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Past - President's Message May 2011

By: Wendy Douglass

A big "Thank You" to members of the Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society for the last two years of support. As outgoing president of CGHS, I want to thank each of you for your contributions toward furthering the goals and creating the accomplishments of this Society. It has been a pleasure to get to know members and participate in the great activities that this organization supports and sponsors.

We have accomplished much, and I especially want to thank those officers and committee chairs who quietly go about the contributions they provide to keep this Society moving ahead. There are the treasurer's duties—paying bills, keeping track of membership dues, providing financial reports, creating and filing government documents; the secretary's duties—keeping minutes, sending and managing correspondence; the vice president's duties—planning and booking monthly educational programs and organizing special events. There are the duties of creating newsletters, updating and publishing the directory, managing the Website, keeping members informed and contacted, selecting and purchasing books and resources for the Family History Room, conducting and playing out the summer Cemetery Walks, planning & organizing the banquet, bringing refreshments, giving tours and providing support for researchers and groups visiting the Library, setting up displays to promote interest in the Society, indexing and cataloging vital records, offering research support to incoming queries, giving up personal time to volunteer in the library genealogy room, auditing financial records, updating bylaws, contacting and nominating new officers, keeping historical records, writing and distributing publicity and all the other myriad of activities that so many people provide.

It takes each member making a contribution to enable an organization to function and thrive. Please offer your support to your new team of officers and committee members as we move ahead to our new year. Have a great summer and happy researching!

Wendy

President's Message May 2011

By: Judy Engelhart

Today as I was browsing the news I came across an article about how overuse of the Internet can cause an inability to concentrate in normally intelligent people. Of course, I had to step back and look at my own possible "addiction" and have made the decision that my intelligence and concentration are intact. My bet is that yours is as well! Genealogists have incredible amounts of information to gather online, but (and it is a big but) we are still required to access the value of what we are reading and whether it pertains to our particular family group or area of interest. We also still need to actually read *real* books even though some may be online!

So, with this all in mind I encourage everyone to check out the following newsletters:

news@legacyfamilytree.com

Even a non-Legacy person can get great information!

dailygenealogist@nehgs.org

New England Historical Society, a granddaddy to all!

Leland@familyroospublishing.com

An absolutely wonderful source of new websites!

I would like to thank my fellow genealogy society members for passing these on and have had to create a folder just in case I need to refer to them! It is impossible to keep up with the new information available and we are indebted to those who gather it in one place. I am sure you have your own favorites and encourage you to forward them to me.

This past year has been fun and I look forward to our Cemetery Walk in July and our upcoming Family History Month day in October. Details will be sent out and I encourage you all to keep your genealogy research going strong and be ready to report on it in September (online or in person!).

Judy Engelhart
President

Meet the Cheyenne Genealogical Society's New Officers

- when did you join the Society?
- when & how did you get interested in genealogy; what prompted you to do your family history?
- what countries or states are you researching?
- what do you like best about the CGHS?
- any other comments as an incoming officer?

Judy Engelhart, President

I joined CGHS when I moved to Cheyenne in 2006. I knew about the society from my time in Wyoming and it was a very positive part of our coming here. I enjoy getting together with like-minded people...who else listens to your family story without their eyes glazing over! My favorite part so far is being part of the board. I also enjoy Wanda's newsletter. I have one minor Wyoming connection in my mother's family, but it is more to do with telling the complete story of my grandfather's life than being a thread to send me all over the state. Because of the society I have started volunteering at the Wyoming State Archives to help others find their families. My states of interest are North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado. I have learned so much about the United States and across the pond, I am currently working on Ireland and checking out her history. I think that it will be fun to be President and to work with the board and members to continue to discover our heritages and promote this wonderful society.

Virginia Walters, Vice President

I have always wanted to know where I came from when I was a youngster. My mom told me I had five different nationalities from my past. Four came from Europe and one was already in the United States (Indian). But because I didn't know how to find my ancestor at that time, I just kept it in the back of my mind for future knowledge. What got me started was when my cousin from Littleton, Colorado asked me to help her with my mom's side of the family with pictures, letters and documents that I might have from her. My cousin said the Colorado Historical Society wanted to find homesteader information prior to 1899. This would include my great-grandparents since they came from Pennsylvania and homesteaded near the Littleton and Englewood areas before 1899. With these questions my research began. My cousin had

signed up with Ancestry.com and said I could use it for my tree and that's how I got hooked on looking up my family. I hope to live up to what you have elected me to do as Vice President in the Society.

Elaine Hayes, Secretary

I joined the society shortly after becoming the Genealogy Specialist at Laramie County Library. I think this was 2004. I wasn't particularly interested in genealogy before I took the position but I've always liked history and research and learning new things so I was up for the challenge. I began doing my own genealogy to learn how to teach others to do genealogy and was quickly hooked. I'm a German, Scots-Irish, Welsh, French-Canadian, Swedish American. I've done research mainly in Kansas and Pennsylvania, with a smidgen in Missouri and Mississippi. Out of the U.S., I've done research in Germany, Wales, Scotland and Quebec (virtually of course, I've only been to Quebec in person, not alas to Europe). I like CGHS because of the help and fellowship I receive from other genealogists and learning things from the wonderful speakers the society brings in. Also the price is right! I am excited to join the other officers of the CGHS and hope that as your new secretary I can somehow help to make your experience as a CGHS member richer and more fulfilling.

Calvin Truax, Treasurer

I do not remember when I joined the society, but probably around 1995. I first really started doing genealogy in 1965 when I moved to Cheyenne. The Church gave me an assignment of teaching genealogy which meant I had to learn myself so I could teach the program. I had some information which was just sketchy about my surname ancestors. This was the starting point from which I took off. I first found that at that time a lot of the source material locally was in the State Library which was only open during working hours, so much of my research was done by ordering microfilm. I complained to an assistant Attorney General who also was researching his family. He worked on various people and got the genealogy collection in the State Library moved to the County Library which opened up a lot of material for research after business hours. I was able to get a lot more done. I am currently working on New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Canada and Scotland. I enjoy the Genealogical and Historical Society programs and the continuing acquiring of new material.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Submitted by Judy Engelhart

Five Ways to Use City Directories

These city directory strategies are from the Family Tree University Course [Exploring City Directories: How to Trace Your Family in Yesterday's Yellow Pages](#). The next session starts Monday, May 9.

- 1. Ancestor missing from a census?** Use your ancestor's street address in a city directory published close to the census year to determine the [enumeration district \(ED\)](#) for that census. Then browse census records by ED looking for your ancestor.
- 2. Look for alternate sources of birth information.** If you can't get a birth certificate, check city directories for places of worship where a baptism may have taken place. Directories also will list newspapers that may have published an announcement.
- 3. Narrow down a marriage date.** Nineteenth- and early 20th-century marriages almost always involved a change in residence by at least one of the parties. Compare city directories from year to year, looking for a man newly listed with a wife or a woman disappearing from her parents' listing.
- 4. Find land records.** Most city directories denote whether a person owns his property, or indicate otherwise with terms such as "renter" or "boards with." A shift from renter to owner status tells you to look for deeds.
- 5. Narrow down a death date.** Death is only one of the possible explanations for your ancestor's disappearance from city directories—but it should be one of the possibilities you explore. Widows frequently are listed as "Mrs." or labeled "wid" or "widow."

The 1859 Murder of Nancy Bender Hawk

From Judy Wilson

It's hard to believe such a vicious killing took place in my family. Nancy Bender & Daniel Hawk had a first child out of wedlock and had to be married by a JP, outside the Lutheran church. From family gossip, Nancy wasn't a nice person but was a spoiled, headstrong woman who liked to do as she pleased. After her death, she was buried in a public burial ground in the area and we've never found her tombstone. Her husband remarried in his later years.

[On July 27 & 29, 1859, two Harrisburg, PA, newspapers (*Patriot-Union*, *Daily Telegraph*) published similar stories about the mysterious death of a local laborer's wife.

The following article is taken from these two articles.]

The 1859 Murder of Nancy Bender Hawk

Mrs. Daniel Haag, on Sunday last, was found dead, propped in an upright position at the base of a chestnut tree in a wilder part of the woods below Berry's mountain. At first it was thought she had committed suicide, but after Esquire Lark of Berrysburg summoned a jury of inquest, and upon further examination of the body, it was determined that the woman had been murdered.

She was found tied to the tree with one of her stocking garters...with bruises around her throat and on her knees. Her hair comb and collar were found on the ground about 9 feet distant...and some of the comb's teeth were broken off and were imbedded in her hair. There were signs of a struggle on the ground.

When Mr. Haag's family was summoned to the spot, the children wept bitterly, one of them remarking to her father the "he had said too much to mother the morning she left." Neighbors said he and his wife did not live very peaceably and domestic quarrels were frequent, but that he was an industrious, honest, respected man and provided well for his family. On the other hand, Mrs. Haag frequently stayed at her aunt's house in Armstrong's Valley for 2-3 days at a time, and had told one of her daughters to set the supper on the stove if she wasn't home in time.

Around ten o'clock on the morning she left, Mrs. Haag was seen picking berries by Mr. John Anspeck, about a mile from her house. She never reached her destination. On Tuesday morning, Mr. George Coryll was hunting some lost sheep at the base of Berry's mountain when he discovered her body...approximately 2 miles from the Haag's home. The unfortunate woman was the victim of some diabolical wretch, who after choking her, resorted to tying her body to the tree to make it appear she had committed suicide. The crime was never solved.

Note from Judy Wilson: Nancy Bender Hawk (1811-1859) was my paternal GGG-grandmother. She married Daniel Haag/Hawk in 1832 and had 11 children. Her youngest daughter, Sarah Jane (my GG-grandmother), said a local farmer was questioned about her murder but no charges were proven. We assume her husband was also questioned.

Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society Acquisitions Report 2010 – 2011

Once again our Genealogy Society has gone above and beyond in their efforts to supply research materials for the Genealogy Department of the Laramie County Library. Thanks to Sharon Field and her committee for your dedication.

Total known donations to the Genealogy Department of
the Laramie County Library

1952-2010	2908
2010-2011 Donations*	260
Donations Known To Date	3168

*These donations are comprised of books purchased by the Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society, Memory Books, Books, Microfilms and C.D.s donated by members and other friends of Genealogy for this year.

Historical News The New Frontier Committee

Sunday State Leader, February 13, 1910, page 4

Messrs. John D. Clark, E. W. Stone, M. H. Hartund, Frank Bon and Robert D. Davidson, the committee named by the Industrial club and Mayor Cook to arrange for the 1910 Frontier Days celebration, are not to be envied by other citizens. The work which they have before them is long, complicated, worrisome and arduous, also it is without compensation save that to be found in a city's appreciation. That these gentlemen are willing to undertake a task such as arranging for and conducting a show of the magnitude of Frontier Days speaks well of their patriotic interest in Cheyenne, and they should be given all possible assistance and encouragement by other citizens.

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, attended this Frontier Days celebration, the 13th since its origin in 1897 after a suggestion by Frederick W. Angler, Traveling Passenger Agent for the Union Pacific Railroad. Photos and text can be found on Wyoming Tales and Trails web site at:

<http://www.wyomingtalesandtrails.com/frontierdays.html>

In keeping with the spirit of Cheyenne Frontier Days, Please remember to mark your calendars for 9:15 on the morning of July 29, 2011. That is the date of the Cheyenne Genealogical Society's Cemetery Walk at Lakeview Cemetery. Please come and enjoy the vignettes as our enactors portray events in the lives of persons in our western history.

Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society's Lakeview Cemetery Living History Cemetery Walk July 29th - 9:15 (following the pancake breakfast)

The next two articles were submitted by Leslie Vosler

The Easy Way to Add Maps to Your Family History Projects

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

April 24, 2011



Would you like to include U.S. maps in your family history projects, but can't find what you want? Would you like to add maps to a book you plan to publish but cannot find anything that isn't copyrighted? Do you need a simple, prepared map that you can print at home, at school, or in the office? A service provided by the U.S. Government will provide maps for you. Best of all, there are no copyrights on the maps. You can use them in commercial books as well as for personal purposes.

The National Atlas is a map-making platform sponsored by the Federal Government that lets you build your own maps. You can create maps that capture and depict patterns, conditions, and trends of American life. You can use the National Atlas templates to create maps that cover all of the United States or just your area of interest.

The National Atlas of the United States of America is a web site created by the United States Department of the Interior. The online atlas provides a map-like view of geospatial and geostatistical data collected for the United States. Unlike the big, bound map collections, the National Atlas includes electronic maps and services that are delivered online.

FHL Implements New Copy System: Part 1

Monday, April 25, 2011



In the National Atlas Map Maker you can assemble, view, and print your own maps. In most cases, you can choose from hundreds of layers of geographic information to make maps. Each map layer can be displayed individually or mixed with others as you tailor a map to your needs. Once you assemble the layers of choice, you can print the map or save it electronically.

For example, you can make a map showing America's streams and lakes. Then you can add new map layers showing additional geographic information, such as state boundaries, county boundaries, roads, railroads, and towns and cities.

Once you've zoomed in on an area you want to map, you can choose from the display elements available on the right of the program window to display water elements, roads, boundaries and other features. Finally, you can add your own information by first saving the map to your hard drive and then using any appropriate photo editing program to add text and new symbols.

The online National Atlas can be used for many purposes other than genealogy. The site is full of examples for agriculture, biology, climate, environmental, history, and more.

For more information, or to try it yourself, you can visit the National Atlas at <http://www.nationalatlas.gov/>



When I arrived at the [Family History Library \(FHL\)](#) in Salt Lake City last week, I started seeing cellophane wrapped [Ricoh Afico M CP4501 copiers](#) (see above) stored in out of the way corners. Then I started hearing comments from staff discouraging patrons from charging too much money on copy cards because of an imminent change in the way copies and prints are paid for. The word was that this change was coming Tuesday, April 26th.

Today D. Merritt White, Manager, Library Patron Services, was kind enough to sit down with me for a few minutes on what must have been one of the most hectic days he has experienced. He acknowledged that his staff didn't know how late they would be working tonight to make sure the system switchover went smoothly for patrons tomorrow. So what is this new system?

If you have visited the FHL in recent years, you are probably aware how the copier and computer printer release systems have gradually been pieced together. The cost of such services to patrons has been kept very low. It is hard for me to believe that FHL recovers the cost of such services. Scanner stations have been added thus enabling patrons to scan images directly from microfilm and books to their flash drives. White explained that library policy was to allow patrons to save or email images to themselves at no charge but to try to recover the cost of paper if paper copies are created. This policy will continue.

What will change is that 18 all-in-one copiers will replace the current 14 book copiers and 15 print release stations. The new machines will copy or print or scan to flash drives or similar media. They will be operated by a touch screen rather than the current mouse navigation. OCR capacity will be available.

In addition a new [Pharos Systems copy card system](#) is being implemented. It will require some of us to be reprogrammed. After years of trying to get us to write our names on our copy cards with permanent pen, we will now be asked not do that because the new cards are

recyclable. The total amount of money paid for the card can be expended. Then the card is deposited in a recycling bin and another card purchased. Patrons cannot add additional money to their cards as they could in the past. The new cards will be swiped rather than inserted into a machine so it never needs to leave one's hand. Therefore, it is hoped lost cards will no longer be a big problem. The cards will be available with \$2, \$5, \$10 & \$20 values. If you have old copy cards with money remaining on them, it can be transferred to a new card at service desks in the FHL. That policy will continue for the foreseeable future. The FHL does not want any researcher to feel cheated.

This new system has already been in use at other libraries in the Salt Lake City area. This will bring the FHL in step with other Salt Lake City LDS facilities – the [Riverton FamilySearch Library](#) and the new [Church History Library](#) at Temple Square.

FHL Implements New Copy System: Part 2
Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Today the big change that I described in yesterday's post was inaugurated at the Family History Library (FHL). Although the first day was not without glitches, all in all things went well. Early in the morning there was a line to exchange the old copy cards for new. It took the staff a little time to get the hang of the new processes but things soon seemed to go more smoothly. I expected the line to exchange cards would grow as the library filled with more patrons but that didn't seem to happen at any of the random times I passed that area of the library.



Patrons wait at cashier's window to exchange cards.

The multidimensional capacity of the new copiers will delight the tech savvy:

COPY	PRINT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Swipe card ❖ Press OK on the screen ❖ Press Copy button ❖ Place sheet(s) on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - document feeder (face up) - the glass (face down) ❖ Press Start (big green button) ❖ Take copies from the middle of the copier ❖ Press Printer button, then Logout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Swipe card ❖ Press OK on the screen ❖ Press Printer button ❖ Select print job(s) ❖ Press Print on the screen ❖ Take copies from the middle of the copier ❖ Press Logout
B&W 8.5"x11": 50.05 B&W 11"x17": 50.10 Color 8.5"x11": 50.30 Color 11"x17": 50.60	B&W 8.5"x11": 50.05 B&W 11"x17": 50.10 Color 8.5"x11": 50.30 Color 11"x17": 50.60
SCAN TO USB OR SD CARD	SCAN TO EMAIL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Swipe card ❖ Press OK on the screen ❖ Press Scanner button ❖ Insert USB or SD card ❖ Place sheet(s) on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - document feeder (face up) - the glass (face down) ❖ Press Start (big green button) ❖ Press Enter or # key when done ❖ Remove USB or SD card ❖ Press Printer button, then Logout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Swipe card ❖ Press OK on the screen ❖ Press Scanner button ❖ Press Store File, then Cancel ❖ Press Manual Entry on Email tab ❖ Type email address, press OK ❖ Place sheet(s) on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - document feeder (face up) - the glass (face down) ❖ Press Start (big green button) ❖ Press Enter or # key when done ❖ Press Printer button, then Logout

Instructions for copying, scanning and printing.

Paradoxically this can be a weakness in a library like FHL. Although there are some frequent patrons, most of those who visit the library do so only intermittently. This means the transition will require researcher education and card exchange to continue indefinitely. Fortunately, the bountiful supply of missionaries will mitigate this constant flow of uninitiated genealogists.

Queuing modeling of design engineers would suggest that the 18 machines should handle the volume. I hope that is true; but I have some reservations. The very complexity that is so seductive can create bottlenecks when untrained users puzzle over the plethora of opportunities before them. Also, when one copier went down on a floor today it reduced both printing and copying capacity by 25%.



Cards of various denomination wait for the vending machines to be made operational.

The other bumpy part of the inaugural day was that the vending machines for copy cards were not yet functional. This required patrons to have to trek to the main floor

for a new card when they exhausted the ones they were using. Hopefully that flaw will be removed soon as the card dispensers become available throughout the library.

I have been so caught up by what was included by this transition that it just now dawned on me what I have yet to see. Microforms don't seem to be included. It has already become apparent that FamilySearch has adopted digital imaging for new materials being added. Is this a step away from reliance on the microformats that have been the mainstay of the FHL and its satellite system of family history centers? Will the card system be expanded to include them or will patrons be further encouraged to transfer those images directly to flash drives and other portable devices?

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

FHL Implements New Copy System: Part 3

This will be my last post on this topic--at least for a while. I'm going home tonight. The system is also operating smoothly enough that continuing to comment on it would be boring for you to read and me to write.

Most of the card vending machines are now operational. This is a big convenience for researchers to be able to replace their cards that have depleted the copies credited on them without leaving the floors on which they are working.

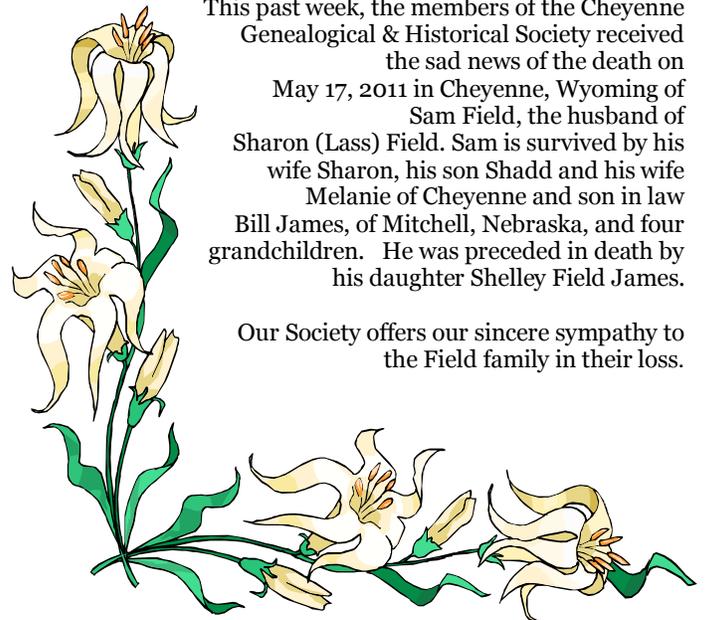
As expected, the change-over is a little more difficult for experienced users than it is for 1st timers. Some of us have to forget how we used to do it so that we can learn how to do it now. Newbies can start at step 2.

The missionary volunteers on each shift are learning with the patrons how the system works.

One remaining problem is that it seems not to be possible to sort the printer job queue. A short time ago I had to scroll through 14 pages of print jobs to find the ones I had just sent to the system.

Overall the implementation is going well due to the good strategic planning and tactical deployment by the staff on behalf of those of us who research here. Thank you for a job well done!

Posted by Dr. D



This past week, the members of the Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society received the sad news of the death on May 17, 2011 in Cheyenne, Wyoming of Sam Field, the husband of Sharon (Lass) Field. Sam is survived by his wife Sharon, his son Shadd and his wife Melanie of Cheyenne and son in law Bill James, of Mitchell, Nebraska, and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Shelley Field James.

Our Society offers our sincere sympathy to the Field family in their loss.

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