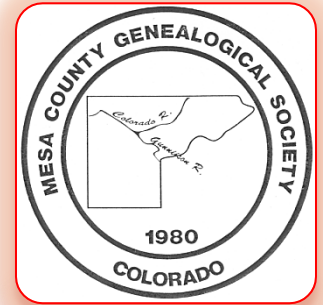


Mesa County Genealogical Society



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Calendar for December 2016, January, February 2017

- 2 Dec 2016 Friday 2-4 pm Help Session at Palisade Library**
- 8 Dec 2016 Thursday Noon - Christmas Potluck at Donna Jackson's Home**
- 6 Jan 2017 Friday 1-3 pm Help Session at Fruita Library**
- 12 Jan 2017 Thursday Eve 7 pm at the Commons in the Garden Room**
- 25 Jan 2017 Wednesday Noon sack lunch meeting at Museum 2nd floor Conference Room**
- 3 Feb 2017 Friday 1-3 pm Help Session at Main Library**
- 9 Feb 2017 Thursday Eve 7 pm at the Commons in the Garden Room**
- 22 Feb 2017 Wednesday Noon sack lunch meeting at Museum 2nd floor Conference Room
Annual Meeting Election of Officers**
- 3 March 2017 Friday 2-4 pm Help Session at Palisade Library**
- 22 March 2017 Thursday Eve 7 pm at the Commons in the Garden Room**
- 7 April 2017 Friday 1-3 pm Help Session at Fruita Library**

MCGS WILL SPONSOR GENEALOGY CLASSES IN 2017. WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS.



New Members

Rita Deschamp
Amy Provstgaard
Dian Jongsma

MESA DWELLERS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year is rapidly coming to an end and so is my time as President of the Mesa County Genealogical Society. Thus I want you all to consider serving the Society as an Officer or Committee member. Please give it consideration when the nominating committee contacts you.

Another way you can support the Society is to help out with our plan to offer beginner classes in 2017. These will most likely be offered at our Thursday evening meetings at the Commons. We are looking for members to present these classes and for those who are not sure about doing it can team up with another member to present one of the classes. Larry Eucher is working on the schedule of classes we will be presenting.

Since we are in the Holiday Season, remember that we will not be having a Wednesday Noon meeting in December since the 4th Wednesday falls close to Christmas. We will have a 2nd Thursday of December meeting, but instead of an evening meeting we will be meeting at Donna Jackson's home for our Annual Noon Christmas pot luck meal on December 8th. This is a good opportunity to bring a spouse or other family members. A reminder will be sent out by Donna for you to RSVP.

Also keep in mind that our 1st Friday of each month help sessions will be at Palisade Library from 2 pm to 4 pm on December 2nd, then at Fruita Library on January 6th from 1 pm to 3 pm, and at the Central Library on February 3rd from 1 pm to 3 pm. You are all welcome to come to these for help, and also for those members who wish to become a helper. Sign up by calling the Mesa County Public Library or use their online Events Calendar to sign in. As usual we always need ideas for speakers and topics at our Wednesday Noon and Thursday Evening meetings. See the list of Upcoming Programs and Events.

Dennis Jenkins

Thank you Dennis, for your many years of service as President and Program Director.



Member Memories

Wow...where to start. *Shared by Karen Merritt-Sturgill*

I was born in Eugene, Oregon the oldest in a family of five. We moved to California when I was seven, and lived in both the northern and southern part of the state over the years.

I was never fond of school, probably because I went to so many different ones, but my parents instilled a love of learning just for the sake of learning.

One thing was consistent, every new place we moved to we always got a library card first. My father's degree was in Library Science, my mother's in English Literature so...really not too surprising.



I grew up in the 50's and 60's, but unusual for the time, my family didn't have a television so our hours were taken up with reading, games, playing outside, travel (road trips), camping, hiking, etc.

Both my mother and father had wonderful senses of humor so travel was always and entertaining adventure.

We visited many, many museums and in traveling the western states we stopped at every historical marker we came to; it was a wonder we actually made it to any destination.

Camping and backpacking were always favorite pastimes and we spent many a weekend, and sometimes entire weeks in the forests of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Idaho.

We traveled to Baja California and Mexico long before most people I knew ever did.

I had a varied and interesting childhood...maybe someday I will write a book.

Palisade Packing Shed Fire *Shared by Connie Bunte*

I slept through the fire that had the greatest impact on my family. It was the first of Palisade's packing shed fires. The packing shed was on the north side of 4th street, next to the railroad tracks. In the wee hours of the morning in the fall of 1960, my grandmother took a bathroom break. A light across the street caught her eye. She said later that it looked like a flashlight. By the time she headed back to bed, the shed was engulfed.

I don't know what woke my parents. Perhaps it was the fire truck siren as it screamed past the house. Anyway, they woke up, saw the fire, and thought it might be my grandparents' house burning. To give you geographical perspective, we lived on East Orchard Mesa, about a half-mile from the top of the hill; and my grandparents lived on the south side of 4th street, almost due north of us. Mom called a friend to come stay with us. For some reason, my parents didn't think it was a good idea to drag 5 children, including a newborn, to a fire.

The packing sheds of the day were basically oversized carports on concrete slabs. During harvest you needed the open air for ventilation. Once harvest was over, the shed was enclosed with wooden picking boxes. Before the peaches were packed, they were sorted for ripeness, blemishes, etc. Then they went through brushes to remove as much fuzz as possible. Then they were sized and packed. The fuzz accumulated into bins in or under the concrete floor. If the fuzz traps needed emptying, they were emptied before harvest, not after; so the traps were likely full of dry, compacted peach fuzz. The fire was intense. The flames could be seen in Grand Junction, and the red sky could be seen in Rifle. I don't know how many fire trucks Grand Junction Fire Department had; but my understanding is that 1 truck stayed in Grand Junction, 1 went to Clifton "just in case," and whatever were left went to Palisade to join the Palisade, Orchard Mesa, and Clifton trucks called into fight the three-alarm blaze.

My grandparents and their neighbors moved their furniture into their back yards in case the houses should catch fire. The houses weren't touched, but the heat was intense enough that it melted the asphalt shingles on the front of my grandparents' house. When the fire was out, one of the people moving the furniture back in asked to have the porch light turned on. When she was told there was no porch light, she said "but we had light when we moved everything out." Then it dawned on her that the light had been from the fire.

This photo was taken in my grandparents' yard with that *packing shed in the background*.



Memories of Dynamite *Shared by Jan Wilson*

By the time I was old enough to start kindergarten, my parents had saved up enough money to purchase about an acre of land and build a house on it. So, for the next 5 or 6 years we lived in El Cajon, California. The early 1950's was a time when both of my parents worked. My father was a hard worker and it seemed he was able to do almost anything to put food on the table. But, one day he came home with a Shetland pony. He had done some work for someone and they didn't have the money to pay him, so for payment they gave him the pony. I don't remember what kind of car we had at

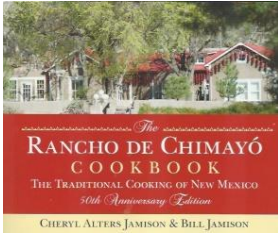


the time, but he was able to get that pony in the car and then drive home. You can imagine how excited my brother and I were - OUR VERY OWN PONY! We named him "Dynamite", a name, that he lived up to! He was blind in one eye and also a little hard of hearing in one ear, so he would gallop kind of sideways so he could see where he was going. I remember a few times when I was riding him and we would get a little too far from the house, so my brother would just whistle and shout "come here Dynamite". He would come to a complete stop and turn around and take off like a "bat outta hell" (those were my parent's exact words). If I wasn't holding on tight enough (which, most of the time I wasn't) I was thrown off.

I loved Dynamite, even though he had a mind of his own and I ended up being thrown off numerous times. He taught me to always hang on and enjoy the ride!!

Posole Shared by Stella Ledbetter

“Along with beans, posole became a staple in the early Spanish settler’s subsistence diet. The summer corn was removed from the cob, treated with the mineral, lime, and dried. The large white or yellow kernels would then be stewed, often with a little pork. After low cooking, posole has a subtle but delicious taste. On



occasions like Las Posadas and Christmas, posole takes a centerpiece role, often dressed up with additional pork and other toppings.” (The Rancho de Chimayo Cookbook, The Traditional Cooking of New Mexico 50th Anniversary Edition, Cheryl Alters Jamison & Bill Jameson, Copyright 2014)

This dish was always made in our home on Christmas Eve and was eaten after midnight Mass.

The recipe below is not the one from the book mentioned above but the recipe that we used. Posole can be found in the frozen section of most grocery stores. A little goes a long way!

1 lb. pork (cut in chunks)	1/2 tsp. oregano
~6 C water	1 small onion
3 T. red chili powder (this can be added later if desired)	1 tsp garlic salt
1 minced garlic clove	
6 C prepared hominy	

Wash and soak posole in a large bowl overnight. (The kernels will “pop” or open after soaking). Rinse again to make sure all lime is removed. Braise the pork until just browned. In crock pot or large pot add posole and pork and cover with water. Add remaining ingredients and slow cook checking and adding water just to cover as needed. Once the kernels are soft and doubled in size the posole is done!

I Remember Shared by Donna Jackson

Probably the fondest memories I have of my childhood are the summers spent with my maternal grandparents in Kansas City, MO. My family had moved to Detroit, MI from Kansas City when I was five years old, leaving behind a large extended family of grandparents, aunts, uncles and a lot of cousins.

However, every summer we went back for a visit, usually just my mother, brother and me, and most of our trips were on the train. This was during World War II, so the train was always packed with service men and women. I remember one trip when I was probably about seven years old. The train was so full there weren’t enough seats, so I spent a part of the trip sitting on the lap of a soldier. I’m sure that poor man was very happy when a seat for me finally became available! I was the first grandchild in the family, and my grandmother had taken care of me in my early years while my mother worked, so she and I were very close. We did many things together, but there are two memories about those summers that really stand out in my mind.

My grandfather worked in downtown Kansas City, so at least once every year while I was there, my grandmother and I would ride into town with him when he went to work. His sister worked in the Jones Department Store, so we always went there to visit with her, and then spent the morning shopping. At lunchtime we met my grandfather at The Forum, a large, well known cafeteria. After lunch, my grandmother and I would always go to a movie, after which we just had to make a trip to Woolworth’s



I am the 4th kid from the right on the bottom row.

soda fountain. Then, we went back to my grandfather's office to wait until time to go home. That was a day that I always looked forward to every summer.

The other memory is of the family get-togethers they had every summer. My grandfather would put up sawhorses with boards across them for a table in the backyard. Everyone in the family was invited, and they all came, bringing various dishes. We always had a big watermelon and one of my aunts always made my grandmother's 1-2-3-4 cake that I have written about in a previous newsletter. For me it was such a great day, playing with all the cousins and seeing everyone.

Those visits continued for a lot of years until, as a teenager, my summers began to be filled with other things, so I didn't always make the trip every year. By that time, the family dynamics had changed; the grandparents were elderly, two of my uncles had moved with their families to other states, and everyone else was busy with their own lives, so that was the end of the family get-togethers. Although, for nearly all of my life I have lived many miles from my grandparents, those times spent with them have been, and always will be cherished memories for me.

Childhood Memories *Shared by Adela Covey*

My most memorable memory was when I was seven and we were living with my grandparents. Our father had died before we were born, so Grandma and Grandpa took the three of us in. They were managers of the Cottage Hotel in a small town in Nebraska. Last year I found a picture of the hotel on the internet, which brought back many memories. That Christmas I received a big doll, the only present I ever remember receiving. I think we had a Christmas tree. *That was too many years ago.* I remember Grandma would make Kolaches for special occasions. Even though she was not from the Czech world, she learned from her in-laws. My Grandpa made me a small chest (resembling a trunk) to store my clothes in. I still have it and cherish it very much. When he would plow his garden, I would follow barefoot in the soft soil and it felt *soooo good.* *I remember them with love.*



Cottage Hotel, Republican, Nebraska

Courtesy of Emma (Cassell) Kammerer and Kristi (Kammerer) Kreuzer

My childhood memories *Shared by Sue Shea*

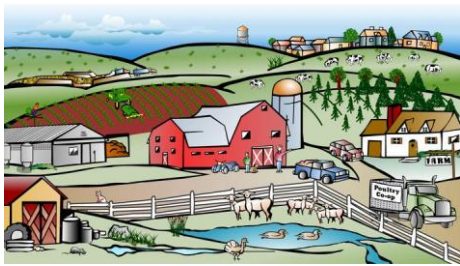
I grew up in Delta, Colorado on a farm/ranch on California Mesa. I wouldn't trade that for anything in the world.

My favorite memories are when the cousins would come to Delta from Grand Junction and Monte Vista and we thought of all kinds of things to do. There were corn cobb fights between the girls and boys. The boys that played baseball could really throw hard. No serious injuries. We also would get into the corral at grandma's house and capture one of the calves, tie a rope around his middle and try to ride it. I broke a tooth off on one of those rides. Nobody stayed on very long.

The horses were also an experience with all of us. We would saddle them up and dad would always say "Now don't run them and get them all lathered up". Of course we didn't listen, we would immediately get into a race with about 4-6 of us. I didn't particularly like racing so I picked a slow horse one of the times and so we were behind everyone else. However, even the slow horse didn't like that and wanted to be up with the rest of the horses so he just bucked me off and away he went. When the horse got into high gear they could really go fast. Grandma's house was always where we would meet up. When you came into the yard, however, there was the meanest rooster around. He would chase us, jump on our shoulders and peck on our heads. We would always run to the outhouse and scream for grandma. She would come out and

chase him off. Then grandma would take the cream off the top of the milk from the cows and put it on bread and put sugar on top. What a treat.

Building forts in the haystacks was always great. We could hide from everyone. We belonged to 4-H and for many years had a steer to go to the fair in Hotchkiss, CO. Dad picked out the calf for us early on but we waited until a few weeks before the fair to tame them. Dad had to tie them to the tractor and lead them around until we could manage them by ourselves. One year I won



1st place for middle wt. Hereford and got a silver belt buckle. That was pretty neat. We also entered desserts into competition at the fair. It was a great experience.

I grew up with 4 sisters, no boys to do chores outside. I would drive the tractor with a slip behind when the hay was baled and take it to the haystack to be unloaded. Feeding the cattle was another chore, along with helping dad to sort the cattle into different corrals when he was selling them.

For years, we went to every rodeo in Colorado, Gunnison Cattlemen's Days, Durango for Spanish Fiesta, Ridgeway. We also went a couple times to the State Fair in Denver, CO. These were all great memories.

We ran around with a family down the road that had a bunch of kids. In high school, one of the older boys in this family took me and a bunch of other people on my first snipe hunt. It was crazy. It was dark outside and here we're spread out in the field with flashlights and gunny sacks looking for snipes to capture. Needless to say, we never got any. The most interesting thing about that is just in the last year I read there is such a thing as a snipe. Wow! I never knew that.

I am so lucky to have grown up in Delta, CO, out in the country. ***I have the best memories ever.***

Holiday Dinner with Friends and Family *Shared by Karen McGuirk and friend, JoDell Cowan*

When I was in my sophomore year of high school my family shared a holiday with another family we had known since I was in grade school. Myself, my younger brother, and our little sister all had matching friends the same age and gender. Our families had often gotten together throughout the years.

This particular gathering was fun and chilly with a touch of remaining early snow still on the ground. Our mom's cooked a turkey and a ham. We, my friend and I had to peel the potatoes while the little kids played outside. Our dad's talked. Remember, this was the 1960's. Other side dishes had already been prepared the days before. Snacks were available on the coffee table.

More duties - set the tables, one for the adults and another for the little kids. 3pm came finally, TIME TO EAT!. We were all hungry after smelling the food cooking for hours. My friend and I filled the milk glasses, put food in the bowls to put on the table and buttered the hot roll tops. Now, the dad's had their turn in the kitchen - Carving the roast beasts [well, the turkey and ham].

The little kids had washed up and were seated at their table 'being silly'. There was a lot of chatter in the kitchen. But, the chatter changed to words of puzzlement. The whirring mixer had stopped. Both of our mom's started laughing uproariously. We all looked up and went to the kitchen counter. They held up the whole pot of 'mashed potatoes' upside down, nothing fell out. There was more laughing by everyone. Our mom's handed a spoon to each of their two little kids. Each one tried to scoop up their share of the potatoes onto their plates – they could only get a teaspoon full of gooey potatoes that stayed glued to the spoon.

We all continued to laugh and talk and sat down to eat finally. Gooey potatoes were enjoyed by all with delicious gravy and all the other trimmings. A fun holiday and meal was shared by friends and family.



The MCGS BY-LAWS include the duties for the officers and standing committee chairmen.
This information may help you decide what vacant position you would like to hold.

MCGS BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I -- NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A. Name

The name of the organization is THE MESA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, a non-profit organization.

Section B. Purpose

The general purpose of this organization shall be exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of Section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The business of the Society shall be performed by volunteer work to meet the objectives of the organization.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization are:

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 to the general public.
4. To assist and support any genealogical library in Colorado which is open to the public.

Section A. Membership

Any applicant interested in furthering the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership upon submission of completed application form and payment of dues.

Section B. Dues

Local dues are \$10.00 per year individual, or \$12.00 per year. Family membership is represented by two voting members. Annual membership covers the period from March 1 through the last day of February of the following year.

ARTICLE III -- MEETINGS

Section A. Regular Meetings

1. General membership meetings of the Society shall be held at least once a month.
2. These meetings shall provide opportunities to accomplish the objectives of ARTICLE II of the Society By-Laws.

Section B. Annual Meeting

The regular meeting in February shall be known as the Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting the following business shall be conducted:

1. Election of Officers
2. Annual Reports
3. Other business as deemed necessary.

Section C. Quorum

For the purpose of conducting business, the members in good standing present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV -- OFFICERS

Section A. Officers

The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. Term of office is one year.

ARTICLE V -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A. Officers

1. President

- a. Shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the general membership.
- b. Shall appoint all Committee Chairpersons.
- c. Shall sign all contracts and documents authorized by the Society.
- d. Shall, at the September meeting of each year, appoint a Committee of two members for the purpose of auditing the books of the Treasurer. Results of the audit shall be reported to the Board of Directors and to the general membership at the Annual meeting.

2. Vice President

- a. Shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
- b. Shall be responsible for Publicity.

3. Secretary

- a. Shall be the recording officer of the Society and the custodian of its records except such as are specifically assigned to others.
- b. Shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Society.
- c. Shall keep and have available at all meetings a book in which the current Standing Rules and By-Laws are kept.
- d. Shall furnish the officers and Committee Chairpersons with copies of all papers and books, as needed, for the proper performance of their respective duties. Shall preserve Committee reports among the records for which he/she is responsible.
- e. Shall sign, with the President, all contracts and documents authorized by the Society.
- f. Shall prepare and maintain a current inventory of all legal documents, records and equipment belonging to the Society.
- g. Shall notify officers, committees and the general membership of meetings as necessary or as directed by the Board of Directors.

4. Treasurer

- a. Shall be the Director of Finance and Budget.
- b. Shall be responsible for collection and deposit of all monies due the Society.
- c. Notice of delinquent dues shall be sent after April 30th.
- d. A current membership list of all members in good standing shall be maintained.
- e. A statement of finance shall be prepared and presented at each meeting of the general membership.
- f. Submit records to the Audit Committee at their request.
- g. Shall make authorized disbursements on behalf of the Society.
- h. Shall maintain a current signature authorization at the banking facility for the Society funds with the signature of the Treasurer, President, and Secretary.
- i. Shall prepare and present at the Annual meeting, a financial report covering the previous year.
- j. Shall be responsible for retrieving the Society's mail and distributing it to the proper departments/members within the Society.

ARTICLE VI -- COMMITTEES

Section A. Chairperson

1. President of the Society will appoint chairpersons for the committees at the March meeting of the general membership.
2. All Chairpersons shall prepare and present a yearly report of their activities at the Annual Meeting.

Section B. Duties of Standing Committees

1. Historian/Archivist

- a. Shall collect and preserve all items of historical interest to the Society.

2. Genealogist/Librarian

- a. Shall collect and preserve the genealogical and biographical records and make them available to the membership and to others doing genealogical research.
- b. Shall maintain a file of genealogical books, pamphlets and other publications, which are available to the public at local libraries and other research facilities.
- c. Shall cooperate with the local libraries in furthering the availability and access to genealogical materials.

3. Newsletter Editor

- a. Shall be responsible for publishing the official quarterly publication of the Society, Mesa Dwellers.
- b. Shall be responsible for collecting the materials to be considered for publication in the Society quarterly.

4. Society (MCGS) Webmaster

- a. Shall be responsible for maintaining and updating the Society's website as needed, but no less than once a quarter.

5. Parliamentarian

- a. Shall be familiar with the Standing Rules and By-Laws of the Society and shall use Robert's Rules of Order to resolve parliamentary questions that may occur.

6. Program Director

- a. Shall be responsible for programs for general membership meetings, and physical arrangements and equipment.

7. Research Director

- a. Shall be responsible for ensuring research requests received by the Society are acted upon in a timely manner.
- b. Shall ensure fees for paid research are negotiated by Research Director and approved by the Board of Directors.

8. Membership

- a. Shall serve on Nominating Committee
- b. Shall promote the growth of the Society through membership recruitment.
- c. Shall provide all members in good standing a copy of the Standing Rules, By-Laws, and a membership card.
- d. Shall welcome all members and guests at general meetings and ensure the availability of name tags.

ARTICLE VII -- ELECTIONS

Section A. Elections

1. Elections shall be held at the Annual meeting.
2. Nominations.
 - a. A list of at least one nominee for each office shall be presented to the general membership at the Annual meeting by the Nominating Committee. Nominations may be made by the general membership from the floor at the Annual meeting provided each nominee is present or has given written consent to serve if elected.
 - b. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one board member and a member from the general membership to be appointed by the President at the September meeting, and the Membership Committee Chairperson.
3. Voting
 - a. Eligibility - All members in good standing (those members whose dues are currently paid in full) may vote in Society elections.
 - b. Voting shall be by a show of hands, provided there is only one candidate for the office. If more than one candidate is running for any one office, the voting shall be by written ballot with the candidate receiving the highest number of votes winning.

Section B. Appointments

1. Appointed Chairpersons and members of their committees shall serve for a term of one year from the date of appointment, or for the remainder of the then President's term of office, whichever is shorter. Appointed Chairpersons and members of their committees may be re-appointed for successive terms in office.
2. In case of vacancy of an office other than President, the President shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of that term.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A. Membership

The Board shall consist of the elected officers of the Society and 3 members elected from the general membership. The term of office for the three members elected from the general membership shall be for three years each. In case of vacancy, the President shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired term. One board member shall be elected each year.

Section B. Duties

1. Shall establish overall direction of Society.
2. Shall approve all major expenditures of Society funds. Major expenditures exceed a value set by the Board of Directors.

Section C. Meetings

Meets at the call of any Board Member.

1. Subjects to be discussed may be proposed by any member at the general meeting.
2. Regular Board meetings shall be open to the general membership.
3. Two-thirds of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section D. Ratification

The general membership shall ratify all decisions made by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETY

In the event of the dissolution of this organization, all assets of the Society shall be donated to The Museum of Western Colorado.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall be used by the Parliamentarian in all cases in which they are applicable, and which are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws can be amended at any regular membership meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the amendment was submitted in writing at a previous meeting.

STANDING RULES of Mesa County Genealogical Society

1. Members are encouraged to submit in black ink (1) or more typed or printed pedigree charts and (5) typed or printed surname cards which the Society will provide.
2. Notices of meetings and/or quarterlies may be mailed to non-members for public relations purposes.
3. An attendance list shall be maintained at all membership meetings of the Society by the Recording Secretary.
4. The membership and fiscal year of the Society shall run from March 1 until the last day of February.
5. Society records shall be open for inspection by any member at reasonable times.
6. Reimbursement of expenses paid in behalf of the Society shall be made with proof of purchase (cancelled check, statement, receipt, etc.) accompanying each request.
7. To provide for a smooth transition, outgoing Officers shall advise and instruct the new Officers in the duties of their respective offices as soon as possible after the Annual meeting.

Approved 9 Oct 2008

The Mesa County Genealogical Society, established in 1980 is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.



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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 2nd 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 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 2017

President	Vacancy _____
Vice President	Vacancy _____
Secretary	Donna Jackson
Treasurer	Laurie Buniger

Board Members

	<u>3 year Term</u>
Kathie Vlahos	2015-2016-2017
Connie Bunte	2016-2017-2018
_____	2017-2018-2019

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Historian/Archivist	Jan Wilson
Co-Genealogist/Librarian	Vacancy _____
Co-Genealogist/Librarian	Vacancy _____
Newsletter Editor	Laurie Buniger
Assistant Editor	Karen McGuiirk
Society Webmaster	Vacancy _____
Parliamentarian	Vacancy _____
Program Director	Vacancy _____
Research Director	Vacancy _____
Membership/Education/Outreach	Vacancy _____

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.

The main website for Mesa Dwellers is: *Under Construction*



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).

The nominating committee, Stella Ledbetter, Connie Bunte, and Laurie Buniger are looking for members to fill Officers, Committee Chairman, and Board member vacancies. Below you will find a list of the vacancies. During December and January we, the committee, will be contacting each member to ask what position you would like to participate in. We have contacted all current members, holding positions, and confirmed their desire of staying or vacating their positions.

Our findings are below. Please read through them and think where you can help your organization. An update will be given at the January noon business meeting, January 25.

Voting for the Board and Officer positions will be held at the, Annual Meeting, February business meeting (noon) on February 22. Please plan to attend and have your voice heard.

Vacancies: President, Vice President, and Board Member (1).

The following **Committee Chairpersons** needed are:

The following positions will be appointed by the new MCGS President at the March meeting.

- Genealogist/Librarian
- Society (MCGS) Webmaster
- Parliamentarian
- Program Director
- Research Director
- Membership

Help is needed on each committee. Where would you like to help, if you choose not to be a Chairperson or Officer.



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



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