



Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society Newsletter

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Programs and Workshops

Ann Lisa Pearson Program Chairman

Theme for 2007 *"Back to Basics"*

• March 13, 2007 1:00 p.m.

Church Records and Where to Find Them by Ann Lisa Pearson

• March 20, 2007 1:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting

Cemeteries and Records

By Ann Lisa Pearson

• April 10, 2007 1:00

Land Records in the Court House

By Ann Lisa Pearson

• April 17, 2007 Special

All Day Workshop 8:00 to 4:00 p.m.

By Dennis Jenkins—Retired BLM Land Specialist from Grand Junction.

Federal Records—Part 1

Workshop Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Federal Land Records—Part 2

• May 8, 2007 1:00

"Making the most of your Bemis visit"

By Lisa Davoust, Bemis Specialist

"Interlibrary loan from Bemis on the NGS books"

By Gary Routh

• May 15 Annual Used Book/Media Sale and Salad Luncheon 11:00 a.m.

Workshop 1:00 p.m. Joint Book

Purchase Program for our Libraries

By Gary Routh

Family Stories – How factual are they?

By: Bettie Covert Mossman

For most of my life I have heard the story of how my great grandfather, George Hocker Covert, died. The story told was that he was a police officer and was shot in the back on his front porch in Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky, by his best friend who was drunk at the time. This tragedy supposedly happened on Election Day in September 1890. The story was told to me by my two (2) aunts many times.

My husband, John, and I discussed this story a number of times. It just didn't sound right. First of all his occupation was that of a teamster and elections were normally not held in September. In October 1991, we were in Kentucky visiting. We decided to investigate the probability of this story.

Since he supposedly was a police officer we visited the Danville police department. They had no records from this period. We went to the city hall and ended up in the mayor's office. We told him the family story after which he took us down to the records vault. Since my ancestor was thought to be a Danville employee he had to be paid. No such luck. Back in the

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George Hocker Covert

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index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~cocghs/index.htm)



Message from the President

Sandi Klein

The first couple of months as Columbine President have gone by so quickly! Enjoyable but scary at times.

The one thing that I have been most impressed with is the energy and enthusiasm of the officers and committee chairs on the board. Everyone is very committed to keeping Columbine working smoothly and the continual process of helping our members and the genealogy community with their research.

Thanks to our Program Chairman, Ann Lisa our programs and workshops have been outstanding.

Patricia Roberts had us all ready to run home and get organized after her presentation.

James Jeffrey kept us entertained and laughing as he gave us excellent information about what is available at DPL.

Our own Vern Tomkins gave a very impressive and informative presentation on using the Legacy software.

As always Ann Lisa Pearson gave use useful tools to use on the Census and digging deeper into Courthouse Records.

There are many things coming up in the next few months. Some to watch for are:

Research Night at Bemis

Annual Used Book Sale

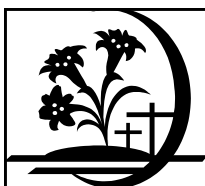
Open House at Bemis

Programs and Workshops that continue to help us

Don't forget that Columbine belongs to the membership.

Board Meetings are always open to our members.

Please come to see how the process works and to give any suggestions you might have.



IN REMEMBRANCE

John Cook

Columbine Member 1996-2007

Lucille M Elliott

Columbine Member 1974-2007

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Family Stories—How factual are they?

mayors office he suggested we go over to Centre College and look through old newspapers which they kept on microfilm.

As we were about to leave, the head grounds keeper for the city owned parks and cemetery came in to the office. The mayor asked him if he could help us to see if my ancestor was buried in Danville. He said he thought he knew where that was. Off we went to the Bellevue Cemetery. Sure enough there was my George buried next to his wife Catherine (Kate) (Collier). George did not have a head stone. She did.

That night we went to the library at Centre College in hopes of finding the information we were seeking. Luck was with us. First we found his obituary which led us about a hundred miles southeast to Pineville, in Bell County, which is not too far from the Cumberland Gap.

Next we found a newspaper article appearing in the 11 September 1890, issue of The Daily News of Pineville, KY. The article describes the shooting as follows:

“SHOOTING SCRAPE AT PINEVILLE - Deputy Marshall Convert [sic], of Pineville, was shot at midnight last night by, so it is said, one Bill J. Goodwin. From what can be learned it seems that Goodwin and his brother and one King, a brother-in law of the Goodwin's were raising a disturbance at a notorious whisky joint kept by one Hoskins. They refused to submit to arrest and upon Coverts attempting to arrest the trio he received a pistol shot, the bullet passing through his body. King has been arrested, but the Goodwin's are still at large. It is said that Covert cannot possibly live. He is considered to be one of the best officers on the Pineville force. The house at which this occurrence took place is situated on the mountain-side immediately above the depot. A boy of about thirteen years-of-age keeps himself locked in this dive and passes out whiskey to customers through a hole in the wall. An old Negro known as Pap keeps a restaurant and a lookout for all approaching the house. “The police are on the track of the Goodwin's and ere [sic] this issue of the News reaches its readers they will doubtless be captured.”

Fortunately we found many more articles describing his death, manhunt, and trial of those involved. We also found that the Governor had issued a reward of \$150.

These findings opened up other questions, such as how did a teamster become a Deputy Marshal and why and how did he come to Pineville while his family was in Danville? After nearly 120 years these questions will probably never be answered.

The next day after informing the mayor of our findings we headed off to Pineville. The records from that time period were lost as a result of a flood of the Cumberland River which flows through town.

His death left his widow, Catherine, the responsibility of providing a living and the upbringing of their six (6) children, of which the youngest was only 6 months old. She accomplished this mainly as a seamstress. She never remarried

Some years later we discovered that my great grandfather's name was inscribed at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. In September 2004 we met my sister, Carolyn (Covert) Braley, in Washington. We did find George Covert's name inscribed in the wall. The memorial has him listed as an Assistant Chief of Police and that he died on 9 September 1890.

Now the question. Are family stories that are handed down over the years factual? In my case partly. I have several other family stories which my never be solved. But the hunt for the truth can be fun and informative.

Note: The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was dedicated in 1991. It honors all of America's federal, state and local law enforcers. Inscribed on the Memorial's marble walls are the names of more than 15,000 officers who have been killed in the line of duty, dating back to the first known death in 1792. For more information you may go to: www.nleomf.com.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Tuesday April 17th All Day workshop. 8.00 am to 4:00 pm. Land Records There will be a morning break and an hour for lunch. Bring a Sack Lunch or go out, but be back by 1:00 pm.

Friday, May 11th 5:30 to 8:30 pm Research Night at Bemis Library.

Tuesday, May 15th Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society Books/Material Sale Luncheon

August 24th Genealogical Open House at Bemis

Auditor' Report

On January 4, the audit team of Phyllis Clark and Margaret A. (Peggy) Dionne audited the Columbine Genealogical and Historical society Treasurer's records for the year 2006, as maintained by Marilyn Elrod.

We examined both the manual and printed computerized register for the Society's 1st Bank Checking account, bank statements for the checking account and the Society's 1st Bank CD, the disbursement records, monthly statements, and budget comparisons.

The Society's financial transactions have been very well documented, reconciled, and reported for the year. The records are accurate and correspond with bank records. Disbursements are well documented and supported by receipts. The expenses that exceeded budget by more than the allowed amount are supported by appropriate approval in the Minutes. The records are in exceptionally good order.

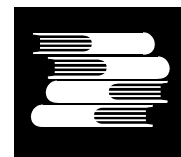
Marilyn has done a very professional job organizing, maintaining, coordinating and reporting the Society's finances for 2006. She has our appreciation and thanks for fulfilling the duties of Treasurer in an exceptional manner.

Sincerely Submitted, *Margaret A. Dionne, auditor*

Phyllis Clark, auditor 1/5/07



Salad Luncheon and Used Book/Material Sale May 22nd 11:00 A.M.



The annual salad luncheon and used book/materials sale will be held on May 22nd. Bring you favorite salad or food and recycle your magazines, cd's, books, and etc. The luncheon begins at **11:00** a.m. Help out the refreshment committee by placing a label with your name on your dish. Drinks and place settings will be furnished. The sale goes on all afternoon and the program begins at 1:00. The proceeds from this sale go into the fund for purchasing genealogy books for the libraries. This is our last meeting before the summer recess and always a fun time.

News from Bemis Library

Exciting things are happening at Bemis Library!

I have met several times with our core group of Columbine volunteers and we all become official registered Bemis Library 'Gene' Helpers. Our goals for the immediate future are to label all books that pertain to our research and to set up a table near the Reference Area to help visitors to Bemis find these research tools as they start their genealogical searches. We would like to have more Columbine members volunteer in these areas. No experience is needed and you determine how much time you have available.

We will soon have a 'new and improved' way to do our internet searches from the library. Instead of having to go downstairs every time we want to look for information on Ancestry, HeritageQuest, and the other sites provided by Bemis, we will be able to stay at our research station in the Genealogical Reference Department. The logistics are being worked out to move a computer to a desk in this area that will be used only for our online research! If this becomes popular with our members, there may be a chance for a second computer located there also!

We would like to again thank William Zishka for all the publications he has donated to our library's Genealogical Department in his wife's memory. He stated that Bemis would be the ideal place for them since Margaret enjoyed her long association with our Society. The donations include: Birth, Marriage, Death & Tax Assessor Records from the 1800's in Doniphan Co., Kansas; News Items of the 1800's found in the Weekly Kansas Chief; White Cloud, Kansas area cemeteries; Tracing Your Roots in Missouri River Valley from Sioux City, Iowa, to Independence, Missouri; Index to 1900 Genealogical & biographical Records for Atchison, Brown, Doniphan & Nemaha Counties, Kansas. Parish Maps of Ireland; History of Buchanan County, Missouri and Probate Index to Wills from that area. Many of her books are being processed and put on the shelves now and others are being sent out to be hard-bound before being added to the collection.

Plans are being made for another Research Night at Bemis. This time Bemis will advertise it in newspapers and through other Societies. Mark your calendar for Friday, May 11th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Phyllis Larison has asked Columbine to be in charge of the glass display case at the check-out area of the library for the month of May. If you have any information or items pertaining to Immigration to the United States that you would like to include in our presentation, please contact me. This will be a great time for others to see what Columbine members are finding in their research.

Our community wide Genealogical Open House at Bemis is also in the planning stage. More on this in the next newsletter, but we are looking at Friday night, August 24th for that event. We hope to have a guest speaker and will be passing out information on the various Associations, Web site, Research books, etc.

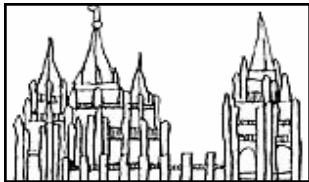
Please contact me with any suggestions, volunteering offers or questions. Let's show the staff how much we appreciate what they are doing for us at Bemis Library by using their resources and thanking them when we are there!

Jane L. Monroe

Columbine Liaison to Bemis Library
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© The thinnest books have the longest catalogue numbers.

© What did the spider do inside the library computer? It made a Web page.



Utah Death Certificates Now Online

SALT LAKE CITY — FamilySearch, in conjunction with the Genealogical Society of Utah and the Utah State Archives and Records Service, announced today that the state's free online index to death certificates is now linked to original images of the historic documents. The integration of the index with free digital pictures of the death certificates issued from 1905 to 1954 by the state will open doors to additional information for family historians and genealogists with Utah ties. To search the index and view the certificates, users need to go to <http://historyresearch.utah.gov/indexes/index.html>.

The online index to 250,000+ Utah deaths was created by the State Office of Vital Records and Statistics and has searchable information limited to the name of the deceased person, their date of death, sex, and where they died. The Utah State Archives turned to FamilySearch to help them get the digital images online. FamilySearch digitized the images and provided the technology to link the images of the certificates to the state's online index. The linking process was completed in just a few weeks — incredibly fast for a project of this nature and magnitude. The names of Utah's deceased are now very much alive, searchable, and viewable online — and for free.

Database for Scandinavian Research

The Vital Records Index for Scandinavia on CD-ROM contains 4.5 million records extracted from original birth, christening, and marriage certificates from Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. Volunteers extracted the information from church records from the late 1500s to 1905.

The new database contains approximately 3.5 million birth/christening records and one million marriage records

The set of seven discs (plus one viewer disc) can be purchased for \$16.50 (shipping and handling included) at Church distribution centers worldwide or by calling toll free 1-800-537-5971 and asking for item number 50108.

INTERNET SITES

- 1 Directory of Historical Newspapers on the Internet
<http://www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm>
- 2 Genealogy Today Locating Railroad Employee Records
<http://www.genealogytoday.com/guide/railroad-employees.html>
- 3 Northern New York Historical Papers
<http://news.nynln.net/index.html>
- 4 US Submarine Men Lost During WWII
<http://www.subvetpaul.com/Diedwwii.htm>
- 5 Pikes Peak Library District Genealogy Web Resources Colorado
<http://ppld.org/SpecialCollections/LocalHistoryGenealogy.asp>
- 6 Web Pages by Stephen P Morse
<http://stevemorse.org>
- 7 New York City Death Index
<http://www.italiangen.org/NYCDEATH.STM>
- 8 The Generations Network
MyFamily.com Inc. has changed its name.
<http://www.thegenerationsnetwork.com/>
- 9 International Genealogy Sleuth
<http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthi.htm>
- 10 New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)
<http://www.newenglandancestors.org/>



Check them out





National Archives -New Microfilm and News from– Rocky Mountain Region, Denver 2007

Submitted by Bonnie Minor, Volunteer at the Archives

New Microfilm

Applications for Headstones for U. S. Military Veterans, 1925-1941 134 Rolls

Military Post Returns 1800, 1916 58 additional rolls

Indian Census Rolls, 1884-1940 Completes the entire run.

Index to War 1812 Pension Application Files 41 additional rolls

The results of your dollar donation to NARA on your membership renewal form.

Letters Received by the Office of the Adjutant General (Main Series) 2 rolls

These two rolls (386 & 387) deal specifically with the massacre of Chinese workers of the Union Pacific Railroad on September 2, 1885, at Rock Springs, Wyoming, and to other violations of the rights of Chinese in the Western United States.

National Archives and Footnote Launch Project to Digitize Historic Documents

Washington, DC and Lindon, UT...Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein and Footnote, Inc. CEO Russell Wilding today announced an agreement to digitize selected records from the vast holdings of the National Archives. The 4.5 million pages that have been digitized so far are now available at www.footnote.com/nara.

Papers of the Continental Congress (1774-89).

Mathew B. Brady Collection of Civil War Photographs.

Southern Claims Commission.

Name Index to Civil War and Later Pension Files

Investigative Case files of the Bureau of Investigation 1908-22

What can you do? Search all titles, search for a name, date, place or topic.

View and enlarge documents to discover hidden clues.

Print documents to read later or add to your scrapbooks. Save documents to your Footnote Gallery.

Share any document you find. Add People, Places, Dates & Text within any document, which then become searchable. Upload any image from your computer that you want to share with others.

Don't overlook .. Research Tools and Ways to Search on Line <http://archives.gov/research/tools/>

Non-parochial, foreign and maritime Births, Marriages and Deaths digitization project

Under the Licensed Internet Associateship scheme The National Archives has signed a license with Genealogy Supplies Limited to scan the existing microform and place online the following series records: RG 4-8 RG 32-36 BT 158-160

The aim is to have some records online towards the end of this year. As part of the license there will be free onsite access for our readers

For the first time this fascinating series will be fully searchable by name, further opening up what is already a well used resource at The National Archives, and giving you easy access to a digital copy of the records.

BOOKS DONATED TO BEMIS AND DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARIES

By Gary W. Routh

I took over Columbine's book acquisition responsibilities in January 2007 and would like to commend Woody Trosper for her hard work and dedication for the past six years. She selected, bought and delivered over 200 quality genealogy books to area libraries. The fruits of her efforts will serve genealogists for many years to come. Thank you Woody!

Bemis Library Donations – February 2007

NARA Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives, Revised Third Edition, 411 p. This edition features numerous new quality photos, maps, and charts. The guide helps readers understand the confusing organization of National Archives collections and describes their usefulness to genealogists.

Wuerttemberg Emigration Index, Vol. 7, by Trudy Schenk and Ruth Froelke, 475 p. This book adds to the six volumes already in the Bemis collection. It includes emigrations from the following Wuerttemberg Oberamts: Aalen, Esslingen, Heidenheim, Marbach, Muensingen, Riedlingen, Tuttlingen, and Vaihingen.

American Population Before the Federal Census of 1790, by Evarts B. Greene and Virginia D. Harrington, 228 p. A 2006 reprint of the 1981 compilation of every early Colonial population figure available for towns and counties obtained from official reports to casual observations in dairies and journals.

Only a Few Bones: A true Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy, by John Philip Colletta, 2000, 436 p. A delightful read of Colletta's ancestors and a model of scholarly research and footnotes. (private donation to circulating collection)

Deep Ancestry: Inside the Geneographic Project, by Spencer Wells, 2006, 247 p. Written by the director of National Geographic's 'Genographic DNA Project'. He explains the fascinating encapsulated history of our species and his project to capture DNA of rapidly disappearing tribes. (private donation to circulating collection)

Saxons, Vikings and Celts: the Genetic Roots of Britain and Ireland, by Bryan Sykes, 2006, 306 p. Discussion of the author's systematic ten year DNA survey of more than 10,000 U.K. volunteers to establish genetic origins of populations and regions. (private donation to circulating collection)

Denver Public Library Donations – February 2007

Indiana Civil War Veterans: Death Rolls of G.A.R., 1882-1948, by Dennis Northcott, 2005, 400 p. A complete transcription of published deaths of Indiana G.A.R. members compiled into a giant 360 page listing with appendices of post names, membership numbers and supplemental information.

Voices of the Irish Immigrant: Want Ads in *Truth Teller*, New York City 1825-1844, by Diane Fitzpatrick Haberstroh and Laura Murphy DeGrazia, 2005, 262 p. New York Genealogical & Biographical Society compilation of thousands of Irish immigrant want ads in the Catholic *Truth Teller* newspaper. The ads offer glimpses of Irish families, their lives, and places of origin. Indexed by personal names, place names in Ireland and N.Y. street names.

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Albemarle Parish Vestry Book, 1742-1786 – Surry and Sussex Counties, by Virginia Davis and Andrew Hogwood, 2005, 266p. Complete vestry book entries of one of the earliest and most complete public records from Colonial Virginia. A well produced, easy to read and fully indexed book.

Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies in America 1607-1775, by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, 2005, 350p. Complete list of official British records of Colonial naturalizations with full names, dates, and locations. Some entries give European origins and other valuable details.

Sinking Creek Baptist Church Records, Tennessee, 1738-1905, Mountain Press, Signal Mountain, TN. 1938 WPA transcribed records from the oldest church in Tennessee located near Johnson City in Washington County. Three volumes of collected church meetings, letters, rosters, and finances. This is the only remaining source of these records packed with names and priceless details. (private donation to reference collection)

I welcome any and all book purchase recommendations from members. We are always glad to do joint book purchases with members – you pay half and Columbine pays the other half. You get to use the book then it is donated to the library of your choice. Feel free to contact me: Gary Routh, email: grouth@grouth.org or 303-794-3790

They're Back



After an absence for restoration, the CG&HS member pedigree charts have returned and are back on the shelf for member and public usage. Fresh, new binders with new photocopies of all currently processed ancestor charts fill ten volumes plus two Surname Index binders and a Submitter List binder. One set is available for study in the genealogy section at Bemis Library in Littleton, and the other set is on display during CG&HS business meetings, the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Cross in Centennial.

For those of you who are inspired to turn in your pedigree charts so they can be included in the new, improved volumes, please keep a few things in mind.

- Turn in 2 copies of Ancestor Pedigree Charts ONLY on 8 ½ x 11 paper – no family group sheets, one side only, no staples.
- Please write your name and address on each page.
- Do not change previously submitted pedigrees, as doing so would make the index incorrect. If you wish to add to or change previous data, simply resubmit fresh copies.
- Keep it simple and legible. Save your documentation and descendants until you are contacted by another researcher seeking more information or with data to share.

A special “Thank you” to Woody Trosper for her valuable help refilling binders. Upcoming: we are currently working on producing an electronic version of the pedigrees on CD and hope to make them available sometime soon. Until then, happy researching!

Joyce B. Lohse, CG&HS Archivist

WORD TIP

If you see "good brother" or "good sister," the creator of the document wasn't playing favorites. It's just another way of saying "brother-in-law" or "sister-in-law." You might also come across "good son" or "good daughter" which are "son-in-law" and "daughter-in-law."

Genealogy.com

New 2007 Colorado VITAL RECORDS 'Proof of Relationship' Policy

by Gary W. Routh, Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society,
Littleton, CO

In January I learned the hard way that Colorado Vital Records Section is now enforcing a new 'proof of relationship' policy on death certificate requests. Their website explains the new policy:

“Effective January 1, 2007, proof of your relationship or direct and tangible interest is required. Certified [death record] copies may be issued to: parents; grandparents; stepparents; siblings; spouse; adult children, stepchildren or grandchildren of the deceased; legal representatives of any of the above; legal representatives of the deceased; probate researchers; genealogists representing family members with appropriate credentials; others who may demonstrate a direct and tangible interest when information is needed for determination or protection of a personal property right. Applicants must submit proof of their relationship or documentation to establish their legal interest in obtaining a certificate (i.e. birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates, certified court orders, insurance policies).”

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hs/birth.html>

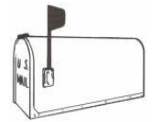
I was told by the helpful clerk at the Colo. Vital Records Office, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO that genealogy database print outs, research documents, family letters, genealogy society membership cards, etc. which show proof of genealogy research work related to that person will meet the requirement. I did not find out if they expect to retain copies of these 'proof of relationship' documents. It is advised that you inquire about your particular death certificate request in advance before making your trip to the Vital Records Of-

Genealogy Tag Lines

- Adam and Eve probably found genealogy a bit boring.
- Documentation....The hardest part of genealogy.
- Keep on a digging, the best bones are buried deepest!
- Happiness is not a destination. It's the trip.

Query Corner

Woody Trosper , Queries Coordinator



For a minimum donation to Columbine Book Fund of \$10.00 per surname. The Query Committee will research Colorado records at local sources in the Denver Area. Send request and S.A.S.E. and a check payable to CGHS, Inc. to Query Coordinator.

Woody Trosper
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Census It was not until 1830 that the census office supplied printed questionnaires of “schedules.” The enumerators of 1790, 1800, 1810, and 1820 censuses returned the results of their canvassing on whatever paper they had. Each also had to post copies of their censuses in two public places in their assigned location. Presumably, people who could read would see the discrepancies or omissions and call them to attention of officials. Unfortunately few, if any of these duplicate have survived.

Census Substitutes

Tax Rolls
Personal Property
Real Estate
Assessors' lists

New People on Board Welcome Committee Chairman Appointments



Gary Routh Public Acquisitions

Jan Routh Delegate
Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies

Marilyn Elrod and Marge Rask
Projects Committee Co-Chairs

Members are always welcome to
attend our board meetings at 9:30 on 2nd Tuesday.

Out of the Past

New York, Elizabethtown October 1916

Second-Hand Automobiles

I have the following second-hand cars which I will sell at a bargain or exchange for HORSES.

1912 Seven Passenger Locomobile all in fine condition.
 1911 Model 17 Buick five passenger.
 1910 Briarcliff Lozier, six cylinder, seventy-five horse power.
 1909 Five Passenger Mitchell.

NEW REO and OLDSMOBILE DEMONSTRATORS NOW ON HAND

Call or write for a demonstration.

V. W. Prime
 Elizabethtown, - - New York

Some thing change with time and others stay the same. Old newspapers are a goldmine for discovering the temperament of the times.

NOTICE.

All persons are hereby forbidden to trespass on the premises of the undersigned for the purposes of hunting or berrying. All who trespass for said purposes will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Signed, Mrs John Close,
 John Vaughan,
 Henry Merrill.

[Aug8yr1]

Columbine Membership

by Paula Davis, Membership

Welcome

New Members

Christine Dale
 Dale, Miller, Shipley, Bauer, Becher, Phillips and Stickney

Roland & Cheryl Floberg 303-770-7077
 Floberg, Honman and Schmidt

Jean Lohse

Barb Walker 303-752-2152
 Chesney, Wiley, Olsen and Hampson

Betty Olsen
 Chesney, Wiley, Hampson

Anita Burbank-Jenkins 303-798-3481
 Burbank

Martha Bradshaw 303-730-9890

**May 15, 2007
 Annual Used Book Sale**

DONATIONS NEEDED

If you have genealogical magazines, books or other items that you no longer need or have room for Columbine can use them.

Please contact either Jane Monroe
 or
 Sandi Klein.

The Refreshment Committee

Thanks the many members who responded to Diane's plea for help and generously donated money to help our committee. We truly appreciate your kind response.

Rita Elmore, Diane Hall and Shirley Terry



A FRESH LOOK AT BEMIS

By Gary W. Routh

Having just completed my “freshman year” of intensive genealogy research, I am amazed at all the wonderful metro area genealogy resources available to us. Visits to NARA, Denver Public Library, and the Family History Center are always rewarding. But my biggest surprise has been Bemis Library. Over the past thirty-plus years our Columbine Genealogical Society has helped Bemis accumulate a first class genealogy collection.

Recently I became better acquainted with this collection as I reviewed Earl King's 1995 Bemis database and met with library staff for book acquisition planning. As I learned more I came to realize that Bemis has a truly remarkable genealogical and historical resource with depth and quality. Members of Columbine can be proud of their donations making Bemis one of Colorado's finest genealogy libraries.

Since large county library systems around our area must focus on their most popular circulating collections they tell patrons to visit Bemis for genealogy research. Jane Monroe and her volunteers are spending many hours labeling and organizing materials to make them easier to find. Phyllis Larison is pushing to bring the spotlight onto their rare genealogy jewels. All this effort is making a difference.

Bemis is convenient for most of us and parking is free. A few suggestions of things you might like to check out at Bemis on your visit:

John P. Colletta's book “*Only A Few Bones.*” He is the feature speaker at DPL on St. Patrick's Day and his book is a model of family genealogy writing and superb documentation.

Have a reference desk person show you how to search and order interlibrary loan books from the NGS (National Genealogical Society) library in St. Louis. Over 20,000 quality genealogy books are available in the NGS collection and Bemis can borrow them for you.

If DNA is your interest there are two new books in the circulating collection - “*Saxons, Vikings, and Celts: The Genetic Roots of Britain and Ireland*” by Bryan Sykes and “*Deep Ancestry: Inside the Genographic Project*” by Spencer Wells.

I extend my thanks to all of you for your contributions over the years making Bemis the excellent resource it is today. And remember, Bemis operates like every other library, i.e. their funding relates directly to how much they are used. I encourage you to use their services - everyone wins when our hometown library is strong and healthy. Take a fresh look at Bemis, you'll like what you see.

The Generations Network and Kirtas Technologies to Digitize More Than 75 Million Historical Family Records

I wrote about Kirtas Technologies in a Plus Edition article a year or so ago. The company produces book scanners: place a book in the machine, press a button and walk away. The device will scan every page in the book, using a robotic arm to flip the pages of the book as needed. Now the company is announcing the sale of two of the company's APT BookScan 2400 book scanners to The Generations Network (better known as Ancestry.com).

The devices will capture close to 5,000 pages per hour. The Generations Network says the company will use the devices to capture immigration records and city directories that date back to the 1820s

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Go to <http://www.kirtastech.com/> and see the scanner in operation.

John Burton, the Quaker

by Donald R. Elliott



My ancestral line finds its way back to John Burton. John was born about 1617. By 1636 he was listed as “of Salem” and was a tanner, by trade. He took the “oath” of a Freeman in 1638 at Salem, Massachusetts. He lived on a farm adjacent to that of Governor Endicott.

Then along come the Quakers. Originally the “Friends” were the followers of George Fox, an English lay preacher who, about 1647, began to preach the doctrine of “Christ within.” The followers soon began to group together into the semblance of an organization, calling themselves by such names as Children of Light, Friends of Truth, and, eventually, Society of Friends. In reference to their agitated movements before moments of divine revelation, they were popularly called “Quakers.”

Fox began preaching that since there was “that of God in every man,” a formal church structure and educated ministry were unnecessary. Quakerism took on certain characteristics such as simplicity in the manner of living, encouraging women to be ministers, spiritual democracy in meeting, absolute adherence to truth, universal peace and brotherhood regardless of sex, class, nation or race. Quakers refused to take oaths, they preached against war and they often found it necessary to oppose the authority of church or state.

The Quakers first started arriving in Boston in 1656. They received a chilly welcome. Since Quakers placed the demands of their conscience above the dictates of human authority, the colonial officials felt this “contempt of the magistracy” made the Quakers “instruments of the devil” who sowed seeds of social discord, sedition, and anarchy. Quick action was taken to suppress Quakerism.

As the Quaker presence grew, the governors of Massachusetts Bay and Plymouth took legal steps to prevent Quakers from entering their colonies. In late 1656 and 1657, the General Court passed a series of laws that outlawed “the cursed sect of heretics commonly called Quakers.” Quakers who persisted in entering the colony were imprisoned, publicly whipped till they bled and had ears chopped off. Finally, in October 1658 the Massachusetts General Court passed a law that barred Quakers from the colony “under pain of death.”

By 1658, John Burton, was a Quaker. Since he had taken the Freeman’s Oath in 1638, he must have been a convert and by 1658 he was listed as “a Quaker, and was the victim of the narrow, prejudiced and bigoted spirit of the Salem people at that time. In 1658 John Small, Josiah Southwick, and John Burton were apprehended in Dedham while on their way to Rhode Island to provide a residence for themselves and families and taken before the governor in Boston, who allowed them to pursue their way by paying costs.” At this time Rhode Island was open to Quakers, since it was “founded in a spirit of religious toleration.”

But, John Burton must not have taken his family to Rhode Island as 27 Nov 1660 “The wife of Robert Stone, John Burton and other Quakers were prosecuted.” Then again on 10 Dec 1661 “Several of the Friends were fined as usual. The fines ran from one shilling to ten pounds. John Burton was perhaps a meek Quaker, but on this occasion he showed a brave and manly spirit, and told the justices that they were robbers and destroyers of the widows and the fatherless, and that their priests divined for money, and that their worship was not the worship of God. Being commanded silence, he commanded the court to be silent. He continued speaking in this manner till he was ordered to the stocks, where he was placed to expiate his offense. He was frequently fined for not attending public worship, but led a quiet life during his later years.” John died in 1684, aged about 67 years.

If John’s family became, or remained, Quakers is not known. Four generations later, a descendant, John Burton of Wilton, New Hampshire, was a deacon of the First Congregational Church there. He also served at Bunker Hill and was a Free Mason. Somewhere along the line a departure from the Friends was made.

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Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies meeting held 27 Jan 2007

Jan Routh, Council Representative

Bobbi King presided and officially turned over responsibility to the new Council president, Pat Roberts.

- Heritage license plates – process has changed; guidelines will be posted – Bobbi King

Boulder Genealogy Society:

- Book published, *Green Mountain Cemetery Index to Interments* – sells for \$24.95 – will be creating CDs
- Working on indexing obits of *Boulder Daily Camera* newspaper for 1960-69 – should be finished this summer
- Sent letter to *Boulder Daily Camera* newspaper regarding “pay-for-obit” policy – disservice to community as well as genealogists

Weld County Genealogy Society:

- Offering 3-hour beginning genealogy classes, three times a month, Centennial Park Library
- Working on indexing burial records – ongoing

Parker Genealogy Society:

- Transcription of 1885 Douglas County census and indexing obits from *Parker Chronicle* newspaper – both beginning this summer

Aurora Genealogy Society:

- Have over 8,000 genealogy resources, includes books, pamphlets, periodicals, pages, etc. – located near Fitzsimmons, manned by volunteers, open one day a week

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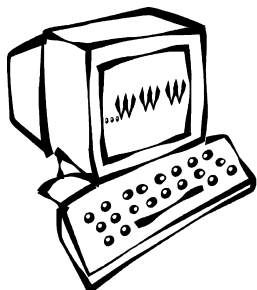
- Have seminars twice a year – this year April 14 and October 28 in Lakewood
- Duane Kneibes working on cemetery locations with GPS – working on contract with Denver.

Columbine Genealogy Society:

- Bemis Library project in work by Jane Monroe –large, laminated tabs, stickers, library table manned by volunteers – Open Research Night and Open House – generated much interest
- Columbine will be hosting April Colorado Council, Denver Public Library – 10:00 am

General:

- Pat Roberts is investigating the Council bylaws – believes they have not been updated since September 1996
- Pat, as Council president, plans to visit every genealogy society this year



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