



# Newsletter

of the

## Aurora Genealogical Society

<http://www.freewebs.com/auroragenealogysociety/index.htm>

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### General Meetings

Tuesday, 26 May 2020, 1:30 pm, Large Community Room

No meetings in June or August

Workshop - Tuesday, 9 June 2020, 1 pm, Small Community Room

Aurora Central Library

14949 E. Alameda Parkway

Aurora, CO 80012

**Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/AuroraGenealogicalSocietyCO>

### Upcoming Meetings

**Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19 restrictions**

Tuesday, 26 May 2020 @ 1:30 pm

#### **FAN Research, What Does It Mean & How Do You Do It?**

Presented by Pam Heath, Education Coordinator, Foothills Genealogy Society

FAN Research is looking at what we can discover when we research those individuals who surrounded the lives of our ancestors. We will be talking about researching the Families, Associates and Neighbors of our ancestors.

Note: This is a two hour presentation.

Tuesday, 9 Jun, 2020 @ 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.:

#### **Family Tree Maker Question and Answer Classes** moderated by Aurora Genealogical Society Genealogist, Dorothy Bernay.

Having problems with the program Family Tree Maker? If you have FTM on your laptop bring it (not required) and your questions for a class to address your issues. You may e-mail your questions ahead of the class to [debernay@comcast.net](mailto:debernay@comcast.net).



### **Aurora Genealogical Society Library**

Aurora Central Library, Main Floor  
14949 E. Alameda Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80012  
303-739-6686

#### Open to the Public

Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

For other Times/Appointments,  
call 303-740-8440 or 303-755-1179

During inclement weather,  
please call ahead to ensure we are open.

***Our Library holdings can be found at  
[www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com)***

#### **Library Closures**

**The Genealogy Library is currently closed. We will re-open when Aurora Libraries open.**

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We welcome articles for publication provided:

- 1) They have a general interest to furthering our members' research, i.e., websites, articles on research facilities near and far, your research trips, etc.
- 2) They have a Colorado connection, preferably Aurora, and Arapahoe and Adams counties.
- 3) If not your original work, sources must be cited.
- 4) If a copyright is involved, you must include written permission from the owner of the copyright.

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***Membership***

73 Members as of 30 April 2020.

***Message from the President***

With the COVID-19 Pandemic life as we have known it certainly has changed. We will adapt and we will stay safe.

I'm finding I could easily become a hermit. I'm not going stir-crazy and when I feel the need to get out of the house I just do yard cleanup and pull weeds. The last time I gassed up the car was in mid March. I do start it and drive once a week based on advice from my mechanic son. Am also fortunate that my income hasn't been affected. It pays to be a senior citizen and retired. My children in town are considered essential personnel for the City of Aurora. Son has to go in to work, but his wife can work from home. Of those in Florida my son can work from home and his wife just went back to work part-time until the restaurants fully reopen.

With all this extra time I thought I would be doing more genealogy research but find I'm doing mostly reading and binge watching TV on Hulu and Netflix.

With the cancellation of the Salt Lake City trip I have less input for the newsletter. Several of the people I have heard from continue to research and at times finding new websites. Others are organizing their piles of genealogy materials or attending webinars.

Hopefully we will be able to have our May meeting and June workshop. So much depends on what restrictions are in place and the druthers of the presenters. If possible, would you be interested in a meeting using ZOOM?

Stay safe.

*Gail*

### **Upcoming Events**

(For more information, come by the AGS Library or go to the sponsoring Society website.)

**Check all websites for possible cancellations due to COVID-19 restrictions**

#### **Beginning Genealogy Classes**

[www.cogensoc.us/](http://www.cogensoc.us/)

Beginner Genealogy Classes are held on the second Saturday of each month, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon in the Gates Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, DPL. Classes are free and no registration is required. Upcoming classes are scheduled for 9 May. Visit the website for more information.

20-23 May 2020 – **NGS Family History Conference**, Salt Lake City, UT. This is now a Virtual Conference. More information at <[conference.ngsgenealogy.org](http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org)>.

#### **W.I.S.E. English Research Seminar**

<https://wise-fhs.org>

25 July 2020 – 9am-430pm, Denver Public Library, 10 West 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, featuring David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist of the New England Historic Genealogist Society. Materials fee is \$40. Flyers with more information and registration are available at meetings, in our library and online.

2 – 5 September 2020 – **FGS National Conference**, Kansas City, MO. Theme is “Explore America’s Trail to the Western Frontier. Registration should be opening on-line in late April. More information at <[fgs.org/conferences](http://fgs.org/conferences)>

#### **Discover Your Swedish Roots**

[oldmillmuseum.org](http://oldmillmuseum.org)

2020 Swedish Genealogy Workshop will be held 10-11 Oct 2020 in Lindsborg, KS. Multiple topics to include *Using ArkivDigital*, *Swedish Church Records*, *Planning a Heritage Trip* and more. Flyers with more information and registration are available at meetings, in our library, online or by calling (785) 227-3595.

### **Websites**

#### **Ontario (Canada) Community Newspapers Portal**

<http://ourontario.ca/search>

- -from *Internet Genealogy-April/May 2020*

Contains material covering 200 years from over 60 newspapers. It is recommended you start on the “Newspaper Holdings” page where you will find a list of included newspapers. Put in your search term and you can sort, select a specific contributor, media type, group, subjects, etc., and/or restrict to a certain year. You will see a snapshot of the newspaper item and the entire page.

#### **Archives of Maryland**

<http://aomol.msa.maryland.gov/html/volumes.html>

- - recommended by AGS Member Dorothy Bernay

Looking for information on Maryland ancestors? The Archives of Maryland is a wonderful source.

This site is searchable for names. You can use first and last names.

If you have results, click on the document and an OCR version of the document will appear. You can then click on “view PDF image” and the original image will come up. The pdf version can also be downloaded. Be sure to compare the OCR transcription to the book image, and check the dates to determine if this is your ancestor.

#### **Illinois State Archives Databases**

[cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/home.html](http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/home.html)

- - from *The Weekly Genealogist*, 11 Mar 2020

The Illinois State Archives website provides databases from a number of Illinois repositories. Search an individual database or perform a global database search. Some notable resources are:

From the Illinois State Archives – Illinois Servitude and Emancipation Records (1722-1863), Public Domain Land Tract Sales, and Physicians who registered for licensure in Illinois (1877-1937).

Illinois Veterans Databases – Databases related to a number of wars including the Black Hawk War, Civil War, Mexican War, Spanish American War, War of 1812, and more.

Illinois Statewide Vital Records – Statewide Indexes to Death (1916-1950), Pre-1916 Deaths, and Marriages (1783-1900).

And more databases from Eastern Illinois University, Northeastern Illinois University, and the University of Illinois at Springfield.

### ***Genealogy Podcasts***

<https://extremegenes.com>

Extreme Genes, America's Family History Show, is a weekly genealogy and history podcast hosted by Scott Fisher. Subjects range from the Midterm Elections during the 1918 Flu Epidemic, The FAN Club Principle, DNA discussions, Pension Records, and many more. There are over 300 episodes in the archives. The site also offers Fisher's Top Tips and a free newsletter.

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### ***From the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies (CCGS)***

The 11 April 2020 Council meeting was held via ZOOM, with President Bob Larson presiding.

Gina Moore will fill the remainder of the Treasurer's term.

The 2020 budget was approved. The budget includes GTM and ZOOM subscriptions for use by Council member societies.

There was discussion concerning the Speakers Bureau directory located on the Council website (cocouncil.org) Discussion included whether to charge speakers a nominal fee to be listed and whether the Speakers Bureau should be on the public or members only part of the website. Voting on this will be at the next meeting.

Delegate Glenn York of Larimer County discussed an ongoing legal issue they were having in regards to a cartoon they printed in one of their newsletters a few years back. It was a reminder to double check your sources.

The next CCGS meeting will be, 11 July, location TBD or via ZOOM.

### ***New in the Library***

*Our holdings are listed at*

[www.librarything.com/profile/AuroraGenSociety](http://www.librarything.com/profile/AuroraGenSociety)

*Mayflower Families through Five Generations, Volume Fifteen, Families of James Chilton and Richard More, 1997.*

*A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight, and Hight Families, by David W. Hoyt, 1993.*

*The Mayflower and Her Passengers, by Caleb H. Johnson, 2006.*

*German Immigration to Southern Illinois, 1800-1860, by Flora M. Koch, 1911.*

*A History of the German Churches in Louisiana (1823-1893), by J. Hanno Deiler, 1983.*

*Hickory & Lady Slippers: Life & Legacy of Clay County People, 1977-1982, by Clay County High School [WV], some issues.*

*The Journal of the Greenbrier Historical Society, 1963-1990, some issues, by the Greenbrier [WV] Historical Society.*

*Journal of the Braxton Historical Society; 1973-1990, most issues, by the Braxton [WV] Historical Society.*

*A Handbook of Scandinavian Names, by Nancy L. Coleman, 2010.*

*What Did They Do? In Danish, by John E. Herl, 2003.*

*The Last Will and Testament of George Washington and Schedule of His Property: To Which is Appended the Last Will and Testament of Martha Washington, Published 1992.*

*Some Known Descendants of Jeremiah and Rachel Walters Odell, by Neva Jane Stout Bryant, 1999.*

## ***Genealogy Related Shows on TV***

New, reruns, and upcoming television shows currently available on TV.

New:

*Roots Less Traveled*, Tuesday, 1230pm, on NBC. This program is produced by Ancestry.

*Finding Your Roots with Henry Gates Jr.*, Saturday, 6pm, on PBS. A mix of new and repeat episodes.

*The Gene: An Intimate History* – documentary by Ken Burns. Check PBS for dates and times.

Reruns:

*History Detectives*, Monday-Thursday, 8am, PBS. Although primarily a History show the detectives really dig into Genealogy. The other day my 8<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather Resolved Waldron was mentioned as an early and prominent settler of Harlem, NY.

Upcoming:

*The Genetic Detective*, debuting Tuesday, 19 May, 8pm, on ABC News. Check your local listings. The series will follow investigative genetic genealogist CeCe Moore as she uses her unique research skills to transform the face of crime solving.

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*If you can recite all the counties of a state that you've researched but where you've never lived – you might be a genealogist.*

--- Katherine Schober's April Newsletter

## ***In Memory***

### ***Judith Karlene Cassidy***

12 August 1944 – 1 April 2020

Judith “Judy” Cassidy passed away on 1 April 2020 at the age of 75. Born in Auburn, NE to Frederick and Iris (Jones) Cassidy. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln where she graduated with a BS in Education in 1965. After graduation she moved to Great Falls, MT where she met 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jerry Lawrence Cassidy and they married in 1967. Together they raised two daughters, Barbara and Tricia. Judy was an avid gardener, faithful volunteer to her church, and a peaceful kind living soul. She was a member of Aurora Genealogical Society since Feb 2011 and a library volunteer. A Memorial Celebration Open House will be held 15 Aug 2020, 2-5pm at Mountain View United Church, 10700 E. Evans Ave., Aurora CO 80014. Memorial contributions may be made to her church or the Denver Botanic Gardens.

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## ***May Elections***

The AGS board has decided to postpone our normal May elections to September. This is due to our meetings being cancelled in March and April and forgetting to organize a nominating committee.

Positions to be voted on are President, Vice-President Membership and Corresponding Secretary. Current holders of these positions, Gail Arnert, Judy Keilman and Marion Baumann have agreed to serve through our September meeting.

In September Nominations will be accepted from the floor, with the consent of the nominee. Each position will serve for two years. If you are interested in being an officer or on the nominating committee, please contact any member of the AGS Board.

### ***Some Recommended Free Websites from the Aurora Genealogical Society***

**[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)** - billions of records, both extracted and submitted by the public. Always verify the information you find. Create a free account, then click on “Search” for billions of indexed records, and in many cases images of these records. “Family Histories” may be found under Books and many are digitized.

**<http://www.worldcat.org>** - WordCat connects you to the collections and services of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide. You can search for books, periodicals and other materials. Provides a list of libraries where the material is available and the distance from your zip code to the library. Create a free account to create lists, bibliographies and reviews of library materials.

**[www.glorerecords.blm.gov/](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/)** - provides access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States, including image access to more than five million Federal land title records issued between 1788 and the present. Also has images of survey plats and field notes, land status records, and control document index records. Due to organization of documents in the GLO collection, this site *does not* currently contain every Federal title record issued for the Public Land States. Search by Land Patents, Survey Plats and Field Notes, Land Status Records, Control Document Index Records, Tract Books or Land Catalog. View and print original documents.

**[www.familytreedna.com/](http://www.familytreedna.com/)** - information on the various types of DNA testing, how to submit yours, how to interpret results, joining a family study, etc.

**<http://www.cyndislist.com/>** - over 337,000 links for family history in more than 200 categories! Don't know where to look? Start here!

**[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)** - one of the best places to find dead people. Over 137 million grave inscriptions, multiple search possibilities, and you can request a photo of the marker.

**[www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)** – Offers images of original government/military records from all American eras. Although basically a pay for site, some databases are free. If you have specific information to find you can sign-up for a 7-day free trial.

**[www.libertyellisfoundation.org](http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org)** - Search for ancestors who entered through New York City from 1820-1924. The collection encompasses entry through Castle Garden and Ellis Island.

**[www.thefhguide.com](http://www.thefhguide.com)** – The Family History Guide is a website that represents a best-in-class learning environment for family history. Its scope is broad, but its focus is narrow enough to help you achieve your goals, step by step. Whether you're brand new to family history or a seasoned researcher - or somewhere in between - The Family History Guide can be your difference maker.

**<http://www.usgenweb.org>** - your gateway to research in every state and most counties in the U.S. A good place to find Genealogical Societies or Historical Societies in your area of interest.

**<http://www.archives.gov/index.html>** - entry point for the National Archives databases and ordering military records from pre-Revolution through current wars. For post WWI to present certain restrictions apply.

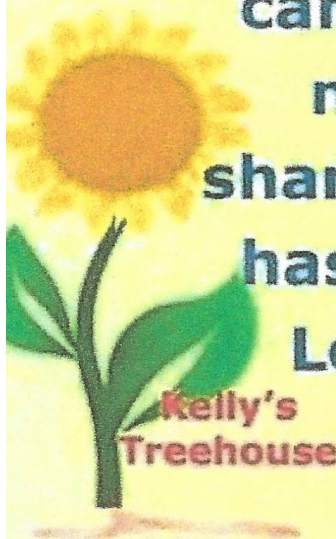
**[www.gengophers.com](http://www.gengophers.com)** - free access to the most effective online search tools and a growing library of more than 80,000 downloadable family and personal histories, local histories, and genealogy newsletters. GenGophers.com is the only website that returns genealogy book results only.

**[genealogyintime.com](http://genealogyintime.com)** – advertises itself as the largest free Ancestral Search Engine on the Internet. Has a lot of general information and three search engines; Genealogy, Family Tree and Rare Book.

**archive.org and Google Books** - Before buying an out-of-print book, it is worth checking these sites to see if a digital version of the book is available for free.

**Going outdoors  
is not cancelled, listening  
to music is not cancelled,  
quality time with our  
families is not cancelled,  
reading a book is not  
cancelled, sharing with  
friends is not cancelled,  
singing out loud is not  
cancelled, laughing has  
not been cancelled,  
sharing **HOPE** with others  
has not been cancelled.**

**Let's EMBRACE what  
we have.**



THE AURORA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY of COLORADO meets monthly except in June, July, August and December. Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Afternoon meetings are in Sep, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar and May and begin at 1:30 p.m. Evening meetings are in Oct and Apr and begin at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Aurora Central Branch Library in the Community Rooms. Meetings are open to the public.

Board of Directors meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. the first Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted) except June, July, August and December, in the AGS Library Room. Meetings are open to the membership.

Individuals/Families may join the Society upon paying annual dues of \$20.00 per mailing address. Annual membership starts January of each year. If you join September through December of any year, the membership includes the following year. Send your remittance along with a membership application, or your name, address and telephone number to:

Membership Vice President, Aurora Genealogical Society, PO Box 31732, Aurora, CO 80041-0732

All members will receive newsletters, electronically or via USPS.

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