

NEWS FROM THE WELD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JUNE 2010

Mini-classes

No mini-classes during the summer months.

Programs

Thursday, June 3rd: Annual dinner meeting, 6 p.m.

Location: Family of Christ Presbyterian Church, 2410 35th Avenue in Greeley.

It will be pot luck, with the society furnishing coffee, iced tea, and punch or lemonade; please bring your own table service. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm with the installation of officers, awards and the speaker, Dr. R.W. Ben Benoit, to follow.

Dr. Benoit will enact the Civil War character of Captain Edward Wynkoop of the First Regiment of Colorado Volunteers. He presents an historical account of the Civil War battle at Glorieta Pass, New Mexico. Dr. Benoit comes dressed in an authentic replica of a uniform that would have been worn by a Civil War captain. For more information:

<http://www.benoitbooks.com/index.php>

He will autograph books after his presentation if anyone is interested.

Thursday, July 1: Donna Hoffman on Wyatt Earp (tentative).

WCGS Board meeting – Tuesday, June 29th, 6:30 p.m., (tentative – to be confirmed by the new president, Terry Dalessandro. Location: Centennial Park Library, in the Elizabeth Bowers meeting room. Everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to attend.

Note: The meeting scheduled for May 25th was cancelled, as there was nothing on the agenda.

Legacy Family Tree Software User's Group, Thursday, June 17th, 7pm
Centennial Park Library meeting room, 2227 23rd Ave., Greeley.

Genealogy Desk Library Report

Library Report

26 April – 27 May 2010

Patrons signing register: 99

Out of state: 6 (MO, CA, SD, IA)

Volunteer hours: 182.5

Volunteers: 9

Research requests: 6 (Butler, Duncan, Gonzalez, Hiller, Montgomery, Soledas-Tena)

Education

The final "Introduction to Genealogy" class was conducted May 5, 12, 19, and 26. There were 18 participants. Many thanks to Donna Hoffman for her assistance with this group. Again this session there will be two Legacy Beginner Workshops on June 2 & 9; these workshops are open to the public.

Weld Generations Website

Macy-Allnutt files now include ledgers through 1914.

Linda Peters
25 May 2010

Websites of interest

From Shirley Soenksen:

Family Search Wiki: https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main_Page
On the right side of the page you can browse by country and topic.

Here is a link to their Scotland page: <https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Scotland>

Family Search – Beta version: <http://fsbeta.familysearch.org/>
You can click on All Collections to see what has been added.

Here is a link to their Historical Record Collections: <http://fsbeta.familysearch.org/s/collection/list>

Upcoming Meetings and Events Around the Area

Tuesday, June 1st, 7:30pm

“Get It Out There: Creating Family Websites and Blogs”, presented by Cari Taplin, for the Boulder Genealogical Society. This program will present the differences between websites and blogs, and 8 steps to building a great genealogical site.

Location: Mountain View Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place in Boulder. All meetings are open to the public.

Saturday, June 5th, 9:30 – Noon

“Colorado Historic Newspapers”, presented by Jim Duncan from the Colorado State Library, for the Swedish Genealogical Society of Colorado. Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection is a searchable online database that includes Colorado's earliest historic newspapers. The collection includes more than 140 newspaper titles and 550,000 digitized pages. Selected early years of the Rocky Mountain News, Boulder Camera, Colorado Chieftain are also available online. The digital collection covers 1859 – 1941 for selected newspapers, and represents 56 cities and 38 counties across Colorado.

Researchers can:

- leaf through an issue page by page
- search the database by topic
- look at an individual article by itself or as part of the full page
- search through articles, graphics, letters to the editor and ads
- search a single newspaper, a group of papers, or all papers

This six-year-old service is managed by the Colorado State Library in collaboration with the Colorado Historical Society.

Sitting alongside, and linked to the newspaper collection, is a new “community web site” where individuals interested in Colorado historic newspapers can ask questions directly of CHNC staff in an open and transparent venue, can interact with one another, report problems, suggest ideas and give praise.

Location: Gates Conference Room, Level 5, Denver Public Library, 10 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy., Denver, CO 80204.

Wednesday, June 9th, 1:00pm

“When All Else Fails, Try the Local Newspaper”, presented by Roger Dudley, for the Longmont Genealogical Society. Why did our ancestors move or seemingly disappear without any trace? Maybe your ancestor can't be located in a census record or county record, but if your ancestor lived in a town that had a newspaper, you may be surprised to find that your ancestors may have had several articles written about them. Roger is a Denver native who graduated from West Denver High School, Mesa College, and the University of Northern Colorado. After working in video production for most of his adult life he went back to school to get a masters degree in library science. Hired as an archivist before graduating, he discovered that he had been a librarian all his life – he just didn't know it! Roger loves working as an archivist and on the Western History Genealogy reference desk at DPL. Meeting Place First Lutheran Church, Friendship Center room, 803 3rd Avenue, Longmont.

Monday, June 14th – **Flag Day**

Commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States by resolution of the Second Continental Congress on June 14th, 1777.

Thursday, June 17th, 7:00pm

Weld County Genealogical Society's **Legacy Family Tree Software User's Group**, Centennial Park Library meeting room, 2227 23rd Ave., Greeley.

Thursday, June 17th, 6:30pm

“Finding Someone's Daughter”, presented by Silvia Pettem, for the Larimer County Genealogical Society. In the 1950s a “Jane Doe” murder victim was found in the canyon west of Boulder. In 2009, Jane Doe's identity was finally found. Silvia will discuss the research, much of it familiar to genealogists and applicable to their own research, that was used to finally make the identification. The meeting is open to the public. Socializing begins at 6:30 and the meeting at 7 pm. Location: Harmony Branch Library, Community Room, 4616 S. Shields, Fort Collins. The library is on the southeast corner of Harmony Road and Shields Street on the campus of Front Range Community College.

Saturday, June 19th, 10:00am – 3:00pm

“I Still Can't Find Them! Wrong Time, Wrong Place, Wrong Name”, presented by Lou-Jean Rehn, CG, as a Monthly Special Interest Class for the Colorado Genealogical Society. Special Interest classes meet in the Gates Conference Room on the 5th Floor of the Denver Public Library, 10 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy., Denver, CO 80204. All classes are free. Library doors open at 9:00am.

Sunday, June 20th – **Fathers' Day**

Thursday, June 24th, 1:00 - 2:30pm

“Genealogy Online” Computer Class, presented by the High Plains Library District. Participants will be introduced to the “Ancestry Library Edition” and “HeritageQuest” databases and learn about other available resources available at the High Plains Library District. This class is free; first come, first served. Location: Centennial Park Library, 2227 23rd Ave., Greeley. Contact: Margaret, 970-506-8614.

Wednesday, June 30th, 2:00 - 3:30pm

“Genealogy Online” Computer Class, presented by the High Plains Library District. (Same description as above.)

Location: Fort Lupton Public and School Library, 425 S. Denver Avenue, Fort Lupton, Colorado
Contact: Pam, 303-857-7180.

Friday & Saturday, June 25 – 26, 2010

Colorado Family History Expo, Embassy Suites, Loveland, Colorado
Information: www.familyhistoryexpos.com
After April 30th registration is \$65.00, registration at the door is \$75.00.

Don't have enough time to attend the whole Expo? Just want to attend a few classes or one day? You can! Register at the Expo and pay just \$12.00 per class or \$40.00 for a one day conference admission.

Other 2010 events of interest:

July 16 - 18 – Old Forts Society trip to Southeastern Colorado.

Sponsored by the Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy. Bus leaves July 16 at 8 a.m. from the parking lot at the Littleton Museum and heads to Eads, Colorado, the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, Bent's Fort, Fort Wise, and Fort Lyon. Spend the night at La Junta in the Hampton Inn. Barbeque dinner at Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site. Entertainment by the Koshare Indian Dancers. After dinner view the Koshare Indian Museum in La Junta. Saturday, after complimentary breakfast at the Hampton Inn, we will visit the Beatty Canyon cattle ranch of Steve and Joy Wooten. Learn about the Army's desire to take over much of the ranch land in the area. You will be treated to four-wheel drives into Pinon Canyon to see the many historical and archaeological sites. \$210 per person, which includes chartered bus, and above mentioned events. Rooms at the Hampden Inn are \$76.09 per night plus tax. Contact Ray Koernig at 303-798-0464 for reservations and registration information.

August 1 – 8, 2010

American Historical Society of Germans From Russia 2010 AHSGR Convention

Location: Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska

August 3 – 7, 2010

High Plains Chautauqua: "American Voices: Breaking the Mold"

Aims Community College campus in Greeley, Colorado, will again be the setting for the 2010 High Plains Chautauqua, a unique blend of theatre, history and the humanities under a Chautauqua tent, in which audiences meet and engage in a conversation with personalities from the past. The 2010 High Plains Chautauqua theme is "American Voices: Breaking the Mold."

What do Ben Franklin, Buckminster Fuller, Edgar Allen Poe, Dr. Seuss, Louise Nevelson, John Muir, Irene Castle, James Audubon and Langston Hughes have in common? They are all uncommon. There's not a common, conformist, or predictable thing about them. They have the courage of their convictions. They delight us, infuriate us, scare us, dare us to think big, inspire us to stand up for what we believe, challenge us to rethink our preconceptions, and make us laugh. What can we learn from these extraordinary Americans? Can we add our voices to theirs in giving voice to a new American chorus of limitless possibility?

President Theodore Roosevelt once called Chautauqua the "most American thing in America." We agree. That's why we have convened some of the most interesting, provocative, and memorable Americans for our next High Plains Chautauqua. As Americans, they all broke the mold. Together, they will challenge us to do the same. Don't miss the eleventh and most exciting Chautauqua ever. Join us under the big tent, August 3-7, 2010.

For more information and schedules: <http://www.highplainschautauqua.org/>

Sunday, August 15th, 1:00pm

"Spirits of Greeley's Past", presented by the Greeley Museums. Actors will bring alive memorable people in Greeley's history. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy before the event begins, free ice cream available afterward. Advance tickets go on sale July 1st. Those are \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids age 3 - 11. Tickets at the gate are \$15 for adults, \$8 for kids.

Location, Centennial Village, 1475 A Street, Greeley.

Federation of Genealogical Societies 2010 Conference

August 18 – 21, 2010, Knoxville, Tennessee. Details available on their website:

<http://www.fgs.org/2010conference/index.php>

A good discount is available on your conference registration fee if you register by June 1st.

Saturday, September 11th, 10am – 4pm
Potato Day, sponsored by the Greeley Museums.

Saturday, September 25th
Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies Seminar, featuring Dr. Tom Jones.
Location: Denver Public Library Conference Center, 10 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy.

Sunday, October 10th, 9am – 4pm
It's official: Stephen Morse is coming to Denver this Fall for a full day genealogy seminar!
Presented by the Jewish Genealogy Society of Colorado (JGSCO), nationally recognized genealogist Stephen Morse (and creator of the Intel chip) will deliver four lectures at the Denver Jewish Community Center. Join us for all four lectures, or attend any one, two or three presentations that interest you.

Schedule:

9:30 – 10:30am "Jewish Calendar Demystified"

10:45 – 12 Noon "From DNA to Genetic Genealogy: Everything You Wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask"

1 – 2:30pm "One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools"

2:45 – 3:30pm "One-Step Webpages: A Hodgepodge of Lesser-Known Gems"

Cost: Members: \$18 includes all-day access and lunch.

Non-Members: \$40 includes all-day access, lunch and one year of membership in JGSCO.

RSVPs and checks made out to "JGSCO" are mandatory in advance no later than October 1st.

No walk-ins accepted. Mail your reservation to Barry Levene, 12449 E. Amherst Cir., Aurora, CO 80014. Email treasurer@jgsko.org for more information. Don't miss this terrific opportunity to sharpen your online skills for searching passenger manifests, census records, Jewish dates, DNA tools and more. Reserve your spot today!

Saturday, October 23rd, 8:30am - 4:30pm

Swedish Family Research Fair

Lecture Programs, Research Assistance, Classes, Exhibits, and more.

Co-sponsored by the Swedish Genealogical Society of Colorado and Community College of Aurora.

Location: Community College of Aurora, CentreTech Campus, Fine Arts Building.
