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PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

From CJ Backus, V.P. - Programs

13 Sep 2011—1:00 Program
"FAMILY SEARCH NOW"
 Wallace Carroll
 Director of Littleton FHC

20 Sep 2011—1:00 Program
"PUBLISHING ON DEMAND"
 Pat Roberts
 Boulder Gen. Soc.

11 Oct 2011—1:00 Program
"IS DNA IN YOUR GENEALOGY?"
 Ralph Taylor
 Columbine Gen. & Hist. Soc.

18 Oct 2011—1:00 Program
"THAT NAUGHTY FRANK MACKENROTH"
 Carol Johnson
 Columbine Gen. & Hist. Soc.

8 Nov 2011-1:00 Program
 Election of Officers
**"KEY TO THE PAST:
 SOURCES ARE IMPORTANT"**
 Ron Floberg
 Columbine Gen. & Hist. Soc.

15 Nov 2011-1:00 Program
**"WE JUST DID:
 AND YOU CAN TOO"**
 CJ Backus
 Columbine Gen. & Hist. Soc.

13 Dec 2011
Holiday Potluck at 12 Noon
"SANTA COMES TO COLUMBINE"
Program at 1:00
Programs subject to change.
Early Bird Workshops TBA later.

**THIS IS THE ONLY TIME WE WILL
 SEE AND LIVE THIS EVENT**
Calendar for July 2011

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\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$MONEYBAG\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

This year **July** has **5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays**. This happens once every **823 years**. This is called **Money Bags**.

In addition, this year we've experienced 2 unusual dates: 1/1/11 and 1/11/11, and there are 2 more: 11/1/11, and 11/11/11.

Finally, take the last two digits of the year in which you were born and add the age you will be this year.

The results will be 111 for everyone in the whole world!



CGHS Officers & Board



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JoAnn LaGuardia

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Now Here's a Plan

PUBLICATIONS

In the quarterly 'Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society Newsletter' members share their research adventures, favorite sites, and methods. Read interesting book reviews, and follow CGHS acquisitions to public libraries and museums. Browse program calendars for details and events around Colorado, and review new member information for tracing family surnames. Also included are reports of CGHS to keep our members informed.

Go to www.columbinegenealogy.com to visit the Online Archives, a collection of local Colorado records published by Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society and its members. Nearly half a million records of Colorado family history information are online in these archives.

VOLUNTEER

I invite you to discover the opportunities to learn from the full slate of classes, meetings, and workshops. Also, you will find 258 new Columbine friends by volunteering and participating in our society.

In the 38th year Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society members benefit from the goals of CGHS as we encourage the research and preservation of family history, foster solid genealogical practices, and perpetuate records of historical and genealogical interest.

Make the following member benefits a checklist for the rest of 2011. Do you attend meetings and participate in workshops and classes? Have you written an article for the CGHS Newsletter? When did you last visit the Online Archives?

MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

In addition to twice monthly daytime meetings, presented by knowledgeable members of CGHS and experienced guest lecturers of genealogical and historical interest, we have monthly Early Bird presentations. The workshop-style activities focus on encouraging audience participation and are mixed with computer demonstrations and special interest topics.

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Beginning genealogical classes are held at Bemis Public Library. These five-week, two-hour sessions include lectures followed by hands-on computer research. Tours include Denver Public Library to browse the Western History and Genealogy collection and Bemis Public Library in Littleton to become familiar with the genealogical research materials. Due to an overwhelming demand for beginning genealogy classes, an intermediate class - Mastering Genealogical Research: Specialty Records - began in March, 2011.

Family Tree University 2011 Virtual Online Workshop is Fri., 8/19/2011 to Sun., 8/21/2011:

For a fee you can view 15 pre-recorded video classes and participate in live chats! 3 Tracks: GenealogyTechnology, Research Strategies and Ethnic Research.

www.familytreeuniversity.com

BABY DOE
(Elizabeth McCourt Doe Tabor)
 a poem by Rhea J. McCoy

I don't know 'bout Baby Doe
 Have studied through the past
 She was a beauty in Oshkosh
 And just a little fast.
 In spite of this, she married well
 At least they thought so then
 But Harvey Doe – no git up and go
 She turned to other men.

She and Harv had ventured west
 To mine his father's mine
 In Central City's paying hills
 Their plans for life were fine
 There in Colorado
 The place where they'd been told
 The Clouds were lined with silver
 And the hills were lined with gold.

But they had troubles, yes siree,
 Both marital and mine.
 There was a lazy streak in Harv
 That watered down his spine
 The claim stood idle, Harv relaxed
 Their money went and then
 Our Baby Doe, as you must know
 She turned to other men.

Central City's golden wick
 Burned lower every day
 Its brief life flickered, going out
 And no one wished to stay
 They heard the call of silver
 From Leadville's distant horn
 Up there two miles above the sea
 Up where the clouds are born.

Now Baby Doe was set to go
 To Leadville, two miles high
 To find her fortune and her fate
 Where mountains meet the sky
 She lived the gay life silver bought
 Each night 'til stars grew dim
 She heard of Tabor's fabled luck
 And set her cap for him.

In the early sixties
 The years were lean and sore
 HAW and Augusta Tabor

Opened a grocery store.
 The Leadville miners bought from them
 Their needed grub and gear
 But Tabor's luck was changing
 And Baby Doe was near.

Two Prospectors wandered in one day
 To stock up on supplies.
 They had no cash and credit asked
 For \$64.75.
 Tabor agreed, for part of their claim,
 The Little Pittsburg Mine.
 He made a million from its depths
 And now his life was fine.

His "Midas touch" had just begun
 He purchased other mines
 The richest man in all the state,
 The figure of his times
 Lieutenant Governor once was he
 And US senator too
 He and Augusta drifted apart
 The rich life made her blue.

Baby Doe came into view
 Of Tabor's roving eye
 They married then and lived it up
 The limit was the sky
 A few brief years they rode the crest
 Of silver's shining wave
 Denver and Leadville knew Baby Doe
 Her beauty was the rave.

The price of silver in '93
 Crashed and dealt a blow
 To Tabor's silver fortune
 And to our Baby Doe.

Tabor lost his fortune
 And then he lost his health
 He and Baby, poor folks now
 Were lost without his wealth
 Tabor died in Denver
 Baby Doe at his side
 Hang on to the Matchless Mine, he said
 She did until she died.

She moved into the shaft house
 And lived in utter squalor
 Rust and water filled the mine
 And it never paid a dollar
 She guarded The Matchless from all

comers
 With suspicion and rifle
 She lived alone, an eccentric recluse
 And people wondered a trifle.

People in Leadville, sorry to see
 Baby Doe's condition
 Sent her clothing, food, and such
 And even ammunition
 But she returned to all the stores
 Their gifts, or let them lie
 She walked to Leadville regularly
 Her own supplies to buy.

She needed nothing and no one
 Her fantasies sustained her.
 Did she dream of future wealth
 When Matchless silver changed her?
 Or did she live deep in a past
 With Tabor by her side
 And laughed and loved in wealth and
 style
 Oh! Heartbreak when he died.

There is a possibility,
 Her mind had done a twist
 Along with lovely fantasy,
 A dreaded fear exists
 Her warped imagination saw a hostile
 world, that seemed,
 Was bent on her destruction
 And bound to steal her dream.

Some say silver links of love
 Chained her to Fryer's Hill
 Or faith in Tabor's dying words
 "Hang on to The Matchless 'til--" No
 matter though, she lived it out
 For 36 long years
 And died in 1935
 For Baby Doe, few tears.

After a heavy snowfall
 She didn't come to town
 In Leadville people missed her
 And worried with a frown
 She might be ill, they hurried then
 To help her if they could
 They found her dead, a frozen corpse
 Her body stiff as wood.

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**Oh, I don't know 'bout Baby Doe
 Have studied through the past
 She schemed to marry Tabor luck
 She was a little fast.
 She found a love unbargained for
 Amidst the wealth and glow
 She held it fast through empty years
 A true love, Baby Doe.**

By Rhea J. McCoy
 February 1973

Portions of this poem were read by Joyce Lohse, Columbine member, during her May presentation about her new book, Baby Doe Tabor: Matchless Silver Queen. The entire poem is published here with the consent of its author, Rhea J. McCoy, a Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society member.



Poet Rhea and Author Joyce

The Federation of Genealogical Societies, FGS, will present a conference, "Pathways to the Heartland," in Springfield, Illinois, on September 7-10, 2011.

For more info, go to www.fgs.org

ARE YOU GETTING EMAIL FROM CGHS?

If you wish to receive notices and reminders a few days prior to CGHS meetings, please provide me with your current email address. These memos include news and details about upcoming programs, in addition to up-to-date information, reminders, and announcements. If your email data has changed or needs to be updated, please let me know that as well.

Thank you!

Joyce Lohse, VP Publicity

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*Meet A Genealogy Friend
 at Columbine*

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 Trospen
 P. O. Box 2074
 Littleton, CO 80161-2074**



May Luncheon
 &
 Book Sale



CGHS TRIP—Family History Library in Salt Lake City

Several members of Columbine traveled to Salt Lake City in April, 2011. We came away with many stories to share with others and some ideas to help you in your research.

NEDRA: I found land deeds in Illinois, Wisconsin, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas and a probate file in Texas. Plus, there was a treasure-trove of more than a dozen microfilms of research for family dating back many years---that will be next year's project!

DIANE: I was able to access the Jewish Gen site available in Salt Lake. On that site I found a researcher searching my husband's surname. I was able to contact the researcher by email and he was able to give me the exact area where my husband's family originated. I had been researching in the wrong area! When we travel to Russia this fall, we'll be able to visit the correct area.

BONNIE: My biggest find was in the church records for my great grandmother in Switzerland. When I went to Salt Lake, I knew she wasn't from my great grandfather's town in Switzerland. By searching for her same last name in Switzerland, I narrowed it down to 3-5 different possibilities for her town of origin and planned on searching the church records of all of them, but on my first try I found the correct location. I was able to find family baptisms for her and her siblings (I had no names when I arrived at Salt Lake) and the baptisms and marriage of her parents. Next, I will order in the films from that town to get more generations back. This will enable me to possibly meet some cousins when I visit Switzerland in September.

JULIE: I found the original land deed for 382 acres of waterfront property in Virginia that my great-great-great grandfather

bought in April 1863. Just think, that was during the Civil War!

DEENA: I was successful in researching three counties where my Italian, Swedish and Norwegian ancestors settled in Louisiana, Minnesota and North Dakota. I found hundreds of microfilmed index cards with death dates and newspaper obituary information. I also found probate packets, (one being over 100 pages), age & death registers, voter registrations, deed indexes, plat maps, and more.....

My best find came on the last day two hours before the library closed when I found never-before-seen photographs of my great-great grandparents. I came home with approximately 2,500 pages of copies.

RON: It's a successful Salt Lake City trip if you find stuff you didn't know - regardless of the significance you may attach to the findings. It all leads to bigger findings, sooner or later.

I did not hit the mother lode in getting my Swedes across the water as I'd hoped, but I did learn my grandmother Floberg's town of birth. Now I'll be able to search that area and discover more family facts. I was also able to take advantage of the Library subscription to a Swedish database and took my Flobergs back two more generations.

CHERYL: I was looking for my elusive Northern Germans. Unfortunately the FHL has not been able to film the church records from that area, but I was able to work with census records and gained a lot of information from them.

I spent most of my week searching for records for my great-grandfather, Daniel Schmidt. My mother's family insists he came from an area of Germany, but through past research and what I found in Salt Lake this year I have come to believe that he is from an area in Poland.

SUE: My primary purpose was to find proof that my 2nd great-grandfather, John Lewis Clark, born in Virginia, was the same man who moved to Missouri and then to Oregon. I had the will of the man I thought was his father. While at the FHL, I found that proof in deed records! One deed stated his widow and children were selling part of his land and it listed John living in Missouri. More land was sold after John moved to Oregon and I found John's notarized document in which he gave his Oregon address and the name of his parents. I was very pleased to have confirmed the identity of John L. Clark!

I especially appreciated the new microfilm copy machines which produce excellent copies and are easy to use!

CHRIS: Best find: My great-great-great grandfather's (Huguenot) probable trip by boat from Panama to San Francisco in 1851. This seems to indicate he did pretty well in mining that year since in 1852, he went east to New York and married my great-great-great grandmother. He was a sailor, but after marriage they settled on a farm which is now under Folsom Dam, California.

NANCY: As usual, I found more information than I was looking for. I found an especially wonderful biography of my husband's father and grandfather, with some wonderful details. I love capturing stories and bios.

CJ: When asked why it is so compelling to go to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, I find myself smiling as I reply, "You won't believe the super clues that appear when one is diligent in searching for ancestors!" I found birth certificates, death certificates, wills, family histories, Civil War documents and probate records. These all provided more clues on what to keep searching for on the next trip.

CGHS Pedigree Charts

By Bob Jenkins, CGHS Member

I had been putting off submitting my pedigree charts to the club for several years. I had reservations about making my family history public, even on such a limited basis. Finally, after chatting with our archivist, Paula Davis, I decided to do it.

She said we were limited to fifteen sheets. I figured that a ten generation set of cascaded, four generation, pedigree charts would produce more than fifteen and I could select the best fifteen from them. This process produced 39 charts. The first nine charts covered the first seven generations and were all included. The next three generations accounted for the remaining 30 charts. Of these, 12 had only one or two people, and 12 had only three to seven people. The six remaining, plus the first nine, made up the required 15 chart limit. The PAF software included an index to the charts. I compared the names on my index to the list on the Columbine web site and found no matches. (My one known cousin in the club has not submitted her charts.)

I used the same process to generate the pedigree charts for my wife (nee Nancy Taylor). When I compared her index to the club list, I found that there were three members of the CGHS who were her cousins.

Since one of the matches tied into her father's side of the family, I decided to try to fill in some more details and documentation on that line. The Taylor line went back to Nancy's 3th great grandfather, Elon Taylor. I found a birth record that indicated that his father was Elnathan Taylor and his mother was Eunice. Then I searched Google for Elnathan Taylor and found a book, published in 1907, with a biographical sketch of the Taylor family, beginning with William Taylor, the emigrant ancestor, and including Elnathan. This biographical sketch added five more generations to Nancy's Taylor line. Now, when I compared the additional Taylor ancestors to the CGHS online database, I found that Nancy has one more cousin in the club, giving her a total of four.

If that wasn't enough, Paula asked me if my Tayloe was misspelled or not. It was not. Her question led me to google Tayloe. It is a variant of Taylor, and probably originated in Scotland. Moreover, the first woman governor in the United States was Nellie Davis Tayloe. A quick look at her pedigree showed that she was only three generations way from one of my Tayloes. She is my 4th cousin twice removed. So, Paula's question led to that discovery.

For those who may not be familiar with the CGHS Pedigree Charts, the club encourages members to submit two copies of their pedigree charts to the club. One copy is kept by the club,

and the other is placed in the Bemis Library in Littleton. Both copies are maintained by the CGHS Archivist. The Archivist also maintains a directory for the charts. The directory is available on the CGHS web site. Under Publications I (or II) you will find "Columbine Member Surnames Index - Extracted from Family Pedigree Charts", which has three lists:

Surnames - An alphabetical list of all names on the pedigree charts. This list includes birth year, birth state (or country), death year, death state (or country) and the submitter number.

Names by Submitter - A list of the same names and data by submitter number.

Submitter Numbers - A list of submitters by submitter number. At this time, there are 386 submitters.

My grandmother used to tell me about one of her relatives who liked to say at the dinner table "anyone who eats more'n me is a hog". I have always thought it was an elegant example of the relativity of our opinions. So, in that same spirit, I say "anyone who hasn't submitted their pedigree to the club is well, let's just say, not receiving the benefits for their research".



Bob Jenkins



Paula Davis

Richard Hale's Show and Tell

By Dorry Rice, CGHS Member

From NSDAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution), I learned that I had two relatives in Galax, VA near our homeplace, still in the family, in Elk Creek, VA. Thus began a delightful relationship. I visited Richard Scott Hail and Elizabeth Early Hale at least three times. Our first visit lasted a week. My late husband accompanied me the second time, and my daughter and two granddaughters came with me for what proved to be our last visit. Elizabeth had a fall and developed Alzheimer's. Richard became deaf. I have written and called him to no avail. They both gave me immeasurable help with my Hale ancestry. In addition, I was able to attend one "Hailstorm", Richard's playful name for the annual family reunion. Richard and Elizabeth arranged for me to tour homes of my elderly relatives who have now passed. They arranged for me to see the homeplace and family cemetery. I even slept in a bed in which my great-great grandmother had slept next to her spinning wheel!

I am hoping to write a third family history; this time it will be on the Hails. In going through my research, I came across my report of some of the stories they shared with me.

My account begins with the diary entry of Eli Cook Hale, Richard's father, noting that a son, Richard Scott Hail, was born on Christmas Day, 1916. (Mary) Elizabeth was born December 22, 1914 and died April 8, 2005.

Elizabeth told me this story about Richard: "It was the custom when you took a load of grain to the mill to be ground, we children would always want to go because we would fish in the millpond. We would dig our worms the night before, take our fishing poles and go. One time Dad came through the house and passed through the kitchen. Mother asked him to bring her in some wood, yank up some potatoes out of the garden or to do some other chore. He replied, "Well, I caint do everything and go to the mill, too." In response, Virginia, my younger sister, said, "Oh, are we going to the mill? I'll have to dig up my worms right quick."

Richard told me, "What I did as a kid, lived on the farm, I'd take me about 2 tablespoons of qupool (sic), 1 tablespoon hot water, and chocolate syrup. Then I'd go down to the springhouse, skim the top off a crock of milk and make me a milkshake." Richard showed us a glass with ounces marked with a metal-like eggbeater enclosed inside and attached to a metal top. You pushed the handle down from the top." Note: Any suggestions as to what qupool is?

Richard showed us an old rifle. "This rifle belonged to an old slave. My father could remember seeing Dummy (the man was deaf and dumb) shoot rabbits with it. You used this hand to tap the powder and wadding down, and you used this hand to draw a rag through it. Here's one of the bullets for it. You poured the lead in a lead bullet mold and when it cooled, a big tit was on it, and you cut the tit off with this."

I heard another story from one of them in which Dummy figured. He knew Eli was going to be away from home. He stood outside of the window of Eli's and Frances's bedroom window and held up his rifle so that the silhouette was clearly visible to Frances. She took a gun out from under her pillow and made sure the silhouette was visible to Dummy. Not a word was said. It was known that Dummy was quite a practical joker.

Next, Richard showed us a Japanese sword. "And this is a Japanese sword I got in the war. They confiscated a whole bunch and gave them to the GIs. You got your choice of this sword or a rifle that they fixed so it wouldn't fire. I chose the sword." It was heavy.

Finally, "Of course, that's the Dutch oven that was used in the fireplace. You could put the cornbread or whatever in there and cover it up. This is an unusual-shaped arm. I asked my mother what it was used for. It was used to press the seams down on the trouser leg or coatsleeve. Here's the iron used to flatten the sleeves. It weighs 14 pounds and was made by Savory and Co. These firetongs were made in a blacksmith shop. Manys the time, I saw my father reach in the stove and pull out a piece of burning stovewood and carry it to the heater to start a fire with. It's made of heavy cast iron. I found this homemade nail puller down inside the walls when we were remodeling the old farmhouse. Somebody dropped it. Here's a denim book satchel with two sides to it. I'd be sent to the store with five dollar to buy 2 dollars' worth of white sugar, 2 dollars' worth of coffee and 1 dollar worth of brown sugar. I'd put the white sugar in one side, the coffee and brown sugar in the other side, put the satchel across the saddle, set on it and come home."

This ends Richard's show and tell.

OBITUARY HM-M-M-M

"Hiroshi 'Hootch' Okumura, age 94, of Houston, Texas, and formerly of Denver, Colorado, where he was the owner of Denargo Box Company, passed away December 16, 2007, after a brief illness. He enjoyed bowling until 10 days after his death..."

SUCCESSFUL QUERY!

By Woody Trosper

In April, 2011, an e-mail query was received about Jenny (Berglund) Mossberg, who emigrated from Sweden in 1896 [sic]. Jenny was born on 10 April 1874 in Ostersund, Sweden. About 1912 she married Nels Mossberg, and they lived most of their remaining years near Englewood or Littleton. This was the information from Sweden on which the search was based.

Nelson [sic] Mossberg was found in the 1900 census, immigration date 1888, living in Sheridan, Wyoming. He was a cook. Jenny was not found in this census or 1910.

A census search for the couple was unsuccessful in 1920, but in 1930 Nels and Jenny were in Dry Creek, Precinct 7, Arapahoe County, CO. There were no children with them. This record said that Nels immigrated in 1888, and Jenny immigrated in 1910. They were living on rented land; Nels was a general farmer. They had been married about 19 years, which would place the date of their marriage about 1911 or 1912.

They were not found in the published Littleton church records nor in the Littleton Cemetery listing. A chance check of the website www.findagrave.com revealed that Nels Mossberg, born 18 June 1871, died 10 Mar 1949, and is buried in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery, Sheridan, Sheridan County, WY. Jenny Mossberg, born 10 April 1874 (note match in information received), died 16 Feb 1949, and is buried with Nels. Also buried in this cemetery are Olof (1867-1955) and Helga Marie (1873-1951) Mossberg, possibly brother and sister-in-law of Nels. (They were listed in the 1920 census with immigration dates of 1885 and 1889, respectively.) Other Mossbergs in this cemetery are Carl A. (1910-1946) and Margaret (1906-1910). There are no other Berglunds there.

This information was sent to the person who had sent the query, who lives in Farst (a suburb of Stockholm), Sweden. His original query and his reply to me indicated that he has good knowledge of English, thank goodness. His reply: "This is absolutely sensational! Your research answers all these important questions (and a lot of others too) that have occupied my mind for so many years... With more people of your unselfish kind the world would be a whole lot better."

What a great pleasure to be successful in answering a query from half-way around the world!

ACQUISITIONS

By Marilyn Lyle

The following books have been purchased by Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society for the collections of Denver Public Library and Bemis Public Library.

[Family Maps of Jasper County, Illinois](#)

[Family Maps of Jackson County, Wisconsin](#)

[Texas Land Survey Maps for McLennan County](#)

[A History of Monroe County, West Virginia](#)

[Adventures of Purse and Person Virginia 1607-1624/5 -- Vol. 1,2,3.](#)

[An Alphabetical Index to Ulster Emigrants to Philadelphia 1803-1850](#)

Colorado Ike

"Colorado Ike, the individual who blew into town on a high wind, was confidentially interviewed as to how he subsisted. Taking the questioner one side he said in a stage whisper: "I have got a good thing and I don't want it given away. I am a chlorider; (Editor's note: Definition of Chlorider – One who mines on a small scale for ore, like silver, in the form of chloride.) I go into such mills as do dry crushing and stand around an hour or two, or sleep in the corners if I get a chance. When I come out I have the chloride that sticks to me assayed and make a good thing of it. Do you see that hat?" said he showing an old battered, whitty-brow hat; "Well, there is more than three dollars worth of chloride in that hat. I had more in it, but Billy Farrell thrashed the dog yesterday and knocked about a dollar and a half out of it."—
[Candeleria True Fissure. Georgetown Courier.](#)
Georgetown, Clear Creek, Colorado. 5 May 1881, page 1.



ROUSH (RAUSCH) REUNION NOTICE From Naomi J. Moothart, CGHS Member

The 83rd ROUSH Reunion, celebrating the 300th birthday of John Adam RAUSCH, will be held 5-6 Aug 2011 in Fishers, IN, north of Indianapolis.

On 5 Aug 2011 the Reunion Banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. The banquet speaker will be Dr. JAY KESSLER, former president of Taylor University, Upland, IN, and noted author having published several books focusing on “family”.

On 6 Aug 2011 there will be an auction, annual photo, picnic and business meeting.

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MARILYN: Part of my homework before going to Salt Lake City included searching the Norwegian online database of digitized church records and preparing a spreadsheet and PDF files with thirty-five direct ancestors I found in the records. I took all those records with me and while in Salt Lake City, the professional staff worked with me for two hours straight and helped me translate everything I wasn't able to read. Since I've been home, I found more direct ancestors in the records...more to do next year!

ROSANNE: The first four days looking at books produced nothing. Then I switched to films and found the correct spelling of one great-great-grandmother in the Washington, DC marriage records. Then I found the complete name of another great-great-grandmother in a church record from Germany. That was very satisfying!

JO MARIE: I didn't have any big discoveries this year. I did a lot of checking on past research. The new copy machines are so much better and clearer than several years ago. I wanted better copies to read and check at home.

As you can tell from the comments, everyone had a very successful trip to the Family History Library. We have tentatively scheduled the 2012 trip leaving Denver on Monday, April 23rd and returning on Sunday, April 29th. We look forward to another trip next year and hope that you can join us!



Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah



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Bonnie Toland, Deena Coutant, CJ Backus, Julie Haynie, and Chris Fleishhacker's cousin after a long day in the library



Nedra Fortune sleeping at one of the microfilm machines.

Co-Editor's Message: Four Women and a Baby

Some interesting terms and phrases pop up in genealogy. Today's use of the word "Google" as a verb means using a Search Engine called Google to find examples of something or somebody on the Internet. Years ago, there was a song called "Barney Google with the Goog-Goog-Googley Eyes", and of course a generation of us fulfilled our sweet teeth with Goo-Goo Clusters. A whole different connotation of the word has evolved with the Internet. So I decided to "Google" some of the following terms and phrases I've come across in genealogy to find their etymology:

GRASS WIDOW gives a profusion of definitions covering a long span of time and a myriad of places.

1. Sir Thomas More in his Dialogue of 1528 used it to mean an abandoned mistress or an unmarried woman who had cohabited with several men. It might have expressed the idea that the abandoned lover had been "put out to grass". In this instance the grass might refer to surreptitious love-making out in the fields rather than on the indoor matrimonial bed, or the straw in a barn used for an illicit tryst.
2. In the 16th century the meaning became a discarded mistress, especially one who had borne a child out of wedlock.
3. According to the Hobson Jobson Anglo-Indian Dictionary of 1886, grass widow comes from the British "raj" for those wives who were sent away during the hot summers of the 1840s in India to the cooler and greener hill stations while their husbands remained on duty on the plains.

Another definition points out that her husband walked off, ran off and probably divorced her.

According to the Random House Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, a grass widow in the USA is a term for a woman who is separated, divorced, or lives apart from her husband.

In Texas the same term means a divorcee.

In British dictionaries it is a woman whose husband is temporarily away, like on business or because of the requirements of the job, like a traveling salesman or a blacksmith.

Chapman's Dictionary of American Slang defines her as a woman who is alone because of divorce, separation, or rejection because her husband is still above the grass rather than under it.

There is also a yarn that "forty-niners" in the U.S. "put their wives out to grass," boarding them with neighbors until they returned from prospecting, and that is how the term came to be.

Finally, another meaning shows a grass widow to be an unmarried mother.

SOD WIDOW, in contrast to Grass Widow, really gives only one definition: a woman whose husband was dead and buried.

RELICT is an old word that is an ancient term for widow. However, it has evolved into a generic or collective term for widows or widowers.

MULTIPLYING WOMAN: "She was a multiplying woman. The old man wanted babies and she just had them" (Dallas, Sandra. The Bride's House. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2011. 273). How many babies must a woman have to be considered a multiplying woman? One of our ancestors, Mary Ogden GUNN, had 14 children back in the early 1800s. At that time when farmers needed the cheap help of their children to build our new country, she was probably the norm. Would she be considered a multiplying woman by today's standards? Not unless you consider her along with today's reality television mom, Mrs. Duggar, who has "19 kids and counting".

COME-AFTER CHILD: "What's a come-after child?..One that's born after its father's gone" (Dallas, Sandra. The Bride's House. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2011. 273-4). We have a couple of those in our family tree too. In New Jersey, Seymour David FAUROT was born on 8 Apr 1848, after his father, Ephraim FAUROT, died on 22 Aug 1847, 8 months before his son's birth. In Minnesota, little Johnny MALCHOSE was born on 4 May 1888, after his father, Hubert MALCHOSE, died 8 months before on 14 Sep 1887.

Isn't it interesting to find new terms and phrases that we dig up in our genealogical excavations? Keep your eyes open. If you find any, email me (carolj46@comcast.net) or call me (303-850-9739). I'll include any submissions in another newsletter. Thanks to genealogy, we can all be word detectives!

NEWSLETTER ITEMS NEEDED ASAP!!!!

If you had any interesting experiences on summer research trips or reunions, share them with us!



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Central City's Sunken Sub Surfaces!

By Carol Johnson, CGHS Member

Even though the Colorado Historical Society is closed until 2012, its website is a wealth of information about events (Check it out at www.historycolorado.org). In perusing the calendar in May, we found an event that piqued our interest. The event, sponsored by the Gilpin Historical Society in Central City, CO, was called "The Mountain Sub Surfaces Again" on Saturday, May 28th from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. It promised that we would see the unveiling at the Gilpin County Museum of the famed Gilpin County submarine, which had not been seen in 40 years. Music, classic trucks, and sub sandwiches were additional benefits at a minimal cost of \$6 per person.

Shortly before 11 a.m. we arrived at the Gilpin County Museum, located at 228 E. 1st High St. in Central City, CO. About 50 people were there ahead of us. We were greeted by David Forsythe of the Gilpin County Historical Society. He introduced Dr. Tom Noel, along with several of Dr. Noel's college students, who read from notes and research papers about the submarine. The first student questioned why a sub was built in Central City, which was 1200 miles away from the ocean and 8,500 feet above sea level. We were told that Rufus T. Owens, a water systems engineer working in Central City and Black Hawk, conceived the idea of a submarine in 1896. He paid contractors, Lamott and Ballard, to build the sub out of wood and iron in secrecy. Owens named it the Nautilus, a name also used by Robert Fulton and Jules Verne for their inventions. It was 19 feet long, 5 feet tall at its center and 42 inches wide.

In the autumn of 1896 Oscar Williams transported Owens' craft to Missouri Lakes, located 3 miles north of Black Hawk. Owens crawled into the sub, but his friends pulled him out, which, as Martha Stewart would say, was "a good thing" because his sub sank and never came up, possibly because it had no steering mechanism or propulsion system. In later years ice skaters reported seeing the sub 18 feet below the surface of the ice. In the 1930s when Missouri Lakes were drained for some reason, the sub was seen and its existence was confirmed. During World War II the use of submarines brought renewed interest in it.

Thus, Fred DeMandel decided to go after it. On 11 January 1944 he spotted the Nautilus, which looked like a big, fat cigar. School children were given a half-day holiday from school in Central City to watch the sub's emergence. John Lunt drilled a 20-foot hole in the ice. He used rope, logs, and chains in the process. His first attempt resulted in damage to the sub's nose. The second try was successful. Three hundred spectators

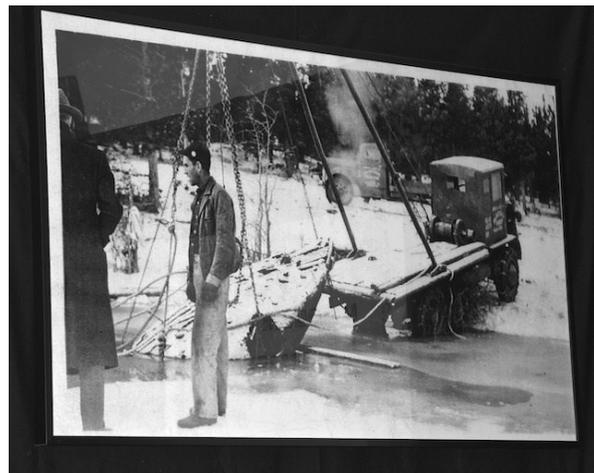
watched, while the Central City High School Band played "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean".

DeMandel displayed the sub in his museum. Eventually William C. Russell, Jr., the local newspaper publisher, bought the sub and stored it in his warehouse in Central City. Last summer the Gilpin County Historical Society bought the sub from his estate.

Next, Joe Weaver, who was two years old in 1944, reminisced about the sub. His dad had taken pictures the day of its retrieval, and he explained how a Coleman truck, named Charley, was used to pull up the Nautilus.

Then, Ken Kafta spoke about his serendipitous efforts over seven years to restore the Coleman truck built originally in Littleton, CO. The fully-restored Charley gleamed in the sun in front of the museum that day and was even made available for rides for us. Mention was made of Kenneth Jessen who stood next to us in the crowd. He had included the story of "Central City's Sub" as a chapter in his 1994 book, Bizarre Colorado A Legacy of Unusual Events and People. David Forsythe introduced the high school student who designed a t-shirt to mark the occasion, and those t-shirts were sold in the Gilpin County Museum's gift shop.

Finally, we were allowed to enter the museum and view the sub. Hearing the story took a lot longer than viewing the actual object. Nevertheless, between now and 5 Sep 2011, if you're looking for a nice day trip to Central City, that doesn't involve gambling or opera, you might consider a trip to see Central City's one and only mountain submarine at the Gilpin County Museum (www.gilpinhistory.org).



Charley, the Coleman truck, pulling Nautilus, the sub, out of Missouri Lakes in 1944, after 46 years underwater.



Dr Tom Noel addresses the crowd just before the unveiling of the Central City Submarine.



"Charley", the restored Coleman truck, was also on display during the unveiling of the Central City Submarine.



The Central City Submarine on display at the Gilpin County Museum

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