

# Mesa County Genealogical Society News


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MESA DWELLERS

## Calendar for September, October, November 2015

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- 4 Sept** Friday 2 to 4 pm **Help Session at Palisade Library**  
**10 Sept** Thursday eve 7 pm meeting at The Commons **\*Share, Webinar, Speaker\***  
**23 Sept** Wednesday Noon Sack Lunch at Museum **\*Share, Webinar, Speaker\***
- 2 Oct** Friday 1 to 3 pm **Help Session at Fruita Library**  
**3 Oct** Colorado Swedish Society's "2015 Swedish Research Fair"  
held at Community College of Aurora. ++See President's Message for more details++  
**8 Oct** Thursday eve 7 pm meeting at The Commons **\*Share, Webinar, Speaker\***  
**28 Oct** Wednesday Noon Sack Lunch at Museum **\*Share, Webinar, Speaker\***
- 6 Nov** Friday 1 to 3 pm **Help Session at Central Library**  
**12 Nov** Thursday eve 7 pm meeting at The Commons **\*Share, Webinar, Speaker\***
- 4 Dec** Friday 2-4 pm **Help Session Palisade Library**  
**10 Dec** **Thursday Noon: Annual Christmas Potluck meeting**

## New Books at MCGS Library

Thank you to Darrel Sartin for researching and purchasing the following books for the MCGS library located in the Loyd Files Library in the Museum of Western Colorado. The books are purchased with funds from the Birthday Box.



- Tracing Your Ancestors through Death Records
- Manual to Online Public Records, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition
- Mastering Online Genealogy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition
- Tracing Your European Roots, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
- Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques

## President's Message

What have you done lately to improve your genealogical research learning curve? At the August Pot Luck Picnic meeting we had a little discussion about many of the conferences, seminars, Family History Fairs, and other annual events that are available every year. I would encourage members to participate in these genealogical events if possible.

++Coming up on October 3, 2015 is the Colorado Swedish Society's "2015 Swedish Research Fair" held at the Community College of Aurora . If you have Swedish ancestors, this would be a good one to consider.

<http://swedgensoc.org/2015/05/31/2015-research-fair/>

The next annual weeklong Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy will be held January 11-15, 2016 with 13 courses being offered (as of August 23rd, 5 courses were already sold out). For more details go to

<http://ugagenealogy.org/aem.php?eid=16> and click on "Courses".

Since ROOTSTECH 2016 is held at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, I would strongly recommend attending it. The next one will be held February 3 -6, 2016. There are special conference prices being offered by nearby hotels. For additional information go to <https://rootstech.org/attend/hotels> If you want to view some of the 2015 presentations go to [www.rootstech.org/](http://www.rootstech.org/)

There are annual one day seminars in Denver offered by the Colorado Genealogical Society (CGS) as well as by other Colorado societies. The next one for CGS is March 5, 2016 at Denver Public Library. You can get more information at <http://www.cogensoc.us/seminar.php>

Most years here in Grand Junction, the Family History Center offers a free Family History Fair. I realize that many of our members attend these fairs, but if you have not, you should plan to do so when the next one is held. Tentatively the next one will be in April 2016.

The next National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida May 4-7, 2016. See <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/> for details.

BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy is usually held during the last week of July/first week of August. See <https://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/> for information.

There are Genealogy Cruises that occur annually. Here are 3 planned for 2016. "Genealogy Cruise" by Cruise Everything (January 2016) check it out at <http://www.cruiseeverything.com/genealogy-cruise-2014.html> , "Cruising with Legacy Family Tree 2016: Southbound Alaska Cruise" (September 2016). Go to [https://www.legacyfamilytree.com/CruiseInfo\\_2016.asp](https://www.legacyfamilytree.com/CruiseInfo_2016.asp) and Unlock the Past Cruises - see <http://www.unlockthepastcruises.com/> (February, March and July 2016).

I could go on and on, listing them, but you might want to check Dick Eastman's blog at <http://calendar.eogn.com/> for his list of genealogical events occurring in the U. S. and the World. Also at FamilySearch.org you will find their list of upcoming Conferences. [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Upcoming\\_Conferences](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Upcoming_Conferences)

Dennis Jenkins, President  
Mesa County Genealogical Society

**Bring a friend to a meeting!**



**Have a research tip, recollection of an event, or recounting of how you found your ancestors? You can share it with members in the next newsletter.**

# 50 years of research - started with a school project

At our June evening meeting Larry Eucher presented his 50 years of research for his "Brees Family History". He explained how he started into genealogy and how one of his teachers and his father inspired him to pursue his search for the family history. Larry told us about the many discoveries that he and his wife found as they settled in new areas throughout their work careers and travels. They found local libraries, read the area histories and genealogies. This presentation included decades of study. It provided an opportunity to see how basic genealogical work developed through the years to more advanced methods. Larry showed how he used proven techniques to break down the brick walls at each generation.

- Find your starting point - yourself and parents
- Where are we (maps)? When are we?
- What do you know? Surnames, locations, periods of time
- Oral histories- Who can you talk to? Grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, family friends
- Photographs - Who is in the photo, Where is the photo taken, When was it taken, Look at the background



Start by putting the basic pieces of information together. Read about the Census records for the years you will be looking at; what questions were asked, what information they gathered for each family member, also look at the neighbors. If you can't find who you are looking for, maybe they were in the next county.

This brings you to maps. Looking at maps for the area you are studying, read about the history of the state, when counties were created, and the landscapes. This may give you clues to help in your search. Look at where you know families are. If there are gaps in time check for clues, occupations, countries history (wars, disasters, illness, and migration reasons). When you have pieces that don't quite fit, make a timeline. You can use timelines to summarize what you know. Reconstruct the families, find complete and accurate sources. Always cite your sources! This will insure you have the correct person and will aide in questions that may come up in the future. Tools you can use for finding and explaining facts you may not know or understand are:

- Google Maps - look at current and past maps to compare changes
- Google Earth - You can input an address and find the location. Even GPS coordinates
- Map books at libraries and online
- Newspapers from the area
- Wikipedia
- Documents-Land records, birth, death, and marriage records. Be cautious of only using indexes. If possible look at the original documents.



You too can present your family history to a group. It can be short or long and include any details you choose. Explain some of your research strategies and brickwalls, those you have proven and those you haven't. You can present it on paper, poster boards, power point (as Larry did), or in any form you are comfortable. In sharing our histories with each other, we can learn new strategies, and see that everyone has missing family members and asks the question, "Where do I go from here?"



## Family History – Next Steps

We started with your family, who were they-names, dates, and places. You researched your family surnames, made pedigree charts, found them on census records, and ask questions about parents, grandparents and great grandparents.

You are ready to continue pulling the pieces together. Gather photographs, documents, and choose your way to share and display your history. This is not the end of your research, but the way to begin seeing your family picture. They were people just like us, with lives, occupations, sorrows, life accomplishments and disasters. They moved across the country sometimes across the world, met new friends and left the old ones behind. They saw the world change and grow, meet other ethnic groups, learned to live with hardship and ways they never thought possible. Did your great grandfather ever think that people could move by motorized vehicle, travel across the country in a matter of hours, or fly among to the stars? We are the history of the future. Make good notes, label your pictures, names, dates, places, start a journal, tell your children and grandchildren stories of their ancestors. Start today, everyone has a story and every story IS important. Happy Researching!

### COLORADO AND MESA COUNTY RESEARCH

**The Rasleigh Regional History Room** Central Library 443 N. 6th Street Grand Junction, CO 970-243-4442 ( lower level of the Central Public Library.) The collection includes maps, local school yearbooks, city directories, personal and family histories, books about Indians of the area and railroads, one of- a-kind books, and many more local interest materials.

**Loyd Files Research Library** 462 Ute (second floor, 5th and Ute) Grand Junction, CO 81501 970- 242-0971  
Offers all life-long learners access to primary sources of information about the region's cultural and natural history. The Loyd Files Research Library collects photographs, one-of-a-kind manuscripts, maps, city directories, high school annuals and rare books. We offer onsite access to the Mesa County Genealogy Society's library of over 3,000 books, and materials collected by the Mesa County Historical Society and the Quahada Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society.

Onsite research is free to the general public while telephone, email and written requests normally involve paid research. Staff is available to help in your research. Collections are for in-house use only, with Xeroxing, scanning, cassette tape and photographic reproduction available for a charge.

**Tomlinson Library** is located on the campus of Colorado Mesa University (CMU) on 1100 North Ave. Grand Junction, CO. The Special Collections & Archives Department of the collects and provides access to materials on the history of Western Colorado.

# It is the First Day of the Month: Back Up Your Genealogy Files

The following articles are from [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#)



It is the first day of the month. It's time to back up your genealogy files. Then test your backups!

Actually, you can make backups at any time. However, it is easier and safer if you have a specific schedule. The first day of the month is easy to remember, so I would suggest you back up your genealogy files at least on the first day of every month, if not more often.

Of course, you might want to back up more than your genealogy files. Family photographs, your checkbook register, all sorts of word processing

documents, email messages, and much more need to be backed up regularly. Why not do that on the first day of each month?

Dick Eastman

[blog.eogn.com/2015/06/04/indexed-family-history-records-now-available-through-the-dar-genealogical-research-system/](http://blog.eogn.com/2015/06/04/indexed-family-history-records-now-available-through-the-dar-genealogical-research-system/)



The following announcement was written by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution:

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is excited to announce a new resource has been added to its Genealogical Research System (GRS). The new resource is an index of over 40,000 digitized family Bible records, and each day more records are digitized and added to the Index. This is one of the largest known collections of such genealogical materials in existence. The DAR collection spans many decades, so even those researchers who are not looking for Revolutionary War era ancestors, may find the new Bible Records Index useful ([www.dar.org/grs/bibleindex](http://www.dar.org/grs/bibleindex)).

“The DAR is committed to making family research materials more readily available to the public,” said DAR President General Lynn Forney Young. “Many of these transcripts of the Bible records may be all that is left of these family Bibles, so it is important to preserve them for our future generations and make them accessible to researchers.”

Genealogists often rely on vital records, among other resources, to aid in their research, but sometimes these records may be difficult to find or are non-existent, which is why these Bible records are such important research tools. Historically, families kept detailed accounts of the family's history in their Bibles, including births, baptisms, confirmations, marriages and deaths and handed the Bible down through the generations. The Bible Record Index may contain unique information that researchers today are unable to locate anywhere else.

As with any resource there are some disadvantages to Bible records, including errors or inaccuracies, but they are still a useful source when other materials may not be available. Bible records may be an acceptable form of documentation when applying for membership in the DAR. Learn more about the parameters in the application instructions.

Family Bible records can be found in the DAR's many genealogical collections, but the largest group of these records is found in the reports of the Genealogical Research Committee (GRC). The new Bible Records Index was collected, compiled and digitized by the hard-working DAR members of the GRC. In 1913, this committee of members began to

gather and transcribe unpublished genealogical source materials such as military records, deeds, vital records, estate records and Bible records. Through this work, DAR was able to expand its genealogical holdings, made genealogy resources available to the public and today it has now facilitated the creation of the Bible Record Index.

“This new index may be helpful to those researchers who have reached a ‘brick wall’ in their research,” said Eric G. Grundset, Director of the DAR Library. “These Bible records contain information that had previously been extremely difficult to find. The index opens these records for the future.”

To use this new database, researchers will enter a name and the GRS will search the more than 40,000 Bible records for a match. If a match is found, the researcher will see information about the record including: surname, the source, book title, book description and the page on which the name first appears. If the researcher is on-site at the DAR Library they are able to view the Bible records and print off the pages that are needed. If the researcher is not at DAR Headquarters they can use the DAR Library Search Service to acquire the records or they can start planning their trip to the DAR Library so they can access the records.

The DAR Bible Record Index is one of the largest collections of this type of genealogical materials available today and we are excited to make these resources available to the public for research purposes and to help preserve these unique records for future generations.

The GRS Bible Records Index can be found at [www.dar.org/grs/bibleindex](http://www.dar.org/grs/bibleindex)

For more information about joining the Daughters of the American Revolution, visit [www.dar.org/membership](http://www.dar.org/membership).

Dick Eastman

## [Book Review: Finding Your Irish Ancestors in New York City](#)

The following book review was written by Bobbi King:

### **Finding Your Irish Ancestors in New York City by Joseph Buggy**

Genealogical Publishing Co.- 165 pages. 2014

This manual describes the resources available to the researcher looking for Irish ancestors in the five boroughs of New York City: Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx, and Staten Island. The time period is from the beginning of the 1800s to the early 1900s.

First chapters describe the history of, and contents of, the collections of city records, censuses, vital records, and what the author calls “underutilized records”:

- Almshouse records: New York City provided assistance to the destitute and homeless at various almshouses located throughout the city; the Almshouse Collection begins with records in 1758.
- Potter’s Field burials: also known as City Cemetery; records since 1869.
- Public sector employment records: records of public sector employees, many of them Irish as a result of Tammany Society politics, from 1883 to 1968.
- List of newspapers published for Irish Americans and Catholics in the 1800s.

There is a chapter on strategies for tracing the Irish in New York City, reviewing name spelling variations, Irish name formations, and emigration from and back to Ireland. There are chapters on where the Irish lived in New York City, sources for locating the places of origin, and a chapter citing almost five hundred articles in sixteen periodicals related to Irish research.

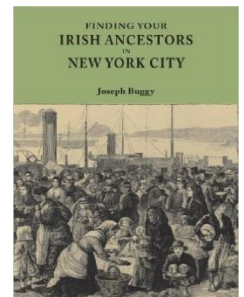
The most extensive set of information is about the Catholic Church records in the boroughs. There is a lengthy list of parishes with brief descriptions and contact information, and a long list of cemeteries.

I have to say, the font size of the print in this book is pretty small, perhaps the smallest I’ve seen in an ordinary book. I could read it all well enough, as the contrast between the print and the page is good, but it did make for slow going.

Overall, I’d say this is a good book for researching the Irish in the New York City area.

*Finding Your Irish Ancestors in New York City* may be ordered from the publisher at <http://goo.gl/dHZtNj> as well as from Amazon.

Dick Eastman site August 2015



# Why Was the Information Removed from Online?

blog.eogn.com/2015/07/02/why-was-the-information-removed-from-online/ Dick Eastman

A newsletter reader sent an email to me today expressing dissatisfaction that a set of images of vital records has been removed from a popular genealogy site. Indeed, removal of any online records of genealogical value is sad, but not unusual. Changes such as these are quite common on FamilySearch, MyHeritage, Ancestry.com, Fold3, FindMyPast, and many other genealogy sites that provide old records online. Removal of datasets has occurred dozens of times in the past, and I suspect such things will continue to happen in the future. I thought I would write a brief explanation.

In most cases, information of genealogical value obtained from government agencies, religious groups, and other organizations is provided under contractual agreements. The contracts specify what information is to be provided, how it is to be made available, and what price the web site has to pay to the provider for the records. All contracts also have a defined expiration date, typically 2 years or 3 years or perhaps 5 years after the contract is signed.

When a contract nears expiration, the two parties usually attempt to renegotiate the contract. Sometimes renewal is automatic, but more often it is not. Maybe the information provider (typically an archive) decides they want more money, or maybe they decide they no longer want to supply the data to the online genealogy service. For instance, in the time the information has been available online, the information provider may have learned just how valuable the information really is. The information provider may decide to ask for more money or may even refuse to provide the information any more since the provider may have a **NEW plan to create their own web site and offer the same information online on their new site for a fee.**

Sure, that stinks for those of us who would like to have free information everywhere; but, it makes sense to most everyone else. I am sure the budget officer at most any state or local government archive thinks it makes sense. Every contract renegotiation is different, but it is not unusual to agree to disagree. The contract ends, and the web site provider legally **MUST** remove the information from their web site. The same thing frequently happens to all the other online sites that provide old records online.

Moral of this story: If you find a record online that is valuable to you, **SAVE IT NOW!** Save it to your hard drive and make a backup copy someplace else as well. If there is no option to save, make a screen shot. Just because you can see the record online today does not mean that it will be available tomorrow.

## **SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE MUSEUM DAY LIVE! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015** **FREE ADMISSION AT PARTICIPATING MUSEUMS WITH A MUSEUM DAY LIVE! TICKET** The Museum Day Live! ticket provides free admission for two people.

In the spirit of the Smithsonian Museums, which offer free admission every day, Museum Day Live! is an annual event hosted by *Smithsonian* magazine in which participating museums across the country open their doors to anyone presenting a Museum Day Live! ticket... for free. To view the list of 2015 participating museums and read about some of the participating museums <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/venues/>

### **Colorado Museums**

**Leadville, CO Healy House Museum and Dexter Cabin**  
Smithsonian Affiliate Museums 912 Harrison Avenue, Leadville, CO, 80461

**Denver, CO History Colorado Center**  
Smithsonian Affiliate Museums 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80203

**Fort Garland, CO Fort Garland Museum**  
Smithsonian Affiliate Museums 29477 Hwy 159, Fort Garland, CO, 81133

**Trinidad, CO Trinidad History Museum**  
Smithsonian Affiliate Museums 312 E. Main St., Trinidad, CO, 81082

**Denver, CO Byers-Evans House Museum**  
Smithsonian Affiliate Museums 1310 Bannock St., Denver, CO, 80204

**Littleton, CO Littleton Museum**  
Smithsonian Affiliate Museums 6028 S. Gallup St, Littleton, CO, 80120

## CGSI October 2015 Conference!

October 21-24, 2015

15th Czechoslovak Genealogical and Cultural Conference Marriott Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
Join us for four days loaded with genealogical, historical and cultural activities!

The Conference kicks-off on Wednesday October 21 with a choice of two tours, Cedar Rapids, Ely and Solon; or Spill Ville and Protivin in northeast Iowa.

For those interested in learning some of the folk art of our ancestors we offer a session in making Peroutky (goose feather brushes) and two wheat weaving projects.

Eight other presentations (two simultaneous) in four different time slots are offered on Thursday October 22.

For those who want one on one help in doing online research you may register to use the CGSI Traveling Library. Learn how to navigate such sites as Ancestry.com; FamilySearch.org a Czech or Slovak archive site, or the CGSI Members' Only section. Or use such valuable resource books as the 1651 Bohemian Religious Census (Soupis), the 1653-56 Berni Rula (Bohemian property census of land, animal and crops), Ortslexikon Sudetenland (gazetteer), Finding Your Slovak Ancestors, the Textbook of Reading Old Texts for Genealogists, History of Czechs in America, History of Slovaks in America, etc.

Join us **Thursday** evening as we enjoy a "Night at the Museum", a gala event hosted by the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. Those who register for the event receive coach transportation from the Marriott Hotel to the Museum and Library, a welcome from the staff, an assortment of hors d'oeuvres catered by Dostal's Catering Company, access to all of the Museum exhibits, an orientation to the library, and browsing and buying in the Museum's gift shop.

**Friday** at the hotel we offer 12 sessions (3 simultaneous) covering 4 breakout periods. On Friday evening enjoy a meal of Roast Pork and dumplings, followed by our traditional colorful "Parade of Kroje" (Fashion Show).

**Saturday** we offer another 12 sessions covering 4 breakout periods. On Saturday evening enjoy a meal of thinly sliced roast beef (Svickova) with sweet-sour red cabbage and other sides. Entertainment includes the Svetluský (Fireflies) Ensemble and "Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen", a three-piece ensemble.

Visit the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International <http://cgsi.org/>

Questions? <mailto:info@cgsi.org?subject=CGSI%20Quarterly%20Meeting%20Question>

Thanks!

CGSI Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International

*Thank you to Adela for this information on the conference  
Contact Adela Covey if you are interested in attending.*





## **RE-VISIT YOUR PAST RESEARCH**

Do you revisit your older genealogy websites periodically to see if they have added new information or are even still current? It truly is a worthwhile thing to do because I did with my Canadian websites and found new data that had been added and that led to a new and important discovery for me. Just like a treasure hunt, you just never know what you will find. I do hope these will help you.

The discovery I made was in the Alberta and Saskatchewan provinces in Canada, so I thought I would share these websites that I have for that area. I am hoping their information will help in your research as much as it did for me.

### **General Canada websites:**

Historical Atlas of Canada: <http://www.historicalatlas.ca/website/hacolp/index.htm>

Metis National Council Historical Online Database: <http://metisnationdatabase.ualberta.ca/MNC/index.jsp>

Canadian Discovery Portal: <http://search.canadiana.ca/>

Library and Archives Canada: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx>

Mary's Genealogy Treasures, up to date list of Canadian websites: <http://www.telusplanet.net/public/mtoll/alberta.htm>

### **Alberta Province Websites:**

Lethbridge Genealogy Society: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx>

University of Lethbridge Southern Alberta Newspapers Collections:  
<http://digitallibrary.uleth.ca/cdm/compoundobject/collection/sanews/id/12825/rec/18>

University of Alberta, Peel's Prairie Provinces: <http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/index.html>

Our Future Our Past, The Alberta Heritage Digitization Project: <http://www.ourfutureourpast.ca/home.htm>

Alberta Genealogical Society: <http://www.abgenealogy.ca/>

Alberta Genealogical Society, Edmonton Branch (just added probate Index): [www.agsedm.edmonton.ab.ca/](http://www.agsedm.edmonton.ab.ca/)

### **Saskatchewan Province Websites:**

Saskatchewan Cemetery Project: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cansacem/index.html>

Alberta Family Histories Project, Saskatchewan Birth Records: [http://www.afhs.ab.ca/registry/regsk\\_birth.html](http://www.afhs.ab.ca/registry/regsk_birth.html)

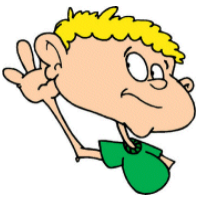
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**Thank you Kathie!**



*We want to hear  
from YOU!!*

*Read a good Genealogy book lately? Let us know!*

*Send the title, author and short paragraph about it.*

*Find a great website, a state or country that is cooperative with records, or one that is difficult, share your strategies for better research.*

**STUDY GROUPS  
SUGGESTIONS NEEDED**

Anyone interested in a small study group that discusses and learns some of the topics of technology and genealogy, record keeping ideas, paper storage vs computer storage, researching topics; overseas, cemetery, NAR, or many other issues facing us today in our research.

Share your knowledge!

**What Would You Like to See?**

It's your turn - what the members would like to see in the newsletter and on the website. Please let us know.

Website: [www.mesadwellers.org](http://www.mesadwellers.org)

Newsletter ideas:  
[gjgeney@gmail.com](mailto:gjgeney@gmail.com)

**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.
5. To publish a quarterly newsletter sent to members.
  - **Society evening meetings** are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Commons of Hilltop Garden Room, located at 625 27 1/2 Road at 7:00 pm. *(Except August - potluck picnic and December – noon potluck)*
  - **Monthly sack lunch meeting** is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Museum conference room of the C. D Smith Building at 5<sup>th</sup> & 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      | Dennis Jenkins   |
| Vice President | Stella Ledbetter |
| Secretary      | Donna Jackson    |
| Treasurer      | Laurie Buniger   |

**Board Members**

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

**Standing Committee Chairpersons**

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Historian/Archivist           | Jan Wilson                  |
| Co-Genealogist/Librarian      | Kay Oxer                    |
| Co-Genealogist/Librarian      | Linda Garey                 |
| Newsletter Editor             | Laurie Buniger              |
| Assistant Editor              | Karen McGuirk               |
| Society Webmaster             | Caley Gredig                |
| 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 30<sup>th</sup> of the membership year will not receive the newsletter.

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

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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.



The Mesa County Genealogical Society Library is housed in the Loyd Files Research Library, on the second floor of the Museum of the Western Colorado, 462 Ute (second floor, 5th and Ute) Grand Junction, Colorado. Among the various materials you will find are family histories and bibles, genealogy resource books,

genealogical society newsletters from many different locations around the United States and overseas.

Below is a partial list of items on the shelves.

### Family Histories or Family Bibles

Baker  
Beckwiths  
Fifield  
Galley Clan  
Gardiner  
Geil  
Halsey  
Holmes, Boardman, Formby/Fombey  
Jacob Bauman Family  
Karr  
McClains  
Patterson  
Russell Register  
Stpcl  
Virgil Vawter  
Weir  
Wenger  
William Ward

### Research Books

Genealogical and Local History Books  
Who Was Who 1951-1960  
Newspaper Index  
NGS Book List  
Archives-Guide to National Archives  
Genealogical Helper Magazines  
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# SURNAME SEARCHES

## MCGS *Member Searches for surnames*

*This section has a new look, a better fit. I hope you find this structure more functional to give help and to find help from those researching in the areas.*

*Each member was given a number that corresponds to the following list and will be posted on the Surname map displayed at the meetings and on the website.*

### **Submissions:**

As always, we are interested in family searches. Submissions can include surnames and locations you are researching; you may also include date ranges. You can contact [gjgeney@gmail](mailto:gjgeney@gmail.com) for information, for help, or questions.




### **When, Where, and Who are you looking for?**

| State or Country | County                  | Dates | Ancestor              | Member # |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------|
| AL               |                         |       | THEAD                 | 8        |
| Canada           | Alberta                 |       | LANGBALLE (LONGBELLA) | 12       |
| CT               |                         |       | JENKINS               | 12       |
| CT               | Windham                 |       | WHEELER               | 12       |
| Denmark          | Darum, Ribe             |       | LANGBALLE (LONGBELLA) | 12       |
| Denmark          | Tønder, Ribe            |       | LANGBALLE (LONGBELLA) | 12       |
| Denmark          | Hunderup, Ribe          |       | LANGBALLE (LONGBELLA) | 12       |
| Denmark          | Ballum, Hojer           |       | LANGBALLE (LONGBELLA) | 12       |
| Denmark          | Ballum, Hojer           |       | QVITZAU               | 12       |
| England          | Cranfield, Bedfordshire |       | WHEELER               | 12       |
| IA               | Butler                  |       | JENKINS               | 12       |
| IL               | Ogle                    |       | JENKINS               | 12       |
| IN               | Jefferson               |       | JENKINS               | 12       |
| IN               | Jefferson               |       | WHEELER               | 12       |
| KY               |                         |       | CLEMANS               | 12       |
| MA               | Concord, Middlesex      |       | WHEELER               | 12       |
| MI               | Springport, Jackson co. |       | BAUM                  | 1        |
| MI               | McComb                  |       | RUHLING               | 12       |
| MI               |                         |       | WILSON                | 8        |
| MN               | Clay                    |       | HANSON                | 12       |
| MN               | Hubbard                 |       | HANSON                | 12       |
| MN               | Cass                    |       | HANSON                | 12       |
| MN               | Todd                    |       | JENKINS               | 12       |
| MN               | Cass                    |       | JENKINS               | 12       |
| MN               | Todd                    |       | LANGBALLE (LONGBELLA) | 12       |
| MN               | Sargent                 |       | LANGBALLE (LONGBELLA) | 12       |
| MN               | Otter Tail              |       | LANGBALLE (LONGBELLA) | 12       |
| MN               | Stearns                 |       | LANGBALLE (LONGBELLA) | 12       |
| MN               | Stearns                 |       | QVITZAU               | 12       |
| MN               | Otter Tail              |       | QVITZAU               | 12       |
| MN               | Scott                   |       | RUHLING               | 12       |
| MN               | LeSueur                 |       | RUHLING               | 12       |
| MN               | Scott                   |       | SCHARF                | 12       |
| MN               | Ramsey                  |       | SCHARF                | 12       |
| MN               | Hennepin                |       | SCHARF                | 12       |
| MN               | Kandiyohi               |       | SCHARF                | 12       |
| MN               | Renville                |       | SCHARF                | 12       |
| MN               | Redwood                 |       | SCHARF                | 12       |

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------|----|
| <b>MN</b>                    | Yellow Medicine          |  | SCHARF    | 12 |
| <b>MN</b>                    | Roseau                   |  | SCHARF    | 12 |
| <b>MN</b>                    | Washington               |  | SCHARF    | 12 |
| <b>MN</b>                    | Meeker                   |  | SCHARF    | 12 |
| <b>MN</b>                    | Crow Wing                |  | SCHARF    | 12 |
| <b>MO</b>                    | Newton                   |  | KLINE     | 12 |
| <b>MO</b>                    | Laclede                  |  | WHEELER   | 12 |
| <b>MS*</b>                   |                          |  | BOYLES    | 8  |
| <b>MS*</b>                   |                          |  | THEAD     | 8  |
| <b>MT</b>                    |                          |  | RAMBERG   | 8  |
| <b>Norway</b>                |                          |  | RAMBERG   | 8  |
| <b>NY</b>                    | Dutchess                 |  | JENKINS   | 12 |
| <b>NY</b>                    | Delaware                 |  | JENKINS   | 12 |
| <b>NY</b>                    | Albany                   |  | RUHLING   | 12 |
| <b>NY</b>                    | Erie                     |  | RUHLING   | 12 |
| <b>NY</b>                    | Dutchess                 |  | WHEELER   | 12 |
| <b>NY</b>                    | Delaware                 |  | WHEELER   | 12 |
| <b>OH</b>                    |                          |  | KLINE     | 12 |
| <b>PA</b>                    |                          |  | KLINE     | 12 |
| <b>Prussia (Germany)</b>     | Fretterode, Thuringia    |  | RÜHLING   | 12 |
| <b>Prussia (Germany)</b>     | Hasselbach, Hesse Nassau |  | SCHARF    | 12 |
| <b>Prussia (Germany)</b>     | Hückeswagen, Rhineland   |  | SCHARF    | 12 |
| <b>SD (Dakota Territory)</b> | Edmunds                  |  | SCHARF    | 12 |
| <b>Sweden</b>                | Kalmar                   |  | ALMQVIST  | 12 |
| <b>Sweden</b>                | Blekinge                 |  | HANSON    | 12 |
| <b>TX</b>                    |                          |  | BOYLES    | 8  |
| <b>Wales</b>                 |                          |  | JENKINS   | 12 |
| <b>WI</b>                    | Green                    |  | CLEMANS   | 12 |
| <b>WI</b>                    | Green                    |  | JENKINS   | 12 |
| <b>WI</b>                    | Green                    |  | KLINE     | 12 |
| <b>WI</b>                    | Green                    |  | RANKIN(S) | 1  |
| <b>WI</b>                    | Lafayette                |  | PENNISTON | 1  |
| <b>WI</b>                    | Lafayette                |  | RANKIN(S) | 1  |
| <b>WI</b>                    |                          |  | RUHLING   | 12 |



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