case Study). She then introduced the speaker for tonight's program, Jan Polkinghorne, who talked on "Beyond Names and Dates" - finding ancestral villages in Europe. Refreshments were provided by Cari Taplin, Maureen Phelan, and Bonnie Harms. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. ...Judy Rothe, Recording Secretary

March 7th: The March meeting of the Boulder Genealogical Society was called to order by President Joan Dawson at 7:37 PM with 45 members and 7 guests attending. Pat Roberts had led the pre-meeting session of "You Asked for It" in the second of the series on census records. Mary Ann Looney introduced several visitors. Due to time constraints, the minutes of the February meeting were posted. The Treasurer's report was also posted because the Treasurer was in Mexico. New Business: There will be no July general meeting of the society because the first Tuesday of July falls on July 4th and because of the difficulty of trying to postpone it. A volunteer is needed for the Historian position. This primarily involves posting clippings in the BGS scrapbook. Two volunteers have agreed to help with the surname index, which should be started soon. Announcements: Registration brochures for the NGS Conference in the States and Gentech 2006 titled "They Passed This Way" are available from Joan. The conference is June 7-10 in Chicago, Illinois. The 2006 garage sale will be August 25 and 26 at Arlene Devore's. Betty Youngblood has arranged for a class on courthouse records at the Boulder County Court House from 9-12 on May 13. The class will be limited to the first 15 people who sign up. Birdie Holsclaw will present next month's "You Asked for It" session, concluding the subject of census records. There will be no class in May. June and August will focus on photographs and how to preserve them, including how to make DVDs. Committee Reports: Library Volunteer Coordinator Pat Ashley said that many more volunteers are needed to fill all of the slots that are requested by Carnegie Library. The commitment is only for 2 hours per volunteer period. Newsletter Editor Clif Highman needs articles for the next Newsletter sometime in April. Quarterly Editor Cari Taplin: Deadline for articles for the next Quarterly is April 3. Cari reported that the Green Mountain Cemetery project is nearing an end. All of the books are transcribed and are currently being proofread. CCGS Representative Pat Roberts reminded the group about the program at DPL March 18 with speaker Mark Lowe. The meeting of the CCGS will be 7 PM. on Friday night the 17th, for which there is no cost. Program Chair Pam McDonald: Future programs: August: Too Many Mothers; no meeting in July; June: Shear Delight about scissors and patents; May: Dessert Night with speaker Alan Cass speaking on the town of Caribou; April: Migration Trails. Tonight's program was "Searching for Clues in Strange Places, a Case Study" by Virginia Sanchez. She described water ditches and how to find genealogical information from the records about the ditches. Refreshments were provided by Arlene Devore, Rita Rossen, and Gretchen Shirer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. ...Judy Rothe, Recording Secretary

April 5, 2005: The April minutes are not included due to problems with the Recording Secretary's computer.

Library News (Continued from Pg. 1)

Serendipity at Carnegie- Wow! Talk about a great coincidence- what can happen at our Library!!

On a recent visit to the Carnegie Library as a volunteer for the BGS collection, I had an interesting experience. I approached a researcher who had never really used Ancestry.com even though she had been researching for many years. Hoping to demonstrate the usefulness of Ancestry Library Edition, now available online at Carnegie, I volunteered to look up several of her ancestors while she carried on with her transcribing. (Several of her lines were in Virginia very early.)

In looking up one of her names—TULLIS—, I found a marriage record in 1788. The bride was Hannah Longacre of Berkeley County, Virginia (Now West Virginia).

My interest was piqued, because my LONGACRE son-in-law descended from LONGACRES of that county. On checking with my genealogist daughter, we determined that HANNAH LONGACRE was the daughter of RICHARD LONGACRE, who was the brother of JOSEPH LONGACRE. Joseph Longacre is the 6x grandfather of my son-in-law!

When I called the Carnegie researcher, she was amazed. (Me,too!). Who would think we'd find commonality like this on a Saturday afternoon at the library? ...Pat Ashley, Library Volunteer Coordinator

New Carnegie Library Volunteers

We have three new volunteers from BGS at the Carnegie Library. They are Bob Hinton, Anna Wittstrom, and Dina Carson. Thanks to each of you! ...Pat Ashley, Library Volunteer Coordinator

New Members

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

Robert Cain: 4720 Harrison Avenue Boulder, CO 80303 303-443-5166

Ellen Chelesvig: 4629 Apple Way Boulder, CO 80301

Connie Crump: 9900 Phillips Road Lafayette, CO 80026 303-666-8139

Marcie Etter: 1964 Stonehenge Drive Lafayette, CO 80026 303-665-9369

Karlene Ferguson: 2890 Regis Drive Boulder, CO 80305 303-494-1079

Glenda Holmes: 2756 Bison Drive Boulder, CO 80302 303-939-8701

Merle E. Miller: 895 Mesa Court Broomfield, CO 80020 303-466-4704

Milt and Sheryl Rogers: 4975 Clubhouse Circle Boulder, CO 80301 303-530-1700

News of Our Members

Jennifer Nelson is our new Historian, replacing Suzi Plooster who has resigned after contributing many years to BGS. Many thanks, Suzi and Jennifer!

Bill Wolfe has resigned his position as Library Committee Chairman. Many thanks to Bill for his hard work. A replacement has not been announced.

Courthouse Records Class

The Boulder Genealogical Society will be conducting a class at the Boulder County Court House, 1750 33rd St., Boulder, on Saturday, May 11th, from 9:00 AM to Noon. This class is designed to familiarize students with our local Boulder County Court House and its record holdings, so that they will be more comfortable researching in Court Houses in the counties where they had ancestors. And, of course, for research in Boulder County records. The class is designed as a "treasure hunt" where students are given an assignment, and they should be able to locate the records for that assignment based on the training they have received.

How fortunate BGS is to have Yvonne give up her Saturday off to open the Clerk and Recorder's Office for our use. This would take an act of congress in some counties to gain access on a Saturday morning!

There will be room for only 20 participants, so be sure your name is on our list and the Court House doors will close at **9:00 AM so don't be tardy!**

There will be a fee of \$10.00, payable to BGS **PRIOR TO May 13th** We will not be able to accept fees on May 13th. The fee covers copying costs and a token gift of appreciation for Yvonne. Contact person is: Betty Youngblood (303) 543-0230 e-mail: revwly@msn.com ...Betty Youngblood

More Program and Speaker Information (From Pg. 1)**June 6th: Shear D'Lite- The History of Scissors** by Grace Jenkins Goss (continued)

Included will be a short blurb on researching US Patents and what information they give about our inventive family members. A collection of scissors and shears, dating back to the 1600's, will complement this talk. You will truly appreciate your scissors in a whole different light after hearing this fast-paced program.

Grace Jenkins Goss was a member and officer of the Boulder Genealogical Society and is an officer of the Rocky Mountain Tool Collectors. It is a group who not only collects antique tools, but provides history and gives demonstrations of such items. Grace has researched, collected scissors, shears and their patents for twenty years. She has won a grant from the Early American Industrial Association for her efforts in the study of the scissors industry that will be published in a book called "Scissors". She is frequently a guest speaker for museums, antique collector groups and historical events. Her many articles have appeared in publications both here and abroad.

July 4th Meeting: No meeting (July 4th holiday).

Aug. 1st Program: Sherrill Erfurth will present "Two Many Mothers". More info later.

Sept. 5th Program: TBD

Oct. 3rd Program: Dennis Jenkins presents "Researching Land Records- The Acquisition, Surveying and Disposal of the Public Domain". Learn what records were created and how to locate them.

Oct. 4th Workshop: Dennis Jenkins will present a half-day workshop at the George Reynolds Branch Library, 3595 Table Mesa Drive in Boulder. Interested parties are encouraged to e-mail or phone Pam McDonald at rrsr@rrsr.org or (303) 499-3271 to sign up for this, as the space accommodates only 50. Attendees should plan to either bring their lunch or to get something quick in the Table Mesa Shopping Center nearby as we could schedule only a 1- hour lunch break. This site was selected because Dennis needed a facility with wi-fi capabilities to demonstrate using the Internet. Reynolds Branch was chosen because the Meadows Branch Library was unavailable as it has a long-standing commitment for that time. More info later.

Nov. 7th Program: Barbara Henritze will present a program on Internet connections. More info later.

Dec. 5th Program: Cari Taplin will present a program on what we can learn from obituaries. More info later.
...All Programs organized by Pam McDonald, Program Chairperson

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

North Dakota Department of Health Public Death Index <https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/doh/certificates/deathCertSearch.htm>
This database covers approximately the years 1899 - 2005. I did not locate any information about the database itself but it is located at the North Dakota Department of Health website. The information you can obtain from this site are: Name, Date of Death, County of Death, Gender, Age, Date of Birth, State of Residence, County of Residence, and a link to order a certified copy.

Nevada State Library and Archives – State Prison Inmate Case Files <http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/nsla/archives/prison/nsp.htm>
This description is from their web page: "This page contains the name index to the Nevada State Prison Inmate Case files in the State Archives, dating from 1863 to 1972. Nineteenth century case files may contain correspondence and records of the Board of Parole and Pardons Commissioners. Twentieth century case files became more detailed after the creation of the Nevada State Police in 1908, who introduced the Bertillon system of physical description and photographs in 1909. There are summaries of the crime, applications for parole or pardons, correspondence to the Parole Board until the end of the sentence. After the creation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) in 1908, the files may contain information on arrest, conviction and incarceration received from the F.B.I. There may also be personal correspondence received by the inmate and inquiries about the inmate's criminal activity from out of state law enforcement agencies. Beginning in the 1970s, there are some health records and psychological evaluations."

Missouri Secretary of State - Archives <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/> This is a great State Archives web site. It has valuable information on researching your Missouri ancestors, how to request research, what they have in their holdings, online guides to their collection and many searchable databases including the "Soldiers Database: War of 1812 – World War I". Anyone who has Missouri ancestors should give this website a thorough investigation.

Genealogy Articles <http://genealogy-articles.com/genealogyarticles/index.htm> This is a web site containing 30-40 genealogy articles by Paul Duxbury and Kevin Cook. If you are looking for a quick genealogy read or a good "how-to" article, this website may be worth checking out. You will find helpful hints, quick tips and methodology information.
... Cari Taplin, Webmaster

“Just a little thank you for the Web site”

The following e-mail message was received from a lady in Minnesota about her great enjoyment of our BGS Website:

“Thank you for your super website with the great information on burials with biographies. I’ve never run across this before in my research and it has given me a wealth of information!”

Helen Patrikus: helen.patrikus@state.mn.us.

It’s especially nice to hear that from someone so far from Boulder. Thank You, Webmaster Cari!!

BGS Garage Sale
Coming Up in August!

This is advance notice of the annual BGS Garage Sale that will be held August 26 & 27, 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.

Special Funds Committee Report

The current Special Funds of the Society, managed by the Special Funds Committee, are: 1. The Gladden Fund, which contains money from the sales of publications that were donated to the Society by the late Sanford Gladden. The balance of this fund on Dec. 31 was \$1664.73. 2. The Stern-NARA Fund, which is forwarded yearly to the National Genealogical Society to fund special projects at the National Archives. The amount collected for this fund in 2005 was \$174.00. 3. The BGS Endowment Fund, the earnings from which can be used to support special program and education projects of the Society. The balances for this fund on Dec. 31 were \$6395.91 for the principal and \$1223.71 for the accrued interest.

During 2005, the BGS Special Funds Committee, which oversees and manages donations to the Society, recommended several actions that were approved by the BGS Board: a) Grant \$500.00 of undesignated funds to the Education Committee for special programs; b) Grant \$300.00 of undesignated funds to the Library Committee to pay for street signs directing patrons to the Carnegie Library for history and genealogy; c) Move the remainder of undesignated donations on the books to the Endowment Fund; d) Grant \$500.00 from the Endowment Fund’s spendable interest to the Education Committee for special programs; e) Conduct a special fund raising drive in December for the Endowment Fund. The results of the drive were disappointing, netting only \$77.00. Next year, Endowment Fundraising efforts will concentrate on the membership mailings.

...Ralph Anderson, Special Funds Committee Chair & Jim Peterson, Treasurer

Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter (published daily)

The headlines from the April 10, 2006 edition of Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter include:

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| - (+) Free Picture Organizing Software for Windows | - (+) How to Recover Data from a Dead PC |
| - (+) Follow-up: The Death of Microfilm | - 2010 Census to use Portable Computers and Wireless Data |
| - Family 1.2 for Macintosh | - Missouri Death Certificate Project Now Online |
| - 2,500 Historical Books and Documents Online | - U.K. Port Embarkations Online |
| - Very High Resolution Satellite Imagery | - Witcher Named Fellow of Indiana Genealogical Society |
| - Congressional Supporters of NHPRC Issue | - In Memoriam: Richard Dickenson |
| “Dear Colleague” Letter | - Amiglia - Social Photo Storage for Genealogists |
| - World War I Santa Barbara Soldier | - AjaxWrite |
| - ProQuest Cuts Work Force | - ISFHWE Establishes Prestigious New Award |
| - Top Ten Greatest Moments in Genealogy | - Very High Resolution Satellite Imagery |

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