



# Roger Dudley

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## **Credentials:**

- Experienced Genealogist
- (Retired) Reference Librarian/Archivist Denver Public Library - Western History/Genealogy Department
- Books Written:
  - In Their Time: A Timeline Journal for Placing Family Events into Historical Context 1000-2076;*
  - Kravig Family from Buskerud Fylke, Norway to Lincoln County, Colorado;*
  - A History of the Riedell-Layton and Related Families*

**AV / Equipment:** Screen, Projector for computer presentations

**Fee:** \$75

**Travel Restrictions:** none

## **Presentations:**

- When All Else Fails Try the Local Newspaper: Weekly local newspapers are my “go-to” source for all kinds of information about the family members that can be found nowhere else. This presentation shows where and how to locate and use them.
- Maps and Genealogy: Few of the amazing number of maps that have been produced in the world have been created for genealogists, but all can be used in genealogical research.
- How Karval, Colorado Got Its Name: This talk demonstrates how easy it is to repeat bad information until it is widely believed, though easily shown to be inaccurate. Karval was named by my great grandfather and is seen on many local weather maps as the only town besides Limon in Lincoln County.
- Preserving Family Photos – Keeping Images Safe: This presentation explains how different types of prints and negatives should be handled and stored. Tips on best practices for digital images are also covered.
- Capturing Your Family on Tape or other Media: Oral histories can preserve the most precious resource genealogists come across – memories. This talk is designed to acquaint the audience with the questions that can be asked along with the hardware necessary to capture the best quality sound and images.
- The Story of In Their Time: This talk traces how the idea for a book evolved from a “Tricentennial Family Calendar” conceived before the US Bicentennial to a 700 page book designed to allow any genealogist to put their family members into an historical context. Speaker

## **Bio for program chair:**

**Roger Dudley** is a second generation native of Colorado. He has been tracking his family since 1974. His great grandfather was given the honor of naming a community in eastern Colorado when a post office was established there. Despite its isolated location Karval is still an active post office and is the site of the Kravig family reunion every four years. He published a history of the Kravig family in 2011. He's a member of the Colorado Genealogical Society; two Norwegian lags (Numedal and Sigdal); the Sons of Norway; The Colorado Historical Society. He retired in 2019 as an archivist and reference librarian from the Denver Public Library in the Western History and Genealogy Department. Roger

published a book to help genealogists with their research and provide historic context called *In Their Time*.

Roger has presented to the NGS Conference in the States and dozens of genealogical and community groups in Colorado and Wyoming.