Mesa County Genealogical Society News

June, July, August 2015



<u>Calendar for June, July, August 2015</u>
5 June Friday 1 to 3 pm Help Session at Palisade Library
11 June Thursday eve 7 pm meeting at The Commons. Larry Eucher will present his own Brees Family Research
24 June Wednesday Noon Sack Lunch *Topic TBA*
3 July Friday 1 to 3 pm Help Session at Fruita Library
9 July Thursday eve 7 pm meeting at The Commons - Annual Brickwalls discussion
22 July Wednesday Noon Sack Lunch *Topic TBA*.
31 July to 2 Aug 52nd Colorado Scottish Festival in 2015 will be held in Snowmass Village, CO
7 August Friday 1 to 3 pm Help Session at Central Library
13 August Thursday eve 7 pm meeting at The Commons *Topic TBA* .
26 August Wednesday Noon Sack Lunch *Topic TBA*
4 September Friday 1 to 3 pm Help Session at Palisade Library
Topic TBA Please contact Dennis with your speaker topic suggestions. We always encourage sharing of your own research and family stories at every meeting.
MCGS Library – Looking for books

<u>rary — Looking for books</u> We're looking for books to add to the library and would appreciate any recommendations, positive or negative, on books in the following areas:



- -Cemetery research
- -Military research
- -How to become member of the DAR/SAR
- -Something on where to find full-text online books for genealogical research

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- -Effectively using maps for genealogical research including google earth
- -Genealogy resources on the internet latest version
- -Using naturalization records and where to find these records
- -Canadian research
- -Ethnic Research Black, Native American etc.

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President's Message

Now that summer is near and the snow "might" stop falling, we should all be heading out to the States and counties where our ancestors lived. We often get too used to relying on the internet for all our research when there is still a lot of information that has not been filmed, digitized or indexed. You can contact the places that have records and better yet, go there and do the research in person. Take advantage of the warmer weather to further your research.

I hope many of you were able to attend the Family History Fair and got invigorated to do more research. I'm sorry I had to miss this year's Fair. Unfortunately it fell during my spring trip to my hometown in Minnesota where I was able to celebrate my mother's 95th Birthday. When I go to Minnesota I always make sure to visit the Minnesota Historical Society and get death certificates, obituaries and other newspaper events. Unfortunately my nephew was in the process of moving into a new house and he wasn't able to put me up. I will plan on alternatives the next time I'm in Minnesota.

Larry Eucher has suggested the creation of a small study group that discusses and learn how to create PowerPoint type presentations. This might help more members become comfortable giving a presentation of some topic or their own family research at one of our meetings. I hope some of you will consider this study group.

Note that we need some speakers, especially for the June, July and August Wednesday Noon meetings. Someone could research and present a topic like "Non Population U. S. Census Schedules", "Using Different Numbering Systems for Your Family History Records" or present an interesting story about your own ancestors.

Our Society was contacted by Dave Barton from the Highlands Ranch Genealogy Society to see if any of our members would like to attend and even possibly volunteer to help at the 52nd Colorado Scottish Festival in to be held in Snowmass Village, Colorado on July 31st to August 2nd. Contact Dave if you are interested. You can email him at

I always give a pitch for our Friday Help Sessions at the Fruita Library, Central Library and Palisade Library. You will see on the program list that we will be at the Palisade Library on June 5th; Palisade Library hours are different. The Fruita Library on July 3rd and at the Central Library on August 7th. These alternate at the three locations and are on the first Friday of each month from 1 to 3 pm. Those wanting help need to sign up on the library web site at <u>www.mesacountylibraries.org</u> see their calendar of events or call.

This is a great opportunity for members to go to these sessions for help and also give back by helping others. We often get new members from these sessions. Contact Dennis if you can help.

Dennis Jenkins, President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Marilyn Robinson Peggy Haubold



Bring a friend to a meeting!

Family history, photos, stories, and recipes are always welcome for the newsletter. Send them to Laurie Buniger at

MCGS Club Member Presentation

For our June 11th meeting, at 7:00 pm in the Garden Room of The Commons, Larry Eucher will present a series of case studies documenting his research of "Brees Family History". This presentation will summarize decades of study, and will provide an opportunity to see how initially basic genealogical work led through the years to more advanced methods. Watch and listen as Larry shows how he used proven techniques to break down the brick walls at each generational level. About two hours in length, this "mini-course in genealogy" will be primarily oriented to research in North America from the present back to the earliest of colonial times.



Family History – Next Steps

You have your pedigree charts, family group sheets, list of SURNAMES, and general information where your families lived. It is helpful to have maps of the areas you are planning to search. Having knowledge of the general history of the area, when the areas became states, county name changes occurred, and county seats were established.

You can now check the census records. These are listed by state, years include 1840-1940. The census records were taken every 10 years, (5 years in some states). Some census records are incomplete and the 1890 Census is mostly unavailable due to a fire where they were archived.

Check <u>FamilySearch.org</u> – Sign in, click on: census records, state, type in the SURNAME and find your closest connection. This is a free web site. Family Search web site has online tutorials, look for "How to Read Census Records".

CHECK OUT THESE FREE WEB SITES

(If you know about other free web sites let us know)

Cemeteries and Cemetery Records <u>http://www.interment.net/</u> Find a Grave <u>http://findagrave.com</u> Linkpendium <u>http://www.linkpendium.com/</u> Federation of Genealogical Societies <u>http://www.fgs.org</u> Family Search <u>http://www.familysearch.org</u> Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter <u>http://blog.eogn.com/</u> Family History Daily <u>http://familyhistorydaily.com/</u>

**Look at public libraries (Research Librarian), county web sites, and local/state genealogical societies in the areas you are researching.

Local Genealogy Help

If you would like help starting your family genealogy or help continuing your research, visit the Family History Library at the LDS Stake House, 2881 E. Orchard Avenue, Grand Junction. Please call 242-6437 to confirm the days and hours. *Tuesday and Thursday 10 am to 4 pm, Wednesday 10 am to 7 pm, and Saturday 1 pm to 4 pm*

You can have free use of a number of subscription websites such as Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, Newspaper Archive, World Vital Records, Fold3, Swedish arkivdigital.net and others.

The Public Library also offers Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest, these 2 programs are available to log in to at the library using their wifi and your library card.

Visit the Mesa County Public Library online at www.mesacountylibraries.org

Go to: eResources \longrightarrow Subject Guides \longrightarrow Genealogy: General Resources = This page has many suggested books in the library, local interests, online tutorials and newsletters and information about the Rashleigh Regional History Room.

Check out the Public Library Calendar of events, you will find the MCGS Help sessions on the first Friday of each month at the rotating locations and the link to register for help.

Mesa County is made up of several small towns:

- Appleton
- Clifton
- Collbran
- Colorado National Monument
- De Beque
- East Orchard Mesa
- Fruita
- Fruitvale
- Glade Park
- Grand Junction
- Loma
- Mack
- Mesa
- Gateway
- Molina
- New Liberty
- Palisade
- Plateau City
- Whitewater

If you would like to share stories about your town from this list, please send it to us so it can be shared in this newsletter. Send to gjgeney@gmail.com

Colorado and Mesa County Research

Mesa County Roots Web http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~comesa2/

Vital Records=Birth and Death certificates and other vital records

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/categories/servic es-and-information/birth-death-and-other-vital-records

Mesa County Clerk and Recorder=marriage licenses, land and property, and deeds <u>http://clerk.mesacounty.us/</u>

Colorado GenWeb Project=State of Colorado information site search by county <u>http://www.cogenweb.com/</u>

Loyd Files Research Library in the Museum of Western Colorado https://www.museumofwesternco.com/visit/loyd-filesresearch-library/

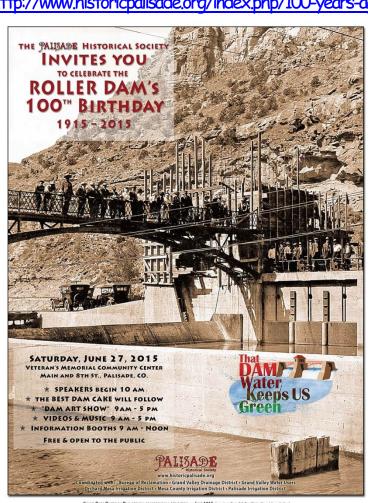




Mesa County Genealogical Society

On April 22, at our noon meeting Priscilla Walker from the Palisade Historical Society Resources and Projects, presented information about the Grand River Diversion Dam and the celebration in June.

The Grand River Diversion Dam in DeBeque Canyon supplies five irrigation canals in the Grand Valley, including the Government Highline, Price, Stub, and two Orchard Mesa Canals. Though envisioned in the 1880s, work on the Grand Valley Project dam and 57-mile main canal began in 1897, and took nearly 20 years to complete.



For more details and event information
http://www.historicpalisade.org/index.php/100-years-ago/

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Online Learning Opportunities webinars

Minnesota Genealogical Society:

Go to <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5115050500855824641</u> to register for the following webinar which will be presented on **Wednesday**, **June 3**, **at 5:00 p.m. PDT:** "Genealogy and GIS: A Beginner's How-To," by Jennifer Alford. This session covers the historical **geospatial information system** that is now available for use in **Google Earth** as well as other tools available online.

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

"Understanding Our Families, Understanding Ourselves" presented by Ron Arons, on **Tuesday, June 9, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. 'Family Systems Theory' helps you trace family dynamics through multiple generations and see how those systems affect you!

Register at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4967076026363157761

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

"Lost Children: Orphans, Vagrants, Delinquents, Half-Orphans, Dependents, Surrendered, and Adopted," by Jeanne L. Bloom on **Tuesday, June 16, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. As the views of society toward children evolved, the types of records and where those records might be located changed. Register at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5756403330495544066

FAMILYSEARCH® WEBINARS United States/Canada Research Team:

"Beginning American Indian Research," on **Thursday, June 11, at 5:00 p.m. PDT.** "African-American Research: Using Plantation Records," on **Thursday, June 25, at 5:00 p.m. PDT.** For more information and to download handouts go to <u>https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Online_Webinars_from_the_United_States/Canada_Research_</u> <u>Team#Webinar_Schedule</u>

DIGITIZED NEWSPAPERS

Several state historical societies and universities have digitized more issues in their newspaper collections. These resources are now searchable online:

- •Arizona http://adnp.azlibrary.gov/cdm/search
- •Colorado http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/
- •Illinois http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/
- Indiana <u>https://newspapers.library.in.gov/</u>
- •Kentucky http://athena.uky.edu/
- •Maryland http://speccol.mdarchives.state.md.us/pages/newspaper/digitized.aspx
- •Minnesota http://newspapers.mnhs.org/web/mhsnews/web/
- •Missouri http://shs.umsystem.edu/newspaper/mdnp/
- •New Mexico http://econtent.unm.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/dignews
- •Ohio http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/newspapers/
- •Oklahoma http://gateway.okhistory.org/searh/
- •Oregon <u>http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/</u>
- •Texas <u>http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TDNP/browse/</u>

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Grand Junction 2015 Family History Fair



Caley Gredig, MCGS member, teaching classes about "Beginning Your Genealogy Research" and "Using Local Sources in Mesa County"



MCGS table - members Carole Moritz and Laurie Buniger

Several members volunteered to represent MCGS at our table during this year's Family History Fair. There were webinars, speakers, and various organizations from the area sharing their information.

Photos submitted Jan Wilson

History is Fun! <u>We</u> will be the history one day!

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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.
- 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.
- To assist and support any genealogical library in Colorado, which is open to the public.
- 5. To publish a quarterly newsletter sent to members.
 - Society evening meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Commons of Hilltop Garden Room, located at 625 27 ½ Road at 7:00 pm. (*Except August potluck picnic and December noon potluck*)
 - **Monthly sack lunch meeting** is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the 2nd floor Museum conference room of the C. D Smith Building at 5th & Ute Streets at 12 noon (*Except November & December*)
 - **Regular Business meeting** will follow the Sack Lunch meeting from 1 pm 2 pm.

Society Officers

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer

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Board Members Carole Moritz Kathie Vlahos Donna Jones

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Historian/Archivist Co-Genealogist/Librarian Co-Genealogist/Librarian Newsletter Editor Assistant Editor Society Webmaster Parliamentarian Program Director Research Director Membership/Education/Outreach Dennis Jenkins Stella Ledbetter Donna Jackson Laurie Buniger

<u>3 year Term</u> 2014-2015-2016 2015-2016-2017 - 2015

> Jan Wilson Kay Oxer Linda Garey Laurie Buniger Karen McGuirk Caley Gredig Vacant Dennis Jenkins Bob Cress Caley Gredig & Jill Berthod

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 are encouraged and 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).

Registration form is on the last page of the newsletter.

WELCOME = Erin Johnson Schmitz



The Museum of Western Colorado is honored to welcome our new Curator of Collections and Archives. Erin is a Colorado native and comes to the Museum of the West from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science where she worked as an Image Archives Assistant. She earned a Master of Arts in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University and also holds Bachelors of Arts degrees in History and Anthropology. Erin is passionate about digitization

and has given presentations at several museum professional organizations on how to build a successful digitization plan. In addition to museums, Erin loves to spend time outdoors hiking and is an avid baseball fan.

First Families of Colorado Family Recognition Programs



The First Families of Colorado Recognition Program was started by the

Council in 1983. There are three categories of certificates: First Family, Territorial and Centennial. The certificates are numbered and show the ancestor's name and the name of the applicant. The certificates are suitable for framing.

Applicant need not currently reside in Colorado, but must be a direct descendant of an ancestor who qualifies. Applicant must submit proof of relationship between generations, from applicant back to the earliest Colorado ancestor. See the application for types of acceptable proofs.

Eligibility for the certificates is as follows:

- **First Family:** Ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, the land area of what is now Colorado before 1861. Certificate numbers start with F, for example F-987.
- **Territorial Family:** Ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, a territory that is now Colorado between 28 February 1861 and 01 August 1876. Certificate numbers start with T, for example T-987.
- **Centennial Family:** Ancestor must have been born in, or settled in, Colorado at least 100 years prior to the date of this application. Certificate numbers start with C, for example C-987.

For more information contact:

http://www.cocouncil.org/familyrecognition.html

If at first you don't succeed, search, and search again. That is why we call it Re-search!



Remembering Those That Went Before Us by Laurie Buniger



Memorial Day has passed. Many of us went to family gatherings, picnics,

community events, and visited cemeteries to remember our family members and friends from the past. As you walk by stones with names you do not know, some dates are faded and worn, and those that have no writing, you wonder, "Who were their families? And how they came to be here by your family?".

Walking to each of your ancestor's grave sites your mind wanders. Memories begin to seep into your mind. You remember what Grandpa said about the weather and when your Uncle told you about his first car, which prompted you to think about when you bought yours. Grandma always talked about how baking cookies makes you feel happy and the special holidays shared with your parents, sisters, brothers, and children.

There are many words of wisdom we gathered from our ancestors. Stories from family members, passed down from one generation to the next-we all heard them. Dad would say, "Don't force things just get a bigger hammer; a dull knife cuts worse than a sharp one; righty-tighty lefty loosey." "Nothing good ever happens after midnight... so you knew what time you should be home."

Just sit back for a minute and think . . . sometimes the thoughts bring smiles, sometimes a tear, whatever your feelings, just remember to pass on the humor, the stories and words of wisdom, because it's who they were and we all need to remember.

Historic Sculptures - Legends of the Grand Valley Project

The Legends Historic Sculpture Project is an effort to preserve and showcase the stories of those historically significant men and women who shaped our community.

As time and events shape the future, the Legends Project does not want to lose touch with the colorful and interesting men and women who are among the legends that identify the community we live in today.

Honoring those individuals preserves the Grand Junction area's history and those distinctive qualities that give us a sense of place. A community group has been formed to carry this goal forward. Part of its mission is to add a historic element to the existing Art on the Corner program. In late 2007, after a year-and-a-half of hard work, this dedicated group of community partners unveiled a bronze sculpture of Grand Junction High School Graduate Dalton Trumbo. The memorial to the internationally-famed author, screenwriter and Academy Award winner is now a unique feature in front of the Avalon Theatre on Main Street.

Spurred by the success of the Trumbo project, this same group has teamed up again to recognize the legacy left by other historically significant men and women who are part of the Grand Valley story. The expanded project is called The Legends Sculpture Project. Its goal is to commemorate five key legends, one sculpture a year for five years. It will become a Walking History Tour of our community.

The Legends of the Grand Valley Project will depict well known broadcaster Rex Howell, who started the first radio and TV station here, telling the stories of the valley depicted in a bright colored ceramic tile wall mural. The mural will picture the evolution of the valley; From Utes and the settlers, the railroads and miners, the orchards and ranches, The schools, churches and hospitals, to arts and culture organizations, recreational

opportunities and businesses that have endured. So many stories to tell! Our goal is to unveil this piece which will be located in the downtown area in

the Spring of 2016.

Legends Sculpture Project - Art on Corner/Legends c/o Downtown Development Authority 248 South 4th Street Grand Junction, CO 81501 Chairman: Tilman "Tillie" Bishop 242-9230 Co-Chair: Jacquie Chappell-Reid 640-5350 Co-Chair: Miffie Blozvich 260-8130 The five sculptures in five years project includes:

-Walter and Preston Walker - 2008 -William Moyer - 2009 -Sister Mary Balbina Farrell - 2010 -John Otto - 2011 -Operation Foresight Main Street Committee and individuals in 2012

SURNAME SEARCHES

MCGS Member Searches for surnames

This section will be included in each newsletter and placed on the surname map displayed at the meetings. As always, we are interested in family searches. Submissions should include surnames and locations you are researching.

<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>Location</u>
SARTIN	Omaha, NE 1938-1988
SARTIN	South Bend, IN 1900-1955
SARTIN	Anderson Co., TN 1800-1900
SUMMERS	South Bend, IN 1880-1930
REEL	Abilene, KS 1878-1960
REEL	Stark Co., OH 1830-1880
MCFERREN	Franklin Co., PA 1700's-1880
OVERTON	Anderson Co., TN 1800's
REA/RHEA	Franklin Co., PA 1800-1850
OVERLIN	Stark Co., OH 1825-1870
OBERLIN	Lancaster Co., PA 1800-1825
Researcher:	Darrel Sartain

SURNAME	Location
PUMERLE	Bohemia
LOVENBURG	Bohemia
KASL	Bohemia, IA, KS
CZERMAK	Bohemia
HACHOVA/HACH	Bohemia
SOSKAVA	Bohemia
CARPENTER	MA, IN, KY, NE
BATES	MA, IN
BLISS	MA, IN
HOUZE	IN, KY
LONG	IN
SHOREY	IN
HENRY	PA, MO, NE
JOHNSON	PA, WI, NE
KEELEY	PA, NE
BURGESS	ENG, PA, NE
THOMPSON	PA
Researcher: Ade	la Covey

<u>SURNAME</u>	Location		
THEAD	MI/AL		
BOYLES	MI/TX		
RAMBERG	MN & Norway		
WILSON	MI		
Researcher: Jan Wilson			

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Location

NY - Saratoga, Albany Counties 1770-1870 PA - Luzerne Co. 1843-1880 NJ 1815- Earlier KY – VA 1750-1822 KY – Wayne, Green, Casey, Counties Pre 1850 RI – NY Pre 1810 CT - Litchfield 1780-1850 KS - Ft. Scott Pre 1860

SURNAME	Location		
ARMBRUSTER	OH, IA, Germany		
STEMLER	OH, Germany		
THOMAS	IA, IL, PA, Wales		
FORREST	IA, MN, Scotland		
RUE	IL, IN, KY, VA		
COX	IL, IN, KY, VA, MD		
HOLMAN	ID, KY, MD		
EPPERSON	IL, IN, KY, TN, VA ,		
TOUGH	Scotland		
Researcher: Peggy Haubold			

SURNAME	<u>Location</u>
LYNDE(S)	Erie County, PA Vermont, MA
TEMPLETON	NH, Ireland, Scotland
HOLMES	NH, Montpelier, VT
GLIDDEN	VT
BANGS	MA
ALLEN	PA
CHADWICK	VT
HILL	VT
Researcher: (C. Moritz

• Who are you looking for? Where are you looking?

<u>Study Groups</u> – <u>Suggestions needed</u> <u>Presenters also needed</u> –<u>Share what you have learned</u>



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TRANSLATE FOREIGN RECORDS WITH GOOGLE

Google Translate has come a long way since it was first introduced in October 2007. In the past the only option was to copy and paste the text to be translated into the text box. As of this writing you have the option to translate:

- text
- websites
- documents

To use this great tool, begin by going to <u>http://translate.google.com</u> Here's how to use the basic translation function step by step:

- 1. Highlight and copy the text from any website or document, and copy into the box on the left by pressing Control+C (Command+C on a Mac) on your keyboard, or type the text directly into the box.
- 2. Paste the text into the translation box (Control+V on PC, Command+V on a Mac).
- 3. Select the language of the text entered into the box from the Translate dropdown menu
- 4. Select the language you want to translate the text into from the Translate Into dropdown menu
- 5. The translation will automatically appear

From Family Tree University Feb 9 2015

What Would You Like to See?

It's your turn. A topic of the last meeting was to find out what the members would like to see in the newsletter and on the website. Please let us know.

Ghost Towns of Mesa County by Laurie Buniger

I recently attended the lecture "Ghost Towns of Mesa County" presented at the Mesa County Public Library given by Zebulon Miracle, Curator of Curiosity for Gateway Canyons Resort.. He talked about why people may have come and why they may have gone; among the reasons were mining, change of environment, and adventure. I found out that many small communities were created in the outlying areas of the county. Zeb told us



what to look for when in the hills that might indicate that a habitation site may have existed. Some of the signs were: rock foundations, dumping areas, and anything that does not look natural to the area. Several of the ghost towns mentioned were New Liberty, Tunnel, Bridgeport, Carpenter, and Calamity. More information about these ghost towns can be found at the Loyd Files Research Library located on the second floor of the Museum of Western Colorado. *Remember when searching for these areas, "Leave only Footprints and Take only photos".*

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2015 Membership Renewal Mesa County Genealogical Society – Annual Dues Invoice

(\$10.00 Single	\$12.00 Family per year -	- coveri	ng 3/1/2015 – 2/29/2016	+Payable by March 31, 2015
	Renewal		New Member	
Name(s):				Phone:
Mailing Address:				
Email Address:				(Please Print Clearly)
I/We belong to the foll	owing Genealogical Soci	ieties: _		

Please make your check payable to the Mesa County Genealogical Society (MCGS) and mail membership Form and dues to: MCGS, P.O. Box 1506, Grand Junction, CO 81502.

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