



Newsletter

of the
Aurora Genealogical Society

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General Meetings

Tuesday, 26 January 2021, 1:30 p.m., via ZOOM
Tuesday, 23 February 2021, 1:30 p.m., via ZOOM

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

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

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 @ 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Breathing Life into Your Ancestor

Presented by Carol Darrow, Professional Genealogist

Information such as occupation, education, even cause of death supplemented with newspaper stories, county histories, maps, journals and diaries can help you round out the picture of your ancestor and the world he lived in.

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 @ 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Using Sanborn Maps and City Directories

Presented by Ed Storey, Professional Genealogist

How to manage information from directories and maps to locate a home in a city, even when street names have been changed will be presented.



Aurora Genealogical Society Library

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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.

***Time to Renew Your Membership
Application on page 7***

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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, 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 15th 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

Brenda Brownlee, 22663 E. Gledden Dr., Aurora, CO 80016 (researching DeLee, Bartlow, Dameron, Waterman)

Total membership: 75

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! This year’s proceeds will provide assistance to the Aurora History Museum and Historic Sites. These funds will help ensure the continuation of exhibits, programs and preservation efforts that have been affected by COVID-19.

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. Our membership meetings will continue using the Zoom platform through at least May 2021.

Please continue to utilize our genealogy library. Make an appointment with Librarian, Alice Jablonski. Although we advertise Wednesdays only, she will try to accommodate any time Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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 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



Upcoming Events

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

Colorado Genealogical Society

www.cogensoc.us/

This is a course for the beginner held on the second Saturday of each month, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon via Zoom. Classes are free but registration is required via the above website to access the class and you are contacted with the Zoom meeting link. Upcoming classes are scheduled for 9 Jan, 13 Feb and 13 Mar. Visit the website for more information.

RootsTech

www.rootstech.org

25 Feb – 27 Feb 2021 – Introducing RootsTech Connect: A Free Online Conference Experience

For the first time ever, the world's largest family celebration event will be entirely virtual and completely free. Get ready to celebrate shared connections with people from around the world. Connect with friends, your family, your past, and your heritage and homelands—all from the comfort of your home and in your browser.

COPALAM Spring Seminar

<https://www.palam.org/colorado-palam-chapter.php>

The Spring 2021 German Genealogical Seminar will be presented in two parts virtually via Zoom on Friday afternoon, April 9th, and Saturday afternoon, April 10th featuring Teresa Steinkamp McMillin. There will be a fee of \$35.00/person for this two-day seminar. You will be sent an email confirmation when your registration and payment are received. Look for an email with the Zoom access details, along with the link enabling you to download the handouts. Refunds will not be permitted after the Zoom access and handout information has been sent. Email reminders will be sent out prior to both sessions.

Save The Date –

19-22 May 2021 – NGS Family History Conference, *Deep Roots of America*, will be held in Richmond, VA. Hotel reservation information is coming soon. Conference registration opens 6 Jan 2021. More information at <conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

NGS hopes that COVID-19 will not be a factor in May 2021; however, contingency plans will be in place for any eventuality and to ensure the health and safety of registrants, sponsors, exhibitors and staff. NGS is confident that they will have a strong and enriching program for everyone interested in family history research.

From the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies (CCGS)

The next Council meeting will be Saturday, 9 Jan 2021, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Conducting the meeting will be newly elected President Marilyn Edwards-Roberts.

Have You Made Your Genealogical Resolutions for 2021?

Here are some ideas:

- I will organize research papers, files and 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 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

Check us out at

www.librarything.com/profile/AuroraGenSociety

A Childhood in Minnesota: Exploring the Lives of Ojibwe and Immigrant Families, 1880s-1920s, by Helen L. Carlson, Linda LeGarde Grover, Daniel W. Anderson, 1994.

Special Aids to Genealogical Research in Northeastern and Central States, by National Genealogical Society, 1962.

How to Trace Your Family History: A Basic Guide to Genealogy, by Billy Royce Linder, 1979.

Shaking Your Family Tree, A Basic Guide to Tracing Your Family's Genealogy. by Ralph Crandall, 1988.

Some Descendants of Patrick Murphy, by Elizabeth Sanders, 1993.

A Story of the Centennial State, by Dan Roberts, 1976.

Gordon Family Tree and Related Family Branches, by Ina Lanore Gordon Pryor, 2001.

Clay County [WV] Cemeteries, by Fannie I. & Gregg Moore and Lena Frame Ball, undated 2nd edition.

History of Clay County West Virginia, Vols. 1 & 2, by Clay County History Book Committee, 1989.

Annotated 1850 Census for Kanawha County [WV], by Kanawha Valley Genealogical Society, 1987.

The Omaha Tribe, Vols. 1 & 2, by Alice C. Fletcher, 1972.

Nicholas County West Virginia Cemeteries, by Helen Stinson, 1983.

Websites

Scandinavian Research

www.nordicnames.de

---recommended by AGS member, Judy Holtus

This is a comprehensive site on given names in Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Iceland, Greenland and the Faroe Islands!

You will find information about more than 48,000 names, their meanings, origins and usage in the Nordic countries. Explore the name lists by country or origin. Or use the Name Finder for an individual selection.

Per Judy it is useful when you cannot read a name clearly in a document.

Family Search Webinars

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Need to learn more about almost any topic? Monthly Webinars are posted. Topics include General Family Search, European Research, British Isles Research, Asia Research, US and Canada Research and the list goes on. You could learn something new on a daily basis.

The History List Store

<https://www.thehistorylist.com>

Launched in the Boston area in 2011, The History List is the platform historical societies, historic sites and other organizations use to attract and engage visitors and members. It offers gifts for history lovers, road trips to historic sites across America, insider guides to popular historic sites and much more. It has posters galore about all aspects of history. Of interest right now is the Mayflower, but you could spend lots of money and time here.

History Colorado

<https://www.historycolorado.org/story/stuff-history/2019/05/31/digitized-colorado-historic-newspapers-double>

Since 2016, the Colorado Digital Newspaper Project (CDNP) has been digitizing historic newspapers from counties all across the state.

The Aurora Democrat, 1909-1955, is included in their collection.

10 Must Knows When Starting German Research

-- from the German Genealogy Group, St. Louis, MO

- Always look at Church Book Records (at home and abroad)
- There was no national census in the 18th or the 19th century in Germany
Germany was not unified until 1871 and there is no census like we know it. A few have been found but they are not indexed. Ancestry.com has a few for Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Lübeck city.
- If your surname has an AE, OE, Or, Ue, it could mean your surname had an umlaut.
Mueller in U.S. – Müller in Germany
Droege in U.S. – Dröge in Germany – Look for both.
- Have a list of commonly used German words used in Church Books and their translations.
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/german_genealogical_word_list
- Have a list of commonly used Latin words used in Catholic Church Books and their translations.
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/Latin_genealogical_word_list
- Don't expect names to be spelled the same every time – be flexible.
- Only knowing the German state, such as Prussia, is not enough. You need to keep looking for a more specific area.
Google German maps in different time periods to see what areas your German state encompassed.
- Graves are recycled every 20-30 years. Graveplots in Germany are leased to the family for 20-30 years. If not renewed

by the family, they can be leased to a new family.

- If you have a hometown name, you must also know the state it is in and then find it on a map. There may be more than one town by the same name.
You need to know the state (Bavaria, Baden, Hessen, etc.) and a kreis (county) since there are many towns with the same name in Germany.
- Everything is not online – you must use books, microfilm and gazetteers as well.
Go local. Contact the local genealogy or historical society in the town or county. Also contact local libraries

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What is Your Genealogical Expertise?

At an AGS Board meeting we discussed the various experts we have in our society and thought it would be helpful to have a list of the areas where these members have expertise. This information would be used primarily by the AGS Librarian and the Genealogist to assist any member who is stumped by a brick wall or by researching in a specific geographical area (US or international), a timeframe (1600s, 1800s, etc.), a War, Church records, genealogy programs, websites, and the list goes on.

If you are happy, enthusiastic, and willing to help someone and share your expertise, please let us know. Include name and how you prefer being contacted, phone or email, or via the Librarian or Genealogist.

We would make a list to share with the members with the various expertise, expert name and contact information.

Please provide your information to:

Alice Jablonski <agslibrarian@gmail.com>

Gail Arnert <gailarnert@yahoo.com>

100 Years Ago in Aurora

The following transcribed items for the months of January and February 1921 come from the *Aurora Democrat* newspaper. A notebook with all transcriptions from 22 December 1909 through 27 December 1929 is located in the AGS Library. They are also available through the Family History Library, Film #1870339, and the History Colorado digitized newspaper collection.

Friday, January 14, 1921

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HOPPER Frederick Charles Hopper, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hopper, at 1:15 p.m., 1921[sic]. Frederick was two and a half years old. From a slight scratch he developed erysipelas and one complication after another set in. In spite of a marvelous struggle for life and all that human efforts could accomplish, the little fellow went to his eternal rest. He was named for his grandfather, who died a few days ago, and whose great favorite he was. Shall we not believe that when the little white soul reaches the devine[sic] haven, the first to greet him will be his beloved grandfather - - a great comfort to them both.

The funeral will take place tomorrow Saturday, from Yeager's chapel. at 2 o'clock.

THE TOWN NEWS

SLAUGHTER Aurora was greatly shocked to learn of the death of Wesley Slaughter, the rural carrier, of heart disease, Tuesday night, January 18, 1921. Scarcely anyone knew he was ill and he seemed in the best of health. However, a serious heart trouble developed a month ago and he was under treatment at the time of his death. Although he worked Monday, he was quite ill Tuesday, and while his wife was out of the room for a few minutes, he died.

He was a native of Kentucky, and had entered the U.S. railway mail service, being transferred later to the Aurora rural route. He had lived in Aurora about a year and a half. His funeral will take place tomorrow at 3 o'clock, from Olinger's, and will be conducted by the Masonic order. He leaves a wife and infant daughter. The deep sympathy of the community is extended to them.

Friday, January 28, 1921

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DIED

VALLELY It will be a great shock to the many friends of the Bensons in Aurora to learn of the death of Mrs. Pearl Vallely formerly Pearl Benson, Wednesday afternoon, January 26, 1921, at Mercy hospital, in Denver.

At the time of her death she was twenty years and two months of age. Pearl was raised in Aurora and was one of the first graduates of the Aurora high school. She also graduated from the State Teacher's College in Greeley and afterwards became a teacher in the Walsenburg school. . . On March 17, 1920, she married Mr. Vallely of Walsenburg.

She became suddenly ill at Christmas and was taken to Mercy hospital. A son was born to her. He was named John Francis, and lived but nine days. From the birth of the little son, Pearl became desperately ill and not withstanding all that science could do, she died.

The funeral takes place tomorrow from the chapel of Hartford and Conaty at 2 o'clock, with interment at Fairmont. Rev. Fr. Smyth will conduct the services.

The deep sympathy of the people of Aurora is extended to the grief stricken parents and husband.

Friday, February 11, 1921

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THE TOWN NEWS

WASHBURN We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Harriet Washburn, beloved wife of Jonas Washburn, and an old and highly respected resident of Aurora, Thursday, at 1 a.m., February 10, 1921. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Saturday, from Roger's. A notice of death will be published next week.



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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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