



Newsletter

of the
Aurora Genealogical Society

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General Meetings

Tuesday, 28 January 2020, 1:30 p.m., Large Community Room
Tuesday, 25 February 2020, 1:30 p.m., Large Community Room

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

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

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m.
Research Logs – A Plan for Success
Presented by Carol Swensen, Accredited
Genealogist

A research log is an important tool to help organize and track your research. It is a record of what you are looking for, where you looked, and what you found. We will review different formats that can help you stay organized.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m.:
Member Sharing
Presented by Aurora Genealogy Society
Members

Our February meeting will feature society members participating in a show and tell of artifacts and discoveries. Bring a favorite item or story and share its significance with your fellow sleuths.



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

Our holdings can be found at
www.librarything.com/profile/AuroraGenSociety

Open to the Public
Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
or by Appointment,
call 303-740-8440 or 303-755-1179

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

Time to Renew Your Membership
Application on page 7

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e-mail – aurgs1981@yahoo.com<http://www.freewebs.com/auroragenealogysociety>**ELECTED OFFICERS**

President	Gail Arnert
Membership Vice-President	Judy Keilman
Program Vice-President & Publicity	Judy Holtus
Recording Secretary	Barbara Bickerton
Treasurer	Dick Kautt
Corresponding Secretary	Marion Baumann

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Archivist/Historian	Open
Genealogist	Dorothy Bernay
CCGS Delegate	Gail Arnert
Librarian	Alice Jablonski
Newsletter Editor	Gail Arnert gailarnert@yahoo.com
Newsletter Technical Support	Lori Holtus
Parliamentarian	Judy Keilman
Website	Jennifer O'Bayley

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, 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.

E-mail articles to aurgs1981@yahoo.com or to any elected officer. The editor reserves the right to accept or reject any material submitted. Publication deadlines are the last Friday of December, February, April, June, August, and October

This Newsletter is distributed to libraries and genealogical societies throughout the United States. This publication is also indexed in the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) published by the Allen County Public Library Foundation, Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801.

New Members

Jeff & Tori Adams, 29336 E. LaSalle, Aurora,
CO 80013

Total membership: 85

Message from the President

Happy New Year to all!

The AGS Festival of Wreaths entry, designed and decorated by member Judy Keilman, sold for \$35.00. Great job Judy! The Aurora History Museum raised \$3,800 which will go towards rehabbing the original Gateway to the Rockies sign.

Judy Holtus has some great speakers scheduled for this year, but she's always looking for speakers on the topics YOU want to hear about. Let her, or any Board member, know what you're interested in and she'll do her best to find a speaker.

We have a great Genealogy Library, but it is underused by our members and the public. The signs posted on the main library doors when we are open have helped to increase visitors. Now we need some more enthusiastic volunteers. Alice provides excellent training. If you could commit to at least one 3-hour shift each month that would certainly help the current volunteers. Connect with our Librarian, Alice Jablonski, at the meetings.

As you renew your membership, please consider donating to the various funds listed on the application. In addition to the AGS Library Fund, please consider the National Archives Gift Fund, and the new AGS Speaker Expense fund. All donations are tax deductible as charitable contributions.

Looking forward to a fun year and seeing you all at meetings.

Gail

25 February Member Sharing Meeting

One of my favorite meetings; this meeting is when our members share genealogical information and artifacts relating to their families. Come prepared to share.

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 of each month, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the Gates Conference Room, 5th Floor, DPL. Classes are free and no registration is required. Upcoming classes are scheduled for 11 Jan, 8 Feb and 14 Mar. Visit the website for more information.

RootsTech

www.rootstech.org

26 Feb – 29 Feb 2020 – Salt Lake City, UT. Event and hotel registration are now open. This is the largest genealogy conference held each year in North America. One of my favorite football players and *Dancing With the Stars* participants Emmitt Smith is the keynote speaker.

COPALAM Spring Seminar

https://www.palam.org/palam_update/resources/copal-am-spring-2020-seminar-flyer.pdf

13 & 14 Mar 2020 – Denver Public Library, 14th & Broadway. Times are: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday lectures are FREE; 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday presentations have a \$35 materials fee. Keynote speaker is Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG.

Full schedule and registration are available online and in the AGS library.

CGS Spring Seminar

<http://www.cogensoc.us/>

18 April 2020 – CGS Spring Seminar featuring Angie Bush. Registration is open. The seminar will be at DPL, Lower Level Conference Center, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Materials fee is \$35. Angie will present four programs on online family trees and DNA. There will also be a free event on Friday, 17 April. You may register online or by using the registration form available online or in our library.

20-23 May 2020 – **NGS Family History Conference**, Salt Lake City, UT. Conference and Hotel reservations are now open. More information at <conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

W.I.S.E. English Research Seminar

<https://wise-fhs.org>

25 July 2020 – Featuring David Allen Lambert at the Denver Central Public Library. More info to follow.

2 – 5 September 2020 – FGS National Conference, Kansas City, MO.

More information at <fgs.org/conferences>

From the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies (CCGS)

The next Council meeting will be Saturday, 11 Jan 2019, 10:00 a.m. at DPL.

Have You Made Your Genealogical Resolutions for 2020?

With the assistance of *The Weekly Genealogist* from the *New England Historic Genealogical Society*, here are some ideas:

- I will organize research papers, files & photographs that I have accumulated,
- I will write up some of my family history,
- I will publish a genealogy or family history book or article,
- I will seek out new relatives,
- I will attend a conference or other genealogical educational program,
- I will take a research trip to a distant repository I have been meaning to visit,
- I will take a DNA test for genealogical purposes.

I'm sure there are many more possible resolutions. Some of the above appear on my list every year and I usually partially complete several.

New in the Library

Our holdings are listed at
www.librarything.com/profile/AuroraGenSociety

Roses of the West (Images of America), by Ann Seagrave, 2002.

Daily Stories of Pennsylvania, by Frederic A. Godcharles, 1924.

Danish Dictionary: Danish-English, English-Danish, by Anna Garde, 1995.

Our Heritage: Miller – Rose – Niemann – Hedges, by Rubinette Miller Niemann, 1981.

Two Centuries of Pennsylvania History, Vol. II, by Isaac Sharpless, 1900.

St. Labre Indian School, 1884-2009, by Larry Cunningham, 2009.

Wyoming, Frontier State, by Valerie Linford, 1947.

Lowry Air Force Base (Images of America), by Jack Stokes Ballard, 2013.

Profiles of Maine, by Lynn Franklin, 1976.

Iowa Pride, by Duane Smith, 1996.

TIME: D-Day, 24 Hours That Saved the World, Pub. by the Editors of Time Magazine, 2004.

TIME: America, An Illustrated Early History, 1776-1900, Pub. by the Editors of Time Magazine, 2007.

TIME Goes to War, Pub. by the Editors of Time Magazine, 2002.

The Handwriting of English Documents, by L. C. Hector, 1980.

I Didn't Know That About Wyoming, by Lavinia Dobler, 1990.

From the Librarian

--- submitted by AGS Librarian Alice Jablonski

The November 2019 Colorado Genealogist, a quarterly publication that the AGS Library has many editions of back to 1976, has an in-depth article about the New Hope Baptist Church at Wetmore, Colorado, an unincorporated community about 30 miles west of Pueblo. The church was organized in 1871 and the building completed in 1873.

This quarterly contains 14 pages of transcriptions of Church Minutes and records, naming members of the church, with additional information researched by Peggy Martin, the current caretaker for the historical church whose family has been in Wetmore for several generations.

If you have family in that area, it is valuable reading!

In addition, there is an interesting book review about *Colorado's Historic Churches* by Linda Wommack, published in 2019. Not only is there information about individual churches, but also the communities around them. Certainly a worthwhile book to add into your Colorado research!

More! – For those people who are doing research on ancestors in Colorado, our AGS library continues to get updates and additions to our Colorado section from Gerald Sherard, who has previously donated many Colorado collections to us.

The newest ones include: Hinsdale County, CO, School Census Records 1891 - 1964; Custer County, CO, School Census Records 1893 - 1964; Kiowa County, CO, School Census Records 1900 - 1964; Elbert County, CO, Teacher Lists 1922 - 1971; and Eagle County, CO, School Census Records 1882 - 1960.

While the introductory information about these records and how they are organized in the database has been printed into a notebook on the shelf, the actual record information has been left as a database in our AGS computer.

If you have an interest in looking at any of these records, please see the volunteer in the library who can help you locate them under the "download" file on the computer.

Websites

Library of Congress Online Telephone Directory Collection

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/united-states-telephone-directory-collection/>

---EOGN, 14 Nov 2019

The Library of Congress' collection of telephone directories represents the following states and localities: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the city of Chicago. The dates of the directories span most of the 20th century. The Library's United States telephone directory collection consists of 8,327 digitized reels of microfilm; of these, about 3,500 are presented in this collection. The remainder of the collection may be requested from the Microform Reader Services (LJ 139).

New York Adoptees

<https://adopteerightslaw.com/new-york-obc/>

---EOGN, 27 Nov 2019

New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed S3419 into law on November 14, 2019, making New York the tenth state in the country to secure or restore equal rights for adult adopted people. More information, including the full text of the New York's newly "adopted" (pun intended) Public Health Law S4138 may be found in the Adoptee Rights Law web site above.

If it takes a lawyer to figure out how to get an OBC, then your system is broken.

ADOPTTEERIGHTSLAW.COM

"OBC" is an abbreviation for "Original Birth Certificate"

AGS Board Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies on our governing board. Both are appointed positions.

They are:

Historian – whose responsibility is to:

- 1) Collect and preserve all items of historical interest to the Society. Maintain copies based on the Records Retention and Disposition Policy, and
- 2) Bring items of genealogical interest to the members' attention.

The Historian also takes pictures at the meetings and maintains the History books.

CCGS Delegate – whose responsibility is to:

- 1) Attend the quarterly meetings of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies. Three meetings are held at DPL and one outside the Denver area on the 2nd Saturday of Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct.
- 2) Represent Aurora Genealogical Society in all delegate votes.
- 3) Take meeting notes and distribute (via the newsletter) to the Aurora Genealogical Society.

This is a great opportunity to network with other societies throughout the state.

Since both positions are appointed by the President with the concurrence of the Board, please contact Gail if you are interested. Term length is 2-years or until successors are appointed and approved.

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Genealogy Databases Available at Aurora Libraries

Ancestry.com library edition is available on all Aurora Library computers. You must be in the library to access.

MyHeritage.com library edition is also available on the Library computers and from home with an Aurora Library card.

We're Losing Generations of Family History Because We Don't Share Our Stories

---EOGN, 21 Nov 2019

Here is a quote from an article by Rachael Rifkin in the *Good Housekeeping* web site:

“Most people don’t know much about their family history. This is because people usually don’t become interested in genealogy until they’re in their 50s and 60s, when they have more time to reflect on their family identity. The problem is that by that time, their grandparents and parents have often already passed away or are unable to recount their stories.

“Because of this, we’re losing generations of stories, and all of the benefits that come with them. ‘Because our families are among the most important social groups we belong to and identify with, stories about our family tell us who we are in the world, and who we should be,’ says Robyn Fivush, Ph.D., one of the researchers behind the study *The Power of Family History in Adolescent Identity and Well-Being*. ‘Stories about our parents and grandparents provide models of both good and bad times, as well as models of overcoming challenges and sticking together.’

“The solution to this problem is to get people interested in their family histories when they’re still adolescents or young adults, when they can still hear directly from relatives. But how do we cultivate an interest in each other to begin with?”

You can find a number of answers in Rachael Rifkin’s article at <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/a29610101/preserve-family-history-storytelling/>.

United States Census 2020

---U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration, U.S. Census Bureau

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.

What the Census Bureau will send in the mail:

On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
If you haven't responded yet:	
March 26 – April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

Go to: <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/technical-documentation/questionnaires-and-instructions/questionnaires/2020-informational-questionnaire.pdf>

for an informational copy of the question. There are 4 questions about the household in general and 7 about each person.

Comments from Newsletter Editor:

From a genealogist perspective, there won't be much to gain from the census 72 years from now when it is released.

Print or make a copy of the information you provide for your own family's history.



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Send check or money order made payable to AGS and this form to:

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

New _____ or Renewal _____ Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

(Include your 4-digit ZIP code extension)

Level of Genealogical Experience: beginner intermediate advanced

I need help with: _____

Surnames being researched: _____

I will volunteer in the AGS library Yes No (training is provided for new volunteers)

May we publish your information in the newsletter or a membership directory? Yes No

E-mail Address(s): _____

Check here if you would like the newsletter e-mailed to you:

Membership Dues	\$	20.00
Donation to AGS Library Fund	\$	_____
Donation to National Archives Gift Fund	\$	_____
Donation to AGS Speaker Expense Fund	\$	_____
Total	\$	_____

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 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.

Queries will be accepted for publication as space permits.



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