

## 40 YEARS AND THE DREAM CONTINUES!

[written by Pam Heath for the 40th Anniversary of the Foothills Genealogical Society of Colorado ©]

Foothills Genealogical Society of Colorado has over 130 Members. The Society's mission is: (i) to encourage and instruct members in genealogical research, (ii) to locate, preserve, and index public and private genealogical records, (iii) to publish genealogical and historical information, and (iv) to assist and support any genealogical library in Colorado that is open to the public. The Society has more than met these goals, it has exceeded them many times over!

So how did we get from the efforts of five women with a dream to where we are today? Let's find out!

### OUR HISTORY

Five women, Evelyn Carlson, Dixie Sandy, Louise Friedman, Janet Graham and Betty Kaufman, shared an interest in genealogy research and had a dream to start a Genealogy Society that would meet in Lakewood, Colorado. They formed a steering committee in May of 1980. I believe they may have been surprised, when over eighty-five people attended the first meeting held September 10, 1980 at the Jefferson County Public Library. Seventy-nine individuals became Charter Members (which includes the 5 women listed above). All 79 are listed in Appendix I at the end of this Article, and coincidentally, one of these individuals was my Mother, Irene Whalen.

Because more space was needed for the meetings, it was decided to move to the First Presbyterian Church of Lakewood where the first meeting was held on September 8, 1982. The meetings were held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Eventually, they moved to the Applewood Valley United Methodist Church where they could hold meetings and have their office, all in one place. From 1999 through 2005, there were evening meetings at 7:15 p.m. held at Peace Lutheran Church in Arvada and Paul Kilburn and Mary Roach were the Program Managers during that time.

Guess how much the dues were in 1982 ..... \$4.00!

## PEOPLE WHO STEPPED UP

It takes talented and motivated people to step up and do the heavy lifting for a Society to flourish and grow. We have been blessed to have individuals who did just that for so many years.

The first election of officers was held on January 14, 1981. And the following individuals were elected to the following positions:

President – Janet Graham  
1st Vice President – Dixie Sandy  
2nd Vice President – Liz Burdick  
3rd Vice President – Betty Kaufman  
Recording Secretary – Irene Whalen  
Corresponding Secretary – Loraine Sutphin  
Treasurer – Evelyn Carlsen

In 1997 the Standing Committees included Archivist/Historian, Auditor, Book Nook, Editor/Newsletter, Editor Quarterly, Genealogist, Librarian, Nominating, Publications, Publicity and Refreshments. Special Committees included Council Delegate and Council Alternate to the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, Educational Instructor, Evening Meeting Coordinators, Family History Fair, Delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Greeters at the meetings, Mailing Coordinator, Mailing List, Office Manager, Sunshine, and Volunteer.

The list of the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and Special Committee Chairs by years is posted on the Society's Website under the Members Only Section / Member Downloads.

The Society has issued its "Genie of the Year" Award to 12 individuals. This Award is given to "recognize a member who, over the years, has consistently promoted an interest in genealogy and encouraged high standards of research and documentation, or one who has made an outstanding contribution of service to the Society and/or the genealogical society." The recipients of the Award are listed below:

1990	Maxine Lacy Robert Leishman
1991	Anita Peterson
1992	Donna J. Porter
1995	Janet Boom
1997	Opal Longino

1998	Nettie McGrath
2001	Gayla Stone
2006	Jack Davidson
2014	Margaret Posey
2015	Russ Hamilton
	Karen Overholt

The Society has issued its "Honorary Life Award" to 17 individuals. This Award is given to recognize and encourage continued contribution to the Society and to acknowledge the recipient as a valuable resource who has consistently served the Society for more than ten (10) years, and has significantly supported its programs and projects. The recipients of the Award are below:

1990	Liz Burdick
	Gay Till
1991	Maxine Lacy
1992	Connie Dawe
1993	Donna J. Porter
1994	Alvin Morrison
1995	Julie McKeown
1997	Pat Kemper
1999	Opal Longino
2001	Arlys LaFehr
2006	Theda Hoyt
	Janet Boom
2011	Bev King
	Sandy Quintrall
2013	Karen Overholt
2016	Robert K. Earl
2017	Marlene Bergren

There are too many individuals to list in this Article, who have worked tirelessly to make our Society great. But I wanted to highlight a few whose contributions I wanted to share with you.

Liz Burdick held the office of Archivist-Historian from 1981 through 1984. She has been Chairman of the Publications Committee since 1985. She has been Chairman of the Records Extraction Committee as well as Volunteer Coordinator since 1988. Liz has been passionate about, and instrumental in, leading the effort to preserve records not only for our four counties (Clear Creek, Gilpin, Jefferson, and Park) but for the entire State of Colorado. In 2019, she was awarded the Birdie Monk Holsclaw Volunteer of

the Year Award. This Award has only been given to Ten recipients. The Birdie Monk Holsclaw Volunteer of the Year "The Birdie Award" is given to a living individual, who has provided outstanding volunteer service to the genealogy communities in Colorado.

Robert K. Earl held the office of Treasurer from 1999 through 2003, and from 2009 through 2012. He held the office of President from 2004 through 2008, and from 2012 through 2016.

Theda Hoyt was the Chairman of the Publicity Committee from 1992 through 1993. She was the Chairman of the Family History Fair Committee from 1992 through 1993. She was the Chairman of the Sunshine Committee from 2003 through 2005. She was the Book Nook Coordinator from 2005 through 2010. She was the Chairman of the Nominating Committee from 2009 through 2010. She held the office of Recording Secretary from 1998 through 2002.

Betty Kaufman held the office of Genealogist from 1981 through 1984. In 1983, she conducted a Genealogy workshop for Reference Librarians and Adult Services Librarians. She held the office of President from 1986 through 1988 and was the Delegate to the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies in 1988. She became President of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies in 1983. In that same year, the Federation of Genealogical Societies published the *Handbook for the Organization and Operation of Genealogical Societies* authored by Kathleen W. Hinckley and Betty Robertson Kaufman. In 1992, Betty revised that Handbook. She also authored *Biblio. Guide for Use of Maps*. She and her husband Duane made the wooden box used for the Societies' name tags.

Pat Kemper was Newsletter Editor from 1987 through 2002 and Quarterly Editor from 1993 through 2004. She held the office of President from 1992 through 1995 and Recording Secretary from 1989 through 1991. She was the Delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies from 1988 through 2003, and the Delegate to the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies from 1992 through 1997.

Paul Kilburn held the office of 1st Vice President from 1995 through 1998. He was the Alternate Delegate to the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies from 1998 through 2002. He was the Evening Program Manager from 1999 through 2001. He was the Archivist – Historian in 2003. In 1999 he was elected Recording Secretary for the Wales, Ireland, Scotland, and England Family History Society (the first year it was formed).

He was the Scotland Editor for their Newsletter and presented several programs on Scottish research.

Kay Merrill received the David S. Vogels Award in 2018. This Award is presented through the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies. It is given to an individual who has significantly contributed to the field of genealogy, in part by authoring books that have added significantly to the published work relating to Colorado genealogy. Kay wrote the following books: *Colorado Cemetery Directory* (Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, 1985), *Index to Jefferson County Land Records, Books A & B, December 28, 1858-January 17, 1863, Jefferson County 1869 Election Records, Colorado Cemetery Inscriptions* (Lela O. McQueary & Kay R. Merrill) 1985.

Opal Kendall-Longino was Newsletter Editor in 1986, 1988, and 2003 through 2012. She was the Society's Genealogist from 1995 through 1997. She worked on the Mailing List from 1998 through 2002. She was a Mailing Coordinator from 2003 through 2005. She was the Chairman of the Awards Committee from 2006 through 2008. She held the office of Second Vice President from 1998 through 2002.

Donna Porter, in 1984, was advertised as a "local genealogist," and presented the Program at the General Meeting on Virginia research. In 1963, along with DAR Regent Ruth Gee, they organized the Palm Beach Genealogy Society and library. Donna was the founding President of that Society. She was the first Certified Genealogist of Colorado in 1969. She held the office of President from 1970 through 1971 of the Colorado Genealogical Society. She held the office of Second Vice President and program chair from 1971 through 1973 of the Colorado Genealogy Society. She was Editor of the *Colorado Genealogist* from 1970 through 1975. She was the Society's Genealogist from 1985 through 1995. She was the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies from 1986 through 1988, and in 1997. She served as the Society's Educational Instructor from 1992 through 2005. She held the office of President from 1996 through 1998. In 1992 she received the Genie of the Year Award and in 1993 she received the Society's Honorary Life Award. She held the office of President and Vice President of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies. In 2014 she received the Birdie Monk Holsclaw Volunteer of the Year Award. In 2019 she was awarded the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award for her leadership in the genealogy industry. She was a Staff Trainer at the Lakewood Family History Center for many years, Charter Member of the Boulder Genealogical Society, and

President of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History.

Sandra Quintrall held the office of 2nd Vice President from 2003 through 2006. She held the office of President from 2009 through 2011. She held the office of Treasurer from 2012 through 2017. She held the office of 1st Vice President from 2017 through 2020. She worked on the Mailing List from 2003 through 2004.

Dixie Sandy held the office of 1st Vice President from 1981 through 1982. After moving to Lafayette, Colorado, she continued as a member of the Society, and was active teaching Genealogy classes for many years. I had the chance to talk to Dixie while I was writing this Article, and she told me that her mother (Evelyn Carlsen) and father, helped to photograph and create the index for the Evergreen Cemetery Project. Dixie told me she enjoyed going up to the mountains with Liz Burdick to work on the cemeteries as well.

Jerry Sherard held the office of Recording Secretary from 2014 through 2018. And, if its mining history and mining records that you are interested in then Jerry's your guy. Jerry has indexed the records of the Griffith Mining District (1861-1862) and Idaho Mining District (1861-1862) for Clear Creek County. He has indexed the 1879 and 1910 Mining Directory, Hollister Index to Mines, Fatal Mine Accidents and Non-Fatal Mine Accidents for Clear Creek County, Gilpin County, and Park County. He has indexed the 1879 and 1910 Mining Directory, and Fatal Mine Accidents and Non-Fatal Mine Accidents for Jefferson County. Jerry has given several presentations to the Society about mining history and mining records.

## NEWSLETTERS AND QUARTERLIES

The Foothills Inquirer ("Inquirer") was published quarterly from 1981 to 2013. The staff of the Inquirer in 1995 included Editor (Patricia Kemper), Records & Extractions (Liz Burdick, Emma Kutcha, Janet Graham), Staff Genealogist (Donna J. Porter), Queries (Patricia Kemper), Book Review (Elena Ramer), Index (Arlys LaFehr), Roster, Surname Directory & Mailing Labels (Patricia Kemper), Typists (Kathy Burnham, Phillip Hayes, Muriel Newell), and Mailing Committee (Lee Hickman, Irene Whalen, Patricia Kemper).

Many individuals were responsible for the content of this publication, including:

Virginia Armstrong  
Betty Bergeson  
Jackie Bisant  
Liz Burdick  
Anita Bustamante  
Dorene Byers  
Eleanor Clark  
Bessie Davis  
Rosemary Doig  
Bobbi Dreyer  
Chris England  
Jane Gilley  
Janet Graham  
Alan Granruth  
Phillip Hayes  
Leelena Hickman  
Peggy and Tom Hopkins  
Kathryn Johnson  
Emma Kuchta  
Opal Kendall Longino  
Kay Merrill  
Virginia Morey

Doris Morrison  
Muriel Newell  
Jeanne Perrigo  
Anita Peterson  
Donna Porter  
Elena Ramer  
Doris Roberts  
Betty Rodgers  
Sonia Rust  
Dixie Sandy  
Sue Sanner  
Marilyn Scherer  
Florence Shaw  
Bud Snyder  
Maureen Soloman  
Helen Steele  
Frances Stepanak  
Gay Till  
Patti Crayne-Trudell  
Harrold and Lenore Warren  
Irene Whalen

The Inquirer contained helpful information for researchers like the genealogy holdings of the Lakewood Library and the Denver Public Library, the list of English Parish Registers that were available, information about collections at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the location of records outside the State of Colorado (for instance early Presbyterian church records), Baptist records for Virginia, Methodist records located at the Methodist archives, and information from the *National Genealogical Society* newsletter.

I flipped through a few issues and found:

Alumni of the Idaho Springs High School 1890 – 1903  
Miscellaneous Marriages, Births, Baptisms of Gilpin County, Colorado  
1861-1871  
Census of Arapahoe County – 1860 – Golden City  
Report of the Poor – Clear Creek County 1909-10

It also contained information about speakers, upcoming classes, research Queries, new members to the Society, upcoming events in the genealogy and historical communities, as well as tips for genealogy research. Copies of the Inquirer were provided to the Library of Congress, Jefferson County Libraries, and the Central Denver Public Library.

I would encourage you to look at these volumes on the Society's website, they are located under the Members Only section. And, there are Name Indexes and Subject Indexes to these volumes.

Our current Newsletter is produced by Russ Hamilton who took over in 2012 from Opal Longino. Proofing is done by Ruth Ann Bolz, who also correlates and mails it out.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

At each of these Meetings, speakers were invited to come and talk to the Members. The Society has always had great Speakers, let's look at some of them:

September 14, 1983, saw the first inkling of the change that was coming when Russell Holsclaw, Advisory Programmer for IBM, spoke about Home Computers and their Genealogical Use. The quarterly magazine *The Genealogical Computer Pioneer* began in 1983 as well.

February 13, 2002, James Jeffery presented "Finding Our Mothers."

October 11, 2006, Birdie Monk Holsclaw presented "Extreme Googling for Genealogists." Fourteen years later, we are still talking about using Google for Genealogy Research!

December 9, 2009, Mona Lambrecht presented "Not Your Average Internet Genealogy Research."



December 12, 2012, Richard J. Schroeder presented "Sounds of History."

April 10, 2013, Pat Roberts presented "A Nation of Immigrants, A Nation of Migrants: U.S. Migration Patterns."

Now, Sandra Quintrall, the Society's 1st Vice President, is responsible for the speakers at our General Meetings. And we continue to have excellent programs.

### CLASSES, SUMMER WORKSHOPS, ROUND TABLES

From the beginning, members have enjoyed educational classes and round tables. Now we are meeting via Zoom, but in the past, classes and round tables were offered at the Lakewood Library, and round tables held at the Applewood Valley United Methodist Church before the General Meetings. The Education Coordinator is responsible for classes, round tables, and trips.

Dixie Sandy held Beginning and Intermediate classes on genealogy research. Betty Kaufman held workshops in the summer on Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania research.

During the time that Margaret Posey was the Education Coordinator, from 2007 through 2013, classes were held on "Getting the Most Out of Your Genealogy Software," "The Power of Family Legends: I am related to Roy Rogers," and "Hands On Computer Instruction."

Trips were given to the History Colorado Museum, NARA Denver Branch, and the Byers-Evans House Museum. I asked Margaret about her favorite trip, and this is what she told me: "When I was the Educational Coordinator, my favorite tours were the ones scheduled in September because they gave members a chance to enjoy the beautiful fall colors while learning about the rich history of the area. For several years I would arrange a get-away to one of our nearby mountain communities - Black Hawk, Central City, Silver Plume, Georgetown, and Idaho Springs. The day we spent in Silver Plume was particularly special. Our introduction to Silver Plume began with a guided tour of the museum which was originally the town's schoolhouse. Next, we stopped by the Silver Plume Tea Room and were treated to a lunch of Cornish pasties, a typical lunch pail item for the miners. Energized by our lunch, we then visited the cemetery and learned many interesting stories about some of Silver Plume's earliest residents."

I took over in 2014. And, since that time interesting classes and trips continue. Instructors have included Diane Barbour, Beth Benko, and Dina Carson.

Kathy Tarullo, a member of the Education Committee has presented classes on "Ellis Island Myths and Truth," "Lost Women (how to find the female ancestors in your trees)," and "Beyond the Basics: Google Searching for Genealogy." She will be presenting the upcoming class "Sensational Citations."

I have presented "FAN Research," "Ancestry Tips and Tricks," "The Great Libraries," and "Census Records, Taking the Next Step."

We have taken trips to Central City (David Forsyth, the Archivist for Gilpin County, met the group and conducted a tour), the Colorado Conservation Corp Camp outside of Morrison, Colorado, the Archives at the University of Boulder, and the Bee Family Centennial Farm near Fort Collins.

#### TRIPS TO THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER IN SALT LAKE CITY

I've saved the best for last! Every year the Society organized a trip to Salt Lake City to do research at the Family History Center Library. Janet Graham and then her daughter Sally Garcia handled these trips. They made airline reservations for the group along with hotel reservations and arranged transportation.

Members signed up and once they got to Salt Lake City, they found they had research help from the Officers of the Society in addition to the individuals working at the Library. The results of those trips were published in *The Inquirer*. Members could read about who went and what records they found!

I remember going on several trips with my Mother, Irene, and her friend Dorothy Ward. The first time that I walked into the Library I was blow away by the thousands of microfilm rolls. I had to learn how to work the microfilm readers. And, when I found my first records from my father's family line, I was hooked.

Now Janet Boom handles these trips, and people are still signing up and getting excited!

## INDEXING OF RECORDS / CEMETERY PROJECTS

An important part of the Society's mission is to preserve genealogical records for the four western counties of Clear Creek, Gilpin, Jefferson, and Park.

In 1982, Liz Burdick headed up the work to photograph and index all the Cemeteries in Jefferson County in connection with the project sponsored by the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies. The result of all the societies work was a *Colorado Cemetery Directory* published in 1985 by Anundsen Publishing Company. It consisted of over 600 pages with an index to the cemeteries listed. Kay Merrill was the Editor.

At one point over 60 people were involved in photographing and indexing, their names are listed in Appendix II. Quoting from Issue 12 of the 1983 *Inquirer*: "The pages of original manuscript records and research copied, proofread and typed in Phase I and II is nearing "2 feet tall." In our first year of work we have had over 2,000 volunteer hours put forth (well over 1 work year for 1 person working a 40-hour week for 50 weeks)."

Numerous individuals over the Society's 40-year history have worked to preserve records by indexing them: Diane Anderson, Marlene Bergen, Liz Burdick (Chairman of the Preservation Committee), Debi Clark, Kathi Jack, Gaye Jacobs, George Kourkouliotis, Opal Longino, Gene Marshall, Kay Merrill, Julie Neputi, Karen Overholt, Denise Quintana, Ann Ramage, Gail Seto, and Jerry Sherard, to name just a few!

## WEBSITE

Karen Overholt is our Society's Website Manager, so I reached out to Karen and asked her about how our Website was developed. She told me that Bill Knott, the Executive Director of the Lakewood Libraries, told Liz Burdick that our Society should have a Website and the library would pay for it. The persons who were originally going to set it up thought we were a group of "Geologists" they had no idea what a Genealogist was.

Liz decided that we should have a genealogist develop the Website. Shelia Hanna was a genealogist whose husband had developed a program for a genealogy society website. Karen and Liz Burdick worked with Shelia to help with formatting databases, pictures, etc. and Shelia worked on developing the website on the server "RootsWeb." Shelia managed the Society's website for a couple of years until her death.

Liz and Karen contacted Mona Lambrecht who was using "Dreamweaver" and ask her to develop the next Website. Mona along with Liz, Karen, and members of our Society, added more databases and indexes for our four counties. When Mona quit managing the Website, it was decided that there was a need to find a program that didn't use HTML, one that anyone could use.

Karen found "EasyNetSites" in 2012. The Lakewood Library continued to pay for the Society's Website until Karen got the EasyNetSite up and running. Karen told me that in 2012, there weren't many genealogy societies using the program that runs EasyNetSites. She contacted a few of the genealogy societies and asked them if they liked the program and whether it was easy. Then she called the owner of "EasyNetSites" and he walked her through the Demo program. He answered all her questions so at the next Board meeting she presented an example of an "EasyNetSite." A contract was signed February of 2013.

Karen took a four-week course and learned how the program worked. She then started to build the Website we know and use now. She went live with the Website in August of 2013. Karen told me that more modules and improvements have been developed by EasyNetSites on a yearly basis.

So, I hope you are beginning to realize how many talented and hard-working individuals have contributed to our Society. Our Website is amazing, so the next time you see Karen, please thank her for all her hard work.

#### SURNAME INDEX / LOCALITY CARDS

Initially, Members were asked to fill out Surname and Locality cards that were kept in a card file in the Society's office. The information from these cards was also published in the early issues of *The Inquirer*. It allowed Members to collaborate. Today this information is on the Website under Surname Research in the public portion of the Website. Please go into your profile under the Members Only section and fill out the information about your Surnames. My Mother, Irene filled out one for her Grandfather, Theodore Bauler. Because the Surname Research is in the public portion of the Website an internet search will find your family surnames and you might discover someone who is also researching the same families.

## PUBLICATIONS

There are indexes of Cemetery Records, Business Records, Military Records, Mining Records, Voting Records, Probate Records, Naturalization Records, Census Records, School Records, and other records that have been created. The indexes are available on the Society's Website.

In addition, the Society publishes a wide variety of indexes of records that are available for the public to purchase. Records like "Index to Marriages and Obituaries, Gilpin County, Colorado, 1860-1880" and "Advice Received of Money Orders Drawn upon the Post Office at Mountain City, Colorado 1866-1874 (Gilpin County, Colorado)." There are indexes of the Golden Cemetery, Golden Hill Cemetery, Arvada Cemetery (covering one hundred fifty years) and the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery. There are eight volumes of indexed records in the Colorado Collection. And finally, three Books that were indexed and are available for purchase.

We can thank Gail Seto for copying and binding these materials. Gail works tirelessly at the Lakewood Library's Administration Building, using their copy machine and velo-binder. To date we have eighty-six volumes available for purchase.

## LIBRARIAN

In the beginning, the Society contributed records and books to the Lakewood Library. In 1981 the Society purchased and contributed eight reels of the Colorado 1885 State Census.

Chris England, Marion Roth, Peggy Speckman, and Shirley Wilcoxon held the position as Librarian. Janet Boom took over and has been the Society's Librarian for twenty-nine years, since 1991. Janet has a degree in Library Science and worked at the Lakewood Library for years. I reached out to Janet to ask her about her position, and I thought you'd enjoy learning about all she does:

The Society used to have an office at the Lakewood Library and during that time Janet was working with the Head Librarian at the Reference desk. When the Library started to discard a lot of the genealogy books on their reference shelves, she was concerned that they would be tossed. Janet asked the Head Librarian for permission to take the books, the Head Librarian asked the Director, and she said yes. Very lucky for the books and for the Denver Public Library and the Society.

Janet decided to check with the Denver Public Library to see if they would want any of the books. Quoting Janet "This set up a great way to find a new home for some books that were still needed." The relationship she created with the Denver Public Library is still going strong. She continues to give them books for their collection. Janet also receives books from members (or the family of a member who has died).

When it comes to the Donation Table Janet said "I thought it would be good to have our members enjoy some of the leftover books, so the Donation Table was the answer. One of the best things about the Donation Table is when a member finds a book that gives them information about their family."

Janet's favorite parts of her position are sharing information, meeting new members, and talking with a person about where they might be able to find more information researching their family lines. So be sure and stop by the Donation Table when you are at the General Meetings, look at the books and say hello.

## BOOK NOOK

From the beginning the Society would provide Members with the opportunity to purchase Books. In 1981 a Member could order and purchase the *Handybook for Genealogists* for \$14.95 for soft cover and \$15.95 for hard cover. Everton Publishing gave a portion of their profits to the Society, if Members ordered books through the Society. In 1983 the Society had the beginning of a Library consisting of two boxes of quarterlies and newsletters from other genealogy societies.

In Issue 5 of the 1982 *Inquirer*, Opal Longino listed forty-eight books from her library that she was willing to loan out. In Issue 10 of the 1983 *Inquirer*, Lawrence Newton listed thirty-nine Books from his library he was willing to loan out. In Issue 14 of the 1984 *Inquirer*, Jeannette Gott listed forty-seven Books. There was a budget for the purchase of books of \$300.00. The books that were purchased were donated to the Lakewood Library. Individual Members also donated books that they owned.

Connie Dawe was the Chairman of the Book Nook Committee from 1990 through 1999. Then, Carla Thorpe held the position as Chairman from 2000 through 2003. Theda Hoyt held the position as Chairman from 2005 through 2010.

Sue Clausen recently retired as Chairman of the Book Nook Committee. She held that position from 2011 through 2019. Sue coordinated meetings of the Committee. The members would meet and discuss which books they should purchase, and then Sue would purchase them. As you know if you have attended any of the General Meetings, Sue would report to the Members about books that were available to purchase. Then she would man the table, answer any questions about the books, and collect the money. She was also available to order books that members wanted to buy.

The Book Nook Committee currently consists of Janet Boom, Liz Burdick, Jane Dahlstrom-Quinn, Pam Heath, Earlene Maldonado, Sandra Quintrall, and Corliss Scully.

### COLORADO COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

From the beginning, the Society has been a Member of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies ("CCGS"). CCGS works to assist and support the members, promote the collection, preservation, and dissemination of genealogical knowledge, inform the members of projects and activities of other Societies, and keep members informed about legislation. Delegates serve as a representative for their Society at CCGS Quarterly Meetings.

Over the years, Janet Graham, Elena Ramer, Gay Till, Gene Marshall, Betty Kaufman, Arlys LaFehr, Lou Slade, Pat Kemper, Betty Rogers, Pauline Erskine, Paul Kilburn, Mary Hendrix, Carla Thorpe, Karen Overholt, Sandra Quintrall, and Doris Ferguson were Delegates to CCGS.

I am the current Delegate for our Society and the Alternate Delegate is Henri Hubenka. We attend the CCGS Meetings and report back to our Board of Directors and to the members. We are also responsible for voting on behalf of our Society at CCGS Quarterly Meetings.

### QUERIES / GENEALOGIST

The Society has always provided research services for our four Counties (Clear Creek, Gilpin, Jefferson and Park). Betty Kaufman was the first Genealogist for the Society in 1981. After Betty, Lou Slade, Opal Longino, Janet Graham, Donna Porter, and Jack Davison held the position.

Marlene Bergren took over from Jack Davidson in 2007. I've spoken to her many times at our Board Meetings, and she is terrific at what she

does. When she receives a query, she may need to go to the Central Denver Public Library, the State Archives, the Stephen Hart Library, one of the Jefferson County Libraries, the Arvada Historical Society, or the Golden History Center. When asked if there was any research assignment that stood out to her, she responded "I did have two brothers marry two sisters and both brothers divorced the wives and moved back to Italy so they wouldn't have to pay the wives the money they made from mining. The obits from mining accidents back in the 1800's could be quite gruesome."

#### COURTESY GREETERS / REFRESHMENTS

The Courtesy Committee is charged with greeting us when we come into our General Meetings and are responsible for the "drawing" for a door prize. Currently Doris Ferguson, Kathy Tarullo, and Steve Engel are our Courtesy greeters.

Refreshments are always provided at the General Meetings. The Refreshment Committee is responsible for purchasing and providing beverages, cookies, and cake (for special occasions). Once a year they coordinate the luncheon, this includes working with the Church, setting up the tables, setting up the food, and cleaning up.

Bev King was Chairman of the Refreshment Committee from 1999 through 2014. Now we can thank, Linda Hendon (along with her husband Max), Mary Roach, Willie Dreier and Ruth Ann Bolz for making this possible.

So, you've reached the end of my Article. I hope you're impressed with our Society, and all the individuals who have accomplished so much. Now, I'm going to ask you, what talents do you have that you could contribute? Think about it! We could use you!



## Appendix I

### **Charter Members**

(\*denotes founding members)

Rachel Adams	Hildegard Johnson
Sue Amberg	Kathryn V. Johnson
Flip Amick	Gwendolyn A. Kase
Charleen H. Arnold	<u>Betty Kaufman*</u>
Trish Beattie	Jean Kelly
Betty J. Bergeson	Opal Kendall
Jacqueline Bisant	Rilla Knutson
O.M. & Ruth Bishop	Gertrude L. Kordziel
Joe Bristol	Dorothy Kyler
Liz Burdick	Maxine Lacy
Bill & <u>Evelyn*Carlsen</u>	Richard & Marian Leonard
Velma Churchill	Velma Lundstrom
Margarite Connolly	Gene Marshall
Barbara Courtright	Ernest P. Mills
Bessie C. Davis	Ann-Mari Morris
John & Margaret Davis	Joan P. Murphy
Kirbie Dempsey	Lynn Nicholas
Annabel Depaulo	Rhoda C. Nicol
Marjorie Donnelly	Elizabeth & Gale Oliver
Betty A. Dougherty	Margaret M. Porter
Bobbi Dreyer	Betty Parsons
Joan Eakins	Elena Q. Ramer
Elma Eason	Betty Rodgers
Roy & Helen East	Cindy Rogers
Gladys Eckford	Jerry Sander
Lolita Egbert	<u>Dixie Sandy*</u>
Sarah Eoyang	William Scheeley
Celeste Fox	Janet Shane
<u>Louise Friedman*</u>	Florence L. Shaw
Judy Geise	Kathy Shirley
Jo Anne Gilmore	Doris B. Smith
Madeline R. Gloret	Phoebe Smith
Meta G. Goodin	Lorane Sutphin
Mabel Goodin	Fae Tarrant
Jeannette Gott	Adeline E. Tefft
<u>Janet Graham*</u>	Margaret Turner
Sandra Guenther	Winnie Votaw
Claire E. Hagen	Martha Warren
Capitola S. Henry	Irene Whalen
Alice Jacober	

## Appendix II

### **Volunteers who worked on the Cemetery Projects and Indexing of Books and Records**

Jean Alden	Betty Leeds
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