



Newsletter

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Aurora Genealogical Society

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General Membership Meetings

Tuesday, 22 September 2020, 1:30 pm via Zoom
Tuesday, 27 October 2020, 7:00 pm via Zoom

via Zoom
Aurora Central Library
14949 E. Alameda Parkway
Aurora, CO 80012

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

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, 22 September 2020 @ 1:30 pm

Four Essential Building Blocks to Organizing Your Genealogy - via Zoom

Presented by Julie Miller, Certified Genealogist
Feeling unorganized and overwhelmed? Incorporate these simple methods into your existing organizing system or use them as the foundation of a new system.

Tuesday, 27 October 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Hiding in Plain Database: Tips & Tricks for Finding Exactly the Records You're After - via Zoom

Presented by Dina Carson, Experienced Genealogist

You will learn how to narrow the results, broaden the results, and use bread-crumbs for navigation when searching databases for information.



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

Open to the Public

**Our library will reopen Wednesday,
2 Sep, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
By appointment only**

Contact Librarian Alice Jablonski via email at –
agslibrarian@gmail.com
to make an appointment.
During inclement weather,
call ahead to ensure we are open.

*AGS Library Holdings can be found at
www.librarything.com*

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New Members

Audra & Joshua Schwartz – (Patton, Herman, Purdham, Dunmire, Schwartz, Manee, Stevens, & Kraft)

Total Membership: 74

Message from the President

Great news! Our Genealogy Library is reopening Wednesday, 2 Sep 2020 for “by appointment” only visits. See the Reopening Guidelines on page 32. If you haven’t visited our Library before, this would be a good time to browse our collection. Just make an appointment with Alice. The Central library is NOT crowded and the mask rule is enforced.

Currently the Aurora Central Library is open Monday through Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. It is closed Saturday and Sunday.

Our meetings and programs will be a little different through the end of 2020. They will be via Zoom with a notice coming out about 3-4 days before the meeting. The business portion will be short with the speaker being the major part.

Speaking of Zoom, is there someone among you who would be interested in being the host or cohost of our Zoom meetings? I’ll continue to schedule the meetings through the CCGS account, but am just looking for someone with more tech capability. Let me know. My e-mail is to your left under Newsletter Editor.

Even with COVID-19 changing so many things, Judy Holtus has some great programs lined up to include repeat presenters Julie Miller and Dina Carson.

Member Barb Walker has provided us with another great research article about her search for her ancestors. See page 34.

Looking forward to seeing/hearing you on Zoom at upcoming meetings.

Gail

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Walking, I am listening to a deeper way. Suddenly all my ancestors are behind me. Be still, they say. Watch and listen. You are the result of the love of thousands.

--- Linda Hogan, Native American writer

In Memory of Nancy Jensen



8 Oct 1922 – 24 Jul 2000

One of our Founding members passed away this summer. Following are abstracts of her obituary as found at

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/centennial-co/nancy-jensen-9283663>

Nancy was born in Limon, CO, 40 miles from her family's Lincoln County homestead, on October 8, 1922. She attended Pride of the Prairie, a one room schoolhouse, near the family homestead through her 5th grade year. In the second semester of her 9th grade year, the family moved to Hugo, CO where Nancy was baptized into the Methodist Church at Hugo on Easter Sunday – April 17, 1938. She graduated from Hugo High School in May 1940. Among her classmates was the one who was to become her husband. Nancy applied to nursing school but was too young and instead worked as a nurse's aide in Colorado Springs. She had been accepted into the September 1941 class of students at St. Joseph School of Nursing in Denver, CO when her fiancée received notice from the draft board that he would be inducted into the Army Air Corps. Nancy Jane Murphy and Eugene "Gene" Jens Jensen were married August 2, 1941 in Raton, NM. They did not announce their marriage because nursing students could not marry at that time. Nancy was dismissed from nursing school after the authorities were informed that she was married so she went to visit her husband who was scheduled to be shipped overseas. Gene's unit went overseas without him, as he developed tonsillitis and required surgery. Nancy began attending the Seton School of Nursing in Colorado Springs, CO in April 1944. She became a Cadet Nurse out of Ft. Carson and the end of the war brought Nancy's release from the corps. Nancy, Eugene and daughter Karen moved from Hugo to the Denver area in April 1947 and the family purchased

their permanent residence in Aurora, CO in September 1950.

Nancy's long nursing career at St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, CO, began in January 1948. Nancy retired from St. Luke's on August 27, 1976.

Nancy's passion for genealogy led her to become a charter member and past President of the Aurora Genealogical Society.

Nancy was an active member of the Peace Pipe Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, holding many offices including two terms as Regent. She was a member of the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, a member of The Mayflower Society and a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames – Captain Miles Standish Chapter.

Nancy was a loving, resourceful, organized woman who left a legacy of values, faith and character. Her life's work reflected her devoted, honest, dependable and selfless side while her personal life showcased her creative, fun-loving, independent spirit. She was truly honored and loved by her family and friends.

Nancy will be buried next to her husband, Eugene, at Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary & Cemetery – 6601 S. Colorado Blvd., Centennial, CO 80121.

Some responses received about Nancy's death:

"What a wonderful obituary of a lovely woman. She had a terrific life. Bless you, Nancy."

"Sad news. Nancy had a long wonderful life. What a great obituary. I'm glad I got to know her."

"Nancy was one of the first members I met when I became a society member. She was truly a gracious lady and an outstanding genealogist. We all were privileged to have known her for so many years."

"Nancy Jensen was a warm and wonderful lady. She was the first person that was in contact with me at my first meeting. What a legacy she leaves behind and it was a real pleasure to know her. She definitely was a gift!"

"How fortunate we all are to have known and cherished such an outstanding human being. Nancy's obituary says it all. She was one in million and will be sorely missed."

"She was an awesome woman."

"Such a good long life. She was the first person I met in the library room downstairs at Hoffman Heights library when there were only about a dozen books on the shelves. She convinced me I had to join and we have been such close friends ever since. She was a classy friendly lady to everyone she met. I will miss her always."

AGS Library Reopens

Great News! Our Genealogy Library reopens for “by appointment only” visits on Wednesday, 2 September 2020. E-mail agslibrarian@gmail.com for an appointment.

Initially we will only be open on Wednesdays as the Central Library is closed Saturdays and Sundays until further notice.

The following guidelines will be observed:

- “By appointment only” visits up to 1 hour in length made via e-mail.
- When visitors arrive at the library they need to indicate to library staff they will be visiting the Genealogy Library. If you know the way to Genealogy, please indicate or the staff will take you there.
- When people arrive for their appointments:
 - In their email, they will have said what they are wanting to research and the volunteer will pull relevant books and have them on the table.
 - Visitors will need to bring their own pen/pencils (or we can give them an AGS pencil).
 - Volunteers and visitors will need to wear a mask.
 - Visitors will need to wash their hands upon entering.
 - Only the volunteer can use the computer and computer table.
 - After a patron leaves, the table will be sanitized.
 - The books will be left where they are until the next day we are open (Wed/Sat) and then re-shelved.
 - The volunteer will clean the computer and computer table, if it was used, before closing up the room.

This plan has been approved by the Aurora Library. As always, guidelines will be updated as required. Our goal is to keep library staff, volunteers and visitors safe.

Upcoming Events

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

Colorado Genealogical Society ***www.cogensoc.us/***

Beginner Genealogy classes are held on the second Saturday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm via Zoom. You need to register in advance to get a confirmation email about joining the meeting. [Register here for Beginning Class in September.](#) Registering will make sure you are contacted with the Zoom meeting link. Carol Darrow is the instructor. Upcoming classes are [12 Sep](#) and [10 Oct.](#) Visit the website for more information.

COPALAM Fall Seminar

palam.org/Colorado-palam-chapter.php

COPALAM Fall Seminar will be presented in two parts virtually via Zoom on Friday, September 18th and Saturday, October 17th with featured speaker Kent Robinson. Part 1 is free, but one must pre-register in order to receive the handout. Part 2 Saturday’s cost is \$35 per person. This includes a complete 100-page syllabus of all text of the Power Point presentation including an extensive bibliography, Registration forms are available at <cocouncil.org> and have been sent with this newsletter.

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Need American Indian Research Help or FamilyTreeMaker Help?

American Indian – please contact AGS member, Sandy Syring, our society specialist, via e-mail samjaksmom@gmail.com.

FamilyTreeMaker or general genealogy – contact Dorothy Bernay, the society Genealogist, debernay@comcast.net.

From the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies (CCGS)

--- submitted by Jeff Adams, Aurora's CCGS delegate

The summer Council meeting was held 11 July 2020 via Zoom.

There were about 22 delegates and officers in attendance.

Patricia Carmody with the Colorado Historical Cemetery Association (CHCA) discussed volunteer opportunities for preservation of the documents associated with Colorado's historic cemeteries. Specifically, Patricia is looking for persons with knowledge of cemeteries in Grand County, Colorado. CHCA's overall goal is to digitize and find repositories for Colorado's historic cemetery records. Grand County is sort of being used as a testbed to see what information and workload is needed for the whole state. For further inquiries, email Patricia at patricia@coloradohistoriccemeteries.org.

Harry Ross gave an update on the new format for the Speakers' Bureau section on the CCGS website. Basically it gives the speaker's the ability to have their information available to the public or password protected. The Council approved the changes.

On Sept 19, Terence Quirke will posthumously be awarded the David Vogels Award. His daughter Anne Enderby will receive the award on his behalf. It can be viewed via Zoom.

The 10 Oct meeting will be held via Zoom.

One doctor tells his patient:

"Get plenty of exercise, stay away from alcohol and cigarettes, and pray that you've picked the right ancestors!"

--- from The Sunny Side of Genealogy, compiled by Fonda B. Baselt

Aurora History Museum

The museum reopened Tuesday, August 18th! The museum will start by offering timed reservations for a limited number of visitors. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545afac2fa02-timed> for the museum's safety protocols and to make reservations for your visit. The museum will be open Tuesday through Friday (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) and closed on the weekends until further notice.

Visit to see two brand new exhibits! This year the museum is helping to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment with a new exhibit, "Battle for the Ballot: Women's Suffrage in Colorado." You can also see "Powered by Science: Technologies of the Past and Future."

A New, Free Online Resource of 360 Million United States Court Records

<https://www.judrecords.com>

--- extracted from EOGN, 24 Aug 2020

The site is completely free, no credit card, no advertising, no sign ups, etc., and has over 360 million US court records that are completely free to search.

It has case types that are particularly important for genealogy research like marriage, divorces, probate/estates, name changes, and adoption records.

- marriage – 4,369,504 cases
- divorce – 6,979,501 cases
- estate – 4,968,717 cases
- probate – 5,580,719 cases
- name change – 2,900,354 cases
- adoption – 77,157 cases

About 10 to 15 million new court cases are being added every month.

The user interface is a bit basic, maybe best described as stark: "Just the facts ma'am, nothing but the facts." In this case, I would say that is a good thing. No ads in your face, no begging for money.

What Happened to Uncle Edward?

--- submitted by AGS Member Barb Walker

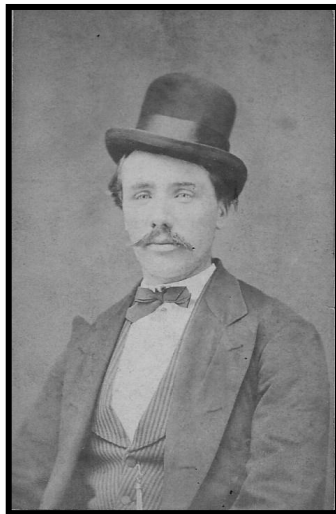
Genealogy and scrapbooking have always provided pleasant distractions during stressful times. In the past couple of months, I've worked on both, sometimes in unison. I'm currently researching a family for which I've acquired many old black and white photos from the 1940s to 1960s. Naturally there are some unsolved mysteries that involve these family members.

Two very old photos were also in the box. On the back of each someone had written "Hans Edvard Hanson." The first photo is a young man in what I believe is a military uniform. The second photo appears to be the same man seated for a formal portrait. I remembered the family story about Uncle Edward who came to America from Norway. (At some time prior to leaving Norway he began using Edward as his first name.) The details of his life are sketchy at best. Family members who are now deceased told the story that he came to Door county, Wisconsin, and in later years left for Chicago and "disappeared."

One thing I find especially interesting about Hans Edvard is the fact that he, the youngest of seven children, was the first to come to America in 1872. In the case of most of my ancestors, it was the oldest who led the departure from the homeland to America. Edward's older sister Anne Marie came to America with her husband and 7 children in 1881, nine years after Edward. His oldest brother

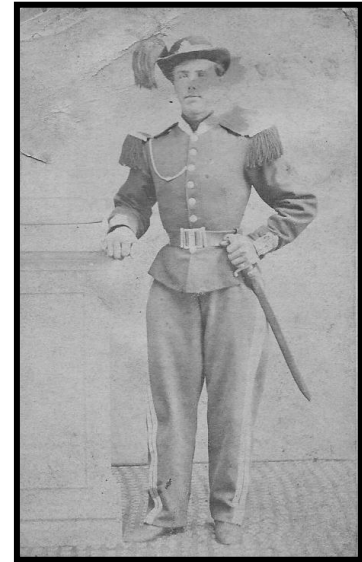
Johann came with his wife and three sons in 1883 and settled in Door county.

The formal portrait has the photographer's name stamped on the back: "*Henry Iverson, photographer, 117 Archer Avenue, Chicago.*" This at least gave me a starting place. I did a search for "Chicago photographers 1900." One book in particular looked like a good possibility: "*Chicago photographers 1847 through 1900 as listed in Chicago City Directories.*" I was able to download the book (free) and found the photographer. He was listed in Chicago at that address from 1872-1879. Now at least I had a starting point of when the photo was taken.



I went back to the Hanson family tree in Family Tree Maker and examined his family. Hans Edvard was born in 1842 in Norway. It occurred to me that I might find a family tree for him on Ancestry.com. I was lucky and found a tree with very little information about him. I contacted the owner of the tree, Jorunn Landmark, who lives in Norway and offered to share the old photos with her. When I told her the family story of Edward coming to America she was surprised and replied, "No wonder I could find no information on him here in Norway." Her great-great grandmother, Anne Marie Hanson, was Edward's older sister, the one who followed him to America in 1881.

Jorunn found an 1865 Norwegian census which was helpful, but it wasn't until later that I realized it told me when the photo of him in the military uniform was taken. When she sent me the census, I noticed that individuals were not listed by address as in a city census. This census was all men and they were in groups, rather than individual addresses. I questioned her about this, and she said it



was perhaps a school or military group. That told us that in 1865 he was in the military and that was about the time that the photo was taken.

<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=61753&h=222128&indiv=try>

Jorunn next searched Norwegian Digital Records and made a couple of discoveries. She confirmed that he was the youngest of seven children and discovered that he had acted as sponsor at the baptism of several of his siblings' children. Then she discovered a marriage record for him on January 21, 1872. His wife, Karen Bolette Arnesdatter, was 12 years older than he was. Further searching uncovered an emigration record for Edward and Karen leaving Oslo in November 1872. He was 30 and she was 42. Their destination was Chicago. This would fit the time frame of the photographer's location. Perhaps he had the photo taken to send to his parents in Norway to let them know he had safely arrived in Chicago. I find it interesting, however, that he did not have a photo done of him and his wife. (We genealogists always want more.)

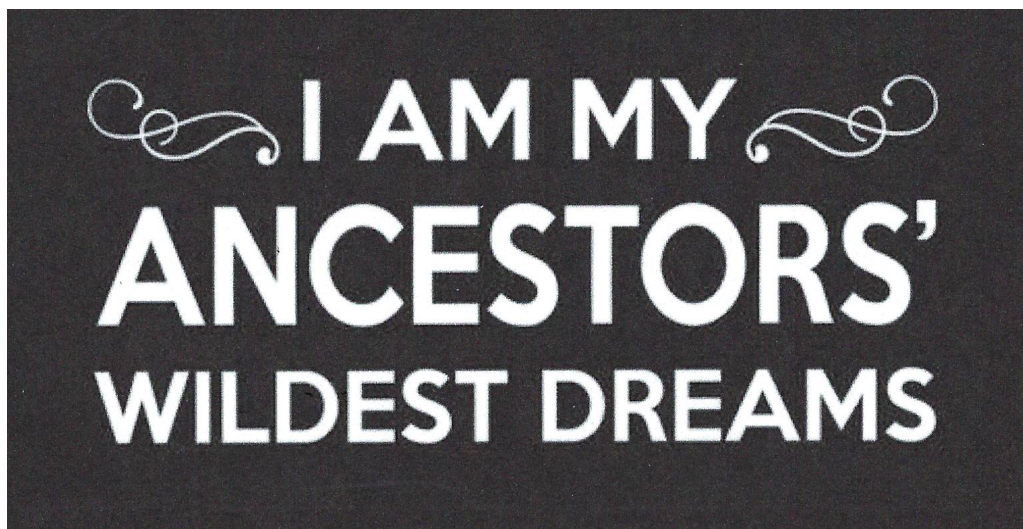
The next record I found for him was the 1880 census in Door county, Wisconsin, where his older brother Johann settled in 1883. Edward is listed with his wife, Karen, who is 12 years older than he is. He lists his occupation as carpenter.

Family legend states that he left Door county, Wisconsin, and moved to Chicago where he became a wealthy saloon owner. The 1890 census would have been very helpful.

Shortly after this, Jorunn made another discovery. She found a death certificate on FamilySearch.org that listed Edward Hanson with his exact birth date and parents' names. (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6GYS-BSX>) But why, we asked ourselves, was he living in Tacoma, Washington? After reexamining the family information, I recalled that after arriving in America in 1881, his older sister Anne Marie and her family moved across America to Nebraska for several years, finally settling in Seattle, Washington. Further searches in that area show Edward and a new wife, Dora, living in Tacoma, Washington on the 1900 and 1910 census. The above death certificate shows that he died in Tacoma in 1911.

There are at least two remaining questions: When did wife #1, Karen, die followed by when and where did he marry wife #2, Dora? So many ancestors, so little time.

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THE AURORA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY of COLORADO meets monthly except in June, July, August and December. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month, Afternoon meetings are in Sep, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar and May. Evening meetings are in Oct and Apr. Afternoon meetings begin at 1:30 pm. Evening meetings begin at 7:00 pm. 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 pm the first Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted) except June, July, August and December, in the AGS Genealogy 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

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