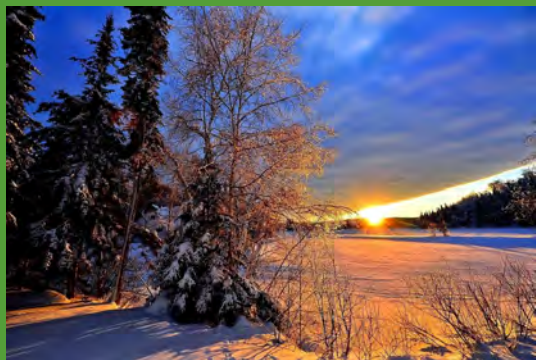


BGS Newsletter



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without
a source, a tree without a root.*

Chinese Proverb

A Letter from the President



Hello, members,

We are excited to start a new year. 2023 was a year that led us through many experiences and memories, both good and bad, and I am sure we are all hoping 2024 is better. The turn of the calendar year is always a good time to reflect on the past. Our common interest in genealogy confirms our interest in the lives and families of our ancestors. Do you take the past, at least your ancestry, in small or large doses? At the same time, the new year tends to present the opportunity to dream about the future. What do you wish for in the new year? New projects? New interests? Or maybe you have a desire for a little more normalcy, a little more of the way things used to be? There's a good chance we will all get some of both. My wish is for all of you to find what you seek.

As far as our genealogy society is concerned, I am looking forward to getting better acquainted with all of you. Your particular interests in genealogy are what we want to help cultivate, for you to be more engaged and more successful. My tree building began about ten years ago, and I have been a member almost that long. One of the benefits of membership for me was finding a mentor who gave me good advice and inspired me to learn the best methods. Another benefit that continues to pay dividends is the wide variety of lecture topics that have helped me improve my skills and widened my interests. I hope that each of you will find what you are looking for and what you need from us, whether it is camaraderie, knowledge, advice, inspiration or any of the many other benefits we offer.



Steve Lake, President
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UP AND (ARE YOU COMING?) EVENTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY 2/15, 9 – 10:30 AM

EAST SIMPSON COFFEE HOUSE, 201 E SIMPSON STREET, LAFAYETTE

Please email Steve Lake at president@broomfieldgensoc.org if you would like to join us or have items to add to the agenda. BGS Board meetings are open to all members.

2ND TUESDAY GENEALOGY GROUP

TUESDAY 2/13, 7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM

TOPIC: WHERE AND WHEN

“How to take advantage of interactive maps in your search for historical records” Hosted by Karen Yudnich and presented by Gail Elias, this program will explore how to use the Atlas of Historical County Boundaries in your genealogy research. For more information, see the article on page 4.

BGS FEBRUARY MEETING

THURSDAY 2/22, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

ZOOM ONLY

Meet and greet 6:30, Business meeting 7, Program, 7:15 – ?

Because of the Monday holiday, the meeting will be held on Thursday.

Icebreaker for social time, “What was the most helpful historical document you’ve found in your genealogy research – and why was it helpful?”

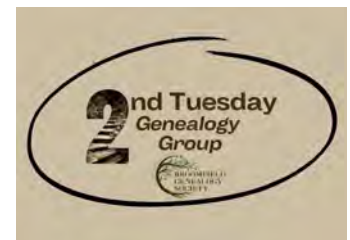
Program – “Family History and Military Service,” presented by Susie Wickman. See the BGS Calendar on the BGS website for more information.

A WORD FROM YOUR OFFICERS

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT, KAREN YUDNICH

PLANS FOR 2ND TUESDAY GENEALOGY GROUP

Don’t miss February’s 2nd Tuesday Genealogy Group. Gail Elias, our Newsletter Editor, will give a great interactive lesson on maps and finding elusive records. Then, in March, Jacque Mahan, our Secretary, will share her vast knowledge of Google Searches. Finally, in April, I hope to get a minimum of 10 people who are interested in starting an eight-week class covering the National Genealogical Society’s book, *Mastering Genealogical Proof*.



Mastering Genealogical Proof teaches family historians and genealogists how to reconstruct the relationships and lives of their ancestors. Readers learn about the fundamentals of the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS), what genealogists mean by “reasonably exhaustive” research, the basics of citing sources, analysis, problem-solving, and more. Content is presented in digestible chunks. Each chapter concludes with problems providing practice for proficiently applying the chapter’s concepts. Those problems and examples throughout the book use real records, research, and issues. Answers are at the back of the book, along with a glossary of technical terms and an extensive resource list.

Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, FASG, FNGS, FUGA, is the author of Mastering Genealogical Documentation and an award-winning genealogical researcher and educator. He has taught at Boston University, the Salt Lake Institute (SLIG), the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), and elsewhere. Since 2002 he has co-edited the National Genealogical Society Quarterly.

Mastering Genealogical Proof is available for purchase in the [NGS online store](#) in print or as a Kindle e-book at [Amazon](#).

Genealogy Proof Standard covers these topics:

- Chapter 1: Genealogy Standard of Proof
- Chapter 2: Concepts Fundamental to the GPS
- Chapter 3: GPS Element 1: Thorough Research
- Chapter 4: GPS Element 2: Source Citations
- Chapter 5: GPS Element 3: Analysis and Correlation
- Chapter 6: GPS Element 4: Resolving Conflicts and Assembling Evidence
- Chapter 7: GPS Element 5: The Written Conclusion
- Chapter 8: Using the GPS
- Chapter 9: Conclusion

I covered the first two chapters last year. This time, we will focus on one chapter a month. You will need to buy the book, which I can get for \$20.27 as a member of the National Genealogical Society. On Amazon, it is available for \$33.00. I am willing to lead the first two chapters and need six other volunteers who are willing to take the lead on another chapter. Please contact me at vicepresident@broomfieldgensoc.org. I promise you will learn a lot!

FROM THE EDITOR, GAIL ELIAS

You may have noticed a few changes in our member publications since I became editor. We have bid a fond farewell to “Welcome Notes” and have moved to two different publications:

- ✓ Events and Announcements (E&A) – a brief summary of BGS activities and events for the coming month, coming to your inbox about the 1st of the month on the 1st and 3rd quarter of the year.
- ✓ BGS Newsletter – quarterly on the 2nd month of the quarter, includes everything from the E&A, plus information from your officers, the question of the quarter (see the article below), an article of local interest, and a story about someone in one of our members’ family trees.

This is a publication for members, by members. We’ve listened. We got the message that you want a bit of substance with the announcements, and we’ll try to deliver that. We also hope that you will be willing to participate in this process. So, do you have a noteworthy ancestor who is worthy of a story? Is there an object passed down to you that was made by an ancestor’s hands?

Tell us – and don’t worry about your writing style. We want to hear from you. So, if you have questions or if you have a story idea you’d like to talk about, please feel free to reach out to me, Gail Elias, at editor@broomfieldgensoc.org.

QUESTION OF THE QUARTER

Who is the mystery man (or woman) in your family tree?

We all have characters in our family tree that speak to us. This recurring feature is a chance for us to share a bit about them with other members. **Are you ready?** It’s easy!

- 1) In a few words (ideally 200 or so), write something you would like to share about a person or event in your family tree that is mysterious.
- 2) Pop it in an email and send it off to editor@broomfieldgensoc.org
- 3) It will miraculously appear in our next quarterly newsletter (May 2024).

FEATURED ARTICLE: BROOMFIELD IN THE "BAD OLD DAYS, GAIL ELIAS"

HEAVY DEMAND FOR LIQUOR IN DENVER

Many reports have been circulated about the saloons of Denver conducting sales so as to dispose of their stock before the first of the year when the state goes dry.

The facts in the case are that if there have been sales the purchaser paid full price for his liquor and the saloonkeeper made more than the usual profits.

Reports from distilleries are that more liquor has been shipped into Denver in the past 90 days than in any previous six months. The shipments have been made in carload lots to supply the heavy demand.

These signs point to what may be expected during the first few months of the dry campaign. Denver will probably have more drunkards than ever before. Business men of Denver are complaining that the money is being withdrawn from regular channels of trade and invested in liquor. Supplies are being put in by those who have a habit of indulging and by hundreds who fear they may want a nip now and then.

Some saloonkeepers have gone the limit in pulling in the cash while the opportunity was at hand. The use of electricity has made it possible to tap the bottom of the bottles and remove the contents of bottled in bond and brands of liquor which were called high grade. Cheap mixtures were substituted and then the plug was replaced and the electricity sealed the glass bottom. Local men who purchased a bottle for "medicinal use" have discovered nice little circles in the bottoms of the bottles and they say the whiskey is of poor quality.

There are but two days left for the legitimate sale of liquor in the state but it is expected that the harvest will continue until the last minute and the stocks left on hand will be very small.

Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, the Weekly Courier, December 31, 1915

The question, "What are you doing New Year's Eve?," took on a whole different meaning in 1915. People were stocking up on booze. In Colorado, January 1, 1916 was the day when booze was officially banned. The decades old tension between the "saloon supporters" and the "temperance team" finally played out in legislation banning the sale of alcohol. Measure 2, a statewide prohibition referendum, passed on November 3, 1915 with 52% of the vote.ⁱ

Colorado was by no means the first state to attempt to regulate the sale of alcohol. Tennessee tried in 1837ⁱⁱ and Maine in 1846 (they didn't last). By the time that the Volstead Act (aka the 18th Amendment) was passed nationally, 33 states had already passed their own version of prohibition.ⁱⁱⁱ The Act passed with all but two states (Connecticut and Rhode Island) ultimately agreeing.^{iv} Colorado was 30th to sign on.^v While Kansas and Nebraska were "dry" states, our neighbor to the north, Wyoming, was not. What happened next was predictable.

On June 23, 1916, Lafayette officials arrested 2 men heading south from Cheyenne with 239 pints of whiskey, one gallon jug of whiskey, and two dozen pints of beer.^{vi} They were not the first – and they definitely would not be the last.

Things did not improve for the forces of law and order in Broomfield. It appears that bootlegging may have been one of the first "equal opportunity enterprises" as a Mrs. Smith of Louisville, along with four men and two of her three children, made a trip to Cheyenne. She packed a trunk there, labelled

TEDROW TAKES A HAND IN THE FIGHT ON BOOTLEGGERS

Mrs. Anna Smith of Louisville and four men of that town—Hugh McLeod, John Harvey, John Simpson and an Austrian whose name is unknown—have been arrested on order of United States District Attorney Harry D. Tedrow for violation of the Federal liquor law,—the Reed amendment, which went into effect on July 1st, and section 294 of the penal code which prohibits the shipping of liquor unless plainly marked on the outside of the containers. The arrest of the men was made in Denver at a hotel where they called in Mrs. Smith's auto for a trunk full of liquor which she took into Colorado with her from Cheyenne, Wyoming. This is the second arrest that has been made by Mr. Tedrow in Colorado since the Reed amendment went into effect, and the case is to be prosecuted to the full extent of his ability in order to put a stop to the practice of importing liquor.

According to Mr. Tedrow Mrs. Smith and two of her three children

made a trip to Cheyenne, there loaded a trunk with booze, and had it checked as baggage to Denver. Upon arriving in Denver she had it taken to a Denver hotel where she met Jack McLeod on whose ticket she returned to her home in Louisville. She then sent the other men mentioned to Denver in her auto after the cargo, but they were arrested before they could make a getaway and Mrs. Smith's arrest followed last night. Mrs. Smith in defense states that the trunk did not belong to her but to a Hungarian coal miner whom she met in Cheyenne and who persuaded her to check the trunk to Denver. The trunk, however, contains articles belonging to Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Smith is a widow, her husband having been killed last February in an accident in one of the Red mines. Altho she has an English name she is a Slav. She is securing \$12 a month as compensation for the death of her husband. Mr. Tedrow learned from Sheriff Euler that Mrs. Smith had been under suspicion of bootlegging.

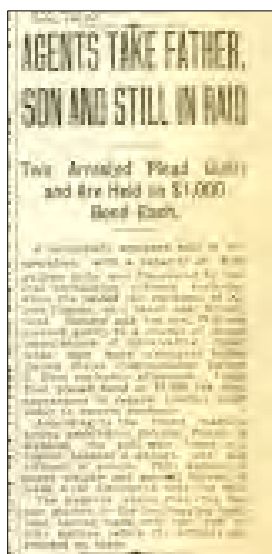
Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection, Boulder Daily Camera, Volume 27, Number 104, July 17, 1917

it "necessities" and had it shipped to a Denver hotel.

Smart lady! She sent her accomplices to the hotel to get the trunk, where they were promptly arrested. Unfortunately, they talked and so was she.

While Mrs. Smith attempted bootlegging by subterfuge, not all Front Range bootleggers were so subtle. In May 1919, two unsuspecting deputies arrested two men, Louis Leveau and Walter James, in Niwot for possession of 50 pints of whiskey. “Walter” was really “Red” Conley who had a significant bootlegging operation in Denver and Adams County. Earlier that year, in court, “Red” had repented his bootlegging sins and told a sad story of all the fine cars and fortunes he’d lost. His tale of repentance was well received, and the court released him. Boulder deputies arrested him two weeks later trying to “run the blockade.”^{vii}

Broomfield has a long history of being located along major transportation routes – and clearly, this was attractive to the bootlegging community. In June 1919, authorities were holding a car found abandoned in Broomfield months earlier when the driver escaped police who were chasing him.^{viii} It appears he had good reason to run since he was also on the run from another bootlegging gang, the Lewis Gang. And he’d also escaped from jail in Boulder and was in considerable trouble with Sheriff Buster for that.^{ix}



Other folks took a different approach to this prolonged “dry spell.” In the spring of 1923, a Broomfield family enterprise was interrupted when Prohibition agents raided their still. Father and son both pled guilty on May 26 and were held on \$1,000 bond.^x

“Small potatoes” (not a vodka reference since corn was the ingredient of choice) describes what had just happened a little further up the road in what is now Broomfield! For years, authorities had wondered where all that booze was coming from in the towns of Louisville, Lafayette, Superior and Boulder – and, yes, what would become the City and County of Broomfield. Just a mile northwest of the Monarch Mine #2 (west of Highway 36 near the Flatirons Crossing Exit), authorities searched the house of a “suspected” bootlegger. There was nothing in the house or barns which he showed them. He even invited them in for dinner.

However, when authorities asked to search the outhouse, they were met by “you can’t search that without a warrant” and the hidden entry to the bootlegger’s operation and storehouse was found. The cave, 25’ underground, was large enough to hold a wealth of gallon barrels full of mash, 200 pounds of sugar and a 50-gallon copper still.



Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, Boulder Daily Camera, Number 49, May 1, 1923

While deputies didn’t want to blast the hen house and pig pen immediately above the cave, they did “borrow” a stick of dynamite from the nearby Monarch coal mine and blew up the entry (well, the entry that they found); it appears that there may have been a back door!^{xi}

However well-intentioned the ideals of the Women’s Christian Temperance Union were, prohibition was difficult, at best, to enforce – and it had an economic impact of closing businesses that served alcohol. And, thanks to questionable law enforcement practices, many “soft drink” parlors (like one that still stands on Public Road in Lafayette) sold alcohol. And (surprise!) cases of confiscated liquor kept disappearing from police evidence rooms. There is some evidence that prohibition spurred the growth of organized crime families – both in Colorado and nationally.^{xii}

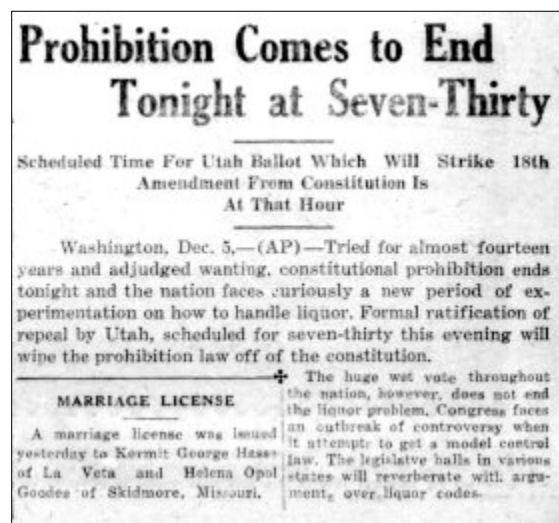
By the late 1920's, Colorado had had enough and in 1926 became the first state to hold a state referendum calling for the repeal of the 18th amendment. Colorado was quickly joined by Arizona, New Mexico and California as well as most of New England. By 1928, more than 12,000 liquor-violation cases were stuck in the Denver courts.^{xiii} Something clearly had to give.

By December 1933, 36 states had voted to ratify the 21st Amendment, repealing prohibition. On the first day that alcohol could be sold (April 7, 1933), the Rocky Mountain News estimated that breweries made \$200,000 on opening day. That's about \$4,000,000 in today's dollars. Breweries that we know today – the Tivoli and Coors – returned as if they'd never left.

This could not have been an easy transition for east Boulder County, which has a strong (and mixed) history on this topic. Lafayette, under the influence of Mary Miller, who was deeply involved in the Women's Christian Temperance Union had a long history of supporting prohibition. And Louisville had an equally strong history of defying it. But Broomfield has inherited much from these jurisdictions as well its neighbors to the south which generally sided with Denver and opposed prohibition. Thank goodness there was at least some room for differing opinions.

Perhaps one of the more interesting changes to come from prohibition is the shift from producing beer in kegs (destined for saloons) to producing beer in cans or bottles. Coors had clearly positioned themselves to grab that part of the market. Post prohibition, the "saloon industry" faded as consumption in cans and bottles increased. Until the rise of today's brewing industry, alcohol sales, particularly beer, focused on portability of their product. Today's Colorado brewing industry traces its roots to both the "saloon era" and the changed technology which prohibition brought. So, that being said, "Anyone up for a beer?"

Interested in learning more about the impact of prohibition in Colorado? Check out the work of Sam Bock, at History Colorado <https://erstwhileblog.com/2019/02/27/colorado-prohibition-movement/> and History Colorado's article at <https://www.historycolorado.org/story/2022/08/12/final-round>.



The World Independent, Volume XLVI, Number 196, December 5, 1933

FEATURED STORY: ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND MY 3RD GREAT-GRANDFATHER WILLIAM WOOD, KAREN YUDNICH

EXCERPT FROM "THERE I GREW UP: REMEMBERING ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S INDIANA YOUTH" BY WILLIAM E. BARTELT

CHAPTER 12 – WILLIAM WOOD

"Wood settled on a ridge north of Little Pigeon Creek, about a mile and a half north of the Lincoln farm, putting him on the extreme northern edge of the Lincoln neighborhood. Apparently, Wood was an adult with whom Lincoln discussed issues of the day and from whom he sought guidance. Evidently, Lincoln referred to him as "uncle." Wood was forty years old when the Lincolns left Indiana."

"Abe was always a man though a boy"

William Wood

Wood provided Herndon information on the Lincoln family on a young Lincoln formulating and expressing opinions on the issues of the day.

Wm Wood

My name is Wm Wood-- Came from Ky in 1809., March, and settled in Indiana -- now Spencer Co -- Settled on the "yonder"-- about 1 1/2 m north of the Lincoln farm -- am now 82 yrs of age. Knew Thomas and Abm Lincoln & family well. Thomas Lincoln & family Came from Ky Hardin Co, in 1816 according to my recollection. Mrs Thomas Lincoln -- Abe's mother was sick about 1 1/2 years after she came. I sat up with her all night. Mrs Lincoln, her mother & father were sick with what is called the milk Sickness. Sparrow & wife -- Mrs Lincoln's father & Mother as well as Mrs L all died with that sickness -- the Milk Sickness. Thomas Lincoln often and at various times worked for me --made cupboards & other household furniture for me -- he built my house-- made floors -- run up the stairs -- did all the inside work for my house. Abe would Come to my house with his father and play and romp with my children."



I never knew the story about the relationship of my 3rd great grandfather until I uploaded a picture of my great grandfather's house on Ancestry and my cousin (4th cousin once removed) emailed me the William Wood history. There are so many things to discover when you start looking.

This is a picture of my grandma's chest of drawers made by Thomas Lincoln and now in the Indiana State Museum located in Indianapolis, Indiana. My aunt kept it forever because she said, "It makes great storage!"

I remember this at my grandmother's house every summer when I stayed a week. Every time I was home sick, I would stare at it because my mother and father's pictures always sat on top of it.



BEYOND OUR BRANCHES: NEWS FROM OTHER GENEALOGY SOCIETIES

NATIONAL GENEALOGY SOCIETY (NGS)

Plan to join the National Genealogical Society (NGS) for our next [Culture Conversation](#), featuring A'Lelia Bundles, Madam C. J. Walker biographer and great-great-granddaughter, about family and historical research. Participate in this free event via Zoom* on 7 February 2024 at 8:00 p.m. (ET). Use the Culture Conversation link to register for this zoom event.

Bundles founded the Madam Walker Family Archives, the largest private collection of Walker ephemera, photographs, and memorabilia. She authored *On Her Own Ground: The Life and Times of Madam C.J. Walker* and spent three decades as a television executive and producer at NBC News and ABC News. She has served in numerous roles for nonprofits and institutions and is chair emerita of the board of the National Archives Foundation. Bundles is a recipient of an Emmy and a du Pont Gold Baton. Learn more about Bundles, her accomplishments, and ongoing work at aleliabundles.com.

Culture Conversations discuss the nexus of history, culture, and genealogy. Immerse yourself in thought-provoking books, compelling films, and captivating media that shed light on our shared history. Culture Conversations celebrate people, places, art, food, music, and more through meaningful dialogue with fellow genealogists and family historians. Discover the power of unity through diverse stories. Be part of the conversation.

COLORADO GENEALOGY SOCIETY (CGS)

CGS offers an on-going series of events and informational activities on a monthly basis. For information about:

- ✓ Beginning Genealogy,
- ✓ Write Now,
- ✓ Tech (Family Tree Maker), and
- ✓ February's Program – "Dear Diary – Find and use letters, diaries and memoirs, even if your family left none, with Eilene Lyon.

For more information about CGS Events, [click here](#).

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Interested in joining? Visit us at <https://www.broomfieldgensoc.org/>

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IMPORTANT ITEMS

Use spinner to change the calendar year

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BGS meets at several locations:

- 1) Broomfield Library, 3 Community Park or
- 2) 26 Garden Center.

See newsletter for details.

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FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

February is:

- ✓ Black History Month
- ✓ American Heart Month
- ✓ Great American Pie Month
- ✓ Library Lovers Month

And on these days, we celebrate –

- 1 Feb – National Dark Chocolate Day
- 2 Feb – Groundhog Day
- 4 Feb – National Cancer Day
- 6 Feb – National Lame Duck Day
- 7 Feb – National Wear Red Day
- 8 Feb – National Take your Child to the Library Day
- 9 Feb – National Read in the Bathtub Day and National Pizza Day
- 10 Feb – National Umbrella Day and Clean Out Your Computer Day
- 11 Feb – National Make a Friend Day
- 12 Feb – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Feb – Valentine's Day
- 15 Feb – Susan B. Anthony Day
- 16 Feb – Do a Grouch a Favor Day
- 17 Feb – President's Day
- 18 Feb – National Drink Wine Day
- 19 Feb – National Chocolate Mint Day
- 21 Feb – National Caregiver's Day
- 22 Feb – George Washington's Birthday, Be Humble Day and National Margarita Day
- 24 Feb – National Tortilla Chip Day
- 25 Feb – National Chocolate Covered Nut Day and Let's All Eat Right Day
- 26 Feb – Tell a Fairy Tale Day
- 27 Feb – No Brainer Day
- 28 Feb - National Chocolate Souffle Day
- 29 Feb – Leap Day (every four years) and Rare Disease Day