

If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, You may as well make it dance. George Bernard Shaw Every time I think I Volume 28. Issue 2

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know where they are, they move!

FOOTNOTE.COM ADDS TO ITS LEADING CIVIL WAR COLLECTION BY LAUNCHING THE FIRST-EVER INTERACTIVE 1860 US CENSUS

The following announcement was Written by the Footnote.com:

Footnote.com's innovative tools enable members to enrich the census records by adding photos, comments, and related documents to names featured on the records.

Lindon, UT – Today, Footnote.com announced the addition of the 1860 US Census to their Civil War Collection. As the largest online collection of original Civil War documents, this new addition to Footnote.com provides a snapshot of America before the bloodiest war in its history.

The 1860 US Census reveals many details about individuals at that time. What was their occupation? Where were they born? What was their marital status? Did they attend school? Could they read and write? Was your ancestor insane, idiotic, or a convict? The 1860 US Census will let you know.

"Is the 1860 US Census already on the internet? Yes," says Russ Wilding, CEO of Footnote.com. "But what makes the census different on Footnote is that these documents become interactive."

Footnote.com has developed tools that enable visitors not only to find someone in the census, but also to enrich the records by adding photos, linking related documents, and contributing insights to any name on the record. "Now they're not merely names on a document," explains Russ Wilding. "They become people as the contributions start to tell a story about that person."

This past March, Footnote.com released a similar project using the same technology with an interactive version of the Vietnam

War Memorial. For each name on the Wall, a visitor can view military service information, attached photos and comments. The success of the project is overwhelming as priceless contributions are added to the Wall. Footnote expects similar results with the launch of the 1860 US Census.

At Footnote.com, it's more than just looking at a historical document. History becomes a living subject on Footnote.com as documents from archives come together for the first time on the Internet. Visitors to Footnote.com can add their own contributions and upload their own shoeboxes of information. Letters, documents, and photos from the past create a view of history that few have seen before.

Every month, two million new documents are added to the site and over a million people visit the site. Footnote promises to continue to deliver new discoveries for those whose interests range from the serious historian to the casual visitor looking for something entertaining.

Footnote.com is a subscription website that features searchable original documents, providing users with an unaltered view of the events, places and people that shaped the American nation and the world. At Footnote.com, all are invited to come share, discuss, and collaborate on their discoveries with friends, family, and colleagues. For more information, visit www.footnote.com.

Posted by Dick Eastman on May 8, 2008

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The Mesa County Genealogical Society, established in 1980, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Objectives:

1. To promote an interest in genealogy, to encourage and instruct members in the art and practice of genealogical research.

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

To locate, preserve and index public and private genealogical records and make such records available to members and the general public.

4. To assist and support any genealogical library in Colorado, which is open to the public.

Society meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Whitman Education Center, 248 South Fourth Street, at 7:00 pm. The monthly Sack Lunch meeting is held in the 2nd floor Museum conference room of the C. D Smith Building at 5th & Ute Streets at 12 noon on the 4th Wednesday of each month. A Board of Directors meeting will often follow the Sack Lunch meeting from 1pm -2pm.

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Membership year: March 1 - February 28/29

Annual Dues: \$10 Single \$12 Family (2 voting family

Those with unpaid dues after April 30th of the membership year will not receive the newsletter

Contributions to the *Mesa Dwellers* are appreciated and should be neatly typed or written stories, queries, articles and/or other information applicable to genealogy research. Contribution (deadlines): March issue (Feb 15), June issue (May 15), September issue (August 15), December issue (November 15). Send to: Kathie Vlahos at:

Mesa County Genealogical Society Mesa Dwellers Volume 28 / Issue 2 / June 2008 / Page 2 Mesa County Genealogical Society meetings, program topics, and other related events for 2008

May 28	Wednesday Noon Meeting: Larry Eucher will present: Using Foreign Language Translators on the Web. Board of Directors meeting will follow $1-2\ p.m.$
June 12	Thursday Evening Meeting: 7 pm - David Bailey, Zeb Miracle & Rick Dujay will present: Western Investigations Team (WIT) Projects, including Alfred Packer genealogy, Grave Preservations etc.
June 25	Wednesday Noon Meeting: Jo Culberson will present: The New NEHGS (New England Historical Genealogical Society), website.
July 10	Thursday Evening Meeting: 7 p.m Annual Share Session: Brick walls.
July 23	Wednesday Noon Meeting: We will look at: National Archives (NARA) – Access to Archival Databases (AAD) on the internet. Possible Board of Directors Meeting to follow 1 p.m 2 p.m.
Aug. 14	Thursday Evening: Annual Potluck Picnic – Location Marteal Johnson's (Alternative site: Family History Center Pavilion) 6 p.m.
Aug. 27	Wednesday Noon meeting: General Share Session.

President's Message

As the new President of the Mesa County Genealogical Society, I want to thank all the officers, committee chairs and others who have volunteered to keep our Society moving forward for the 2008-2009 year.

It is my hope that every member can contribute to the society in some way. Showing your interest in being an officer or committee chairperson in the future would be greatly appreciated. Even volunteering to work on a committee is a great way to contribute.

As usual we always need ideas for future program topics/speakers for both the Thursday evening and Wednesday noon meetings. You can let me know your suggestions at a meeting, phone me at email me at a program yourself.

Check out the Society's library at the Museum's Loyd Files Research Center. I want to thank Kay Oxer, Linda Garey, Pat Garey and Judy Maki who have been busy reorganizing the periodicals and books in our library. Soon they will be cataloging the many books that have been donated to our library. As the new books are added, Kay and Linda will be letting us know the titles in future issues of the Mesa Dwellers.

You all have an opportunity to help out with refreshments at an evening meeting or provide articles for the Mesa Dwellers. We always need people to work at our booths at the Family History Fair and other events. Also we will have future projects that require member involvement.

Remember this is your society and it will be a much better society with your involvement.

Dennis Jenkins
President - MCGS

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Source: National Archives, Washington, DC, micropublication M158, roll 6, Mesa County 1885 Census

This index is fully alphabetized and includes surname, given name, county, schedule number, enumeration district, page number, and line number. There are 1,986 on the inhabitants schedule, 246 on the agriculture schedule, 5 on the industry schedule, and 25 on the mortality schedule.

Use this index to locate individuals on the census in National Archives micropublication M158, roll 6. Microfilm copies of this census are available at the Mesa County Public Library, Museum of Western Colorado, and the Grand Junction Family History Center.

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