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Message from the CGHS President

Research is a fantastic thing when one wants to discover things about their family. You may have a picture of a family member and wonder where it was taken? How old is the person in the photo? What was going on in the world around them? The questions keep coming! I have a picture of a Japanese internment camp in California that my mom took. I know she was in California studying to be a nurse so I am assuming she may have lived close to the area. So here come the questions...and the need for research. I am thankful that we have a world-class library with our "Special Collections Room" to begin to help me answer my many questions. Anyone who gets stumped can ask any of our volunteer genealogists to help with our research. They are more than able to get you started in the right direction. Remember that October is "Family History Month" so it is well worth a visit to check out the Special Collection Room on the third floor of the Laramie County Library. I'll see you there!

Virginia

Upcoming Events:

Nov 12, 2013

CGHS Meeting:

"Understanding Home-
stead Records,"

Roberta King

LC Library, Cheyenne

Nov 19, 2013

"Sense of Place," **The
Importance of Geogra-
phy to Genealogy,**" Fam-
ily History Center (call to
reserve a spot, 307-421-
8604)

Dec 10, 2013

**CGHS Meeting & Christ-
mas Celebration:**

"When Prohibition Comes
to Wyoming,"

Mike Kassel

LC Library, Cheyenne

Cheyenne Family History Center Offers Access to Premium Websites, Consulting Help & Workshops

The Cheyenne Family History Stake Center is pleased to announce its lineup of free classes and workshops for the next several months. Most of these classes are offered throughout the year at various times.

—"Family Tree" Photos and Stories (Dec. 3, 10 am-12 pm)

—Organizing Your Family History Documents (Dec 10, 10 am-12 pm)

—Introduction to "Family Tree"

—How to Use "Rootsmagic"

—How to Use "Family Search"

—"Ancestry.com" for Everyone

—Basic Research & the Family History Portal

Two special lectures will be presented as well:

—"Sense of Place"—the importance of geography to individuals, families & communities; how did the place your family called home help shape their personalities and lives? (Tues., Nov 19, 7-9 pm, RS Room at the Cheyenne Stake Center)

—"From the Mouth of Grandma"—how to collect and learn from oral histories; Christmas means family gatherings, a rich environment for family legends; learn how to navigate the minefields of failing memories & tall tales to find the gold mines of truth. (Tues., Dec 10, 7-9 pm, RS Room at the Cheyenne Stake Center)

If you are interested in any of these classes or lectures, be sure to call to find out when the next scheduled class is available, or to make a reservation due to limited space. The family history consultants at the Center can assist interested persons in signing up for classes or making appointments to work in the computer lab or to receive research assistance. These activities are offered at the Family History Center at the LDS Church, 309 Western Hills Blvd., Cheyenne, WY; lab hours are Tues-Fri, 10 am-2 pm, Thur evening, 6:30-9 pm, Sat 10 am-1 pm, or by appointment; telephone #s are 307-634-9536, 307-421-8604 or 307-224-4919 to leave a message.

The following premium Websites are available free at the Cheyenne Family History Center:

- 19th Century British Library Newspaper Archive
- Access Newspaper Archive
- Alexander Street Press—The American Civil War
- Ancestry.com
- Find My Past
- Fold3 (formerly Footnote)
- The Genealogist
- Godfrey Memorial Library
- Heritage Quest Online
- Historic Map Works Library Edition
- Legacy Stories
- Paper Trail
- World Vital Records

FamilySearch Enters Strategic Partnership With MyHeritage, & Joint Agreements With Ancestry.com & Findmypast to Increase Record Access

MyHeritage Partnership

MyHeritage, the global online family history network, and FamilySearch, the international genealogy organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints announced in October the signing and commencement of a strategic partnership that forges a new path for the family history industry. Under this multi-year partnership, MyHeritage will provide FamilySearch with access to its powerful technologies and FamilySearch will share billions of global historical records and family tree profiles spanning hundreds of years with MyHeritage. This will help millions of users discover more about their family history. FamilySearch will provide MyHeritage with more than 2 billion records from its global historic record collections and its online Family Tree. These records will be added to [Super-Search](#), MyHeritage's search engine for historical records, and will be matched with family trees on MyHeritage using its matching technologies. MyHeritage users will gain access to an unprecedented boost of historical records and family tree profiles, which are key to researching and reconstructing their family histories. This reinforces MyHeritage's position as an international market leader, with gigantic assets of family trees and records, which are the most

globally diverse in the industry. FamilySearch members will benefit from MyHeritage's unique technologies which automate family history discoveries. Smart Matching™ automatically finds connections between user-contributed family trees and Record Matching automatically locates historical records relevant to any person in the family tree. By receiving accurate matches between FamilySearch's Family Tree profiles and historical record collections, such as birth, death, census, and immigration documents, FamilySearch users will be able to more effectively grow their family trees in size and in depth and add conclusions supported by historical records.

Ancestry.com Agreement

FamilySearch and [Ancestry.com](#) recently announced a joint agreement to begin a five-year effort to digitize and index more than 1 billion records from around the world. FamilySearch is excited to be a partner in this significant project that will provide greater accessibility to these valuable records. Building strategic partnerships is and will continue to be an important part of the FamilySearch vision.

"This partnership will result in making significant global historical records available to people everywhere," Dennis Brimhall, President of FamilySearch, said, and added, "Expanding online access to historical records through this type of collaboration can help

millions more people discover and share their family's history."

FindMyPast.com Agreement

FamilySearch and FindMyPast owner, DC Thomson Family History, announced in October another family history strategic agreement. More than 13 million records from FamilySearch.org are now available on [findmypast.com](#), including major collections of births, marriages and deaths covering America, Australia, and Ireland. Around 600 additional collections, containing millions of records, will follow.

"The convenience of searching many treasures from FamilySearch.org along with our own extensive collections will provide rich new insights for our customers," said Annelies van den Belt, the new CEO of DC Thomson Family History.

"This partnership with FamilySearch will accelerate the momentum of our next phase of global growth into new non-English-speaking markets." The press release said the two will collaborate "to deliver a wide range of projects including digital preservation, records search, technological development and the means to allow family historians to share their discoveries."

Information from FamilySearch said that they will continue their commitment to make as many genealogical records and resources as possible available at no cost.



Genealogy News You Can Use...

"JustAJoy.com" Family Heirloom Exchange Highlighted on NPR

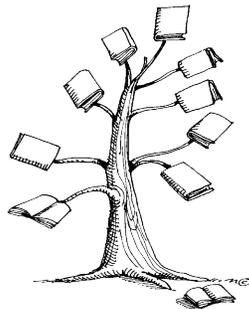
About a year ago Steve Anderson, FamilySearch blogger, did a blog post on a relatively new online service called [JustAJoy](#). JustAJoy is the brain child of Joy Shivar and her husband George. To use this website, you simply pay a \$20 annual fee and you can list up to 20 surnames of ancestors or other people you are interested in. If an antique dealer anywhere in the country posts an item for sale that has the name of your ancestor in it, you get a notification that it's been posted. JustAJoy doesn't act as a broker and doesn't manage the sale of any item. It's more of a matching service that provides you with a notice that an heirloom or artifact that you might be interested in has come up for sale by an antique dealer somewhere across the country. It then provides the contact information so you can get in touch with the seller. It doesn't do research for you and it won't directly find you ancestors for you but it does help you find those family artifacts, some of which you probably never knew existed.

"I think these things are meant to be back in the family for the person whoever it might be who really cares about their heritage," Shivar said.

Even if someone else buys the artifact before you do, you can contact the seller for information about how to put you in touch with the buyer and learn what the artifact is and who has it. NPR news out of Charlotte, North Carolina did an [interesting interview](#) with Joy in October. With this kind of public exposure, JustAJoy will be able to provide even more valuable connections. Read this fascinating article...you will be intrigued by Joy's Shivar's JustAJoy web service and what it could do for you.

Genealogical Publishing Company

The Genealogical Publishing Company continues to add to their series of laminated, four-sided research aids, *Genealogy at a Glance*, that are prepared by experts in various genealogy specialties. *Genealogy at a Glance* now boasts 22 topics, including country guides for Poland, Germany, Italy, France, England, Scotland and Ireland; state guides for Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, and topical guides to the Civil War, Revolutionary War, U.S. Census, the "Old Southwest," Finding Female Ancestors, Immigration, Cemetery Research and more. Eventually they expect to produce research aids for all the nations that have contributed substantially to the American melting pot, as well as for the states east of the Mississippi River and for a number of other subjects specific to genealogy. Each *Genealogy at a Glance* sells for \$8.95. Click here for a complete list of [Genealogy at a Glance](#) titles.



California Launches "Oasis"—an Online Library Catalog

The [Southern California Genealogical Society](#) has launched [Oasis](#), its online library catalog featuring the society's 26,000 books. The society's library holds items from all 50 states, as well as Germany, Canada (French Canada), England and Ireland. Over the next several months, CDs, maps, microfilms and periodicals will be added to the catalog.

1921 Census of Canada Released Online With Free Access

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) released the [1921 Canadian Census](#) via Ancestry.ca's website on August 8th. The entire 1921 census is available, with a geographic index, free of charge on Ancestry.ca. Contrary to concerns of many, the agreement between Library and Archives Canada and Ancestry.ca ensures that the 1921 census of Canada will remain free for everyone to use whether or not they have a paid Ancestry subscription membership. After 3 years, the census and the nominal index goes back to LAC's free site. Access to the census will always be free, whether on Ancestry or LAC.

Barbour Collection Adds Thousands of Records for Connecticut

Newly added to Connecticut Vital Records to 1870 ([The Barbour Collection](#)): Berlin (1785-1850), Cheshire (1780-1840), Southington (1779-1857), and Washington (1779-1854). Together, these towns add more than 12,000 records to this database. Compiled from an original Lucius Barnes Barbour typescript in the New England Historic Genealogical Society special collections, this database currently contains records for 72 towns in Connecticut. The complete Barbour Collection contains records of marriages, births, and deaths in 137 Connecticut towns from the 1640s to about 1850 (some towns include records up to 1870). These records were collected, transcribed, and abstracted by Barbour, Connecticut Examiner of Public Records, 1911-1934, and his team of researchers from 1918-1928. Barbour was an NEHGS member from 1907 until his death in 1934. Remaining towns will be added to the database over the next year.

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and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cheyenne-Genealogical-Historical-Society>

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

- Shauna & Aaron Smith
- Ann Bell
- Jan Mittan
- Jeff Frerich (*apologies to Jeff for misspelling his name last month*)



The Forgotten Photos Project

The goal of the **Forgotten Photographs Project** is to reunite genealogists with faces from the past. Within their database, you will find hundreds of lost and discarded photographs from around the country. These photographs were collected from a number of sources—antique shops, flea markets, auctions and estate sales, and put together into one searchable database. Each of their photographs is identified on the back and includes the county and state the picture was acquired from, in addition to any other identifying information they may have. Each month the database is updated with hundreds of new photographs and remains *free for everyone*. Visitors should feel free to explore, and when using the site, they state, "please remember that we are relying on the people who owned these beloved photographs and we are only assuming that the names and dates written on the back are correct. In addition, some of the handwriting on the photographs is difficult to read, and although we've made every effort to identify the pictures, we are in no way experts, and we too make mistakes! Always use your own judgment when you find a photograph that could be someone in your family tree. Good luck!"

Ancestry.com Acquires Find-a-Grave

Ancestry.com LLC has acquired [Find A Grave, Inc.](http://www.findagrave.com), the leading online cemetery database. With over 100 million memorials and 75 million photos, Find A Grave has amassed an unparalleled collection of user-contributed burial information. Over the past 18 years, it has grown to become an invaluable resource for genealogists, history buffs and cemetery preservationists. Find A Grave will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Ancestry.com, and will continue to be managed by its founder, Jim Tipton. The site will also remain free to all users according to Ancestry's president, Tim Sullivan. Ancestry.com plans to bolster the resources dedicated to Find A Grave to launch a new mobile app, improve customer support, introduce an enhanced edit system for submitting updates to memorials, foreign-language support, and other site improvements.

