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Dr. Thomas Shawker and Patricia Shawker, CG, headline CGS Annual Seminar Feb. 20-21, 2009

Thomas H. Shawker, M.D., and Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG, will be the featured speakers at the Colorado Genealogical Society Annual Seminar scheduled for Feb. 20 and 21. Dr. Thomas Shawker will speak on Friday, Feb. 20, at the regular CGS program meeting on "Your Genealogy and Your Health." Then on Saturday, Feb. 21, Dr. Shawker and Patricia Shawker will each present two lectures at the all-day seminar to be held at the Lower Level Conference Center of the Downtown Denver Public Library. The Friday night meeting is a free event. There will be a \$30 materials fee for attending the all-day seminar on Feb. 21.

Thomas H. Shawker, M.D., is a physician at the National Institutes of Health and author of more than 200 scientific publications. He is the Chair of the NGS Family Health and Heredity Committee and authored the NGS book,

Unlocking Your Genetic History.

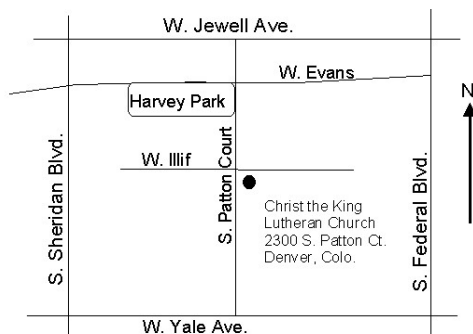
Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG, is a professional genealogist whose interests are Maryland genealogy and research at the National Archives. She is the director of the National Institute of Genealogical Research (NIGR) held annually at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. She has been a certified genealogist since 1999.

- **DNA Testing: the Very, Very Basics**, presented by Thomas H. Shawker, M.D.
- **One Family's Footprint in the Federal Records**, presented by Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG
- **Before Statehood: Territorial Records**, presented by Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG
- **Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry: DNA Testing**, presented by Dr. Thomas H. Shawker, M.D.

See page 8 for the registration flyer for the 2009 Seminar or download the form from the CGS website at <http://www.cogensoc.us>. For more information, contact Lou-Jean Rehn, Seminar Chair, at (303) 333-2492 or Carol Darrow at (303) 287-6063.

CGS Meeting Location

Christ the King Lutheran Church,
2300 S. Patton Court, Denver



*The Colorado Genealogical Society
monthly meetings
third Friday evening of each month
(except December, July and August)
Christ the King Lutheran Church
2300 S. Patton Court, in Denver*

*Visitors are always welcome. Our members are
researching in every state and in countries around
the world. We hope you'll join us soon.*

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Upcoming CGS Programs

- Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009: Aches & Pains Tour.** Kirkland Museum of Fine and Decorative Arts, 1311 Pearl St. in Capitol Hill. Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 or Lou-Jean Rehn at 303-333-2492 for details and exact times of tour.
- Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Learn how to get started in genealogy. Lou-Jean Rehn, instructor.
- Friday, February 20, 2009: CGS Program Meeting, 7:00 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Featuring Dr. Thomas H. Shawker speaking on “Your Genealogy and Your Health.”
- Saturday, February 21, 2009: CGS Annual Seminar, 10 am – 4 pm, Lower Level Conference Center, Downtown Denver Public Library.** Speakers: Thomas H. Shawker, M.D. and Patricia O’Brien Shawker, CG.
- Monday, March 2, 2009: CGS Board Meeting, 6 pm – 8 pm. 10th Mountain Room, 5th Level, DPL.** All CGS members welcome.
- Wednesday, March 4, 2009: Aches & Pains Tour.** Colorado History Museum & Newspaper Collection. Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 or Lou-Jean Rehn at 303-333-2492 for details and exact times of tour.
- Saturday, March 7, 2009: Research Day at Denver Public Library.** Coaches will be on hand to assist all patrons of Western History/Genealogy Dept.
- Saturday, March 14, 2009: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Learn how to get started in genealogy. Lou-Jean Rehn, instructor.
- Friday, March 20, 2009: CGS Program Meeting, 7:00 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Featuring Julie Miller “Will the Real Molly Brown Please Stand Up.” GEM program: Jim Rogers on “Using MS Word to Show the Family Farm on Maps.”
- Saturday, March 21, 2009: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am-noon.** “Researching Back Before 1850,” presented by Carol Darrow.
- Wednesday, April 1, 2009: Aches & Pains Tour.** Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls & Toys, 1880 Gaylord St., Denver. Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowan at 303-770-4438 for details and exact times of tour.
- Monday, April 6, 2009: CGS Board Meeting, 6 pm – 8 pm. 10th Mountain Room, 5th Level, DPL.** All CGS members welcome.
- Saturday, April 11, 2009: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Learn how to get started in genealogy. Lou-Jean Rehn, instructor.
- Friday, April 17, 2009: CGS Program Meeting, 7:00 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Featuring James Walsh on “Immigration to North America and Nativist Resistance Against Immigrants.” GEM program: Teresa Campbell on “Family Myths and Mysteries: The Story of Brookins Heacox.”
- Saturday, April 18, 2009: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am – noon.** “Researching House History,” with Bruce Hanson.
- Monday, May 4, 2009: CGS Board Meeting, 6 pm – 8 pm. 10th Mountain Room, 5th Level, DPL.** All CGS members welcome.
- Wednesday, May 6, 2009: Aches & Pains Tour. Walking Tour of Downtown Denver.** Call Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowan at 303-770-4438 for details and exact times of tour.
- Saturday, May 9, 2009: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Learn how to get started in genealogy. Lou-Jean Rehn, instructor.
- Friday, May 15, 2009: CGS Program Meeting, 7:00 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Featuring Andy Dolan on “Evaluating Dead Witnesses and Hearsay Evidence.”
- Saturday, May 16, 2009: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am – noon.** “Researching Genealogy on the Internet,” with Barbara Price. Learn about Footnote, Familysearch.com databases, and much more.
- Monday, June 1, 2009: CGS Board Meeting, 6 pm – 8 pm. 10th Mountain Room, 5th Level, DPL.** All CGS members welcome.
- Saturday, June 13, 2009: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Learn how to get started in genealogy. Lou-Jean Rehn, instructor.
- Friday, June 19, 2009: CGS Program Meeting, 6:00 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct.** Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper. Program: Heirloom Sharing by Members.
- Saturday, June 20, 2009: CGS Special Interest Class, Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10 am – noon.** “Making a Research Plan using the Genealogical Proof Standard” Carol Darrow and Lou-Jean Rehn

Beginners' Corner

By Carol Cooke Darrow

If you are a beginner in genealogy, you probably have a file folder or a small notebook that you are using to collect information—and the thought of getting organized seems rather remote.

Then six months into your project, you have a three-inch notebook of original documents, eight bulging file folders and 300 photos. How are you going to organize this stuff?

The first step is to think about your goal as you begin your project as well as your time and space resources.

Most people start a genealogical search because they're intrigued by a family story or a family character who ignites their interest. They decide to investigate that situation. This happened to a friend of mine this summer. There was a conversation about Uncle Mike who had served in the 10th Mountain Division during World War II. She was delighted to learn that the archives and actual daily reports for the 10th Mountain Division were located at the Denver Public Library.

Initial research did not turn up any Uncle Mike – but she located two other relatives who did serve in the 10th Mountain. But why no Uncle Mike. That started a search for the elusive Mike that led to the two three-inch binders and two photo albums.

As you begin a project, you need to consider your goal. Are you going to present a booklet of family history to your parents? Do you want to present a 6-generation family tree at the next family reunion? Do you want to mix text with photos in a scrapbook for your grandchildren? These goals will shape the organization of your material.

What about time and space? Do you have time to work at leisure on your research or are you able to work only on weekends. Are you working between meals on the family dining room table? That means you need to collect and store your materials after each work session. You may need a portable filing box such as a crate or a lockable metal filing box that can be

placed out of the way when you're not working. If you are lucky enough to have a computer desk or office space, you can start with stacking crates or portable filing boxes that accept hanging file folders. Or you may want to use loose-leaf binders from the beginning that store on bookshelves.

Binders and file folders can be color coded and easily divided with tab dividers. You may decide to divide one binder by surnames for your eight great-grandparents or by the four couples of your grandparents or by generations of descendents from the same couple. This will probably grow to several binders as each great-grandparent's line is researched.

But how will you decide how to divide the information whether into files or binders or scrapbooks? It will depend on what your original goal was – and how that goal may have changed as you've done some research. You will have to decide where you want to go with the material you've collected, how you want to use it, and whether you have future projects in mind, now that you have taken your first steps into family research. Have you found new and interesting relatives to trace? Are there still unanswered questions? It may be time to set a new goal – and start shopping for a file cabinet.

Got a topic for Beginners' Corner? Drop an email to: cdarrow944@aol.com

Bobbi King awarded APGQ Excellence Award for Professional Profiles

CGS member Roberta "Bobbi" King was awarded the APGQ Excellence Award for her column "Professional Profiles" published regularly in the *APG Quarterly*, a publication of the Association of Professional Genealogists. The presentation was made at the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual meeting in Philadelphia in September.

Bobbi currently serves on the board of directors of FGS and has authored *Researching in Nebraska* for the National Genealogical Society "Research in the States" series.

Research Day at DPL set for Saturday, March 7

The Colorado Genealogical Society is hosting a research day at the Western History/Genealogy collection on the 5th floor of the downtown Denver Public Library on Saturday, March 7 from 9 am to 4 pm. Coaches will be on hand to guide you to the shelved books, the genealogical magazines and journals, microfilmed city directories, microfilmed newspapers, maps, manuscript sources, computer databases and much more.

If you've ever visited the 5th Level at the downtown Denver Public Library and felt overwhelmed by the size and variety of the collection, here's your opportunity to get acquainted with this world-class genealogical research facility.

Come and ask questions, learn how to navigate the collection, and discover the finding aids available on the 5th floor.

Genealogy Happenings For Your Calendar

CGS Annual Seminar, Feb. 20 & 21, 2009.

Thomas H. Shawker, M.D. and Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG, will be featured speakers.

Foothills Research Trip to Salt Lake City, April 13-19, 2009.

W.I.S.E. Research Trip to Salt Lake City, April 26-May 3, 2009. Contact Zoe Lappin at zlappi@hotmail.com for more information.

Columbine Research Trip to Salt Lake City, April 28-May 3, 2009.

NGS Conference in the States, May 13-16, 2009, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Institute of Genealogical & Historical Research, June 14-19, 2009. A week of in-depth genealogical instruction on the campus of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama.

Family History Expo, June 12-13, 2009. Loveland, Colorado.

FGS Conference, Sept. 2009, Little Rock, Ark.

IN MEMORIAM

The Colorado Genealogical Society voted on Sept. 19, 2008, to make a donation of \$25 to the book fund of the Central Denver Public Library, Western History/Genealogy in memory of deceased CGS members and distinguished contributors to the Colorado genealogical community.

Donations have been made in memory of the following individuals:

- **Florence V. Eighmy**
- **Arthur B. Achtemeier**

Volunteers Wanted For FamilySearch.org Indexing Project

Over 29 million new names were posted during the last week of September 2008 on the FamilySearch Record Search Pilot. Volunteer indexers from around the world are making these contributions to genealogical records and you can help. Volunteers can help any time by registering or downloading a current project at www.familysearch.org (click on Index Records>Volunteer or Start Indexing) or www.familysearchindexing.org.

Volunteers are indexing U.S. census records, state census records (1945 Florida state index), military records, and much more—and they are doing it from their home computers. Sign on for more information about projects that need help and pick one of interest to you. Even a few hours' of work will make a big contribution to this project.

Computer Interest Group (C.I.G.)
(a Special Interest Group of CGS)
Meets on 2nd Monday Night of Each Month
at Christ the King Lutheran Church
2300 S. Patton Court, Denver
Visitors Welcome



Colorado Marriages CD available by mail

Denver Public Library volunteers compiled a complete cross-referenced index to Colorado Marriages 1858-1939, based on the Works Progress Administration (WPA) index cards. Every Colorado county is represented and there are more than 912,000 separate entries. The CD was published by the Colorado Genealogical Society and is available by mail for \$10 plus \$1 shipping and handling charge. Address orders to CGS-Colorado Marriages CD, P.O. Box 9218, Denver, CO 80209-0218.

Colorado Marriages, 1858-1939

Number of CD's in order @ \$10 each _____
 Shipping @ \$1.00 each _____
 Total _____

Make Check to "CGS-Colorado Marriage CD"
Ship to:

 (Name)

 (Address)

 City, State, ZIP)

Report from CGS Board

The CGS board of directors added the following policy to the Policy & Procedure Manual regarding the monies collected and held by the society:

1. The net assets of the Society shall include the current amount of money in the checking account held in the Society's name plus the amount of money in any and all savings account and/or Certificates of Deposit held in the name of the Colorado Genealogical Society minus any standing liabilities such as sales tax owed or debt service. All funds must be held in F.D.I.C.-insured accounts. (Rev. 1/5/09)
2. The minimum unrestricted net assets of the Society should be equal to three times the annual budget as accepted by majority vote of the members in good standing attending the most recent Annual Meeting in June. The amount of minimum unrestricted net assets is to be maintained in order to provide an operating reserve available in the event of unanticipated or extraordinary expenses and/or losses in revenues. The Executive Committee must approve any expenditures from this operating reserve with the concurrence of the Board. (Rev. 1/5/09)
3. When the minimum unrestricted net assets of the organization exceed three times the annual budget of the organization, the excess amount may be donated as determined by the CGS Board to support the objectives of the Society as outlined in its Bylaws. (Rev. 1/5/09)

Welcome New Members!

In November, CGS welcomed three new members:

- ❖ Barbara Price
- ❖ Bruce Harrison
- ❖ Mildred Freney Hilton

Genealogy Courses Available Online

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the National Institute for Genealogical Studies (NIGS) offer online courses at modest fees that can help you learn about specific areas of genealogy research.

NGS offers online courses that average eight lessons and are self-paced. The current offerings include Introduction to Genealogy, the Federal Population Census Schedules, Special Federal Census Schedules, and Transcribing, Extracting and Abstracting Genealogical Records. The cost for NGS members is \$35 and \$50 per course for non-members. For more information about the online courses, check <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/Courses/Course.cfm>

The National Institute for Genealogical Studies is based in Toronto, Canada, but offers courses in U.S. records as well as English, Irish, Scottish, French, and German genealogical research. There are also courses in using genealogical software and the Internet as well as courses on getting organized and writing your own family history. Courses have a beginning date and are available online during the eight-week course. Each course is priced at about \$90 per course. For more information on NIGS, check the Web site at <http://www.genealogicalstudies.com/>.

CCGS Offers Family Recognition Program

The Family Recognition program is sponsored by the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies to recognize by certificate First Families, Territorial Families and Centennial Families descended from Colorado settlers. There are three categories:

First Family: The ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, the land area of what is now Colorado before Feb. 28, 1861;

Territorial Family: The ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, a territory that is now Colorado between 1 March 1861 and 1 August 1876; and

Centennial Family: The ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, Colorado at least 100 years prior to the date of the application.

The certificate could be a perfect addition to a family history book or scrapbook or for presentation at a family reunion. Applicants need not currently reside in Colorado, but must be a direct descendant of an ancestor who qualifies. There is also NO requirement for genealogical society membership. Applicants must submit proof of relationship between generations, from applicant back to the earliest Colorado ancestor. See the application form for types of acceptable proofs and documentation forms on the site that explain the program and application process. The process takes 3-4 months so plan ahead. The Web site is: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cocccgs/Council-familyrecognition.htm>

Aches & Pains Tours Scheduled for Spring

Aches & Pains Tours, generally walking tours of a genealogical or historical site in the Denver area, are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month from September through May. Here is the schedule for Spring 2009:

Feb. 4: Kirkland Museum of Fine and Decorative Art, 1311 Pearl St., Capitol Hill, Denver.

March 4: Colorado History Museum & Newspaper Collection at the Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway, Denver.

April 1: Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls & Toys, 1880 Gaylord St., Denver.

May 6: Walking tour of Downtown Denver.

Contact Karen Shuman at 303-759-0331 or Donna Krowan at 303-770-4438 for details, times, and cost.

CGS Classes Offer a Variety of Lessons

Spring classes at the downtown Denver Public Library will cover a variety of topics.

“Researching Back Before 1850,” scheduled for Saturday, March 21, will cover records commonly used by researchers for information before the every name census of 1850. These usually include wills and probate, American Revolutionary War pension applications, and tax records. Carol Darrow will be the instructor.

The class on April 18 will cover “Researching House History” through urban records including city directories and maps. Bruce Hanson of DPL will be the speaker.

On May 16, Barbara Price will present a class on researching on the Internet. She will talk about the new Family Search website transcription projects as well as about Footnote, World Vital Records, Genealogy Bank and resources.

Then on June 20, Lou-Jean Rehn will talk about developing your research plan and the Genealogical Standard of Proof.

Do You Have a GEM?

The 30-minute Genealogical Education Module—GEM for short—has become a regular addition to the CGS monthly program meeting. There have been case studies on elusive ancestors and house history, roundtable discussions of research destinations, and presentations on software programs and Internet Web sites.

It’s an opportunity for members of CGS to present a mini program on a genealogical topic. It’s a way to practice presentation skills or talk about a specific aspect of genealogy that is near and dear to your heart.

Contact Program Chair Teresa Campbell at campbelltl@aol.com to discuss the

possibility. We are hoping to schedule some interesting case studies for next fall.

Calkins Family Assn. to Hold Reunion April 30-May 2 in Syracuse, NY

The Calkins Family Association is sponsoring its 5th Tri-Annual International Reunion to be held in Syracuse, New York, on April 30 – May 2, 2009. The invitation is extended to all descendents of the original ancestors, Hugh and Ann Calkins, who arrived in North America in 1638. More information is available from Minnie Frese, 509 Rusagonis Rd., Rusagonis, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 8Z3 or by email to minmin@nbnet.nb.ca.

TIPS, TRICKS, & TECHNIQUES

Jefferson County, Missouri Newspaper Indexes Online

The Jefferson County Library of Missouri has indexed 45 years’ worth of historical local newspapers. The indexes may be searched alphabetically within each year or by using the search engine provided to search every year by last name. Articles indexed were printed between 1866 and 1910 and the library expects to add more years. The index also provides the name of the newspaper, the issue date, page and column of the article. To order copies of the original articles, check the fee schedule provided online or contact the library genealogy department at (636) 677-8186, ext. 332. The index is available online at the library’s website at

<http://www.jeffersoncountylibrary.org/genealogy/index.shtml/>.

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Materials Fee \$30.00; Pre-Purchased Box Lunch \$8.75. Doors open at 9am. Program starts at 10 am
 For more information, go on-line to www.cogensoc.us or call Carol Darrow (303) 287-6063 or Lou-Jean Rehn (303) 333-2492.

FREE Friday Night presentation by Dr. Thomas Shawker at CGS Meeting, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Court, Denver, Feb. 20, 2009, 7-9 pm. Topic: "Your Genealogy and Your Health."

REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to Colorado Genealogical Society (CGS). Mail to Mary Thayer, 11156 E. Ada Place, Aurora, CO 80012-3120

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Udi's Box Lunch includes deli sandwich, salad & cookie	Materials Fee (\$30.00)	_____
Mark sandwich selection:	Lunch, Optional (\$8.75)	_____
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