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Life is
lived

forwards,
but understood backwards.

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December Potluck Holiday Meeting Thursday, December 11th, 11:30 a.m.

Our December Holiday meeting will be on Thursday, December 11th, but changed to Mid-day. Last year we only had five members turn out for our December potluck holiday evening meeting, so we are trying something different. We do realize that it will be an inconvenience to those of you who have limited lunch time from work and we regret that.

The plan; potluck lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. and then a share program, which will be at the home of Carole Moritz. Beverages, ham and service will be provided.

Carole's home is at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

All I Want for Christmas is a New Surname

Dear Santa: Do not bring me new dishes,
I do not need a new kind of game.
Genealogists have peculiar wishes
For Christmas I just want a Surname

A new washing machine would be great,
But it's not the desire of my life.
I've just found an ancestor's birth date;
What I need now is the name of his wife.

My heart does not yearn for a ring
That would put a real diamond to shame.
What I want is a much cheaper thing;
Please give me Mary's last name.

To see my heart singing with joy,
Do not bring me a read leather suitcase,
Bring me a genealogist's toy;
A surname with dates and a place.

(Author unknown)
(Seen in Illinois State Gen. Soc. Newsletter 1984)

The Family Tree

Many, many years ago when I was twenty three,
I got married to a widow who was pretty as could be.

This widow had a daughter who had hair of red.

My father fell in love with her, and soon the two
were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law and changed my
very life.

My daughter was my mother, for she was my
father's wife.

To complicate the matters worse, although it
brought me joy, I soon became the father of a
bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad,
and so became my uncle, though it made me very
sad.

For he was my uncle then that also made him
brother to the widow's grown-up daughter who,
Of course, was my step-mother.

Father's wife then had a son who kept them on the
run, and he became my grandson, for he was my
daughter's son.

My wife is now my mother's mom, and it surely
makes me blue, because, although she is my wife,
she is my grandma too.

If my wife is my grandmother then I am her
grandchild, and every time I think of it, it simply
drives me wild.

For now I have become the strangest case you ever
saw.

As the husband of my grandmother, I am my own
grandpa!!!

*Set to music by Dwight Latham and Moe Jaffe in
1947, originally from a 1930's NBC radio show
called "The Jester's".*

Submitted by Larry Euchner, July 10, 2008

MESA DWELLERS

Biography of Board and Committee Members of Mesa County Genealogical Society

Iris Joan Krogh – Vice President



The log cabin at California Mesa, Olathe, Colorado is not there any more, that was where Iris Joan Krogh was born January 10, [redacted] and the doctor that delivered her came from Delta, not too far away. Her name "Iris" was a favorite of her fathers. And there were other relatives with names starting with "I" as well. Her mother, father and three brothers (she was the only girl and the youngest of her siblings) lived all over Delta County and moved to Grand Junction when she was in Junior High School. She remembers her first job working at the Copeland Drug Store on 5th and Main Street in downtown Grand Junction, as a "soda jerk", earning 70 cents an hour.

On [redacted] she married David Krogh [redacted]. Soon after Iris and David were married, they left Colorado and lived in numerous different parts of the United States. David worked for General Electric and was always being transferred. She and David have been married now for 52 years. They have three children; two boys who live in Colorado and one daughter that lives in Alabama. Iris worked at a temporary job agency for a number of years. She also attended college, going to night school, but never was able to get her degree as there seemed to always be too many interruptions along the way.

She joined Mesa County Genealogical Society in the 1990's but, has been researching since the 1980's. She is a member of the German American Club and enjoys belonging to a quilting club.

Her father's family is from Germany and she has traced them back to 1765. Her mother's line goes back to England. On her grandmother's side there was a relative that was killed over a stolen hog. Stories have been told that her great-grandparents got into an argument that ended with them being kicked out of the church they belonged to.

Iris and David have had a lot of fun traveling in their 5th wheel RV going to cemeteries, county court houses around the country and visiting the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, they hope there will be many more trips in the future.

Some names Iris is researching are: Christ, Shores, Burchfiel and Crowder.

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	3 year Term
Gena King	2008-2009-2010
Martel 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	Donna Jackson

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 December ~ February 2009 ~ Upcoming Programs and Events

- 11 Dec. 2008 Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – Christmas potluck meeting at the home of Carole Moritz. See the announcement for details on the front page of this newsletter. We are asking members to RSVP to Carol Moritz by December 4th.
- 8 Jan. 2009 Thursday Evening Meeting: 7 p.m. – Jamie Walker, Mesa State College Librarian will present: *History & Genealogy – Government Information in the 21st Century*. This meeting will be held in the 2nd floor conference room of the Museum's C.D. Smith Building.
- 28 Jan. 2009 Wednesday Noon Meeting: We will have an open topic session. Members can share their research or look at a website of their choice.
- 12 Feb. 2009 Thursday Evening Meeting: 7 p.m. – Share session, annual election, and annual reports.
- 25 Feb. 2009 Wednesday Noon Meeting: Possible internet sites to look at: Genealogybank.com, EllisIsland.org, Linkpendium.com, Genealogy.about.com, or others.

President's Message

In this message I want to talk about two traditions in the Mesa County Genealogical Society that we will be reviving. In recent years the traditional potluck Christmas meeting has fallen by the wayside with only five members in attendance last year. As some of you might remember, we had a number of Christmas potlucks at the home of Donna Roberts and at the Museum, many with entertainment. This year we are going to have a potluck (with a ham) that will be at Midday (11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 11th at the home of Carole Moritz) verses our normal evening time. Though it may not be possible for some of the members to attend, I do hope that we will have a good turnout.

The second item we will be reviving is the surname cards. When I first joined the Society in the early 1980's, as a new member I was given a few cards to fill out showing the ancestors I was researching. It appears that the surname cards have not been getting filled out in recent years. Thus, we will be bringing the card file and blank cards to our meetings from now on. We will use the December 11, 2008 Christmas potluck meeting as an opportunity to share and discuss the surnames we are researching.

Please check the Christmas meeting notice on the front page of this newsletter for details and RSVP to Carole Moritz by December 4th if you plan to attend.

Dennis Jenkins President
Mesa County Genealogical Society

Below is an example of a filled out 3x5 surname card.

WHEELER		Elias	M.
Surname		Given Name(s)	
Father		Samuel Wheeler	
Mother		Olive Hall	
B	30 Jan 1780	Place Plainfield Town, Windham Co. CT	
M	17 Feb 1902	Place Milan Town, Dutchess Co. New York	
D	20 Dec 1868	Place Halcottville, Delaware Co. New York	
Spouse		Hannah	
Spouse's			
Parents		unknown	
Your Name Dennis R. Jenkins			
Address [Redacted]			
Grand Set Co 81504			
Current Date		12 Nov 2008	
		List children, over, etc., on back.	

Children of Elias + Hannah Wheeler:

Amanda 24 Sep 1811 – 6 May 1838
Morgan Lewis 9 Mar 1814 – 10 Mar 1863
Jarusha 11 May 1818 – 28 June 1852
Olive 12 Mar 1821 – 25 Feb 1899

Example of back of surname card

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 of this 47 page index were published in the *Mesa Dwellers* March-June 2007 issue (Abby, H. E. through Boulder, John). 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.). The September 2008 issue has pages 27-37 (Lowry, Thomas D. through Simmes, C. S.) and this issue has pages 38-47.

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SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	COUNTY	SCHED ENUM	PAGE LINE	DIST	NUMB	NUMB
SIMMES	Carrie	Mesa	1	30	2	3	30
SIMMES	Fred	Mesa	1	28	2	3	28
SIMMES	J. S.	Mesa	1	26	2	3	26
SIMMES	Jas.	Mesa	1	24	2	3	24
SIMMES	Jessie	Mesa	1	29	2	3	29
SIMMES	Joseph	Mesa	2	1	2	2	1
SIMMES	Mary	Mesa	1	27	2	3	27
SIMMES	Zoa	Mesa	1	25	2	3	25
SISTER	Austin	Mesa	1	23	1	10	23
SISTER	Fidelis	Mesa	1	22	1	10	22
SISTER	Gabriella	Mesa	1	24	1	10	24
SISTER	Helena	Mesa	1	26	1	10	26
SISTER	Mary Julian	Mesa	1	25	1	10	25
SIVERTSON	Marlin	Mesa	1	11	1	20	11
SKINNER	E. E.	Mesa	1	26	1	8	26
SKINNER	Geo.	Mesa	1	3	2	2	3
SKINNER	Jas.	Mesa	1	41	2	7	41
SLOCUM	E. M.	Mesa	1	24	1	22	24
SLOCUM	E. M.	Mesa	2	7	1	9	7
SLOCUM	Edwin C.	Mesa	1	27	1	22	27
SLOCUM	Ida	Mesa	1	25	1	22	25
SLOCUM	Ida L.	Mesa	1	26	1	22	26
SLOCUM	John M.	Mesa	1	28	1	22	28
SLOCUM	Jos. H.	Mesa	1	47	2	13	47
SMALLEY	Mary	Mesa	1	48	2	13	48
SMALLEY	Mary	Mesa	1	35	2	3	35
SMITH	Anna	Mesa	1	36	1	2	36
SMITH	Anna J.	Mesa	1	36	1	22	36
SMITH	E. A.	Mesa	1	33	2	3	33
SMITH	Edw.	Mesa	1	19	2	5	19
SMITH	Edward	Mesa	1	14	1	22	14
SMITH	F. A.	Mesa	1	39	1	1	39
SMITH	F. M.	Mesa	2	7	2	5	7
SMITH	Frank W.	Mesa	1	50	2	12	50
SMITH	G. A.	Mesa	1	14	2	6	14
SMITH	Geo. A.	Mesa	1	40	1	22	40
SMITH	Geo. P.	Mesa	1	16	2	6	16
SMITH	George	Mesa	1	39	1	23	39
SMITH	H. F.	Mesa	1	50	2	7	50
SMITH	Henry A.	Mesa	1	35	1	22	35
SMITH	Henry A.	Mesa	2	7	1	8	7
SMITH	I. W.	Mesa	1	32	2	3	32
SMITH	Ira	Mesa	1	32	2	16	32
SMITH	J. E.	Mesa	1	48	1	3	48
SMITH	J. F.	Mesa	1	15	2	6	15
SMITH	Jane.	Mesa	1	40	1	23	40
SMITH	Jas. N.	Mesa	1	12	1	6	12
SMITH	Jeff	Mesa	1	2	2	1	2
SMITH	John	Mesa	1	3	2	3	3

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SMITH	M. A.	Mesa	1	1	22	15	Mesa	1	1	25	48
SMITH	M. F.	Mesa	1	2	6	13	Mesa	1	1	2	30
SMITH	M. J.	Mesa	1	1	7	31	Mesa	1	1	2	29
SMITH	Maggie	Mesa	1	1	22	39	Mesa	1	1	11	11
SMITH	Mary	Mesa	1	1	22	38	Mesa	2	1	7	2
SMITH	Matilda	Mesa	1	1	22	37	Mesa	1	1	19	37
SMITH	N. M.	Mesa	1	2	3	34	Mesa	1	1	25	2
SMITH	N. N.	Mesa	1	1	2	35	Mesa	1	1	26	35
SMITH	O. F.	Mesa	1	1	12	37	Mesa	1	1	26	33
SMITH	Pat	Mesa	1	1	20	45	Mesa	2	1	4	7
SMITH	Thos.	Mesa	1	2	3	36	Mesa	1	1	26	34
SMITH	Wm.	Mesa	1	2	4	36	Mesa	1	1	3	14
SMITH	Wm.	Mesa	1	1	19	9	Mesa	1	1	26	36
SMITH & BASCOMB		Mesa	2	2	4	4	Mesa	1	1	26	37
SNIDER	Wm.	Mesa	1	1	5	50	Mesa	1	2	7	46
SNOOK	Clara	Mesa	1	1	22	20	Mesa	1	1	12	48
SNOOK	Jasper M.	Mesa	1	1	22	21	Mesa	1	1	12	50
SNOOK	Wm.	Mesa	1	1	22	19	Mesa	1	1	12	49
SNYDER	Allen	Mesa	1	2	11	15	Mesa	1	2	6	38
SNYDER	B. J.	Mesa	1	1	13	50	Mesa	1	2	6	36
SNYDER	Conrad	Mesa	1	1	6	4	Mesa	2	2	10	6
SNYDER	Laura	Mesa	1	1	6	5	Mesa	1	2	6	37
SNYDER	Sarah	Mesa	1	2	11	14	Mesa	1	2	6	40
SNYDER	Eva T.	Mesa	1	1	26	27	Mesa	1	2	6	39
SPENCER	H. A.	Mesa	1	1	26	26	Mesa	1	1	26	32
SPENCER	H. L.	Mesa	1	2	1	6	Mesa	2	2	8	6
SPENCER	Harry A.	Mesa	2	1	4	5	Mesa	1	2	11	43
SPENCER	Ida M.	Mesa	1	1	5	16	Mesa	1	1	8	41
SPENCER	J. F.	Mesa	1	1	5	15	Mesa	1	1	8	45
SPENCER	Mabel	Mesa	1	1	5	17	Mesa	1	1	8	42
SPINK	C. H.	Mesa	1	1	1	20	Mesa	1	1	8	43
SPINK	Geo. P.	Mesa	1	1	20	21	Mesa	1	1	8	39
SPINK	Georgiana	Mesa	1	1	20	23	Mesa	1	1	8	38
SPINK	Jane	Mesa	1	1	20	22	Mesa	1	1	8	37
SPINLOCK	Bella	Mesa	1	2	10	3	Mesa	1	2	1	3
SPINLOCK	Ira	Mesa	1	2	10	4	Mesa	1	1	8	40
SPINLOCK	Jas.	Mesa	1	2	10	2	Mesa	1	1	8	36
SPINLOCK	Jas.	Mesa	2	2	8	4	Mesa	1	2	11	44
SPINLOCK	O.	Mesa	1	2	10	5	Mesa	1	1	8	44
SPINLOCK	Ray	Mesa	1	2	10	6	Mesa	1	1	25	28
SPRINGER	Catherine	Mesa	1	1	17	2	Mesa	1	2	12	31
SPRINGER	Chas. A.	Mesa	1	1	17	4	Mesa	1	2	12	21
SPRINGER	Edward	Mesa	1	1	17	1	Mesa	1	2	12	26
SPRINGER	Wm. H.	Mesa	1	1	17	3	Mesa	1	2	12	24
SQUIRES	Grant	Mesa	1	2	7	47	Mesa	1	2	12	28
STACEY	Minnie	Mesa	1	1	15	40	Mesa	1	2	12	27
STAFFORD	C.	Mesa	1	1	25	47	Mesa	1	2	12	29
STAFFORD	John	Mesa	1	1	25	46	Mesa	1	2	12	25

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STAFFORD	Mary A.	Mesa	1	1	25	48	Mesa	1	1	25	48
STALEY	Julia P.	Mesa	1	1	2	30	Mesa	1	1	2	30
STALEY	Lorin A.	Mesa	1	1	7	31	Mesa	1	1	2	29
STAMPER	J. W.	Mesa	1	1	22	39	Mesa	1	1	11	11
STANLEY	Geo. C.	Mesa	1	1	22	38	Mesa	2	1	7	2
STANLEY	Geo.	Mesa	1	1	22	37	Mesa	1	1	19	37
STASER	Peter	Mesa	1	2	3	34	Mesa	1	1	25	2
STEELE	Chas. A.	Mesa	1	1	2	35	Mesa	1	1	26	35
STEELE	Chas. W.	Mesa	1	1	12	37	Mesa	1	1	26	33
STEELE	Chas. W.	Mesa	1	1	20	45	Mesa	2	1	4	7
STEELE	Dora L.	Mesa	1	2	3	36	Mesa	1	1	26	34
STEELE	Grace	Mesa	1	2	4	36	Mesa	1	1	3	14
STEELE	Grace A.	Mesa	1	1	19	9	Mesa	1	1	26	36
STEELE	Maurice	Mesa	1	2	4	4	Mesa	1	1	26	37
STEEPER	W. C.	Mesa	1	1	5	50	Mesa	1	2	7	46
STEIN	Edward	Mesa	1	1	22	20	Mesa	1	1	12	48
STEIN	Howard	Mesa	1	1	22	21	Mesa	1	1	12	50
STEIN	Rachel	Mesa	1	1	22	19	Mesa	1	1	12	49
STEVENS	J. N.	Mesa	1	2	11	15	Mesa	1	2	6	38
STEVENS	J. W.	Mesa	1	1	13	50	Mesa	1	2	6	36
STEVENS	John W.	Mesa	1	1	6	4	Mesa	2	2	10	6
STEVENS	L. A.	Mesa	1	1	6	5	Mesa	1	2	6	37
STEVENS	Mabel	Mesa	1	2	11	14	Mesa	1	2	6	40
STEVENS	W. Z.	Mesa	1	1	26	27	Mesa	1	2	6	39
STEVENS	Annie	Mesa	1	1	26	26	Mesa	1	1	26	32
STEWART	Chas.	Mesa	1	2	1	6	Mesa	2	2	8	6
STEWART	Chas. A.	Mesa	2	1	4	5	Mesa	1	2	11	43
STEWART	Clair	Mesa	1	1	5	16	Mesa	1	1	8	41
STEWART	Daisy	Mesa	1	1	5	15	Mesa	1	1	8	45
STEWART	Dick	Mesa	1	1	5	17	Mesa	1	1	8	42
STEWART	Earl	Mesa	1	1	1	20	Mesa	1	1	8	43
STEWART	George	Mesa	1	1	20	21	Mesa	1	1	8	39
STEWART	Jennie	Mesa	1	1	20	23	Mesa	1	1	8	38
STEWART	Julia A.	Mesa	1	1	20	22	Mesa	1	1	8	37
STEWART	L. T.	Mesa	1	2	10	3	Mesa	1	2	1	3
STEWART	Lucy T.	Mesa	1	2	10	4	Mesa	1	1	8	40
STEWART	Mansir	Mesa	1	2	10	2	Mesa	1	1	8	36
STEWART	Mary A.	Mesa	2	2	8	4	Mesa	1	2	11	44
STEWART	Ray	Mesa	1	2	10	5	Mesa	1	1	8	44
STILL	John	Mesa	1	2	10	6	Mesa	1	1	25	28
STITES	A. M.	Mesa	1	1	17	2	Mesa	1	2	12	31
STITES	Buna D.	Mesa	1	1	17	4	Mesa	1	2	12	21
STITES	Dora	Mesa	1	1	17	1	Mesa	1	2	12	26
STITES	H. A.	Mesa	1	1	17	3	Mesa	1	2	12	24
STITES	John W.	Mesa	1	2	7	47	Mesa	1	2	12	28
STITES	M. J.	Mesa	1	1	15	40	Mesa	1	2	12	27
STITES	Marian	Mesa	1	1	25	47	Mesa	1	2	12	29
STITES	Mary E.	Mesa	1	1	25	46	Mesa	1	2	12	25