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Meeting Locally, Researching Globally

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D. Joshua Taylor Will Speak at CGS Seminar

D. Joshua “Josh” Taylor will be the featured speaker at the Colorado Genealogical Society Annual Seminar scheduled for March 19 and 20, 2010. Mr. Taylor will speak on Friday, March 19, at the regular CGS program meeting on “Family History: What the Future Holds,” discussing the changes and technological developments that will change the way we research and share materials. The Friday night meeting at Christ the King Lutheran Church is a free event.

On Saturday, March 20, Mr. Taylor will present four lectures at the all-day seminar to be held at the Lower Level Conference Center of the Downtown Denver Public Library. There will be a \$30 materials fee for attending the all-day seminar on March 20.

Presentations at the seminar will include:

- **Mapping Your Success: Employing Maps for Genealogical Research.** Maps are an essential tool for any genealogist as we trace boundary changes, migrations, demographics, political districts, military battles, and other key events in the lives of our ancestors.
- **Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the United States Between 1780 and 1830.** Connecting with ancestors who lived between 1780 and 1830 can be a difficult task. Learn how to use electronic resources, primary sources and other compiled materials to bridge the gap.
- **Family Ties vs. Fairy Tales: Finding the Truth in Your Family Legends.** Just because Great Aunt Mabel said your ancestor was from Scotland and served in the Civil War doesn't mean it's true. Discover tools to uncover the truth behind your family stories and learn how to integrate them into your family history.
- **Putting It All Together: A Case Study.** Learn to use online sources, maps, family legends, and primary and secondary records to trace a family from the Eastern U.S. through the Midwest and Western U.S. from the 1800s to the 1900s.



D. Joshua “Josh” Taylor is a nationally known genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. He lives in Boston, Massachusetts where he is the Director of Education and Programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He has authored columns and articles in *UGA Crossroads*, *FGS Forum*, the *Association of Professional*

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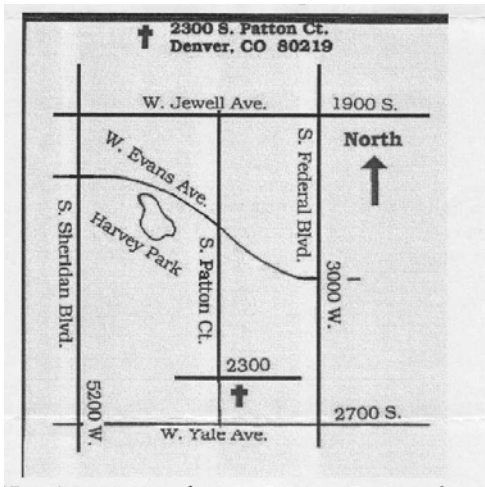
New England Ancestors, and *Digital Genealogist*. Josh a member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and serves as program director for the Massachusetts Genealogical Council.

CGS Celebrates 85 Years of Organization in Denver

The Colorado Genealogical Society was organized on 1 February 1924 by three ladies who had become fascinated by their own family history and thought that others would be interested as well. The society grew and in November 1930, the organization was issued a charter by the State of Colorado.

Perhaps the most famous member of CGS, Miss Adelaide French, was not a charter member – she joined just three months after the close of charter registration. But her distinguished service to the society included seven terms as president, scattered over four decades.

In all 40 people have served CGS as president, and many more have served as officers, board members, committee chairs, volunteers, teachers, and mentors. Each is to be congratulated for the knowledge, experience, and friendship that they have brought to the society.



Meeting Location

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

The Colorado Genealogical Society holds its monthly meetings on the third Friday evening of each month (except December, July and August) at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct., in Denver. Patton Court is between W. Jewell, W. Yale, South Sheridan and South Federal near Harvey Park.

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CGS Website



www.cogensoc.us

Upcoming CGS Programs and Classes

Friday, Nov. 20, 2009: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Speaker Peter Marck, “What A Life! Making a Life History DVD.” Peter will cover the equipment needed, pre-interview planning, and items to include in your story.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009: CGS Special Interest Class, 10 am – noon. “Wills, Probate, Inventory, Guardianship – The Paper Trail Left by the Dearly Departed” presented by Carol Darrow, CG. Hands-on activity from 1-2:30 pm.

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Lou-Jean Rehn, CG. Learn how to get started in genealogy.

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009: Aches & Pains Tour, 10 am – noon. Tour of Governor’s Mansion at Christmas. Contact Karen Shuman at 720-270-4387 for information.

No program meeting or special interest class in December.

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Lou-Jean Rehn, CG. Learn how to get started in genealogy.

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010: Aches & Pains Tour, 10 am – noon. Tour of Byers-Evans Mansion. Contact Karen Shuman at 720-270-4387 for information.

Friday, Jan. 15, 2010: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Speaker Cari Tapin, “I Am Related to Roy Rogers! The Power of Family Myths.” Follow the trail to learn the truth behind the myth.

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010: Aches & Pains Tour, 10 am – noon. Destination TBD. Contact Karen Shuman at 720-270-4387 for information.

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010: CGS Special Interest Class, 10 am – noon. “Organization and Strategic Planning for Genealogists,” presented by Carol Darrow, CG. Hands-on activity from 1-2:30 pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010: Aches & Pains Tour, 10 am – noon. Tour of Colorado State Archives, 1313 Sherman St.. Contact Karen Shuman at 720-270-4387 for information.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Lou-Jean Rehn, CG. Learn how to get started in genealogy.

Friday, Feb. 19, 2010: CGS Program Meeting, 7 pm – 9 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2300 S. Patton Ct. Speaker Mona Lambrecht, “You Can’t Always Believe What You Read: Behind the Lens of Rocky Mountain Joe.” This case study will explore the truth behind the reported events of his life.

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010: CGS Special Interest Class, 10 am – noon. “Researching Your Roots on the Internet.”

Wednesday, March 10, 2010: Aches & Pains Tour, 10 am – noon. State Capitol Bldg and Dome Tour. Contact Karen Shuman at 720-270-4387 for information.

Saturday, March 13, 2010: CGS Beginning Genealogy Class Downtown Denver Public Library, 5th Floor, Gates Room, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Lou-Jean Rehn, CG. Learn how to get started.

CGS Celebrates 85th Anniversary



More than 70 people including six past CGS presidents attended the 85th Anniversary celebration of the society. A brief presentation on the history of CGS was followed by the introduction of past presidents in attendance including (left to right) Sharon Boatright, Donna Porter, Janice Prater, Julie Miller, Kathleen Hinckley, and Shirley Sheets.

Cancellations In Case of Snow

In the event of snow on the day of a scheduled CGS meeting, check your email for a notification of cancellation. CGS will make personal phone calls to members who do not have an email address registered with the Membership Chair. We will also try to post the cancellation on local television stations although you should know that many cancellations are not on the crawl and you must go online to access the complete list on the website of the television station. We will also try to get the notice posted on the CGS website at www.cogensoc.us.

If you'd like to be notified via e-mail of upcoming CGS programs and activities, send your email address to Membership Chair Sandy Ronayne at sandyronayne@comcast.net. Sandy will be happy to add you to the list.

CGS Board in Action

The Board of Directors of the Colorado Genealogical Society has taken the following actions since August 2009:

- Purchased society insurance that provides coverage for bodily injury and property damage that covers our meeting place as well as for outside events such as Aches & Pains tours and the Annual Seminar. We also purchased directors and officers liability insurance.
- Revised the Bylaws of CGS to include Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination policies and an Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy.
- Added specific financial procedures to the CGS Procedures Manual as guidance for the Treasurer.

- Requested an audit of the 2008-09 financial records of the society. Kendrick King and Kim L. Smith are doing the audit.
- Continued discussion of purchasing a microfilm camera for DPL.
- Turned down a request from EBSCO to have online access to the Colorado Genealogist Quarterly.

If you have any issue or concern to bring before the board, please notify President Carol Darrow at cdarrow944@yahoo.com or attend any board meeting held the first Monday each month at DPL from 6-8 pm.

Welcome New Members!

New CGS members welcomed in September 2009:

- ❖ Michele Garver
- ❖ Judy Swerer
- ❖ Jerry and Mary Persall
- ❖ Lynda Labar
- ❖ Mary Ann Schaefer
- ❖ Gary and Lola Stretesky
- ❖ Jeff Willmon
- ❖ John Gilmore
- ❖ Doyle Brewer
- ❖ Jim Rouse
- ❖ Gaylin Humphreys
- ❖ Karlene Ferguson
- ❖ Sharon Siddons
- ❖ Jean Pfannestiel
- ❖ Bob Weis
- ❖ Eleanor Spence
- ❖ Gloria Thomas
- ❖ Heather Kramer

Genealogical Happenings For Your Calendar

CGS Spring Seminar, March 19-20, 2010 featuring D. Joshua Taylor.

Palentines to America 300th Anniversary Celebration and Seminar, April 10, 2010.

National Genealogical Society Conference, April 28 – May 1, 2010, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ATTENTION STORYTELLERS

The Colorado Genealogist Quarterly is looking for a few good stories about black sheep and odd ducks. The black sheep or odd ducks do not have to be your ancestors but they do have to be acting up in Colorado. Stories can range from 500-2,000 words and, of course, they must be documented. **Deadline is Jan. 1.** Send stories to Nancy Ratay, editor of the Quarterly at nratay@ngtek.com.

Beginners' Corner

By Carol Cooke Darrow, CG

There are many ways that beginners find their way to the Colorado Genealogical Society – through meetings, free classes at the downtown Denver Public Library, through the website, even through the monthly Aches & Pains tours. And many of their goals are very diverse. Some have just become intrigued with a particular family story that has sparked their interest. Some are scrapbook enthusiasts who have decided to document their heritage. Some are computer wizards who want to learn about digital resources in genealogy. Some are involved in the DAR or the Sons of Union or Confederate Veterans and are interested in researching a particular historical era. Some are trying to identify their immigrant ancestor.

A great place to start is the free Beginning Genealogy class given by CGS on the second Saturday of each month from September through June. Then consider CGS's free Special Interest classes on the third Saturday of most months (except December, July and August).

No matter what your field of interest or your goal, you'll find an outlet for your interest at the Colorado Genealogical Society. Upcoming program meetings will cover the technological side of recording family history with Peter Marck in November; researching family

myths with Cari Taplin in January; and delving into a particular historical era with Mona Lambrecht in February. Aches & Pains tours take you inside and frequently behind the scenes of research libraries that will further your awareness of available resources. The Annual Seminar will provide you with a front-row seat to hear a nationally recognized expert in genealogy.

No matter how you came into genealogy, we hope you will find many ways to satisfy your curiosity and improve your skills in this fascinating subject.

IN MEMORIUM

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.

A donation has been made in memory of the following individual:

- **Sam R. Sheppard, CGS President 1965-67**

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

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Visitors Welcome

TIPS, TRICKS, AND TECHNIQUES

Google Timeline

Here's a quick tip for checking out Google's surname timeline. To find a timeline, go to <http://www.google.com> and enter

surname family history

substituting the surname of interest in place of the word "surname" in the example. Google will display all sorts of "hits" and, if you scroll down the page, you will see Timelines.

The timelines include all sorts of references involving people with that surname. A blue bar graph shows how many "hits" occurred for certain years and then a summary of the events themselves are listed below the timeline. You may find journal articles, obituaries, even news of someone serving in the military or being incarcerated. Remember, just because the name's the same, it doesn't mean you're related. But it's fun to look. (tip courtesy of Dick Eastman's Electronic Newsletter)