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Tennessee Death Records Are Available Online

Many of the death records for the state of Tennessee are available online. Registrations of births and deaths began in 1908 in Tennessee. The Tennessee State Archives and Library web site has created an index that covers nearly 98,000 deaths occurring in Tennessee and recorded between 1908 and 1912. Although deaths were not registered as carefully and regularly as they were beginning in 1914, the index includes all extant records.

The index includes the name of the deceased, county, year of death and certificate number. This information can be used to order a copy of the death certificate from the Tennessee State Library and Archives. If no year of death was given on the certificate, it is noted in this index as "1908-12". Children with no given name are listed under "infant".

Death records in this time period do not give parent's names. They do include the individual's age, occupation, place of birth and cause of death.

The Tennessee death records for 1908-1912 are at <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/vital/death2.htm>.

Death records for 1913 were not recorded in Tennessee.

Tennessee deaths from 1914 to 1926 are available at the state government's web site at; <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/vital/tndeath.htm> the site states, "The Statewide Index to Tennessee Death Records, now in its beginning stages, is a long-term project to index Tennessee death records for the years 1914 on."

The index lists name of deceased, county of death, and volume and page number of the certificate. When ordering a death record from this index, please include this information. This information should be used when ordering full death record.

Finally, the Memphis Public Library History and Genealogy Index Web site at http://tempo.memphislibrary.org/dadabik/program_files/sform.php contains the Memphis/Shelby County Death Index (1848-1945). This index to identifiable deaths recorded within Memphis and Shelby County was created from the Memphis Death Register Books beginning in 1848; Memphis Burial Permits, 1902-1913; and Memphis/Shelby County Death Certificates Card Index, 1914-1945. Entries include the name, date of death, age, gender, and race of the deceased, as well the source record. This index also includes people who died in Memphis but were buried elsewhere and those whose bodies were brought back from another location for burial. In addition, there is a list of licenses granted to ship bodies through Memphis.

This same database also contains the Yellow Fever Deaths Index (1878), listing all identified Memphians who died in the 1878 Yellow Fever Epidemic. Entries include the death date, full name, race and address.

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MESA DWELLERS

Biography of Board and Committee Members of Mesa County Genealogical Society



Jill Berthod – Treasurer

A Colorado native, Jill Lynn Berthod was born in Glenwood Springs on November 1, [REDACTED]. She was still a baby when the family moved to Leadville and has not lived anywhere else other than Colorado. She has a older sister and a younger brother. She attended Lake County High School in Leadville and graduated in a class of about 86 students.

College was not on the top of her list, as she married [REDACTED] James M. Berthod [REDACTED]. James also grew up in Leadville.

They had a big wedding (around 300 friends and family) at Annunciation Catholic Church in Leadville. The church is where the Famous "Unsinkable Molly Brown" was also married on September 1, 1886. They honeymooned in Las Vegas and returned to Leadville and in [REDACTED] they purchased the NAPA store in Leadville. Together they ran the store until they sold it in April of 1994.

Jill and James moved to Fruita in 2001 where they have forty acres and some cattle. James has his own construction business and also is in the ranching business as well. Three years ago they built and moved into a larger house.

Jill remembers her first job was waiting tables at Molly Brown's for two months.

Jill works at a Drivers Education Company, where she teaches driving skills both in the class room and on the road. The work is mainly with teenagers. She has been doing this for three years.

When asked if she misses Leadville where the elevation is over 10,000 feet, receives over 300 inches of snow per year and they really only have 2 to 3 months of summer time with temperatures in the 70's, she states, "I prefer the hot weather, so Grand Junction is much better".

She has been a member of Mesa County Genealogical Society for about five years and has been doing research about the same amount of time. Besides genealogy, she loves collecting antiques, "Precious Moments" figurines and she also collects Fiesta Wear, which she uses everyday and continues to add to her collection.

Some of the Surnames that Jill is researching are: Reed, Fadiga, Coquoz and Berth

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
Ron Knapp	2007-2008-2009
	2009-2010-2011

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Historian/Archivist	Jan Wilson
Co-Genealogist/Librarian	Kay Ozer
Co-Genealogist/Librarian	Linda Garey
Temporary Newsletter Editor	Kathie Vlahos
Society Webmaster	Caley Gredig
Parliamentarian	Vacant
Program Director	Dennis Jenkins
Research Director	Bob Cress
Chair-person	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: 9 [REDACTED]

2009 March ~ June 2009 ~ Upcoming Programs and Events

- 12 March Thursday Evening Meeting: 7 p.m. – Share Session – *Obituaries*.
- 25 March Wednesday Noon Meeting: We will look at *Genealogybank.com*.
- 9 April Thursday Evening Meeting: 7 p.m. – Bill Buvinger will present: *Heritage Societies and Proving Membership for Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) & Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)*.
- 22 April Wednesday Noon Meeting: General Share – open topic.
- 14 May Thursday Evening Meeting: 7 p.m. – Speaker/Topic to be determined.
- 27 May Wednesday Noon Meeting: We will look at *Footnote.com*.
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President's Message

The past year has actually gone by quite fast and I have enjoyed serving as your President. We held the election of officers in February and I want to thank you for your confidence in electing me, Iris Krogh, Carole Moritz and Jill Berthod as your officers for another term. Ron Knapp was elected to the Board for a three year term, as Martea Johnson's term was up. I want to thank Martea for her service on the board.

Since March is the beginning of the membership year 2009-10, I would like to remind you all to send in your dues as soon as possible.

I was recently reminded of my research trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. I haven't been there in the past few years, though I have been ordering a lot of films through the local Family History Center. Speaking of the Family History Center, there is a notice in this newsletter of their annual Family History Fair, that will be held March 27-28.

When I went to the Family History Library, I would spend most of my time using the microfilm and on my last day I would go to the book shelves and look at the books, biographies, family histories, journals, and newsletters that are in the library. Of course by the time I had to head back to Grand Junction, I would always find items that could help me in my research and wished that I had more time. I have often thought that the next time I go to the Family History Library, I will spend all my time in the book sections.

Most of you know that the Mesa County Genealogical Society has a library collection of how to books, biographies, family histories, journals, newsletters, and other materials housed in the Museum's Loyd Files Research Library in the C.D. Smith Building. I would like to encourage you all to check it out and see if you can find something that will help you in your research. Note that the Museum has a subscription to Ancestry.com that you can use while you are there.

Dennis Jenkins

"NBC to add "Who Do You Think You Are?" Genealogy TV Show in April

I have written many times about "Who Do You Think You Are?," a very popular British television that has since been exported to other countries. Each country produces their own shows, featuring local television personalities and stories. Now NBC will bring the television program to American viewers, starting April 20. The program will air on Mondays at 8 p.m.

"Who do You Think You Are?" will feature American celebrities, including Lisa Kudrow, Sarah Jessica Parker and Susan Sarandon, as they unearth their family trees. Kudrow's company, is or isn't Entertainment, will produce the programs, along with the U. K.'s Wall to Wall Productions.

The series will examine a star's family tree and uncover stories about love, secrets and triumphs in his or her family's past, while also weaving the family story into the larger narrative of American History.

"This show personalizes history and turns it into a gripping narrative," Kudrow says. "The most striking thing about the show is the realization of how connected we all are."

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Submitted by Dennis Jenkins*

2009 Family History Fair

12 February 2009

By Tim Paine

Hello all Genealogy and Family History Enthusiasts:

We are having a great family history fair this year. Put it on your calendar and plan on attending. Additional information will be sent as schedules are finalized.

Theme: Ancestral Heritage and Heirlooms

Date: March 27-28

Location: Grand Junction Stake Center
2881 Orchard Ave.
Grand Junction, Colorado

Instructors and a little Information:

David Dilts:	Friday evening speaker, teaching 3 classes from Salt Lake City Library.
Stan Lindaas:	Owner of Heritage Quest Pro, teaching 3 classes from Salt Lake City Library.
Dale Seibert:	Grand Junction Family History Library, teaching 1 class on new things at the Library.
Leland Meitzler:	Bountiful, Utah founder of Heritage Quest and now managing editor of Everton's Genealogical Helper.
Yvonne Sorenson:	Salt Lake Library teaching on New England collections, New England Overview and Canadian Church Records.
Billy Edgington:	Beginning Native American Research, Civil War Records.
Cathy Bernard:	Beginning PAF and Advanced PAF.
Kelli McCall:	Old Photo Restoration and Building Family Photo DVD shows.
Adam Cochran:	Digital Photography and Beginning Computer Class.
Susan Stohl:	Use of film in library and Family History Website.

Research Recommendations: Irish Ancestors

By Michael J. Leclerc

I've just returned from a eight-day cruise of the Caribbean with The Irish Ancestral Research Association (TIARA). While it is nice to sleep in my own bed, I do miss having someone clean my room for me every day! The trip included top-notch speakers from TIARA as well as from Ireland. I learned more about Irish resources in three days than I have in quite some time. Among the speakers were noted Irish specialist George Handran, who had the participants understanding what Griffith's Valuation is (and isn't) in ways they never imagined. Gregory O'Connor from the National Archives of Ireland (NAI) in Dublin and Valerie Adams of the Public of Northern Ireland (PRONI) in Belfast introduced us to a mountain of source material housed in these repositories. Both NAI and PRONI have active programs for reviewing collections and making materials available online. The PRONI website, www.proni.gov.uk, provides a great introduction to family history research in Northern Ireland and materials held at PRONI. In addition to their online catalog, PRONI currently has three major data bases for genealogist. The Ulster Covenant was signed on September 28, 1912, in protest of the Third Home Rule Bill, which would have established a Home Rule Parliament in Dublin. The Covenant was signed by 237,368 men. The accompanying Declaration was signed by 234,046 women. Together they represented almost a half million adult residents of Ulster. Also available from PRONI are the Freeholder's records of pre-1840 voters in Northern Ireland. The register books include details of those who registered to vote, while the poll books are lists of voters and the candidates for whom they voted. There is also an explanation of what the requirements were to be a voter in different time periods. PRONI is also working to digitize the wills from the District Probate Registries of Armagh, Belfast, and Londonderry between 1858 and 1900. You can currently search the index to the will calendar entries. You will soon also be able to view images of the wills themselves online.

NAI does not yet have as many records online as PRONI, but there are a large number of finding aids on their website, www.nationalarchives.ie, that will help you to understand genealogical research in the Republic, and what records are and are not available at NAI. Their manor online database project at the moment is the digitization of the 1901 and 1911 census records. The returns for the 1911 census in the counties of Dublin, Antrim, Down, and Kerry are currently available. The rest of the counties are scheduled to be released over the course of the next six months or so. The census project is a joint effort of NAI, PRONI, the National Library of Ireland, Dublin City Library and Archives, the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, the Irish Railway Records Society, the Fingal County Council Archives, and Library and Archives Canada.

TIARA president Mary Choppa gave an excellent overview of the history of Ireland and vice-president Mary Ellen Grogan gave us a number of excellent resources for Irish research. My particular favorite was the Irish Family History (IFHF). IFHF is a network of county-based genealogical research centers across all of Ireland. Their main website, www.irish-roots.ie, contains information about IFHF and the research centers, as well as resources for Irish research.

The centers have a ongoing project to make records available online through a pay-per-view site, www.irish-roots.ie/pay-per-view.asp. Searching the index is free (You must register as a user first). If you find records you want to look at, you can view and download images for a fee. You can search individual counties, or search all counties. The counties that are currently available are Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Cork, Down, Dublin, Fermanagh, Galway, Kildare, Kilkenny, Leitrim, Limerick, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, Tipperary, Tyrone, and Westmeath. TIARA did an excellent job with this genealogy conference at sea. If you are researching your Irish ancestors, look for more programs from this group in the future. Many thanks to George, Gregory, Valerie, Mary, and Mary Ellen for sharing their incredible knowledge and expertise.

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