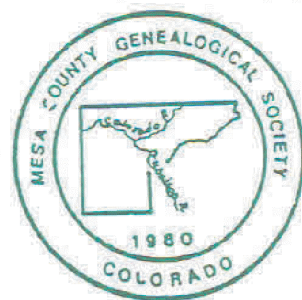
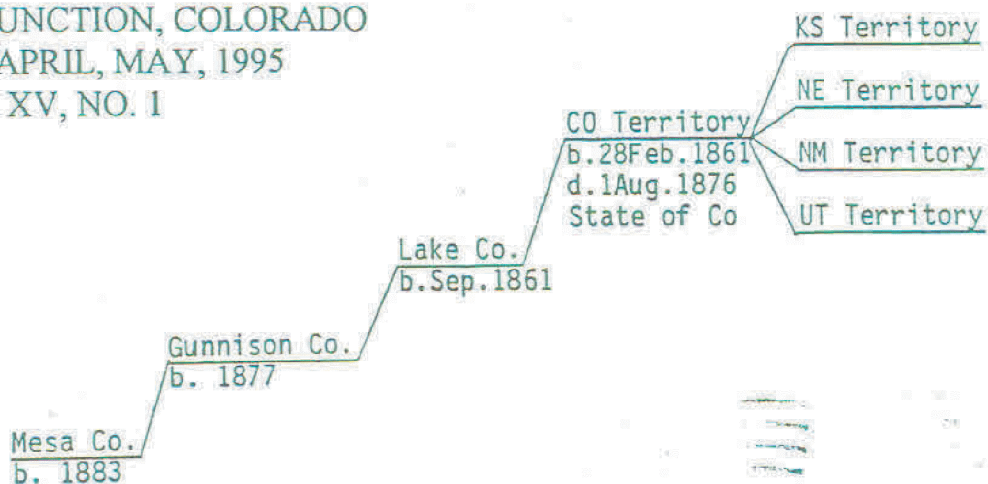


# MESA DWELLERS NEWSLETTER



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## \*\*\*\* CALENDAR \*\*\*\*

### MARCH

General Meeting 7:00 p.m., Museum of Western Colorado. Gary Brewer, Use of Civil War Records.

- 17 St. Patrick's Day.  
20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING!

### APRIL

- 2 Daylight Savings Time Begins  
9 Palm Sunday  
13 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Museum of Western Colorado. Ireland, with Bill & Dorothy O'Dwyer  
13 Jefferson's Birthday  
14 Good Friday  
15 Passover  
16 Easter Sunday  
19-23 Museum's Salt Lake trip.

### MAY

- 17 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Joint meeting with the local PAF group. Redlands Middle School. Note change of date!!!  
14 Mother's Day  
29 Memorial Day Observed

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The Mesa County Genealogical Society was established in 1980 as a non-profit organization to promote an interest in genealogy. A Newsletter is published in March, June, September, and December. Regular meetings are held at the Museum of Western Colorado, 4th & Ute, Grand Junction, CO, at 7:00 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month. Visitors are welcome.

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## 1994/95 Officers

President.....Norm Kronvall, [REDACTED] 3  
Vice President.....Joan Chaffin, [REDACTED] 8  
Recording Secretary.....Gloria Heitsman, [REDACTED]  
Treasurer.....Betty Grosskopf, [REDACTED]  
Correspondence Sec'try.....Wynona Hennessey [REDACTED] 5

## Elected Board Members

One Year Term:.....Bertie Albers  
Two Year Term:.....Donna Roberts  
Three Year Term:.....Laveta Kay

## \*\*\* MEETING REFRESHMENT DUTIES \*\*\* FOR 1995

March - Dennis Jenkins  
April - Pat Blackburn - Liz Mustee  
May - Betty Cayton  
June - Donna Roberts  
July - Norm Kronvall  
August - Annual Picnic  
September - Wynona Hennessey  
October - Betty Jane Grosskopf - Gloria Heitsman  
November -  
December - Annual Christmas Party

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## EDITOR'S NOTE:

The last publication ran a story on Patent Records, and by mistake Dennis Jenkins' name was left out of the last paragraph. Should you want to contact him for this service please call Dennis at the BLM Grand Junction office at [REDACTED] or at his home number [REDACTED]. I apologize to Dennis who put so much work into this story.

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Thank you, to everyone who has been so helpful and submitted much of the information that you have seen in this newsletter. I look forward to having more and varied information for you over the next year. Submit your queries and ancestor names too. Who knows where you may 'click' and find someone out there who help you. Please mail your information to Juanita Moston, [REDACTED]

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Historian  
Program.....Dennis Jenkins, [REDACTED] 9  
Publicity.....Bertie Albers, [REDACTED] 3  
Newsletter Editor.....Juanita Moston, [REDACTED]  
Librarian.....Dorothy Inscho, [REDACTED]  
Calling.....Mary Kronvall, [REDACTED]

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Annual Dues: \$10 Single; \$12 Family.  
Membership period is March 1st to March 1st.  
Those with unpaid dues (after April 30) will not receive the Newsletter.

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### SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS ARE BUSY AT WORK

By the end of 1994 the Museum of Western Colorado had counted over 320 hours of volunteer time for Society volunteers. This does not include the time spent at the Public Library extracting obituary information, which accounted for close to 945 hours over the past year, or all the other volunteer time put in by others who have not been counting it.

Volunteers are still needed for the Society's library day at the Museum; on Friday afternoons. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer contact Gloria Heitsman [REDACTED] 9

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### ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH SOURCES SURFACE WHILE DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY REMAINS CLOSED.

\* **Colorado Historical Society, Denver, Stephen Hart Library** has an outstanding collection of City Directories from throughout Colorado; it is headquarters for the Colorado newspaper project, a large collection of Colorado newspapers from the entire state with the exception of the local Denver newspapers. The library is the repository for membership registers from the Colorado Camp of the Grand Army of the Republic, a Civil War Union veterans organization. You can also find a collection of business and family papers from throughout the state, and a photographic collection from private persons and studios. Arapahoe County marriages 1859-1900 can be found here.

\* **Colorado State Archives** is across the street from the Historical Society. While there you can check state and local government records, many of the state's vital records, tax, land, school censuses, prison, population census, military and war records. Colorado marriages for 1900-1939 are available on microfilm.

#### \*National Archives and Records

**Administration, Rocky Mountain Region.** You will find the complete set for the United States of the Federal Population Census Schedules from 1790 through 1920, along with records created by federal agencies in the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. A few scattered records created in New Mexico and Arizona will also be found. Native American enumeration schedules, ship passenger lists, regional naturalization records, and homestead records for the Rocky Mountain Region are available.

**Black American West Museum.** An extensive collection of oral history highlights this collection of Black American history. The Black American West Museum has extracted all African-American entries from the Federal Population Census Schedules of Colorado for 1870 and 1880.

\* **Archives of the Archdiocese of Denver** This collection houses sacramental records, such as baptism, confirmation, marriage and death/burial records, the Denver Catholic Register, bishops' scrapbooks, orphanage records, archive records, and a complete set of the Official Catholic Directory. The oldest records are from 1860.

(Information compiled by James Jeffrey, Collection Specialist in Genealogy at the Denver Public Library, for the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies Newsletter, Nov. 1994)

### OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

\* **Norlin Library, University of Colorado Campus, Boulder, CO.; Boulder Carnegie Library, Boulder, CO.; Michener Library, Northern Colorado University campus, Greeley, CO** (good collection of federal papers); **Weld County Library; and the City of Greeley Library** (good collection of Germans from Russia Genealogy; and the Greeley Colony records are there); **Colorado State University; the City of Fort Collins Library, Fort Collins.**

\* **Penrose Library, Colorado Springs, CO** (very good selection of books on other states, as well as Colorado). **Pueblo Public Library, Pueblo, CO** (very good selection of Tennessee reference books, particularly Civil war records, and an alphabetized death/obit list that goes quite a ways back).

\* **Family History Libraries.** New publications and information are always coming into the various libraries. Ask the volunteers when you go into a library what is new. Recent additions to the vital records at the LDS Family History Centers include CA Death index 1905-1988; CO Marriage index 1900-1939; FL Marriage Index 1927-1969, and Death index 1877-1969; Hawaii Birth index 1901-1949, Marriage index 1909-1949, and Death index 1909-1949; IL Death index 1916-1938 and Death records 1916-1942; Ky Marriage index 1972-1990 and Death index 1911-1986; OH Death index 1913-1927; SD Birth (delayed) and Death indexes 1900-1945; WA Birth index 1907-1954 and Birth records 1907-1936.

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**The FHC at Yale and Monaco, Denver** has the O 1900-1939 marriage index; in addition they have microfiche for CO marriages 1972-1992.

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### UNKNOWN MAIDEN NAMES

An excellent place to find those difficult-to-locate names is deeds. Most deeds have signatures of witnesses in the lower left-hand corner. The first one is usually from the husband's side; the second usually from the wife's (in order to protect her dower rights). (from Aurora Genealogical Society (Colo), March/April 1993)

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### 1995 SEMINARS TO CONSIDER

\*Colorado Chapter of Ohio Genealogical Society meeting March 31-April 1, Ramada Limited, 104th and I-25, Denver. Julie Overton, past president of the Ohio Genealogical Society and past editor of the Palatines will speak on *Finding Revolutionary War Soldiers in Ohio*. A \$25 registration fee for non-members is required. Contact Judy Gray 684-0206 or Eunice Bradley 499-1925.

\*April 8-9, Southern California Genealogical Society, Inc. presents their 26th Annual Jamboree at the Exhibition Bldg., The Pasadena Center (300 E. Green St.) Pasadena, CA.

\*Salt Lake City, Utah, 6-8 April, seminar includes: research instruction from many leading experts, full day of training for family history librarians, exhibits and demonstrations. Mail registration to Utah Genealogical Association, P.O. Box 1144, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. (No registration fee was shown on the flyer.)

\*June 15-18, -Wichita, KS, Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies 20th Annual Conference, featuring George K. Sweitzer. The Museum of Western Colorado offers a package trip for \$250, double occupancy. May 1 registration deadline. Call the Museum 242-0971 for more information.

\*WESTWARD HO! 1995 National PALAM Conference, June 22-25 in Denver. Emphasizes the indirect, but eventually westward, movement of German ancestors during 17th and 18th centuries, and the irresistible attraction of the superb facilities for genealogical research here in the West, among them the Denver Public Library and the Family History Library at Salt Lake City. Speakers include German expert Horst A. Reschke, Annette K. Burgert, and Helen Hinchliff. Contact Gene Schmeckpeper, 4665 So. Inca St., Englewood, CO 80110-5603.

\*July 12-15 and Sept. 20-24 Museum trips to LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City. Call 242-0971 for more information.

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### INDEX TO 1881 CENSUS WORK TO BEGIN

Through an agreement between the Family History Department and the British Genealogical Record Users Committee, a cooperative project is underway to index the 1881 Census of England, Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Mann, and Scotland. This indexing project will create one of the most important resources for nineteenth century British research. Over thirty million name entries will be included. When all the county indexes have been completed, they will be combined into a single national index for all of England, Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and Scotland. The entire project will take several years to complete.

Each county has three indexes - surname, birthplace, and census place. There is also an arranged-as-enumerated transcription of the census records.

**Surname Index:** enables you to quickly identify by name anyone who was enumerated on the census. The index is arranged alphabetically by surname and then forename (given name).

**Birthplace Index:** enables you to find people of the same surname who were born in the same parish. It may help you identify brothers, sisters, parents, and other family members of an ancestor if you do not know their given names. The index is arranged alphabetically by surname, birthplace, and then forename.

**Census Place Index:** enables you to identify all people of the same surname who were living in the same parish at the time the census was taken. The index is arranged alphabetically by surname, census place, and then forename.

**Arranged-as-Enumerated Transcription:** transcription of the census is arranged in the same order as the original census, with individuals listed by the households in which they were enumerated. The transcription is helpful to use after using the surname, birthplace, and census place indexes.

The county indexes and transcription also have three supplements: Miscellaneous Notes, List of Vessels/Ships, and List of Institutions.

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**Miscellaneous Notes:** supplement contains additional information about many of the entries in the indexes. This is information that did not fit into the one line entries in the indexes. The notes are arranged alphabetically by the surname and then the forename of the person to whom they pertain.

**List of Vessels/Ships:** supplement gives all vessels or ships enumerated on the census. The list is arranged alphabetically by the name of the vessel or ship.

**List of Institutions:** supplement gives all the institutions enumerated on the census. Often in the census, a household is not a family but an institution (school, prison, hospital, workhouse, etc.) in which many people who were unrelated were living. The list of institutions is arranged alphabetically by the name of the institution.

### Description of the National Index

The national index will not be divided by county, though individual entries will give the county in which the person was enumerated. The national index will only include the surname and birthplace indexes described above.

At the end of the project the information will be available at Family History Libraries on compact disc.

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### CZECH LISTS AVAILABLE

After years of research, over 20,000 Czech immigrants who arrived in NY between 1847-1869 have been identified, and published in *Czech Immigration Passenger Lists; Volume 1*. Some 250 rolls of National Archives microfilm were abstracted. The book includes an alphabetical listing of immigrants giving names, ages, places of origin, date of arrival, name of ship and destination. There is also a discussion on sources of immigrant ship data and photos. Copies of the book are available for \$17.95 pp from Leo Baca, 1707 Woodcreek, Richardson, TX 75082. (*The Family Tree*, newsletter of the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library, Feb-Mar 1993.)



### NEW BOOKS - NEW BOOKS - NEW BOOKS

The Mesa County Genealogical Society in 1994 purchased the four volumes of "First Settlers of New England" by James Savage. The best known and most frequently used genealogical dictionary, this monumental work provides the name of every settler who arrived in New England before 1692, regardless of his station, rank, or fortune. It further traces his descendants, giving the dates of his marriage and his death, the dates of birth, marriage, and death of his children, and the birthdates and names of his grand children, thus recording the beginning of the third generation in New England. There is also an index contained in Volume IV, thus making research a little easier.

We also purchased Volume I of the **Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy** by William Wade Hinshaw. This covers the monthly meetings held in North Carolina(Indexed). We also have Volume II, which covers New Jersey and Pennsylvania and Volume III, which covers New York.

Another research tool in our library is **Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700**, as well as the **Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages**.

You will also find **North Carolina Wills: A Testor Index, 1665-1900**, by Thornton W. Mitchell.

The above books can be found in the Society's book collection housed at the Museum of Western Colorado.

**CENSUS INFORMATION:** These can be found at the Mesa County Public Library (the Society purchased these census tapes, plus several that were donated by members of MCGS.)

We have the following Colorado Census records: Mesa County 1900-10-20; Montrose County 1900-10-20; Gunnison County, 1900-10-20; and Delta County, 1900-10-20, as well as the 1880 and 1885 statewide Colorado census. Since there is no 1890 census, the 1885 census could prove to be very helpful in locating your people. Also, located at the Public Library is a card index for the 1885 Mesa County, CO census

You will also find the following counties for the 1850 Tennessee Census: Blount, Bradley, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger and Greene.

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### Grand Junction Family History Library

collection has the following, among others:

**Second Census of Kentucky, 1800**, G. Glenn Clift, Genealogical Publ. Co. Inc., 1954.

**Ships of Our Ancestors**, Michael J. Anuta, Genealogical Publ. Co. Inc., Reprint 1993.

**Apprentices of Virginia, 1623-1800**, Harold B. Gill, Jr., Ancestry Inc., Salt Lake City, UT 1989.

**Württemberg Emigration Index, Vol. 6**, Compiled by: Trudy Schenk and Ruth Froelke, Ancestry Inc. 1992.

**German Genealogical Reference**, George R. Schweitzer, Printed by Author, 1992.

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### WORKS PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION (WPA) RECORDS AT COLORADO STATE ARCHIVES

The WPA was one of the agencies that President Franklin D. Roosevelt established to provide 'large-scale employment on useful public undertakings' to a depression-ridden populace. The agency was created by executive order on May 6, 1935, and was dissolved, by order of the President, at midnight on June 30, 1943. The original title given to the agency was Works Progress Administration, but the name was changed on July 1, 1939.

State, county, and municipal agencies, with few exceptions, initiated the projects, agreeing to pay in total most of the funds required for project non-labor costs. Each proposal was reviewed first by district and state administrators, then by the control WPA office in Washington, D.C. and finally was submitted to the President for approval. Federal money was used almost exclusively for labor costs. The maximum number of persons employed on WPA projects in Colorado peaked in December of 1935 at 40,202. By June, 1942, only 3,944 were on the payroll.

Projects in Colorado fell into two main categories. *Construction*: highways, public buildings, outdoor recreation facilities, public utilities and sanitation, and airport facilities. *Activities*: Sewing, school lunches, food processing, visits by housekeeping aides, adult education including naturalization and literacy, and the arts.

THE COLORADO STATE ARCHIVES HAS  
AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH INVENTORY LISTS  
AND PUBLICATIONS

1. *Inventory of the County Archives for Colorado* for all 63 counties; 1862-1939. These may include a historical sketch, legislative history of the county government, a listing of types of records, and the buildings in use at the time.

2. *Inventory of Church Archives* in 52 of the counties of Colorado: 1862-1942. These may include deed and corporation records of churches, giving the name of the church, date of the instrument and where filed, and inventories of records held.

3. *Inventory of Federal Archives in Colorado*; 1861-1939. Includes varying amounts of information concerning the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Justice, Labor, Navy, Treasury, and War, as well as other agencies such as the National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Federal Courts.

4. *Inventory of Municipal Records*; 1862-1942. Includes forms listing printed records, newspapers, and buildings in use at the time.

5. *Inventory of the State Archives of Colorado*; 1861-1940. Includes listings of records of the Governor's Office, Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and existing state agencies.

6. Publications centering around WPA projects completed for the State Department of Education; ca. 1930-1943. Includes Adult Education class materials for citizenship preparation, and literacy aides; recreation information and programming for hobbies, crafts, singing games, folk dances, pageants and plays, art projects, and playground construction and uses.

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### HISTORY FAIRE A HUGE SUCCESS

Well over 400 people (exact count will come later) passed through the Faire, and many took in the German lecture by Larry Jensen, the Oral History lecture by Don Norton, and Norm Kronvall's Swedish Research lecture. Those of us with German ancestors may have been overwhelmed with the amount of information available, but we can't say we don't know where to go to find things now! Our thanks to Dorothy Roper and the Family History Library and to those responsible for inviting us to again participate in this wonderful event.

We gained four new members, welcome to them! Thanks, to all the Society members who found the time to 'man' the table for the d. We will be doing this again in Montrose on March 19th, 2 - 5 p.m., at the LDS Library.

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