



Thursday, September 9, 2021, 1 pm - *The Boulder Pioneers Project: Lessons in Community-Wide Genealogical Research.* Speaker Dina Carson

**UNEXPECTED CHANGE OF PROGRAM due to medical emergency.**

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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:** At Estes Valley Library Hondius Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2:25 break, followed by 2:30 Optional Genealogical Help Available, with clean-up by 3:15.

**Last Month's Meeting:** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 EPGS meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>, was attended by 15. EPGS member, Dot Dorman presented a power point program on DNA. She covered how on-line genealogy resources and DNA testing have changed the way people uncover information about their family histories. She also described methods for mapping DNA matches to locate unknown biological family members, as with adoptees. Dot had previously presented an introductory version of this DNA program via Zoom to the Estes Park Women's Club in April 2021, entitled, *Genealogy and Ancestral DNA*.

**NEWS:** EPGS welcomes new members, Mel & Gray Rueppel! Mel is currently interested in using his DNA test results & historical sources to identify his paternal Grandmother, her

parents, and possible siblings in the St. Louis area. Gray has already had extensive research completed by family members in early MA & 1600s in Netherlands/Germany.

### **1:00 Introduction:**

**Welcome**-Kris Holien, V.P. for Liz Stewart who will be returning from the valley.

**Attendance Sheets & Newsletters**-Mary Jo Seifert, Secretary/Membership/Archivist

**Financial Report**-Jim Redman, Treasurer: In September, Jim will give a financial report which will include our current balance and paid membership numbers. In August, Jim reported our balance rose from \$796 to \$836 and paid 2021 memberships rose from 8 to 10. Annual dues are currently \$30 in 2021 for individuals/couples/families. For those that have not already done so, **please consider renewing your membership** by bringing a check payable to EPGS to the meeting or renew by sending it to: Jim Redman, 540 Laurel Lane, No. 7, Estes Park, CO 80517.

### **1:15-2:15**

**Program-Introduction**-Kris Holien, V. P./Programs for **Speaker Dina Carson.**

**Biography:** Dina has been involved in genealogy for more than three decades, and is currently the coordinator of the Boulder Pioneers Project, a comprehensive look at the original source documents for Boulder County during the Territorial period (1859-1876). Dina is an author, lecturer, publisher, and is working with the Colorado State Archives.

**Program:** The Boulder Pioneers Project: Lessons in Community-Wide Genealogical Research. Most genealogists know that conducting location-based research is going to help them find information about their ancestors, but how many look at the entire community to find out how ancestors lived? How do you conduct a community-wide search? What's involved and what can you learn? The Boulder Pioneers Project has been an on-going look at the original source materials for Boulder County to discover the people who arrived before statehood in 1876. Many interesting and surprising stories have come to light as a result of the research. A community-wide project may help you discover much more about your ancestors than what you can find looking at individual record groups alone.

**2:15 Questions**

**2:25 Break**

**2:30-3 Optional Genealogical Help**

**Announcements: This Sat., Sept. 11, 1 PM:** EPGS charter member Larry Carpenter's Memorial Service at Mountain View Bible Fellowship, 1575 S. St. Vrain. Specifically planned for Scot Fest weekend, Vi says it is perfectly appropriate to wear your kilt.

**Next Month:** Thur., October 14, 1 pm, To Be Determined. Scheduled October speaker, Dina Carson, is graciously filling in for scheduled September speaker, Diane Barbour.

**After the program, we appreciate you carrying chairs over to the storage closet!**