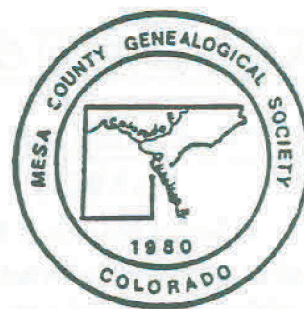


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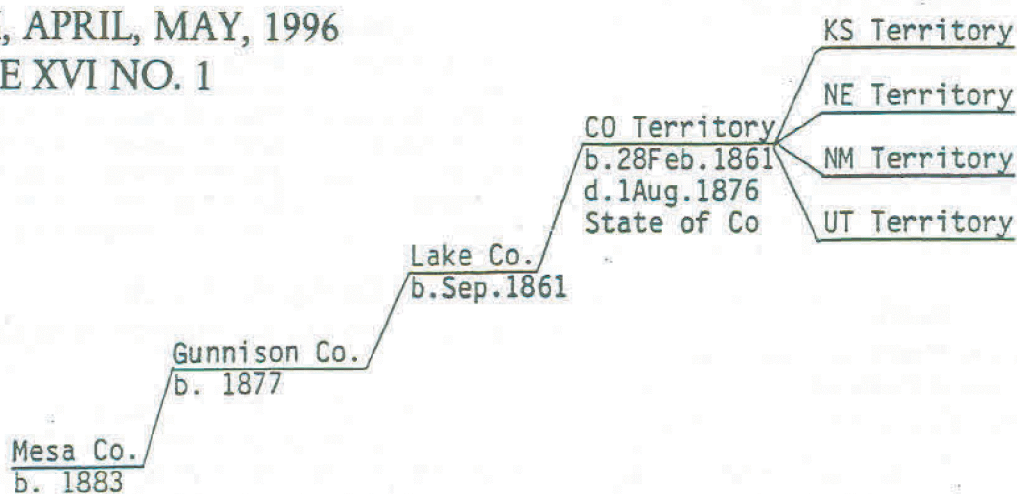
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*** CALENDAR **

MARCH

14 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
Museum of Western Colorado. *Researching*
Historic Buildings, by Caroline Howard

APRIL

11 No regular meeting, due to
 Schweitzer Seminar.
12 Colo. Council of Genealogical
 Societies (CCGS) Mtg. 7pm to 9pm, Days
 Inn/Goodpastures Restaurant Mtg. Rm. *Society members*
invited to attend.

13 Dr. Schweitzer's Seminar.

MAY

9 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
Museum of Western Colorado. *Genealogy*
Software Panel Discussion and Comparisons of
"Brother's Keeper", "Family Ties", "Family Tree",
"Master Gen", etc.

JUNE

13 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
Museum of Western Colorado. *Tour*
Museums new Research Library with Judy Armstrong.

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, requests for/or giving information, queries, or other information of importance to the membership are welcomed. Queries \$1.50 (50 words or less) to non-members. Please direct your information to Editor Juanita Moston, 641 Starlight Drive, 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.

*** 1996 OFFICERS ***

President.....Joan Chaffin.....
 Vice President.....Jody Nestler.....
 Secretary.....Gloria Heitsman.....
 Treasurer.....Betty Grosskopf.....
 Corr.Sec'try..Wynona Henessey.....

ELECTED OFFICERS

One Year Term.....Donna Roberts
 Two Year Term.....Laveta Kay
 Three Year Term.....Norm Kronvall

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

AGLL Librarian.....Betty Grosskopf.....
 Historian.....Jeanne Edwards.....
 MCGS Librarian.....Gloria Heitsman.....
 Membership.....Betty Daugherty.....
 Newsletter.....Juanita Moston.....
 Programs.....Dennis Jenkins.....
 Publicity.....Dorothy O'Dwyer.....

DUES ARE DUE!

APRIL 30TH IS THE DEADLINE

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.

REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS

March.....Laveta Kay
 April.....Rich & Dianna Sheldon
 May.....Norm & Mary Kronvall
 June
 July
 August.....Annual Picnic
 September
 October.....Gloria Heitsman
 November
 December.....Merry Christmas Party
 If you would like to sign up for any of the open months please speak up at the next meeting. Thanks!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome new members Adela Covey,
 Pat Gormley, A.B. and Bettie L. Harden,
 Maxine Cason, and Jacqueline Stevens-
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PRESIDENT'S GAVEL PASSES

by Norm Kronvall

After the completion of three years as president of this Society I decided to not seek another term. At this writing our new president, Joan Chaffin, has been elected and installed.

Reflecting back over the past three years I find our Society has grown substantially in membership. This growth is largely due to the support of our membership in terms of promoting genealogy in general and various special projects of our Society. I would like to thank all the members for their hard work and support during my term as president.

Thanks too to all the organizations in the community that work closely with and in cooperation with our Society. A special thanks goes to the Museum of Western Colorado, which is where we like to call "home".

I look forward to continuing on as a member of the Board, and enjoying the fellowship and educational information which is the heart of this Society of people of like interests.

PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Joan Chaffin

President's Desk. My, doesn't that sound impressive? Actually, it should read, "From the President's Dining Room Table"; since I do all my letter writing at my dining room table.

First, and foremost, I believe we should all give outgoing President Norm Kronvall a great big - THANK YOU !!! Job well done.

Next, a brief introduction. My full name is Joan Harrell Freyschlag Chaffin. I am Celti, please pronounce the 'C' as in cat. I am of German, Welsh, English, Irish, and Scottish descent.

Now, as much as I dislike having to say it -please, buyer beware. My husband just received an offer to purchase a new book based on his family name, "and you are in it". In the past, books such as this are published using existing lists from the telephone books!

On a more positive note of encouragement. A few months ago I sent for the pension record of a Civil War ancestor. I was surprised and pleased when the

information came back "in a timely manner", in spite of the "temporary" government shutdown. Not only did I learn the names of both his wives and the birth dates of all his children, but I also learned the place of residence of one of his brothers. SEND for those records, they can be a gold mine.

I hope to see all of you at the next meeting. Please say 'hello', and if you have a program suggestion, meeting idea, or whatever, please let one of your Board members know. This is your organization. If you don't speak up, how are we able to best serve you?

And last *BUT* not least, a big thank you to all those who said yes to serving on the board and to heading up committees.

COLORADO WEST PAFers HAVE A NEW HOME FOR THEIR MEETINGS

The Colorado West PAFers (CWP) is a computer software support group for Personal Ancestral File (PAF) software users.

The CWP hold regular monthly meetings at Technical Trades Institute (TTI), 772 Horizon Drive on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm.

Through a recent arrangement with TTI members and others can use the computers at the school to work on the PAF software. The computers are available Monday through Friday between noon and six o'clock in the afternoon.

CWP meetings consist of information and classes on how to operate PAF, and discussion on other topics. Each meeting will cover a different aspect of the process that culminates in the preparation of a GEDCOM file, and how to ultimately submit your information. Each class will have something for all levels of PAF user.

For more information contact Jim Hardy, at 241-4587, or Kathy Martaolf, 858-9093. Membership is \$10 a year, and you receive their newsletter with helpful hints, and minor PAF updates that are only released to the User Groups.

Life being very short, and the quiet hours of it few, we ought to waste none of them in reading valueless books. John Ruskin
(Source CGS Newsletter, Jan/Feb. 1996)

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April 20, 1996. Colorado Chapter Palatines to America have a one-day Seminar at Forum I&II, Southwest Plaza, Denver, CO. Tim Ostwald will speak on how to find the *location* of your German ancestors village-of-origin, and how to find the *genealogical records* of the location. Non-member registration is \$15. Contact Gene Schmeckpeper (303) 781-8864 for more information.

April 20, 1996. "FOLLOWING IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS": 2nd Annual Genealogical Conference, 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m., Aurora Family History Center, 950 Laredo Street, Aurora, CO 80011. Registration \$15 (includes lunch and syllabus) before April 10, 1996. For more information call Billie Gauley, 375 Oakland St., Aurora, CO, (303)343-3872.

July 25-26-27, 1996. "Four Corners Ancestor Fair" Holiday Inn Convention Center, Springdale, Arkansas. Sponsored by Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society. They published a Surname Directory in 1994 with 800 names, and in 1995 it had 3,000 names. For more information on workshops and exhibits call Joan Chaffin, Grand Junction, (970) [REDACTED] 8. She attended last year's Conference and has high praise for the event.

Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies will issue a *Territorial, Pioneer, or Early Settler* certificate for those descendants of a person who lived in Kansas. The Territorial Certificate is for ancestors prior to Jan. 29, 1861; Pioneer, between Jan 29, 1861 and Dec. 31, 1880; Early Settler, between Jan. 1, 1881 and Dec. 31, 1900. You must be able to prove all the necessary requirements. Cost is \$7.00 for out-of-state residents, \$7.50 for residents.

For an application write to Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Inc. P.O. Box 3858, Topeka, KS 66604-6858.

September 26-27-28, 1996. The Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies will hold its 1996 Seminar in Longmont, CO. Sharon Debartolo Carmack will conduct an all day seminar on the 26th. She will appear in the PBS program *Ancestor*; she is in the 4th. Episode of this program. Friday and Saturday will feature Christine Rose from San Jose, CA and other speakers will appear

as well. For more information contact Dennis Jenkins, [REDACTED] 9.

NAMES MAIDEN, SURNAME, ECT.

Every researcher has, from time to time, been frustrated by the lack of a maiden name. We should take the opportunity to write the Census Bureau and encourage them to include the maiden name of each married woman on future census records. You can express your opinion to Mr. Harry Scarr, Acting Director of the Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233. And it can't hurt a thing to send copies of your letters to your senators and representatives. In the meantime, the Southwest Nebraska Genealogical Society offers the following suggestions on ways to find a woman's maiden name: 1) death certificate, 2) children's death certificate, 3) obituary, look for father or brother, 4) marriage record, 5) printed church records, 6) unpublished church record of marriage, 7) IGI at FHC library, 8) divorce records, 9) newspaper indexes, 10) county histories, 11) widow's military pensions, 12) spouse's genealogy, 13) wills and probate records, 14) genealogical queries.

They also offer the following hint for the origin of your German ancestors: *ingen*, Wuerttenburg; *-bach*, Southwest Germany; *-burg*, throughout Germany; *-inski*, Upper Silesia; *-haus*, Westphalia; *-reuth*, Bavaria; *-leke*, Hessen, Thuringia; *-sli, zke*, East Pomerania.

TRIVIA: The 10 most common surnames in the United States, according to the U.S. Census and copied from the 15 June 1995 story in the *Rocky Mountain News* are: 1) Smith, 2) Johnson, 3) Williams, 4) Jones, 5) Brown, 6) Davis, 7) Miller, 8) Wilson, 9) Moore, 10) Taylor.

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR SURNAME CARDS FOR USE IN OUR LIBRARY. Contact Betty Daugherty, or stop by the Museum to get more cards.

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QUERIES

INSCHO. Edwin Inscho b. 1836 OH mrd 21 Feb 1884 Rice Co., KS to Kathren Belle YOUNG b. 1857 IL. Kathren Belle was one of 15 children. Her parents were Davis Wallace YOUNG b. 1809 OH and Elizabeth Partlow MILLS b. 1814 KY. Desire to correspond with descendants or anyone with knowledge of the INSCHO/YOUNG/PARTLOW/MILLS families. (970)245-2645.

CROSSFIELD. Ada (YOUNG)

CROSSFIELD b. ca 1867 residing Scott City, KS in 1888. William H. and Martha Ann (YOUNG) MYERS residing in Grigsby, KS in 1888. Ada and Martha Ann were daughters of John & Anna (RICHARDSON) YOUNG.

MARSHALL. David Marshall DAVIS b. 1832 IN, mrd 1861 Marion Co., IN to Elizabeth C. JONES b. 1842 IN. They homesteaded 1878 in Cloud Co., KS. They had 14 children. His parents William and Jane (JONES) DAVIS, both born in KY. Her parents Thomas W. & Lucinda (PEED) JONES, both born KY.

Desire to correspond and will exchange information with anyone researching YOUNG/RICHARDSON/MYERS/CROSSFIELD. Dorothy Inscho, 5 Rhone Ct., Grand Junction, CO 81503 (970) 245-2645.

Address queries to Juanita Moston, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Grand Junction, CO 81504-4219

NEW TV SERIES NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

It's time to write your local public television station, (KRMA, Channel 6 for most of us) and tell them you think it is important that they air the ten-part television series **Ancestors**. It will be available to PBS in the fall of 1996. **Ancestors** is the first program to provide beginning genealogists and family historians with sound principles to start a successful genealogy and family history search.

Space is not available to list the content of all ten episodes, but suffice to say there will be something for everyone. A copy of the complete show schedule will be posted at the Family History Library.

If you are a member of Channel 6 write them and make it clear that you feel this is what you want to see on PBS. If you

are not a member of a public television station, this is a good time to join and show how important this type of programming is to you as a practicing genealogist.

Mail your letter to: **Program Director, Channel 6, 1089 Bannock St., Denver, CO 80204.**

REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS

Because soldiers in state militia did not serve in the Continental Line (federal service), their records are not held in the National Archives. They can be found, instead, in the Archives of the state of enlistment. The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19107 has military records for the Mid-Atlantic region, including Maryland. They are for the Revolutionary and Civil War.

Source: Scotland County (MO) Genealogical Soc., Memphis, MO. Vol. 10, #1, Jan. 1996.

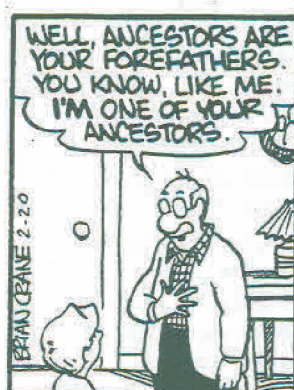
MILITARY INSTITUTE HOLDS MANY SURPRISES

The U.S. Military History Institute is the Army's central repository for historical materials, with a mission to collect, preserve, and make available to researchers source materials on American military history. The Institute holds more than 8 million books, periodicals, manuscripts, photographs, and audio-visual materials relating to military history. Original source materials, such as diaries, letters, memoirs, photographs, art work, personal records, and oral histories, are a vital part of the Institute's holdings. Its archival holdings include the personal papers of hundreds of prominent generals and tens of thousands of junior officers and enlisted men and women, spanning the colonial period to the present. The Institute cannot conduct extensive research for patrons, but will provide limited reference assistance. Inquiries concerning the Institute, its holdings or facilities write: U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Bldg. #22, Carlisle, PA 17013-5008. Or call Reference (717)245-3611; Archives (717) 245-3601; Photographs (717) 245-3434.

Source: Foothills Gene. Soc. Of Colo. #57, Aug/Oct 1995.

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PICKLES



BRIAN CRANE

HELP LIST FOR 1890 CENSUS IN OHIO

Diane V. Gagel, author of "How to Reconstruct the 1890 Ohio Census" offers the following tips that may be in your own county courthouse, or regional archive center.

- 1) 1890 Special Census of Civil War Veterans and pensioners.
- 2) 1891 Tax List (which would be land and property owners of 1890).
- 3) Reappraisals or assessment books for 1890.
- 4) Birth and death records for 1890 (found in county probate court).
- 5) Quadrennial enumerations for 1890 (found in the clerk of the courts office or regional archives centers).
- 6) County home registers or admittance records for 1890.
- 7) Enumeration of youth, 1890. (Board of Education on county or township level).
- 8) Class registers, 1890 (Board of Education).
- 9) Poll books, a list of eligible voters, 1890 (Board of Education or township records).
- 10) Naturalizations in 1890 which show residence in county.
- 11) Directories in 1890.
- 12) Jail registers, 1890 (county sheriff or regional archives).
- 13) Soldier discharge records, 1890 (county courthouse or regional archives).
- 14) Soldier relief records 1890 (county court house or regional archives).
- 15) Indigent soldier burial records, 1890 (county commissioners office or regional archives).
- 16) Records of Justice of Peace Commission.
- 17) Church records, membership rolls, baptisms, death, confirmations, etc.
- 18) Deeds for 1890 - which will state place of residence of the owners.
- 19) Municipal birth and death records if kept separate from county records).
- 20) Marriage records (if bride and groom indicate place of residence).

Source: The Rocky Mountain Buckeye, Vol. VII, #5, Dec. 1995-Jan. 1996; which reprinted the list with the permission of the author.