# Mesa Dwellers



Mesa Co. Genealogical Society P. O. Box 1506 Grand Junction, Colorado 81502 SOCIETY ESTABLISHED 1980 MEMBERSHIP YEAR MARCH 1 TO MARCH 1 ANNUAL DUES: \$10.00 SINGLE, \$12.00 FAMILY MEETINGS: SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7:00 P. M. HELD: THE VALLEY AGENCY MEETING ROOM - 604 25 ROAD

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members to the genealogical society. I hope they will enjoy being part of our group. I encourage all members of the society to express their ideas or concerns. Our organization can only be as good as the members. We all need to work together.

We have had several workshops for members to work on their lines or get their information in order. I would like to thank Dorothy Inscho and Dennis Jenkins for organizing these workshops. If you are interested in attending a workshop, please let us know.

If anyone is interested in helping take obituaries off microfilm at the library or help in typing them up, please let me or Dorothy Inscho know. It requires a few hours a week and we would be glad to have your help.

Happy Hunting,

Sue Martinez

#### PROGRAMS

Dorothy Roper

Francis Krehbiel

JUN 14 L.D.S. LIBRARY

JUL 12 OLD CHURCHES, SLIDES

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AUG 9 PICNIC

## NOTICE

The Aug 9th meeting will be a Potluck Picnic at the home of Donna Roberts, 105 Country Club Park. Starting at 6:30. Please bring your own service. The menu will be discussed at the Jul meeting. Do come , we always have a good time.

	OBITS	REFRESHMENTS
JUN	Dennis Jenkins	Eldon Bray
JUL	Phil Powers	Faith Stebbins
AUG	Betty Ann Morse	Picnic
SEP	Wynona Hennessey	Ann Colvin
OCT	Mattie Severson	Betty Ann Morse

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FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE WORKING ON THE OBITUARY FILES AT THE LIBRARY

1. Park in the front parking lot. Do NOT park in the back as you will be taking a space belonging to the library employees.

2. Enter the library through the BACK DOOR. Do not knock on the front door to gain entry.

3. Sign in on the LOG SHEET downstairs.

For those of you that are typing obituaries at home, keep track of your hours. These need to be turned into the library or if you like, you may give them to me at the meetings and I will turn them in as a group. The library keeps track of all volunteer hours. If you have not kept track of your hours, you can list the months that you have typed obits and estimate the time that you have spent. (I usually take about 3 to 3 1/2 hours to type one month.) If you file them at the library, you should sign in on the Log Sheet set up for volunteers. If you don't know where it is , ask one of the reference librarians downstairs. Keep up the good work.

Dorothy Inscho

#### OBITUARY PROJECT

The Library has told us the obituary file is being used daily. The microfilm/fiche readers are working great and the Library has been very nice in providing the paper and a time for us to work.

Currently we are working on taking the 1966 obits off microfilm. We are typing the 1967 obits. We are making good progress, however we need to go back to about 1915 so we still have plenty of work ahead. We could use more help in typing up the obituary cards. If you have a little spare time and would like to help, please give Dorothy Inscho or Sue Martinez a call. We would be glad to have your help in taking obituaries off microfilm, typing the cards or filing the cards at the library.

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#### BEWARE: THE "FAMILY" NEWS

Watch Out! There is an outfit operating out of Denver, CO called "The Family News". These folks send out "Hi Cousin" letters to get people to subscribe to a family newsletter that is nothing more than a collection of very general genealogical articles. They use a computer to generate one issue of the newsletter, then insert "Smith", "Abrams", or whatever name and mail it out. I only found out after I subscribed to the "Cundiff Family News" and my father-inlaw subscribed to the "Harbin Herald". We compared copies and they were EXACTLY THE SAME except "Cundiff had been replaced with "Harbin". This is not a newsletter to subscribe to if you want REAL INFORMATION about your family name. WARN YOUR FRIENDS!

From: Kevin C16 (Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies Apr 1990 Vol.7 #2)

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#### THE 8870 FORMULA

Using the 8870 formula to ascertain a birth date can be a tremendous help to the genealogist when checking tombstone dates. If a tombstone records that a person died May 6, 1889 and was 71 years, 7 months and 9 days old but no date of birth is listed; to quickly arrive at their birth date use the 8870 formula to get the date. Here's an example:

Died	1889	May 6	18890506
Age	71	yrs, 7 mo, 9 days	
	subti	ract	- 710709
			18179797
	subti	ract	8870
Born	1817	Sep 27	18170927

Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society, Inc., Newsletter Apr May Jun 1990

#### AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY of GERMANS from RUSSIA

The above society is in the process of recruiting new members in Colorado and would like to extend a welcome to any member of the Mesa County Genealogical Society, with a German from Russia to join us.

We can help with with research and bring a fellowship to help our Society keep our ancestry alive and growing for generations to come.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. at the Bear Valley Library, 5171 W. Dartmouth, Denver, CO.

Anyone interested, please contact me, Joyce King



#### DUES

Dues are now three months past due. For those of you who have not paid your dues, this will be your last quarterly. The dues are our prime source of income, so without them we can't keep sending free quarterlies.

#### BOOK REFRESHER

Rose Marie Harshman spied this under the glass countertop when picking up books at the bindery: Place musty-smelling books (those great ones that you have found in the attic or bought at a garage sale) in a paper bag filled with cat box litter. Close the bag and leave it for about a week. When you take the books out, no odor will remain! Joyce Knox, Pendelton, OR Trail Breakers, Vol. 16 #2 1989-90 Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, WA

The Following is a membership list of paid members as of 7 Jul 1990. -13-

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