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Lake Co.

b. Sep. 1861

Gunnison Co.

b. 1877

Mesa Co.

b. 1883

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CELEBRATING OUR 15th YEAR

* * * CALENDAR * * *

DECEMBER

- 14 Annual Christmas Party
 Museum of Western Colorado
 6:00 p.m., bring a pot-luck, your own
 service and a story about an ancestor.
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

IANUARY

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 11 General Meeting, 7:00, Museum

FEBRUARY

- 8 General Meeting, 7:00, Museum
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 19 President's Day
- 72 Washington's Birth
- 22 Washington's Birthday
- 24 Family History Fair, LDS Church at 543 Melody Lane, Grand Junction, CO. (See Events & Meetings)

MARCH

- 14 General Meeting, 7:00, Museum
- 31 Palm Sunday

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.

Contributions of neatly typed or written stories, requested for/or giving information, queries, or other information of importance to the membership are welcomed. Please direct your information to Editor Juanita Moston,

Grand Junction, CO 81504-4219.
The Society disclaims responsibility for statement of fact or opinion made by contributors, and will not accept material with obvious errors.

1994/1995 Officers

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ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Position Vacant
Betty Dougherty
Dennis Jenkins
Juanita Moston
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Dorothy Inscho,

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.

REMINDERS

Dr. George K. Sweitzer will be here Saturday, April 13th, at the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Junction. Seating is limited and reserved seats are necessary. Contact the Museum of Western Colorado, at 242-0971 for more information.

Reservations are moving fast, don't be left

In the last issue of this publication members were reminded to fill out their **Surname Cards** and return them to the Membership Chairperson, Betty Dougherty.

Betty reports she has not heard from **YOU**. This is a service of the Society that may well help you find just that piece of information you need. If you don't have the cards, or need more, call Betty, or stop by the Museum and pick them up.

DUES ARE DUEI BY MARCH 1ST.! A membership application form is attached for your use in renewing your membership, or pass it on to a friend and get someone else involved.

FUTURE EVENTS AND MEETINGS

The 1998 NGS Conference is slated for Colorado.

January 15-19, 1996. The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, An Unprecedented Learning Experience. Howard Johnson Downtown, Salt Lake City, UT. For information write P.O. Box 1144, Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

February 24, 1996. The Family History Fair is the highlight of this day. This year's theme centers around Family Traditions. The Fair follows the same format as in years past. Share the traditions of other families and ethnic groups, take a tour of the Library, attend classes, get ideas about caring for your family photos, learn how to computerize your family records, and listen to expert speakers. The doors open at ten o'clock and the day wraps up at six o'clock. Best of all it's free! For more information contact Dorothy Roper (970)242-6969, or, Evaline Robinson, at the Family History Library (970)243-2782.

April 27, 1996. Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society 1996 Annual Meeting and Seminar. Jacques de Guise will be guest speaker. Write Louisiana Gen. and Historical Society, P.O. 30x 82060, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2060

May 8-11, 1996. The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, Traveling Historic Trails-Families on the Move. Write for registration form: 1996 NGS Conference, 4527 17th St. North, Arlington VA 11107-2399.

June 9-14, 1996. The 31st session of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University. Write for brochure form, Samford University Library, Birmingham, AL 34229, or call (205)870-2780.

COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NOW ON THE WEB

To access this service contact CGS Home Page at http://www.

cogensoc.org/cgs-home.htm is a set of letters and symbols called URL, (Uniform Resource Locator), it is the address for the site. The URL is usually case sensitive (capital and lower case letters can not be interchanged) and every letter must be there with no spaces or extra punctuation between.

The following will connect you with Berdie Holsclaw or Mary Ann Finlay on E-Mail, mafinlay@cogensoc.org.

SOVIET JEWISH RECORDS AT BOULDER

The ARCHIVES, University of Colorado at Boulder, has available "Guide to the Records of the Union Councils for Soviet Jews, 1968-1994"; 160 boxes. The records document the activities of the Union Councils for Soviet Jews, a nongovernmental human rights organization on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

The material includes correspondence, subject files, organizational files concerning prisoners of conscience, refuseniks, and those permitted to emigrate to the West. Many files include information regarding imprisonment in Soviet labor camps or psychiatric wards.

Write University of Colorado at Boulder, ARCHIVES, Campus Box 184, Boulder CO 80309; (303)492-7242; FAX (303)492-3969. (Source, CGS Newsletter Vol. 19, No.6, taken from The Rocky Mountain Archivist, Vol. XII, No. 2, Summer 1995, p.9.)

**NEW BOOKS **NEW BOOKS **

Society Member Bill Epperson, ()

I has the following in his personal reference collection and is willing to share information.

* BLUE GRASS ROOTS, KENTUCKY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTERS.

- * Virginia Genealogical Society, Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, several back issues.
- * Woods, Rev. Edgar. Albermarle county in Virginia, 1901, Reprinted by Clearfield Company, Inc. by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, MD 1990.
- * Williams, Kathleen Booth. Marriages of Louisa County Virginia 1766-1815. 1959, Reprinted for Clearfield Company Inc. by Genealogical Publishing Co Inc., Baltimore, MD 1989.
- * Cleft, G. Glenn. Kentucky Obituaries, 1787-1854, Originally published in 1977, Reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD
- * McAdams, Mrs. Harry Kenneth, Kentucky Pioneer and Court Records, Reprinted for Clearfield Co., Inc. by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Baltimore, MD 1993, 1995. (IHas abstracts of early wills, deeds and marriages from court houses.
- * Hogan, Roseann Reinemuth, Kentucky Ancestry: A Guide to Genealogical and Historical Research. Ancestry, P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110

NEW BOOKS, Continued..... MESA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

- * Bolton's American Armory (a record of Coatsof-Arms that have been in use within the present bounds of the United States)
- * Laforest, Thomas J. Our French-Canadian Ancestors.
- *Dyer, Albion Morris, A.M., First Ownership of Ohio Lands.
- * Ferguson, Thomas E., Ohio Lands; A short History, Compiled by Thomas E. Ferguson, Auditor of Ohio State.
- * Compiled by Gertrude E. Gray. Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants 1694-1742,
- * Crozier, Willilam Armstrong Ed., Virginia Colonial Militia, Volume II.
- * 1830 Census of Tennessee.
- * Second Census of Kentucky, 1800.
- * Golden Cemetery, Jefferson County, Colorado.
- *GRAND JUNCTION FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY
- * Wolfe, William G., Stories of Guernsey County Ohio. Kingsport Press, Inc., Kingsport, TN, 1943. Good history, includes misc. township histories, misc. church, school institutions, war stories, etc., many names. Thanks to Julia Harris for this donation.
- * Smith, Eldon C., American Surnames, Genealogical Publishing Co, 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore MD 21202. 1969. Six broad categories.
- * Irvine, Sherry, Your English Ancestry: A Guide for North Americans. Ancestry, P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT. 1993.
- * Turnbaugh, Ray C., Jr., A Guide to County Records In the Illinois Regional Archives, Illinois State Archives, 1988.
- * Anuta, Michael J. Ships of Our Ancestors, Ships of Our Ancestors, Inc., Menominee, Mich. 1993.
- * Goldrup, Lawrence P., Ph. D. Writing The Family Narrative, Ancestry Inc. 1987.
- * Genealogical Society of Illinois, Surname Index of the Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois. Compiled by Linda Gale Mathis, Edited by Mary Alice Browne Kern, Genealogical Society of Illinois, Cartersville, Ill. 1986.

Enjoy yourself. These are the good old days you're going to sigh over in 2010!

OUERIES

Address your Queries to Juanita Moston, 641 Starlight Drive., Grand Junction, CO 81502-4219 by 20th of the month preceding publication

EPPERSON - HOOTON - RUCKER - EVANS -LOCKNANE

William Epperson, 499 Bing St., Grand Junction, CO 81504-6114, (970) 434-4531.

Looking for information on **Francis Epperson**, b. 1809, Clark County, KY. His father was John Epperson, who was son of a John Epperson, whose father was Richard Epperson; these three were born in Albermarle County, VA. They were at Boonesborough, KY in 1776. Abner **Rucker**, B. 1836, ? KY. Joanna **Evans**, B. 1837, Henry Co. KY., Elizabeth **Locknane**, B. 1836, ? KY. Will share information I have.

JONES - OVERHAULSER - FARNSWORTH -LOWRY

Juanita M. Moston, 641 Starlight Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81504-4219. (970) 434-0953. Need information on Lenorah (Lenora) Jones, b. Sept 1866, ? Indiana. Married T.D. Farnsworth, 11 Aug 1885, McKinney, Collin CO, TX. Husband born in Tennessee, died pre 1900 census. Brother to Charles Henry Jones, b. 16 Dec. 1874, Indiana, D. 29 Dec 1947 in Chico, CA, John W. Jones, b. Aug. 1871, ? Indiana. Parents may have been E.J. Jones, b. Tennessee, Kathern Overhaulser, b. Tennessee. Lenora last known to be alive in July 1942, children: Lillie M., b. 1886, Willie F. b. 1887, David A. b. 1889, Hearshold L. b. 1891, John W., b. 1893, Clara V. b. 1895, she. married Bertie Lowry, in McKinney, TX. Tommie J. b. 1899, all born in McKinney, Tx area.

WEDDINGS TRADITIONS HAVE UNUSUAL ORIGINS

The act of giving a gift to a newlywed started in Laugharne in Carmarthenshire, England in the early 1800's. To encourage gifts and to promote the wedding reception, a Bidder (the ceremony would later be called Bidding Ceremony) would be engaged, it was his duty to whip up enthusiasm among those most likely to make gifts on the understanding that the more expensive the gift they gave, the more they could expect when they got married.

This way, newlyweds were assured a good start in married life, but they were faced with the prospect of having to 'gift back' the equivalent of what they had received.

(Source: Family Tree, Oct/Nov, 1995, pg. 29A)

TRADITIONS, Continued

The Summer 1995 Cole County Historical Society Newsletter had an interesting report on Charles Mink's presentation on "Ozark Superstitions: Courtship, Marriage, and Granny Women" at a Society meeting. Besides beliefs relating to midwives and childbearing, Charles told of interesting customs practiced by men: "Most hillbilly men bought their first suit for their wedding. After getting married they would wear it even to plough in the fields," so it would not look like it was bought just for the wedding. And a" groom would buy a mail order wedding ring, rather than one from a store, because a ring in the store might have been tried on and 'cursed'.

CAUTION, STORAGE TIP: GLAD BAGS DANGEROUS FOR STORAGE USE

Using Glad Bags to store photos and papers is dangerous. So say the makers of Glad Storage Bags. They report their bags are NOT mylar and are NOT archival. They recommend you do not store your genealogical papers, and in particular photos in these bags. Save them for your left over pot roast instead!

SOFTWARE CORNER

At the November general meeting several members expressed some interest in knowing more about other software designed for genealogy purposes. You can look for a general meeting in the near future that will focus on what other members are using and what they like/dislike about them. It is not my intention as Editor to endorse any product in this newsletter; however, it happened that Broderbund Software, Inc, Banner Blue Division sent some literature on their Family Tree Maker Deluxe Edition 3.0, for CDs. One of the many features they have is the compatibility with GEDCOM and PAF file formats.

Requirements include 386(or higher) IBM PC or compatible; 4 MB will work, but 8 is recommended, 4 MB free hard disk space, and Microsoft Windows 3.1 or Windows 95.

For information call (415)382-4400 or clabeaux@mcimail.com

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For Macintosh users: Itasca Softworks, #3
Leisure Time Drive, Diamondhead, MS 39525
offers MacRoots II. Features include 32,000
persons, no limit on spouses or children, up to 20
generations for descendant and ahnentafel
charts, ditto and duplicating place information;
and more. Requires at least 2 MB of memory

and a hard disk drive. The \$89 price includes S&H.

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I will continue this column if there is enough interest and information to pass on. Let me know if you have any computer tips our readers may put to use.

ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO RECORDS IN PRINT

Archuleta County Genealogy Society has the following for sale: 1880-1885 Census, Vol. 1, includes 1850 Map of Iron County, UT, 1860 map of Washington and Iron Counties, Utah, 1870 Map of Conejos Co. Colo., 1880 Conejos Co Fed. Census, 1885 Archuleta Co. State Census. Agriculture Schedule, Manufactures L(sic) Schedule, and Mortality Schedule. This volume is \$7.00 and \$.75 S&H.

Also available is Deaths and Burials, Volume 2. It includes: first burial in Pagosa Springs; Fort Lewis and Pagosa Springs. 1885 Mortality Schedule; Pagosa Springs Cemetery; Hilltop Cemetery; Lynch and Hatcher Funeral Home Records; Methodist Church; Family and Ranch Cemeteries; Graves, Newspaper Obits, and adjoining county and state cemeteries. This volume is \$16 and \$1.50 S&H.

The 1900 Census, Volume 3 is \$12 and \$1.50 S&H.

Make checks payable to Archuleta County Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 1611, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

HELP. LOST CASTER NEWSLETTERS

Some time last summer Gloria Heitsman loaned her collection of Caster Newsletters to someone at a general meeting. If you have any knowledge of their whereabouts please get back to Gloria, at

SOCIETY NEEDS HELP WITH PUBLICITY FOR SEMINAR

The Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies has asked Mesa County Genealogical Society to take the responsibility of publicity for their September 1996 Seminar. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee or is willing to take the responsibility of publicity please contact Dennis Jenkins at

BLM "GLO" PROJECT UPDATE

The Bureau of Land Management,
Eastern States Government Land Office Patent
Index Project now has six states available on CDROM. They include Minnesota, Wisconsin,
Michigan, Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida.
Those six states, plus Ohio, Alabama and
Mississippi, can be researched, via modem,
with the Eastern States Office in Springfield, VA.
Indexes for Missouri, Iowa, Indiana and
Illinois will be available in the next couple
years.

As noted in the article in the Dec/Jan/Feb, 1994 issue of the Mesa Dwellers, (Vol. 15, No. 4, pg. 5) you can contact Dennis Jenkins

Grand Junction, CO 81504,

9. For the cost of the telephone charges on the modem Dennis will search the Index for your ancestor.

A similar project is under way for the 17 Western public land states in which a name index with reference to file number is being created for patents issued by the federal government. Dennis expects to have the Colorado Index Data Base available at the Grand Junction BLM office very soon. At present the index for Colorado Federal Land Patents can be accessed in the BLM state office in Denver. The Montana BLM state office in Billings also has an index for the Land Patents in Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The remaining 13 state indexes are expected to be available by March, 1997. It is possible these will all be for sale on CD-ROM in the near future.

NAVY OFFERS CERTIFICATE FOR SERVICE IN SECOND WORLD WAR

If you have a connection to the "Doolittle Raid" that took place 18 April 1942 you can receive a certificate from the Secretary of the Navy by writing to Secretary of the Navy, Naval Operations awards and special projects, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-1000.

This attractive certificate reads: On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Second World War, it is appropriate that we take time to reflect on the unique and daring accomplishments achieved early in the war by Task Force 16. Sailing westward under sealed orders in April 1942, only four months after the devastating raid on Pearl Harbor, Task Force 16, carrying sixteen Army B25 bombers, proceeded

into history. Facing adverse weather and under constant threat of discovery before bombers could be launched to strike the Japanese homeland, the crews of the ships and LTC Doolittle's bombers persevered. On 18 April 1942 at 1445, perseverance produced success as radio broadcasts from Japan confirmed the success of the raids. These raids were an enormous boost to the morale of the American people in those early and dark days of the war and a harbinger of the future for the Japanese High Command that had so foolishly awakened The Sleeping Giant." These exploits, which so inspired the service men and women and the nation live on today and are remembered when the necessity of success against all odds is required.

This recognition is available for those who served in Task Force 16, which included the USS Hornet CV-8, USS Northampton CA-26, USS Salt Lake City CA-25, USS Balch DD-363, USS Benham DD397, USS Ellet DD-398, USS Fanning DD-385, USS Sabine AO-25, USS Enterprise CV-6, USS Vincennes CA-44, USS Nashville CL-43, USS Gwin DD-433, USS Grayson DD-435, USS Monsen DD-436, USS Meredith DD-434, USS Cimarron, AO-22 with Submarines, Pacific Fleet USS Thresher SS-200 and USS Trout SS-202.

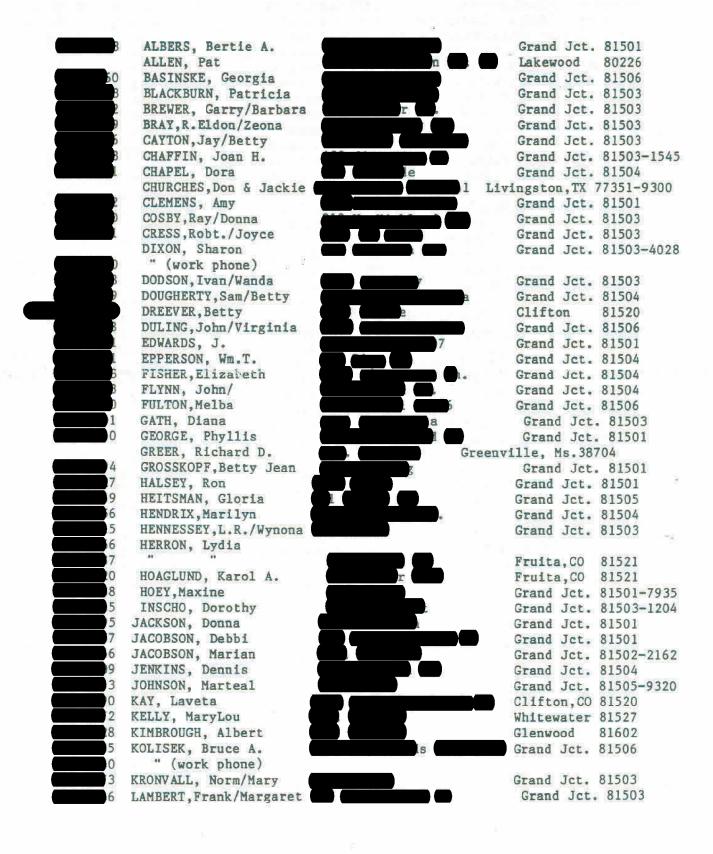
To request this certificate you will need to provide the following; Full name, discharge date, copy of 553 Service Record, and if a widow a copy of the marriage certificate and death certificate of the service man.

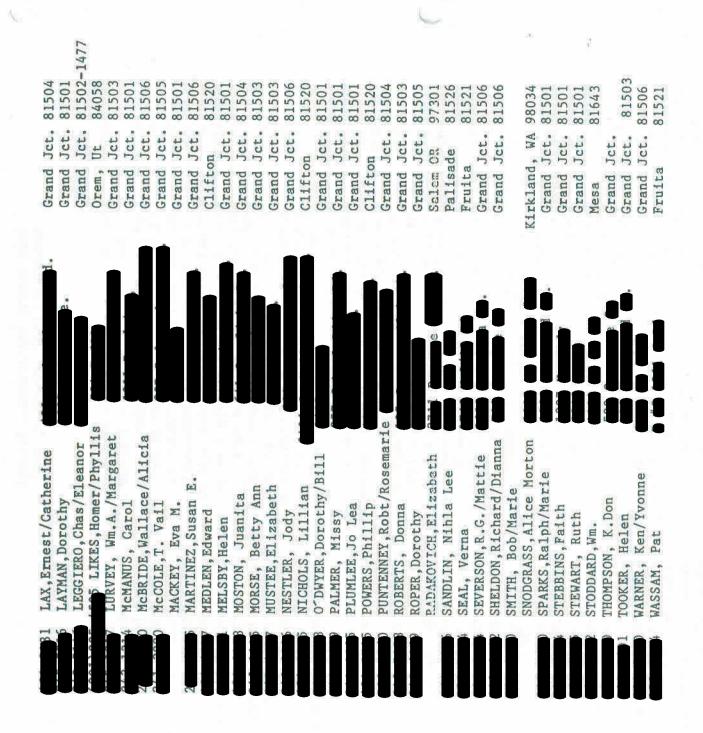
THANKS, TO OUR FELLOW GENEALOGISTS FOR THEIR NICE WORDS

It is nice to see other publications have taken notice of our efforts of late. The **Rocky Mountain Buckeye**, in particular, made a very nice comment on our newsletters frontpage "Family Tree" design. They also commented on the 1995 History Faire. We invite other such publications to join our newsletter exchange. You never know where you will come across some information that may be just what you have been looking for. Their publication is chucked full of great stuff tool

You will find copies of exchange newsletters in the Society's library at the Museum of Western Colorado.

MESA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LIST -November, 1995



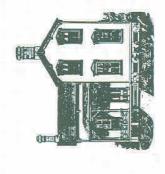


1.5 An annual membership directory published by the Society. All members receive a free copy. Each member is allowed to have free queries published in the quarterly, as space allows.

Members receive discounts on Society sponsored events and publications.

to genealogical research, these are various charts and forms necessary The Society maintains a supply of free to members.

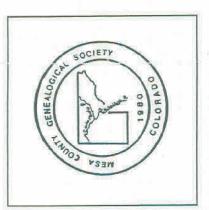
associate with fellow genealogists. problems and the opportunity to Members receive the benefits of assistance with genealogical



genealogical records and make

public and private

such records available to



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The Society's goals are:

and practice of genealogical genealogy; to encourage and instruct members in the art To promote an interest in

To locate, preserve, and index accuracy in research through genealogical standards; to stress the importance of To maintain and elevate careful documentation. research.

genealogical library which is to assist and support any members and the general To publish a quarterly any other open to the public. oublic. 2

publications directed by the magazine and

membership.

3 2 Signature: Date: (Present or before retirement) to the following genealogical IO Phone County: CIEN 3 Maiden Name: **KENEMYT** NEM \$12.00 Family(per year) Single, 00 OTS DOES: CO 81205-1209 Y GENEALOGICAL BOX I 909 COUNTY

Programs feature speakers whose topics relate to some phase of genealogical research, followed by a short business meeting. Members are encouraged to suggest topics for meetings, or bring issues of genealogical research to the Program Chairperson. February the Society holds an annual meeting at which reports on projects are submitted, and election of officers are held.

PUBLICATIONS

The Society's quarterly Newsletter, <u>MESA DWELLERS</u>, was first produced in June 1982, and is published in March, June, September and December.

Instructional articles, vital records information, Bible records, unpublished records and queries are featured.

MARRIAGE RECORDS OF MESA COUNTY: 1883-1912 is now available for \$10. An index of cemeteries in Mesa County is being prepared for future publication.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Museum of Western Colorado, 4th. and Ute, Grand Junction, CO.



SOCIETY ARCHIVES

The Society maintains an archive of records relating to Mesa County that includes research books, taped information, microfilm and microfiche which is available at the Museum of Western Colorado, 4th. & Ute, Grand Junction, CO.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Society participates in several events each year, as well as producing a seminar on genealogical subjects.

ANCESTRAL SURNAME CARD FILE

The Society maintains an Ancestral Surname card file for those who may be working on the same family lines. This service is free to members, and is not restricted to any special locality.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership is \$10 for singles, \$12 for a family per year. Dues are payable on or before March 1. New members receive an Ancestor Chart and five Surname Cards to be kept on file in the Society's library.

MEMBERSHIP

The Society welcomes all who are interested in genealogy. Colorado ancestry is not a prerequisite for membership. The majority of our members have no family ties in Colorado, but are interested in genealogy, the preservation of records, and in furthering the objectives of the Society.