

**Larimer County Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2008  
Harmony Library  
Harmony and Shields Street  
Fort Collins  
Community Room**

President Ken Goldsberry welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:30 pm. He informed the group that the evening's meeting would involve a small-group format, which was the reason for the unusual chair arrangement.

**Genealogy Gems**

Sharon Koleber mentioned that she had recently found some deeds filed under "H" for "heirs" in a deed box, rather than alphabetically by surname. She recommended that anyone searching for deeds keep this in mind.

Ceil Damschroder reported that Olympic star Jeremy Bloom is setting up a foundation named for his grandmother, Donna Wheeler. Ceil stated that Donna was a past president of the Society, and she felt that some long-time members would remember her and be interested in the foundation. The foundation is somewhat similar to the "Make a Wish" foundation that helps critically ill children realize some special wishes, except that this foundation would focus on wishes of senior citizens.

**Donation to Fort Collins Library**

President Goldsberry announced that the Society had donated 10% of the cost of subscribing to Ancestry.com last year. The Society had the opportunity to repeat the donation this year. Before doing so, the Board asked how much usage Ancestry had had during the last year. The Library reported that 427 visits had been made to Ancestry during January through May of 2008. With this in mind, the Board agreed to donate 10% of the cost of Ancestry this year, as well.

President Goldsberry presented a check for \$467 to Library representatives: Brenda Carns, Tova Aragon, Robin Gard and Ginny Feagler.

At this point a break for refreshments and conversation was taken. The break was a bit more lengthy than usual since the treat for the evening was several flavors of ice cream. No one seemed to mind the extended break!

**Small Group Meetings**

The attending members were divided into small groups of approximately five; each was presided over by a facilitator. The groups had a chance to individually report on their

genealogical research and discuss brick walls and successes. Bob Larson filmed many of the discussions.

At the conclusion of the discussions, the facilitators reported on significant points that each group had raised. One of the interesting ideas that came from the groups was the fact that several groups had members who were researching in the same area. Other points involved the recent ability to do so much research online, something that has greatly speeded the pace of research. Other groups discussed the idea of keeping journals for future generations. The general consensus was that everyone enjoyed the opportunity to discuss their own genealogical pursuits, and several requested that it be done more often.

### **HP Printer Drawing**

Boyd and Gwen Johnson won an HP Printer at the Christmas party last year. They donated it to the Society, and a raffle was held this evening. Gene O'Connell was the lucky winner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.