



Serving Colorado's Western Slope Genealogical Community



Spring is finally on its way! Generally speaking, that means we will be spending more time outside and not doing as much research as we did in our colder months. Hopefully our ancestors understand and will be waiting for our return.

I have truly enjoyed this past year as your president. Yes, there have been many challenges and things (a lot of things actually) that I have had to learn, but those lessons not only helped in my genealogy world but on my daily use on my computer as well. Deciding to become more involved with the society has brought me more joy than frustration. By attending many of our *First Friday Help Sessions* helping others with their research, I have discovered new websites and tricks to locate some elusive ancestors. My research skills have improved and my thinking has become more creative to find my people. One of my greatest joys this past year has been the opportunity to speak with many of you and get to know you on a more personal level. Relationships are vital in any organization, but especially in the field of genealogy, past & present.

I'm looking forward to the Education Series we will be doing this year. It's an opportunity for some "spring cleaning" of my ancestors. When I began this genealogical journey, I didn't have anyone to show me how to properly do my research. Yes, there are steps that should, and must be taken while researching to get the maximum enjoyment and not waste so much time going over and over the same sites, looking for the same ancestors, and expecting different results. This "Do-Over or Go-Over" (DOGO) should be a wonderful experience of doing my research the correct way. Like you, I want to find my people and break down any block walls, but I need my foundation of how I research to be solid; to have a road map that I follow each time to find my family members. I'm hoping that you are excited too. Even though we may be researching different family lines or have a different goal for this series, I hope that you learn something that moves you closer to finding your roots.

MCGS tried a new strategy to promote our organization this past year. The Barnes and Noble Book Fair only brought in a small amount of money, but the exposure we received to the community was our biggest success. We all need to promote our society and invite our friends, associates and neighbors to a meeting, help session or special event. Getting new people involved helps us create a better society by bringing in new thoughts and ideas. I look forward to our new year and working together to improve and grow our society.

I am very happy that Gail Woodmansee was interested in reviving the MCGS Newsletter. I hope you all will find some interesting articles, whimsical thoughts, and fill your calendar with upcoming events. I'm sure Gail would appreciate our support and feedback on the newsletter. And if you have an interesting story about one of your ancestors, why not write about them and share with the group? Happy Hunting - Pam Paxton, President





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(see expanded calendar, page 5, for descriptions & locations)

#### March

Date: Mar 2020

- 12 Evening Program, 7-9pm, Do Over/Go Over Intro
- 25 Brown Bag, Noon DOGO review, RootsTech highlights (Pam)

# **April**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Help-Fruita, 1-3pm
- Evening Program, 7-9pm,DOGO-Best ResearchPractices
- 22 Brown Bag, Noon DOGO-Best Research Practices

## May

- 1 1st Friday Help-Central, 1-3p
- 14 Evening Program, 7-9pm, DOGO-Interviews-What you know
- 27 Brown Bag, Noon DOGO-Interviews-What you know

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# It's 2020 - "See" to it

# **Genealogy Do-Over**



Are you ready to hit the restart button?

Thomas MacEntee's "Genealogy Do-Over" is an exciting method to jumpstart or re-start your genealogy research. If you tend to get bogged down with TMI (Too Much Information), lose focus, find many mistakes that need to be corrected, feel overwhelmed or unorganized, this program will help get you back on track in order to achieve success.

Thomas' approach will create a solid base of goals, procedures and tools to better manage the flood of data.

Where do we begin? His method is to break with our previous research materials and methods in order to achieve success by working smarter with consistent and improved research habits.

# Let's get started!

Thomas MacEntee - Genealogy Do-Over™ Introduction with question/answer session, Karen Sturgill		
Review of Thomas MacEntee webinar with question/answer session & Overview of RootsTech 2020 - Pamela Paxton		
Best Research Practices and Research Plans		
Interviews (What you Know)		
Citing Sources and "Research Toolbox'		
Evaluating Evidence		
Software & Document/Photo Digitizing		
Collateral and Cluster Research Techniques		
Technology in Genealogy Research		
DNA & Genealogy Research		
Education Options		
Sharing your Genealogical Discoveries		

From Thomas MacEntee's Abundant Genealogy website, <u>abundantgenealogy.com</u>, Thomas provides a number of FREE resource links that may assist in your search. Take a minute to review some of his suggestions, forms and helpful tips.

- A Genealogist's Packing List
- Family Story Form
- Family Story Toolbox
- Free Online Genealogy Education Resources
- English Genealogy Resources Guides
- Genealogy and Disasters
- Genealogy Future Proofing Action Plan
- Genealogy Research Checklist
- Genealogy Research Log
- Google for Genealogy Cheat Sheet
- Google Alerts for Genealogy Cheat Sheet
- Google Books for Genealogy Cheat Sheet
- Got Photos? Creating Keepsakes using Family Photos
- How Do I Know What I Don't Know?
- Metadata for Digital Images Cheat Sheet
- State Library Resources for Genealogy
- The Genealogy Superpower of a Name
- The Genealogy Superpower of an Address
- The Genealogy Superpower of an Occupation
- Tools for Translating and Transcribing Genealogy Documents
- Transportation Resources for Genealogical Research
- Using Yearbooks for Genealogy
- World War I Ultimate Guide to Remembrance Weekend Resources



From FamilyHistoryDaily.com



# Spotlight Member

It was with great admiration and appreciation that Laurie Buniger was chosen to be our "Spotlight Member" this issue.

When I asked Pam Paxton if she would like to highlight a society member and, if so, any suggestions? Without hesitation, she said, "Laurie Buniger." I think we can all agree that her kindness, support for MCGS and her many volunteer contributions, make her an outstanding choice. **Thank you Laurie!** 

I sent Laurie a few questions so we can learn a little more about her, her family and her genealogical pursuits.



# ----Laurie Sue (TERRILL) Buniger----

## A little family background -

I was born in Grand Junction at St. Mary's Hospital and am the youngest of 3. I have an older brother and sister. My Dad was born and raised in Grand Junction. His parents were both born in Colorado and moved to Grand Junction when they were young. Why they moved to Grand Junction will be one of my genealogy searches.

My mother is from Wisconsin. Mom and Dad met in La Crosse, Wisconsin when Dad was in the Army and on leave. They married in Wisconsin and moved to Grand Junction in 1949.

I currently live in the same neighborhood that my Dad grew up in since 1926. Mom and Dad bought the house next to his parents (in 1957) and my husband and I bought the house next to Mom and Dad (1976). Ed, my husband, grew up in Fruita, where his dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa lived; another genealogy research project and will be "My Do-Over" project this year. Ed and I have 2 boys - Adam lives in Grand Junction with his family and Kyle works in the Denver area.

## What schools did you attend?

I attended Columbus Elementary, Orchard Mesa Jr. High, and Grand Junction High School.

## What did you do for a living?

I worked for School Dist. 51 beginning in 1973, my senior year, in the office. I worked there until 1983 and then worked at the SD51 Administration Building. In 1984, I started at Columbus Elementary as School Secretary. Columbus Elementary moved to Dos Rios and New Emerson moved into the building; I worked there until I retired in 2014.

# When did you join MCGS and why? How have you been involved in the Society?

I knew when I retired that I wanted to work on family history and volunteer at the Museum of Western Colorado. I heard many stories from my parents about Grand Junction as I grew up and wanted more details. I joined MCGS in 2014 wanting to learn the best way to do Genealogy. Since joining, I have worked on the MCGS newsletter, helped with the Loyd Files Library and am currently MCGS Treasurer.

# Other than genealogy, what are your other hobbies/interests?

When not doing genealogy, I enjoy my 2 granddaughters, camping, crafts, and volunteering at the Loyd Files Library for the Museum.

#### What is your biggest genealogical goal this year?

My biggest genealogical goal is to fill the many gaps in our family history. The Do Over will be a great help, since I jumped around and gathered names, dates, documents, and stories. Now it is time to put all the pieces together, in order, and share with family.

Note: If you would like to nominate a member as the next "Spotlight Member", please contact Pam Paxton.

"I used to have a lot of free time...then I discovered genealogy!"

# **Technology**



# **Printing from the Web**

Ever get on a website, see something you would like to print and put in your notebook? Did you look for the print icon and found there wasn't one, AND, the website won't let you download the image to your computer in order to print it later?

Yeah, me too. Well, there is hope for us all.

On the top row of your keyboard, to the right of the function keys (F1-F12), there is a key labeled 'PrtScn'. When pushed, it **used** to send a copy of the computer screen directly to your printer. "No more", you say, "I've tried it."

True. It doesn't send it directly to the printer but what it DOES do, is send a copy of whatever is visible on your computer screen to your computers "clipboard".

What's a clipboard, you ask? The clipboard is what you use when you 'copy' and 'paste', or 'cut' and 'paste'. Whatever image you copy or cut goes to your clipboard and waits there until you paste it into another program.

There are actually several ways to put images on your clipboard, depending on what you want to save.

- Using 'PrtScn' or 'Ctrl'-'PrtScn' together will put a copy of the entire screen on your clipboard.
- Using 'Alt'-'PrtScn' together will copy only your active window to the clipboard. If you have several windows open at the same time, only the one you're currently working on will be copied.

Next, have your photo editing or software program that handles images open. (Microsoft Word does this) You can now paste your clipboard items. Once your image is "pasted", you can edit, crop to size, rotate, enlarge or shrink it. When you get it looking the way you'd like, save the document with a descriptive file name then print at your leisure.

Previously, I was using a combination of keys – 'Ctrl' and 'PrtScn' together. When I began doing a bit of research for this article I found out that I didn't need to use the 'Ctrl' key, at least on my computer using Windows 10, only the "PrtScn" key. (I am not familiar on how to do this on a Mac).

There you have it - Several ways to copy what's on your computer screen so you can save it then print and include the information in your family files.

Darrell Sartin, Technology

Please contact me if you have suggestions or requests for upcoming computer tech how-to's.

Here are some common characters you might need to use. Press and hold down ALT while typing "130" on the numeric keypad. You must use the numeric keypad to type the numbers, and not the keyboard.

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Alt 147 .....ô

www.lookuptables.com, and Mesa Dwellers.

# **First Friday Help Sessions**

The February 7 Help Session at the Mesa County Library's main branch was a huge success with 7 pre-registered, 8 actual and 9 MCGS members assisting. In Palisade, Mar 6, there were 4 for assistance and 6 members. This is a great program for the community and MCGS. If you would like to help at a session, or need help with your own search, check the *Calendar of Events* for dates and locations. Contact Dennis Jennings if you'd like information on how you can help.











# Calendar of Events

Date	Event/Programs	Time	Location
Mar 12	MCGS-Do Over/Go Over-Introduction, Q&A	7-9pm	Garden Room, The Commons
Mar 12-13	24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon	3рт	www.familytreewebinars.com/24 *FREE
Mar 23	Probate Records (by Joyce Camping)	1230pm	Montrose Genealogy Society
Mar 25	Brown Bag-Do Over/Go Over-Introduction, Q&A Highlights of RootsTech Conference-Pam Paxton	Noon	Museum of Western Colorado
Apr 3	1st Friday Help Sessions	1-3pm	Fruita Public Library
Apr 3-4	Heartland Family History Conference		Topeka KS
Apr 9	MCGS-Do Over/Go Over-Best Research Practices	7-9pm	Garden Room, The Commons
Apr 18	CGS Seminar-Speaker Angie Bush	930-4:30	Denver Public Library
Apr 22	Brown Bag-Do Over/Go Over-Best Research Practices	Noon	Museum of Western Colorado
Apr 27	Itinerant Missionaries in CO (D.Paulson)	1230	Montrose Genealogy Society
May 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Help Session	1-3pm	Central Library
May 14	MCGS-Do Over/Go Over-Interviews – What you know	7-9pm	Garden Room, The Commons
May 20-23	NGS Family History Conference		Salt Lake City, UT
May 27	Brown Bag-Do Over/Go Over-Interviews – What you know	Noon	Museum of Western Colorado
Jun 5	1st Friday Help Session	2-4pm	Palisade Library
Aug 29	CGS Seminar-75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ending of WWII		Denver TBA
Sep 2-5	Federation of Genealogical Societies		Kansas City, MO
Do you have information about an upcoming Genealogy event? Contact Newsletter Editor at mcgspublication@gmail.com			

Have fun with a calendar. Check out <a href="https://www.calendar.com/united-states/observances-2020/">https://www.calendar.com/united-states/observances-2020/</a> for whimsical, amusing and important events celebrated throughout the year. Who knew there was a "National Burrito Day"?

# March

St Patrick's Day
Irish American Month
National Celery Month
Nat'l Women's History Month
Peanut Butter Lover's Day
Old Stuff Day

newsletter

# <u>April</u>

April Fool's Day
Confederate History Month
National Volunteer Month
National Poetry Month
Jazz Appreciation Month
National Burrito Day

# May

Memorial Day
May Day
Mother's Day
Asian Pacific Heritage Month
Mother Goose Day
Kentucky Derby

We'd like to restart the MCGS Newsletter with your help. It will be published quarterly to encourage genealogical pursuits and to communicate with members.

Members are encouraged to submit items, stories or requests to be included in the newsletter. This is a great way to communicate what's happening in your quest. As a group, we can ask questions, present a family story, highlight a trip that included family search or highlight a website that was great or, not-so-great; all can be a part of the newsletter. The opportunities are endless. Please share - it will make this publication personal.

You can email a story mcgspublication@gmail.com, or print and bring to a meeting - just let us know!

We are not responsible for the accuracy of material published, but will gladly print corrections.



# **Education**

**Special Interest Groups** - Do you have more branches in your tree than you can climb? Become part of a special interest group. Tackle those obstacles together and find those elusive family members.

Genealogy and the Computer met and discussed the opportunities a Special Interest Group would provide. Posing questions to the group, relaying difficulties with research and helping each other with computer Tips and Tricks. A follow up meeting has not yet been scheduled. At this time, let Darrell Sartin know your interest and you will be contacted as soon as a date/time has been set.

There are many "mini" groups that can be set up, for example, Eastern European Ancestors, England/Ireland, Military Conflicts and our Ancestors (Revolutionary War, Civil War, etc.). Pass on your suggestions and we will work to facilitate the initial meeting.

# MCGS Library

Have you visited the library lately?
The Mesa County Genealogical
Society Library collections are
housed in the Loyd Files Research
Library on the 2nd floor of the
Museum of the West.

The Loyd Files Library is staffed by Karen Sturgill now and she is looking for volunteers to man the MCGS library area. Hours, Tuesday—Thursday, 10am to 4pm. The library is open to members and non-members.

Stop in to see what's available or to spend time on your research goals.

You will be pleasantly surprised with the information you will find in the quest of your family's history. The entire collection has been indexed by MCGS volunteers and can be found on the MCGS website link.

# Volunteers are <u>always</u> appreciated!

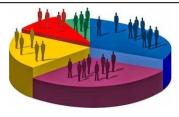
P.S. If you, or anyone you know, have any materials to donate to the library, please contact Connie, Laurie or Stella.



Search over 170 million Irish heritage records **FREE**\*.

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\*Hurry, free access ends 18 Mar 2020. Terms apply.

Take advantage of "Freebies" in your search. We'll try and list as many opportunities as possible.



# US Federal Census and the 72-Year Rule

When the 1940 US Federal Census was released to the public in April 2012, people immediately began asking about the release of the 1950 census.

The NARA, National Archives and Records Administration will release it on April 1, 2022, 72 years after creation.

The 72-year Rule is governed by Public Law 95-416, enacted by Congress in October 1978 and "mandates that ...federal census returns are kept confidential until 72 years after the census to which they pertain."

We have 2 more years to wait for that valuable, information bonanza.

- If the rule remains the same, this years' census won't be available until 2092!
- The 1950 Population census had 20-42 questions and the 1950 Housing census had 26.
- The 2020, only 12!

# **Education and References**



# What's New Online (update Feb 5, 2020)

(You can use the following form as a checklist in your research)

Check it out. There might be something to help you up and over that brick wall...

$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	Ancestry	
	1800s- Current	Find a Grave - Sweden, Norway, Mexico, Italy
	1600s-Current	Find a Grave - US, Germany
	1300s-Current	Find a Grave - UK and Ireland
	1800-2007	Find a Grave - New Zealand Cemetery Records
<b>V</b>	Heritage Ques	<del>1</del>
	1851-1916	Canadian Census Collection
	1001 1010	Birth, Baptism, Marriage, Death & Census Records - US, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Central & South America, Caribbean, Africa and Asia
		Cemetery Indexes for the US, Canada, UK & Ireland, Australia & New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Mexico, Germany, Italy, Brazil and Global Burials at Sea
	1800-1900 (NARA M804)	US Revolutionary War Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files
	1861-1865	US Records of Confederate Prisoners of War
	1887-1942	US Remarried Widows Index to Pension Applications
	1809-1958	Colombia Military Records
	1830-1918	Traunstein Bavaria Military Records
		Louisiana War of 1812 Pension Lists
	1807-1929	Netherland Army Service Records
	1855-1891	US Naval Enlistment Rendezvous
		Immigration and Naturalization Records are included from selected US states, Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Dominican Republic, Indonesia
	1950-1993	Social Security Death Index (SSDI)  US Public Records Volumes 1-2 contains a compilation of 800 million various public records spanning all 50 US states
	1840-2000	Map and Photo collection with 7 million names identified and 600,000 images from the Library of Congress Photo Collection
	1790-1940	US Federal Census records
	1850 & 1860	US Federal Census Slave Schedules
	1890	Veterans Schedule
	1850-1880	Selected US Federal Census Non-Population Schedules
	1940	US Enumeration District Maps and Descriptions
	1880	US Federal Census-Schedules of Defective, Dependent & Delinquent Classes
	1850-1885	US Federal Census Mortality Schedules
	1888-1895	US Special Census on Deaf Family Marriages and Hearing Relatives
	1885-1940	US Indian Census Rolls



# Websites worth a peek and more...

- cocouncil.org, CO Council of Genealogy Societies
- cogensoc.us, CO Genealogical Society
- usgs.gov
- familyhistorydaily.com
- abundantgenealogy.com
- genealogygems.com
- fhtl.byu.edu



# What is a Genealogist?

A full-time detective,

A thorough historian,

An inveterate snoop,

A confirmed diplomat,

A keen observer,

A hardened skeptic,

An apt biographer,

A qualified linguist,

A part-time lawyer,

A studious sociologist,

An accurate reporter,

A hieroglyphics expert,

AND...

A complete nut!

-- Author Unknown



# Get to know our Members - Get Involved!

# CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER...

Elections took place on Wednesday, February 26 and we would like to congratulate the following members:

# Your 2020 Elected Officials

- President, Pam Paxton
- Vice President, Brenda Sabo
- Secretary, Ingrid Sartin
- Treasurer, Laurie Buniger

(Photo in the next issue)

## Board of Directors - 2020

- Karen McGuirk
- Stella Ledbetter
- Darrel Sartin

#### Committees - 2020

- · Historian, Ingrid Sartin
- Program Director, VACANT
- Membership/Outreach, VACANT
- Newsletter, Gail Woodmansee
- Parliamentarian, VACANT
- Research Director, Darrell Sartin
- Librarian, Karen Sturgill
- Webmaster, Karen Sturgill



# THANK YOU to our 2019 Elected Officials

L to R: Karen Sturgill, Ingrid Sartin, Pam Paxton, Laurie Buniger

We couldn't do it without our volunteers!!

# **Volunteer Opportunities**

- ✓ First Friday Help Sessions
- ✓ MCGS Library
- ✓ Transcription of Obituaries
- ✓ Special Interest Group Coord
- ✓ Program Production
- ✓ Newsletter/Journal
- ✓ Membership

# Your MCGS Membership...

With your membership, you can make things happen! YOU and your member dues are the lifeblood of this society. Since its inception 40 years ago, many members have learned the best practices when searching for family members while helping each other and non-members in the community. Wonderful friendships have formed. Whether you are a beginner or experienced genealogist or the family historian, you are an important part of our society.

Our first objective is to promote an interest in genealogy. The MCGS strives to encourage and instruct members and the local community in proper techniques, and maintain quality standards when doing their genealogical research.

Colorado ancestry or residency is not a requirement of membership.

#### Membership in the MCGS includes:

- \* Meetings (held twice a month) feature presentations, webinars and educational programs on a wide variety of subjects
- \* Free admission to the Mesa County Genealogical Society Library (Loyd Files Research Library-Museum of the West)
- \* Subscription to our Quarterly Newsletter with the automatic addition of your email address for news and events
- \* Free Participation in any MCGS interest groups
- \* Access to "Members Only" area of the MCG website, including past issues of newsletters, webinar and program presentations
- ★ Voice and vote at all MCGS membership meetings and elections
- \* Enjoy the company of like-minded individuals who have a passion for family, history and a "good puzzle"
- ★ The MCGS membership is 1 year-- March 1 through February 28.

# Membership 2020 (as of 3/1/20)

Current Individual 31

Current Family 8

Annual MCGS Memberships dues were raised (not since 1980) to \$20/individual and \$25/family.

Thank you to all who have renewed your 2020 memberships.

We are excited to get started on our program and hope you are too!



## **Year End Financials**

Mar 1, 2019 \$1968.22 Income \$1611.67 Disbursements \$1088.31 Feb 29, 2020 \$2491.58 Gwen Brown was
the lucky winner
in our February
Door Prize
drawing!
Congratulations!

# Special Events, Recipes



If you missed it, Gwen Brown gave a wonderful presentation on her 20 years of quilting. Gwen inherited her love of quilts and quilting from her mother, Ceola McDonough and displayed beautiful examples.

Gwen explained that quilts have always been useful in our culture. They were used for warmth, as gifts and during the Civil War, quilts were used as "signals" to the Underground Railroad notifying slaves of dangers ahead or safe hiding places.

Quilts can share a family story. They did not always have intricate designs. Some of the more ornate quilts were a result of someone possibly with a little more disposable income. Even if a family did not have a lot of money, quilts were made for special occasions such as marriages, births, etc.

# Gwen displayed

- 1930's quilt (pink, blue, green) checkered pattern
- The postage stamp guilt, was started around 1930 and completed in 1982
- The Kansas Sunflower quilt is from around 1920
- The Double Wedding Ring quilt is from the 1940's
- The Sunbonnet Sue is from the 1930's

If you are working on a quilt or have one from your family, it would be helpful to add identifying information such as 1) Who made the quilt, 2) Approximately when the quilt was made, 3) Who it was made for, and 4) Why was it made (special event, birth, marriage, etc).

Gwen and Ceola are part of a group that create quilts for cancer patients. So far, 2206 cancer quilts have been created and donated to aid those going through a difficult time! There is no doubt that they are loved and appreciated.

Gwen's advice when it comes to quilts, "Use your quilts, enjoy them!"



# **Recipe Corner**

You will love this fresh, St. Patrick's Day favorite, <u>Irish Soda Bread</u> recipe. It's fresh, delicious, and easy to prepare!

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 cup raisins or dried currants
- 3/4 cup buttermilk

# INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a small cookie sheet.
- In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Cut in butter with a fork (or with your fingers) until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in raisins and buttermilk until the dough is evenly moistened.
- Turn dough out onto a lightly-floured surface and knead gently until smooth. Shape into a 6-inch ball, place on a cookie sheet. With a sharp knife, cut a 1/4-inch deep cross on top of the dough.
- Bake 30-40 minutes, or until dough is just cooked through and the top is a light golden brown.



# White Chocolate Easter Egg Candy

Candy making can be easy! Have kids help roll the candies in sprinkles, colored sugar or jimmies.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 package (10 to 12 ounces) white baking chips
- 3 ounces cream cheese, cubed
- 1 teaspoon water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Colored sprinkles, colored sugar and/or jimmies

## INSTRUCTIONS

 In a microwave-safe bowl, melt the chips at 50% power. Add the cream cheese, water and vanilla; stir until blended. Chill until easy to handle, about 1 hour. Quickly shape into 1-1/4-in. eggs. Roll in sprinkles, colored sugar or jimmies. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Total Time - Prep: 30 min. + chilling; Makes about 2 dozen (1-1/2 pounds). Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Tasteofhome.com

# **Blasts from the Past...Do You Remember?**



How babies traveled on airplanes in the 1960's



Vintage Swanson ad featuring a variety of frozen dinners you can eat while watching TV

Come visit us!

We meet monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7pm,

The Commons, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday,

12 noon, Museum Of Western Colorado

A look back...It's been 40 Years since the MCGS was founded. Take a look at what was happening in 1980...

Thank you to our founding members: Patricia Allen, Virginia Beroni, Betty Buffington, Alice Devine, Miles Devine, Bernice Finch, Bonnie Handy, Marlene Hardesty, Pamela Hatch, Billie Hobart, Dana Ann Howell, Emma Lou Hurt, Dorothy Inscho, Marteal Johnson, Donna Martin, Ellen McClair, Billie Richardson, Charles Richardson, Ralph Sparks Jr, Alice Spengler, Barbara Starr, Burl Starr, Imogene L Wiley, Donna Young

#### Nationally:

- ★ Mount St. Helens erupts
- ♦ Post It Notes debut
- The Rubik's Cube and the PacMan arcade game are released
- Millions of viewers tuned in to watch the "Dallas" episode - "Who shot J.R.?"
- Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back, Superman II, Nine to Five, Raging Bull & Coal Miner's Daughter are released
- \* "Miracle on Ice" US Hockey Team beat the Soviet Union, then Finland, to take the gold medal
- Ronald Reagan is nominated for president in July and beats Jimmy Carter in a landslide
- ★ John Lennon was shot and killed
- ★ Dow Jones at 963; Interest Rates 21.50%
- ★ Average cost of new home \$68,700
- ★ Average income \$19,500/year
- ★ Gallon of Gas \$1.19 and a new car \$7,200

Mesa County: Population 81,530; Grand Junction 28,144

# From the Daily Sentinel "Year in Review", Dec. 28, 1980:

- ★ Mesa Mall opens
- \* About 100 employees of Gary Refining Co west of Fruita went on strike
- ★ The 'Exorcist' showing sparks GJ protest
- \* Ronald Reagan visits GJ & gives speech to 2000 at Walker Field
- School bond supporters devised a campaign slogan for the upcoming election "Our kids are worth a dime a dayvote Yes"
- ★ 'Parachute' replaces town of Grand Valley
- Money raised to buy and restore property for what is now Cross Orchards Living History Museum

What was happening in your family 40 years ago?

# **Bits and Pieces**





MCGS Memberships



Easy money. You can designate MCGS as the recipient of a donation from AmazonSmile. When you purchase a qualifying item using the AmazonSmile website, a portion will be donated to our organization. Every little bit helps.

It's FREE to sign up, so do it today and help our society.

## Fun Facts:

Mesa County includes the towns of Clifton, Collbran, DeBeque, Fruita, Gateway, Glade Park, Grand Junction, Loma, Mack, Mesa, Molina, Palisade and Whitewater.

Mesa County is 3,309 square miles which is larger than the entire state of Delaware at only 2489 square miles!





Fun Facts: Like "Where's Waldo", do you know where this picture was taken

Answer: "Girl on Bike" Hower, 4" and Main, "Girl on Bike"

Fun Facts: The first known civilization in Grand Junction was here in 200 A.D. and known as the Fremont.

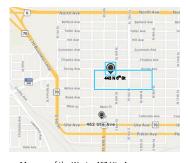
The city Grand Junction has the name because of the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers that intersect.



Famous quote that applies (all too often) to questionable genealogy: "Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please."

—Mark Twain

# -- Facility Locations --



Museum of the West, 462 Ute Ave Mesa County Public Library, 443 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street



Palisade Public Library, 119 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street



The Commons, Garden Room, 625 27 ½ Road



Fruita Public Library 324 N Coulson

# **Surname Research/Networking**

**NETWORKING for SOLUTIONS**: Surname Searches are key to locating and connecting with other family members or network with those that are searching the same geographical area. MCGS members can identify names and locations that they would like to share. Listing "Brick walls", "Date Ranges" and "Area of Expertise" can have a positive impact on your search. Fill out the form below and your information will be added to the MCGS website.

Mesa County Genealogical Society = SURNAME Research  Who are you looking for and where? If you would like your SURNAME research included on the society's map and in the quarterly newsletter, please complete the information below and turn in at an evening or noon meeting. You callso submit it online to <a href="mailto:gjgeney@gmail.com">gjgeney@gmail.com</a> . You will then get an assigned member number for privacy.				
Researcher	#			
SURNAMES	BRICKWALL AREA(s)	DATE RANGES	AREA OF EXPERTISE	
I would like to help with (circle):	Research Queries Classes	Presentations Com	munity Activities	

Notes: (Use back if needed)

Member Name	Brickwall Area	Date Ranges	Surnames	Area of Expertise
Marilyn Grafe	Pennsylvania, England, Ireland	1700's	Coad, Finley	
Donna Jackson	New Jersey, Ireland	1700's, 1800's	Springer, Prickett, Healy	
Dennis Jenkins	Kentucky, New York	1800-1830, pre 1800	Clemans, Jenkins	Minnesota, Wisconsin, Germany, Sweden
Mary Kronvall	Pennsylvania, Virginia	1700-1800's	Kincaid/Johns, Cartmell/Van Meter	Early New England
Stella Ledbetter	Carrol Co., Maryland, Wisconsin, San Miguel Co., New Mexico	1760's, 1850's	Baum, Rankin, Martinez	Lafayette Co., Wisconsin, New Mexico
Sally Moore	Kentucky, Wayne and Cabell Co., Virginia, Alabama	1700-1860	Roberts, Bowden/Hunt	
Amy Provstgaard	Michigan, Wyoming, Colorado, Denmark	Multiple Dates	Daniel, Skellenger, Cook, Stebbins	Wyoming, Colorado
Ingrid Sartin	Burgenland, Austria; Vas, Hungary	Pre 1800	Schneider, Duld, Haftl, Reishl	Burgenland, Austria; Vas, Hungary; Brno, Czech Republic
Sue Shea	Leadville, Colorado; Ireland		O'Neal, Shea, Ryan, Sidebottom	Ireland, England
Karen Sturgill	Hickman Co., Tennessee; Brown Co., Wisconsin; Floyd Co., Kentucky; Les Alpes, France	1790-1820; 1795-18??; 1870's; 1800's	Morrison/Griggs; Gervais/Qa_Quo_Se_Ne; Sturgill/Hall; Faure- Brac/Cot	NW Arkansas (1830- 1900), Cerro Gordo and Mitchell Co., Iowa 1850-1900

