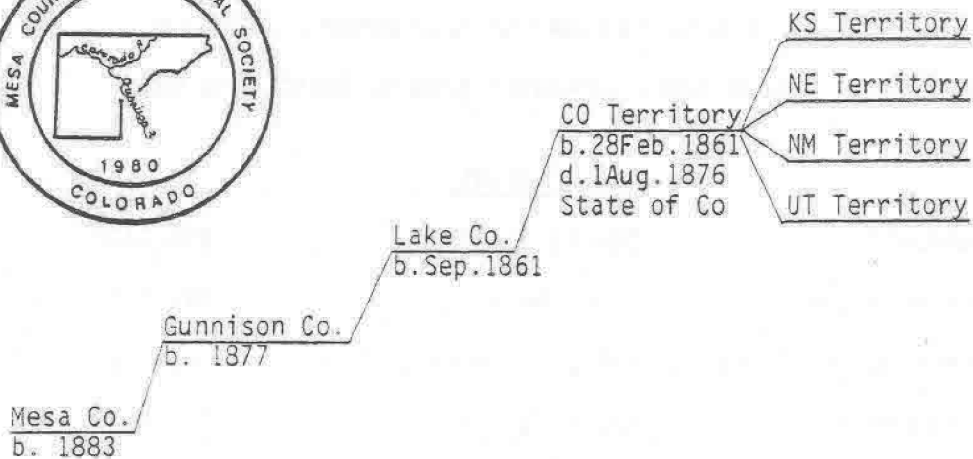
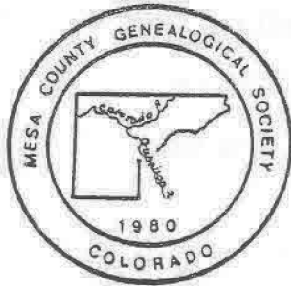


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Genealogical research is becoming more convenient for us each day. There are newer and better indexes becoming available and it is possible to do more of our research without leaving Grand Junction.

The L. D. S. Branch Library offers us the chance to use most of the genealogical information housed in their Salt Lake City Library. The Mesa County Library also offers us the use of the Inter-Library Loan Service to borrow books from other libraries. The computer data base for this loan service is maintained by the Online Computer Library Center (O.C.L.C.) in Dublin, Ohio. In the past, this service rarely had genealogical books available since most libraries put these books in their non-circulating reference sections. A change is occurring however, as you will see when you read the article that follows this message. A library in Independence, MO., now makes available its genealogical books through the inter-library loan service.

Also it should be of interest to all genealogists to know that the United States Newspaper Project will eventually have all U. S. Newspapers published since September 13, 1690, produced in microform, identified in O. C. L. C. and thus become available to us through the Inter-Library Loan Service.

Dennis R. Jenkins

GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH INTERLIBRARY LOAN

by Arlene Eakle

The Mid-Continent Public Library (15616 E. Highway 24, Independence M., 64050) in cooperation with the American Family Records Association (311 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64106) have been loaning genealogical books through interlibrary loan for more than a year now. Such books have historically been kept in reference collections in most libraries where they do not circulate. Placing them in a circulating collection is a first for the North Independence Branch Library. It is a first within a public library system as well.

Books are donated to AFRA and reviewed in the organization's quarterly journal "Family Records Today". Soft cover books are hardbound to permit the heavy handling circulation requires. Each book is catalogued into OCLC, an online computer catalog database subscribed to by more than 3,000 libraries in the USA. The current book list is reproduced (a copy is in the Public Library Genealogy drawer) so you can see the variety of titles you can borrow. Additional copies are available on request at the address above.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN (continued)

Genealogical societies are encouraged to donate a copy of each of their publications to the collection and to encourage their members to donate theirs as well. In case you fear that such a donation will reduce sales of your book, you can rest easy. The circulation of the title on the book list and the direct contact with your books that circulation gives, publicizes your work as few other promotions can - patrons can see the book, use it, and create a dependance so they will want that book in their own collection.

A second collection has been formed at the Alexander Mitchell Public Library, 519 South Kline St., Aberdeen, SD 57401. In some cases, this collection provides a duplicate copy for those books in greatest demand.

If your library would like to form a circulating collection contact AFRA or Mid-Continent Library System for details.

After cataloging by OCLC, the books will be placed on the circulating shelves of the North Independence Branch Library for use by local patrons and by distant patrons through interlibrary loan. New additions to the AFRA collection will be published in AFRA's quarterly journal "Family Records Today"

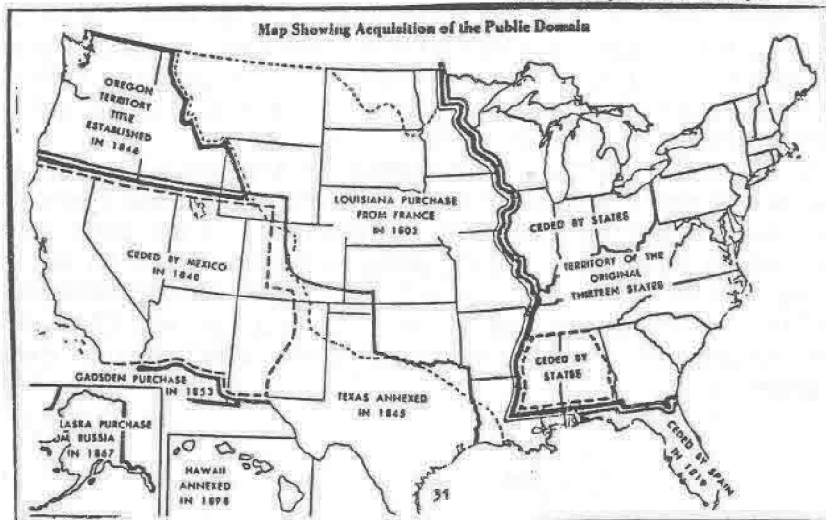
From time to time, updated lists will be published jointly by MCPL and AFRA. The current list contains 336 titles which are listed by title. A few additional entries in the title listing are by a keyword.

Strong support of the program by the public is being received. Persons are invited to donate new or used genealogy and/or local history books in good condition. They could be sent to the address below.

This collection helps make it possible for handicapped and shut-in persons to pursue the study of genealogy at home. For further information about this program, contact:

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THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

By defeating France in the Seven Year's War (French and Indian War), England acquired all the land in North America east of the Mississippi River. From the beginning of British settlement the British Crown had given large grants often vaguely specified tracts to individual proprietors or companies - enabling the grantees to draw settlers by sale, lease or gifts. The French & Indian War was hardly over, however when grave obstacles to expansion in the region west of the mountains began to appear.

It was primarily to determine whether the English or French should have an opportunity to settle in the Ohio Valley that the French and Indian War had been fought. It was now feared that England would attempt to cut off western expansion. Indian uprisings caused British orders that settlement should not extend farther west than the crest of the Appalachians, thus closing the door to the very objective for which the war was fought. Furthermore, the western land claims of the seaboard colonies whose original charters had contained sea-to-sea grants were ignored. British plans for the west had included the creation of a colony, Vandalia, but the project lapsed at the beginning of the Revolution. The frontier was being pushed westward as fast as physical and economic conditions permitted. Thousands of settlers had already made their way into the upper Ohio frontier, into the Watauga Valley. A survey revealed that their settlement was in North Carolina rather than Virginia as they thought. Under the leadership of John Sevier, the Wataugans set up an independent government creating the state of Franklin, now an area in eastern Tennessee, with their center of government at what is now Jonesboro, Tennessee. Their first and only governor was John Sevier.

With the coming independence and the Treaty of Paris in 1783, which settled the American Revolution, the 13 colonies received British rights to the western land. After complex negotiations the land, a windfall to the colonies brought great problems of validity.

The colonial charters overlapped. When Maryland refused to ratify the Articles of Confederation until all claims were ceded to Congress, a public domain owned by the National government was created. Virginia, with the largest and most valid claim, ceded her western lands with the provision that the area be used for the "common benefit" of all. The cessations were not complete until 1802 when Georgia ceded her claim.

The federal land managers expeditiously surveyed, numbered and mapped their territory prior to settlement. Beginning with Ohio in the 1780's, then opening federal land offices sold and deeded land to settlers under inviting terms.

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9 Feb 1987 NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Title	Owner
Roster, Daughters of Union Veterans	Ancestor Shop
Colorado's Colorful Characters	Ancestor Shop
Mesa County Colorado A 100 Year History	Ancestor Shop
Upper John Day River	Ancestor Shop
Oregon History Quarterly	Ancestor Shop
Families of Ancient New Haven	Mesa Co. Gen. Soc
First Ownership of Ohio Lands	Mesa Co. Gen. Soc
Ohio Marriages	Mesa Co. Gen. Soc
Jackson Co. IA Quarterly	Mesa Co. Gen. Soc
Yucaipa Valley CA Quarterly	Mesa Co. Gen. Soc
Census of the State of RI 1774	Dorothy Inscho
Cyclopedia of State History of Kansas V-3	Ancestor Shop
Colorado 1860 Census Index	Mesa Co. Gen. Soc
Who's Who In Colorado 1958	Ancestor Shop
Nebraska Pioneer (Butler Family)	Ancestor Shop
Mesa County Marriages to 1912	Ancestor Shop

D. A. R. MAGAZINE

The Mt. Garfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has paid for a subscription to the D.A.R. Magazine for the Mesa County Genealogical Society. This subscription will be kept at the Ancestor Shop for your use.

ANCESTOR SHOP

The Ancestor Shop and the Mesa County Genealogical Society library are located at 1460 North Avenue - across the street from the Far East Restaurant. The hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday and 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon Saturday. Be sure to make use of the materials available there.

HISTORY OF COLORADO

Wilbur Fisk Stone

The S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago 1918

Alonzo M. Schmidt

Alonzo M. Schmidt president of the Bank of Grand Junction and member of the firm of L. Schmidt & Sons, wholesale and retail dealers in hardware, was born in St. Clair county, Missouri, January 29, 1877, a son of Louis and Cora (Ray) Schmidt, who were natives of Germany and of Illinois respectively. The mother was of English and Irish descent. The father came to America when but five years of age in company with his parents, who established their home in Missouri in 1858. When old enough the father began learning the blacksmith's trade and later turned his attention to broom manufacturing. After making brooms he would take out a wagon load and sell them. He later drifted into mercantile business at Eldorado Springs, Missouri, and continued there as a general merchant until 1903, when he came to Colorado, settling at Grand Junction, Mesa county, where he engaged in the shoe business, which he conducted for two years. He then sold his store and joined his son, Alonzo M., in the wholesale and retail hardware business as the successors of E.M. Slocum. This was in 1905 and they have since conducted the business, their trade covering the whole western slope and the eastern part of Utah.

Alonzo M. Schmidt was reared and educated in Missouri and has always been associated with his father in business. He worked in his father's store in Missouri and when his parents came to Colorado he engaged in general merchandising with an uncle at Eldorado Springs, Missouri, continuing active along that line until 1905, when he joined his father at Grand Junction, and they have since been identified with the hardware trade. They have build up a business of large extent and importance. They have ever been most careful and have held to the highest standards in the personnel of the house, in the line of goods carried and in the treatment accorded patron, always recognizing the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement. Their activities and enterprise along the line have resulted in the attainment of well merited success. In December, 1914, Alonzo M. Schmidt, in company with others organized the Bank of Grand Junction, which was capitalized for forty thousand dollars and now has surplus and undivided profits amounting to over twelve thousand dollars, while its deposits have reached four hundred and thirty-seven thousand, one hundred and eight-five dollars. They opened their bank without a deposit on the 2d of January, 1915, and the business has steadily grown along substantial lines until the bank is today recognized as one of the thoroughly reliable moneyed institutions of this part of the state. Mr. Schmidt has served as president of the bank from its organization, dividing his time between the banking business and the hardware trade. The other officers are: William E. Dudley,

vice president; A.C. Milne, cashier; Mark R. Bunting, assistant cashier; while the directors, in addition to the officers, are all thoroughly reliable and progressive business men of this section of the state. It is thoroughly a home bank, conducting a general banking business and with splendid equipment in the line of safety deposit vaults and other protection for the benefit of depositors.

On the first of January, 1903, Mr. Schmidt was united in marriage to Dora J. Rightmire and they have two children: Marquis R., born in September, 1908; and Leland A., born July 3, 1914. Mr. Schmidt is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is a loyal exemplar of the craft. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and in political belief he is a republican, but while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day he has never had time nor inclination to seek office, preferring to concentrate his energy and attention upon his business affairs, which have been wisely and profitably directed.

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