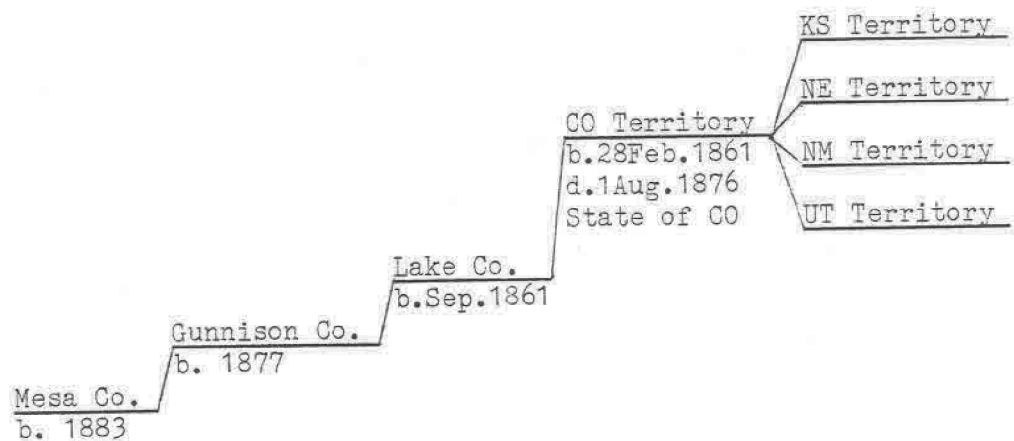


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****MEETINGS COMING UP****

All of the Society's next 5 meetings will be held as usual at the Friendship Room, in the Valley Federal Bldg., Rood Ave. & 5th St. The 2nd Thursday each month at 7:00 pm:

Oct: Starting out. Beginning your genealogy.
Nov: Documentation. How to properly document your work in Genealogy.

Dec: Military Records.

Jan: "How to Interview People" presented by Linda Clavonne.

Feb: Business Meeting.

In addition:

A tentative pot luck lunch and day meeting are scheduled for Feb. More about that in the next newsletter.

****Tape this little page up somewhere, so you'll remember the meetings****

****SOCIETY NEWS****

The July, August, and September Society meetings were held as scheduled.

The July meeting was conducted by Vice-President Merrie Unselt. Reva Leonard and Dennis Jenkins joined the Society. The guest speaker was Kathleen Hill Underwood who is doing research in preparation for a history of Grand Junction. She is particularly interested in the descendants of those listed on the 1885 and 1900 census reports. The August meeting was held at the LDS Church Library. Merrie Unselt was most helpful in explaining what the LDS Library has to offer anyone wanting to research their family's genealogy. There was a nice turn-out of the Society's members, in addition to several guests. Kris Timpfe joined the Society as a new member.

In September the meeting was held at the Mesa County Public Library. The program was devoted to research tools available there. Pat Allen discussed preparation for going to the library and emphasized the fact that good preparation eliminates uncertainty and saves you time.

Terry Pickens of the Library Staff demonstrated the benefits of keeping your own bibliography card file in your personal genealogical research. She made suggestions on how to write to libraries for information.

Mr. Van Camp, the director of The Mesa County Public Library, discussed different facets of the Library functions and answered all the questions asked from the group. The Pathfinder System for the inter-library loans was explained, which opens up an almost unlimited source for information.

It would be a help to the Library and an advantage to the Society to have volunteer help from our membership to assist in the ordering and distributing of publications and films through this inter-library service.

The group was conducted through the Library and given explanations of where they would find different types of information and how to go about obtaining access to it. It was a meeting much appreciated by the Society and much was gained from it.

****PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE****

Genealogy and history are inseparable, a fact we all accept. This adds a responsibility to our activities that is not apparent when we first decide to "do the Family Tree". The genealogist, hobbyist or professional, will have an impact on future generations. The facts you are recording will be read by many, for years to come. They will be accepted as a true record by those readers. You will have become a historian.

As beginning genealogists, we do not always recognize the importance of substantiating the records and stories that come to us. Consequently, we have not always been recognized as reliable sources by historians. Conversely, the historian in his zeal to present a correct story, too often gives us a dull, uninteresting list of facts that bored us as students. Today we dig out these books because we trust his facts.

The family is recognized by both genealogists and historians as the center of all society. We place more and more emphasis on it, the importance of it as a part of a community and the resulting relationship to nation-wide movements and occurrences. The Revolutionary War becomes not just a series of battles and skirmishes, but the story of Gregory MURRAY, British soldier who was a P.O.W. after a battle at Philadelphia and of Samuel BLISS, Springfield, Mass., age 23, light complexion, light hair, light eyes, height 5'10", who enlisted 15 Jan., 1777 in the 3rd Mass. Regiment.

We must continue to upgrade our standards of documentation if our family records are to be considered true and valid records. The historian's material, particularly the biographer, would often improve if he applied more genealogical methods in his research. There is much to be shared by genealogists and historians. We should work toward a good relationship between our local genealogical and historical organizations, with emphasis on the best documentation we can find.

Billie Richardson



Do you need HELP with your Genealogy? If so, there will be volunteers at the Mesa Co. Public Library during the months of Oct., Nov. and Dec. to help individuals who are interested in beginning their work on their genealogy. Please check the schedule at the Library for the times and days that volunteers will be there to help you.

****WELCOME NEW MEMBERS****

We are so excited to have more new members to join the Mesa County Genealogical Society. We also welcome back some of the former members who have returned to active membership. Our new members are: Kris Timpfe, Dennis Jenkins and Reva Leonard, all of the Grand Junction area.

Kris Timpfe told us that she is originally from Missouri and has lived in Grand Junction for 10 years now. She has been involved with researching her family's genealogy for 3 years. Some of the surnames that she is looking for are: PARKER's in England, KEARNS' in Missouri, BRADFORD's in Missouri and Canada, and OSSONT's in New York.

Talking to Dennis Jenkins, we learned that he has been involved in his family's genealogy research for 1½ years and has been a resident of Grand Junction for 6½ years.

He's looking for the surnames of JENKINS in Indiana, New York and Wisconsin, HANSON's in Minnesota, SCHARF's in Minnesota, and SØRENSEN's in North Dakota.

We also talked with Reva Leonard, who told us that she has been in Grand Junction for 25 years and has been working on her family's genealogy for 4 years. The surnames Reva is researching are WHITEHEAD's and BANNOR's in Pennsylvania, BLANSETT's in Calif., and SPRADLIN's in Kentucky and Kansas.

In the last newsletter we had hoped to hear from our new out-of-state members and we did receive a reply from David Hardman of Klamath Falls, Oregon. David said that he has been involved in his family's genealogy for 29½ years. The surnames he has been researching are BUSHONG, MONROE, and CORDER/CARTER and that all three surnames are in Colorado, Indiana, Virginia, Iowa, Kansas, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Utah. David said that Teresa Blanche BUSHONG was his aunt and that she died in Mesa County on 10 Feb., 1910 and that her parents were James A. and Lydia BUSHONG and they lived in Mesa County, also. Even though David had relatives living here at one time, he has never lived in Mesa County. He was interested in finding out some information on his aunt and so his querie appears below. We welcome David to the Society and hope someone can answer his querie. Again, WELCOME, to all our new members!!

****QUERIES****



David J. Hardman, 1750½ Wiard St., Klamath Falls, OR 97603 needs info on Teresa Blanche BUSHONG, d 10 Feb 1910 in Mesa County, CO. Parents were James A. & Lydia BUSHONG, who also lived in Mesa County, CO. Looking for any info as to why they were in Mesa County, CO and for how long? Also would like to obtain the name of the cemetery where Teresa Blanche BUSHONG is buried and what condition her grave is in.

Information wanted on Pentacostal Cemetery or Church at Fruita--Pat Allen, 245-0505.

Carla Mixon, 2854 F Road, Grand Junction, CO 81501 is looking for any descendants of Nancy Elmira Butler REED, b 25 Dec 1867, Atlanta, GA, d 4 June, 1946, Greeley, CO, m Abraham REED 24 Sept 1885. At the time of her death, her surviving children were: John W. REED of La Junta, CO, Mrs. Rhoda BOEHM of Greeley, CO, Mrs. Beulah ROSSON of Lynnwood, CA, Mrs. May STUART of Las Vegas, NM, and Mrs. Gladys GEITNESS of Aurora, CO.

****MORE QUERIES****

Merrie Unselt, 455 Topaz, Apt. B, Clifton, CO 81520 is seeking info on Frederick and Elizabeth KOCH. Both were born in Frankfurt, Germany. Both came to CO as members of the German Colozation Company of Colfax, CO. Both died around Westcliff or Canon City, CO.

Also seeking info on the UNSELT family. Have traced them from Muhlhusen, Germany, to NJ, to OH, to IN, to CO, to MT. Still have many, many blank spaces to fill in, on the family tree.

Gayle Osburn, 1447 West 171st Street, Gardena, CA 90247 is seeking info on an organization in Grand Junction, ca 1904 called the Order of Washington. My Great Grandmother Nancy McDillno MYERS was a member of this lodge. I have her pin with a picture of George Washington, could have been a Patriotic Society. Anyone with clue please contact me."

Also seeking info on Jacob Clarence & Nancy McDillno MYERS who resided at 835 Ute Ave., Grand Junction, CO ca 1900-1904.

????UNCLE FRED

IS BURIED WHERE????



Some of the Society's members have been researching cemeteries in Mesa County. They have written down places that people are buried and the names of who is buried, if available, and work is being done to have all of this information typed up and on file. Researching cemeteries has taken them through-out Mesa County and brought them into contact with many local and long-time residents.

Recently there appeared in the Daily Sentinel an article regarding the Gateway Cemetery in Gateway, CO. Two classes at the Gateway School decided to see if they could find out who was buried there. The nine plot cemetery is located at the top of the hill behind the Gateway School, and there are no headstones. Carol Davis, a Sentinel Staff Writer, interviewed several students and their teacher, Genny Sine, about this project. "The only name the students could positively identify through newspaper clippings was a rancher named George Albert Bliss, who had lived in the area less then three months. His death notice appeared in the Daily Sentinel January 20, 1940, and mentioned that he was buried in the Gateway Cemetery." Six children who died between the years of 1900 and 1936 may account for six of the other unmarked graves. They were: (1) Ernie Hall; (2) Virgil Lowell baby; (3) Lawrence Cornic baby; (4) Altie Hall; and (5) & (6) two unnamed Hall children.

September 14th, four of the Society's members visited Gateway to see this cemetery and to see if they could learn anymore facts. One member on the trip, Alice Devine, proved to be of great help, because she lived there at one time, and still has many relatives in Gateway. Conversations with Gateway residents indicated that some of those buried there were probably Alta & Alton Hall, Ernie Hall and Frankie Kelley. Positive identification of the other graves has not been established.

We also learned that Eben & Lilly Hall Massey had twins, that died as infants and they are buried on the McCoy property that use to belong to Preach Massey. We also learned that a Mr. & Mrs. Miner are buried out of Gateway, at the Salt Wash turn off, that leads into Sinbad Valley. They are buried up on top of a hill.

We would appreciate hearing from long-time residents of Gateway about the historical facts of this old cemetery. Our first objective as a Genealogical Society is to find the best information possible for records in Mesa County. Locating and identifying the graves in all Mesa County cemeteries and isolated graves is our present project and help from people who live in the area is vital.

****NEW ASST. EDITOR****

Kris Timppte is the new Asst. Editor on the Newsletter. She will be helping Carla with compiling, editing and typing, along with the xeroxing and mailing of the Newsletter. We thank her for her interest and help in this matter.

****NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST****

We have available for each member, a new membership list. If you have not received one at the past few meetings, please ask Carla Mixon for one at the next meeting. This list has all of the Society's members names, addresses and phone numbers on it. We do have an addition and a correction to make, so you might wish to write it in on your copy.

ADD

TIMPTE, Kris

CORRECT

HARDMAN, David J.

****BOOK ADDITIONS****

Go Tell it in the Valley, History of White Street Methodist Church, by Maurina Hickman. The history of the First United Methodist Church, which was started in Grand Junction in 1882, to its present day existence, 1983. -- Donated by Dennis Jenkins, member of the Society.

Evans Family Tree, Compiled by Irene Bobo Fisher with assistance from Frances Evans Finsterwald and other family members. 1978 (Incomplete). The descendants of John Evans, born in 1769 in Sussex Co., Delaware with a brief story of their life in Evansville, Ohio, Lodi Township. Included is a sketch of the town of Evansville with the buildings identified as it appeared in Civil War times. -- Donated by Kenneth Mulligan, member of the community.

****"BRENGLE BRANCHES"****

"Brengele Branches" is the name of a new family newsletter. We received the information about this, from Charles Brengele, Editor, 6619 Pheasant Rd., Rte.#16, Baltimore, MD 21220. Mr. Brengele stated in his letter "I am beginning a family newsletter by subscription (\$12.00 yearly), published quarterly, by the name of "BRENGLE BRANCHES". The purpose of the newsletter is to bring all Brengele descendants together and to serve all branches of the Brengele surname and its many allied branches and lineages. The newsletter will include a query column, family history, wills, deeds, heraldry, ancestral charts, abstracts, and subscriber's articles to be published." If you are interested you can contact Mr. Brengele at the above address.

****MARRIAGE RECORDS****

Due to the response of the members to submit such wonderful family material for this Newsletter, the Marriage Records will continue in the next Newsletter.

****OSBORNE FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS****

Bible of Major Curits Osborne, now in the possession of Gertrude Schaefer of Grand Junction, CO. Submitted by Gertrude Schaefer.

Harrison Velorious OSBORNE born 15 March, 1842, Batavia, IL; died 7 July, 1879, Council Bluffs, IA. Married 13 Oct., 1864 to:

Violet Arvilla FROST born 12 April, 1846, Ludlow, MA; died 28 Sept., 1874, Trenton, MO.

CHILDREN:

Alice Lucinda Sophia OSBORNE born 6 June, 1868, Council Bluffs, IA; died 7 Oct., 1874, Trenton, MO.

Major Curtis OSBORNE born 5 June, 1870, Council Bluffs, IA; died 1 Oct., 1956, Pueblo, CO. Married 12 March, 1898, Montrose, CO.

CHILDREN OF MAJOR OSBORNE:

Alice Lorain OSBORNE born 8 Nov., 1898, Gunnison, CO; died 1 April, 1982, Grand Junction, CO, buried San Jose, CA. Married 5 Feb., 1917, Gunnison, CO.

Ella Arvilla OSBORNE born 15 Dec., 1902, Gunnison, CO; died 10 Oct., 1922, Gunnison, CO.

Mark Curtis OSBORNE born 19 Sept., 1904, Gunnison, CO; died 26 May, 1968, Denver, CO, buried Gunnison, CO. Married 22 Aug., 1934, Gunnison, CO.

Harrison Marshall OSBORNE born 4 Aug., 1906, Gunnison, CO. Married 15 Dec., 1934, Gunnison, CO.

****FULCOMER FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS****

Bible of Julia Fulcomer Stewart, now in the possession of E. C. Kelluq, 87 Fulton St., Hartford, CT. Submitted by Merrie Stewart Unselt.

PARENTS

John FULCOMER born 27 Nov., 1802, York Co., PA; died 1 July, 1891 at Bellville, KS.
Married 22 May, 1828, York Co., PA by Rev. Jacob Mayer, D.D.

Lydia GRUMLING born 15 May, 1808, York Co., PA; died 10 May, 1891 at Bellville, KS.

CHILDREN

Catharine FULCOMER born 20 Dec., 1831, Ind. Co., PA; died 9 May, 1832, Ind. Co., PA.
Michael FULCOMER born 27 June, 1834, Ind. Co., PA; died 29 April, 1910, Blue Springs, NE.

Henry FULCOMER born 21 June, 1837, Ind. Co., PA; died 26 Jan., 1920, Sparta, MO.
John FULCOMER born 16 Sept., 1840, Ind. Co., PA; died 7 Jan., 1919, Bellville, KS.
Emanuel FULCOMER born 27 Feb., 1844, Fairfield Co., OH; died 27 July, 1911, Grand Island, NE.

Lydia FULCOMER born 24 Oct., 1846, Fairfield Co., OH; died 14 Nov., 1924, Mazomanie, WI.

Julia Ann FULCOMER born 24 Oct., 1846, Fairfield Co., OH; died 20 Mar., 1926, Stockton, KS.

Margaret F. FULCOMER born 6 Aug., 1849, Hocking Co., OH; died 29 Jan., 1918, Blue Springs, NE.

Mary C. FULCOMER born 5 Sept., 1851, Hocking Co., OH; died 1 Mar., 1886, Burbuque, IA.

MARRIAGES

Michael FULCOMER married Rachel CAMPBELL, 9 October, 1860.

Henry FULCOMER married Ellen COOK, 9 or 19 June, 1862.

Lydia Ann FULCOMER married Evan J. JAMES, 24 November, 1867.

John FULCOMER married Eliza STEWART, 10 September, 1863.

Julia Ann FULCOMER married William STEWART, 8 May, 1864.

Margaret FULCOMER married Ivor OLSON, 15 April, 1869.

Mary FULCOMER married James BARBER, 9 November, 1876.

****KILLEY FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS****

Bible of Marshall Killey, now in the possession of Harry Osborne of Gunnison, CO. Submitted by Gertrude Schaefer.

PARENTS

Marshall KILLEY born 12 Feb., 1850, Marion Co., OH; died 9 Dec., 1928. Married 7 Dec., 1875 to:

Mary Ella JACKSON born 15 June, 1854, Chicago, IL; died 2 Jan., 1930.

Mary A. KILLEY born 21 Sept., 1872, Alma, Wabannsee Co., KS; died 20 Oct., 1889.
Married 22 June, 1889.

CHILDREN

Benjamin F. KILLEY born 21 Nov., 1876, Alma, Wabannsee Co., KS; died 5 April, 1924.
Married 28 Dec., 1908.

Gertrude J. KILLEY born 31 Oct., 1878, Brown Co., KS; died 21 April, 1941. Married 12 March, 1898.

Pearl D. KILLEY born 10 Aug., 1880, Hiawatha, Brown Co., KS; died 26 Jan., 1885.

Cora E. KILLEY born 4 Nov., 1884, Wabannsee, Wabannsee Co., KS; died 24 Sept., 1887.

Joseph M. KILLEY born 3 Feb., 1888, Wabannsee, Wabannsee Co., KS; died 8 Sept., 1915.

Anna M. KILLEY born 21 Sept., 1889, Wabannsee Co., KS; died 18 March, 1901.

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler DEVINE, Alice Ruth Person No. 1 on this chart is the same

Chart No. _____

Address ██████████ person as No. _____ on chart No. _____

City, State Grand Jct., Colo

Date 15 September 1983

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

4 CRAIG, Adelbert Jerome

(Father of No. 2)

b. Mankato, Blue Earth, Minn
p.b. 31 August 1890
m. Grand Jct. Mesa, Colo
d. Grand Jct. Mesa, Colo
p.d.

2 CRAIG, Paul

(Father of No. 1)

b. 14 May 1894
p.b. Whitewater, Mesa, Colo
m. 10 August 1919
d. 16 May 1940
p.d. Grand Jct. Mesa, Colo

5 WHITE, VIOLA CYNTHIA JALFE

(Mother of No. 2)

b. 5 February 1873
p.b. Denmark, Lincoln, Kans.
d. 4 July 1969
p.d. Grand Jct. Mesa, Colo

1 CRAIG, Alice Ruth

b. 28 June 1920
p.b. Montrose, Montrose, Colo
m. 14 September 1941
d.
p.d.

8 FEIGHNER, Jacob Leander

(Father of No. 3)

b. 14 March 1859
p.b. Bucyrus, Crawford, Oh.
m. 1 November 1888
d. 2 February 1952
p.d. Grand Jct., Mesa, Colo

3 FEIGHNER, Elda Odessa

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 18 January 1899
p.b. Sterling, Rice, Kans.
d. 27 July 1982
p.d. Grand Jct., Mesa, Colo

7 ROYER, Elizabeth Cerene

(Mother of No. 3)

b. 15 November 1856
p.b. Bellevue, Seneca, Oh.
d. 20 May 1928
p.d. Montrose, Montrose, Colo

DEVINE, James Miles

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 8 March 1911 d.
p.b. Montrose, Colo p.d.

8 CRAIG, Ambrose

(Father of No. 4)

b.
p.b.
m.
d. 22 July 1897
p.d. Mesa Co., Colo
9 ANDERSON, Mary Ellen
(Mother of No. 4)

b. April 18
p.b. New York City, N. Y.
d. 12 June 1918
p.d. Westcliffe, Custer, Colo

10 WHITE, Joshua Reason

(Father of No. 5)

b. 7 September 1839
p.b. Orange Two, Meigs, Oh.
d. 30 Nov 1869
d. 5 Jan 1915
p.d. Grand Jct. Mesa, Colo
11 KEELER, Susan Rebecca
(Mother of No. 5)

b. 1 July 1850
p.b. , Canada
d. 8 March 1888
p.d. Whitewater, Mesa, Colo

12 FEIGHNER, Henry

(Father of No. 6)

b. 15 September 1834
p.b.
m. 26 April 1857
d. 1921
p.d. SHANNON, Caroline
(Mother of No. 6)

b. 11 December 1836

p.b.
d. 1902
p.d.

14 ROYER, John M

(Father of No. 7)

b. 20 March 1831
p.b. Flat Rock, Seneca, Oh.
m. 4 December 1851
d. 18 January 1909
p.d. Sterling, Rice, Kans.
15 BUNN, Barbara Ellen
(Mother of No. 7)

b. 19 June 1830
p.b. Ohio
d. 14 May 1890
p.d. Sterling, Rice, Co Kans.

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b. (Father of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____

m.

d.

17

b. (Mother of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____

m.

d.

18

ANDERSON, William

b.

m.

d.

19

b. (Mother of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____

m.

d.

20

WHITE, Samuel

b.

m.

d.

21

, Josephine

b.

m.

d.

22

b. (Father of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____

m.

d.

23

b. (Mother of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____

m.

d.

24

FEIGHNER, George

b.

m.

d.

25

POORMAN, Barbara

b.

m.

d.

26

b. (Father of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____

m.

d.

27

b. (Mother of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____

m.

d.

28

ROYER, John Sr.

b.

m.

d.

29

ROMIG, Mary Maria Polly

b.

m.

d.

30

BUNN, Jacob

b.

m.

d.

31

LEITER, Elizabeth

b.

m.

d.

My Grandmother, An Early Day Pioneer of Mesa County

by Alice Ruth Craig Devine

Viola Cynthia Jane White was born in Denmark, Lincoln Co., Kansas, in a sod house as were many other little babies of the time. But, she was different, as she had a house that had a wooden floor, not just a dirt one. She was born on 5 Feb. 1873, her parents being Joshua Reason White, a Civil War Veteran from Meigs Co., Ohio, who had married Susan Rebecca Hannah Keeler, in Momence, Kankakee Co., Illinois, the 30 Nov. 1869. Susan was a Canadian. In 1880 the parents went to Pueblo, Colorado to live, leaving their two children in the care of Susan's sister Elsie and her husband Edgar Randall. In 1882, the White's moved to Mesa County, where Joshua worked as an engineer, for the Braddish and Rice Sawmill Co. located on Pinon Mesa. Many early day buildings of Whitewater and Grand Junction were built from this lumber.

In March of 1883, Viola ten and her brother Frank seven, came by train to join their parents in Grand Junction. On that trip the train was blocked by a snow slide in the Black Canyon of the Gunnison River and delayed for several hours. In those days people did not eat in a dining car. They carried their own lunches. It was quite an experience to spend so much time wondering when the train would be free. Those people with food shared it with others. It made quite an impression on the two youngsters.

Their first home was an apartment over the general store and grocery operated by Major J. R. Elliot at fourth and main street. The children went to school which was at the south east corner of fifth and main. Their teacher was Nannie Blaine. Viola also attended school for a few years at the Loback School near, where the Appleton School is now. They lived on the P. A. Rice farm near Pomona. Her youngest sister, Gertrude was born on this place on 4 March 1887.

The family moved to Whitewater in 1888 and this is the obituary I found in the Newspaper.....

DIED

WHITE,-- At Whitewater on Thursday, 8 March 1888, Mrs J. R. White of typhoid pneumonia.

The funeral took place this Friday morning at 11 o'clock, and the body was interred in the new grave yard recently opened near that station. The deceased leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss, the youngest a child of ten months. Mr. White is in deep distress over his affliction and especially so on account of his family. He has the sympathy of the community in his sorrow.

Viola took care of her little sister and the rest of the family for about six months, until the Aunty, Elsie Randall, came from Kansas and took Gertrude home with her to raise. A good neighbor, Mrs. J. R. Snyder, helped Viola with her problems. Mr. Snyder had the Whitewater store, which sold general merchandise and Viola worked for them.

Mrs. Snyder had two children, Adelbert Jerome and Nina H. L. Craig. She had been married to Ambrose Craig, a Civil War Veteran, who fought Indians in North West Minnesota at the time. They were divorced. Ambrose Craig is buried on the Uncompaghe Mountain at the Big Creek Ranch in Mesa County, still owned by the heirs of his grandson, Jerome Craig. Ambrose died at 2:30 in the morning of 22 July 1897, while visiting at the home of his son Adelbert Craig.

On 31 Aug. 1890, Viola and Adelbert Craig were married in Whitewater, by a Justice of Peace, Daniel Virden, who lived there. They lived in various places, Rapid Creek near Palisade on a fruit ranch, the Uncompaghre Mountain, Whitewater, Denver, Pueblo, and Colorado Springs.

On the 14 May 1894, Viola was in Whitewater awaiting the birth of her second baby. In the early morning, her father took her three years old son and went into Whitewater to leave Eddy with some neighbors and to get the mid-wife. When they returned about noon, in the wagon with the team of horses, here was Viola in bed with a new baby boy by her side. Paul Craig, my father was born about 11:30. Viola had done it all--- all by herself. She was the only one in the house. She and Paul were fine and healthy. Viola was a hardy little old soul.

In the summer, they lived on the mountain, taking care of the children, the milk cows, and the timothy hay. Viola made butter and took it to Grand Junction to sell. The trip was made with a spring wagon and team of horses. She wrapped the butter in damp clothes, packed it in cool grass-- picked while the dew was on it. She got her two children up still wrapped in their blankets, placed them under the wagon seat, and started out for town at 3:00 A. M., in order to get the butter in the valley before it got too hot. Viola had to ford the Gunnison River and if it was too high, she crossed with the ferry. She would get into Grand Junction by noon, after getting some ice in Whitewater and changing her tired team. She was soon selling butter direct to customers for more than she got at 20¢ a pound trade at the grocery store. She came down once a week from the mountain. She stayed the night at Whitewater, and it took all day to drive the team and wagon loaded with supplies to the ranch. Now it takes about an hour going by car.

After two more children, Mary Esther and Jerome White, she divorced Adelbert in 1905.

She then lived in Grand Junction, and every day she washed and ironed sheets and tableclothes in her own home for the La Court Hotel located at second and mainstreet. Eddy brought the soiled ones home in a little wagon and took the clean ones back to the hotel. Eddy also worked as a call boy for the railroad. He had a bicycle and rode it to the home of a railroad employee to tell him it was his turn to go to work. Not many of them had telephones. At one time Viola had her own rooming house. They got by.

29 Dec. 1907, Viola and Matt Casto were married in Grand Junction, by her old minister friend, P. A. Rice. They lived in the Unaweep Canyon at Matt's ranch. He and four brothers were early settlers in the area. Matt brought the first Herford cattle to this area. They were shipped in on the train and unloaded at the Durham Stockyards, north west of Grand Junction.

Matt and Viola had one daughter Gertrude, who was born 6 Dec 1912, in the midst of a blinding snow storm. Dr. Taylor was called and made the 40 mile trip in a team and wagon. He changed teams twice on the way out. Once was at the Grant place. Gertrude arrived before the Doctor. After arriving, the Doctor checked Viola and the baby over to be sure everything was alright. Then, Matt took Dr. Taylor out to view the new Herfords.

Viola always exploded, when talking about this, "They thought more of those da^rned cows than they did of me. They spent more time looking at them than the Doctor spent looking at me."

Dr. Taylor spent the night and went back to Grand Junction the next day.

...to be continued in next Newsletter...