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COME SEE US !! WE WELCOME VISITORS

The Larimer County Genealogical Society meets at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month (no meeting in December) at the Good Samaritan Society, 508 W. Trilby Rd., Ft. Collins, CO. 80525

Dues are \$20.00 per year for an individual or \$30.00 per year for a family. Lifetime dues are also available.

Please submit your articles to the editor at:

newsletter_editor@lcsco.org

or in writing to:

Larimer County
Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 270737
Fort Collins, CO 80527

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Details and registration for all events may be found on our website at:

www.lcsco.org/calendar-of-events

DATE/TIME

EVENT

Mon Feb 25, 2019

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

[DNA Study Group](#)

Location to Be Announced Soon, TBA

Sat Mar 09, 2019

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

[Introduction to Genetic Genealogy and DNA Testing with Glenn York and Tammie Gregori](#)

Loveland Library – Gertrude Scott Room, Loveland

Tue Mar 12, 2019

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

[Family History Writing Group](#)

Contact Family History Writing Group Leader, Location may change each month!

Thu Mar 14, 2019

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

[Colonial Study Group Meeting](#)

Contact British Study Group Leader, Location may change each month!

Thu Mar 14, 2019

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

[Technology Study Group](#)

Contact Technology Study Group Leader, Location may change each month!

Thu Mar 14, 2019

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

[Irish Study Group](#)

St. Peter's Anglican Church, Loveland

Wed Mar 20, 2019

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

[British Isles Study Group](#)

Contact British Study Group Leader, Location may change each month!

Thu Mar 21, 2019

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

[Untangling Your New England Roots: An Over-](#)

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Fort Collins, Colorado 80527-0737

Family History Center Contact Information

Fort Collins FHC: 970-226-5999
 Tuesdays: 10 am-4 pm then 6:30-9:30
 Wednesdays: 10 am-4 pm
 Saturdays: 9am to noon
 600 Swallow Rd Fort Collins

Loveland FHC: 970-669-6498
 Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 9am-3pm
 Wednesdays: 7pm-9pm
 Saturdays: 9am to noon
 3800 Mountain Lion Dr Loveland

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 550 Spartan Dr
By appointment. only

President's Message

R. Glenn York, president@lcgsc.org

It is an honor to be selected to serve you as President of the Larimer County Genealogical Society. I want to serve you the members, and I ask you to share your thoughts and concerns with me, so we can work together to resolve any problems and improve the society. The society is a member organization, and we can only be successful if we work together to advance our organization and build a stronger membership.

One of my top goals is to improve member engagement. The board and I need to understand your goals. Why did you join LCGS? Is LCGS meeting your expectations? What can we do better? What should we stop doing? I am very interested in your thoughts and suggestions. We may not be able to implement everything at once but want to consider and prioritize projects that will help better meet the needs of our members.

Volunteer organizations depend on members contributions to move the organization forward. I won't ask you to do something that you are not comfortable doing, but everyone can do something.

Are you ready to learn more about genealogy research, but don't know where to start? Consider stopping by during our library help hours on a Thursday in Old Town Fort Collins or Loveland. We always have an experienced genealogist there, but any member is welcome to come by to get help with your genealogy research. You can also just come by to observe and/or help answer questions. You never know someone may come by with a question or problem like something you are working on. If you are stuck in your research one of our library helpers can provide a second set of eyes on the problem and may help find a different way to advance your research.

Maybe you would like to attend one of our classes as a refresher. Our instructors always welcome someone to greet students, get them signed in, and make sure everyone gets the handouts. You can do this and attend the class.

Are you interested in one of the small study groups? Contact the leaders most of the small group leaders would welcome some help with the group meetings. Of course, all of the groups welcome others with interest in the group topic. You may find a clue to advance your research from a small group discussion.

Are you telling others you are a member of the LCGS? Maybe someone you know does not know about LCGS. Maybe telling someone about an upcoming meeting topic or class will get them interested. Invite them to come as your guest.

LCGS is a strong organization, but if we all do a little to make it better, we can leave the society better than we found it. What can you do to make LCGS better?

Glenn

52 Ancestors in 52 weeks

By R. Glenn York

If you follow any genealogy Blogs you most likely have heard about 52 ancestors in 52 weeks, but what is it all about? The idea was first suggested by Amy Johnson Crow a few years ago. It has now been adopted by many genealogists and others have blogged about their ancestors or the process.

We all have researched some interesting ancestors. We have had some unique experiences with some of our ancestors. Others may have shared stories about our ancestors with us over the years. Some of these stories are written down and stored in our genealogy files, but others may only exist in our memory. What will happen to these stories when we are gone?



The idea about 52 ancestors in 52 weeks is to get some of these stories and memories written down and organized in a way they can be found and enjoyed by future generations. The “52” part of this is to encourage people to write something each week. There are no rules that you must publish a story on the same day every week, how big a story must be, or what it must contain. There is no specific order you should write about your ancestors.

You don't even have to write a life story about the ancestor. You don't have to be a professional writer. You can post a photo of an ancestor, tell about a specific experience, or even do a video talking about an ancestor. It doesn't even have to be a direct ancestor you can focus on a collateral relative.

You may want to write a detailed life story about an ancestor and it may take a few weeks to research missing details. In the meantime, you can post something about other ancestors. The goal is to post something about 52 of your ancestors each year, but you can post three the week before a two-week vacation or research trip. The point is to share information about someone on a regular basis throughout the year. The 52 is just a goal. If you only get 30 items done one year, you can set a goal to do more the next year.

The process has many benefits. It helps you organize information about your ancestor. Often when you start writing about an ancestor it can help you identify missing information that may become a focus for future research. It helps make the information available in a clear format for your reference and for future generations to enjoy. It will also help you organize your research and improving your writing abilities.

To get some ideas about how to implement this project in your life, search “52 ancestors in 52 weeks”, and you will find many examples of what others have published. You will also find articles about the process and the benefits of participating.

We would welcome members to submit some of these articles to be published in the *LCGS newsletter*. Publishing in the LCGS newsletter will allow others to learn about your research and since our newsletter is sent to the Allen County Public Library it will be indexed in the Periodical Source Index (PERCI) so other researchers can find the information you have published about your ancestor.

Some good additional information can be found at these web sites:

<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/52ancestors52weeks/>

<https://www.geneamusings.com/2018/12/dear-randy-why-do-you-write-52.html>



Save the Date!

LCGS's 5th Annual

2019 Conference For A Cause

with Judy G. Russell (a.k.a., [The Legal Genealogist](#))

A genealogist with a law degree, *The Legal Genealogist*, Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, is a lecturer, educator and writer.

September 28, 2019 in Loveland, CO

Information and Registration soon at LCGSCO.ORG

Eleven Easy Steps to Kill a Genealogy Society

From the *Greater Omaha Nebraska Genealogy Newsletter*.

1. Stay away from meetings. They never discuss anything important.
2. If you do go, find fault in everything that's done.
3. Decline an office or appointment to a committee.
4. Get upset if you are not nominated or appointed.
5. If you are named, don't attend board meetings.
6. If you get to a meeting, despite your better judgment, clam up until it's over, then tell 'um how things should be done.
7. Do no work if you can help it. When the 'Old Reliable' members pitch in, accuse them of being a clique.
8. Oppose all banquets and activities as a waste of the members' money.
9. If everything is just strictly business, complain that the meetings are dull and the officers are a bunch of old sticks.
10. Don't rush to pay your dues. Let the directors sweat; after all they approved the budget.
11. Read the society newsletters only now and then; don't offer any suggestions for articles if you can help it.



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2019 LCGS Programs

Feb. 21, 2019 – *The Archive at Fort Collins Museum of Discovery*. – **Lesley Struc** The Archive at Fort Collins Museum of Discovery has something for everyone! Founded in the late 1970s as a local history reading room at the public library, The Archive has grown to house over 200,000 photographs, thousands of maps, hundreds of yearbooks, reams of newspapers, and so much more...all focused on the local history of Fort Collins. Discover how you can use these primary sources to research your local ancestors, your Fort Collins home, or other local historical topics that interest you. We'll explore the kinds of resources you'll find in the Archive as well as ways to make the most of the Fort Collins History Connection website. Even if you don't have any ancestors from Fort Collins, this program will be representative of the types of local repositories and archives in many cities and towns and how you can go about contacting them in the areas your ancestors lived. Not everything is online!

Leslie Struc, who has an MA in Public History from CSU, is the Curator of the Archives at Fort Collins Museum of Discovery. Since 2007 she has been sharing the thousands of historical resources, photos, maps, and more available there. Come learn about this local treasure trove and how you can use it.

The Archive at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery has been a recipient of our Conference for A Cause donation for two years. We are proud to be able to support our local archive.

March 21, 2019 – *Untangling Your New England Roots: An Overview from Settlement to Revolution* – **John Putnam** Do you share New England Roots with John E. Putnam from Pre-Revolutionary times? Do you know the history and migration patterns that your ancestors experienced during these times? Even though you may not share any roots from this geographical area, there are many factors that started in New England that still impact us all.

As the second oldest area in the "New World" to undergo European settlement, many present-day Americans can trace their ancestry back to the Pilgrims or the Puritan Great Migration. For some, it is very easy to trace your ancestry back to these original settlers due to the extensive records that their largely Puritan forebears maintained for us. Others find tracing their ancestry more difficult for varied reasons. John will share the importance to understand New England's history, its settlement patterns, and its town structure to improve your chances to tackle New England brick walls. While records are important to prove your genealogical past, it is often difficult to know where to look for these records unless you know the area's history, not to mention the formative activities that our ancestors undertook which provide rich stories for your family histories.

John likes to customize his talks to his audiences. He asks that attendees share with him the following information:

1. What are your top 5 New England surnames and in what towns & states did they live?
2. What is your single biggest New England research brick wall? Please provide brief details.
3. What information about New England would most benefit your research?

Please provide this information to jeputnam@aol.com.

John E. Putnam John is a native of Western Massachusetts. John's interest in genealogy started at a very young age when his two grandmothers would tell stories about the family. He also attended both Putnam and Clark family reunions. As a twelfth generation New Englander, there were many stories to be told. His Putnam ancestors lived in Salem/Danvers, MA where they were very involved in the Salem Witchcraft incident. A great uncle was a major general in the Revolution so he got an early indoctrination in the exploits of these historical Putnams. His Clark ancestors descend from two Mayflower Pilgrims although this history was determined later in his life. The Clark stories revolved around the hardships of farming in Western Massachusetts during the nineteenth century. Both his parents were active in their local historical society and frequently added to John's interest in Western Massachusetts' local history.

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John is the past President of the Pikes Peak Genealogical Society and serves as their delegate to the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies. In December 2011, he wrote a paper telling about his Teaching Grannies for a local genealogy course taken at Pikes Peak Community College. In June 2012, he presented a paper at the Pikes Peak Regional Historical Symposium on Historical Floods in the Pikes Peak Region.

April 18, 2019 - *Extra! Extra! Read All About It: Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research* **Delbert Ritchhart**. Newspapers are a great resource for researching one's ancestors and, unfortunately, they are frequently overlooked by genealogists. This presentation will provide an overview of the types of information that can be obtained from historic newspapers, the primary web sites for doing newspaper research, foreign language newspaper sources and tips on how to improve your chances for success. The speaker will also discuss a couple of his successes and the methods he used to discover the information.

Del Ritchhart recently moved to Windsor from San Diego and joined our society. He began researching his family history in 1994. He has served in leadership positions in several San Diego genealogical organizations, and has made over 100 presentations to numerous groups in the Southern California area. He published, "*Breathing Life Into My Family Ancestors*" in 2011 and plans to publish a second book in 2019.

May 16, 2019 – *Family History – Color Commentary* **Susi Hickman**. *Details will be forthcoming.*

June 20, 2019 *Genealogy Educational Opportunities* **Glenn York** This presentation will explore the range of learning opportunities available to advance your genealogical skills and knowledge. We will discuss free and low cost opportunities that require little or no travel. We will also discuss the National conferences and Genealogical Institutes.

Glenn York is the current president of the Larimer County Genealogical Society, and also the leader of the DNA Study Group. He has been doing genealogy since 1983. His current focus is on genetic genealogy.

July 18, 2019 *Location is the Key to Finding Your Ancestors* **Carol Cooke Darrow**. Most genealogy records are created at the county level so it's vital that you learn as much as possible about the county boundaries, history, population, geography, churches, crops, and occupations of your ancestor's hometown. When you become an expert on that location, you will find the records you're looking for.

Carol Cooke Darrow has been a Certified Genealogist since 2005. She currently volunteers at the downtown Denver Public Library on Tuesday mornings and she is at the Broomfield location of the National Archives on Thursdays from 9 am - 4 pm. She is available to help you work through your brick wall problems. She has been a popular speaker for our society for several years.

August 15, 2019 – *WikiTree* **Eowyn Langholf**. *Details will be forthcoming.*

Sept. 19, 2019 - *How To Plan Your Digital Afterlife* **Julie Potter Miller**. Your digital presence has grown at a rapid speed. After you are gone, what will happen to your electronic information and photos? Learn how to take control of your digital afterlife.

Julie Miller, CG, CGL, FNGS is a full-time professional researcher, speaker, and writer who lives in Broomfield. Her articles have appeared in the NGSQ and NGS Magazine. Julie is a member of the NGS conference committee, served as conference chair of the 2010 and 2012 NGS conferences. She is a fellow of the National Genealogical Society. Julie has been a volunteer at NARA-Denver for twenty years.

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Oct. 17, 2019 - *How-to with Who Do: Inside "Who Do You Think You Are?" with One of their Talking Heads.* **Dr. Ann Little.** Ann Little has made two guest appearances on the popular genealogy TV show, first in 2015 with Tom Bergeron, and more recently in 2018 with Jean Smart. She will show a portion of the more recent show, and then describe the process she went through with the Who Do researchers, producers, and directors to get to the final filming.

Ann Little was raised in the Great Lakes region of the United States near the Canadian border and educated at Bryn Mawr College and the University of Pennsylvania. The author of *Abraham in Arms: War and Gender in Colonial New England* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007) and *The Many Captivities of Esther Wheelwright* (Yale University Press, 2016), she teaches early North American history, women's history, and the history of sexuality at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. She also writes about history and sexual politics at Historiann.com, and lives with her family in Greeley, Colorado.

Nov. 21, 2019 *Brick Wall Demolition Kit: Linguistic Tools for Genealogists* **Sylvia Tracy-Doolos.** Discover linguistic tips, tricks and resources that can help you find your most elusive ancestors. Missing ancestors often have more to do with language issues than you might expect. I will show you how to explore the language of your ancestors, to achieve better research results.

Sylvia Tracy-Doolos has been interested in genealogy for over thirty years and working as a genealogist for nine as the owner of New Leaf Genealogy. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), Colorado Genealogical Society (CGS), and Broomfield Genealogy Society. Sylvia is President of the Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England Family History Society (WISE-FHS), Secretary of the Colorado branch of APG, Genealogist for Adams County Genealogical Society, and a Trustee for ISBGFH. She has a B.A. in History and minored in English focusing on linguistics, so she could study how language and immigration affected America's development.

Dec TBD 2019 Holiday Party

The most up-to-date information may be found on the [LCGS Events page](#).

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A Note from Your Newsletter Editor—Don Creamer

As Glenn said in his President's Message on Page 2 of this newsletter, "Volunteer organizations depend on members contributions to move the organization forward." This includes *YOUR* newsletter.

I am dependent upon you, the Society membership for your input to make this newsletter a success. If you see an interesting article that you believe other members will also find interesting—send it on! I can just about guarantee that it will appear in the next issue. I can feel it in my bones that many of you are talented writers. I truly believe that. Write an article!



To get you started, here is some tongue-in-cheek writing advice:

1. Avoid alliteration. Always.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with. In the words of Winston Churchill: "That is something up with I will not put."
3. Avoid clichés like the plague. They're old hat.
4. Comparisons are as bad as clichés.
5. Be more or less specific.
6. Writers should never generalize.
- Seven: Be consistent!
8. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
9. Who needs rhetorical questions?
10. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.

Be forewarned! If I don't have enough to fill an issue, I'll write an article about something from my family's history. You have been warned!

Comments and constructive criticism are ALWAYS welcome. You may reach me at newsletter_editor@icgscsco.org.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Creamer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

