

Obituaries



Donna Kaye (Manning) Roberts

July 3, 1938 – February 10, 2005

Donna Kaye (Manning) Roberts was born July 3, 1938 in Kimball, Nebraska. Her parents, Rev. Howard and Bessie (Harman) Manning moved to Grand Junction in 1941. Rev. Manning was a minister with the Presbyterian Church and Bessie Manning was an RN at St. Mary's Hospital. Donna graduated from GJHS in 1956 and attended Mesa College where she studied liberal arts and history. Donna and Norris F. "Bob" Roberts were married in 1957 and shared a love of ghost towns, traveling, and exploring remote areas in Colorado as well as antique automobiles until his untimely passing in 1984.

Donna was business manager for the Museum of Western Colorado for nearly 15 years. Her volunteer activities included past president of Habitat for Humanity, past president of the Credit Women's Association, member of the Mesa County Genealogical Society and Veteran Motor Car Club of America. Donna was a member and deacon of the 1st Presbyterian Church of which she was very involved, and also went through Hospice training and volunteered as a grief counselor for the Hospice & Palliative Care of Western CO.

Donna is survived by her sons and their wives; Robert & Angela of Phoenix, AZ, and Don & Adriene of Canton, OH. Three grandchildren; Karen, April and Kody; two great-grandchildren, Taylen and Lexiana. A brother, Foster Manning of Monte Vista, CO; and an aunt, Helen Harmon of Lincoln, NE, and extended family, Carla and Allana Gartner. One sister, Audry Eastridge, preceded her in death.

Donna will always be remembered as a "pure spirit" as she always found the good in everyone - we will miss her sense of humor, her kindness, generosity and friendship. She will be duly missed by all who were fortunate to have known her.

Wynona Jane Hennessey

December 15, 1936 – February 19, 2005



Wynona left us to be with her Lord after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 68 years old. She died at home with family and friends beside her. Wynona Jane Kralicek was born to James T. and H. Faye Kralicek in Mooreland, Oklahoma on December 15, 1936. The family moved to Montrose, Colorado on May 28, 1940, where she attended Northside and Montrose County High School. She met Larry (Boston Blackie) in Gateway, Colorado and were later married on November 15, 1955. He worked as a Diamond Driller for Sprague and Company where he traveled to many states, where she was always with him. They had one (1) daughter Rose Marie. They moved to Las Vegas in 1958. She worked for many small companies as a bookkeeper or a PBX Operator before going to work for the Boyd Group as a Communication Director for 25 years. They retired in 1987 and they moved back to Colorado to Grand Junction. She went to work part time for Klumb's Lighting and Kitchen, then chose to retire again after several years. She has worked with Mesa County Genealogy Society, she has also enjoyed working over the years with Girl Scouts, Little League, and 4-H. She also enjoyed fishing, sports, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Larry Hennessey, daughter and son-in-law, Rose and Don Richardson, granddaughters and grandson-in-law Kristine (Salsbury) and Jason DeWitt, Nonie (Wynona Salsbury) and John Bonner, Melanie Richardson; great grandchildren, Austin DeWitt and Jasmine Bonner; brothers Glen (Inez) Kralicek of Thornton, CO, Ted (Betty) Kralicek of Clinton, AR, Max (Pat) Kralicek of Clovis, New Mexico. Sisters Lois (Pat) Patton of McMinnville, OR, Mildred Burbridge of Grand Junction, Dean Stone of Delta, Rosamond Blair of Grand Junction, Rita (Jim) Taylor of Montrose, CO. Preceding her in death are her parents, Jim and Fay Kralicek, brothers Joe Kralicek, Bill Kralicek, and Grover Lynn Kralicek.

Martin Mortuary is in charge of arrangements, visitation will be from 4p.m. to 8p.m. at Martin Mortuary Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005. Memorial Services will be 10:00 A.M. Thursday, Feb 24, 2005 at the American Lutheran Church with Pastor Brian Bergum officiating.

Memorial contributions in memory of Mrs. Hennessey may be made to the Orchard Mesa Little League 2787 US Highway 50, Grand Junction, CO 81503 or the Mesa County 4-H, c/o CSU Extension, 2775 Highway 50, Grand Junction, CO 81503.

Do You Know Your Genealogical Terms and Meanings.

Match the word with the proper meaning.

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| 1. Translation | A. Pulling out and recording the most important parts of a document with out keeping every detail. |
| 2. Database | B. Some Factual information organized as a basis for reasoning, discussion, or decision making. |
| 3. Abstraction | C. To copy something keeping every word, character and every punctuation exactly the same. |
| 4. Extraction | D. A large collection of data that is organized for research and retrieval on a computer. |
| 5. Transcription | E. Getting an exact copy of something. |
| 6. Data | F. Something expressed in one language and converted to another, while retaining the original meaning. |

Missouri Library Websites

Springfield-Greene County Library, Springfield, Missouri
<http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/loclist/collections.cfm>

The Springfield-Greene County Library in Springfield, Missouri, has an extensive digital collection that contains a number of online indexes with information, which may prove useful to individuals researching family in Greene County and the surrounding area. There are several indexes to Greene County Records on this site. They include:

The Register of the Almshouse

Citizens of Greene County, Missouri, who were indigent, as well as those who were poor and ill, were cared for in the Greene County Poor Farm for care. This facility opened in 1875 and became Sunshine Acres in 1955. It closed permanently in 1978. The records in this index have been abstracted from the admission books kept by the superintendents from 1875 to 1855. The entries include name, age, sex, date of admission, date of dismissal, date of death and brief remarks. The entries in the index also include the book and page number of the original record.

Index to Coroner's Record Books

The records included in this index have been abstracted from the coroner's record books for 1875 - 1972. The entries include name and age of the victim, book number, page and date of inquiry.

Chronological Listing and Index to Divorce Records

This database includes abstracts of divorce records in Greene County, Missouri, from 1837 through 1950. The entries include the names of the plaintiff and defendant, record book number, page number, date of final decree and indication of who is the innocent and injured party. The records may also include the circumstance of the divorce, the amount of support awarded and the names of children.

Index to the Justice of the Peace Docket Books

This is an index to cases brought before justices of the peace in Green County, Missouri. It covers the period from 1835 through 1885.

Index to Naturalization Records in the Greene County Circuit Court

This is an index to naturalizations filed with the Greene County Circuit Court from 1868 through 1906. Each entry includes the name, country of origin, date of action, type of document being filed (Declaration of Intention or Certificate of Citizenship), and book and page number in the original circuit court record books.

Greene County History

This section of the library website contains transcriptions of histories of Greene County, Missouri. These documents are full-text searchable via the Keyword Search engine. A couple of the histories included here are:

- History and Directory of Springfield and North Springfield This book gives a history of the first fifty years of Springfield, a history of North Springfield, and includes

biographical sketches of prominent citizens and a directory of the inhabitants in 1878.

- The Pictorial and Genealogical Record of Greene County, Missouri was compiled in 1893. It consists primarily of biographical profiles of citizens and some business profiles. The biographies found here are not limited to citizens of Greene County.

Black Families of the Ozarks

This section of the Springfield-Greene County Library website contains information about black families in Southwest Missouri and covers the period from the 1820s to the 1950s. The resources here include Slave Documentation in Probate Paper Records of Greene County; Jasper County Slave Records, Slave Hires and Misc. Expenses; Roster of the 1st and 2nd Regiments Colored Infantry of Kansas; and the 1936 and 1937 Negro City and Country Directory, which encompasses both Greene and Jasper counties. Some of these materials may be searched using the Keyword Search engine; others are not searchable via the site's search engine.

Other resources included in the library's Digitized Collections are a collection of photographs and other materials relating to the O'Reilly General (Army) Hospital of Springfield, Missouri, Moser's Directory of Towns, Villages and Hamlets Past and Present of Missouri, and Virtually Missouri, a link to digitized collections for other Missouri areas.

From the "New York Herald" (New York, N.Y.), 21 March 1870, page 8:

STEAM VS. SAILS.

It will be remembered, from the figures heretofore given in these columns, that the whole number of emigrant passengers landed at Castle Garden during the past year was 257,361. Of these 89 per cent, or 229,093, arrived in 444 steamships, and only 11 per cent, or 29,268, in 164 sailing vessels; this gives an average of 513 passengers for each steamship and of but 171 for each sailing vessel.

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MORTALITY AT SEA OF EMIGRANTS

As regards this point the great superiority of steam over sails will be evident from the following:-- Among 229,093 steerage passengers on steamships there died 210, while 138 died on sailing ships among 29,268 passengers--an enormous disparity of percentage in favor of steam. Of the whole number who died (348) 101 were adults and 247 infants.

Now Online

Google's New Scholarly Search Engine

Google recently launched a new search engine for academic materials. Google officials say they have the cooperation of a broad range of academic publishers, library groups, scholarly societies, and colleges. The Google Scholar searches the full text of most of the documents it indexes, but some of the results can only be accessed for a fee or with a subscription.

The tool will also point researchers to other works that may be of interest. For the Google Scholar, go to www.scholar.google.com.

Order NARA Records Online

Researchers can now order NARA records online at www.archives.gov/index.html. Registration is free but a credit card is necessary to pay for copies.

Census pages, immigration, land, Native American, military service and pension records are available. Added databases include Passenger Arrival Records, Eastern Cherokee Applications, and Compiled Military Service Records.

Missouri Military Records

The Soldiers Database, as the collection is called, is searchable by name or unit but could be limited to a specific timeframe or war. Each military record includes the name, rank, conflict, unit, commander, date of service, and where the original record is stored. The researcher by following the link can view and print a digitized copy of the original online. To access the database plus other records visit

www.sos.mo.gov, or write to the State Capitol, room 208 Jefferson City, Mo 65101.

Google offers Genealogy Searcher

Designed for use by genealogists the engine is located at www.searchforancestors.com/google/searcher.html. There are several search options, including search for photos, newspapers, and a list of directories.

The search engine is handy for locating a place the engine will search by keyword and location. For instance, a search for "cemetery" and "Logan, Utah," will yield a half dozen primary sites and related sites also. The home page includes tips, suggestions and links, all with the genealogist in mind.

Online Civil War Records.

The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, a searchable database of those who served during the Civil War is now online. The site can be accessed free of charge. Maintained by the National Park Service the records taken from the National Archives and Records Administration the records allow searches by name unit cemetery or battle. Prisoners and Medal of Honor nominees can also be searched.

www.civilwar.nps.gov/cwwss/index.html

Washington State Archives Now Open.

Records available include marriage, birth, death, census, naturalization and military. The website can be accessed at www.secstate.wa.gov then following the "digital archives" link. The historic document collection includes election returns from 1854, the first year as a territory. Searches can be made by name and can be narrowed to specific documentation, such as a birth or death certificate.

There is a fee for a hard copy of the original.

Texas Military Records Online

The Texas State Library Located at www.tsl.state.tx.us now includes Adjutant General Service Records and other military files. Texas Rangers and Army of the Republic are among the databases. The site also includes online exhibits.

Arizona Records Online.

The Arizona Department of Health Services features some 400,000 birth and death records. Located at www.genealogy.az.gov birth certificates are made available after 75 years and death certificates after 50 years. The project is a joint effort by the state legislature, Mesa (Ariz) regional Family History Center and the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records department.

Catherine Eden, department of health director, the site would be most useful to second and third generation Arizona residents.

Allen County

The Allen County Public Library's Historical Genealogy Department in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is pleased to announce their electronic newsletter, *Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library*.

Each month you'll learn about new acquisitions, department special events, featured sources, websites, and much more! We will keep you up to date on our outstanding temporary location where the books and microforms are on open stacks available for your perusal. Information about the construction at the old library site and our plans for moving back in two years will also be included.

There are two ways to subscribe. Visit the Friends of Allen County website at www.FriendsOfAllenCounty.org and fill out the subscription form at the bottom of the page, or send an email.

Preserve Your Family History

The Allen County Public Library would like to remind you of a long-standing service. For many decades individuals who have not had a desire to officially publish their genealogical work have sent an inbound "master copy" to the Historical Genealogy Department. In exchange for the privilege of allowing them to make one photo copy for their collection, they provide the compiler of the work with one complimentary, bound photocopy for his or her own collection in addition to returning the original master copy.

It is a great way to make sure your work is preserved and available for future generations of researchers. In addition having a copy at their library ensures that your work is secure from a disaster that might befall your personal library.

If you are interested in this service, just mail your unbound "master copy" to Steve Myers, Assistant Manager, Historical Genealogical Department, P.O. Box 2270 Fort Wayne, In 46801-2270. Include a note that simply reads, "Photocopy Exchange Program."

Find It

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sided at the time the record was filed.

Death Records

Determining where your ancestor died is usually the first step in locating a record of his death. When the record is not in the obvious location, consider:

- Did the ancestor die while en route to a new location?
- Did the ancestor die in an adjacent county?
- Did the ancestor die at a hospital, state home, or veterans' facility a distance from his actual home?
- Did the ancestor move in with a child and die in that location?

Other records besides the civil record of death may provide death information. These records could include:

- Pension records

- Newspapers
- County histories
- Estate or probate records
- Cemetery records or tombstone inscriptions
- Land sales of property after the death may list the ancestor as "deceased."

Wrapping It Up

There are many sources that might provide the information you need. Ideally a primary source will be located, one that was created relatively close to the time of the event by someone who logically had firsthand knowledge of the event.

When primary sources cannot be located, secondary sources must be used. These secondary sources may be in records or documents filed hundreds of thousands of miles from where the event took place. For example, if you are looking for the birth of Johann Schmidt, ask yourself

where that date or location could be written. It could appear on:

- Johann's death record
- Johann's obituary
- Johann's children's death records
- Johann's children's biographies
- Johann's manifest listing when he came back from a 1912 return trip to Europe
- etc.

Expand your circle and you may end up snaring the information for which you are looking.

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