



# Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society Newsletter

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## PROGRAMS/WORKSHOPS

*CJ Backus, Program Chairman*

### 8 September 1:00 p.m.

Resources at the Colorado Historical Society Library  
Rebecca Lintz, Library Director

### 15 September 1:00 p.m.

Reading Your Ancestry Like a Book  
Ben Benoit, Former Columbine Member

### 13 October at 1:00 p.m.

Colorado Family Recognition Program  
Ann Lisa Pearson, Columbine Member  
James Jeffrey, Denver Public Library

### 20 October at 1:00 p.m.

"Naturalization Records"  
Carol Darrow, Co Genealogical Society

### 10 November at 1:00 p.m.

Elections

"All You Need to Know About the CGHS Web Site"

Don Elliott, Marilyn Elrod and Gary Routh, Columbine Members

### 17 November at 1:00 p.m.

"Google Your Family Tree—Useful Tips"  
Gary Routh, Columbine Member

### 8 December at 12:00 p.m.

Holiday Party

### Missed a Program or Workshop?

You can find the handouts from our past programs on the CGS website!  
<http://www.columbinegenealogy.com>

## Visiting Our 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ancestors

—Jan & Gary Routh

When John P. Colletta spoke in Denver he repeatedly said, "You have to visit where your ancestors lived." We had never been to any of the places where our 19<sup>th</sup> century ancestors settled, so our first big research trip was a whirlwind drive in early May 2008 through three states in thirteen days. (See map on page seven.) We had to return for Mother's Day, so the luxury of spending leisure time anywhere wasn't an option.



We took the advice found in many research trip articles—plan, plan and plan some more! We studied maps online, researched county cemetery indexes, checked local library catalogs, and made phone calls to museums, libraries, etc. Finally we had organized research packets by location containing information on names, addresses, hours and cemeteries and a bag filled with extra digital camera cards, DeLorme Atlases and a big package of home-mixed gorp.

With a trunk full of flowers to place on graves we planned to visit, our first stop was the Lyons, Kansas cemetery to photograph Gary's g-grandparents' graves then the library to pull obituaries from newspaper microfilm. Next we were on to the Olathe, Kansas area and an evening drive though the rolling hills where Gary's grandparents farmed and his mother was born. With a little imagination it was easy to slip back to simpler days and see horse-pulled wagons on dirt country roads (even though cars were flying by us on paved roads).

The next day our first unexpected surprise caused a change of plans. The sign on the Johnson County Archives door stated, "Closed Today for Training." Plan B took us to the Johnson County Public Library genealogy collection where Gary found newspaper notices from 1907 stating that his grandmother's "*Old Trusty incubator had hatched an even hundred out of a hundred and five eggs*" and his grandfather had "*... brought a fine new spring wagon from town last Friday.*"

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***Message From the CGHS President***

As I'm writing this I realize only two weeks have gone by since our May Luncheon. Thinking back on it what comes to mind is how Columbine members are such a fun and helpful group of people. It makes me proud to say I'm part of this society.



*James Jeffrey and Sandi Klein*

Being able to talk about and be the one to give the two volume memorial book "He loves a good deal of rum.... Military Desertions during the American Revolution, 1775-1783" to the Denver Public Library in Barbara Brown's name was an honor for me. Having her husband Eldon and son Norm there for the presentation was very special. It's humbling to remember how much Barbara and others have done to make Columbine what it is today. The other exciting part of that is to watch as current members and the ones to come continue with and expand on the traditions that are in place.

I would be remiss not to acknowledge that James Jeffrey came from Denver Public Library to accept the Barbara Brown Memorial book donation. Any time James comes to Columbine we can expect the unexpected. This was no exception. His reading of the excerpts from the memorial book were priceless! Thank you, James, for taking time from your busy schedule to join us.

Finally, as I listened to the stories of the "finds" members had at the Family History Library in Salt Lake it reminded me yet again that as much as some of us would like to, we cannot do all our genealogy and family history on the Internet. It still takes going to libraries, court houses, cemeteries, etc. So, as we start our summer research, let's make sure we get out there and use the resources we have. Happy Researching—see you in September.

—Sandi Klein

**Query Corner**

The Query Committee will research Colorado records at local sources in the Denver Area. There is a minimum donation to the Columbine Book Fund of \$20.00 per surname. Send request along with a S.A.S.E. and a check payable to "CGHS, Inc." to:

CGHS Query Coordinator  
Woody Trosper  
P. O. Box 2074  
Littleton, CO 80161-2074

## New CGHS Newsletter Team



The quarterly CGHS Newsletter has two new stewards: Dave Miller and Mary Heinritz. As coeditors Dave (a retired engineer) will collect, analyze and organize content after which Mary (a semi-retired writer, editor and desktop publisher) will write, layout, edit,

check spelling and grammar (important when working with a retired engineer).

When Mary Heinritz first came to CGHS she expected to learn new ways to seek out and get to know ancestors; her “breakthrough” was finding so many people who share her passions. As a child, Mary was an “Air Force Brat” with severe asthma who spent hours indoors preparing to be a genealogist: reading, writing and solving jigsaw puzzles. Mary attended high school in Griswold, Iowa and Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa before moving to Colorado for a milder climate—just in time for the “Blizzard of ’82”. In another serendipitous move, Mary married Jim, a surveyor, in 1988. Jim researches property records while she looks for people as they discover more about their pioneer ancestors in Illinois, Wisconsin, Mississippi and Louisiana.



Dave Miller (really it's John David but we don't need to go there) is a nerdy sort of fellow, born in Kansas but raised in Colorado from then on. Dave was a family “black sheep” within the Miller family. He was the first male descendant in four generations of males to not attend medical school, preferring instead to be a 'geeky' engineer. Dave really

didn't have to study in high school—working just hard enough to get grades that his parents wouldn't object too much to or ground him until the next report period.

Dave's parents wanted him to attend Colorado School of Mines (which he reluctantly did for two years) even though he had no interest in mining, geology, or petroleum. Enid and David were married between their sophomore and junior years and both transferred to the University of Colorado where he then got his degree in Aerospace (ee the disconnect with School of Mines) and Enid got her degree in mathematics (she IS smarter than David). David's first job was in California after graduation where he then got his Masters of Science from Stanford, also in aerospace.

## Welcome New Members

by Joetta Williams, Membership Coordinator

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## Columbine Library Donations – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009

By Gary W. Routh



The following books were purchased and donated in June. Book purchase recommendations from members are always welcome; please contact me by email or phone: [grouth@grouth.org](mailto:grouth@grouth.org) or 303-794-3790.

### Bemis Public Library Donations – June 2009

**Social Networking for Genealogists**, Drew Smith, 2009, 129p. The hottest Genealogical Publishing Co. title right now, this how-to book explains dozens of ways to connect with other genealogists online. Contains brief sections on blogs, wikis, podcasts, photo and video sharing, plus many more.

**Encyclopedia of German-American Genealogical Research**, Clifford Neal Smith, 1976, 273 p. Long-standing German reference which helps demystify Deutschland research. Contains a wealth of German geographic details for genealogists as well as extensive German and American research resources.

**Topographical Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to New England, 1620-1650**, Charles Edward Banks, 2002, 295p. Reprint of 1937 work containing lists of names of those who left English counties. Has multiple indexes for English shire parishes, towns, ships, etc.

**Historical Collections of Ohio in Two Volumes, Vol. II**, Henry Howe, Ohio Centennial Edition, 1900, 911p. Marilyn Elrod found Vol. II missing from the reference shelf at Bemis Public Library. This second volume of the rare old set contains an index for both volumes. A used 'original 1900' copy was found online for \$20 plus \$4 shipping – Wow, what a find!

**A History of Missouri, Vol. IV, 1875-1919**, Lawrence Christensen and Gary R. Kremer, Univ. Missouri Press, 1997, 286p. Part of a five-volume set at Bemis, Volume IV was found missing by Marilyn Elrod. This used hardbound original issue was purchased to complete the set.



### Denver Public Library Donations – June 2009

**Wilkes County, Georgia Tax Records 1785-1805**, Frank Parker Hudson, Augusta Genealogical Society publication, 2008, 2-Vols. 1520p. A 30-year compilation of all Wilkes Co. Taxables for 1785-1805, with adjoining landowners and original grantee – 47,000 tax returns from all extant tax records. Maps of militia tax districts and watercourses to assist researchers.

**Pennsylvania Research: County and Township Records**, John T. Humphrey, 2006, 326p. Indispensable guide to finding which county agencies hold what collections of early tax records, court documents, land records, early maps, naturalization, as well as dozens of other obscure documents. The author has researched throughout Pennsylvania for many years and this book is essential to maximize your research there.

**Pennsylvania Grave Stones of Northampton County – People Born before 1800**, John T. Humphrey, 2000, 447p. A compilation of both burial and gravestone information for people who were born before 1800 and who died in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Entries list the name of the decedent, along with dates of birth and death, ages, names of spouses and the location where they were buried.

**Wilmington, Vermont**, compiled and indexed by Richard G. Boyd, 1989, 100 p. Original 1900 Deerfield Valley Times Reunion Edition history book was indexed in 1989 and rebound. Packed with excellent 1800s photos of houses, mills, farms, stores, as well as many citizens. Gift of Donald R. Elliott.

**We Tiptons and Our Kin**, Rev. Ervin Charles Tipton, 1975, 1564p. Massive wide-reaching Tipton family history with abundant maps, charts, photos plus an excellent 130 page index. An amazing piece of work which obviously took the author a lifetime to research and collect. Donated by George Fosdick for a friend.

**Kettenring, Kettering, Ketring, Kettron, Catron, Ca-tron Family**, compiled by Henry Hardy Catron, Springfield IL, 1966, 720p. Unusual format, looks and reads like a dense phone book with thousands of related family members listed in alphabetic order with brief history. Donated by George Fosdick for a friend.

### *A Delightful Time Was Had By All!*

On 19 May 2009, the annual book sale, luncheon and program proved once again to be a delightful way to kick off Columbine's start to summer vacation. After a pot-luck of yummy food provided by the members under the careful setup by the refreshment committee, a special presentation was held.

President Sandi Klein introduced Barbara Brown's husband Eldon Brown and his son, Norm, who were present for Columbine's presentation of our Barbara Brown Memorial Book donation to Denver Public Library. After announcing the donation of the two-volume set of books titled "***He Loves a Good Deal of Rum: Military Desertions During the American Revolution, 1775-1783***" by Joseph Lee Boyle, Sandi read a touching dedication to the memory of Barbara Jones Brown:

*"For her continuing support of and commitment to the field of genealogy; her scholarship, her expertise, her leadership and her authority. For her competence, her skills, her talents and her abilities. For her vision and her inspiration."*



James Jeffrey (Special Collection Librarian, Western History/Genealogy Department, Denver Public Library), Norm Brown, Eldon Brown and CGHS President Sandi Klein during the presentation of the Barbara Brown Memorial book donation to the Denver Public Library.

James Jeffrey, accepting the donation for the Denver Public Library, read some colorful excerpts from the books to the delight of the audience.

Members who had traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah, for a research trip from April 28 to May 3, 2009 then took turns sharing their adventures in the Family History Library. Doris Livingston, Ginger Van Zyl, Sandi Klein, Ron Floberg, Cheryl Floberg, Diane Hall, Connie Strandberg, Marilyn Lyle, Marilyn Elrod, Bill Nix, Evelyn Nix, Christine Fleischhacker, Diane Adams and Woody Trosper all had interesting stories to tell about their "finds" on this trip.

Program chair, CJ Backus, ended the program telling of her experience on the trip and then giving out "home-work" for the summer. Knowing genealogists always have papers to get in order, she urged members to get themselves organized so they would be ready for the next trip to Salt Lake, so they too, could join in the thrill of finding those brick wall pieces in their family history which are waiting to be found in that library.

A wonderful time was had by all, and members said farewell until next September when it will all start up again!

CGHS Members enjoy the food and fellowship at the annual spring book sale, luncheon and program held on May 19, 2009.



**CGHS Member  
Volunteer  
Opportunity**

**Coordinator Needed for  
our 2010 Salt Lake City  
research trip!**

**Call Sandi Klein at  
303-688-9846**

**Visiting Our 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ancestors**  
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Our next stop was the excellent Mid-Continent Library at Independence, MO for some serious research. We photographed tax records, land records and cemetery indexes. A most memorable experience was being awakened at 2:00 a.m. by a tornado roaring through the parking lot. We had planned to go back to the library in the morning, but after that fright quickly left town at 3:00 a.m. instead.

In Polk and Dade counties we visited g-grandfather Jonathan Houston Routh's farm land and three cemeteries—one named Routh Chapel Cemetery. Gary's gg-grandfather Isaac Routh was a Methodist Evangelical pastor and the small 1800s church is still called Routh Chapel. After hearing about the chapel all his life, Gary finally was able to see it. As we were walking around the church, a church commissioner drove over to check us out. Once he learned who we were he unlocked the chapel and allowed us to photograph the interior—a very emotional day that will never be forgotten!

Next was a drive across Illinois to Fulton County where Jan's maternal ancestors (Morgans and Clarks) from Wales and Durham, England settled. Near Farmington we visited the Harris and Oak Ridge Cemeteries where many of these ancestors are buried. (Gary's doctor, who grew up near Farmington, asked if we were visiting relatives; Gary received a strange look when he deadpanned, "Yes, but they were all dead.") Jan's gg-uncle was a carpenter who designed and built a lovely, two-story house in Farmington and designed the cemetery's memorial gate.

On our way to northern Illinois, we had a fun lunch with one of Jan's fellow LaBorde researchers, one of the many delightful friends we have met via the internet. Of course, she gave us useful local tips for our next stop in Freeport, Stephenson Co, IL.

Part of the Freeport Public Library, the Frances Woodhouse History Room is reserved for genealogy researchers and manned by a librarian and volunteers from the Stephenson County Genealogical Society. The librarian told us on the phone to be sure to be there on a Monday since that is when the grand dame of Stephenson County genealogy, Elvera, would be there to help.

Truer words were never said! Elvera kept both of us busy looking through indexes, microfilms, card files, etc. There was so much information on Jan's LaBorde ancestors that Jan left a list with the librarians that they looked up, copied and mailed to us after we had returned home.

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*Routh Chapel and Cemetery, Dade County, MO*



*LaBorde Gravestones, Rock Grove Cemetery, Stephenson Co, IL*

*“Hundreds of redbud trees were in bloom during our travels through Missouri and Illinois, something our grandparents had commented that they missed here in Colorado—quite a beautiful sight! It was exhilarating and deeply emotional to actually stand where our ancestors stood.”*  
 - Gary Routh

Still in Stephenson County, we located Jan’s ggg-grandfather La Borde’s farm. Although the rest of the buildings are gone, the old barn is still in use. It’s now sided/roofed in tin but the old stone foundation is still visible. A couple of miles to the east took us to the Rock Grove Cemetery where many of her LaBorde ancestors are buried. LaBordes still living in the area have erected a modern gravestone at her ggg-grandparents’ graves with transcriptions of the text that can no longer be read on the original stones.

the only places to find those precious details that cannot be found anywhere else. Gary experienced five ancestral locations; Jan four on this trip. Overall, we talked with numerous delightful people, visited 6 libraries, 14 cemeteries, 149 graves and came home with countless pages of information and approximately 2,000 digital photos.

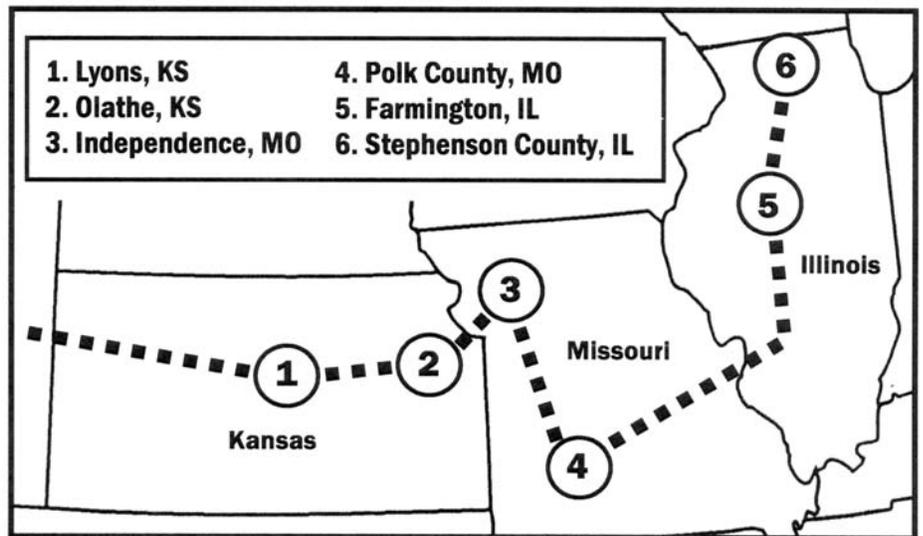
We heartily agree with Colletta, that nothing matches being in the places where your ancestors lived—what a trip!

**Editor’s Note:**

Many thanks to Gary and Jan for sharing the joy from their trip. This article is the first of a series of articles written by CGHS members about memorable genealogical research trips. If you would like to contribute, contact Dave Miller at 303-346-2252 or [jmiller80130@att.net](mailto:jmiller80130@att.net).

Hundreds of redbud trees were in bloom during our travels through Missouri and Illinois, something our grandparents had commented that they missed here in Colorado—quite a beautiful sight! It was exhilarating and deeply emotional to actually stand where our ancestors stood.

Thanks to GoogleEarth and MapQuest, we were able to drive directly to obscure, rural cemeteries. And thanks to both online and cemetery transcriptions in libraries we were able to find many graves in a short time rather than ‘walking the cemetery.’ Local libraries where one’s ancestors lived are usually



**Trip Map showing the route for Jan and Gary Routh’s 2008 Research Trip**

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