



Thursday, August 12, 2021, 1 pm-*Genealogy and Ancestral DNA*
Speaker Dot Dorman, EPGS member

1980-2021 Estes Park Genealogical Society 41st Year

New Website: <https://estesparkgenealogicalsociety.weebly.com/> **Administrator-Bob Leavitt**
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Estes Park Genealogical Society (EPGS): For 41 years, our society has sponsored professional speakers from the Northern Colorado region to present monthly genealogical programs, free of charge to the general public. If you have an interest in family history or genealogy and would like meeting with other local researchers, we invite you to join us!

Monthly Meetings: Estes Valley Library Hondius Room on 2nd Thursdays, 1-2:30 pm, followed by ½ hour of optional genealogical help. We will have the Hondius Room from 1-3, with 15 minutes before and after reserved for set-up and clean-up. Our general schedule: 1 Introduction, 1:15-2:15 Program, 2:15 Questions & Announcements, 2:30 break, followed by 2:35 Optional Genealogical Help Available, with clean-up by 3:15.

Last Month's Meeting: Our 2nd 2021 EPGS meeting on July 8th, was attended by 7 members and 1 guest, Tom Warner from Carriage Hills. EPGS member Bob Leavitt presented his research identifying James McLaughlin as the occupant of the 2nd Historic Ranch in Estes Park, located up Fish Creek, above the Estes/Evans Ranch, in the current Carriage Hills neighborhood. While Bob had previously presented this program to the Museum, this program was tailored to our group, emphasizing sources, methods and providing tips for genealogical research, such as using historic newspapers & land records.

NEWS: Bob Leavitt agreed to be the administrator for the new EPGS website. Kris Holien will soon be providing the Password to the society members.

1:00 (1) Introduction: Welcome-Liz Stewart, President; **(2) Attendance Sheet-**Mary Jo Seifert, Secretary/Membership/Archivist of our EPGS records to the EP Museum; **(3) Financial Report-**Jim Redman, Treasurer: In August, Jim will give a financial report which will include our current balance and paid membership numbers. *[In July, Jim reported our balance rose from \$576 to \$796, with 8 and possibly 9 paid memberships to date. Annual dues for individuals/couples/families rose from \$20 to \$30 in 2021, so that we might shore up our dwindling balance, due to the inability to hold in-person meetings during COVID. This led to both the inability to attract new members, combined with the fees for nine Zoom meetings from April-November 2020. **Please consider renewing your membership** by bringing or mailing a \$30 check made out to EPGS to the meeting or renew your membership by mail to Jim Redman, 540 Laurel Lane, No. 7, Estes Park, CO 80517.*

1:15-2:15 (4) Program-Introduction-Kris Holien, VP/Programs for **Speaker Dot Dorman, EPGS member-*Genealogy and Ancestral DNA***. **Program:** In this power point presentation, Dot will give a brief overview of the main reasons for ancestral DNA testing and how both on-line genealogy resources and DNA testing have changed the way in which people uncover information about their family histories. She will give personal examples from her DNA test results, as well as describe methods for mapping DNA matches for others that have led to locating biological family members for adoptees. The program is geared to individuals who are curious about DNA testing and would like to consider the why and how, along with some potential pitfalls. **Biography:** A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Dot Dorman now lives in Estes Park, with her husband, Scott. Dot retired as the Chief Executive Officer of the Harmony Foundation in June 2018 and has returned to a long-tome interest in family history & genealogy. Born into a large Irish family, she has always been the unofficial “family historian”. Retirement and the pandemic have provided lots of time for research, reading and improving her knowledge and skills in genealogy. Dot currently manages 17 different family trees on Ancestry.com along with managing the DNA results of 7 individuals. Her current projects include research to locate a Revolutionary War soldier in her own family tree and working with DNA results to locate birth family for several adoptees. She and Scott are both involved in community and church organizations, enjoy golfing, and spend part of their time in Hawaii. They have 6 children and 9 grandchildren that they look forward to spending time with. **2:15 Questions - 2:30 Break - 2:35 Optional Genealogical Help.**

Next Month: Thur., Sept. 9, 1 pm: Scottish Records-Diane Barbour. Sat., Sept. 11, 1 pm Larry Carpenter’s Memorial Service at Mountain View Bible Fellowship, 1575 S. St. Vrain.