

**A NEWSLETTER FOR ALL WHO
HAVE COLEHOUR,
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COLHOUR, COLHOWER OR
KOHLHAUER ANCESTRY.**

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Greetings cousins!

This issue marks the 28th anniversary of our distributing this family newsletter!

As in past years, we are adding the newsletter to our website at www.colehour.com. Our Webmaster, **Colin Colehour**, has been very busy again this year updating data. The web site experienced about 19,500 page views in the last twelve months, a little lower than last year.

Our family database is now at number 14,397, an increase of 244 people since the last newsletter and we also added another 107 people to the Kohlhauer database. This increase is below the 2017 level but is stunted by my lack of entering new data gleaned from the website Newspapers.com.

We appreciate the help offered from our many cousins and look forward to hearing about new births, marriages and deaths. We are not sending paper copies of this newsletter any more as most people have email. If you know someone that I have missed have them send me an email request.

Some people have asked how I became interested in the family history and genealogy. So here goes. Around 1983 I received a telephone call at my Miami residence. We are Minnesota natives and did not know anyone in Florida so it was surprising to hear the person say he was Chuck Colehour and he was calling from the airport as he was passing through and found my name in the phone book, something I did as well when I was traveling. He said he was from Rockford, IL. I remembered that I had a bare bones summary of the family history received from my uncle Robert W. Colehour. From that I figured out that we were third cousins, sharing a descent from **Henry Colehower** that moved to Mount Carroll, IL in 1855. My curiosity was piqued and my wife suggested I needed a new hobby. What an understatement!

So I purchased a minimal genealogy software package and started recording my limited information. I began going to the library and looked through their extensive collection of national phone books to collect names and addresses. They also had many old city directories that were helpful. I began writing letters to everyone I could find. Many people I contacted said that they had previously heard from my uncle Robert, so I definitely was not the first to do this. I hired a person in Germany to copy Kohlhauer names and addresses over there. Eventually I collected so much data that I felt it was time to share it in a family newsletter. My first issue came out in 1991 and I was asking for an \$8 subscription fee. Of course this was pre Internet and email and I was just learning how to use a computer so I enlisted

help from co-workers and my wife. I continued with quarterly newsletters for four years until it became too much. From year five to the present I have been sending out one free newsletter per year. In 1996 we took a tour to Germany and met a few of the Kohlhauers there. We were not the first to do this as Richard O. Colehour of Mount Carroll, IL was there the previous year.

Researching was challenging but exciting to me. As we got into the technology age it became easier. I also researched my entire family tree and then did my wife's. My children got real tired of tromping through cemeteries and sitting in libraries. I went from knowing only one great-grandparent to tracing all the way back to the Pilgrims and then some. It has been a fun journey and will ultimately result in a huge genealogy book.

Around the Nation

DNA testing has become the fashionable thing to do in genealogy research. My wife and I, our two children and three grandchildren, my brother, his son and six first cousins have all taken the test through Ancestry.com. Results are very interesting and are improved as more people are tested. I now show matches to 724 fourth cousins or closer compared with 403 last year at this time. A feature relatively new is called DNA Circles where people with shared DNA are centered around a common ancestor. One example is that the immigrant **John Kohlhauer** now shows twenty people that share descent from him. The number of matches is understated because some people have not completed a pedigree chart online so matching can not be verified.

Matt and Maegen Colehour of Cheshire, CT have opened up a language school in their city called Small World Language that is focused on providing early foreign language to children of all ages. Some of the benefits of these classes are: enhanced cultural understanding, communication skills, problem solving, academic achievement and ease of learning additional languages.

We have read that **Sam Colehower** is a pitcher for the University of Northern Colorado baseball team. He graduated from Cherry Hills High School at Englewood, CO and is the son of **Kurt and Juanita Colehower**.

Esther M. Cohen, PA-C, Dermatology Physician Assistant, has been named a 2017 Top Doctor/ Physician Assistant in Maryland. Top Doctor Awards is dedicated to selecting and honoring those healthcare practitioners who have demonstrated clinical excellence while delivering the highest standards of patient care. Esther M. Cohen is a highly experienced and respected physician assistant who has fulfilled the role for more than four decades. Her long and successful career in medicine began in 1974 where she received her education from Johns Hopkins University School of Health Sciences in Maryland, becoming a Certified Physician Assistant. She was among the first to graduate from the Physician Assistant program in the state of Maryland and one of the very first physician assistants in the country to specialize in dermatology, since 1980. In 2013, she was honored and named Physician Assistant of the Year, by the Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants. She was recognized by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants in 2015, as one of 223 physicians assistants nationally consistently certified for 40 years. **Esther** is the daughter of the late **Edward William and Esther (Cohen) Colhouer**.

Anthony Schwartz, grandson of **Gretchen Colehower Schwartz**, is a true freshman receiver for nationally ranked Auburn University football team. At press time he had rushed 20 times for an 9.0 yard average and caught 16 passes for a 18.6 yard average with five total touchdowns. A great start to his career!

Jackson Colehower, son of **William** and **Susan Colehower**, has entered West Point Academy as a member of class of 2022. Thank you for your service!

Our Facebook page “**Descendents of Kohlhauser Colehour Colehower Colhouer Colhour Colhower**” now has 169 members. Go to this link: [http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?ref=ame&id=1147616363#/group.php?gid=5657902685&ref=mf](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?ref=name&id=1147616363#/group.php?gid=5657902685&ref=mf) if you have not yet joined.

Ben Sarasin, son of **Daniel** and **Amanda (Colehour) Sarasin** of Cedar Rapids, IA was the undefeated 3A wrestling state champ last spring at 170 pounds. In the fall he entered the University of Chicago where he will join the wrestling team probably at the 174 pound level.

unknown to us, Kohlhauser immigrant to the US. After researching this line we can confirm that the immigrant is indeed a Kohlhauser. We will explore her family lines below.

Katherine A. Kohlhauser was born October, 1874 at Braunfels, Germany. She was the daughter of **Phillip Konrad** and **Katharina (Schuetz) Kohlhauser**. She had siblings named **Emma**, **Heinrich** and **Marie**, two of which left descendants and thus cousins in Germany. Katherine arrived in the US in 1895 and thirteen days after arrival was married to **Gustave Maag** at Indianapolis, IN, who himself had arrived in the US in 1894 from Switzerland. She died May 27, 1940 at Bend, OR. Her husband died in 1942. They had four children, surname **Maag**: **Theophile G.**, **Deborah Angeline**, **Paul Wesley**, and **Hulda K.**

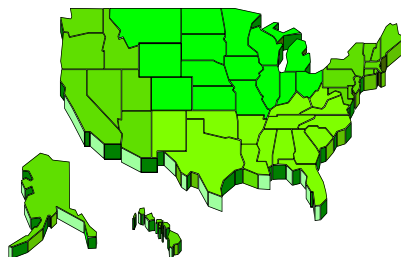
Next Generation

Theophile G. (Ted) Maag was born September 7, 1896 at Cincinnati, OH. He married **Elsie Burdass** in 1921. He died May 9, 1965 at Multnomah Co, OR. His wife died in 1967. Five children, surname **Maag**: **Phyllis Corrine**, **Muriel M.**, **John Wesley**, **Maurice** (died young) and **David Howard**.

Deborah Angeline Maag was born November 5, 1898 in MI. She married **Walter Luce** in 1919. She died November 15, 1970 at Portland, OR. Her husband died in 1973. Three children, surname **Luce**: **Franklin Robert Paul**, **Waldine Katherine** and **Irvin Maag**.

Paul Wesley Maag was born August 14, 1900 at Lowell, MI. He married **Frieda Mittelstaedt** in 1934. He died January 27, 1967 at Multnomah Co, OR. His wife died

HISTORY



In the 2017 issue we wrote about receiving an email from a descendant of another,

in 1980. Two children, surname **Maag**: **Maurice F.** and **Donna Marie**.

Hulda K. Maag was born December 28, 1903 at Santa Claus, IN. She married **Charles Wawrinofsky** around 1925. She died March 28, 1985 at Portland, OR. Her husband died in 1989. One child: **Gloria Deana Wawrinofsky**.

Next Generation

Phyllis Corrine Maag was born November 13, 1924 at Tacoma, WA. She was married to **Robert Lacaff** in 1948 and **Edward Miller** in 1952. She died February 9, 1979 at Spokane, WA. No known children.

Muriel M. Maag was born March 9, 1928 at El Paso, TX. She married **Joseph Olszewski** in 1947. Her husband died in 1999. Three children, surname Olszewski: **David**, **Anna**, and **Judy**.

John Wesley Maag was born May 16, 1929 at El Paso, TX. He was married to **Dorothy Cash** and **Viola Giese**. He died March 21, 2000 at Spokane, WA. No known children.

David Howard Maag was born May 14, 1931 at El Paso, TX. No further information known.

Franklin Robert Paul Luce was born January 17, 1920 at Ione, WA. He married **Genevive Spence** in 1952. He died August 21, 1984 at Portland, OR. No known children.

Waldine Katherine Luce was born October 22, 1921. She married **Neil Conant** in 1946. She died October 26, 2002 at Portland, OR. Her husband died in 2012. Three children, surname Conant: **Randy N.**, **Kathy L.** and **Dennis Richard** (1943-1974).

Irvin Maag Luce was born November 12, 1925 at Priest River, ID. He married **Nancy Johnson**. His wife died in 1995. He died March 30, 1996 at Marion Co, OR. Four children, surname **Luce**: **Albert Barbera**, **Lori**, **Michael I.** and **Deborah A.**

Maurice F. Maag was born April 11, 1936 in WA. He was married three times. Probably two children, names not learned.

Donna Marie Maag was born May 4, 1937 at Bend, OR. She was married three times. She died November 4, 2015 at Portland, OR. Two children, surname **Joseph**: **Joe** and **Misty**.

Gloria Deana Wawrinofsky was born July 9, 1932 in OR. She married **Luvern Meyer** in 1956. Her husband died in 2015. She died August 30, 2017. Children unknown.

Next Generation

There are undoubtedly more entries that should go here but researching living people after the last released census (1940) is very difficult. Please write if you can help.



Abbeline Vennera Parcels was born October 3, 2017 at Creve Coeur, MO to **Joseph R.** and **Gabrielle (Vescoso) Parcels**.

Sophia Grace Kunz was born November 8, 2017 at Creve Coeur, MO to **Austyn T.** and **Meagan (Vescoso) Kunz**.

Laney Mae Cloyd was born July 26, 2018 to **Ryan A.** and **Kendra R. (McCracken) Cloyd**.

Cassidy Andrus Nebert was born August 18, 2018 at Eugene, OR to **Lucas D.** and **Alese M. (Colehour) Nebert**.

MARRIAGES

None reported.

IN MEMORY

Gilbert Paul Scriba passed away May 30, 2017 at Westminster, MD. He was born December 21, 1938 at Baltimore, MD the son of **Edward** and **Lillie Mae (Kessler) Scriba**. He was married to **Deborah Ann** around 1978 and she survives. In addition to his wife survivors are son **Gilbert Paul Scriba, Jr.** and sister **Bertha Scriba**.

Claude Junior Hughes died March 4, 2018 at Willmar, MN. He was born October 11, 1924 at Long Point, IL the son of **Claude** and **Leah Blanche (Colehower) Hughes**. He married **Elinor Schneider** in 1948. She predeceased him in 2005. He is survived by his children: **Charles Stephen Hughes**; **Gary Claude Hughes**; **James Richard Hughes**; **Nancy Ellan Anderson**; and **Christina Ann Hughes**; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; brother **Ronald Hughes**; and sister **Kathleen Hawdon**.

JoAnn Louise (Boren) Hammond passed away on June 16, 2018. She was born June 14, 1929 at Perry, IA the daughter of **George** and **Hazel (Applen) Boren**. On September 5, 1946 she married **Kepler V. Hammond**. She is survived by her children: **Craig**, **Jeff**, **Jim**, and **Barney Hammond**; six grandchildren; and many great grandchildren.

Phyllis Jean (Boren) Elliott died on August 20, 2018 at Columbus, NE. She was born January 27, 1925 at Adel, IA to **George** and **Hazel (Applen) Boren**. She was married to **Charles Elliott** on July 5, 1945. She is survived by her husband; daughter **Connie Hellbusch**, son **Lowell Elliott**, seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; sisters **Betty Coffin**, **Shirley Bever**, **Virginia McCracken**; brother **Jerry Boren**.

Darin Eugene Colhour passed away August 26, 2018 at St. Joseph, MO. He was born November 7, 1967 at St. Joseph, MO to **Carl Edwin** and **Diana (Cooper) Colhour**. He was married to **Marilyn Williams** in 1959, who survives. Survivors include: his daughter, **Alex Colhour**; two sons, **Josh Colhour** and **Timothy Colhour**; two brothers, **Chris Colhour** and **Brad Colhour**; two grandchildren, **Gabriel** and **Dmitrius Colhour**; nephew, **Brock Colhour**; and mother of his children, **Bobbi Colhour**.

Eugene Edward Carson died on August 28, 2018 at Yelm, WA. He was born January 14, 1928 at Alcester, SD the son of **Frank Seburne** and **Hazel (Johnson) Carson**. He married **Vernice Branham** in 1950 and she predeceased him in 1981. He is survived by sons **Edward Carson Jr.** and **Robin Roy Carson**; daughter **Jennifer Hamilton**; six grandchildren.

Our sincerest sympathies to all the families listed above.

MISSION STATEMENT:

“The promotion of the knowledge and the history of the Colehour, Colehower, Colhouer, Colhour, Colhower or Kohlhauer family and its descendants in America and Germany; the furtherance of research on, and the recording of, the past and present members of the Colehour, Colehower, Colhouer, Colhour,

Colhower or Kohlhauer branches from earlier times; the fostering of family fellowship and awareness through meetings and publications; and the promotion of group activities by the family in support of the family interest and welfare.”

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