

Mesa County Genealogical Society News



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Calendar for March, April, May 2016

- 4 March Friday** One on One Help Session at **Palisade** Library 2 pm to 4 pm
- 10 March Thursday** Eve Mtg. at Commons 7 pm: DNA Part 3: Larry Eucher will lead a discussion about the Jefferson-Hemings Controversy. Do your own research and come ready to discuss it.
- 23 March Wednesday** Noon Sack Lunch Mtg. at Museum: Heirloom Films presented by Rob Wallace *See article on page 9*
+Public Welcome+
- 1 April Friday** One on One Help Session at **Fruita** Library 1 pm to 3 pm
- 14 April Thursday** Eve Mtg. at The Commons 7 pm: DNA Part 4: Larry Eucher will discuss Richard III and royal genealogy.
- 23 April Saturday** LDS Family History Fair all day: LDS Stake Center on 2881 Orchard Ave.
+Public Welcome **Register at:** www.lds.org/familyhistoryday Click on "Find an Event" Enter Grand Junction" (Register) "You will receive details via your email."
- 27 April Wednesday Noon at Museum:** *Speaker, Share or Webinar**
- 6 May Friday** One on One Help Session at **Main Library** 1 pm to 3 pm
- 12 May Thursday** Eve Mtg. at The Commons 7 pm: DNA Part 5: DNA Test Results taken by society members and Discussion
- 25 May Wednesday** Noon Sack Lunch Mtg. at Museum: Connie Bunte will present DAR and other Lineage Societies.

* Possible archived webinars for future Noon meetings include:

1. "A Guided Tour of Cyndi's List 2.0" by Cyndi Ingle,
2. "Solving Problems with FANs (Family, Associates & Neighbors)" by Beth Foulk,
3. "American Revolution Genealogy" by Beth Foulk,
4. "U.S. Land Records - State Land States" by Mary Hill,
5. "Navigating Naturalization Records" by Lisa Alzo

MESA DWELLERS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've been doing a lot of research lately on my Hanson and Almqvist ancestral lines in preparation for a trip to visit living cousins in Sweden. I've been finding a lot of new information at www.familysearch.org. I go back to this website once a month which allows me to see new records from database images and indexes that were loaded recently. Note that www.familysearch.org is adding new digital images and indexes all the time. You can see the news about which records have been added by going to www.familysearch.org/blog or www.blog.eogn.com where Dick Eastman posts the latest images and indexes that have been added.

For our Thursday evening meetings at The Commons Larry Eucher gave two DNA related presentations in January and February. For the March 10, 2016 evening meeting Larry will lead a discussion about the use of DNA regarding the Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings controversy. If you plan to attend he has asked that you to do some research and come prepared to discuss what you find out about this controversy at the March meeting. Additional DNA related Thursday evening meetings may include Presidential lineages, members sharing their own DNA testing results, and other DNA topics as members show interest.

We just elected our 2016-17 officers in February and I want to thank Stella Ledbetter, Maggie Unfred and Caley Gredig for working on the nominating committee. Also I want to thank Joan Eucher and Carole Moritz for working on the Audit committee.

I am hoping that a member or members will step up and relieve me of my Program chairman duties. Let me know if you want to help coordinate our programs and also if you have any program ideas. Give me your feelings about using any of the Archived Legacy Webinar listed below the upcoming programs. We have a couple members who have volunteered to present programs in the near future on "Non-Population Census Schedules" and "Lineage Societies".

Dennis Jenkins, President
Mesa County Genealogical Society

2016 Officer Elections

Election of the 2016 MCGS officers was held at the business meeting on February 24. The 2016 officers and Board members are:

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

Board Members

Carole Moritz	2014-2015-2016
Kathie Vlahos	2015-2016-2017
Connie Bunte	2016-2017-2018



One on One Help Sessions

These sessions are available to the public as well as the MCGS members. **They are held at rotating Public Libraries (Main, Fruita, Palisade)** If you need help researching, knowing what and where to search next, or just need an ear to help you think through a problem, come to a session. Register for a space on the Mesa County Public Library site:

www.mesacountylibraries.org

*When you register it allows us to know how many **helpers** to have available.*

JUST A REMINDER: MARCH is RENEWAL TIME!

Please use the membership form included in this newsletter to renew for 2016. Registration form is on the last page.



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.



Did You Give Up ? Ted Bainbridge, Ph.D

Did you give up on a research project a long time ago? If you did, consider returning to that project. New resources might be available, longstanding resources might have increased their holdings or indices, or you might now appreciate something you overlooked before.

Consider the search for the parents of William English, who was born in north-central Pennsylvania in 1803. By the time his grandchildren published a family tree in 1932, knowledge of William's parents had disappeared. The local D.A.R. members hunted his parents until 1972 when they gave up, gave me their research file, and wished me good luck. After more than forty additional years of effort I also had made no progress, and gave up.

William's parents remained unknown until 2015.

While working on a different project, I noticed that the 1820 census included an age group for males born 1802 to 1804 only. A search of the entire state for names like English found thirty-three families. Only four of them had people in that age group. Only William English's [sic] family was in north-central Pennsylvania. That family lived in the same township William lived in for thirty or forty years. The other three families lived more than one hundred miles away.

Exploiting that formerly-unappreciated source of information solved an 83-year-old puzzle. So if you gave up on a project long ago, look for some new or improved resources that might help. Also review your sources to see if you overlooked something.

Submitted by Ted Bainbridge, Ph.D. email: 4thecho@gmail.com

Members – Stories - Sharing

The January noon meeting was a member share time. Several members shared their research, family finds, family journals, areas they are researching, research tips, past and future family research trips, and program topic plans.



Keep track of your own things to pass on. . .

Something I did awhile back was organize pictures, documents (baby book records, school mementos, report cards, year books) and started a scrapbook on myself. That was about 9 years ago.

Family members sometimes find things relating to my scrapbook and send on or I run across events that took place during a particular period of time (Reminisce magazine is a good resource as it includes movies, books, news events, popular music, etc) and add these items.

I try to stick to things to things that give a little insight into the major events during my life - so far I've only gone as far as graduation from high school.

Submitted by: Stella Ledbetter

What have you left for your descendants?



One of my interesting ancestors is Nathaniel Burbank born in Walden, VT in 1828. As in every family we would find that many of our ancestors were interesting if only their life experiences had been documented and treasured. Thankfully Nathaniel kept journals of his whaling trips and his Civil War service that were valued by descendents and eventually donated to the Vermont Historical Society. Evidently 1924 my mother inquired about her grandfather's journals from an uncle who responded with a summary of those events and subsequently passed the journals on to her.

An excerpt from Uncle Harvey's letter:

" He (Nathaniel) shipped from New Bedford; the first time in 1848, (age 20), and was at it 3 voyages, of 3 years each, at least. The usual plan was to ship simply enough men to get the whaler to the Azores, ("Western Isles") there take on Portuguese, ("Portygee"), sailors at small pay, run to Honolulu via Cape Horn, there take on Kanakas to make a full working crew thence through Bering Strait and around north of Point Barrow, Alaska for the summer. As the Arctic began to freeze they worked south via Bering Strait to the South Pacific to catch sperm whales during the northern winter. The northern whales were what he called "right whales". A voyage was 3 years, they storing their catch of the first two years at Payti, Peru or Honolulu till they could bring it all home at end of three years. For a time he was in California on leave of absence, in the vicinity of San Francisco to make shingles by splitting redwood, (sepivireus) trees. He was at home in Vermont between voyages. He was first mate during the later part of his time in the whale service.

He left the whale service at the outbreak of Civil War, came home and tried for a Lieutenancy in Co. B of the 15th Vt. John B. Rogers got the Lieutenancy and Grandpa Natt refused to go with the company and went as a substitute for Plynn Bolton who had been drafted. He was in Co. H. 4th Vt for a few months and was transferred to the navy and served as Gunner's Mate on a blockader, the Van Dorn till the close of the war, off Tampa and Pensacola, Florida. He was married in 1862 while at home before he finally enlisted."

After the war Natt returned to his farm in Walden. He and his wife, Huldah Stone Burbank had five sons.

Submitted by: Carol Moritz

I have been researching my family in the Mesa County and Colorado areas. My Dad's family and my husband's family have lived in Mesa County and Colorado since the 1880s.

I am gathering documents about my Dad's family to submit to Colorado Council of Genealogical Society for the "First Families of Colorado Recognition Program".

My research trips are close and I am able to visit and revisit places in the area, since I grew up and am still living in the Grand Junction area.

Working on my research will now extend to the houses, areas, businesses, historical events and relatives still living in the area. I am fortunate to have also become a volunteer at the Loyd Files Library in the Museum of Western Colorado with the Mesa County Historical Society. As an extended project of the society, we are creating an online index of the oral history tapes. In doing so I have found several family member's tapes and others talking about the "old days" in the Grand Junction and Fruita area. I have listened to a few, but the list is ever growing.

I encourage everyone to contact the libraries, museums, genealogical and historical societies in the areas you are researching your families. There is a great amount of knowledge within those groups. They hold many treasures in their collections. Check with libraries for a library card for non-residents, it might give you access to research data bases not available where you live.

Submitted by: Laurie Buniger

February Noon Meeting

At our February 24 noon meeting, we learned about maps and mapping. There are many map collections available for viewing online, most are free to use and others have charges. Below is a list of several sites we learned about.

<http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/lane/maps-atlases>

<http://memory.loc.gov>

www.openstreetmap.org (You can copy maps from this location)

www.historypin.com

www.animaps.com

www.Google.com '<location name> map'

You can make map collections and save them. They also have a view inside some historic buildings.

<http://www.earthpoint.us/TownshipsSearchByDescription.aspx>

A way to "Fly To On Google Earth" using state, Principal Meridian, Township, Range & Section

WELCOME = New Members

Barbara Williamson

Nancy Smith

Sandra Hoefner

Monday Mailbox: Best Kept Genealogy

Search Secret January 11, 2016

Dear Readers,

In response to last week's post, "Monday Mailbox: One Click Search of Acom, FMP, MH from Family Tree," reader "Ann" left a comment worth repeating:

Dear Ancestry Insider,

While I use these logos for searching on FamilySearch, I also use a Chrome extension called RootsSearch, which can search, not only from FamilySearch, but also from:

- * Ancestry
- * BillionGraves
- * FamilySearch
- * Find A Grave
- * findmypast
- * Genealogie Online
- * Open Archives
- * WeRelate



The sites it will search are:

- * American Ancestors
- * Ancestry
- * Archives
- * BillionGraves
- * Chronicling America
- * FamilySearch
- * Find A Grave
- * findmypast.co.uk
- * findmypast.com
- * Fold3
- * Genealogie Online
- * Genealogy Bank
- * Geneanet.org
- * Genealogy Gophers
- * Geni
- * Google
- * Mocavo
- * MyHeritage
- * Newspapers
- * NLA Trove
- * Open Archives
- * USGenWeb
- * WeRelate
- * WikiTree
- * World Vital Records

This is a best kept secret that needs to be shared!! It is not in the FamilySearch App Gallery. For more information,

see <https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/rootssearch/aolcflalbhpnokmimmelebjchjmmgn?hl=en-US>

Signed,
Ann

Thanks for sharing, Ann!

Signed,

---The Ancestry Insider

Posted on: January 11, 2016
Ancestryinsider.org

Genealogy Would Be Easier If...

These are a little tongue-in-cheek. Well, at least some of them. It's also not meant to be complete either and is based upon personal frustrations. Your frustrations may be different.

Genealogy would be easier if:

- Brothers would not marry women who shared the same first and last name before marriage.
- Expand previous rule to state that anyone cannot marry someone with the same first name as the spouse of a sibling.
- Individuals marrying more than once could not have a second spouse with the same first name as their previous spouse.
- All name changes were required to be recorded with a local court.
- Women would not marry men whose last name was the same as their last name before marriage. This does not apply in locations where women keep their maiden name through their entire life as their name is not changing.
- Census takers were paid based upon neatness.
- Illegible handwriting was sufficient to defrock a member of the clergy.
- Use of initials in place of first names was not allowed. Ever.
- No one was allowed to have the same first name as their cousin if it was because their fathers were brothers.
- First names of any two individual children of a couple were not allowed to start with the same two letters. This would prevent couples from naming separate children Lucinda and Lucena. This is confusing.
- States that have towns with the same names as counties within that state must locate those towns within those counties.
- The phrase "permission of parent" was banned from marriage records, licenses, etc. Parents must be named.
- Random people were not allowed to witness documents.

Michael John Neill's Genealogy

Posted on February 1, 2016, updated on February 1, 2016

Website by mjnrootdig

BOOK REVIEW

(Roberts, Cokie. *Capital Dames: The Civil War and the Women of Washington 1848 -- 1868*. New York: HarperCollins, 2015.

If anyone is interested in the women during the time of the Civil War this book stands out as a testament to the courage, tenacity, underhandedness, great intelligence, and guile of several mighty players in the drama that surrounded the devastating near destruction of the young United States of America. It comes with a Cast of Characters which helps one to keep them orderly. The extensive list of NOTES includes over 400 itemized sources. This part of the book in itself is fascinating.

It is easy to follow the development of the Civil War from the mishaps that pushed the first events that developed into a full blown war. President Abraham Lincoln and his wife Mary Todd Lincoln are seen as real people who are at the pivotal point in this tragedy. I strongly recommend it as a, hands on book, also available in audio form.)

Submitted by: Karen McGuirk

This Day in History

MARCH 31, 1776 : ABIGAIL ADAMS URGES HUSBAND TO “REMEMBER THE LADIES”

In a letter dated March 31, 1776, Abigail Adams writes to her husband, John Adams, urging him and the other members of the Continental Congress not to forget about the nation’s women when fighting for America’s independence from Great Britain. The future First Lady wrote in part, “I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation.” Nearly 150 years before the House of Representatives voted to pass the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote, Adams letter was a private first step in the fight for equal rights for women. Recognized and admired as a formidable woman in her own right, the union of Abigail and John Adams persists as a model of mutual respect and affection; they have since been referred to as “America’s first power couple.” Their correspondence of over 1,000 letters written between 1762 and 1801 remains in the Massachusetts Historical Society and continues to give historians a unique perspective on domestic and political life during the revolutionary era. Abigail bore six children, of whom five survived. Abigail and John’s eldest son, John Quincy Adams, served as the sixth president of the United States. Only two women, Abigail Adams and Barbara Bush, have been both wives and mothers of American presidents.

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APRIL 10, 1933 : CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS CREATED

The Civilian Conservation Corps, a tool for employing young men and improving the government’s vast holdings of western land, is created in Washington, D.C.

One of the dozens of New Deal programs created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to fight the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was primarily designed to put thousands of unemployed young men to work on useful public projects. Roosevelt put the program under the direction of his Secretary of Interior, Harold Ickes, who became an enthusiastic supporter.

Since the vast majority of federal public land was in the West, Ickes created most of his CCC projects in that region. The young men who joined, however, came from all over the nation. It was the first time many had left their homes in the densely populated eastern states. Many of them later remembered their time spent in the wide-open spaces of the West with affection, and many later returned to tour the region or become residents.

Participation in the CCC was voluntary, although the various camps often adopted military-like rules of discipline and protocol. Ickes put his CCC “armies” to work on a wide array of conservation projects. Some young men spent their days planting trees in national forests, while others built roads and dams, fought forest fires, or made improvements in national parks like Glacier and Yellowstone. In exchange for their labor, the CCC men received a minimal wage, part of which was automatically sent to their families back home. The program thus provided employment for unskilled young men while simultaneously pumping federal money into the depressed national economy.

The training provided by the CCC proved particularly valuable to the 77,000 Indian and Hispanic youths who worked in the Southwest. Many of these young men left the CCC able to drive and repair large trucks and tractors, skills that proved highly employable during WWII. Likewise, many former CCC enlistees found the transition to life as a WWII soldier eased by their previous experience with military-like discipline.

Despite the rigid regimentation and low pay, the CCC remained popular with both enlistees and the public throughout its history. By the time Congress abolished the agency in 1942, more than two million men had served, making the CCC one of the most successful government training and employment projects in history.

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MAY 22, 1843 : GREAT EMIGRATION DEPARTS FOR OREGON

A massive wagon train, made up of 1,000 settlers and 1,000 head of cattle, sets off down the Oregon Trail from Independence, Missouri. Known as the “Great Emigration,” the expedition came two years after the first modest party of settlers made the long, overland journey to Oregon.

After leaving Independence, the giant wagon train followed the Sante Fe Trail for some 40 miles and then turned northwest to the Platte River, which it followed along its northern route to Fort Laramie, Wyoming. From there, it traveled on to the Rocky Mountains, which it passed through by way of the broad, level South Pass that led to the basin of the Colorado River. The travelers then went southwest to Fort Bridger, northwest across a divide to Fort Hall on the Snake River, and on to Fort Boise, where they gained supplies for the difficult journey over the Blue Mountains and into Oregon. The Great Emigration finally arrived in October, completing the 2,000-mile journey from Independence in five months.

In the next year, four more wagon trains made the journey, and in 1845 the number of emigrants who used the Oregon Trail exceeded 3,000. Travel along the trail gradually declined with the advent of the railroads, and the route was finally abandoned in the 1870s.

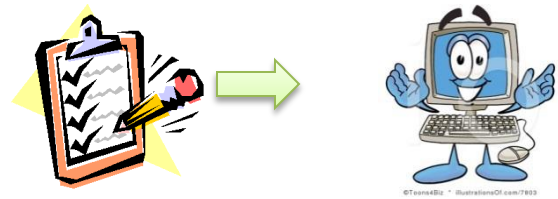
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U. S. 2020 Census Will Be Done by Internet

Dick Eastman · December 11, 2015

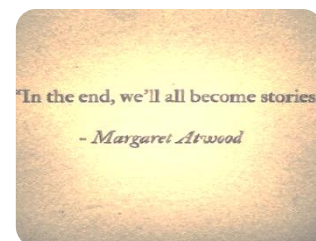
Technology is replacing a lot of things: landline phones, television armoires, pocket pagers, election paper ballots, and now paper census forms. The U.S. Census Bureau expects to use the Internet — plus smart phones and perhaps some other technologies yet to be invented — for the next decennial census, in 2020. Welcome to iCensus2020!

The primary reason for the change is to save money. The 2010 Census cost taxpayers \$96 per household, including the American Community Survey that has now replaced the old long form. The cost of taking the census has more than doubled in two decades, up from \$70 per household in 2000 and \$39 as recently as 1990. The 2020 Census undoubtedly would cost more if it relied on paper forms.

The savings are potentially huge, said Frank Vitrano, associate director for the 2020 Census. “It reduces the cost of printing, the cost of postage and the cost of data capture off paper forms,” he said. “And we see it as more convenient for the public.” Vitrano said other cost-cutting options also are being studied for the 2020 count.

While the decision to move to online census forms has been made, millions of details have yet to be worked out. Final plans are expected to be completed in 2017 or 2018. While the overwhelming majority of Americans now have access to the Internet, manual methods will still be used for the minority who do not have or do not know how to use Internet-based data collection.

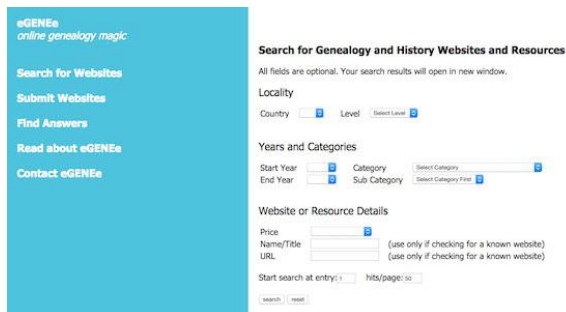
The current version of the Census 2020 Operational Plan may be downloaded from <http://goo.gl/0cd8cT>.



[Use eGENEe to Search for Genealogy and History Websites and Resources](#)

From: Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter Feb 23, 2016 <http://www.eogn.com>

eGENEe is a website containing a catalog of genealogy and history websites. Anita Brubaker, the owner of eGENEe, says she began keeping a list of useful, reliable websites in 2010. It was first a spreadsheet and later became a true database as the number of entries grew. It now has become eGENEe. The web site currently contains more than 150,000 links for US websites, and that number is growing daily. Currently only the United States is available, but there are plans for additional countries in the future.



eGENEe has a user interface that is very easy to use. You can search for web sites by locality, years, categories, name, title, price, URL, or any combination of these factors. Searches can sometimes come up with some obscure resources. For instance, I did a search for my own last name. The results included this newsletter and also the Eastman Dental Center Archives at the University of Rochester Medical Center, Eastman Institute for Oral Health. I doubt if that site has patient records available due to privacy issues but does have information about dentists and other staff members.

In most cases, searching for a surname will not be productive. You can try it but you probably won't find meaningful results. I know that I didn't find anything about my ancestry when searching for a name. However, eGENEe is an excellent tool for finding sources of records. I would suggest searching for the name of the town or county where some of your ancestors lived.

For instance, a search for "Penobscot County, Maine" returned 40 online web sites that have information about that county, including:

- The exodus of the loyalists from Penobscot and the loyalist settlements at Passamaquoddy
- British and Tory marauders on the Penobscot
- Memoir of Col. Jonathan Eddy of Eddington, Me. : with some account of the Eddy family, and of the early settlers on Penobscot River
- The exodus of the loyalists from Penobscot and the loyalist settlements at Passamaquoddy
- History of Castine, Penobscot and Brooksville, Maine : including the ancient settlement of Pentagöet
- The town register, Islesboro, Castine, Penobscot, Brooksville, 1906
- 1882 History of Penobscot County, Maine with illustrations and biographical sketches.

These all are sites that would be difficult to find with a simple Google search.

eGENEe is available at: <http://eGENEe.com>.

Everyone has an Extraordinary Story to Tell

There are stories all around us. We all have a story to share, our grandparents, aunts, uncles, and someone fortunate enough to still have their great grandparents sharing stories. *Join us for the noon program March 23.*

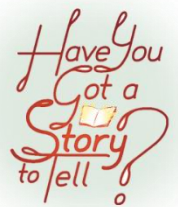
There is a film company here in Grand Junction that makes videos of a person's life story to be shared with family members and generations to come.

What do you want to share with future generations? The video technology available to us today goes beyond hearing stories once, reading an old letter, or getting to visit with relatives on a seldom made trip. You can see and hear them while they share those stories.

You can save the stories by filming an interview with your relatives in a family history project. The filming is in their home with questions selected prior to the interview, allowing them to feel comfortable. They can even add family photos to help tell stories.

A new film company **Heirloom Films**, owned by Rob Wallace of Grand Junction, is now open and producing videos about families wanting to tell their story and share their legacy with the generations to follow. Just imagine looking at your grandmother while she shares stories about her childhood, your father, aunts and uncles. You can hear the chuckle in her voice and see the twinkle in her eyes.

You can visit his website at www.heirloom-films.com or call 628-4000 for more information.



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

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.



This Space Could Be Yours in the June Newsletter.



We always encourage sharing of your own research and family stories at every meeting.



RootsTech, the largest family history event in the world, is the perfect place to discover, preserve, and share your family stories and connections across generations. With a line-up of world-class speakers, thrilling entertainment, over 200 engaging classes, and a huge expo hall, there's something for everyone, no matter the age or skill level.

For a limited time you are able to watch many of their presentations in webinar form, see link below.

<https://www.rootstech.org>

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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 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

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

Board Members

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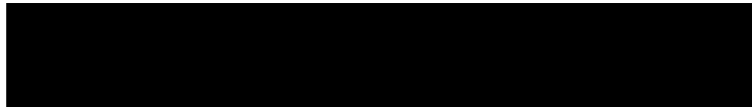
Standing Committee Chairpersons

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Co-Genealogist/Librarian	Kay Oxer
Co-Genealogist/Librarian	Linda Garey
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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).

Remembering Past Members



Ben Walker

January 12, 1935 - January 25, 2016

Ben J. Walker of Grand Junction, CO, passed away Monday, January 25, 2016, at La Villa Grande.

Ben was born in Taylor, Texas, to Bennett and Elsie Langston Walker.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Barbara; sons, Geoffrey (Lora) of Grand Junction, CO, and Keith (Lynn) of Las Vegas, NV, and daughter, Stephanie (Tal) of San Antonio, TX. Ben was a proud grandfather of nine, Ben, Sam, and Grace of Grand Junction; Quinten, Cory, and Brady of San Antonio, TX, and Edie, Elliot, and Phin of Las Vegas, NV. He was preceded in death by his brother, Harold Walker.

Mary Prantil, 73, Denver, died April 1, 2015, at Exempla Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Grand Junction. Inurnment will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

She is survived by one son, Paul.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Special Olympics.

DNA Studies by MCGS



The MCGS will continue to study and discuss DNA research, choices for DNA testing, differences in DNA tests, and family DNA results. After discussion about topics for presentations for the year, DNA was the top interest. Larry Eucher began our studies this year with presentations at the evening meetings of January 14 and continued on February 11. The presentations and discussions included what DNA testing includes and that it provides us with a breakdown of our genetic ethnicity and ongoing lists of DNA matches. New words and phrases were learned, haplogroup, chromosomes, the difference between X and Y chromosomes, genome, genetic genealogy, and several more. We explored the "Blue People Genealogy" from Kentucky.

"Not myth or legend; The Blue People of Kentucky were an isolated enclave of Appalachian people who lived with an embarrassing skin discoloration until a young hematologist took notice and found a solution."

Printed from Archives: Blue People Genealogy

We will continue our DNA studies throughout the spring. The next discussion is on Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in the Hilltop Garden Room at The Commons, 625 27 ½ Road. You are welcome to join us in the discussion. The topic for the evening will be "The Jefferson and Hemings Controversy". *Do your own research and join in the discussion.*

There are many websites explaining the basics and deeper into DNA. A few are listed below:

Family Search <https://www.familytreedna.com/>

Ancestry <http://dna.ancestry.com/learn>

MyHeritage <https://www.myheritage.com/dna-tests>


National Geographic <https://genographic.nationalgeographic.com/>

Family History Fair - April 23

We are looking for ideas and help at the MCGS Vendor table at the Family History Fair. If you are interested in helping or have ideas for what to have at our table this year, you can contact Larry Eucher or Laurie Buniger

See You There!!

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