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Miller: Genealogy Disaster Plan a Precaution worth Taking

The following article was originally published in the Broomfield Enterprise, July 13, 2008.

The year is only half over, and already there have been numerous natural disasters that have hit close to home: The tornadoes in Northern Colorado; the floods in the Midwest; the wildfires in California.

Watching the people on the news who have been affected has been heart-wrenching. Many folks have lost everything. Some of their possessions can easily be replaced, such as clothes, appliances and dishes. But what about all those things that cannot be replaced? I look around my house and see the wedding quilt made by Great-Grandma Ivy, the baby photo of my mother, the file cabinets of family history documents and notes. No amount of insurance money could bring those items back.

There is a precaution to safeguard your family history should disaster strike. I recommend creating and implementing a written genealogy disaster plan.

My written disaster plan is divided into two sections: Preparations and Evacuation Plan.

Five Steps:

1. Cite each source precisely and accurately. Many of our sources are copies of documents. With the proper citation, most document copies can be acquired again.
2. Evaluate documents, photos and artifacts, and prioritize according to importance. All irreplaceable items should be sorted out. Duplicate copies of extracted documents can be made and placed in the file where the document was originally stored. Originals should be stored using archival safe supplies and containers. Containers need to be clearly marked, readily accessible and compact enough so they can be easily carried. A list of the containers, contents and locations should be recorded within the disaster plan.

3. Scan documents and photos. Start by scanning new documents when they are obtained. Then work on one file folder a week. In no time at all your research will be scanned.

4. Make backups of computer files. I have a Maxtor external drive on which I weekly, sometimes daily, back up my files. This is a good way to prevent the loss of files because of a computer crash. However, it is in the same room as my desktop and would not help if my house was destroyed. It is essential to have a backup that is off-site.

There are several options for storing backups outside of your house. I would recommend using two of the following methods:

Send genealogy files to family, either through mail or on CDs or DVDs. The relative should live out of state rather than down the street. If sending the files electronically, compress the file to reduce the size.

Set up an e-mail account that allows you to store messages online and then send the files to yourself.

Use an online backup service such as Mosey.com. Backups should be done physically.

5. Determine a safe and accessible storage location. Things that should be considered are the structure of the house, location of the house and the risk factors for disaster. If you live where you are more likely to be hit by a tornado that threatened by a wildfire, you might want to store your items in a climate controlled basement.

Evacuation Plan

This should be a step-by-step plan of what to do in various circumstances. The plan should

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MESA DWELLERS

Biography of Board and Committee Members of Mesa County Genealogical Society

Dennis Roy Jenkins – President



Dennis R. Jenkins was born 16 September [redacted] in Staples, Todd County, Minnesota. His middle name, Roy, was taken from part of his father's name Leroy. He was the second oldest of five children and with his two brothers and two sisters grew up in "The land of 10,000 Lakes", Minnesota.

In High school, he played football all four years, lettering in his junior and senior years, he ran track, lettering in his senior year, and wrestled in his sophomore and senior years, lettering both times. He also tried out for basketball each year, but unfortunately never made the team. He graduated in 1962 in a class of 109 students.

When he went off to college, he started out at the University of Minnesota at the Minneapolis campus and finished up at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Dennis worked his way through college and also with some help from his father, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and Bio Lab Technology.

Growing up, Dennis remembers his first job was a paper route delivering the "Minneapolis Star Tribune". One of the jobs which he loved was teaching in Santurce, Puerto Rico. He was a short term missionary at The Robinson School, run by the Methodist Church and taught classes K thru 12. He also taught Junior and Senior high school students general science, math, ecology (his 8th home room students tried but could never guess his middle name, Roy). He came to Grand Junction and worked for the Bureau of Land Management for 23 years, from which he retired. Over the years, he has also lived in Tennessee, Puerto Rico, North Dakota and Arizona before settling in Colorado.

About 1982 he joined Mesa County Genealogical Society and has served in various positions with the Society since over the years. He has been researching his family history for as long as he has been a member of MCGS. When asked if he has any famous or infamous relatives in his family, he said that his great, great grandfather was involved in the "Anti Rent War" in New York in 1845. Dennis also says he is 3rd cousin, 8 times removed to John Adams, 2nd president of the United States (prove it Dennis!!!).

Family names he is researching include, Scharf, Hanson, Langballe in Germany, Sweden and Denmark.

By Jan Wilson, Historian/Archivist

The Calendar has temporarily been replaced with the Biography, all up coming events are listed on Page 3

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.
2. To maintain and elevate genealogical standards, to stress the importance of accuracy in research through careful documentation.
3. 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.

Society Officers

President	Dennis Jenkins
Vice President	Iris Krogh
Secretary	Carole Moritz
Treasurer	Jill Berthod

Board Members

Kathie Vlahos	<u>3 year Term</u>
Gena King	2008-2009-2010
Martea Johnson	2007-2008-2009
	2006-2007-2008

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Historian/Archivist	Jan Wilson
Co-Genealogist/Librarian	Kay Oxer
Co-Genealogist/Librarian	Linda Garey
Temporary Newsletter Editor	Kathie Vlahos
Society Webmaster	Caley Gredig
Parliamentarian	Vacant
Program Director	Dennis Jenkins
Research Director	Bob Cress

Membership year: March 1 - February 28/29

Annual Dues: \$10 Single - \$12 Family (2 voting family members).

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: [redacted] or telephone: [redacted]

2008 September – December Upcoming Programs and Events

- Sept. 11 Thursday Evening Meeting: 7 p.m. - David Bailey, Zeb Miracle – WIT- (Western Investigative Teamwork) present their recent investigations including the Family History of Alfred Packer, grave preservations and the George Crawford safe/cistern.
- Sept. 24 Wednesday Noon Meeting: RootsTelevision – we will look at a video at this web site and discuss.
- Oct. 9 Thursday Evening Meeting: 7 p.m. – Speaker/topic to be determined.
- Oct. 22 Wednesday Noon Meeting: Open questions to look at websites: new familysearch.org, Washington State Digital archives, Missouri State Death records, or any others.
- Nov. 13 Thursday Evening Meeting: 7 p.m. - Speaker/topic to be determined.
- Dec. 11 Thursday Evening Meeting: 7 p.m. – Annual Christmas social, possible goodies and share session.
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President's Message

I hope everyone has had a great summer of family history research.

Keep in mind there are many places right here in Grand Junction where we can get information, whether it is for local records or for records all over the globe.

We have the Mesa County Public Library, Mesa County Genealogical Society Library, Loyd Files Research Library at the Museum of Western Colorado (Museum of the West), Family History Center, Mesa State College Tomlinson Library, and the local Mesa County records kept by the county recorder, treasurer, assessor, courts, and the county archives.

The Public Library has a great selection of reference books, as does the Family History Center, Mesa County Public Library, Mesa State College Library, the Museum and our Society Library located in the Loyd Files Research Library. As Kay Oxer described in the last issue of the Mesa Dwellers, our society's Library is being reorganized and there will be many new books and materials that she will inform us about as they are added to our collection. Check it out.

If you have been keeping up on the changes in access to websites both free and subscription based, you will know that the Public Library has subscriptions to Ancestry.com, and Heritage Quest. They also have microfilm of the Colorado censuses, and local newspapers. Currently accessible by asking a librarian is an obituary database of over 113,000 records. That will soon be accessible on the library website. In addition they have a special history room. Note that the museum also has a subscription to Ancestry.com.

The Family History Center has subscriptions to many research website available for your use on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. They have Godfrey, World Vital Records, Footnote, Heritage Quest, PAF, Rootsmagic, Place Names, New England Historical and Genealogy and many other resources available. You are able to order microfilm and fiche for a fee from the Salt Lake City Family History Library. Also check out the new Familysearch.org website for new indexed databases being added on a regular basis.

Dennis Jenkins
President - MCGS

Mesa County 1885 Census Index (continued)

Compiled by Dennis Jenkins, Eleanor Leggiero, & Charles Leggiero
As submitted to the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies 1885 Census
project on July 8, 1994.
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.

1885 CENSUS – MESA COUNTY, COLORADO
ENUMERATION OF INHABITANTS BY SCHEDULE #
AND ENUMERATION DISTRICT

	Enumeration District 1	Enumeration District 2	Totals
Schedule 1 – Inhabitants	1293	693	1986
Schedule 2 – Agricultural	109	137	246
Schedule 3 – Industry	2	3	5
Schedule 5 – Persons Who Died	21	4	25
Totals	1425	837	2262

Pages 1-4 (Abby, H. E. through Boulder, John) of this 47 page index were
published in the *Mesa Dwellers* March-June 2007 issue. The March 2008
issue has pages 5-15 (Boulder, Lillian R. through Gaylord, Edward). The
June 2008 issue has pages 16-26 (Gaylord, Emma M. through Lowry, T. D.)
and this issue has pages 27-37.

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LUMSDEN	Cinderella	Mesa	1	1	4	43
LUMSDEN	J. J.	Mesa	1	1	4	42
LURKES	Josie	Mesa	1	1	4	13
LYNCH	Wm. A.	Mesa	1	1	10	45
MACE	John	Mesa	1	1	21	16
MACE	Minnie	Mesa	1	1	21	17
MAHONEY	A. D.	Mesa	1	1	19	26
MAHONEY	Albert	Mesa	1	1	19	31
MAHONEY	Anna	Mesa	1	1	19	30
MAHONEY	Chas.	Mesa	1	1	19	29
MAHONEY	Effie	Mesa	1	1	19	28
MAHONEY	Jenny	Mesa	1	1	19	33
MAHONEY	Marena	Mesa	1	1	19	27
MAHONEY	Mary	Mesa	1	1	19	32
MAHONY	Albert D.	Mesa	2	1	6	5
MAIN	Nelson	Mesa	1	1	17	40
MARSH	N. A.	Mesa	1	1	1	1
MASON	Alfred	Mesa	1	2	11	50
MASON	Amelia	Mesa	1	2	10	8
MASON	J. F.	Mesa	1	2	10	7
MASON	J. F.	Mesa	2	2	13	3
MASON	John F.	Mesa	1	2	10	9
MATHEWS	J. A.	Mesa	1	2	8	12
MATHEWS	Jas. W.	Mesa	1	2	8	11
MATSEN	A. D.	Mesa	2	2	14	5
MATTINGLY	A. C.	Mesa	1	2	14	3
MATTINGLY	Chas.	Mesa	1	2	14	2
MATTINGLY	D. A.	Mesa	1	2	14	4
MATTINGLY	Jas. J.	Mesa	1	2	13	49
MATTINGLY	Jas. J.	Mesa	2	2	8	10
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MATTINGLY	Maria E.	Mesa	1	2	13	50
MATTINGLY	S. E.	Mesa	1	2	14	5
MATTINGLY	Wm.	Mesa	1	1	24	25
MAY	Adam	Mesa	1	2	1	26
MAZANTI	Jno.	Mesa	1	1	17	45
MCALLEN	L. F.	Mesa	1	1	15	50
MCARTHUR	Agnes D.	Mesa	1	1	15	11
MCARTHUR	Dan'l G.	Mesa	1	1	15	10
MCARTHUR	John N.	Mesa	1	1	15	41
MCARTHUR	Mary A.	Mesa	1	1	15	8
MCBRIDE	Geo.	Mesa	1	1	15	9
MCCABE	Arthur	Mesa	1	1	9	24
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MCCABE	C. J.	Mesa	1	1	22	47
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MCCABE	V. C.	Mesa	1	2	7	20
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MCCUNE	Julie C.	Mesa	1	1	16	47
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MCGINLEY	John	Mesa	1	1	26	24
MCGINLEY	William	Mesa	2	1	4	4
MCGINLEY	Wm.	Mesa	1	1	26	23
MCGINNIES	Martha	Mesa	1	1	9	27
MCGINNIES	Mary	Mesa	1	1	9	26
MCGINNIES	Pat K.	Mesa	1	1	9	25
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MCLAIN	Sarah	Mesa	1	1	6	9
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MCNAMER	Kate	Mesa	1	1	11	5
MCWILLIAMS	James	Mesa	1	1	17	34
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MERRIAM	Milo J.	Mesa	1	1	23	18
MERRIAM	Sarah J.	Mesa	1	1	23	19
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METCALF	Sarah	Mesa	1	1	19	20
MEYER	Alphonse	Mesa	1	1	26	29
MEYERS	John	Mesa	2	2	14	3
MEYERS	John	Mesa	1	2	11	33
MICHAEL	Mary	Mesa	1	2	4	5
MICHAEL	Minnie	Mesa	1	2	4	6
MICHAEL	Wm.	Mesa	1	2	4	4
MICHAELS	Wm.	Mesa	2	2	2	5
MILLER	A. A.	Mesa	1	1	1	27
MILLER	Albert	Mesa	1	1	6	29
MILLER	Ann R.	Mesa	1	1	6	26
MILLER	Anna M.	Mesa	1	1	1	43
MILLER	John	Mesa	1	2	12	44
MILLER	Mary A.	Mesa	1	1	6	27
MILLER	Michael	Mesa	1	1	6	28
MILLER	W. J.	Mesa	1	1	1	42
MILLER	Wm.	Mesa	1	1	25	10
MILTONBERGER	T. H.	Mesa	1	1	24	30
MITCHELL	Bessie K.	Mesa	1	1	17	31
MITCHELL	C. E.	Mesa	1	1	17	30
MITCHELL	Geo. W.	Mesa	1	1	15	32
MITCHELL	Mary P.	Mesa	1	1	15	33
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MOBLEY	Rose	Mesa	1	1	3	27
MONAHAN	Edward	Mesa	1	1	26	22
MONAHAN	Edward	Mesa	2	1	4	3
MONROE	M. E.	Mesa	1	2	7	27
MONTGOMERY	Wm.	Mesa	1	1	17	25
MOORE	Andrew J.	Mesa	1	1	15	27
MOORE	C. C.	Mesa	1	1	7	50
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