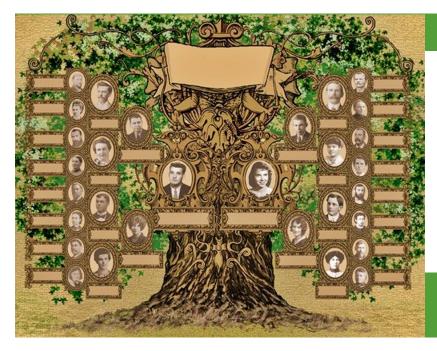
# **BGS** Newsletter





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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The past could be jettisoned,,,but seeds got carried.

Joan Didion, Where I Was From.

## A Letter from the President



Hello, members,

Winter does not seem to be fading as fast as many of us would hope. The flowering of Spring bulbs and fruit trees are doing their best to turn back those stray snowflakes. Our Society is moving forward into 2024 with optimism for our plans that you will find interesting and enjoyable.

Please take advantage of all of the great resources on our <u>website</u> for members. We continue to improve this site and welcome any feedback you have to make it better.

Our monthly meetings will continue through November for our members and guests that include a short presentation by your Executive Board Members regarding society business, updates and happenings with BGS, followed by a keynote speaker who will present topics of interest. We are doing our best to settle on a consistent meeting place, but until we can, we ask that you pay close attention month by month. Our 2nd Tuesday Genealogy Group has started a valuable series on the Genealogical Proof Standard. It promises to be a useful set of tools that will surely improve your tree. Also, our Activities Committee is planning three field trips later this year to allow our members to participate with other members in events and visits to important local sites of genealogical interest.

As always, we invite all of our members to contact any of the Society officers with your suggestions and questions.



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#### UP AND (ARE YOU COMING?) EVENTS

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

THURSDAY 5/16, 9 - 10:30 AM

EAST SIMPSON COFFEE HOUSE, 201 E SIMPSON STREET, LAFAYETTE

Please email Steve Lake at <a href="mailto:president@broomfieldgensoc.org">president@broomfieldgensoc.org</a> 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 5/14, 7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM

TOPIC: GENEALOGY PROOF STANDARD, CHAPTER 2

"CONCEPTS FUNDAMENTAL TO GPS." Hosted by Karen Yudnich and presented by Jacque Mahan, this program will explore how we frame our research questions, the sources we use to investigate them, the information these sources generate and how we use that information as genealogical evidence. Advance registration for this meeting is required. For more information see Karen's article in *A Word from Your Officers* below.

#### CARNEGIE LIBRARY FIELD TRIP

TUESDAY 5/14, 1:00 - 2:30 PM

1125 PINE STREET, BOULDER, CO

Please join us for a presentation on the library's collections and an opportunity to explore how you might use these in your genealogical research. <u>Street parking is limited</u>. There is a public parking lot at 11<sup>th</sup> and Spruce Streets as well as the Spruce Street Parking Garage at 11<sup>th</sup> and Spruce. <u>Carpooling is highly recommended</u>. <u>Please contact Jacque Mahan at Secretary@Broomfieldgensoc.org for more information and to sign up for this field trip</u>. For more information see Jacque Mahan's article in *A Word from Your Officers* below.

**BGS MAY MEETING** 

MONDAY 5/16, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

#### BROOMFIELD LIBRARY, 3 COMMUNITY PARK RD, BROOMFIELD - EISENHOWER MEETING ROOM

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

Icebreaker for social time, "What was an ancestor's favorite mode of transportation – and why?"

**Program** – "Rosie the Riveter." J.R. McKinley brings Rosie to life as she takes us on a fascinating journey, uncovering the untold stories behind this emblematic symbol of resilience and female empowerment. Join us to meet Rosie! See the BGS Calendar on the BGS website for more information.

#### A WORD FROM YOUR OFFICERS

#### FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT, KAREN YUDNICH

Serving as Director of Education, Vice President and President in the last twelve years has taught me much. I few years back, I started the Second Tuesday Genealogy Group to help our members become more familiar with their options for building a family tree. Currently, the National Genealogical Society Book, Mastering Genealogical Proof, is turning out to be quite successful. We have 22 members from various genealogy societies from Colorado, Ohio and New York! So far, we have only reviewed Chapter 1 – so it isn't too late to join if you are interested. Please buy the book and join our class. You can buy the book on Amazon as a Kindle book or paperback:

- ✓ Amazon Print \$33.00 or Kindle e-book \$9.99 Amazon Link.
- ✓ NGS online store in print, if you are a member of NGS, \$20.27, shipping \$27.94 NGS link.

So far, we have only reviewed Chapter 1 and the plan is to be finished by November. This month, we will be studying Chapter 2, Genealogy Proof Standard: Concepts Fundamental to the GPS. Jacque Mahan will lead this discussion. Please register in advance for this special interest group meeting which will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 07:00 Mountain Time by clicking <a href="here">here</a> to register. After registering, you will receive an email confirmation with information about joining the meeting.

Please email Karen Yudnich at VicePresident@Broomfieldgensoc.org if you have any questions.

#### FROM THE RECORDING SECRETARY, JACQUE MAHAN

The Carnegie Library has an extensive local history collection, including documents dating to the Colorado Territory. Genealogists may find the collection of newspaper clippings, papers of pioneer families and businesses, and records of local churches, clubs and mining districts. There is also a collection of maps and photographs which illustrate life in the towns, farms and mining camps of this area.

#### QUESTION OF THE QUARTER

For our first of what we hope will be many in the "Question of the Quarter" series, we asked our readers, "Who is the mystery man (or woman) in your family tree?"

Here are a few "mysteries" our members shared.

MY GREAT GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER IS BURIED UNDER A NUMBER - A SAD CULMINATION OF A VERY INTERESTING LIFE.

By Kay Quinlan

Robert Fleming was born in 1825, but where is the great mystery. Robert definitely lived in Peterborough, Ontario in 1849, when he married Margaret Edmison. There are records of Flemings in Peterborough, land grant requests mentioning County Tyrone, and property sales, but none that definitively line up his relationships or place of birth.

Robert and family had moved to Detroit by 1856, where he was the proprietor of a saloon named The Red Jacket at the corner of Jefferson Avenue and Wayne, the current location of Huntington Place and the Grand Riverview Ballroom B. It was a rough place. In 1856, there was a shooting in the bar between two patrons slinging insults, in 1857 Robert was acquitted of simple larceny, in 1858 Robert and his patrons were searched regarding a nearby robbery, and in 1861 he was charged with assault and battery after clubbing a man who owed him oysters.



By 1863, Robert was in Chicago, listed as a grocer at 254 Clark Avenue, in a wood frame building a few blocks south of the Capitol. On October 8th, 1971, the Great Chicago Fire started, and he was burned out. His whole family survived, as is recorded in a newspaper article sometime in the future, that outlined how one child was

separated from the family during the ordeal.

Robert borrowed some money from family back east, and made his way to the Dakota Territory, where he homesteaded several adjacent tracts of land under his name, as well as his wife's and children's. He made some improvements, including a house, but sold the land and moved to Sioux Falls in short order. The farm still exists intact, the house was the first in the county to get electricity, and my mother and I had the pleasure of having brunch in the house with only the third family to own the property, after we accidently drove up the driveway one Good Friday.



Things did not improve for Robert in Sioux Falls. After several backruptcy and mortgage default notices, along with another grand larceny charge, Robert and his wife were living with their son, Robert George, in Missouri Valley, Iowa by May of 1896. His wife, Margaret, died in March 1897 and is buried in Sioux Falls, SD.

Robert George committed his father, Robert, to the Dakota Hospital for the Insane in Yankton, SD, on April 25th, 1898. Robert was in very poor health, and repeated that he was born in Buffalo, New York his entire stay. He died on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1898. He is buried in the cemetery there under the number 1729. My mom and I would like to replace the number with his name in the future.



Why was Robert's life so eventful? Poor choices? Ne'er-do-well? Bad luck?

Dream chaser? We may never know. Hopefully we will someday discover whether he was actually born in Buffalo, or, as is my belief, in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

#### GARY TILTON AND HIS UNKNOWN FATHER

#### By Jacque Mahan



Rebecca Jones was born in 1842 on the family farm in East Findley, Washington County, Pa. She was nine when her mother died giving birth to the seventh child in the family. Her father tried to take care of everyone but ended up giving the new baby to cousins who raised the child as their own. Six years later, Rebecca's father died. The three oldest girls were twenty, eighteen and Rebecca was fifteen. The six children stayed in the family home and struggled to make it work getting help from their aunt and uncle who lived next door. They were known as the Jones orphans.

At the age of twenty-eight Rebecca found herself in the family way and gave birth to a fine young son named Garrison Lloyd Tilton. No one knew the father's name or what the story was until .... DNA.

Then we learn that Rebecca's family farm was right next door to the Enon Baptist Church, a beautiful country church that the whole family attended. At the time of Garrison's conception, the pastor was Reverend Morgan Tilton, and he was very well-known. The preacher had a son, Enoch Dallas Tilton, and according to an exhaustive DNA search, he fathered the child at the age of twenty-two. Four years later he married and had a family with his wife.





Rebecca married an older widower and ended up living with Gary at the end of her life. Suffering from dementia she climbed out an upstairs window and then fell off the porch roof. The end to a very tragic story when viewed from our perspective.

The picture above on the left is Rebecca and her son Gary. The picture on the right is Enon Baptist Church today. The house on the lower left was where Gary lived and where Rebecca fell from the porch roof.

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!

The next Question of the Quarter of 2024 will be: "Who are the 'Romeo and Juliet' in your family tree?" Do you have a couple who "ran away" to get married? To Vegas? Or Hancock Maryland, an east coast hot spot for such doings in the early 1900's? A May-December couple? Or a cougar? Want to share? Contact your editor at <a href="mailto:editor@broomfieldgensoc.org">editor@broomfieldgensoc.org</a> to share.

- 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. If you don't want to do the writing, your editor is happy to ghost write
- 2) Pop it in an email and send it off to editor@broomfieldgensoc.org
- 3) It will miraculously appear in our next quarterly newsletter (August 2024).

### FEATURED ARTICLE: BROOMFIELD TRAVEL TIPS (CIRCA 1920)"

By Gail Elias, Editor

WIND DESTROYS POLES.

BROOMFIELD, Colo., Dec. 27.—Fourteen telephone poles, carrying the main line from Denver to Cheyenne, were blown down by the high wind on Lincoln highway between Broomfield and Westminster. Other lines were used temporarily so that service was not seriously hampered. On April 6, 2024, Broomfield (and much of the Front Range) was treated to 100 mph winds. On March 13, Broomfield got 14-22 inches of snow. Not news to us today – and not news to anyone

who was living in what became the City and County of Broomfield a hundred years ago. In 1915, fourteen electric poles blew over between Broomfield and Westminster. In April of 1920, the adjacent article describes Joe Bonnell's experience trying to walk from Broomfield to Lafayette. Joe's experience was topped by the 1,800 Boulder-Denver autos who ran into trouble in July 1920 in two predictable trouble spots – Zang Hill (near the Depot) and Goodhue Hill (just north of Miramonte Boulevard – which wasn't there yet).

# 1800 BOULDER ENVER AUTOS STALLED ON THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY IN MUD THAT FOLLOWED THE STORM

Today, we have snow tires (studded or not) and chains. Tires today are typically about 8" wide; in the early 1900's tires were about 3" wide<sup>iii</sup> - the same size as today's e-bike tires. Snow tires weren't invented until 1934. While the snowplow was invented in 1913, it was designed for city – particularly New York City – use. Travel was a different experience – and that doesn't even take into account the roads.

#### THE MOVEMENT TO PAVE ROADS

Something we might take for granted is the concept that roads are paved. The first road in the US was paved with asphalt in 1870 – and it was in Newark, NJ.vi In 1915, the Colorado Department of Transportation reported that 196 miles of the 5,844 miles in the state system were paved.vii None of them appear to have been in Broomfield.

In 1912, an Indiana entrepreneur had the idea to build a paved highway from Times Square in NYC to Lincoln Park in San Francisco. The next year, when the Lincoln Highway was officially proclaimed, it included a loop through



# BROOMFIELD LIES 66 MILES DISTANT

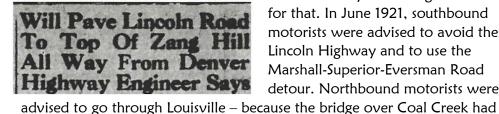
So Says 'Joe' Bonnell And He Knows For He Stepped It Off

J. A. Bonnell Sr. says that instead of Broomfield being six miles distant from Lafayette it is sixty-six miles away. And Bonnell should know for he walked the distance last Monday through snowdrifts which he declares were 75 feet deep. It happened thusly: Saturday morning Joe went to Denver to bring out a truck load of fruits and vegetables for his market. He left Denver about 7 a. m. and got to Broomfield at 10 o'clock, but got no further on account of the storm. He managed to find a kind hearted citizen who took him in out of the cold and snow and gave him "eats" and "sleeps." He found shelter for his fruits and vegetables in the Broomfield garage. Monday morning he decided that he must get back to Lafayette, so he started out to walk it. And what's more he did walk it. At some of the drifts he made a noise like a snowplow and went through; others he climbed up one side and slid down the other; several he tunneled through, but by perseverance and sublime nerve he finally negotiated the "sixty-six" miles and walked into his place of business as fresh and chipper as a sweet girl gradnate.

Colorado. The "Loop" left the main highway at Big Springs NE, with a diagonal to Denver and then straight north to Cheyenne WY. Today Highways I-76 and I-25 parallel the suggested route. It was included (allegedly) because Colorado had protested the decision to go straight across Wyoming after Colorado had supported the Hoosier tour. The Lincoln Highway Association "dropped" the Colorado Loop in 1915, but Colorado didn't stop promoting it. This was only the first of many episodes of "wheeling and dealing" around the Lincoln Highway.ix

The only problem for Colorado was – none of these roads were paved and at least one, Highway 287, did not exist. In October 1913, State Primary Road No 2 was designated the Lincoln Highway and was marked with broad red, white and blue stripes. This highway ran (mostly) straight south from Longmont to Lafayette and then straight south to Broomfield. The Boulder Commissioners planned to gravel (not pave) this road in the spring.x

Navigating the gravel road appears to have been challenging at times – and the Historic Newspapers Collection includes numerous incidents of "people driving badly." Clearly that hasn't changed. One more thing that hasn't changed – the political fall-out. In January 1919, Boulder County Commissioner, S.A. Greenwood wrote a letter to the editor of the Daily Camera complaining that "not all gravel is alike." He noted that the stretch of road that Boulder had paved with gravel frequently experienced high winds – and the gravel simply blew away – and it wasn't really gravel, just common dirt. This stretch was christened "the poorest stretch of road on the Lincoln Highway.xi



And there may be some good evidence for that. In June 1921, southbound motorists were advised to avoid the Lincoln Highway and to use the Marshall-Superior-Eversman Road detour. Northbound motorists were

Highway Lincoln

The original Lincoln Highway

been seriously damaged – and remember these were wooden bridges. XII And all of this after the State Highway Commission (CDOT's parent) had appropriated \$200 per mile to maintain the Lincoln Highway through this area and had acquired a new piece of equipment, a road scraper, to do the work. \*\*\* The following year, plans were made to pave the Lincoln Highway from Denver to the top of Zang Hill – and to address Goodhue Hill and the Railway Crossing as well.xiv And just when you think that things couldn't get any stranger – and that politics" had taken a back seat to practicality, I have news for you. But, you'll have to wait for our next" quarterly newsletter in August to find out what happened next.

#### FEATURED STORY: FINDING ALBERT FASS

By Steve Lake



My mother told me that she thought her great-grandfather, Albert, on the left, looked rather gruff in this photograph. Since he died twenty-two years before she was born, she didn't know much about him. She did have memories of her great-grandmother, Charlotte, on the right.

This is what we found out about Albert Fass. He was born in Germany, Reepsholt Parish, in 1832 and immigrated by himself as a single adult in 1855 through New Orleans. He settled in Benton township of Nemaha County, Nebraska, and married a widow, Anna, who had had three sons. Two of her sons had been killed in an explosion. He was married for about fifteen years and had no children, then his first wife died. Albert then married a second

widow, Charlotte, who had had three children. Together, Albert and Charlotte had ten of their own children.

I agree that Albert looks rather gruff in this family picture, but in learning about his life, he was really a kind-hearted man. He married Anna, took in her son and even took care of her deceased husband's burial. After Anna died, he married a second widow, Charlotte, and took in her two living children. One of her sons had died two years before her first husband died and her daughter died within a year after she married Albert. Again, Albert took care of the burial of Charlotte's first husband and daughter. Albert and Charlotte were founding members of the St. Johns Lutheran Church.

Other interesting things that we found out about Albert had to do with his birth family in Germany. His parents were Johann Fass (1797-1866) and Anna Catherine Luken (1801-1857) and he had four brothers and one sister. One older brother had the same name as Albert and died six months before Albert was born. His youngest brother died before age two and a third brother died in Germany in 1899. The Reepsholt Parish church book had no death dates for Albert, obviously, but neither for his sister, Almuth, and his fourth brother, Harmon. My first question was that these two siblings had not died in Reepsholt Parish, but could they have left Germany like Albert had? Finding that answer was quite a long and complicated search.

There was a gravestone in Johnson County, next to Nemaha County, for Herman Fass (1840-1918). After I received my reprints of the Reepsholt Parish church books, I saw that Albert's brother, Harmon, was born in 1840. I then requested a marriage record for either a Harmon or Herman Fass from the Johnson County courthouse. It gave his parents' names as Johann and Anna, the same as Albert's, although quite common. Later, an obituary was uploaded to the burial memorial of Herman that listed a sister-in-law as Mrs. Albert Fass and also four nieces. The same process was repeated for these four nieces to discover who their parents were. The father of the oldest three girls was Johan Harms Weber. Johan brought his wife, Almuth, and oldest daughter, Meta, with him to America in 1864, along with Almuth's brother, Harm. Johan died about 1873 and his widow, Almuth, married Johan Diedrich Janssen in 1874, and then she had her fourth daughter. As you can see, it took several pieces of evidence to piece together these relationships. The last piece was derived from the fact that Johan and Almuth Janssen were founding members of the Immanuel Lutheran Church near Sterling, Nebraska. I took my mother to Sterling, and we



found Almuth's gravestone in the Immanuel Cemetery with the name Johnson. Evidently Janssen was pronounced the same as Johnson.

I am not sure that the descendants of Almuth from Johnson County will be convinced that they have cousins in Nemaha County, as the families had lost track of each other over the years. I did my best to share all of the record sources that led me to my conclusion, if anyone has questions and takes the time to review the evidence. I would not have gotten very far in the process without Herman/Harmon's obituary, which was supplied by a genealogist who lives in Sterling, but is only distantly related. She also supplied obituaries of the four nieces of Herman. The Reepsholt church books were expensive, but were well worth it because they got me started on my quest to find out more about Albert, the not-so-gruff great-grandfather, Fass.

## BEYOND OUR BRANCHES: NEWS FROM OTHER GENEALOGY SOCIETIES

NATIONAL GENEALOGY SOCIETY (NGS)

## 2024 VIRTUAL FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE, 16-18 MAY "EXPANDING POSSIBILITIES ON YOUR GENEALOGICAL JOURNEY

If you register, you will be able to access every lecture through 15 August 2024. This conference has something for everyone:

- ✓ Records: From the Obvious to the Not-So-Obvious Resources,
- ✓ Methodology: The Nuts and Bolts of Building a Family Tree, from Planning to Cluster Research, Proving Identity, Report Writing and More,
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence: Applying the Newest technology in Genealogy Writing and Analysis,
- ✓ DNA: Beyond the Basics to Advanced Tools, and
- ✓ Ethnic and LGBTQIA+ Research.

For more information visit the NGS website here.

#### COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (CGS)

# $100^{TH}$ ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON, SATURDAY, MAY 18, 11:30 AM, MILE HI CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER, 9077 W. ALAMEDA AVE, LAKEWOOD, CO

Let's celebrate 100 years of great genealogy. Tickets are \$28 per person and must be purchased by May 8. Keynote Speaker: James Jeffery. For more information, click <u>here</u>.

For more information about on-going CGS Events, click <u>here</u>. Some programs with sequential lessons, such as Write Now, are nearing completion. If you're newly interested in that topic, waiting for the sessions to recycle after the summer holiday may be a good choice.

LARIMER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  $-50^{TH}$  ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, SATURDAY, MAY 18, 10 AM -12 PM, FORT COLLINS SENIOR CENTER - PRAIRIE SAGE ONE ROOM

For more information, click <u>here</u>.

#### LIVING DNA

Thursday, April 25th, was DNA Day and many of the usual suspects are offering reduced prices on DNA kits. Director of Education, Kirk Hayer, would like to share an outstanding offer from Living DNA – offering 25% of selected DNA upgrades for the whole month. A unique focus of their offer is genetic health DNA – which can provide the latest scientific tests designed to support your health – whatever your age. If you have taken a Living DNA test or uploaded to Living DNA you can select a test without the need to take a new sample. You will need to create a health profile (if you've not done that already) and select wellness goals to see which tests are specific to you. Test results are generally available within 72 hours.

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## **IMPORTANT ITEMS**

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2nd Tuesday Genealogy Group # **Executive Board Meeting @** 

BGS meets at several locations: 1) Broomfield Library, 3 Community Park or



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#### MAY HOLIDAYS

#### May is:

- ✓ Salad Month
- ✓ Wildfire Awareness Month
- ✓ Better Sleep Month
- ✓ American Cheese Month

And on these days, we celebrate -

- 1 May May Day
- 2 May World Password Day
- 3 May National Paranormal Day
- 4 May Kentucky Derby
- 5 May Cinco de Mayo
- 8 May National Give Someone a

Cupcake Day

- 9 May National Lost Sock Day
- 11 May National Twilight Zone Day
- 13 May Apple Pie Appreciation Day
- 14 May National Bond with Your

Dog Day and National Dance Like a Chicken Day

16 May – National Do SomethingGood for Your Neighbor and National

Sea Monkey Day

18 May – Armed Forces Day and

National No Dirty Dishes Day

21 May – Eat More Fruits and

Vegetables Day

- 22 May Sherlock Holmes Day
- 23 May International Chardonnay Day
- 24 May National Asparagus Day
- 25 May Geek Pride and National Tap Dance Day
- 26 May National Paper Airplane Day
- 27 May Memorial Day
- 28 May World Hunger Day
- 29 May National Alligator Day and
- National Snail Day
- 30 May National Hug Your Cat Day
- 31 May National Smile Day