



**Thursday, July 8, 2021, 1 pm-Researching the Life of James McLaughlin and the
Second Ranch in the Estes Valley: A Genealogist's Perspective
Speaker Bob Leavitt, EPGS member**

1980-2021 Estes Park Genealogical Society 41st Year

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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 genealogy or family history, we invite you to join us and support bringing professional genealogist to Estes Park. In 2020 our membership was 28.

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 will be 1 Introduction, 1:15-2:15 Program, 2:15 Questions & Announcements, 2:30 break, followed by 2:35 Optional Genealogical Help Available/clean-up by 3:15.

Last Month's Meeting: Our 1st 2021 EPGS was attended by 7 members. At this friendly gathering, members shared exciting genealogical finds during the 15 months we were in unable to meet in person, from April 2020-May 2021. Treasurer, Jim Redman reported our beginning 2021 balance is \$576 and annual dues for 2021 of \$30 for individuals, couples, or families was collected or mailed in by members unable to attend the meeting.

1:00 Introduction: Welcome-Liz Stewart, President; **Attendance Sheet Information**-Mary Jo Seifert, Secretary/Membership; **Financial Report**-Jim Redman, Treasurer: We will be collecting annual 2021 dues at the July meeting at the Library, so please bring \$30 (cash or check made out to EPGS) to the meeting if you are planning to attend or mail a check made out to EPGS to Jim Redman, 540 Laurel Lane, No. 7, Estes Park, CO 80517. Jim will give a financial report which will include our current balance and paid membership numbers. Sponsor a Speaker-Contact Jim Redman if you would like to contribute towards helping to cover the \$75 cost for our professional speaker's fee.

1:15-2:15 Program, Introduce Speaker & Bio-Kris Holien, VP/Program
Researching the Life of James McLaughlin and the Second Ranch in the Estes Valley: A Genealogist's Perspective-Program: A few years ago, Carriage Hills resident Bob Leavitt was wondering how the Carriage Hills subdivision got started. He began doing research and soon realized that he had to go back to the early history of the Southern Estes Valley to fully understand the origin of Carriage Hills. One day, Historian Laureate James Pickering told Bob, "I think there was a very early ranch in the Southern Estes Valley." Subsequent research identified James McLaughlin as the occupant of that ranch. But where was it located exactly and what became of the ranch and James McLaughlin? This program will emphasize sources and methods and provide tips for research.
Speaker Bob Leavitt, EPGS member-Biography: Bob and his wife Connie moved from Lincoln, Nebraska to Carriage Hills in 2014, along with their two golden retrievers. They have always loved the Colorado mountains and Estes Park, and decided to retire here. Bob has been a history and genealogy buff for many years. After reading several local history books he discovered that little has been written about the Southern Estes Valley and Carriage Hills. He decided that if this story was going to be written he would have to do it himself. His book on this subject is currently underway and the McLaughlin story will be one chapter. **2:15 Questions/2:30 Break/2:35 Genealogical Help Available**

For Your Information: Program Ideas-Let Kris Holien if you have topic suggestions, or would like to share your research in a program. **Genealogy Magazines**: *Internet Genealogy* Magazines will be available to take home at each meeting. *Family Tree Magazine* is available to read at the Estes library. **Larry Carpenter's Memorial Service**-Sat., Sept. 11, 1 pm at Mountain View Bible Fellowship, Highway 7 & Peak View Dr.

Next Meeting-Thursday, August 12, 1 pm

Speaker Dot Dorman, EPGS member, *Genealogy & Ancestral DNA*