



THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LARIMER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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This Society really began in April of 1974, when Mrs. Roy Manners phoned Mrs. John Simpson and ask if she would organize a genealogy club in Fort Collins. Mrs. Simpson then ask Mrs. Manners and Mrs. James Davis to contact the people they knew who were interested in genealogy and ask them to meet at Mrs. Simpsons home on 26th April 1974. There were six ladies present. Mrs. Simpson explained her plans for forming the club and showed the different books and periodicals that could be used for genealogical research. There would be no meeting in May, because of the Memorial Day weekend and too many school activities. Plans were made to hold a public meeting June 28th 1974, this meeting was held at the Recreation Building 2211 West Mulberry Street at 7:30 P.M. on June 28th 1974, with Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson presiding and with twenty-two attending and joining the club. It was decided the name of the club would be the "Larimer County Genealogical Society" with meetings to be held on the fourth Friday of each month. Officers were elected and the Constitution and By-Laws were presented by the Simpsons and were approved with the correction of numbers eight and nine of the Constitution. Officers elected were, President, Mrs. John C. Simpson, Vice President, Mr. Robert Marriam, Secretary, Mrs. Earl C. Kerbel, Treasurer, Mr. R. Leslie Shader. No meetings were held in July or August. It was stated anyone joining the Society in September would be a charter member. We had many interesting programs throughout the year. June 28th 1974, Mrs. John Simpson presented a program on the "Ancestral Emigrants". On September 6th 1974, a special meeting was held with Mr. Richard Mock, president of the Weld County Genealogical Society presenting a program on "The Success of a Genealogical Society". At this meeting Mrs. Goodwin, a member of DAR reported on the First National Banks Heritage week, and displayed bumper stickers and pins for members to display for Heritage Days.

On September 27th 1974 the regular meeting of the society was held, this was decided to be the month of the annual meeting each year, dues to be paid from September to September. Mrs. Robert Marriam was appointed Corresponding Secretary and Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Esther Gertson Historian and Mr. John Simpson Librarian. Mr. Marriam and Mr. Shader presented a program on the Vital Statistics in Larimer County and how to use Microfilms. The October meeting 1974 was the installation of officers by Mrs. C.E. Hommon. Mr. Alvin Carlson presented a most interesting program on "English Research". November 29th 1974, at this meeting it was voted to change the meeting night to the third Friday of each month. This was a work night where everyone worked on their own individual research. The Emblem for the society was chosen from the many designed by members. December 1974, this meeting was an open house at the home of the John Simpson's. Mrs. Simpson displayed the book she published on the history of her family. January 1975, Mr. Charles E. Lowe Jr. gave a very interesting and informative program on the Genealogical Library at Salt Lake City, Utah, also giving some excellent pointers for beginning genealogy. February, 1975, the printed stationery and gummed back book labels bearing the society Emblem was displayed and made available to members.

Dr. F. Max Stein Professor of Mathematics at CSU, and a long-time genealogist, gave an interesting program on German genealogy and told of his experiences in tracing his lineage, he presented a slide travelogue of his family's two trips to Germany and Sweden. The first issue of the societies Newsletter edited by Mrs. John C. Simpson, Vol. 1. No. 1. was printed and mailed to all members in February 1975.

March 1974, This meeting was a work night, Mrs. Simpson gave a program on, "Obtaining Vital Records from the County Clerks Office" also on the importance of "Nationality and Locality"- where did your ancestors come from and where did they settle ? and of the shifting of the State and County lines. Mr. Simpson explained the changing of County lines and showed maps of the Virginia area as an example.

April 1975, Mrs. James Davis made a list of all books and films in the CSU Library that are of help in genealogical research, the list was made into a booklet and each member received a copy.

Mrs. Jane Davis local Librarian gave a most interesting program on what books are available in the local library and how one may obtain books and microfilm on the interlibrary loan program.

May 1975, Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Patty gave a very interesting and informative program on " How to File the genealogical materials one has collected and have in your homes", also how to save time when doing genealogical research.

On the 13 of May 1975 Mr. and Mrs. John C. Simpson as Directors of the Larimer County Genealogical Society offically registered the Society with the Secretary of State as a Non- Profit Organization.

June 1975, Mrs. James W. Baird gave a very interesting program " Footsteps Through The Past", showing pictures of her ancestors and telling of the steps she took in obtaining the needed data to compile her family history.

At this June meeting the majority of the members voted to each write a short story about their ancestors who lived during the period of the Revolutionary War, the stories to be put into a booklet, each member to have a copy and copies be put in the libraries. At this meeting members also voted to donate sixty dollars to the Public Library, along with a list of books or periodicals we wish purchased for the genealogical section of the new library.

A book listing the names of all members and officers and their family four generation charts was made and placed in the library, this to help others who may be searching for the same surname. A yearbook was made listing all officers, members, the constitution and by-laws. The sixty - dollars donated to the library for genealogical reference books. Seven members attended the Weld County Genealogical Society workshop last June. The Emblem of the Society chosen, and the Newsletters started and printed each month. Summing it all up I believe we have had a very successful year and are much more prepared to tread our way through the field of genealogical research.

Wishing all much success.

Laura Simpson