



**Records of the Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society,
Inc
(1983-1995)**

ANCESTOR SEEKERS GENEALOGY
SOCIETY, INC.



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Description of Collection

Origination

The Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc.

Title

The Records of the Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc., 1983-1995.

Physical Description

1 cubic foot, 1 record carton.

Repository

Douglas County History Research Center
Douglas County Libraries, 100 S. Wilcox St., Castle Rock, CO 80104-11911.

Location of Collection

For current location of this collection, please consult the archivist.

Collection identification

1996.022 - MSS-007.

Administrative Information

Restriction on Access

There are no access restrictions.

Restrictions on Use

The collection is used in the presence of Douglas County History Research Center staff. Some items may be fragile and may only be duplicated with permission of the archivist.

Acquisition Information

Donation.

Custodial History (Provenance)

These records were created as a result of the normal business functions of the Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc. The records were donated to the Local History Collection-Douglas Public Library District in 1996.

Note (Abstract)

These are the records of the Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc., 1983-1995. The collection documents the history of this organization from its inception in 1983 until its dissolution in 1995. The records include minutes of society and board meetings; reports of the officers; membership lists; newsletters; copies of forms used by the society; records of the Publicity Chairman, and documentation of genealogy material donated to the Philip S. Miller Library, Castle Rock, Colorado.

The collection also includes copies of news releases and clippings of articles related to the society.

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Processing Information

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject, chronologically within subject headings.

Historical Note

1983 (Mar. 7) - The Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc. was founded by Sharon Lee and Mary Ann Thornton. The first meeting was held on March 7th, and the organization decided they would accept charter members through November of 1983.

1983 (Apr. 4) - Sharon Lee held a workshop on filling out pedigree charts and family group sheets. The members were asked to make three copies of each: one for their records, one for the library, and one for the archivist.

1983 (Oct. 17) - It was noted in the meeting minutes that members could only use the Denver Public Library by paying \$10 per day or \$100 per year.

1984 (Jan. 16) - The society decided to join the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies. Dues were \$10 plus \$.50 per member, and in return the societies' members would be able to use the Denver Public Library for only \$20 a year.

1985 (Jan. 27) The society had decided not to join the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, since the less expensive Denver Public Library card was the only benefit. Betty Nicholls complained that the savings on the card was the main reason she had joined the Ancestor Seekers. It was suggested that the members could pay the \$.50 charge themselves and the society decided to reconsider.

1985 (Apr. 15) - Three new books were donated to the Philip S. Miller Public Library, Castle Rock, Colorado: *Family Tree Detective*, *Marriages in Morgan County, Ohio*, and *Cemeteries of Centex: Manchester Township, Morgan County, Ohio*. Sharon Gardner donated the books.

1986 (May 19) - The question arose of a new place for meetings to be held. The Library [Philip S. Miller Library] building had been sold, and it was expected to be some time before the new library would be built, since at that point land had not yet been purchased.

1986 (Oct. 27) - A new policy of joint purchase of books was explained. A member could buy a book they wanted for research, and the society would pay half of the price. The person would be allowed to use the book for several weeks, and after that it would be donated to the library [the Philip S. Miller Library].

1986/1987 - The by-laws for the society were amended. One change was the deletion of a limit of two consecutive terms by any one officer in any office.

1987 (Feb. 16) - Themes were announced for the following three months:

March: Mary Ann Thornton, marriage records.

April: Share your genealogy periodicals.

May: Bea Barton, research at Salt Lake City LDS [Latter Day Saints].

1988 (Jan. 25) - Seminars being given at the Arapahoe Community College by Colleen Neal. One was on colonial land records and one on United States probate records.

1990 (Oct. 30) - Tour of the LDS [Latter Day Saints] Family History Library. The tour included a demonstration of the new computer system.

1991 (May 20) - The program for the month was: "Genealogy for fun and profit," a video by Arlene Eakle.

1993 (Feb. 23) - There was a discussion of what to do for the 10th anniversary of the society. Ideas included: having refreshments and inviting past and present members of the society, a more elaborate billboard and/or a newspaper article.

1994 (Feb. 22) - This was a reorganization meeting to keep the society from disbanding.

1994 (May 24) - A suggestion was made that the Ancestor Seekers consider disbanding.

1994 (Sept. 27) - A survey was sent to members along with a newsletter to determine what the society could do to improve.

1994 (Oct. 25) - 1920 Federal Census for Douglas County, Colorado, was donated to the library.

1994 (Nov. 22) - The Ancestor Seekers decided to disband, since efforts to recruit new members had been unsuccessful.

1995 (Feb. 2) - Final meeting of the board of the Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc. The society was dissolved.

Controlled Access Headings

Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies.

Family--History.

Genealogy--Organization.

Colorado--Douglas County--Genealogy.

Scope and Content

These are the records of the Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc., 1983-1995. The collection documents the entire history of this organization. Included in the records are the minutes, which describe monthly meetings of the society, programs they had, the goals and purpose of the organization, and problems the organization encountered. The collection also includes board meeting minutes and officer's reports which illustrate the decision making process of the officers.

The newsletter published by the organization not only announced upcoming meetings and events. It also gave advice on genealogical research, and prices for various services available to genealogists.

The records also include copies of press releases, newspaper clippings, and information concerning publicity used by the society.

By-laws for 1983 and revised by-laws for 1989 document the society's objectives, membership and dues requirements, duties of officers and board members, and the standing rules of the organization. The collection contains documentation of correspondence, dues, membership, and donations made by the society throughout its existence.

Adjunct to Descriptive Data (Related Material)

The Douglas County History Research Center and the reference section of the Philip S. Miller Library - Douglas County Libraries hold books, census records and genealogical research material donated by the Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc. For access to this material, consult DCHRC staff, or the catalog of the Douglas County Libraries

Subordinate Components (Box/Folder list)
The Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc., MSS-007

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Advertisements and fliers, samples from other organizations	n.d., 1989-1990
1	2	Advertising Material, Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc.	n.d., 1989-1993
1	3	Agendas	1983-1994
1	4	American Genealogical Lending Library, order sheets and literature	1983-1992
1	5	Annual reports	1983-1994
1	6	By-laws	[c.a. 1983]-1989
1	7	Certificates and articles of incorporation	1983
1	8	Clippings and photographs	1983-1987
1	9	Corporate reports and tax papers	1985-1995
1	10	Correspondence	1983-1995
1	11	Dues ledger	1983-1994
1	12	Dues renewal forms	1993-1994
1	13	Forms and worksheets, blank	n.d.
1	14	Gift receipt forms, Philip S. Miller Library	1983-1995
1	15	Guest book	1983-1994
1	16	Lee, Sharon. <i>Genealogy</i> . Article in "Relax"	September & October, 1985
1	17	Membership applications	1983-1994
1	18	Membership book, attendance records	1983-1990
1	19	Membership information, master copies	n.d.
1	20	Membership lists	1983-1994
1	21	Minutes	1983-1987
1	22	Minutes	1988-1994
1	23	Minutes, board meetings	1983-1995
1	24	New member information packets	n.d.
1	25	Newsletters, Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc.	1983-1989
1	26	Newsletters, Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc.	1990-1994
1	27	Officers	1991-1994
1	28	Pedigree charts, ancestor charts	n.d., 1987
1	29	Press releases	1989-1994
1	30	Program lists and speaker biographies	n.d., 1990-1994
1	31	Publicity chairperson's duties	1993
1	32	Publicity, membership ideas	n.d., 1990-1992
1	33	Receipt books	1986-1988
1	34	Surveys, Ancestor Seekers Genealogy Society, Inc.	[1994]
1	35	Treasurer's reports	1983-1987
1	36	Treasurer's reports	1987-1994
1	37	Workshops, advanced and beginning, Valerie Lain	1992

Appendix A

Membership, 1983-1994

Anderson, Ann F.	Heard, Charley Z.	Owen, Pamela
Bailey, Arthur W.	Heard, Linda	Pippin, Tony
Bain, Norma	Higby, Maxine	Pope, Donna
Barnard, Charles	Hunt, Betty	Rider, Herbert
Barnard, Walter	Hutton, Nida	Rider, Jean
Bartholomew, Carol R.	Jeffrey, James K.	Robertson, Lynn
Barton, Bea	Katzenmeier, Wendy	Roesler, Sharon
Bell, Jessa-Lee (Rasmussen)	Kolacny, Norma	Sandell, Robert
Bishop, Mary Louise	Langdon, Eileen M.	Sandell, Rosemary
Blakeslee, Judy	LaRue, Jamie	Scherer, Jean
Boyd, Nancy	Lee, Sharon	Schwing, Doris
Bray, Donald	Lewis, Les	Sjostrom, Joan
Brown, Charles D.	Long, Jeffrey	Skelton, Sis
Brown, Jane	Lutz, Janice	Starr, Lorie
Brown, Phyllis	MacHann, Barbara	Steck, Marilyn
Bryant, Marsh	McDermott, Julie	Stone, Norma (Cartwright)
Bryden, Mary L.	McFarland, Peter	Strich, Shirley
Buck, Michelle	McFarland, Ruth	Stroup, Icel
Budd, Lily	McGough, Gloria	Tarin, William
Buffy, Steve	McGraw, Lovena G.	Thomas, Bonnie
Cathcart, Harold	McGraw, Nelson W.	Thornton, Mary Ann
Christison, Connie	McWilliams, Jeffery	Thury, Marge M.
Christison, Ken	McWilliams, Karla	Trautman, Marjorie
Conlisk, James	Merrill, Kay M.	Tripet, Brent
Cramer, Cindy	Mikelson, Judy	Tripet, Robert
Deni, Holly	Mikita, Joyce	Tye, Gordon E., Jr.
Dunn, Jean	Millimes, Jacquelin	Vance, Janet
Elzi, Vi	Moller, Marcie	Walker, Esther M.
Ferguson, Maxine J.	Moore, Gayenlle	Walton, Virginia
Ferguson, Thelma	Moore, Jan	Wardrip, Jerry
Fesing, Tom	Moser, Keith	Weir, Ruth
Fretag, Jane	Mossman, Betty C.	Wells, Harlan
Fretag, Philip	Mossman, John M.	Wells, Lynn J.
Gardner, Sharon	Muese, Eleanor	West, Daniel S.
Gillespie, Terri, Dr.	Neal, Betty	Whitaker, Jim
Goodrich, Sue	Nellessen, Sandra	Wilson, Jean
Green, Jamie	Nicholls, Betty	Woffard, Dan
Gresham, Gayle	Nicodemus, Donald	Wood, Frances
Grimes, Kathleen (Kay)	Nicodemus, Loretta	Young, Carol
Grimes, Vernon	Noble, Eugene	Zahorik, Katherine B.
Haeflein, Marsha K.	Noble, Patsy	Ziegler, Carolyn
Ham, Phyllis	Noe, Letitia (Sis)	Ziegler, Harry
Harden, Johanna	Noe, Ida May	Ziegler, Larry (Rev.)
Hays, Alice	Oltmans, Helen	Ziegler, Wilmeta