

# Larimer County Genealogical Society

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## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Regular meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Harmony Public Library at 4616 S. Shields Street (Front Range CC Campus West Side)

**May 2: Family Tree Maker Users Group Meeting, Fort Collins – 6:30 pm**  
Fort Collins Main Library, 201 Peterson Street, Ben Delatour Room.  
Program: Intermediate Class II: See page three for details.

**May 9: Longmont Genealogical Society, Longmont – 1:30 pm**  
New Frontier Bank, 2315 Main Street, Meeting Room.  
Program: “GPS Grave Locations” by Duane Kniebes.

**May 12 & 19: Creating Slide & Movie Shows for Genealogy, Ft. Collins - 9 am**  
Ft. Collins Main Library, 201 Peterson Street, Ben Delatour Room.  
Class is FREE. Presented by Dolores & Dawn Ray.

**May 17: Larimer County Genealogical Society, Fort Collins – 7 pm**  
Harmony Public Library, 4616 Shields at Harmony, Community Meeting Room.  
Program: “Early Settlement of New England: A Genealogical Gold Mine” presented by Paul Kilburn. See program highlights for details.

**June 4: Family Tree Maker Users Group Meeting, Fort Collins – 7 pm**  
Harmony Public Library, 4616 Shields Street, Community Room.  
Program: GenSmarts Basics. See page three for details.

**June 9: CGHS Spring Genealogy Seminar, Cheyenne – 9 am**  
Laramie County Library, 2800 Central Avenue.  
Five FREE all day workshop classes presented by Bob Larson and other CGHS genealogists. For more details and to register: [www.rootsweb.com/~wycgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wycgs/)

**June 16: Introduction to Genealogy, Fort Collins – 9:30 am**  
Ft. Collins Main Library, 201 Peterson Street, Ben Delatour Room.  
Class is FREE. Presented by Bob Larson.

**June 11: Longmont Genealogical Society, Longmont – 1:30 pm**  
New Frontier Bank, 2315 Main Street, Meeting Room.  
Program: “Workshop on Basic Research Steps” by Joella Marler.

**June 21: Larimer County Genealogical Society, Fort Collins – 6:30 pm**  
Harmony Public Library, 4616 Shields at Harmony, Community Meeting Room.  
Program: “An Obituary Obsession” by Cari Taplin. See program highlights for details.

**September 8: Longmont Genealogical Society, Longmont – 8:30 am**  
Hank Jones Genealogy Seminar. All day workshop presented by Hank Jones.  
Cost is \$30 per person before August 16. Contact Margaret at [marg80501@netzero.net](mailto:marg80501@netzero.net) or visit the LGS website at [www.rootsweb.com/~colgs/hank\\_jones\\_seminar.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~colgs/hank_jones_seminar.htm) for more details.

*All programs are FREE unless noted and the public and friends are cordially invited to attend.*

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### Program Highlights



**May Program:** “Early Settlement of New England: A Genealogical Gold Mine” presented by Paul Kilburn. The 17<sup>th</sup> century settlement of New England began with the Pilgrims in 1620 and then continued in earnest in the decade from 1630 to 1640 with the Great Migration. Many parish records in England trace ancestors back yet another century; the same precise record keeping in New England provide continuous records to the present. Early ship records are particularly good, but any other church and secular records provide excellent genealogical records for the researcher.



**June Program:** “An Obituary Obsession” presented by Cari Taplin. Exploring obituaries as a starting point in her research, Cari has become obsessed with their flavor and nuances. Older obituaries are especially fun to read and some can be very detailed. She will discuss how to find obituaries, what data you can gather from them and share some of her favorites. To learn more about finding obits on your ancestors, you’ll enjoy this interesting lecture!

Visit our updated website: [www.lcgsc.org](http://www.lcgsc.org)

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Larimer County Genealogical Society meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month (except no meeting in December) at the Harmony Public Library, Community Meeting Room, 4616 So. Shields St., Ft Collins, CO.

Dues are \$18 per year for an individual or \$27 per year for a family.

The newsletter is published six times a year. Please submit all articles and announcements to the newsletter editor at email address: [newsletter\\_editor@lcgsc.org](mailto:newsletter_editor@lcgsc.org) or to our mailing address below.

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**Family History Center News**

by Pat Johnson



**Loveland Family History Center** hours:  
Tues: 9 am-3 pm & 7 pm-9 pm. Weds: 9 am-3 pm & 7 pm-9 pm. Thurs: 9 am-noon. Please call 667-6498 for more info.

**Fort Collins Family History Center** hours:  
Tues: 9am-3pm & 7pm-9pm. Weds: 9am-3pm & 7pm-9pm. Thurs: 9am-noon. Please call 226-5999 for more info.

The biggest change is the discontinuation of the full subscription of Ancestry.com. As of April 1, there is only the FHC Version which is very limited.

**Tip:** All FHCs have a number of microfilms for review at each center. Ask which ones are available as there may be one you can use for your genealogy research. Some films stay only for 30 days before they are returned to the main library.



**Ramblings from Ken**

If you didn't hear Bob Sheets speak on his relationship to the "Salem Witch Trials of 1692," you missed one of the finest programs ever presented at a LCGS meeting, since I have been hanging around. He informed, made us laugh and held us spell bound for 1.5 hours...yes, we had no time for a business meeting and that may be a 33 year first! Thank you Len for bringing Bob on board...you have now set a precedent...don't let us down!

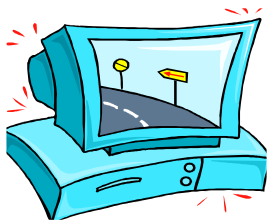
I have mentioned before the value of being a subscriber (free) to some of the Rootsweb-L sites. The other day two very interesting websites were described and the addresses given. One is produced by the Library of Congress and is called **Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers** (Beta). I have not studied it, but it looks interesting and valuable. Would someone try this site, study it and make a report at the May meeting?? [www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica](http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica).

A second website appeared when a CASANFRA-L subscriber complained they couldn't find what they were looking for in the immigration information. Another subscriber stepped up and suggested they try the Steve Morse website. It appears that Stephen P. Morse, a brilliant mathematician turned genealogist has developed a **One Step System** for viewing census and passenger records, plus several other categories. Check his site and start by looking at "About this website and how to use it" then look at his "Public Appearances" before you start surfing his site: [www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org).

A third website was introduced to me by a Missouri volunteer researcher a couple of weeks ago. I had her name in my address book, but had failed to write the details of how and when she had helped [an extremely good practice to maintain on researchers]. She had kept my name in her file and sent me some Goldsberry information that opened a door...This communication provided two "genealogy gems" in one! I immediately wrote back and thanked her and asked "where did you find this information?" She responded with "all of my genealogy research for myself and other people always starts with a new site, **Linkpendium USA**.

It is one being built by Karen Isaacson and Dr. Brian Leverich, founders of the popular Roots Web site. They took time off after the Ancestry.com acquisition in 2000 and have gotten back into Genealogy. Read about them at [www.linkpendium.com/about-us.html](http://www.linkpendium.com/about-us.html), then go to main site: [www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA/](http://www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA/) and enjoy the time of your life. Click the Free Genealogy, Death records, State marriages and obituaries on line plus each state has a series of sites to tour. Click **linkpendium** above the surname list...click everything. And don't forget to "bookmark" the three major sites we have presented. Put the first one in your NEWSPAPER Folder and the second and third ones in a KEY GENEALOGY SEARCH SITES folder.

Keep Digg'n *Ken Goldsberry*



## Let's Go Site-Seeing!

If you need a timeline of past U.S. history, visit this website at [www.digitalhistory.uh.edu](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu). This website offers a wealth of fascinating and helpful information about the lives and times of our ancestors. Besides having lots of lesson plans for teachers, this is a great site for researching past history, almost like an encyclopedia with more detail. Lots of MP3 audio files, music, speeches, movies, maps, and pictures accompany this great website. (From Internet Genealogy April 2007 Edition)

Did you have an inventive ancestor. If you did, you can retrieve old patent records online from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office ([www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)) and Google Patents ([www.google.com/patents](http://www.google.com/patents)) Both websites offer online access to over seven million U.S. patents. Old patents can give great information on what type of inventor your ancestor was and show the actual patent that he received in a certain year. (From Internet Genealogy April 2007 Edition)

The Family History Library in association with Brigham University is planning on digitizing about 170,000 family histories that have been submitted without copyright restrictions. About four thousand family histories are already online at [www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu](http://www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu). (From Internet Genealogy April 2007 Edition)

## Genealogy Tidbits

**Stalking Strangers for Their DNA** by Kimberly Powell (About Genealogy, April 2, 2007)

I'm a fan of DNA testing for ancestry, but this was a new one on me. An article by Amy Harmon in a *New York Times* newspaper describes genealogists and adoptees, who go to great lengths to obtain DNA for their family research - from wooing them with flowers to swiping their coffee cup out of the trash can at McDonalds. "Cooperation is preferred, but not necessarily required to achieve their ends," Amy writes in her article "The DNA Age: Stalking Strangers' DNA to Fill in the Family Tree."

These genealogists have taken a bit of an extreme approach, but DNA testing for ancestry purposes can be fairly easy and fun. There will always be people who aren't interested in participating, but many can be brought around to the idea if you take time to explain to them the basics of ancestry DNA testing, including what it can and can't reveal. So be aware of who is stalking you for your DNA!

**Computer Hardware & Print Cartridges Recycling Hits All time High!** by Bob Larson

As some of our members know, Fort Collins and Larimer County is high on protecting the environment and recycling is at the top of this agenda. Practically all cities do recycle different items, but Fort Collins recently passed a law to ban all computer and other electronic related hardware including pagers and cellphones from the city dump. The reason: "toxic materials" can permeate the ground and enter the water supply in several years. That's a smart move, which many other cities have either done or will be following suit shortly. According to Hewlett Packard's website, this environmental conscious company recycled computer hardware and ink cartridges to the tune of 140 million pounds last year, an increase of 17% over 2005.

Both Larimer County and Fort Collins have recommended drop locations for recycling computer and other electronic hardware. However, there may be a cost in dropping off CRT monitors, batteries, and similar items. You can drop off old print cartridges at 'cartridge recycling stores' in Loveland and Fort Collins. Bottom line: Please recycle and don't add toxic chemicals to our landfills. We don't want another Love Canal in Larimer County!

## Family Tree Maker Users Group

**May 2 Program:** Intermediate Training Part II: Using the View Menu: switching between family and pedigree charts, Looking for individuals, adding pictures to scrapbooks, selecting different tree charts, creating multiple family reports, reviewing important dates in the calendar, creating address labels for mass mailing, creating maps using birth, marriages or death locations, creating timeline charts, creating a research journal to prevent research duplication and for planning future genealogy research, using research data CDs, and using zoom on specific charts. Held at Fort Collins Main Library.

**June 4 Program:** GenSmarts Training: This is a special class on GenSmarts genealogy research software. GenSmarts uses artificial intelligence to analyze your FTM or other genealogy software family file. The software produces recommendations on researching your ancestors and provides a detailed journal log for you to track each ancestor. This is a \$30 software package that works with FTM or any other genealogy software that makes recommendations and hunts for answers by accessing the most popular online databases that you may or may not have subscriptions. Many databases are from state archives. It lists the databases and the answers for you to compare and merge into your family file, if you feel the information is valid. Use of the Internet is required for this program to access over 50 databases. Held at Harmony Library.



## SOCIETY NEWS

### Membership News



Florence & Leonard Everett

Congratulations to **Florence and Leonard Everett** on their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Leonard joined our society in 2005. They met at the roller skating rink at the Fort Collins City Park and married in 1947. Leonard worked for Public Service Co. and Florence worked for Poudre School District in Fort Collins. Both are retired and live in Loveland. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Leonard is surely on his way to charting his descendants and hopefully his ancestors for his grandchildren to enjoy in future years.

Please welcome our new society members: **Alan & Iola Armour**, returning member **Darrell Coble**, **Carol Condit**, **Sandy Luna**, and **Ray & Betsy Nail**, all from Loveland; **Gene O'Connell**, who volunteered to be our new Membership Chair, **Carrie Graves**, **Dr. Celeste Lasky**, **Linda Gehring**, **Kelli Hamma**, and **Mary Severs**, all from Fort Collins.

### E&O Committee and Local Libraries Host "Creating Family Reunion Slide Shows" Workshop!

The Education & Outreach Committee in cooperation with Loveland and Fort Collins Public Libraries presented numerous workshops on Saturdays for members and the public throughout the year. In April, two workshops on "Creating PowerPoint® Slide Shows For Family Reunions" were presented by newsletter editor **Bob Larson**.



Bob Larson

The Loveland Public Library hosted the first workshop on "PowerPoint® Basics" on April 21 by librarian and LCGS member **Jackie Kietzmann**. Twenty-four people attended. How to create slide shows using the popular Microsoft® PowerPoint® presentation software was discussed. Creating slide show programs using this software is really easy and fun to do! When creating any slide show, pre-planning is required to create a vivid and memorable presentation for your audience. Basic presentation elements included creating a program agenda, using different slide template designs, creating a Master slide, title slide, and creating different media slides using photos and text along with using several keyboard shortcuts.

Pre-planning is the most important part of creating a slide show. Planning using the four W's (Who, What, Where, and When) for the reunion will really help make a powerful presentation for a memorable slide show.

The Fort Collins Public Library hosted the second workshop on "Creating Slide Shows For Family Reunions" on April 28 by librarian and LCGS member **Ginny Feagler**. Twelve people attended. Family reunion ideas included creating a dynamic slide show using special effects with animation and ancestor photos with music background plus audio narration were discussed. Using special equipment such as computers, LCD projectors, and portable music players helps to create a vivid program presentation. This presentation included having an

agenda, using the basics mentioned above, adding the special graphic and audio effects and giving a memorable souvenir at the end of the slide presentation.

Adding specials effects can really add a powerful and vivid presentation using fading and panning slide transition methods, animated graphics, personal intro video clips using a webcam, along with your ancestor photos. Adding audio narration with comments by the speaker or a talking animated character on each slide is another powerful effect. Adding the personal commentary, taped telephone interviews or on-site interviews with family members discussing their memories of their ancestors are great examples of adding audio narration.

Adding different background CD or taped music can really enhance any slide show presentation. Finally, giving out either presentation handouts and/or a souvenir CD of the presentation adds a nice touch for family members to remember the reunion for years. For more information, visit this website at [www.Microsoftlearning.com](http://www.Microsoftlearning.com) for FREE PowerPoint® tutorials or visit your local library for FREE computer and PowerPoint® classes.

## RESEARCH NEWS

### Indexing For The Family History Library by Patricia A Johnson



Some of us jokingly say that genealogy is an addiction. Now I have discovered a related addiction that is as much fun. Not that I have run out of people to track down, but now I am helping others find their ancestors.

As you know, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City plans to have their entire collection available on the Internet – for free! No more ordering films at the Family History Center and waiting three weeks (or more) to read them. What is the hold up? The entire collection has to be indexed before that will happen. The more people that are indexing, the sooner we can all have access to the vast collection at Salt Lake City.

I am participating in the main project, as well as the Indiana Genealogy Society project. The main project is described on [familysearchindexing.org](http://familysearchindexing.org). The Indiana Genealogy Society Project is Indiana Marriages 1790-1957. I had to sign up for each independently.

You do not need to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to participate in either project. It is fun and the software the Church has provided is outstanding. How does it work?

1. I downloaded the software.
2. I received my login and password --- then
3. I log on to the “familysearchindexing site”.
4. I download a set of data (to be completed in 7 days).
5. On the upper half of my computer screen a page from the census (or other documents) appears, or pages from a County’s marriage records in Indiana for the Indiana Genealogy Society Project.
6. On the bottom half of my computer screen an entry table appears. It has a highlighter that moves from field to field as I enter data in the table. (this keeps me from going cross eyed).
7. If I decide to quit in the middle I can save the work to my computer and continue later.
8. I can decide to work offline if I choose to.
9. In about 30 minutes, I can have one census page indexed and submitted to the server in Salt Lake City.
10. A quality check must be run before the work is submitted.
11. A total of your names submitted is automatically updated after each submission.
12. There are two teams indexing each page and then an arbitrator decides the difference (if any) detected between the two submissions.

Why is it worthwhile? First, I learn a lot. The 1900 US Census was taken at such a vibrant time in America. It was busy with immigrants coming to America from all over the World. As I index the boroughs of New York City, or Chicago or Philadelphia, I can feel the enthusiasm these new citizens felt. I can see that the immigrant families had many children, since that is the census that asks each woman how many children she has and how many are still living.

Just as today, the immigrant families are having larger families than the regular citizens. It gives me insight into the fact that ours is a great country and appeals to people from everywhere. It gives me insight to the social fabric of our country. As I indexed the “Alms House” on Blackwell’s Island I learned that many immigrants never realized the “American Dream,” and as unpleasant as I am sure it was there, they were at least cared for and fed. Some of the pictures I see as I index are sad, but most are full of hope. It is a good mental exercise and a chance to use my handwriting reading skills, although sometimes I wish I could be there and sharpen the census takers pencil, or get him a new fountain pen!

Anyone can do this project. I have dial up Internet connection and have no problem with indexing. However, being an arbitrator is more than my connection can handle. If you are interested in this worthwhile project, here is how to become involved by visiting their website: [www.familysearchindexing.org](http://www.familysearchindexing.org).

Here you can read about the various projects, download the software, or volunteer to index. Membership in the LDS Church is not required, just leave the question blank about this. There are instructions for each project and you receive e-mail messages from headquarters, when they notice a common problem is occurring. Remember, the more people that are indexing, the sooner we can all have access to the vast collection at Salt Lake City. As of March 27, there are 25,000 folks indexing records. Happy Indexing!!

# Stories Of A Lifetime

## A Sad Day for Marshal Will Richart

by Tom Phelan

*Editor's Note: Here's an interesting letter submitted by member Tom Phelan to his granddaughter about one of his relatives, who was a law enforcement officer for several years in Larimer County.*



Dear Granddaughter Nicole,

Besides being a hereditary heir, your interest in family origins makes you my genealogical heir. It is for this reason that I write to tell you about Uncle Will. He was the oldest brother of my grandmother Lucinda, hence your great-great-great uncle.

In this writing I will confine myself to one incident in Will's life that gave him a notoriety that he neither sought nor desired. In the line of duty as City Marshal of Fort Collins, he shot and killed a man in 1905.

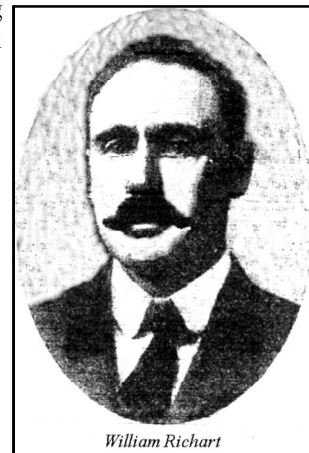
What I give you, Nicole, all comes from newspaper coverage from early Fort Collins papers - the Courier, the Democrat and the Express; and it's thanks to your cousin, Jessica, for searching and printing many articles dealing with Uncle Will's activities as sheriff that I have the material for this letter.

Uncle Will had served in law-enforcement for over a dozen years, as constable and marshal in Loveland, and as deputy sheriff and sheriff in Fort Collins. Three weeks before the incident he had been elected as City Marshal in Fort Collins. In all these years he made more than 700 arrests ranging from hobos to horse thieves and murderers without once having fired his gun.

On May 12, 1905, Uncle Will returned to his office after a short absence due to illness, only to find 14 warrants on his desk for the arrest of one of Fort Collins' prominent businessmen. Robert Miller was proprietor of the Fort Collins Bottling Works, which manufactured and bottled soft drinks and beer. His store also had a reputation for sometimes creating "disturbances," and for serving hard liquor, which was against city ordinances. The previous marshal had been driven away by the owner with a mallet, which says something about his disposition.

Uncle Will consulted with both the mayor and the city attorney. Mayor Clammer ordered him to "take plenty of help" and look for evidence. The mayor had received advice from Judge George Bailey that it was allowable to search the building, especially the small room under the stairway. The city attorney reinforced what the mayor advised.

Uncle Will chose to make the arrest at the end of the business day on Saturday, May 13, 1905. He said in his testimony that he did not expect any trouble, but he did post two deputies at the rear door to get the names of anyone going out, and he took two with him when he entered the building. It was, and is, a two-story brick building with stairways front and back onto the second level. The present address gives 171-73 North College Ave and is occupied by the Old Town Art & Framery.



William Richart

Inside was a room with a bar, a holdover from an earlier time when liquor was allowed. A son, George Miller, was standing next to it. The bar gate was locked, so Uncle Will jumped over it as did the son and officer Meredith, so they could enter the back room where they expected to find the proprietor, Robert Miller. He was sitting on the edge of a table. Uncle Will went over to him and read one of the warrants with the help of light from the window. He told Miller that he would save the others for later when he had more light, but meanwhile that he was under arrest. Mr. Miller said, "All right, what are you going to do?"

To that question, Uncle Will responded that he intended to look around. He went directly to the closet under the stairway and opened its door. Miller went over to pull Will out, but Will pushed him away. Will was 37 years old and Miller, age 63, and of strong physical build. Uncle Will was able to push him away, but Miller attacked Will grabbing him by the collar and punching him in the chest. Will pulled out his gun and hit Miller on the forehead. Officer Meredith came over and pulled Miller off, telling him he was under arrest.

Uncle Will lifted a bottle from the closet and smelled its contents. All this seemed only to anger Miller the more. In the testimony, his son admitted that his father was very angry, and Will used the term "vicious." Miller picked up a bottle and threw it at Will hitting him above the right eye. The force was enough to break the bottle and to daze the marshal. As he recovered from the blow, Will looked out from the closet to find Miller's son with a club in his hand, and his father searching under the bar for something to use in the fracas. Uncle Will recognized the place as where a gun might

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be kept, and it being quite dark, he covered his assailant with his gun. The man raised his right arm toward the marshal and the marshal fired his gun. Officer Meredith didn't know who was shot until he saw Miller fall to the floor.

Uncle Will directed a deputy to find a doctor and send for the coroner. He had turned Miller's body over and found him lifeless. A doctor arrived soon after and inspected the wounded man only to find him beyond help. He then turned to the marshal to treat his wound.

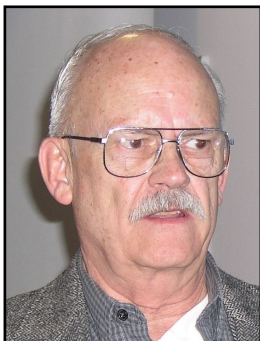
You can imagine, Nicole, the effect of this the incident had in Fort Collins, a city at that time with around 5000 people. There was a coroner's inquest in the few days following the incident, in which the jury of six men exonerated the marshal from any felonious act. One newspaper concluded that the decision would likely end the affair, but that was not to be. The Miller family took Uncle Will to court on the charge of murder. The trial took place in September 1905 and the jury of 12, reached the unanimous decision of "Not guilty!"

The experience seemed to have quite an effect on Uncle Will. He served out his term as marshal, and then became the city Street Commissioner. In the Spring of 1909, he resigned as Street Commissioner and took a job with the Federal Bureau of Reclamation, working out of western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming. He died in Loveland in 1918 at age 50 from the effects of a stroke. Only recently did I find out that he was a charter member of the Pioneer Association of Fort Collins, which this year celebrated its 100 year anniversary.

I will save other family stories for another day.

With love, your grandfather

## PAST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS by Len Ray



**Bob Sheets** presented March's program on "The Salem Witch Trials of 1692" as seen through the eyes of one of it's victims. This is a true story of Bob's sixth generation grandfather, the Reverend George Burroughs, who was falsely accused and hanged on Gallows Hill during the Salem Witch Trials of 1692. In 1992 on the 300th Anniversary of the trials, Bob and the Newman Society sponsored a four day memorial to the Martyrs of Salem with ceremonies and monuments honoring Burroughs and his great grandson, Robert Newman. Newman was the Boston Patriot, who carried the two lanterns up the steeple of the Old North Church for Paul Revere on April 18, 1775.

Bob explained how mass hysteria can lead to terrible deeds. Where thousands of accused of witchcraft were burned at the stake, he equated it to other events in our own country such as the McCarthy era. His sixth generation grandfather made what was then considered wrong by traveling to the frontier of Maine and tried to convert the Natives. This did not fit in with the local religious beliefs and thus was targeted as a leader of the accused witches and ultimately tried and hung. He also described how the accused were tortured until they confessed.

Bob is a fifth generation Coloradoan, attended the University of Colorado and received his BA degree in History, and his Sociology and Art degrees from the University of Denver. He has taught history, art, literature and drama in the public schools at Sherman, Texas, Denver, and Colorado Spring. He also served on the Board of the Colorado State Historical Society and was one of the founders of Historic Denver, Inc. and the Newman Family Society in 1975.



**Phil Carpenter** presented April's program on "A Visit With Some of Grandview's Residents" Phil presented a great slide show profiling many of the important people buried in the Fort Collins Grandview and Roselawn Cemeteries. He included the history of the early pioneers of Fort Collins and also showed several of the pioneer's homes.

Various monuments were shown with an explanation of when and why they were erected. Two great memorials include the Civil War Soldier statue and the Fireman's memorial.

Phil is the Cemetery Supervisor of Grandview and Roselawn Cemeteries in Fort Collins, working for 27 years there. His was past president of the Colorado Association of Cemeteries, past program director for the Municipal Segment of the Small Cemetery conferences and was awarded the Certified Cemetery Executive by the International Cemetery and Funeral Association.

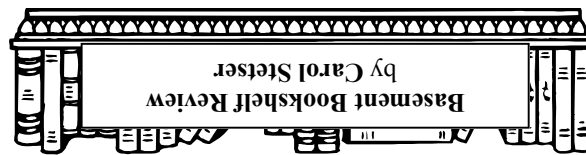


The book also lists a number of family trees for celebrities such as Irving Berlin, Matt Damon, Mohammed Ali and others with information on how the author compiled these trees. However, even if you're not interested in finding out if you're related to George Clooney, this book is very useful. The steps used to research a famous person are no different than those used to research anyone else, and Ms McClure presents those steps in a clear, logical format. This is a great book for beginning genealogists, but even more experienced researchers will benefit from Ms McClure's suggestions.

Nearly every family has tales about connections to celebrities, royalty and even criminals. This book tells you how to prove or disprove those wild stories; it can even help you figure out if you're related to your favorite movie star!

A large section of the book is devoted to tracing those less than stellar ancestors or collateral relatives that might be hanging on the family tree. Ms McClure obviously finds the shady characters in her family's history fascinating, and she encourages readers to delve into their own family's colorful characters. She describes the use of unusual sources such as prison records, mental institution and poor farm lists to find out about these ancestors. She further points out that how unacceptable an ancestor might be may vary with time and cultural changes. For example, the witches hung in Salem are now considered an asset to a family tree, even though genealogies published a hundred years ago often omitted them. On the other hand, slave owners were considered acceptable members of society in their own times, but today we tend to cringe when we find that our ancestors were slaveholders.

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