



Genealogy Friends News

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Saturday Seminars, Field Trips & Lock Ins

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2006:

May 20, 2006—Ed Sandbach who works at Warehouse Photographic will talk to us about photographs in genealogy and preservation and care of old photos.

June 17, 2006—Jennifer Pitts will share her knowledge of Adobe Photoshop Elements - learn to perfect, transform, organize and share your photos like a pro.

July 7, 2006—Lock In—Little Used Sources. See the article on page 2.

July 15, 2006—Learn about 19th Century Funeral Customs from Carol Taylor, the head of a genealogy library who has been researching her family history for over thirty years.

August 19, 2006—We'll have two speakers. Frank Reisch will talk to us about The Folk, Music Tales & Humor of The Pennsylvania-Dutch and Lynne Darrouzet will discuss Research Using the NEHGS Website.

September 16, 2006—All Day Seminar—Lloyd Bockstruck will be speaking on Colonial Topics.

October 21, 2006—Thinking about joining a lineage society? Representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, and more will tell us about their societies and answer our questions.

October 27, 2006—Lock In—Using Computers in Genealogy. See article on page 2.

November 18, 2006—Richard Preston will talk to us about Migration Patterns.

December 16, 2006—Annual Show and Tell.

2007 Research Retreat to Washington DC

Genealogy Friends will be sponsoring a trip to Washington DC in October 2007. You will have an opportunity to research at the National Archives, Library of Congress and the Daughters of the American Revolution Library. Orientation sessions will be held at each institution. If you are interested please contact Barbara Coakley at bjc1620@sbcglobal.net. More information will be available at a later date.

Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts

Be one of the best-dressed genealogists in town. Order your Gen Friends logo t-shirt or sweatshirt now. The shirts have a 3" logo printed on the left chest. Shirts are available in white, natural, or ash gray with a dark green logo.

T-shirts are \$12.00 for toddler through XL and \$14.00 for XXL and XXXL

Sweatshirts are \$17.00 for toddler through XL and \$19.00 for XXL and XXXL

Collin County Historic Photographs Web Site

Members of GenFriends are contributing photographs of Collin County to the newest Gen Friends web site *Collin County, Texas Past Finders Photo Collection*.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcolli3>. The web site now contains over 3,400 photographs. Categories include Cemeteries,

Churches, Schools, People, Places, and Tombstones. If you would like to contribute photos of Collin County subjects, contact Joy at jfarrgo@comcast.net.

History & Genealogy Web Site

Members of Genealogy Friends are contributing to a new web site—History and Genealogy for the Active Researcher located at <http://www.geocities.com/genfriendsghl>.

The goal is to expand the knowledge of those researching in Collin County and North Texas.

Check out the timeline—a daily calendar of events in Collin County through the years.

Microfiche Reader for Sale

DuKane Explorer 14 microfilm reader, in good condition, with high, medium, low viewing

Used for indexing projects. \$100.

Phone Brenda Kellow, 972-941-9280, or email TraceRoots@comcast.net

Publications For Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

NEW Public Land Survey Systems	\$5
Plano Star Courier Index 1904-1910	\$20
Plano Star Courier Index 1911-1917	\$20
Cemeteries of Collin County, TX	\$40
Collin County, TX Voter Registration Index 1867	\$20
Place Names of Collin County, TX	\$10
Railroads in Collin County, TX	\$10
Military Investigations: Red, White & Blue	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10

Tracing Our Roots Column

The "Tracing Our Roots" column by Brenda Kellow appears in Plano Star Courier, Star Community Newspapers and DFW Community News weekly.

The column and an archives of past columns are also available at <http://www.geocities.com/TracingOurRoots>.

Book Exchange

Genealogy Friends would like to exchange Collin County books with books from other societies.

If you have an area or society you would like us to try and exchange with, please contact Joy Gough at jfarrgo@comcast.net.

State Libraries and Archives - The Colorado State Archives

By Lynne Darrouzet, JD, CG

Like Texas, Colorado was part of many different governmental jurisdictions as it developed. At one time, it was ruled by Spain then Mexico. It later was part of the territories of Missouri, Utah, New Mexico, unorganized Native American land, Kansas and Nebraska.¹ The Colorado Territory was formed in 1861, and Colorado became a state in 1876.²

Early migration to Colorado came primarily from the Midwestern states of Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana, as well as New York.³ After the Civil War, most of the American-born population came from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, although there was a large influx of foreign-born immigrants.⁴ By 1880, there were 3 official languages in Colorado: English, Spanish and German.⁵ This certainly explains why some of my German-born ancestors were homesteading in northeastern Colorado by the mid-1880's.

The Colorado Legislature created the first State Archivist position in 1943, and until 1959 the Archives was actually part of the Colorado State Historical Society. In 1996, the Archives was merged with several other state agencies to become part of the Division of Information Technologies, which has expanded the opportunities for accessing historical information online.

According to its website, "the Colorado State Archives is the legal repository for selected historical and contemporary records and information generated by state and local governments in Colorado."

State Records

As a repository of state records, the Archives has a number of records that are open to research, including records for: Colorado legislative history, business incorporations, penitentiary and reformatories, state volunteer and national guard military records, schools and children's homes, railroads, Civilian Conservation Corps, and mining. Some of these resources are indexed and available online (see below). Also of interest to family historians, the Archives is the repository for the State Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal from 1861 to present, and holds most of the county and district court records as well. This includes naturalization records for most counties. Although there is no state-wide index to the naturalization records, many county indexes are available at the Archives. For a listing of county-level naturalization records held at the Archives, see <http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/natural/>.

Another useful resource for genealogists, are the school census records. The Archives maintains school census records for 33 of the 63 counties. The school census may state the teacher's name, pupil's name, the name of the parents/guardian, home address, date of birth, nativity of parents and grade last attended.

Local Records

In addition to court records, the Archives has marriage records for most counties. For a specific list of holdings, see: <http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/marr1.htm>. Unfortunately, the statewide marriage indexes are incomplete. There is a state-wide index from about 1890-1939, and a divorce index from about 1900-1939, an online marriage index from 1975 to present at <http://www.sctc.state.co.us/marriages/default.aspx>, and an online divorce index from 1851 to 1939 and 1968 to present at <http://www.sctc.state.co.us/marriages/divorces.aspx>. The Archives also has a collection of city directories for various cities, although their holdings are primarily 20th century directories. It is better to check libraries in the locality you are researching to find more city directories.

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Online Indexes

The Archives is in the process of creating online indexes for many of its collections. If you find a name in one of these indexes, you can contact the Archives and they will retrieve the record for you for a fee.

Some of the unique indexes that are being created are indexes to: old age pension records, poor records, probate records, inheritance tax records, and school records. There are also a number of indexes to military records. Although far from complete for all counties and years, it is a very useful aid to your research. For a complete list, see <http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/online.htm>.

Contact Information, Research Fees, and additional Research Tips for Colorado

Colorado State Archives

1313 Sherman Street, Room 1B-20

Denver, CO 80203

Phone: 303-866-2390

Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Online reference request: <http://www.archives.state.co.us/forms/request.htm>

Compared to other archives (like Illinois), the fees for research are relatively steep, in my opinion. If you have extensive research to do at the Colorado State Archives, be sure to check what is available through the Family History Library. You might also want to consider a "vaction" to Denver (lovely in any season) or hiring a local researcher:

- Colorado Residents: \$15.00 per search or name to include 3 pages of copies with additional pages of copy work at \$1.25 per page.
- Out-of-State Requests: \$25.00 per search or name to include 3 pages of copies with additional pages of copy work at \$1.25 per page.
- Certified Copies: \$10.00 and up per document.
- Professional Assistance: \$28.00 per hour charged in fifteen minute intervals (\$7.00 for every fifteen minutes).

If you are researching in Colorado, be sure to check out the resources available in the Western History and Genealogy Department of the Denver Public Library <http://www.denver.lib.co.us/whg/index.html>. The collection there focuses on all phases of development of the Trans-Mississippi West and the genealogy collection is the second largest between the Mississippi and the West Coast.

Also, don't forget about the Rocky Mountain Region of the National Archives which has records from over 100 Federal agencies and courts in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and other states <http://www.archives.gov/rocky-mountain>.

1. Alice Eichholz, PhD, CG, *Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources*, 3rd edition, (Provo, Utah: Ancestry, 2004), p. 84.
2. Eichholz, *Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources*, p. 84
3. Eichholz, *Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources*, p. 85
4. Eichholz, *Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources*, p. 85
5. Eichholz, *Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources*, p. 85

2006 Lock Ins

Lock Ins are held at the Gladys Harrington Library. Registration begins at 5:30, the library closes to the public at 6:00. Suggested donation is \$10.00. Pizza, drinks and cookies are served at 7:00 for an additional \$4.00. Lock Ins are a great place to learn in small groups. Participate in classes, get help with a research consultation, or use the resources available to do your own research. A Plano Library Card and Internet Registration are required prior to 5:30 pm to use library computers.

July 7th—Little Used Sources

Classes include Institution and Coroners Records; Using Newspapers for More than Obituaries; Genealogy Journals—They can be useful even if your ancestor isn't mentioned; and Hiring a Professional Researcher.

October 27th—Using Computers in Genealogy

Classes to be determined.

Additions to the Gladys Harrington Library Genealogy Section

- The Huguenot, 1979-1981 GEN 284.5 HUG
- The Huguenot, 1985-1987 GEN 284.5 HUG
- The Huguenot, 1987-1989 GEN 284.5 HUG
- The Huguenot, 1989-1991 GEN 284.5 HUG
- The Huguenot, 1995-1997 GEN 284.5 HUG
- North Carolina Headrights: A List of Names, 1663-1744 GEN 929.3756 WHI
- Scott County, VA Cemetery Records (Master Index) GEN 929.509755732 WIL
- Tuttle/Tuthill: Lines in America, Vols. 1&2 GEN 929.2 TUT
- Greater Dallas: Yellow Pages 2004 GEN 384.625 SBC
- SBC: Richardson, Garland, Plano Yellow Pages 2005 GEN 384.625 SBC
- Texas Almanac, 2006-2007 GEN 317.64 TEX
- The Famine Ships: The Irish Exodus to America GEN 941.5081 LAX
- Ships from Ireland to Early America, 1623-1850, Vol. I GEN 929.30899162 DOB
- Carmack's Guide to Copyright & Contracts GEN 346.0482 CAR
- Merchants, Tradesmen & Manufacturers Financial Condition for Corsicana, TX, 1920 & 1921 GEN 332.7420764 MER
- Charleston District, South Carolina: Journal of the Court of Ordinary, 1812-1830 GEN 929.3757915 MOO
- SBC: Richardson, Garland, Plano Yellow Pages, 2004 GEN 384.625 SBC
- Sod and Stubble: The Unabridged and Annotated Edition GEN 978.1215 ISE
- Texas Almanac and State Industrial Guide, 1945-46 GEN 317.64 TEX
- Elbert County, Georgia, Deed Books K-R, 1806-1819 GEN 929.3758163 FAR
- Louisiana's German Coast: A History of St. Charles Parish GEN 976.333 YOE
- Volunteer soldiers in the Cherokee War, 1836-1839 GEN 973.57 VOL
- Rand McNally Road Atlas, 1980 GEN 912.73 RAN

Web Pages

Moniteau County, Missouri Genealogy Website—If you have ancestors in this central Missouri county, check out their website for record information and volunteers to help with local research. www.moniteau.net

The West Virginia Division of Culture and History announce that the Vital Research Records Project is placing Birth, Death, and Marriage certificates on-line. This is a collaborative effort between the West Virginia State Archives and the Genealogical Society of Utah to place online via the West Virginia Archives and History Web Site selected West Virginia county birth, death and marriage records, and statewide death records in a viewable, downloadable, and searchable format.

www.wvculture.org/vrr/

Internet Genealogy—Download a free preview issue of the new magazine from the publishers of Family Chronicle and History Magazine. You can also take advantage of a limited time introductory subscription offer of \$20 for one year of the print edition and \$15 for the online version.

http://internet-genealogy.com/IG_subsRW.htm

US Land Records Back Online

The Bureau of Land Management General Land Office (GLO) records website is back online. You can search for land purchases from the Federal Government. Images of patents are also available for Eastern State transactions.

www.gloreords.blm.gov/

The Indiana State Library website contains genealogy information including bibliographies on various specialties (German, French, African American, Hispanic, Irish, Native American, Passenger Lists), Indiana Cemetery Locator, Indiana Genealogy Resources by County, Marriage Databases, etc.

<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/whoware/genealogy.html>

Online translations are available at Ajax Translator by Joel Parish. As you type in one window the translation appears in a second window. Translations available for German, Italian, French, Portuguese and Spanish

Canadian Research—1901 Census is online at:
<http://automatedgenealogy.com/>

British Columbia Birth, Death and Marriages are online at:
www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/textual/governm/vstats/v_events.htm

A source for Canadian information is the online Canadian Genealogy Center located at:
www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy/index-e.html

Civil War Slave Compensation Claims Found in the Compiled Military Service Records of US Colored Troops is now available from the St Louis County Library Special Collections Department. The index is online.

www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/jhk/slaveclaims/index-links.htm

Missouri Lynchings 1836-1981. Prepared by Michael J Pfifer the list is based on the definition of lynching as “there must be legal evidence that a person has been killed, and that he met his death illegally at the hands of a group acting under the pretext of service to justice, race, or tradition,” with a group defined as three or more persons.

<http://academic.evergreen.edu/pfeifer/missouri.html>

Missouri Death Index and Death Certificate Images—The Missouri State Archives has opened this new project. Index covers 1910 to 1955 and images cover 1910 to 1920.

Need an online dictionary, check out OneLook Dictionary
www.onelook.com/

Enter your ancestor’s birthday in this website and learn how old they were on important dates in history.

<http://www.frontiernet.net/~cdm/age1.html>

The Northern New York Library Network has a digital collection on their website of newspapers and digital history.

www.nnyln.org/digitize.php

Genealogy Events

June 7-10—NGS Conference in the States and Gentech 2006 “Chicago: They Passed This Way” Local Host Chicagoland Genealogical Consortium. Location: Hyatt Regency O’Hare, Chicago, IL. Info www.ngsgenealogy.org

June 23-25—Palatines to America German Speaking Ancestor Family History Research Seminar and Conference. Location: Richmond Marriott Hotel, Richmond, VA. Info at their website:
<http://www.palam.org/conf/conf2006brochure.pdf>

July 27-30—Dallas Genealogical Society Institute. “Mining Genealogical Treasures” Instructors will be Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS, Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG, and John A Sellers. Location: J Erik Jonsson Dallas Public Library. Info
www.dallasgenealogy.org/institute/institute.htm

August 30-September 2—FGS Conference, hosted by The New England Historic Genealogical Society. Location: The Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA. Info at www.fgs.org/2006conf/FGS-2006.htm

September 29 & 30—Pennsylvania Statewide Genealogy Conference. “The Keystone to Your Heritage” hosted by The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society. Location: Sheraton Station Square Hotel, Pittsburg, PA. Info at www.pagenealogyconference.com

October 14—The Mid Atlantic Germanic Society Fall Conference will be held in Bethlehem, PA Speakers include John Konvalinka and Paul Peucker.
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usmags/>

October 27 & 28—Texas State Genealogy Society Conference hosted by Mid-Cities Genealogical Society. “Road to the Past: A Map to Your Family History” Speakers are J. Mark Lowe and Pamela Boyer Porter, CG, CGL. Location MacGorman Conference Center, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX. More information www.tsgs.org

Digital Collections

Dreanna Belden spoke to us in January. She was kind enough to provide a list of digital collections.

General Sites

American Memory at the Library of Congress

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amhome.html>

American Memory features over 9 million items from over a 100 historical collections.

University of Michigan’s Making of America

<http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/moagrp/>

“Making of America (MoA) is a digital library of primary sources in American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction. The collection is particularly strong in the subject areas of education, psychology, American history, sociology, religion, and science and technology. The collection currently contains approximately 9,500 books and 50,000 journal articles with 19th century imprints.” – from their website.

Cornell University’s Making of America

<http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa/>

“This site provides access to 267 monograph volumes and over 100,000 journal articles with 19th century imprints.” – from their website.

Statewide Digitization Projects

Alabama

<http://www.alabamamosaic.org/>

A collaboration of 13 libraries providing digital content.

Alaska

Alaska’s Digital Archive

<http://vilda.alaska.edu/>

Arizona

Arizona Memory Project

<http://azmemory.lib.az.us/>

Cline Library Digital Archives

Digital Collections

<http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/index.html>

North-eastern Arizona

Arizona Archives Online . . . descriptions of their archival materials

<http://aao.lib.asu.edu/index.html>

Arkansas

University of Arkansas Libraries Digital Collections

<http://digitalcollections.uark.edu/>

Arkansas History Commission Photographs

<http://www.ark-ives.com/photo/>

California

Archival Research Center

<http://www.usc.edu/isd/archives/arc/gateway.html>

Over 15,000 pages from USC.

The California Digital Library

<http://www.californiadigitallibrary.org/>

“70,000 images (photos, paintings, drawings), 100s of diaries, interviews, and letters. 100s of eBooks on topics ranging from early Pacific explorations to Hollywood’s influence on society.”

The Online Archive of California

<http://www.oac.cdlib.org/>

Over 120,000 images; 50,000 pages of documents, letters, and oral histories; and 8,000 guides to collections are available.

Colorado

The Colorado Digitization Program

<http://www.cdpheritage.org/>

Connecticut

Connecticut History Online (CHO)

<http://www.cthistoryonline.org/>

Connecticut History Online (CHO) is a collaboration between the Connecticut Historical Society, the Connecticut State Library, the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at the University of Connecticut, Mystic Seaport, and the New Haven Colony Historical Society. Contains over 14,000 images.

Colonial Connecticut Records 1636-1776

<http://www.colonialct.uconn.edu/>

Delaware

University of Delaware Libraries Special Collections

<http://www.lib.udel.edu/ud/spec/exhibits.html#digital>

postcard and photograph collection

Delaware Digital Archives

<http://www.state.de.us/sos/dpa/exhibits/exhibits-toc.shtml>

Photographs, maps and early documents concerning Delaware history

District of Columbia

WRLC Libraries Digital and Special Collections

<http://www.aladin.wrlc.org/dl/>

Canadian Immigration Records

The Archives of Ontario has announced the availability of immigration records known as the Toronto Emigration Office Records, or the Hawke Papers. The records date from 1831-1892 and were compiled mainly by Anthony Bowden Hawke and JA Donaldson, his successor as the Chief Emigrant Agent. The collection is now part of the Provincial Immigration Records (Record Group 11). Samples or original pages are available on the Archives website

www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/interloan/hawkes.htm.

There is an interlibrary loan program information is available at www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/interloan/i-immigration-t.htm