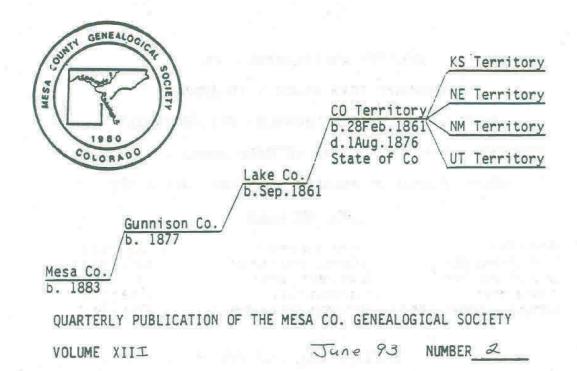
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have received glowing reports of the April trip to the Salt Lake City Family History Library. The trip was a joint effort of the Society, The Museum of Western Colorado, and the L.D.S. Church. This trip along with the ones in the past was reported to be very enjoyable as well as productive in fact finding. We look forward to these trips in the future. While on that subject, I would like to thank all the people from these organizations for what I would call unprecedented cooperation in making an event like that successful.

The Quarterly is being sent out early in order to give you time to plan for the June Seminar. Please see the information below for details about this event. This should be very informative and we hope everyone will come and have a great time. This seminar will take the place of the June meeting.

On the light side I read a quote today in a magazine (sorry I forgot which one) that stated "the easiest way to trace your family tree is to run for public office." Until next time

Norm

JUNE SEMINAR

The Museum of Western Colorado, the Mesa County Genealogical Society, the L.D.S. Family History Library, and the PAF'ers Computer Club will be holding a Pot Luck Dinner on Friday June 11 and a seminar on Saturday June 12. The cost is \$5.00 per person and includes both events.

The Pot Luck Dinner will be held at the home of Donna Roberts, 10 transport at 7:00 P.M. Bring a dish of your choice. Irene Johnson will give a short, fun program on genealogy.

June 11th

The seminar on Saturday, June 12 will be held at the City and County Auditorium from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. with a break for lunch. There will be 3 speakers from the L.D.S. Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Billy Barstow will speak on photo preservation, Georgeann Wilcoxson on Irish Genealogy and Irene Johnson on researching in the United States.

In order to have some idea of the number attending, we are asking that you pre-register. Please contact the museum at 242-0971 for more information. Hope to see you there.

DON'T FORGET

Refreshments

Obituaries

Jun - Virginia Duling
Jul - Betty Ann Morse
Aug - Picnic - Phyllis George
Sep - Jody Nestler

Jun - Mary Lou Kelly Jul - Pat Wassum Aug - Jo Lea Plumlee Sep - Dorothy Inscho

Three Adventurous Pioneers First Came Upon Site of Grand Junction Exactly Fifty-Two Years Ago Today

Just 52 years ago today, the three men who were to lay the foundation of Grand Junction arrived at the site of this city.

This fact was recalled today by the sole survivor of the trio, William McGinley, the oldest citizen, from standpoint of residence, of Grand Junction. His two companions on that visit to the city's site, O.D. Russell and J.C. Nicholls, are both dead.

It was on Sept. 5, 1881, that notice of the Indian massacre of troops under General Carr in Arizona reached an army camp on the Uncompangre where the city of Delta now stands. The troops were ordered to depart for Arizona at once.

The three venturous pioneers, McGinley, Nicholls, and Russell, were held in the Uncompander camp as prisoners for violation of an order keeping white men out of this portion of western Colorado, which was then given over to the Indians.

Immediately upon departure of the soldiers for Arizona, the three men started toward the Grand valley. Deep mud resulting from heavy rains hampered their progress, and they camped overnight east of Kannah Creek. The next morning they crossed Kannah Creek and came on to the junction of the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers.

After fording the Colorado, the three men camped over the night of Sept. 6, just 52 years ago, at a point a mile below the site on which this city now stands. Knowing the country was thick with Indians, they built no fires. Early the next morning they saw, at a distance, Indians trekking up the valley, enroute to the White River region.

When the Indians were out of sight, McGinley and his two companions rode down the valley as far as the present location of Fruita. Returning, McGinley and Russell staked out ranch sites and then the trio rode back to Delta.

OUR FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIAGE by H. Faye B. Kralicek edited by: Wynona K. Hennessey

James Thomas Kralicek b. 8 Oct 1897 Texas Co, MO d. 26 Feb 1983 Harriett Fay Butler b. 30 Jun 1902

I sat down tonight trying to think of a few of the happenings of our past 50 years together. I will put down a few things that come to my remembrance.

We were married in Ashland, KS by Rev. E.S. Corrie, Pastor of the Methodist Church there, on Dec 5, 1919. The years have passed so swiftly and like most couples we had our share of troubles, trials and sorrows. Our first home was in Buffalo, OK. We rented a small apartment there, and we thought it was a place equal to the garden of Eden. On Nov 26, 1920 our first son was born at the farm of my father and we named him James Glenn. I wanted to call him James but his daddy was determined that he should be called Glenn. Guess who won? Not Me!!

During the first five years of our married life work was hard to find and we lived in several places, Wichita, KS and Whizz Bang, OK. When we lived in Acres, KS, Glenn was 4 months old and he became a nephew to Cloyd Dale Butler (my brother). We lived in MO and cut timber and we lived in a tent in the woods. I always said I would never live in a tent again and I never did. While we where living in Protection, KS our first daughter was born on May 28, 1922. We named her Lois. She had dark hair, dark blue eyes and we thought she was the most beautiful baby ever born. Again we moved around, working some in the oil fields, finally we got back to Wichita, with steam heat, a toilet that flushed and even a bath tub, of course we had to share with the other renters. We decided we had wandered enough and we settled back in Buffalo. Our son Alvin Joseph was born Oct 21, 1923. We lived in Buffalo, OK until 1929. Jim worked 3 jobs, at the elevator, for the railroad as a section hand, and drove the bus to Alva and Guymon. Three of our children were born there, Mildred Mabel, Aug 1, 1925, Eva Claudine, 15 Aug 1927, and Amel T. (he later changed the "T" to Theodore) born Nov 13, 1928. In the latter part of 1928, Jim's dad bought a blacksmith shop in Mooreland, OK, it also had a garage which Jim worked in. Our last six children were born while we lived in Mooreland; Willy Cloyd, May 28, 1930; Rosamond Mary, Jan 7, 1932; Rita Florence, Dec 30, 1933 (she hates the name Florence, I should have numbered them), Wynona Jane, Dec 15, 1936 (I had six daughters, why shouldn't one have my sister's name), Grover Lynn, Aug 20, 1938 and May Donald. Feb 27, 1940 and Max Donald, Feb 27, 1940.

It was the time of the depression and we worked so hard to try to keep our family going and each child seem to feel responsible for one another. Jim worked 8 hours a day and then scooped coal off railroad cars. Glen and Joe would help till their dad decided they should get some sleep. At 4 a.m. he would come home, sleep till 7:30 and start

all over again. I would wash and iron at night so the children would have clean and patched clothing to wear to school.

In 1931 Lois got Rhuematic Fever, we thought she had polio. She was sick in bed for two months. Glenn had pnuemonia 3 times and in 1935 when the dust storms were so terrible, Glenn, Joe, Ted and Bill all had pnuemonia. Bill had to have surgery on his lungs. We always blamed the cold winds in OK for them all having pnuemonia so much. On Nov 20, 1939 we lost our little Grover Lynn to pnuemonia.

In Sep of 1939 Lois married John Roberson, Glenn graduated from high school, but we could not afford to send him to college but I believe he has done as well as some who have had college educations. In Dec of 1939 after losing Grover Lynn, Jim was laid off from his job. He and Glenn did all of the odd jobs they could find to keep the family going and I must say they managed well. When Max was 10 days old Jim got an offer of a job at Montrose, CO. He left Mar 20 for Montrose and we followed after school was out. I am sure Glenn's heart, as well as mine was mighty low as we headed out for Colorado with all of the kids and a trailer. Lois was expecting her first child. The move to CO seemed to be the turning point for the better in our lives. We missed only one dream we had for our children and that was to have them all graduate from high school. Some did, some didn't but most had the courage to get their diploma's by taking the test.

Our children have all grown to manhood and womanhood; each one married and have homes of their own. Each one married a companion who is as good to us as our own children. Our hearts were saddened in July of 1965 when we lost our darling Joe. It is the greatest trial we ever had to face but we can say like the song, "Jesus was with us all the way". We don't know what we would have done without that source of strength.

As we pause in reflection of these years, the good, kind and wonderful things that our children do for us, we ask ourselves the question, What did we do to be deserving of all these good things? We love them all so much and truly it has been 50 Golden Years, that were really worth living. We have had so many wonderful trips together and so many wonderful experiences, it is IMPOSSIBLE to recount them here.

As I retyped this and tried to put down what you might find interesting, I also reflected upon our lives as we grew up. I can truly say that for all the mouths to feed and children to take care of, there was never a time that we did not know we were loved and wanted and that each of us has always been there for the other one, no matter what!! I have always been so thankful that I was born into this big family. Wynona

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Kentucky Records

For those interested in Kentucky ancestry: If you should receive a reply from a Kentucky courthouse saying that the records are "missing" or "not there", write to the Kentucky Archives in Frankfort. While some records are missing, many have been removed from the local courthouses which do not have space for them. Many of these records have been microfilmed. Write to: Kentucky Department of Library and Archives, 300 Coffee Tree Road, P.O. Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602.

(from the Prairie Pioneer Newsletter, Warren County Genealogical Society, Monmouth, IL. Vol XI, No. 2)

NEW YORK NEW YORK

Boundaries of counties in early New York state changed constantly. As a result, vital records, land records and a will for the same individual may be in as many as three different counties and county seats. Town names often changed too. Genesee was originally Big Tree; Springwater was Hemlock; and Arcade was China. Town or county historians can often help with such problems. New York state has censuses for the years 1776, 1782, 1786, 1795, 1801, 1807, 1814, 1821, 1825, 1835, 1845, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1880, 1892, 1905, 1915, and 1925. Names not found on a federal census may be discovered on the more detailed state lists. (from Antique Week, 7 May 1990)

SEAMAN'S PROTECTION CERTIFICATES

Did you have an American ancestor who went to sea in the 1800's? if so, he may have applied for the "Seaman's Protection Certificate", which was designed to stop the British from impressing Americans into the British Navy on the high seas. These certificates were issued from 1796-1897 and were especially popular from 1796-1820. For information about them, write to the Archives Division, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.

(from Frontier Research, Vol 11 #2-3 Winter-Spring 1992)

SIGNATURES USING 'X'

Before the 17th Century, educated persons often used the "x" to sign official papers. The X, which symbolized the Sign of the Cross, meant that by their faith the document was proper. The witnesses present to identify the "x-makers" often signed with their signatures. The St. Andrew's Cross (x), the Cross of Calvary (with a bar near the top), and The Greek Cross (+), were all used on a variety of documents, wills, deeds, and royal decrees. Eventually, the x was adopted by people who did not know how to write. So don't assume that your ancestor couldn't write his name just because he signed with an X. (taken from Appancose County Genealogical Society Newsletter, April 1993, Vol 17, No. 2 and Eastern NE Genealogical Society, Mar 1991.)

TYPICAL 19TH CENTURY GERMAN UPPER-CASE LETTERS KEY CHARACTERISTICS, SIMILAR AND CASUAL FORMS

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SUTRO AND AGLL

The Sutro Library and the AGLL (American Genealogiacal Lending Library have catalogs that are housed at the Mesa County Library. They are downstairs in the yellow genealogy drawer. Ask at the information desk if you need any help.

SUTRO LIBRARY HOLDINGS:

The Sutro Library limits orders to four (4) items at any one time. Additional items will be held until the first four (4) are returned. Books printed prior to 1925 will not circulate and may not be copied. The Blue Book is the Guide to using the Catalog. We suggest that you read this information.

CATALOG:

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			Military records, etc.

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	Hale - Connecticut Vital Records - Newspaper			
	notices, Cemetery inscriptions, marriages			
	Milton Rubincam - Ancestry of Rubincam Family			

Continental Congress - papers of the Continental

Congress 1774-1789

- SNYDER Seeking parents of CATHERINE SNYDER; b 1815, m 22 Nov 1832 to ELISHA SHELTON in Columbiana County OH, d 9 June 1859 New Lisbon, Columbiana County OH. Mother of LETHA ANN SHELTON. (respond to Betty Rosette Dougherty, 591 1\2 W. Conestoga Circle, Grand Junction, CO 81504)
- EGAN Seeking date and place of death of JOHN EGAN; b 1769 County Clare, Ireland; m 31 Sep 1796 to CORNELIA QUACKENBOS in Albany, NY (respond to Betty Rosette Dougherty, 591 1\2 W. Conestoga Circle, Grand Junction, CO 81504)
- SHEFIELD\SHISLEY Seeking parents of MARIA SHEFIELD\SHISLEY; b about 1750, m 3 Dec 1769 Christ Church, Philadelphia to PETER I. QUACKENBOS. Children born in Albany NY, Christened in Dutch Reform Church.

 (respond to Betty Rosette Dougherty, 591 1\2 W. Conestoga Circle, Grand Junction, CO 81504)
- HISE Looking for parents of LEVI TILLMAN HISE; b 3 Jun 1821,d. 27 Oct 1896 Scotland County MO m 10 May 1853 to ELIZABETH JANE MORROW, b.12 Mar 1830, d 25 Apr 1876. Children were: Cordela Jane, John Franklin, Margaret Elnora, James Tillman, Mary Virginia, Nettie Viola, and Charles William. (contact Susan Martinez, 2662 Catalina Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506)
- CROSS Looking for parents of LOTSEY E. CROSS b 1833 Shelby County KY. She married JAMES THOMAS BALLARD 28 Feb 1854 in Shelby County KY. Shortly after they were married, they moved to Clark County MO. Children were: (all born in Clark Co. MO) Mary Elizabeth, Bland W., Martha J., Walter P., and Sarah Ellen.

 (contact Susan Martinez, 2662 Catalina Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506)
- HENDERSON Mr. Harry M. Cleveland of Memphis TN is looking for JOHN MONROE HENDERSON and children. He is also looking for the WAKEFIELD family. They are on the Soundex in 1900 and 1920 in Mesa County, Collbran precinct.

 (contact Wynona Hennessey, Mesa Co. Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 1506, Grand Junction, CO 81502)
- FLUCKEN Judy Lee Covey Poulton of Ignacio, CO is looking for information on the FLUCKEN family of Grand Junction. Lizetta M. Flucken d. 1926 Grand Junction, married Anthony F. Flucken d. 1952. She is also looking for MARINER ALLEN COOK d. after 1926. (contact Wynona Hennessey, Mesa Co. Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 1506, Grand Junction, CO 81502)

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