

**Larimer County Genealogical Society**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**July 19, 2007**  
**Harmony Library**  
**Harmony and Shields Street**  
**Fort Collins**  
**Community Room**

President Ken Goldsberry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the following visitors: Richard and Marilyn Sage and Don Huss.

Ken then told the members of a recent meeting between the head of the Fort Collins Library and the Society Board. The Society presented the library with a check for \$375, which is 10% of the cost of an annual library subscription to Ancestry.com. Ancestry.com is now available at both the Fort Collins Main Library and the Harmony Library.

Nancy Abrahams mentioned that she attended the 2007 NGS conference and brought back some informative brochures and pamphlets. She will place them on a table for members to look at during the break.

### **Genealogy Gems**

Several members had genealogy gems which they shared with everyone. Cathi Smith had brought a picture of her grandfather. She showed the wonderful restoration job that had been done on the original frame. She further explained that her grandfather had been raised in Germany and served in the army there. His picture showed him in uniform with a regiment number on it. She wondered if anyone knew of any resources to find German military units. Members of the Society suggested a few ideas including Everton's and Cyndislist to search for clues.

Boyd Johnson described a recent visit to Fort Laramie during which he met with the librarian at the fort and was able to add several of his ancestors, who'd traveled through the fort in the 1800s, to the library's database.

Gene O'Connell told everyone he had been inspired by the last meeting, in which an explosion caused the death of an ancestor of the presenter, to do some research on his own ancestor whose hand was lost in an explosion. He mentioned that the various Society presentations often lead members to further their own research.

Richard Sage recently went to the Sage Family Reunion where he found out how his grandmother had become blind. He recommended reunions as a great place to talk to older generations about family history.

Nadine Gates then described her own recent family reunion which 94 members of the family attended. She stated that reunions are a great way to keep in touch with extended family.

At this point, a short break for conversation and refreshments was taken.

## **Program**

Since the July meeting is the annual question and answer session, the attendees broke into six groups, each facilitated by one of the Board members, for group discussion and questions.

Each person was able to introduce him/herself and describe his own research. Some groups spent more time on this item than others, but most groups had a chance to meet people they rarely interact with and find out more about their research.

At the end of the session, each facilitator presented the most important points from the group's discussion. The unanimous conclusion seemed to be that everyone enjoyed hearing about each other's brick walls, questions and solutions and agreed that it was something that they would enjoy doing more often.

## **Business Meeting**

A short business meeting was held at the end of the group discussions.

## **Publications**

Chairperson Hap Hazard reminded everyone that he will be bringing to general meetings examples of the various books and CDs that the Society has published over the years. These are available for purchase. He further reminded the members that the Society owns several videos that are available for loan. The Society has recently purchased a video on finding clues in graveyards that Hap recommended.

## **Recycle Table**

Chair Cathi Smith reported that many new items have been donated that members may want to purchase.

## **Programs**

Len reported that the attached handout describes the next three Society meetings. The August program will be presented by Society member Carol Stetser and will focus on researching online. The September program will be presented by Carol Darrow and will describe what is available at the National Archives in Denver.

Ken stated that the next meeting on online research should be beneficial to members and invited everyone to bring a guest.

## **Website**

Webmaster Dolores Ray reported that the website is now updated. She is currently placing the Fort Collins obits, which have all been scanned, online.

## **Archival**

Len reported that someone is still needed to head the Archival Committee. He asked anyone who is interested to contact a Board member.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.