



The Estes Park Genealogical Society will meet Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Hondius Room of the Estes Valley Library as local resident, Merle M. Moore, presents “Hiring a Professional Genealogy Researcher – A Case Study”. In this presentation Moore will share his personal experiences hiring a professional genealogist in Germany to research his Mother’s LEYRER ancestry. His PowerPoint program will illustrate how he found a researcher, including examples of his communications with him. Moore will also discuss how he convinced 12 Leyrer cousins to participate in the project, each one sharing the cost of hiring an overseas researcher.

Moore will also include a discussion of the initial and final reports he received from the German researcher. The program will conclude with the method used to pay for the researcher’s services, what kind of information was included in the final research report and how that information was shared with the participating cousins.

Merle Moore and his wife, Patricia, came to Estes Park after Merle’s retirement from a career in horticulture management. A member of the Estes Park Genealogical Society since 2005, and a past President of the Society, Moore has been researching his family history for over 20 years. His research has included traveling to Ireland and Germany to visit ancestral homelands. He has also assisted his wife in researching her Polish ancestry and they have traveled to Poland on two occasions to do on-site genealogy research and meet living cousins there.

The EPGS meets the second Thursday of every month from January through November in the library, offering a wide variety of programs and workshops. More information about the Society, including how to become a member, can be found on its website <https://esteparkgenealogicalsociety.weebly.com>. All who are interested in genealogy and family history research are welcome to attend these free public programs.