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### Message from the CGHS President...

Welcome to the new digital version of our newsletter. Original research and stories are always welcome from our members so please consider letting us know what you are doing, ideas you may have for newsletter articles, stories you want to share, and any major breakthroughs you may have accomplished. All feedback is welcome!

Judy Engelhart  
CGH&S President

### A Big "Thank You" to Wanda...

*To Wanda Wade for her many years of producing a wonderful newsletter for the Society. We appreciate her contributions and efforts and offer a big heartfelt "Thank You" for all she has done to keep the members in touch and informed. It will be difficult to fill her shoes!*



### Upcoming Events:

February 12, 2013  
6:00-8:30 p.m.  
"My Family Came From Norway," CGHS Meeting & Program-Sunflower Room, Laramie County Library  
[www.cghswyoming.org](http://www.cghswyoming.org)

March 12, 2013  
6:00-8:30 p.m.  
"Somebody in My Tree is Irish!" CGHS Meeting & Program-Sunflower Room, Laramie County Library

March 21-23, 2013  
RootsTech-Salt Lake City, Utah  
<http://rootstech.org/>

April 8-12, 2013  
Family History Library Retreat-Salt Lake City, Utah  
[www.familyhistoryexpo.com](http://www.familyhistoryexpo.com)

May 8-11, 2013  
National Genealogical Society Family History Conference-Las Vegas, Nevada  
[www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference\\_info](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info)

## Policy Change for Patrons Requesting Photocopies From the Family History Library

Please note the following **change in the policy** for patrons who are requesting copies from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. All requests for information copied from films, book pages, CDs, marriage, death or birth certificates, wills and/or deeds, etc. will be copied in digital format and emailed to patrons in a zipped PDF or JPG file format. There is no

charge for this service if they are able to email the information. If a patron does not have an email address, they can mail the information using the US Postal Service. However, as much as possible, they will rely on emailing all requests for information through the Internet. If patrons do not own a computer or do not have an email address, they can request to have the infor-

mation emailed to their local Family History Center, where they can print the information at the center. Patrons should request copies by emailing their request to [Photoduplication@familysearch.org](mailto:Photoduplication@familysearch.org).

*See the FamilySearch Blog/Family History Library for details on the information that should be included to make such a request.*

### NEWSLETTER NOTE:

This digital newsletter begins Volume 10, Issue 1. Volume 9, Issue 4 (April 2012) was the last previous issue published.

## 13 Easy Genealogy Resolutions You Can Make and Keep

*Adapted from an article by Lisa Alzo, guest blogger for Legacy News*

The New Year often prompts us to make resolutions (I prefer to use "set goals"). If you're looking to improve your genealogical research and writing skills in the New Year, here are 13 (for 2013) easy resolutions you can make and keep!

**1. Make a plan.** Do your past research habits include just randomly typing names into online databases, or Googling an ancestor's surname? Then it may be time to change them. Develop a Research Plan to focus your research tasks and keep a research log to track your searches.

**2. Clean up your family tree.** As genealogists, it's useful to review our family trees for incomplete or incorrect data that can impede future research success.

**3. Tidy your sources.** Slacking off on those proper source citations? The New Year is the perfect time to remedy this bad habit. Learn how with resources available at the Laramie County Library or online.

**4. Back up your data.** Start the year off right by backing up your family tree, digital images, and critical research documents. Make an appointment to do this regularly.

**5. Contact those cousins!** You never know who holds the missing pieces of your family history puzzle. Social media makes it easier than ever to reach

out to relatives and find family—do it before it's too late!

**6. Record family stories.** This year, go beyond the "name gathering" and dig deeper to learn answers to the "Why?" questions. Using an app like [Saving Memories Forever](#) makes it easy.

**7. Scan those photographs!** In 2012, we were sadly reminded that disasters happen and how painful it is to lose precious family photographs. Learn how to scan and preserve them with a copy of [Digital Imaging Essentials](#) by Geoff Rasmussen.

**8. Join a genealogical/historical society at home and also in the location you are researching.** Not everything is online. These organizations offer untapped resources and networking opportunities. Check with CGHS or the Federation of Genealogical Societies or use Google to find the ones you need.

**9. Explore a new resource.** Using the same databases over and over? Learn about new resources and techniques for finding female ancestors, using land & property records, site-specific genealogy, and so much more in libraries, research centers, online and with digital resources available from sponsored or commercial sites.

**10. Attend a conference.** Whether it's your local society's seminars and programs, or a national conference—try to make at least one 2013 event. Check [Conference Keepers](#) for a list. Can't leave home? There are lots

of live streaming events, podcasts and archived webinars—see #13 below.

**11. Attack a brick wall.** Dedicate 2013 to defining a brick wall research problem and make plans to attack it head on. Get help from printed and online resources or visit your local library's Genealogy and Family History Room.

**12. Publish your research.** Take your research beyond the "boxes and lines" and considering sharing your findings in a blog or a book.

**13. Learn something new.** There are so many opportunities to expand your knowledge. For example, Legacy's Family Tree has more than 40 classes from genealogy's leading educators, and FamilySearch has a long list of online training videos on beginning to advanced topics. With hundreds of hours of free and paid genealogy education, there's no excuse not to improve your knowledge or skills.

**Check out these sites for archived and live Webinar events and educational help...**

[RootsTech](#), [Legacy](#), [Shopfamilytree](#), [Familytreeuniversity.com](#), [Ancestry.com](#), [GeneaWebinars](#), [DearMYRTLE](#), [RootsMagic Webinars](#), [Cyndislist.com/education/](#), [FamilySearch](#) and [youtube.com](#)  
(search word—genealogy)

*Here's to an abundance of genealogical successes in 2013!*

## Genealogy News You Can Use...

### War of 1812 Records

The [Illinois State Genealogical Society](#) has raised more than \$40,000 during its War of 1812 Pension Match Challenge. ISGS announced its \$10,000 War of 1812 Pension Match Challenge on June 18, the 200th anniversary of the declaration of the War of 1812, and committed to matching any contribution up to the first \$10,000 made to the project. Ancestry.com announced that it would also match all monies donated during the campaign, resulting in contributions being quadrupled. The money will be donated to the [Preserve the Pensions](#) effort, resulting in 88,888 additional pages of the War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files being digitized over the next few months. The campaign, sponsored by the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Ancestry.com, Fold3 and the National Archives, hopes to raise more than \$3.7 million to digitize all of the pension files currently stored in the National Archives and make them freely available online.

### Family Search Additions

[FamilySearch](#) has recently added an additional 38.5 million new, free indexed records and images to its collection. Notable additions include the 6,095,759 indexed records in the new United States World War II Army Enlistment Records collection, the 4,068,907 indexed records for the new United States Germans to America Index from 1850-1897, the 2,922,943 added to the England and Wales Census of 1871, and the 2,608,645 added to the Denmark Estate Records collection from 1436-1964. Other new searchable collections online were added for Brazil, China, England, Ireland, Italy, Russia, Spain, and the United States.

### What's New on CyndisList

*The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration - Requesting Copies of Older Military Service Records*—Information on how to request copies of older (pre-WWI) military service records from the series held at NARA in Washington, D.C. Those include the following. Volunteers: Military service performed by persons serving during an emergency and whose service was considered to be in the Federal interest, 1775 - 1902. Regular Army: Enlisted personnel, 1789 - October 31, 1912; Officers, 1789 - June 30, 1917. Navy: Enlisted personnel, 1798 - 1885; Officers, 1798 - 1902. Marine Corps: Enlisted personnel, 1798 - 1904; Some officers, 1798 - 1895. Coast Guard: Persons who served in predecessor agencies to the U.S. Coast Guard: the Revenue Cutter Service (Revenue Marine), the Life-Saving Service, and the Lighthouse Service, 1791 - 1919. Confederate States: Persons who rendered military service for the Confederate States government in its armed forces, 1861 - 1865. Veterans Records: Claims files for pensions based on Federal military service, 1775 - 1916 and bounty land warrant application files relating to claims based on wartime service, 1775 - 1855 <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/pre-ww-1-records.html>

### New Google Book

*American Marriage Laws in Their Social Aspects*—A digest by Fred Smith Hall, Elisabeth W. Brooke, published 1919. Includes a breakdown of marriage laws by topic and by state. <http://books.google.com/books?id=kIMiAAAAMAAJ>

### Find My Past Adds Newspapers

Findmypast.com, an international leader in online family history, recently announced the addition of more than 6 million pages from [British newspapers](#), including original images, to its extensive historical records collection. The British newspapers include local and regional titles from England, Scotland and Wales from 1700 to 1950, and encompass nearly 200 titles. The British newspapers are part of an exclusive partnership with the British Library to digitize 50 million pages over the next 10 years. With this new addition, [findmypast.com](#) World Subscribers will have access to all of the records and articles they need to research their family tree in one website. Throughout the next 10 years, approximately 8,000 new pages will be digitized every day and every new addition will be included in existing subscriptions.

### "Family History Daily" Has Launched

Family History Daily is bringing together family historians from many backgrounds to showcase genealogical stories, research, help and resources on a wide range of topics. The site features helpful articles, expert advice, interviews and personal stories that bring attention to the diversity of family history knowledge and resources available online. The first articles include *Family History Begins at the End of Your Comfort Zone* from Geneabloggers founder Thomas MacEntee, *an interview with National Genealogical Society President Jordan Jones* and a giveaway from Findmypast.com. Visit the site to find out how to contribute an article or become a regular blogger. You can read the *Family History Daily* free of charge at <http://familyhistorydaily.com/>.

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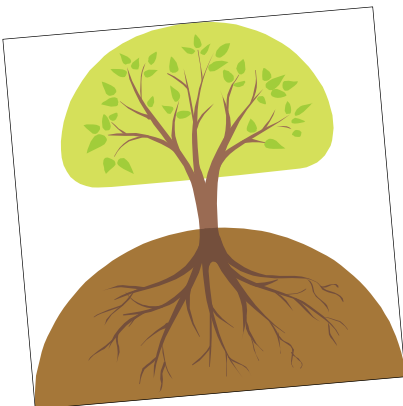
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The Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society welcomes these new members who have joined the organization in the last several months.

- Kay Jessen
- Frank & Donna Cross
- Gloria Milmont
- Jeanette Hursman



**Earlybird Registration for RootsTech  
Conference Ends 15 Feb 2013**

FamilySearch invites you to attend the 3rd annual Roots'-Tech—Family History and Technology Conference to be held on March 21-23, 2013 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Conference will provide 250 informative classes and hands-on workshops to help you learn about the latest technology to get started or accelerate your efforts to **find, organize, preserve** and **share** your family's connections, stories, and history. Come prepared to experience world-class content from speakers from all over the country, an exciting exhibitor hall featuring nearly 100 vendors and service providers, and great keynote presentations. Register today!

**Early bird pricing for the conference  
expires on February 15, 2013.**



**Check Out the New On-line Resources for  
Genealogists at the Laramie County Library**

A subscription to **Findmypast.co.uk** has been provided to Special Collections at the Laramie County Library by the Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society on a one-year trial basis. Findmypast is an international leader in online family history research and digital records with a long company history of expertise in the genealogy field. Findmypast provides vital records for the United Kingdom, Ireland, Wales and Scotland as well as census, immigration, military and land records. Available on the computers at the library site, several people can search at once, but only one person can access actual records at a time. If the Library and the CGHS determine that the site is well-used and valuable, they will consider a renewed subscription.

**Public family trees** have been added to Ancestry Library Edition. They are accessible to patrons as "read-only trees." Library users can submit anonymous comments, but cannot make updates to the trees or upload new data. Personalized tools and features, such as the shaky leaves, are not available in the Library Edition. ProQuest, maker of ALE, is currently updating the product information and training materials. Also recently added to Ancestry Library Edition is the **city directory collection** that's currently found on Ancestry.com. This has been a popular request and Ancestry is pleased to now offer the collection in the Library Edition. This includes the Gale city directories, as well as directories from many other sources.