

Mesa County Genealogical Society News



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MESA DWELLERS

March 2015

- 6 Friday 1-3 pm** Help Session at *Palisade Branch* of Mesa County Public Library - **Please RSVP**
- 12 Thursday Eve 7 pm** (The Commons) We will view and discuss archived Legacy Webinar: *"Expanding Your Research from a Single Fact"* by Marian Pierre-Louis
- 21 Saturday** 9 am-4 pm (Denver Public Library) - A CGS - CGS/CIG Seminar by Cindi Ingles of "Cindi's List"
- 25 Wednesday Noon Sack Lunch** - (Museum) We will view and discuss a live Legacy Webinar: *"Where Does It Say That? Learning to Love Indirect Evidence"* by Chris Staats

April

- 3 Friday 1-3 pm** Help Session at *Fruita Branch* of Mesa County Public Library- **Please RSVP**
- 9 Thursday Eve 7 pm** (The Commons) Share Session: Bring Military Records/ documents to share and discuss
- 22 Wednesday Noon Sack Lunch** (Museum) We will view and discuss a live Legacy Webinar *"D-I-V-O-R-C-E!"* by Judy G. Russell or a speaker
- 25 Saturday** Family History Center Fair at the LDS Stake House 2881 Orchard Ave *We will send more information as we receive it.

May

- 1 Friday 1-3 pm** Help Session at *Central Branch* of Mesa County Public Library - **Please RSVP**
- 14 Thursday Eve 7 pm** (The Commons) Share Session: "Share Surnames and places we are researching"
- 27 Wednesday Noon Sack Lunch** (Museum) We will view and discuss a live Legacy Webinar: *"Migration Patterns East of the Mississippi Prior to 1860"* by Mary Hill - OR- a Speaker -OR- a Share Session

President's message

As I write this in February I am currently the President of the Mesa County Genealogical Society, not knowing if the nominating committee has found a member to run for this office. Who knows, I may get a reprieve!

If you haven't already paid your dues for the 2015 - 2016 membership year, please do so as soon as possible. There is a form included in the newsletter.

I hope some of our members are able to go to Cyndi's List Seminar in Denver on March 21, 2015. I'm sure that her presentations will be excellent. For more information www.cogensoc.us/cgssem

The combined RootsTech 2015 and 2015 FGS conferences were just held in Salt Lake City from February 12-14. Please note that there will be a number of the presentations that were captured on video available for a short time on the RootsTech.org website. Be sure to go online to view them while they are available.

Since I am probably still your program chair, I am interested in the types of programs or topics you would like at our 2nd Thursday evening meetings at The Commons and our 4th Wednesday Sack Lunch Noon meeting at the Museum. I would encourage members to pick a topic, research it and present it at one of our meetings. Please contact me with your topic and research. One such topic that was recently suggested: *Researching the Federal Census Non-Population Schedules*.

Remember that we can use more members to help others at our monthly alternating Help Sessions at the Fruita, Central and Palisade branches of the Mesa County Public Library. You are also encouraged to sign up for one of these first Fridays of each month to get help yourself. They run from 1 pm to 3 pm and you will see in the programs list that the March 6th Help session will be at the Palisade Library. Our April 3rd Help Session will be at the Fruita Library and the May Help Session will be at the Central Library. The Library would like you to sign up if you plan to attend. RSVP at <http://mesacountylibraries.org>

Dennis Jenkins



Are You New to Genealogy?

If you have heard family members talking about the "Good Ol' Days" and wondered who or what they are talking about, well it is a whole new world. Thinking of the past, you may think: people living on farms, black and white pictures, covered wagons, cowboys, pilgrims, coming to America or kings and queens. Where ever you let your mind wonder, you are right. The past is about many different times, places, travel, and people. Where did our ancestors come from?

How and when did they get to America? Why did they come? Why did they live in the places that they did? This is genealogy. Writing their life stories is Family History.

You can begin by just asking those questions. The answers are like puzzles. Research, reading, and imagination are some of the tools you will use. There are many tools available to help answer the questions. The internet will be very helpful in your research, just try googling your name or your SURNAME. The most valuable resource you have is talking with and interviewing family members. Look to the older ones in your family and don't let the precious moments and memories slip away. I recently found Dick Eastman's website and found endless articles leading us on our journey to find our past families.

Another thought, write your own history. Write down your memories, thoughts, and all about your life; where did you work, who were your friends, what was your neighborhood like. Find pictures of yourself, siblings, parents and write on the back of each photo (with a soft lead pencil) names, dates, and locations.

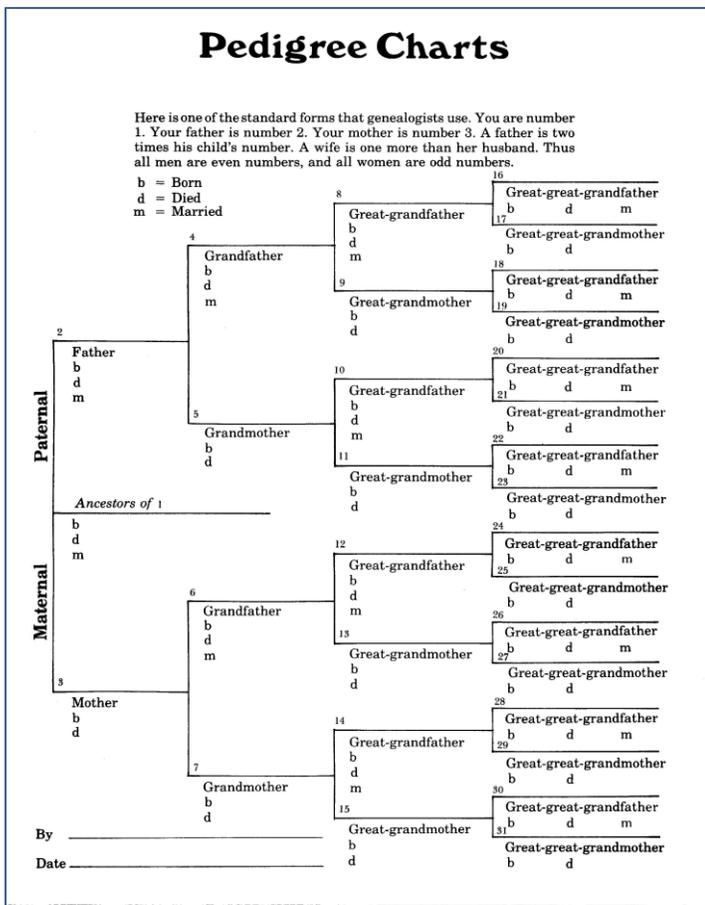


Chart is from "My Family Tree workbook Genealogy for Beginners" by Rosemary A. Chorzempa

Family History for Beginners

A newsletter reader asked today, "What is the best genealogy guide for beginners?" Actually, there are dozens of such guides available online. I don't know which is "the best one" but the *Family History for Beginners* on FamilySearch.org at

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family_History_for_Beginners certainly is a good one.

Another place to search for such guides is on [Cyndi's List](http://www.cyndislist.com/beginners) at <http://www.cyndislist.com/beginners>.

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Dick Eastman · May 6, 2014-Genealogy Basics
online <http://blog.eogn.com/>*

History is Fun!
We will be the history one day!

12 Genealogy Research Rules

1. Always Cite Your Sources. Always.
2. Never, Ever Assume Another Researcher's Information is 100% Correct
3. Remember That Every Name Has Variations, Check Them All
4. Never Copy Another Person's Public Tree, Use it Only as a Helpful Aid
5. Share Freely With Others and They Will Share With You
6. Don't Trust Your Assumptions, Only Sources
7. Check and Double Check Your Facts Before Recording or Sharing
8. Take a Second Look at Records, Your Answer May Be Right in Front of You
9. Don't Limit Yourself to Only One or Two Research Sites, Look for Options
10. Go Offline or Order Hard Copies to Expand Your Research
11. Back Up Your Files Monthly, Keep at Least Two Copies of Your Research
12. **Never Give Up:** *you may not find what you're looking for but the journey is always worth the effort.*

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<http://familyhistorydaily.com/>

Thank you Robert Cress for sharing this web site.

Registration form is on the last page of the newsletter.

Bring a friend to a meeting!



News From Around Us

New York State 1865 Census now searchable online at FamilySearch.org. According to FamilySearch, "This collection contains most of the 1865 New York state census records still in existence. Ten schedules were filed for each locality, including population, marriage, and death schedules. . . Most counties are covered."

FamilySearch adds more than 3.7 million indexed records and images to Australia, Canada, Isle of Man, South Africa, and the United States. Volunteers have been busy at FamilySearch. It's hard to keep up with the volume of digital records they are posting every month. Visit their website and search for your area of interest. And check back often, the info will change again soon.

TIPS

If you have a newspaper clipping that is undated and unsourced, flip it over. Anything can be a potential clue as to location or date, even classified ads.

Try a search for the name of your ancestor and their spouse on Google Books <http://books.google.com>. You might be surprised at what you find.

Backup your files on the computer once a month if you add a lot of data. Choose a specific day of the month.

Start on your own photographs – write the names, locations, possible dates with a soft lead pencil. Your family will appreciate it!

Welcome

New Member

Kate Kossa

MESA COUNTY NEWS

I received emails from the Museum of Western Colorado introducing their new exhibits, see below:

HERITAGE RENDEZVOUS WORKING ON THE WESTERN SLOPE

Cultural organizations coming together and offering different insights into our shared history

- Colorado Mesa University John U. Tomlinson Library Special Collections and Archives - Grand Junction
- Delta County Historical Society - Delta
- Frontier Historical Society Museum - Glenwood Springs
- Hinsdale County Museum - Lake City
- Mesa County Libraries - Grand Junction
- Museum of Northwest Colorado - Craig
- Palisade History Center - Palisade
- Pioneer Town Museum - Cedaredge
- Rio Blanco County Historical Society and White River Museum - Meeker
- Ute Indian Museum - Montrose



February 20 - May 2

462 Ute Avenue
Grand Junction, Colorado

Brought to us in part through a sponsorship from
David and Traci Qualls and Mount Garfield Chapter,
Daughters of the American Revolution

On exhibit February 20 - March 23

MUSEUM OF
the WEST

462 Ute Avenue • Grand Junction, Colorado

The Way We Worked has been made possible in Grand Junction at the Museum of the West by the Colorado Humanities.

The Way We Worked, an exhibition created by the National Archives, is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

Smithsonian

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NATIONAL
ARCHIVES
EXPERIENCE



I visited the new exhibit and found it very interesting and informative. There were displays from the different organizations, listed above. The photographs and artifacts had explanations and details about the working conditions, the people, their cultures, why and how they came to the area, and information about visiting our area museums and libraries.

While going through old pictures *with no writing*, I called my uncle hoping he could help. He was a child during the 1930's and told me his memories about these two photos below. The photos show my family members working in the Grand Valley in the early 1920's and 1930's. My next visit will be to the Loyd Files Library at the Museum to research about these two photos and more information during this time.

Tony Flucken, my Step-Great Grandfather (2nd from right) in front of his carriage painting business, then located at 518 Colorado Ave. My grandfather, Jack Terrill (left side) also worked here hand painting stripes on carriages and later on cars. This building still stands on 5th and Colorado. Tony later moved his business to 545 Colorado Ave.



William Carter, my Great Grandfather (on the right in the closest wagon) worked at a feedlot located near the site of the old sugar factory. Grand Junction was a stopping point for the cattle to rest and eat before continuing on their journey by train. He also remembers the awful smell of the sugar beet pulp they fed the cattle.



Photos submitted by Laurie Buniger

Here is a photo of my Great-Great Grandmother, Anna Fitzgerald Allen. She is standing in front her home in Sheridan, Wyoming which would eventually become her boarding house after the loss of her parents & her husband. She was a great cook and was well known for the making of her special cakes called "Blarney Stones". My grandmother, Marguerite Allen Brayton used her grandmother's recipe to make these cakes which supplemented her income during the depression. This recipe is still being used by the family. While a bit messy to make they have been a tradition in the family for many generations. Now we make them to serve on Saint Patrick's Day along with the singing of traditional Irish songs and the dancing of the Irish Jig.



Submitted by: Pat Brayton Berry

MARGUERITE BRAYTON'S BLARNEY STONE RECIPE

Sponge Cake 325 degrees 20 minutes

12 fresh eggs – separated *t = teaspoon*
 2 cup sugar *T= tablespoon*
 2 T fresh lemon juice *C = cup*
 1 t. grated lemon rind
 2 C Cake flour – sifted 4-5 times

- Separate whites and yolks.
- Beat yolks until they are as thick as cream and lemon colored.
- Add sugar very slow to beaten egg yolks.
- When well blended add lemon juice and rind.
- Beat egg whites till thick and fluffy
- Fold flour mix into egg whites
- Bake in 9x12 ungreased baking pan which has wax paper on the bottom.
- Bake until cake looks dull and springs back to touch.
- Once the cake has cooled place into the freezer until frozen.

FROSTING

While the cake is freezing mix frosting

1 C Powdered Sugar
 1 t Butter softened but not melted
 1t milk
 1/4 to 1/2 t vanilla or almond extract.

Blend until smooth AND FROSTING is glue like in consistency.

Crush 4 C salted peanuts and place into a container big enough to accommodate a Blarney Stone

Making the Blarney Stones

Cut the sponge cake into rectangles. A 9x12" pan yields 12 Blarney Stones.

Remove cake from pan and frost at least 3 sides.

Immediate roll in crushed peanuts. Gently press peanuts into frosting.

Frost the remaining sides then roll them into the crushed nuts.

Place onto waxed paper until frosting 'sets up' and holds peanuts on the Blarney Stones.

Serve & Enjoy.

We always welcome your family history, photos, stories, and recipes for the newsletter.

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 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** follows the Sack Lunch meeting from 1 pm – 2 pm.

Society Officers

President	Dennis Jenkins
Vice President	Stella Ledbetter
Secretary	Donna Jackson
Treasurer	Laurie Buniger

Board Members

Carole Moritz	<u>3 year Term</u> 2014-2015-2016
Kathie Vlahos	2015-2016-2017
Donna Jones	- 2015

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Co-Genealogist/Librarian	Linda Garey
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Parliamentarian	Vacant
Program Director	Dennis Jenkins
Research Director	Bob Cress
Membership/Education/Outreach	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).



2015 MCGS Officers

Laurie Buniger, Stella Ledbetter,
 Donna Jackson, Dennis Jenkins

MCGS Christmas Potluck

Thank you, Donna Jackson for hosting the potluck at your house this year. The food and friendship was wonderful.



Photos submitted by Jan Wilson

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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. You can contact the "Researcher" for information, to help, or questions.

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Researcher</u>	<u>Location</u>
Strauss	<u>skulltree@skybeam.com</u>	Illinois area
Handorf	<i>Kathie Vlahos</i>	Illinois area
Ravens	"	Illinois area
Ohde	"	Illinois area
Dahling	"	Illinois area
Lange	"	Illinois area
Hickory-Denoyer	"	Illinois area
Des Lauriers	"	Illinois area
DeMars-Demers	"	Illinois area
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Mattes	<i>Ingrid/Darrel Sartin</i>	Austria/Hungary
Reichl	"	Austria/Hungary
Haftl	"	Hungary
Polster	"	Hungary
Schneider	"	Hungary
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Harkleroad	"	Colorado
Terrill	"	Colorado
Cook	"	Main & New Brunswick, Canada
Williams	"	Maine & New Brunswick, Canada
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Markley	<i>Laurie Buniger</i>	Colorado & Wisconsin
Potter	"	Iowa & Kansas
Winter	"	Iowa & Kansas
Fraim	"	Missouri



Who are you looking for?

Where are you looking?



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2015 Membership Renewal
Mesa County Genealogical Society – Annual Dues Invoice

(\$10.00 Single \$12.00 Family per year – covering 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 following Genealogical Societies: _____



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.