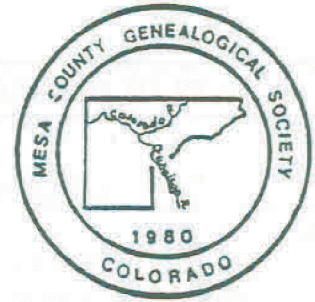


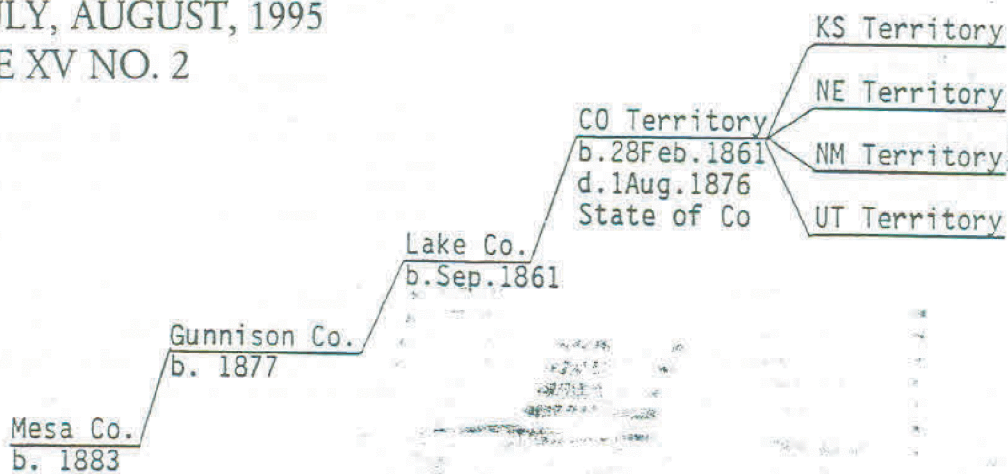
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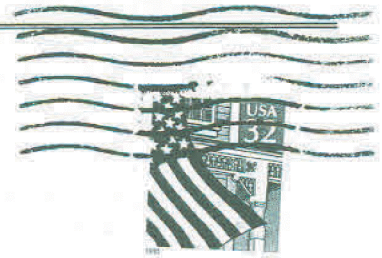
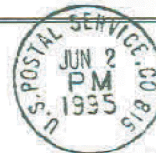


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### \*\*\* CALENDAR \*\*\*

#### JUNE

- 8 *BRING A PROBLEM NIGHT.* General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Museum of Western Colorado
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Father's Day

#### JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 13 *HOW TO DO HEADSTONE RUBBINGS.* Gloria Heitsman, 7:00 p.m., Museum of Western Colorado
- 27 Signing of Korean Armistice (1953)

#### AUGUST

- 10 *POT-LUCK PICNIC AT JOHN & DOROTHY ROPER'S home.* See bottom of next column for further information.

#### SEPTEMBER

- 14 *HOW TO USE NEWSPAPERS FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH.* Gene Thomas, 7:00 p.m., Museum of Western Colorado

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

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### MEETING REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS FOR 1995

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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### \*\* ANNUAL SUMMER POT-LUCK \*\*

August 10, at 6:30 p.m.

John and Dorothy Roper, [REDACTED] near Appleton, are hosts of the annual pot-luck picnic this year. From 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. you are invited to practice headstone rubbings at Crown Point Cemetery, at 23 1/2 and I 1/2 Road.

Bring your favorite dish, and a copy of the recipe to share, along with your own service and enjoy the company of other genealogists.

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### LIBRARY OBITUARY FILE UPDATE by Sue Martinez

Society volunteers are working on the obituary file, and making good progress. We have now completed the years 1903 thru 1993. The Mesa County Library started putting the obituaries on computer in January 1994 and have a print out available. Eventually, all the obituaries will be placed on computer. We thought the early years of the Daily Sentinel had been extracted, but this was not the case, and now we will go back and extract the years 1894 through 1902. In checking we also found 1974-1979 had not been completed. When we finish with the earlier years we will complete the 1970 years.

I want to thank everyone who has worked on this project over the last six years. The librarians have told us many times how much the obituary file is used and how grateful they and the patrons are to have such a great resource tool. I would like to personally thank Dorothy Inscho and Mattie Severson for all the many, many hours they have put into this project. They have been working with me since the start: Mattie extracting the data, and Dorothy typing and filing the cards. They have kept me going when the going got rough. Hopefully this time next year we will be able to say "Project Done".

### VETERANS GET PENSION PAPERS: LIST OF CIVIL WAR PENSIONERS IN MESA COUNTY

Editor's note: While obituary researchers peruse the newspapers, from time to time other stories come to light. The following was found in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel on 30 May 1912.

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Through the courtesy of Congressman Edward T. Taylor, the Daily Sentinel has been able during the past several days to provide scores of the veterans of the conflict of '61 and '65' with the necessary application blanks for the new pension bill which has just been signed by President Taft.

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These old soldiers will receive the application papers within a few days and will be able to secure the increased allowance as provided for in the new measure.

Those who have taken advantage of the The Sentinel's offer and will receive the blanks from Congressman Taylor are: Virgil Gilcrest; Alfred B. Hildreth; Lewis P. Morrison; Strange Brooks; J.J. Fifield, Salida; Thomas B. McCoy, Fruita; James W. Dodgins; J. H. Parrish, Glade Park; Phillip Allen, Fruita; W.M. Van Burne; J. C. Plank; Lewis A. Colburn; Henry Beemer; John Earl; George Evans; G. W. Melton; Moses P. Whitnah; John Borschell; James M. Wilson; Charles H. Crawford; W. A. Knowles; Esquire Oakes; C.W. Hall, Palisade; O.J. Aldrich; A. A. Woolfry; James F. Jackson; J. K.P. Morelock; John H. Roberts; Thomas E. Fulghum; John White, Frederick J. Vosburg; Benjamin F. Jay; J.A. Burckhardt, Palisade; John A.C. Whitney; John Goldsby, Whitewater; Eli Mahannah, Whitewater; Benjamin F. Melton; H. Fiene; Felix Toupain; J. R. Fallis; John Morley; Calvin M. Brooks; Henry Waller; William F. Miller.

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### CRITIQUE OF PHILADELPHIA PASSENGER AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE LISTS COMPILED BY STRASSEBURGER & HINKE

Although this publication does not ordinarily use undocumented information the following appears to have some good points to ponder. Therefore, it is printed in its entirety and you are free to use it, or not.

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Comments from GENie Information Service, Genealogical Roundtable discussion on Immigration principally by Bill Toppe and Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

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The Philadelphia passenger and oath of allegiance lists were extracted and published circa 1850 in one of the Pennsylvania archive series.

Strassburger and Hinke went back to the archives and reextracted the lists coming up with some which the original extractors had overlooked. In the process it is said that Hinke became so familiar with the lists that he could identify the clerks by their handwriting.

If you start with S&H, you begin with the most authoritative source. According to reliable information, the Rupp book was based upon the archive publication. Although the Rupp book was revised and republished, it contains differences from Strassburg & Hinke.

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The S&H publication contained, where available, the three lists that sometimes accompanied a ship arrival. The A list was prepared by the ship's captain who was likely English-speaking. This was the passenger arrival list and contains the names as written down by the captain. The B and C oaths of allegiance lists were signed by the passengers who were well enough to get to the city hall and could write.

Although the lists were supposed to include everyone, many of the captains listed only the males, sixteen years of age and older (since they were the ones required to sign the oaths of allegiance). Because the captain was usually English-speaking, the spelling of the names frequently does not correspond with the more authentic German spelling. However, the A list is usually the most complete. (You usually won't find names on the B and C lists which aren't on the A list. You usually will find names on the A list which aren't on the B and C lists.)

All of the male passengers, sixteen years of age and older who were healthy enough were marched to City Hall (or wherever the oaths were administered).

The B list was the normal oath of allegiance. If the passenger was literate, he signed the B list. If he was illiterate, the clerk signed his name (as well as the clerk understood what the name was) leaving a place between the given and family where the passenger made his mark (+), (X), etc.

If the passenger was too ill to walk to City Hall his name may be missing from the list or the clerk may have signed for him.

The C list was thought by early remembrancers (Rupp and Egle) to be a duplicate of the B list. S&H demonstrated it was a separate oath. It was designed to exclude the followers of the two Stuart/Stewart pretenders to the English throne. The same requirements as for B apply to the C list.

One cannot put too much on the spelling on the A list but it tends to have more names than the B and C lists. The B and C lists tend to agree except there are differences in spelling. Each researcher has to decide whether the passenger spelled the name two ways or whether the passenger was actually absent and the name was actually written by two different clerks.

In a few cases, S&H has included the medical officer's inspection report. If a passenger's name appears on this report, you should not expect it to appear on the B and C lists (although it should appear on the A list).

Not all three lists were required for every ship and/or not all three lists survived.

S&H was originally published circa 1934 in three volumes. Volume II contained the reproductions of the B and C lists. Genealogy Publishing Co. republished S&H circa 1977 in a two-volume set but left out the B & C list reproductions.

For a comprehensive discussion of this topic read Michael Tepper's "American Passenger Arrival Records."

For researchers looking especially for German immigrants, there are several other works and authors that are frequently referenced. For instance: The Egle "Names of Foreigners who took the oath of allegiance to the province and state of PA, 1727-75, with foreign arrivals, 1786-1808," is from PA archives, 2nd. ser. v. 17, 1892, is OK.

It is Egle's "Index to main families, persons, places and subject, plus introduction and bibliography..." that is inaccurate and should be used with extreme care. It came from Egle's newspaper columns. (Mostly Central PA families).

Rupp's "A Collection of Upwards of 30,000 Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and other Immigrants to PA from 1727-1776..." is rated as inferior to Stassburger's transcriptions.

Strassburger's "PA German Pioneers," is the definitive work on the early German Immigrants to PA.

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### WWII AERIAL PHOTOS OF YOUR ANCESTORS HOME TOWNS NOW AVAILABLE

During World War II, the US and German military units took aerial photos of most villages in Germany and France. Copies of these photos are available through the National Archives. Write Cartographic and Architectural Branch (NNSC), National Archives and Records Admin, NARA, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 10740-6001. A b/w, 4x5 is \$4.75 an 8/10 b/w is \$6.25, you must purchase the negative to get a print. Giving the location, if known will speed up the process. (Source: The Tipsheet, Mar/Apr 1995, Foothills Gen. Society)

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### LAST WORDS" SAY A LOT

Old-time New Englanders and others believed the logical place to have their say was on their gravestones. *Over Their Dead Bodies*, written by Thomas C. Mann and Janet Greene, (published by Barnes & Noble, Inc, 1993) is a collection of Yankee Epitaphs and history that is neither morbid nor dull.

Acworth, New Hampshire  
*This stone tells the death of  
Bezaleel Beckwith  
now where his body lies,  
he died Oct. 31, 1824, aged 43.  
the thirteenth day after, his body was stolen  
from the grave.*

*Now twice bereaved the mourners cries,  
My friend is dead, his body gone;  
God's act is just, my heart replies,  
Forgive, oh God, what man has done.*

*Erected by the friends of the deceased in  
Acworth in place of the one destroyed by some  
ruthless hand in April, 1825.*

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*Reported around 1880 as having stood in a  
Nantucket, MA graveyard ( - and also in  
Searsport, ME., and Barre, VT., for Solomon  
Pease):*

*Under the Sod and under the trees  
Lies the body of Jonathan Peas.  
He is not here, there's only the pod;  
Pease shelled out and went to God.*

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### LOCAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION SEARCHES FOR FORMER MEMBERS

The Mesa County Historical Society and the Redlands Community Center Board are searching for relatives' names and addresses of the members of the Grand Junction Country Club.

The following list of names represents a portion of the men in the Grand Junction Community who were responsible for building the Grand Junction Country Club, or as it is also known, the Redlands Community Club building. The Board invites the relatives and friends of these men to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of this unique building the week of August 12-18, 1995.

Please call Ila May Keithley at [REDACTED] 3 or mail your information to the Redlands Community Center, 2463 Broadway, Grand Junction, CO 81503.

L.C. Albright; C.J. Bradfield; J. E. Billings; Wm. Buthorn; W.W. Campbell; G.C. Cary; E.W. Dinwiddie; W.R. Dewery; E.B. Emerick; W.E. Ewing; J.P. Fidel; B.C. Fox; H.B. Goodwin; Harry Harris; J.W. Hawkins; H.S. Henderson; G.E. Jones; L.W. Jordan; J.J. James; C.A. Latimer; R.A. Lilja; S.G. McMullin; Reed Miller; J.A. Monroe; Dr. Munro; Ole M. Nelson; A.C. Paxsons; George Pickett; Carl Plumb; Charles Rump; A.R. Sampliner; J. M. Sampliner; J. U. Sickenberger; Marvin Smith; Silmon (?) Smith; G.V. Sternberg; D.T. Stone; L.E. Storm; Norman Sullivan; A.B. Thurston; O.L. Turner; M.D. Vincent; Wm. Weiser; R. M. White; E. F. Wood; S. N. Wheeler. The following names are people who were members but did not live in the Grand Valley: D. E. Gibson, Canon City; T.B. Townsend, Jr., Montrose; Kenneth Humphries, Montrose; C. J. Moynihan, Montrose; and Mr. Middlemist, Kanna Creek.

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### OLD NAMING PATTERNS GIVE ANCESTOR TRAILS

(Source: *The Family Tree*, April/May 1995)

Marion Johnson contributed the following information to the *Family Tree*. It may help many of us locate that elusive relative that otherwise may have remained unnamed.

First son named after the father's father.  
Second son named after the mother's father.  
Third son named after the father. Fourth son named after the father's oldest brother.

First daughter named after the mother's mother. Second daughter named after the father's mother. Third daughter named after the mother. Fourth daughter named after the mother's oldest sister.

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### MEMBER QUERIES

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**SUSAN MARTINEZ**

2662 Catalina Drive

Grand Junction, CO 81506-1753

- SLATON** Looking for info on Ezelpha Slaton b. about 1806. Where? Who were her parents? she married Calvin Haskins abt. 1826 in NY and moved to MO in 1836 and to IA by 40. Believe she died between 1860 and 1865.
- CROSS** Need info on Lotsey E. Cross b. abt. 1833 in Shelby Co KY. She married James Thomas Ballard 28 Feb 1854 in Shelby CO KY. They moved to Clark Co Mo by 1855. Thomas died there in 1868. Lotsey probably remarried as she signed her name Lotsey Seymore in 1874 when disposing of a bill in Thomas Ballard's estate. Who were Lotsey's parents?
- YOUNG** Would like to have info on Thomas Young b. 1792 VA d. 1865 in IN. He married *PRICE* Susanna Price on 7 Sep 1818 in Franklin Co VA. Susanna was b. abt 1800 in Franklin CO VA and d. 1861 IN.
- MINK** Would like info on John Mink. He married Nancy Wilson dau of William and Rachel Wilson. First child was born 1813 in Carter Co TN. Family history says John Mink was a full blood Cherokee Indian.
- BAILEY** Need info on Mary Bailey b. 1829 TN d. 1895 Lee Co CA. She is listed as a dau of William Bailey and Sarah Patterson on the 1850 Hawkins Co TN Census. She married James H. Morelock 18 Mar 1851 probably Hawkins Co TN. When William Bailey died in 1893, he names all of his children in his Will except Mary. Why? Had he disowned her? Did she marry without his permission? All researchers of this family say William did have a dau Mary but none can offer any proof.
- DEAN** Info needed on Reuben Dean. He married Catherine Mountain on 13 Feb 1810 in Washington Co VA. A dau Mary Dean was b. 4 June 1812 probably Washington Co VA. Mary married John Speaks about 1831 probably in Washington Co VA. Who were Ruben Dean's parents? Who were Catherine Mountain's parents?
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- JUANITA M. MOSTON**  
641 Starlight Drive  
Grand Junction, CO 81504-4219
- SHULTZ** Need info on Frederick Shultz b. Feb 1859 in Poland/Russia, parents born in Germany. Married Susanna (Holmes ? b. 30 June 1850, in Poland) approximately 1881, possibly in Germany. 1900 Census shows he arrived in the US 1888 settling in Danville, PA, occupation was laborer in "R. Mill". The 1910 Census puts the family in Pueblo Co CO. Children Amelia, Gussie, Amanda may have been from another marriage for Susanna: Julia b. 26 Mar 1890, near Berlin, Germany, William b. 19 Apr 1895 Danville, PA. William never married; committed suicide 27 Apr 1929 in Pueblo Co CO.

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### HELPFUL HINTS FOR SEARCHING FOR YOUR ANCESTORS

by Wynona Hennessey

The following tips were developed by Society member Wynona Hennessey, our quintessential Mesa County cemetery expert, for a class she taught on how to do research in cemetery records or newspaper obituaries that she presented in May, 1995.

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1. Know the FULL name of your ancestor.
2. Know the full death date, DO NOT give just the year of death.
3. Know, or learn the city, county, or State of death. If you can, get a map of that area to refer to. Some towns may no longer exist.
4. Boom towns will either have a name change or may have been abandoned. Places of employment may be referred to by the employee by a name different than the proper business name.
5. Contact local genealogical societies or libraries for obituaries. Remember, most libraries do not have a research staff to do your work for you.
6. Contact local cemeteries. Know how many are in the area of your ancestor's residence.
7. Contact the mortuary mentioned in the obituary. You will need to give them the full legal name and full date of death, as their records are filed by year, date and name.
8. Make sure the name in the obituary is the legal name of the person you are searching for, not the nickname they were known by. Adopted children will be buried under the adopted parents name, NOT the biological parents name. There can, however, be exceptions to this.
9. If you are unsure where the burial or the death occurred, but you do know the town of residence include that and everything you know about the residential area.
10. NEVER ask for approximate information, i.e., died Jan 1899 or about 1900.
11. If the legal name is unknown, but an alias was possible, give the father's name. Upon arrival in the US, even if the immigrant parents gave the father's name by the correct spelling it is still possible some people may have shortened their name at a later date. The mother's name very rarely will help as you get back further in your ancestry.
12. Some graves, such as those under county care, or graves that are unmarked will be listed in the custodian records, or at the City Clerk's office. The location of the grave will be on a map showing the block, lot, and grave number.
13. Sometimes people die in one town or state and are buried from another town or state, upon the request of the family.
14. If your ancestor was killed in a military action, during any given war or police action, they are generally buried in the country or State the death occurred in. Some may be disinterred and reinterred at a place determined by the family wishes. Some are buried at sea, or lost at sea. You need to know what type of military service they were in, which side of the battle they served on. Some WWII records were lost due to a fire. Records over seventy-five years old can be found in the archives.
15. A 'half space' listing in cemetery records means there was either an infant buried there or a cremation.
16. Cremations: most remains are put in an urn and buried. Some are added to the existing headstone, while some remains may be scattered at the request of the family.
17. Do not ask a genealogical society or library to search for anything you are not willing to pay for. ALWAYS include a SASE.
18. Allow a sufficient time for the researcher to complete a task, remember they are busy also. If you are requesting county records enclose a fee as well.
19. Enclose your fee when you send for information, this will speed the process for those doing the work. Make your check out to the organization you are requesting information from, do not send blank checks or cash.