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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.

November 7th: ***Internet Research- Changing History***- Never before in history have researchers had so much offered on the Internet- both legitimate and inaccurate information. BGS member Barbara Henritze will offer us tips on how to tell the difference.

December 5th: ***Obituary Obsessions***- Exploring obituaries as a starting point in her research, BGS member Cari Taplin became obsessed with their flavor and nuances, as older obituaries are especially fun to read and some can be very detailed. She will discuss how to find obituaries, what data you can gather from them, and present some of her favorites.

January 2nd, 2007: ***Finding Your Ancestors Underground***- Duane V. Kniebes will give a PowerPoint presentation on researching cemeteries for the CCGS Cemetery Location Project. He'll be giving a demonstration using dousing rods- a method he has used to successfully locate lost graves.

February 6: ***Blogs***- BGS member Birdie Holsclaw will present the program. More info later.

See Page 3 for more on programs and speakers
… All Programs organized by Pam McDonald, Program Chairperson

It's Membership Renewal Time!
See the Reminder on Page 2

True Tombstone Inscriptions

In a cemetery in Hartscombe, England:

On the 22nd of June,
Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune.

Library News

On July 27th, your Library Committee held their quarterly meeting. Discussion was held re: preparation of a brochure on our Collection. We will target this brochure for tourists and others who are not familiar with the BGS genealogy books at Carnegie Library.

The Committee also reviewed the 27 books that are being purchased as Memorials for deceased BGS members. More on this in the next *Newsletter*.

By the time you read this, Boulder Public Library will have experienced a full year of use of the Ancestry Library Edition (LE) subscription database, having added it to their Website in November 2005. We are pleased to be told that Ancestry has been very popular with BPL patrons. It's free to BPL cardholders. In October, BGS member Bill Lord taught a two-hour class on Using Ancestry LE in the Boulder Main Library computer training room.

We are frequently asked what is included in the Ancestry Library Edition. The following information was found on the ProQuest web site at: http://www.proquest.com/products_pq/literature/proquest/ALEbro.pdf.

Content—vast and rich, Ancestry Library Edition provides easy, unified access to more than 4 billion names in over 4,000 databases — and new material is added constantly. Specialized collections include:

* U.S. Federal Census Collection, with every-name indexes and original images from 1790 through 1930
* U.K. and Ireland Census Collection, 1841-1901
* Birth, Marriage and Death Records Collection
* Social Security Death Index
* England and Wales Civil Registration Index

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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.

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*.

2007 (Plan ahead!)

Mar. 16-17 *Annual Spring Seminar of the Colorado Genealogical Society* in Denver will feature John Phillip Colletta. More information about this event can be found at the Society's Web site http://www.rootsweb.com/~cocgs or send an e-mail to Lou-Jean Rehn at ljrehn@yahoo.com.

May16-19 *NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair*: Richmond, Virginia. The National Genealogical Society, the Virginia Genealogical Society, the Fairfax Genealogical Society and the Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia (GRIVA) will be hosting this year's conference. The conference, which marks the 400th anniversary of the founding of America in 1607 and the first settlement in Jamestown, Virginia, will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center and Richmond Marriott Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. The conference program details will be coming soon. Check later at: http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/AnnualConference.cfm.

Aug. 15-18 *FGS/Allen County Public Library Conference*: "Meeting at the Crossroads of America", to be held at the Grand Wayne Center - Fort Wayne, Indiana. More info later- meanwhile, keep checking the FGS Website at: www.fgs.org.

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. More information about courses and instructors will be posted here in the future, or go to the Society's Website at http://www.isbgfh.org or send an e-mail to isbgfh@yahoo.com.

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.

NGS NewsMagazine article

BGS member Birdie Holsclaw has an article in a recent issue of the NGS NewsMagazine (July/August/September 2006), "Catalog your own books — LibraryThing.com." The article describes a Web service: http://www.librarything.com, launched in August 2005, which allows users to catalog their personal libraries, create customized lists, and explore topics ("tags") such as genealogy, history and Colorado, among others.

Year 2007 Membership Renewal Reminder

It's time already for our annual membership renewal! If you haven't paid your dues for the upcoming year, mail in the renewal form in the envelope enclosed in the Quarterly, or pay at the November meeting.

DON'T LET YOUR DUES LAPSE!

In addition to BGS dues, the form contains four (tax deductible) donation opportunities: the Colorado State Archives Education Fund, the BGS Library Book Fund, the Stern-NARA Fund and the BGS Endowment Fund.

The Colorado State Archives Education Fund was established for Coloradans to help support their State Archives, which in the past has been threatened with closure by budget cuts.

The BGS Library Book Fund receives all of its support from the Annual Garage sale. It occurs to us that members who missed the opportunity to contribute sale goods, work on the sale or purchase sale items might want to boost the Book Fund with a cash contribution. For this reason, there is a line-item on the Membership Renewal Form for a voluntary Book Fund contribution. Please help your Book Fund if you can!

The Stern-NARA Fund allows all genealogists to help support special research projects of the National Archives, the important repository available to all Americans. See http://www.fgs.org/fgs-naragift.htm for much more info.

The BGS Endowment Fund is used to finance special projects, education and programs by using only the interest from members' tax-deductible donations.

More Program & Speaker Information

Dec. 5th Program: *Obituary Obsessions*- Cari is the BGS Quarterly Editor, BGS Web Site Editor, CCGS Web Site Editor and avid genealogist as well as the mother of two young children. She has been actively pursuing her family history for about 6 years.

Born and raised in Wood County, Ohio, she moved to Wyoming during high school, got a scholarship to University of Wyoming and that's where she met her husband, Seth. They've been married for 12 years and have two children. She graduated from UW in 1997 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She also works as an artist in her home studio.

A Thank You to Cari

A letter BGS received from S. Robyn Hamilton of Texas: Commendation of Assistance honoring Cari Taplin: "I appreciated the assistance that Cari Taplin provided for me while searching for an obituary. She was helpful, polite and denied payment while helping me on my quest. Please this small donation in her honor ($10). She promotes all that is wonderful about helping us find our past."

Library News (continued)

* England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales Parish and Probate Records
* Massachusetts Town Vital Records Collection
* Military Records Collection
* World War I Civilian Draft Registrations
* Civil War Service Records
* World War II and Korean Conflict Veterans Interred Overseas
* Immigration Collection
* New York, San Francisco and New Orleans passenger lists
* New York Petitions for Naturalization Index
* Wurttemberg Emigration Index
* The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1630
* Biography and History Collection
* American Genealogical-Biographical Index (AGBI)
* Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Books
* Federal Writers Project Slave Narratives
* Dawes Commission Index
* Map Center, with 1,000 historical maps

Other collections include court, land and probate records, family trees and message boards, directories and member lists, charts and forms and new materials, added constantly.

…Patricia Jordan Roberts
Library Committee Chairperson

New Members

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

John and Celesta Porritt
3133 Fern Place
Boulder, CO 80304-2632

Philip and Barbara Simpson
2595 Grape Avenue
Boulder, CO 80304-2833

Correction for Last Newsletter

Unfortunately, there was an oversight in the August Newsletter, such that the date at the top of each page had the wrong year- 2005 instead of 2006. Sorry!! Please "mark up" your copy to avoid later confusion.

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

Warren County Genealogical Society www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/index.htm
This is one of those web sites that is just a hidden treasure. It is the website for the Warren County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. If you happen to have Warren County ancestors you are in luck! This is a great site full of information. I'll list a few of the things available on their website for free: Vital Records including Births from 1867-1938 with a child-parent index as well as an every name index; Deaths from 1867-1930; Marriages from 1803-1901; Court Records including Will and Estates, Naturalizations and Coroner's Inquests; Land Records; Histories; and the list could go on for a long time. This is truly an awesome site.

Civil War Rosters - Colorado Links www.geocities.com/Area51/Lair/3680/cw/cw-co.html
This is a site that contains links to other sites giving Colorado-related civil war information. If you have Colorado ancestors who served in the Civil War, this is a good place to look for them.

The Olden Times - Historic Newspapers Online http://theoldentimes.com/index.html
This is a great website. It is run by an individual who has some sponsors. Basically she scans old advertisements, obituaries, marriage notices and so forth and has posted them on this site. The newspapers included are from the U.S., England, Scotland, Ireland and Australia. There is also a name index. This is a good place to look for those old newspaper items.

*** If anyone has any ideas for Websites or topics they'd like to see reviewed, let me know and I'll give it a try. Email me at: cataplin@comcast.net with your suggestions.

And, a bit of humor in our Green Mountain Cemetery Project. We came across a name we are indexing: "Jump, Thelma Louise". …Cari Taplin, Webmaster

More on the Web

1914 County Maps by State http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~shastaca/maps_index.html
This is from a book found while tearing down an old shed. There was no cover, and the last page was missing, which I believe was Nevada and Washington. The maps are dated 1910-1914. That is why I called them 1914 maps, that's when it ended. The name at the top says "Atlas of the World". …Janie Edwards on the Website

Online Map Archive- "An Irish genealogist's pot of gold": http://www.irishhistoricmaps.ie/historic
An online map archive with details of every town, street and farm on the Emerald Isle dating back nearly 200 years. For 5 Euros a day, roughly $6.40, computer users can access virtual images of more than 30,000 maps of Irish localities dating back to 1824, a database cobbled together from the vast virtual holdings of the government & universities in Ireland. These maps represent the world's first large-scale (historical) mapping of an entire country. …Birdie Holsclaw of BGS from Naomi Heiser of CU Map Library

American Historical Society of Germans From Russia- SOAR (Save Our Ancestral Records): www.ahsgrsoar.org
Over 35 years of active obituary collections are now available for family researchers. Includes multiple German-Russian regions and from all US states, especially those with large concentrations of Germans from Russia. It is free for searching, but a fee is required to download & print materials. …Pat Ostwald

New Genealogy Magazine

A new genealogy magazine, following in the footsteps of *Genealogical Computing*, which was in the forefront of genealogy and related technology for nearly 30 decades, is being started by Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, a well-known genealogist and author. It is called *Digital Genealogy* and is to be available in November. It will be delivered to subscribers as an Adobe PDF file via e-mail, including live hyperlinks to websites and advertisers. To subscribe, fill out the form at: www.digitalgenealogist.com. The first issue can be received as a free trial.

NARA Hours Change

In July, NARA (National Archives and Records Administration) in Denver announced changes in the days and hours their facility will be open, due to budget cuts and the transfer/promotion of Rob Richards, the extended hours research room attendant.

Because of this and low attendance, there will be no more extended hours in the microfilm research room. The new hours for all of NARA will be Monday-Friday 7:30-3:45 PM, except for Federal holidays. They will, however, have the flexibility to open on occasional Saturdays for special events or visiting groups of genealogists whose attendance numbers would justify it. Requests for this should be directed to Eileen Bolger at Eileen.bolger@nara.gov or (303) 407-5749.

Selling in the Rain- The BGS 2006 Garage Sale

In spite of a rainy first day, this year's Garage Sale was another success, thanks to the work of so many dedicated people. After expenses, we made close to $2,000. Everyone who shopped at our sale knew who was sponsoring the event because we workers were all wearing bright red aprons with the words "Boulder Genealogical Society." This was a suggestion from the Whymans, and Clif Highman was nice enough to order them for us.

We are always grateful to Arlene Devore for her generosity in having the sale at her home. Although we can't know everyone who helped, we'd like to thank some of you: Tim Ostwald and Clif Highman for putting up the signs; Orville and Bonnie Harms for setting up the books and recycling at the end of the sale; Flip Whyman and Janet Schons for their work on Grandma's Attic; Jim Peterson for counting our money; Jan Polkinghorne for spending the most money; Karen and Hank Zentgraf and Betsy and Jack Imig for donating probably the most items; Beth Hayward, Pat Ostwald, Walt Pollock and Sharon Roberts for work above and beyond the call of duty. And your Garage Sale committee of Arlene, Mary Ann and Rose Mary are patting themselves on the back for a job well-done and resting up for next year.

…Mary Ann Looney

A few of the wonderful Garage Sale helpers in the new aprons
Back row, L-R: Maureen Phelan, Cari Taplin, Arlene Devore, Pat Ashley
Front row, L-R: Beth Hayward, Mary Ann Looney, Sharon Roberts

The new aprons really are red, even though
they doesn't look that way in the picture!

Summary of Recent Meetings (shortened due to lack of space)

August 1, 2006: The meeting was called to order by President Joan Dawson . 48 members and 3 guests were present. The minutes of the June meeting were posted. There was no meeting in July because the regular meeting date fell on July 4. Treasurer Jim Peterson gave his report. The total: $17,681.38, Net Change: $15.83. Joan announced that empty notebooks were available as well as extra census forms. Unfinished Business: Linda Kepler will be unable to return to the library on Mondays this fall. Mary Ann Looney has been filling in on Monday afternoons and will continue to do so this fall. New Business: The treasurer presented a budget for the current year - 2006. Mary Ann Looney moved, seconded by Pat Roberts, that the budget be approved. The motion was passed. Joan mentioned that she hopes to get the budget set and approved for next year at the end of the current year instead of later in the year. NARA hours are changing due to a decrease in staff. Check on the hours if you wish to go to the National Archives in Denver. A flyer was available about the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy meeting January 8-12, 2007. (continued on Page 6)

Summary of Recent Meetings- continued (shortened due to lack of space)

August 1, 2006 (continued): Committee Reports: Membership, Mary Ann Looney: Mary Ann has new membership kits for new members who have not received them. She reminded the group of the Garage Sale on August 26 and 27. Aprons may be available for workers to wear so that the workers will be obvious during the sale. Green Mountain Cemetery Project/Quarterly Editor, Cari Taplin: Cari reported that she is proofreading Book 13 out of 14. The project is nearing completion. As always, she needs articles for the next Quarterly. Education, Pat Roberts: No "You Asked for It" sessions have been given during the summer. October, November, and December will focus on how to use Ancestry.com. Questions should be sent via email to Birdie or Pat. In February, March, and April the subject will be how to make DVD's from heritage photos. Special Group Representatives: Cari Taplin is the current delegate for the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies. Pat Roberts introduced the speaker, Sherrill Erfurth who presented a case history on "Too Many Mothers" – a study on how to sort out information to determine the true biological mother of Georgiana Peck, born in 1840. Refreshments were furnished by Mary Ann Looney, Arlene Devore and Bonnie Harms.
…Judy Rothe, Recording Secretary

September 5, 2006: The meeting was called to order by President Joan Dawson. 44 members and 4 guests were present. The minutes of the August meeting were posted. Jim Peterson presented the Treasurer's report. Total: $18,904.71; Net Change: $1,223.33. Corresponding Secretary Anna Wittstrom reported sending 2 get well cards. Unfinished Business: Garage Sale: Profits from the Garage Sale were slightly over $2,000. The final accounting is not completed. Mary Ann thanked all those who helped and showed off the aprons that helpers wore to identify workers. There is still a little more money to come in, especially from a silver set that will be put up for sale on E-Bay. New Business: The public library is requesting help teaching patrons how to use Ancestry Library Edition. Joan asked for volunteers to help teach individually or in a class setting. Contact Pat Roberts if interested in volunteering. Committee Reports: Library Committee, Pat Roberts: The committee is still concentrating on obtaining the appropriate memorial books. Education, Pat Roberts: Pat encouraged anyone who knows Ancestry Library Edition to help at the library. The Ancestry Library Edition is quite different from the home version of Ancestry.com. The "You Asked for It" sessions in October, November, and December will focus on Ancestry.com and the Ancestry Library Edition. Pat will teach the October class, Birdie Holsclaw will teach the November class, and Pam Smith will teach the December class. Pat encouraged questions in advance or at the class. More members are needed on the Education Committee. Currently, Pat and Birdie are the only members. FGS Meeting in Boston: Pat Roberts reported on the FGS meeting which she attended in Boston. It was the largest such meeting ever held, with over 2000 in attendance. Birdie Holsclaw gave 3 lectures. Audio lectures are available for $1.99 each at a Website: www.lulu.com/fgs2006. Cari will put a link on our Website. A booklet on citations by Elizabeth Mills is also available for purchase. Announcements: A brochure about an African-American research group was available. The meeting will be in north Denver. Betty Youngblood encouraged members to sign a petition to protest cutting back on hours at the National Archives. Pam then introduced the speaker for the evening, Carol Darrow, who spoke on How to Research Civil War Ancestors. Refreshments were provided by Judy Rothe, Maureen Phelan, and Bonnie Harms. …Judy Rothe, Recording Secretary

October 3, 2006: The meeting was called to order by Past-President Pat Roberts. 54 members and 1 guest were present. Preceding the meeting, Pat Roberts led a "You Asked for It" session on Ancestry.com with 33 in attendance. The minutes of the September meeting and the Treasurer's reports were posted. Total Funds balance: $18,340.79. Committee Reports: Membership, Mary Ann Looney: Mary Ann introduced 2 new members. Quarterly Editor/Webmaster, Cari Taplin: Collating for the next Quarterly will be October 16 at Carnegie. The Surname Index will be included in the next Quarterly. Cari announced with joy that the Green Mountain project books have been completed and she is working again on the obituary project from the Daily Camera. She has had many helpers with both projects. Library/Education Chair, Pat Roberts: The Library Committee is in the process of buying 28 memorial books for the Library. Monthly classes will probably be held at the public library using their computers. The fall "You Asked for It" series started tonight. In November, Birdie will continue with how to use Ancestry.com and in December Pam Smith will discuss how to find "tricky" people. Boulder Heritage Roundtable: This organization meets monthly and includes representatives from groups interested in history. The current representative is frequently unable to attend. Anyone interested may attend. New Business: Birdie Holsclaw presented the changes to the By-Laws. The committee working on them consisted of Birdie, Pat Roberts, Cari Taplin and Judy Rothe. If members have comments, they should contact Birdie. Discussion on these changes and a vote will occur at the November meeting. Pam McDonald asked for a show of hands on which program that Birdie has available for the February meeting would be preferred: Black Sheep or Blogs. More people preferred the program on blogs. Hopefully, the other program will be given at another time. Pam then mentioned the January program on Finding Ancestors Underground and the December meeting on Obituaries. November will focus on how internet research is changing history. Pam then introduced Dennis Jenkins, a genealogist and former BLM employee, who gave an overview of researching federal land records. On October 4, Dennis will lead a workshop on the subject from 10:15-2 p.m. Refreshments were provided by Anne Sobol, Holly Borncamp and Flip Whyman. …Judy Rothe, Recording Secretary

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