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### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

*A big **thank-you** to the outgoing officers of the Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society for 2013-14. This was a good year for CGHS!*

*Mark your calendars for the first program of the 2014-15 year scheduled for Tues., Sept. 9, 2014.*

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### Upcoming Events:

25 July 2014

9:15-11:30 a.m.

**Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society Annual Cemetery Walk:**

"Tiptoe Through the Tombstones,"  
Cheyenne Lakeview Cemetery, Pershing & Seymour Ave,

27-30 Aug 2014

**Federation of Genealogical Societies' Annual Conference:**

"Gone to Texas," San Antonio, Texas, for more information see:

<https://www.fgsconfere.nce.org/program/>

## CGHS Presents 2014 Cemetery Walk: "Tiptoe Through the Tombstones"

Meet some of Cheyenne's famous and infamous characters during the Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society's annual Lakeview Cemetery Walk, "Tiptoe Through the Tombstones," on Friday, July 25. This living history presentation begins at the main gate of Lakeview Cemetery off Seymour Ave. and features a number



of interesting characters who played large and small parts in Cheyenne's frontier history.

There is an entrance fee of \$5 per individual for the two-hour narrated tour which starts

promptly at 9:30 a.m. Children age 10 and under are admitted free. Participants

should begin to gather at 9:00-9:15 a.m.

Walkers are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and sun protection, and bring drinking water if desired. Members of CGHS portray in costume many notable residents including Esther Hobart Morris, Sheriff John Slaughter, Jim Kidd, Nellie Tayloe Ross, Apple Annie, Willie Nickell, Helen Francis Warren Pershing and others, all

whose graves are located in or near Lakeview Cemetery. Proceeds help



fund genealogy book acquisitions for the Laramie

County Library. For more information call Sharon Field at 632-6676.

## BillionGraves & FGS to Honor "War of 1812" Participants

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and cemetery website BillionGraves recently announced a joint project to image all of the gravestone markers for participants of the War of 1812. "The images from these markers, coupled with the Federation's current project to raise the funds to digitize the 7.2 million images of the pensions for those who participated in the War of 1812 are a natural fit," said D. Joshua Taylor, President of FGS.

Hudson Gunn, President of BillionGraves said, "This July our focus is to see that the nation's military headstones are documented and preserved for future generations. Headstones from early American history are quickly deteriorating, making it only a matter of time before they are lost forever. We are very pleased to have the Federation lend its help to spread this message for the War of 1812 veterans." July is a great month to remember the participants of the "Second Revolution" as well as the American Revolution.

It is estimated that as many as 350,000 men may have served in the war. Although it is impossible to know how many may have cemetery markers, there could be as many as 50,000-80,000 markers for these veterans.

BillionGraves and The Federation of Genealogical Societies are asking anyone with knowledge of a cemetery marker for a War of 1812 veteran to upload the image of the marker to the BillionGraves website ([www.billiongraves.com](http://www.billiongraves.com))

using their free mobile application during the month of July to honor and remember the service of those who served in the "Second Revolution."

If you upload an image for a War of 1812 veteran during the month of July or anytime thereafter, please let them know on Facebook or Twitter by using the hashtag #1812today and/or #warof1812 and/or #billiongraves.

The efforts from these two organizations will provide a very valuable asset for researchers and historians researching 1812 veterans. With the Federation raising awareness of the project



## FamilySearch Publishes Its Billionth Image

FamilySearch recently announced that they have published over a billion images. "Although a few social sites like Flickr and Facebook can boast over a billion photos contributed by users, there is no site like FamilySearch.org that has published more than one billion images of historic records," said Rod DeGiulio in a press release. DeGiulio is the director of FamilySearch's Record Division. This is quite the accomplishment considering the head start by Ancestry.com or the size of the record col-

lections of the national archives of various nations. The billionth image was published in a Peru vital records collection. Family Search started preserving and providing access to the world's historical records for genealogy purposes in 1938, and it took 58 years to publish the first two billion images of historic records on microfilm. In the past 7 years, it has been able to publish one billion images at [Family Search.org](http://FamilySearch.org), which provides access to anyone, anywhere through the Internet. DeGiulio projects the next billion images should take about 3-5 years to publish.

to digitize the War of 1812 pension records during the month of July and BillionGraves making the cemetery markers of War of 1812 veterans immediately searchable, it should be an exciting month for all genealogists and historians.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies also launched a major fundraising campaign for the Preserve the Pensions Project to honor the memory of these veterans in July. The effort will include national War of 1812 cemeteries, and include persons with individual markers in local and private cemeteries. The Federation seeks to raise an average of \$1,812 each day of July, and will be posting the progress toward the fundraising goal on Facebook and Twitter.

Those interested in preserving this valuable piece of America's documented history can make a single contribution or become a monthly contributor of the Preserve the Pensions project. For more information, go to <http://www.preservethepensions.org>.

## Genealogy News You Can Use...

### Cheyenne Family History Center Offers July Classes

The Cheyenne Family History Stake Center is pleased to announce its lineup of July classes. If you are interested in any of these classes, be sure to call to make a reservation due to limited space. All classes are free at the LDS Church, Family History Center, 308 Western Hills Blvd., Cheyenne. To register, call the FHC at 307-634-9536 or e-mail [wy\\_cheyenne@ldsmail.net](mailto:wy_cheyenne@ldsmail.net)

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Wed, July 9, 10-12 a.m., *Family Tree Navigating*, Jan Stock

Thurs, July 10, 7-9 p.m., *Digital Scrapbooking*, Rachel Turner

Fri, July 11, 7-9 p.m., *Indexing*, Ryann Brown

Mon, July 14, 1-3 p.m., *Roots Magic Class 1*, Gloria Milmont

Tues, July 15, 10-12 a.m., *Ancestral Quest* (PAF Replacement), Clark Jenkins

Wed, July 16, 10-12 a.m., *Family Tree, Photos & Stories*, Chris Bosselman

Thur, July 17, 10-12 a.m., *Writing Life Stories*, Mary Ann Jenkins

Fri, July 18, 7-9 p.m., *Indexing*, Ryann Brown

Mon, July 21, 1-3 p.m., *Roots Magic Class 2*, Gloria Milmont

Wed, July 23, 10-12 a.m., *Family Tree Sourcing*, Melanie Bosselman

Thurs, July 24, 7-9 p.m., *Digital Scrapbooking*, Rachel Turner

Fri, July 25, 7-9 p.m., *Indexing*, Ryann Brown

### National Archives-Denver Announces July Workshops

The National Archives and Records Administration at Denver is offering 4 workshops for genealogists in July. The workshops will be held in the training room of their facility at 17101 Huron Street, Broomfield, CO. 80023. The classes are free but you need to sign up by calling 303-604-4740 or email [denver.archives@nara.gov](mailto:denver.archives@nara.gov). Please include your name, phone number and what sessions you'd like. Workshops are limited to 45 people each.

**Tues, July 22, 2014**

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., *Introduction to Genealogy: Using Federal Records to Find Your Family History*, Ed Wilson, Archives Technician

1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., *When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again: A Workshop on Locating and Accessing Military Records Held by the National Archives*, Cody White, Archivist

**Tues, July 29, 2014**

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., *Introduction to Genealogy: Using Federal Records to Find Your Family History*, Ed Wilson, Archives Technician

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., *Location, Location, Location: Land Records at NARA's Denver Field Office*, Rick Martinez, Archives Specialist

NARA's new location in Broomfield can be found on Google Maps but not necessarily on other mapping services. Take Exit 229 (Lafayette-Brighton), then west on Highway 7, get in the right-turn-only lane and make the first right turn (about 1/8th of a mile west). There is no sign on Highway 7 for NARA's Huron Street facility but look for the large blue/white building to the northwest. If you go past the Children's Hospital (on the right), you've gone too far.

### New England Naturalization Records from 1791-1906 Released on Findmypast

Lands & locations in New England were all popular destinations for immigration and settlement since colonial times due to the rich and expansive farmlands and large towns and cities such as Boston, Providence and Hartford. Findmypast has just released 635,867 records filed at various courts throughout the six states of New England, which include Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. After the founding of the United States, new immigrants to the area who wished to become citizens needed to apply for naturalization before attaining citizenship. While the information for each person may vary, New England naturalizations 1791-1906 usually provides Names, Address, Certificate number, Title and location of court, Country of birth, Birth date, Date of arrival in U.S., Place of arrival in U.S., Date of naturalization, & Names and addresses of witnesses. You can learn more and also search the records at Findmypast at (subscription is required) <http://goo.gl/YPTjzp>.

#### Findmypast Acquires Mocavo

In June 2014, Mocavo announced that it has been acquired by Findmypast/DC Thomson Family History. For the past few years, the Mocavo team has dedicated itself to bringing innovation and competition to the genealogy industry. In October, 2013, they launched their [Free Forever revolution](#) and began putting more than 1,000 free databases online every day. With the merger, they will bring together two companies with enormous resources, that have plans to merge an enormous amount of technology with vast amounts of content.

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The Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society welcomes a new member who has joined the organization in the last several months.

- Joan Barron



**"CHECK THIS OUT"**

Family history-related fiction & nonfiction  
book reviews by CGHS members

***The Ticket*** by Karen Schutte (2010—call# Fiction Schut, K Tic)

When Karl Kessel decided to immigrate to America, he had one thing on his mind—opportunity! After a grueling and life-changing journey aboard a cramped ship across the Atlantic, Karl prepared a way for his wife and two children to join him in the new country, and soon they were on their way to success. However, as with most immigrant families in the early part of the twentieth century in America, hardships and struggles became the daily toil. The struggle between retaining German traditional values and discovering new ways of living in rural Wyoming began to take its toll on the growing family. Karen Schutte spins a compelling family story woven with rich historical detail, based on the true story of her own great grandparents' stark life in the Bighorn Basin. Her unvarnished narrative exposes Karl's harsh nature alongside his determination to succeed at any cost. We see America change throughout the span of their life together, as she portrays real family history through the gripping and emotional story of the Kessel family. Schutte's books are about immigration to Wyoming and not only relate to many Wyoming people but to people all across this country who have similar stories. *The Ticket* was selected as the Best Historical Fiction Novel for 2013 by the Wyoming State Historical Society and her second book, *Seed of the Volga*, recently received the same award for 2014.

***Seed of the Volga*** by Karen Schutte (2013-Fiction)

This is Schutte's second novel which begins in mid 1700 in current day Germany. Princess Theraisa Von Steiner discovers she is with child soon after the tragic death of her beloved David Ritter. Unwed and pregnant, she is desperate to escape the wrath of her father and the wagging tongues of the upper class. Her aunt steals her away to the German settlements on the Volga River where she finds seclusion and peace for a while. Her son David and his family live in peace and prosperity until they feel the hot breath of the Bolsheviks. They make the unthinkable decision to leave the German settlements for safety and freedom in America. They soon find the streets are not paved with gold but with disappointment and struggle. They came with a sugar beet hoe in one hand and the Bible in the other! The author puts readers into her emotional stories that are hard to put down.

—LCLS Catalog & WLD