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KS Territory

NE Territory

NM Territory

UT Territory

CO Territory

b. 28 Feb. 1861

State 1 Aug. 1876

Lake Co.

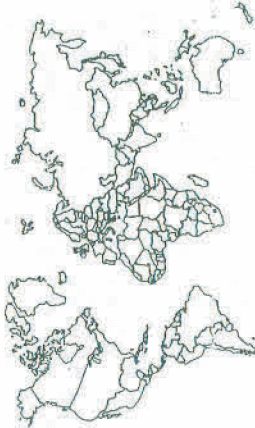
b. Sept. 1861

Gunnison Co.

b. 1877

Mesa Co.

b. 1883



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SOCIETY OFFICERS

President	Rick Sheldon
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Treasurer	Catherine Lax
Corr.Sec'tary	Wynona Hennessy



Calendar

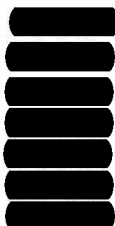
Note: All Society meetings are back at the Museum of Western Colorado. The Museum is located at 4th and Ute. The meetings are held in the conference room located in the Whitman School Building.

ELECTED OFFICERS

One Year Term	Wanda Dodson
Two Year Term	Betty Grosskopf
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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Annual Dues: \$10 Singles; \$12 Family. Membership period is March 1st to April 30th. Those with **UNPAID DUES (after April 30th.)** will not receive the Newsletter. Send a SASE to receive a current membership card if you do not attend regular meetings.

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 currently held at Cross Orchards 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/giving information, queries, or other information of importance to the membership are welcomed.

The Society disclaims responsibility for statement of fact or opinion made by contributors and will not accept material with obvious errors.

Program Agenda's

July 13th Share Session for members to bring in successful research stories or items, or stonewalls that other members may be able to help with.

August 10th Annual pot luck Dinner to be held at the pavilion located at 543 Melody Lane. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM. The Family History Center will be open for those who want to research after the Dinner. Bring service and covered dish.

Sept 14th Lydia Herron will present "Women researching Women"

Oct 12th Judy Prosser Armstrong will present a program on "Copyright and Privacy Issues especially in regard to Internet"

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER
THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER YOU
WILL RECEIVE IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID
YOUR DUES.

Don't miss a thing! Send your check
today.

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Newest Ancestors PBS series.

In Grand Junction it is starting Sunday from 1:30 to 2:00 PM on June 18th with "Records at Risk" - Genealogy reconstruction. On Sunday June 25th is "Family Records" - Journals and Photographs tell family history, also at 1:30 PM. Since there are 10 programs again, this series would appear to run on Sunday afternoon from June 18th to August 20th unless our local PBS Channel 6/18 spreads them out further.

Heritage Quest Completes Digitization of entire U.S. Census

The following is a press release from Heritage Quest:

Bountiful, UT--Heritage Quest Genealogical Services announces the completion of its massive digitization project of the entire U.S. Federal Census Records from 1790 to 1920. This project, which has taken over two years, makes available to genealogists and other researchers enhanced digital images of all 12,555 rolls of census microfilm in easy-to-use CD-ROM format for home computer use. Each roll of microfilm has a corresponding CD that is numbered with the National Archive and Record Administration (NARA) number. The digitized microfilm images are stored as databases and are replicated as CD's on demand. Orders for the digital microfilm census CD's are processed within three days of the time they are received.

To celebrate the digital census project completion, Heritage Quest is extending a special "buy-3-and-get-1-FREE" offer now through July 31.

The development of digital census records on CD-ROM now makes available to anyone interested in family history research the single most important resource for finding and tracing ancestors. In the past, complete census microfilms have only been available at about 20 locations in the U.S., or by inter-library loan film rental. This has frustrated many genealogists and lengthened the research process. By making the census records available on CD-ROM, the ease and speed with which research can be done is greatly accelerated.

Indexes speed up the research process. To speed up researches even more Heritage Quest is creating name indexes for each census year and has completed

indexes for 1790, 1800 and 1870. Indexes for some other census years will be completed in the next few months. In the process of re-indexing previously indexed censuses, like the 1790 and 1800, thousands of errors, missed names, townships, and counties have been added or corrected.

Enhanced images make reading the records easier. Anyone who has used census microfilm will tell you that many of the images are too dark, too light, or too scratched to read. Through the enhanced digitization process, which Heritage Quest has developed, most of these problems have been eliminated. Names and other census information long un-recognizable are now available.

Further ease of census research is possible through state-of-the-art software. Each census CD-ROM comes with state-of-the-art software that allows the user to enlarge the census image to any size, so that difficult letters or numbers can be examined. Images can be sized for easy scanning of pages, selected for copying to disc or printer, and cut and pasted into documents. By holding down the right mouse button, a special magnifier is activated and can be moved with the mouse for quick and easy reading of census images. Click on an icon and the census page changes from a positive (black on white) to a negative (white on black) image. The user-friendly software also features pointer navigation, left and right, top and bottom, and other useful features. **Details and ordering information are available via the Internet at <http://www.HeritageQuest.com> or by calling 800-760-2455.**

The Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies will host its Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, 22-23 September 2000, Lakewood CO. Featured speakers will be Cyndi Howells, Henry "Hank" Jones, and Christina Schaefer. For details, contact: pakemper@aol.com.

Quotable Quotes

"Everyone has ancestors and it is only a question of going back far enough to find a good one."

-- Howard Kenneth Nixon

"Genealogy Tracing yourself back to people better than you are."

--John Garland Pollard

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Good News, Bad News, Good News: The Merger of RootsWeb and MyFamily.com

Good news: You, our users, have helped create at RootsWeb one of the largest and most popular sites on the Internet. In May, we had over 149 million page views (according to Nielsen NetRatings combined home and work statistics), sent over 155 million e-mails, and handled over two million downloads of files from the various archives hosted at RootsWeb. Everyone, take a bow! This is an incredible community of genealogists, and the advances we're all making in our research due to the sharing that occurs here is unprecedented.

Bad news: The more popular RootsWeb becomes, the more costly it is to simply stay alive and online. Expenses continue to exceed revenue. We ran up a truly scary loss last year. Without outside help, it's not clear how long we'd be able to go on like this.

Good news: MyFamily.com (you may know them better as Ancestry.com) recognizes the importance of the genealogical community that has grown here at RootsWeb, and wants that community to continue to thrive. They're excited to provide the financial stability we need to ensure RootsWeb will be around for years to come.

Better news: As a special thank you to those of you who have helped make RootsWeb such a vibrant Internet community, Ancestry.com is making the following offer:

You are invited to visit Ancestry.com today and sign up for a FREE 14-day trial with no obligation. You'll gain full access to all 600 million names in more than 2,500 databases.

You must activate your FREE trial by July 5, 2000.

Go to the following address to begin your free trial now:

http://ancestry.com/subscribe/subscribe_trialx.asp?sourcecode=G11BA

More good news: No one is going to charge you to use RootsWeb. You'll still find RootsWeb at www.RootsWeb.com. Everything you're used to

using will still be here: the 19,000 mailing lists, the hundreds of millions of names in free genealogy databases, the interactive learning guides, the weekly RootsWeb Review and Missing Links, the numerous tools for tracing your family history, the tens of thousands of message boards, the thousands of independently authored web sites.

RootsWeb will still support worthy genealogy projects and societies, such as the USGenWeb Project (www.USGenWeb.org), the Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild (ISTG.rootsweb.com) and the FreeBMD Project (FreeBMD.rootsweb.com), and other groups that provide free genealogical resources.

Queries

Is the Mesa Dwellers the name of the bulletin produced by the Mesa Co., CO genealogical society? If so, I am looking for the June 1992 issue which is supposed to have an article on William Oard.

Thank you,

Stephen Pegler AC 75-77

PhD Student New Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Bannockburn, IL

Family Genealogy:

Pegler, Crawford, Grant, Oard, Heath, Murchison, Doughty, Edwards, Hinton, Brinkworth, Merrill, Brewster Tapp Pankhurst Haywood Foster in SSX, England Romero, Martinez, Atencio,

Sandoval -Hispanics in New Mexico

Reply to SPegler919@aol.com

My step-father James Monroe Vaughan worked at a wrecking business in Fruita. Can you tell me the name of the wrecking business and I'm trying to find more about him and a birth date or SSN#. My mom is Sheila Ruth Nichols Vaughan. The Nichols that lived there was my relation too. I think it was Norton Nichols or Lee (Leroy) Nichols. According to my sister's birth certificate, James was born in Oklahoma but without mother's maiden name or birth date I can't get a birth record. He would have been born in 1893 or between Jan of 1894 and June 1894. I know that it was the Oklahoma Territory. I need to try Missouri next. What do you think? They lived and was married in Teller Co. Colo. in 1937. I do have a contact there.

Thank you Jacque McDonnell

Reply to tessadri@rapidnet.com

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WHEN THE WEDDING BELLS RING

by Carol Gunby, Genealogy.com

Welcome to the beginning of wedding season! With brides and grooms busy making their final preparations, it seems a good time to look at what marriage records have to offer us in our research.

WHEN THE WEDDING BELLS RING

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE. One of the most helpful things about marriage records is that they provide a "two-fer" -- you get information about both the bride and the groom. Depending on the date and locality of the marriage, this may include the names of both sets of parents; the name of the minister or official who performed the marriage; where the bride and groom were living at the time of the marriage; and the names of the witnesses, who are often relatives. You will generally at least find full names of the bride and groom and the date and location of the marriage.

FINDING THE BRIDE'S LINE. Records on female ancestors can often be difficult to find, due to laws and customs which limited their participation in public life. However, marriage records are an excellent way to trace a woman if you already know the name of her husband. The marriage license will normally list the bride under her full maiden name, and if you are lucky enough to come across one of the more comprehensive licenses, it will list her parents. These two pieces of information are a great start in tracing her family.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION. One of the best aspects of marriage records is that they tie both the bride and groom to a particular place and time. This can be helpful if you're trying to trace a person's movements between censuses, for instance. An 1850 census may show your ancestor in Iowa, but when you look for him in the same location in 1860, he's no longer there. However, if you find a marriage record that shows he got married in Iowa in 1856 but was living in Nebraska, you would know to redirect your 1860 census search to Nebraska.

FINDING FURTHER RECORDS. One final use of marriage records is as a bridge to church records. A marriage license often lists the minister, and sometimes

the name of the church, if a marriage was performed there. Assuming your ancestors stayed in one place for a while, you may be able to find church records for other family rites such as baptisms, confirmations, and funerals.

Sometimes churches also acted as the recorders of vital records, so in addition to the ritual records, you might also find birth and death records. Using these records can help you make the links to their children and parents.

MORE INFORMATION ON MARRIAGE RECORDS

* Finding a Marriage Date

http://www.genealogy.com/11_mrgdt.html

* Finding a Spouse's Name

<http://www.genealogy.com/00000553.html>

* Marriage Records on CD-ROM

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/marriage.html>

Written by Carol Gunby, Genealogy.com. Previously published by RootsWeb.com, Inc., RootsWeb

Review: RootsWeb's Genealogy News, Vol. 3, No. 24, 14 June 2000.

RootsWeb: <http://www.rootsweb.com/>

How-to get past Genealogy Road Blocks What to do when you hit a dead end...

To Obtain Information On:

Age

- First look for: Census, Vital records, Cemeteries.
- Then look for: Military records, Taxation, Obituaries.

Birth Date

- First look for: Vital records, Church records, Bible records.
- Then look for: Cemeteries, Obituaries, Census, Newspapers, Military records.

Birthplace

- First look for: Vital records, Church records, Census.
- Then look for: Newspapers, Obituaries, Military records.

Death

- First look for: Vital records, Cemeteries, Probate records, Church records, Obituaries.
- Then look for: Newspapers, Military records, Court records, Land and Property.

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From Ancestry.Com Product Watch

KENTUCKY VITAL RECORDS: MARRIAGES 1780-1920 (SELECTED COUNTIES)

Search over 212,000 marriage records from 75 Kentucky counties spanning 140 years. Of course each record will contain at least the names of the bride and groom and many include parents, witnesses, etc. So this repository can help you find information on over a half-million individuals with Kentucky bluegrass in their blood. Retail \$29.95

<http://shop.myfamily.com/special.asp?offer=a202020002105>

VIRGINIA VITAL RECORDS: DEATHS 1660-1896 (SELECTED COUNTIES)

Over 75,000 early Americans appear in this 15-database collection of over 2-centuries of Virginia deaths. Use this valuable new resource to find your connections to many of America's early history-makers. Retail: \$29.95

<http://shop.myfamily.com/special.asp?offer=a202020002106>

NEW DATABASES AT ROOTSWEB.

New fully searchable user databases or new records added to existing user databases at RootsWeb include:

CITY DIRECTORIES FOR SURNAMES DALTON AND MULLIGAN.

2,073 records

<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/citydir/>

MARRIAGE DATABASE. Records added:

Kentucky (Mercer County) 2,000 marriages

Kentucky (Hopkins County, 1807-1868) 3,212 marriages

North Carolina (various counties) 4,000 marriages

South Carolina (various counties) 2,000 marriages

<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/marriages/>

EAST TEXAS CIVIL WAR ROSTERS with Biographies, 8,157 records

<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/rosters/tx/>

SLAVE/SLAVEOWNER RECORDS OF HOWARD COUNTY, MISSOURI, 2,465 records

<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/slaves/>

More Queries

Hi, my Name Is Joseph Owsley. i Am Looking for News Paper Clipping on My Grandfather. Ernest Evert Owsley,he Died May 30 1967 in Mesa County. just Found out He Died. doing Research for My Father, George Owsley His Son. My Address Is 42 South Warwick St Boyertown Pa 19512.#610-369-9499. thank You for Iney Help .joe Owsley.
reply to Arien419@aol.com

Do you have the newspapers for Fruita, Mesa County for the time frame of 1886 and 1896?

They are buried in the Old Fruita Cemetery

Interested in finding a death notice/Obit/Annoucement for 2nd great grandparents.

Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Mark Conley Reply to: marknron@bigfoot.com

(I've contacted Mark, I'm sure it would be a help if we knew who his 2nd great grandparents were. RS)

Brick Walls (Continued from Page 5)

Divorce

- First look for: Court records, Divorce records.
- Then look for: Newspapers, Vital records.

Ethnicity

- First look for: Minorities, Native Races, Societies.
- Then look for: Church records, Emigration and Immigration, Naturalization and Citizenship.

Historical Background

- First look for: History, Periodicals, Genealogy.
- Then look for: Church History, Minorities.

Immigration or Emigration date

- First look for: Emigration and Immigration, Naturalization and Citizenship, Genealogy.
- Then look for: Census, Biography, Newspaper, Church records.

Maiden name

- First look for: Vital records, Church records, Newspapers, Bible records.
- Then look for: Military records, Cemeteries, Probate records, Obituaries.