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## President's message

By: Van Mellblom

Hi-Lites and Low-Lites from your President!

Perhaps that should be Low-lites and Hi-lites. The year got off to a bit of shaky start-with our President having to resign due to work conflicts and the next volunteer becoming ill and unable to fulfill the office. As Vice-President I went on a bit of a guilt trip and realized that I had an obligation to step up. So----now for the Hi-Lites!

It has been a delight to work with our capable and enthusiastic board and I know that we have provided a number of great programs for you. Members were most enthusiastic about our one on one volunteer help with their research in Oct. Then with Sue's program last month on all of the wonderful resources available right here in your own library you should all be busy working on your family research.

Upcoming programs will include more ways to help you with your "brick walls".

Why don't you bring a guest and introduce them to the wild and wacky world of Genealogy! Or better yet--sign up a new member. More people-more ideas-more fun!

See you in the book stacks!! Van



## Wyoming Newspaper Project

The February meeting of the Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society was a special treat for all who attended.

Wyoming state librarian Lesley Boughton and Erin Kinney discussed The Wyoming Newspaper Project that will make newspapers printed in Wyoming between 1849 and 1922 accessible in an easily searchable format at [www.wyonepapers.org](http://www.wyonepapers.org).

The images should be available soon so check the site for availability.

## Famous Ancestors

By: Jack Merwin Richards

One of the joys in genealogy is the discovery of your famous (or infamous) ancestors. Most of the time they are known only in the local area where they lived but occasionally the stage is much broader. For instance, my line includes the first white family to move into Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, a former Governor of the State of Nebraska and others.

One of the relatives that caught my attention was a third great grand uncle on my mother's side. The following narrative was extracted from *The Merwin Family in North America, Volume I*, Library of Congress Catalog Number 78-62327.

"Jesse Merwin b. Durham, Conn. Aug. 25, 1784; d. Kinderhook, N.Y., Nov.8, 1852, bur. there, a son of Daniel & Rebecca (Seward) Merwin; mar. in Columbia Co. N.Y."

"Mr. Merwin was an intimate and 'boon companion' of Washington Irving, the author, who made him the prototype of Ichabod Crane in his Legend of Sleepy Hollow. This is attested by no less a person than Martin Van Buren who, after he had been President of the United States, withdrew from political life and returned to his country home, 'Lindenwald,' in Kunderhook. While residing there on March 1 (4?), 1846, he penned the following surviving certificate: 'This is to certify that I have known J. Merwin, Esq. of Kinderhook for about 3d of a century & I believe him to be a man of honour and integrity, and that he is the same person celebrated in the writings of the (illig.) Washington Irving under the caricature of Ichabod Crane in his famous Legend of Sleepy Hollow.' "

If I were Jesse I'm not sure I would be too happy at this proclamation. I must confess I don't remember reading Legend of Sleepy Hollow but – at least according to Disney – Ichabod seemed to be a few ounces short of being a full quart.. From a picture of him, I know it wasn't his appearance – again according to Disney – as he was a rugged man with a full beard.

As an aside, *The Merwin Family in North America* did not list my Grandfather Merwin but did list my Grandmother, Florence Pickel. My Grandmother had married John Merrick Merwin in 1895. John was listed as the 3869<sup>th</sup> direct descendent of the original immigrant from England

in 1649. John died in 1899. She then turned around and married John's brother, Bert, in 1903. With the death of my Grandfather in 1949, that branch of the Merwin Family Tree ended after eight generations. The name does live on as my, my son's and my grandson's middle name. Will the great grandson carry on that tradition?

## Historical Tidbits

### The Lincoln Highway

By: Wanda Wade

#### The Lincoln Highway

As we all know transportation via the highways has played an important part in the history of our state and community. I was attracted to the history of the Lincoln Highway by a PBS program and by an article 'The Lincoln Highway' written by Richard F. Weingroff.

The highway was the inspiration of Carl G. Fisher. He was an early automobile enthusiast, manufacturer of Pest-O-Lite compressed carbine-gas headlights used on early motorcars and the builder of the Indianapolis Speedway.

He began promoting his dream of a transcontinental highway in 1912. He called for a coast-to-coast highway to be completed by May 1, 1915 in time for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco.

In July of 1913 the name The Lincoln Highway was chosen for the project. Other names rejected were the 'Fisher Highway', the 'Jefferson Memorial Highway' and the 'American Road'.

From Weingroff's article -

"Next, the group had to select a route. Having agreed on New York City and San Francisco as the termini, the LHA's founders wanted the shortest, best, and most direct route possible between the two points. Selecting the route for the eastern section was relatively easy. Roads east of the Mississippi River were generally in better shape than those in the thinly populated West. To select the best roads for the western section, Fisher and the LHA's 'Trail-Blazer' tour set out from Indianapolis in 17 cars and 2 trucks on July 1, 1913, the same day the LHA was established at its headquarters in Detroit....

"The highly publicized trip to San Francisco took 34 days - 34 days of mud pits in Iowa, sand drifts in Nevada and Utah, radiators boiling over, flooded roads, cracked axles, and enthusiastic greetings in every town that thought it had a chance of being on the new highway. After an triumphal auto parade down Market Street in San Francisco before thousands of cheering residents, the Trail-Blazers returned to Indianapolis-by train....

"Some segments of the Lincoln Highway followed historic roads.

- In the East, the Lincoln Highway incorporated a road laid out by Dutch colonists of New Jersey before 1675.
- The route in Pennsylvania followed the 62-mile Philadelphia to Lancaster Pike, the first extensive turnpike in the United States (completed in 1796), and a British military trail built in 1758 by General John Forbes of England from Chambersburg to Pittsburgh during the French and Indian War. It was later known as the Pittsburgh Road and the Conestoga Road.
- A section in Ohio followed an ancient Indian trail known as the Ridge Road.
- In the West, the Lincoln Highway used sections of the Mormon Trail (the route along which Brigham Young led his Mormon followers to Utah), as well as the route of the Overland Stage Line and the Pony Express.
- Entering California, a motorist on the Lincoln Highway crossed the Sierra Nevada through Donner Pass, named after the Donner Party, which became stranded after attempting to cross through the pass too late in the winter of 1846-1847, or could follow an alternate route that was once a pioneer stage coach route....

"During the early years, a trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific on the Lincoln Highway was, according to the LHA's 1916 *Official Road Guide*, 'something of a sporting proposition.' The LHA estimated the trip would take 20 to 30 days, but that assumed the motorist could average a driving time of 18 miles an hour....

"At a time when a service infrastructure to support the automobile did not exist, the guide urged motorists to buy gasoline at every opportunity, no matter how little had been used since the last purchase. Motorists were advised to wade through water before fording it with their vehicle and to avoid drinking alkali water (Serious cramps result). Firearms weren't needed, but full camping equipment was, especially west of Omaha, Nebraska. The guide advised motorists to select camp sites early (If you wait until dark you may be unable to find a spot free from rocks). Equipment needed included chains, a shovel (medium size), axe, jacks, tire casings and inner tubes, a set of tools, and, of course, 1 pair of Lincoln Highway Penants. In view of the mud the motorist could expect to travel through, the guide offered one bit of practical advice without further comment: 'Don't wear new shoes.....

"As the motorist approached Fish Springs, Utah, he could take comfort in the guide's advice:"

"If trouble is experienced, build a sagebrush fire. Mr. Thomas will come with a team. He can see you 20 miles off....

"Over the years, the Lincoln Highway became little more than a memory, with relics and reminders along the way:

- Some segments of U.S. 30 still carry the name, as in Pennsylvania.
- Roads in some cities, such as Ames, Iowa, are still known as "Lincoln Way."
- A few of the 3,000 Boy Scout markers can still be found along the old route.
- Near Elkhorn, Nebraska, a stretch of Lincoln Highway paved with brick has been preserved by a local historical group.
- A bridge with railings spelling out 'LINCOLN HIGHWAY' remained in use as part of Route E-66 in Tama County, Iowa.
- Restaurants, motels, and gas stations in many locations still carry a Lincoln-related name.
- In Wamsutter, Wyoming, on the Continental Divide along old U.S. 30, a monument was erected in 1938 to Henry B. Joy, President of the LHA during its early years. The inscription describes Joy as one 'who saw realized the dream of a continuous improved highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific.' Not far from the memorial, a motorist could see an abandoned stretch of the Lincoln Highway, weeds growing through the cracks in the pavement, along its modern reincarnation, I-80. "

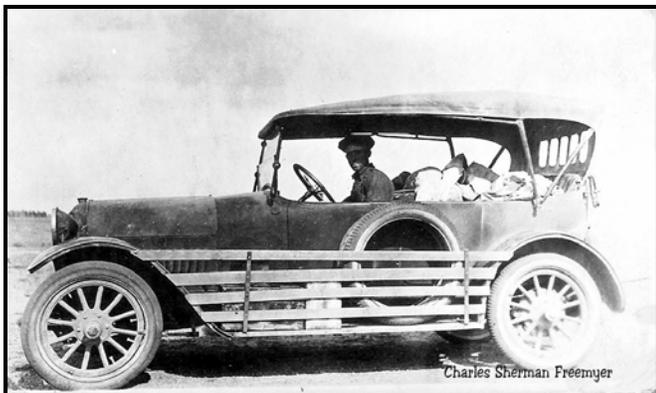
The complete article by Richard F. Weingroff can be found at:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/lincoln.cfm>

In addition, if you browse through the Lincoln Highway section of the website **Wyoming Tales and Trails featuring Photographs and History of Old Wyoming** at <http://www.wyomingtalesandtrails.com/> you will find stories and photos of early automobile travel in Wyoming.

The **Wyoming Tales and Trails** is an interesting site to visit. There are numerous links and photos for your enjoyment.

Photos of my family's autos from that era:



Charles Freemyer, grandfather of Wanda Wade.



Carrie Ells Wade and daughter Bette about 1918.

## PITFALLS THAT CAN CREATE BRICK WALLS OR CAUSE YOU TO CLAIM THE WRONG ANCESTORS

From Eastman's Blog

Post by: Mary L. B. on January 04, 2009

Following are just a few of the many PITFALLS that you need to be aware of:

1. JR. and SR: Don't EVER ASSUME that "Jr" and "Sr" are father and son!!! Often they are, but sometimes they are NOT. They may be uncle and nephew, grandfather and grandson, cousins, or even no relation. These are merely titles to distinguish an older man from a younger one with the same name. To add to the confusion, these titles shift as "SR" dies and "JR" becomes "SR", and a younger person often becomes "JR". Without sufficient research in official records, one can not detect these changes and identities. It only takes ONE misidentification to cause a researcher to spend years researching the WRONG PEOPLE.

2. PLACE OF DEATH AND PLACE OF PROBATE: A person's death record will be found in the county in which death occurred (if records were kept then). Examples would include death while traveling, visiting, hospitalized, in prison, etc. outside his or her county of residence. PROBATE records, (if there was property to be distributed) would be found in the person's county of residence. It is possible that additional probate records might be found in other counties / states where the deceased owned property. Why use death records??? Because they should contain parent information and various other important data. Why use probate records??? Because they can prove family relationships that may be found nowhere else.

3. ASSUMING THAT FAMILY STORIES ARE TRUE: Often there is partial truth in them but details have become distorted through the years. A common one might be "Great-great Grandma was an Indian". Someone may have said "She looked like an Indian", or "She MIGHT have been an Indian", or "She lived near

Indians". ALWAYS seek out official records that can prove or disprove components of the story. I once had a client who refused to pay me the balance owed because the records I found did not support her fantasy of an Indian connection. She said I just didn't want to believe her story!!! Thorough research can reveal the facts. Another client had me research the WRONG branch of the family for a supposed Indian connection.

4. ASSUMING THAT CHILDREN IN A PRE 1880 CENSUS HOUSEHOLD (when relationships began to be stated) ARE CHILDREN OF THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD: They may or may NOT be. They may be nieces, nephews, step-children, grandchildren, or no relation. Study the ages and birthplaces when shown of ALL household members. Other year's census records, probate, guardianships, deeds, etc. could help identify relationships and reveal the true children of the head of household. Understanding these relationships can be crucial to building your pedigree and can unlock mysteries. Census through 1840 can be very helpful when analyzed with other records, but they can also be misleading if you insist on "accounting" for everyone. Various circumstances affected household members, and therefore one can only GUESS about what they see in census records before 1850.

5. WILLS DON'T ALWAYS MENTION ALL CHILDREN OF A DECEASED PERSON. Often a child has already been given property and it simply does not specify that in the Will. If the gift was real estate or other personal property, then there likely would be a DEED saying something like "For love and affection for my daughter and son-in-law Sarah and John Clark". Beautiful!!!! There is your proof of relationships. Wills are only a small part of probate records. Much, much more can be revealed in ESTATE records, INVENTORIES, BILLS OF SALE, ADMINISTRATOR BONDS, ORDER BOOKS, etc. ALL heirs are likely to be named in ESTATE SETTLEMENTS. LAW SUITS among family members often occurred and these can be a goldmine of factual information on which to build. Knowing the names of siblings and in-laws helps you to recognize key people in the indexes. Develop your family group sheets so the information will be handy.

6. MARRIAGE "LICENSE" VERSUS MARRIAGE "RETURNS": Occasionally couples obtained a license or bond to marry but never carried out their intentions. It is the Minister's or Justice Of The Peace's RETURN / CERTIFICATE that PROVES that a marriage took place. Also learn about the different types of records that are included in "Marriage Records". MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS should be very informative.

7. HAVING THE MINDSET THAT COURT HOUSE RECORDS AND EVIDENCE ARE "JUST FOR PROFESSIONAL RESEARCHERS". Of course they are not!!! Court house records are essential for everyone's research project, as is evidence. All are there for everyone who wants to learn who their ancestors were. Begin with your parents / grandparents and work on back on your pedigree chart, building on the supporting evidence you find. Research is usually not difficult, but it

does require understanding the basics. Basics are easily learned, and, with experience, productive research will become easy.

SUMMARY: For helpful information about genealogical research see these websites:  
[indgensoc.org](http://indgensoc.org) (click research tab, and then "Articles");  
[RootsWeb.com](http://RootsWeb.com) (click on RootsWeb's Guide To Tracing Family Trees);

Subscribe to Ancestry's free newsletters. Read the many helpful articles on Ancestry Weekly Journal and their blog; and, of course, read the wonderful articles Mr. Eastman is providing written by George Morgan, Lloyd Bockstruck, and Michael John Niell. These men all know their subjects VERY well.  
Mary L. B.

## Websites that may be Helpful in your Research

*These web addresses can be copied and pasted into your browser to access these web sites.*

### Web site links African-Americans to ancestors' voyage

<http://www.slavevoyages.org/tast/index.faces>

Researchers open online database showing journeys of millions of slaves By: Dahleen Glanton, Tribune correspondent.

In a major advance in genealogical research, African-Americans will be able to trace the routes of slave ships that transported 12.5 million of their ancestors from Africa as early as the 16th Century.

The complete article can be viewed at:  
[http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chis-slave-trade\\_bdjan04,0,6302223.story](http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chis-slave-trade_bdjan04,0,6302223.story)  
Visit [chicagotribune.com](http://www.chicagotribune.com) at  
<http://www.chicagotribune.com>



### Long Road Home for Family Bible Pine Bluffs Library Patron

I thought you all might be interested in this article.  
<http://www.sacbee.com/livinghere/story/1518100.html>

Mary is a regular patron here in Pine Bluffs and is indeed a genealogy buff. She told me today that someone has passed this article along to a TV station and they are coming out this next week to interview her!! Maybe she'll be on Good Morning America and will mention our small Pine Bluffs Branch!!! (I'm assuming it's channel 5 but she didn't tell me.)

Anyway - we had a small hand in returning this bible back to its original owners because she is always using our computers!



### From Dicksie Knight May in Laramie

I receive the following newsletter often . . . sometimes on a daily basis. It always contains websites I find either interesting or something I can actually use. Lately there has been many English and Canadian websites for those researching in those areas. What inspired me to send this to you today is the one on the Cherokee's who were removed to the Cherokee Nation which might be worth checking out if you are doing Cherokee research. The website for each subject is at the end of each list. It will say Go to: <http://www.freesurname.com/new/> While in these sites you will find lots of free searching available. Anyone interested in DNA articles can search for them and you can even find books and genealogy materials for sale, etc.



### TWENTY - FIVE REASONS TO VISIT OUR LIBRARY

<http://www.irclibrary.org/genealogy/reason.pdf>



### Census of Canada, 1891

The following announcement was written by Library and Archives Canada:

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is pleased to announce the launch of a new online database, Census of Canada, 1891. Through this online database researchers can access digitized images of original census returns featuring the name, age, country or province of birth, nationality, religion, and occupation of Canada's residents at the time of the 1891 Census.

The database is available at:

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/census-1891/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/census-1891/index-e.html)



### Treasure Hunters Claim Historic Warship Found

Deep-sea explorers say they have solved "one of the greatest mysteries in naval history" with the discovery of what was "the world's mightiest and most technically advanced warship" when it sank in 1744. The HMS Victory -- the predecessor to a historic British flagship of the same name -- was found "far from where history says it was lost," Odyssey Marine Exploration said in a news release Monday.

There were nearly 1,000 people aboard -- "900 sailors, plus a complement of marines and 50 volunteers drawn from the noblest families of England," Odyssey said in information about the ship.

Details may be found at:

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/US/02/02/sunk.ship/index.html>



### Genealogy Resources by State

Genealogists constantly pore over old records. Of course, the biggest provider of old records in the U.S. is the U.S. government. The government even maintains a listing of significant record collections available for genealogists. The list also mentions many state and local archives.

You can view the listing

at: [http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History\\_Family/State\\_Genealogy.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History_Family/State_Genealogy.shtml).

While the listing is online, most of the records listed are not yet online. You will normally have to visit the repository listed in order to view the record(s) in person. Some have been microfilmed and some of these records are now appearing on the various online sites: Footnote.com, WorldVitalRecords.com, Ancestry.com, etc.



### Military Service Records

**It's official, DD-214's are NOW Online.**

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online:

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment, or social security purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

**Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.**

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.

Military personnel records can be used for proving military service, or as a valuable tool in genealogical research. Most veterans and their next-of-kin can obtain free copies of their DD Form 214 (Report of Separation) and other military and medical records several ways: Use

our eVetRecs system to create your request <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

[FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org). (Click Search Records, then Record Search pilot).



### Footnote Adds Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940

Footnote.com continues to add a wealth of historical- and genealogical-relevant material. A new addition will interest many people who are researching American Indian ancestry: Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940.

According to the Footnote.com web site, most of the records include the English and/or Indian name of the person, roll number, age or date of birth, sex, and relationship to head of family. Beginning in 1930, the rolls also show the degree of Indian blood, marital status, ward status, place of residence, and sometimes other information.

Only persons who maintained a formal affiliation with a tribe under Federal supervision are listed on these census rolls. There is not a census for every reservation or group of Indians for every year.

This title, NARA publication M595, consists of census rolls submitted annually by agents or superintendents of Indian reservations as required by an 1884 Act of Congress. There is not a census for every reservation or group of Indians for every year. Some tribes, particularly those in the East, were never under Federal jurisdiction and therefore not included in this publication.

You can learn more at:

[http://www.footnote.com/documents/171116633/indian\\_census\\_rolls\\_18851940/?xid=395](http://www.footnote.com/documents/171116633/indian_census_rolls_18851940/?xid=395)



### FamilySearch Adds Over 40 Million New Records

Since the last update on January 5, 2009, FamilySearch added over 40 million new records to its Record Search pilot. Individuals with international roots from Argentina, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Germany, Netherlands, and the Philippines will find some nice surprises in the newly added collections.

Birth, marriage, and death records were added for the Netherlands and Ireland. Irish researchers in particular have been anxiously awaiting the 23 million records from the Irish Civil Registration indexes. These records date from 1845-1958 and are also known as the Statutory Registration Records. Statutory registration for Protestants began in 1845 and for Catholics in 1864.

Many thanks to the thousands of online FamilySearch Indexing volunteers who helped make these wonderful records available.

The new records can be searched for free at

## New Web Site

Between 1784 and 1800, the War Department of the United States was responsible for Indian affairs, veteran affairs, naval affairs (until 1798), as well as militia and army matters. For example, the War Department operated the nation's only federal social welfare program, providing veterans' benefits (including payments to widows and orphans) to more than 4,000 persons.

On the night of November 8, 1800, fire devastated the War Office, consuming the papers, records, and books stored there. Two weeks later, Secretary of War Samuel Dexter lamented in a letter that "All the papers in my office [have] been destroyed." For the past two centuries, the official records of the War Department effectively began with Dexter's letter.

The project to reconstitute the War Department Papers was begun more than a dozen years ago, and it has involved years of painstaking work, including visits to more than 200 repositories and the consulting of more than 3,000 collections in the United States, Canada, England, France, and Scotland

Papers of the War Department 1784-1800 will present this collection of more than 55,000 documents in a free, online format with extensive and searchable metadata linked to digitized images of each document, thereby insuring free access for a wide range of users.

The searchable Field List includes:

- Persons/Groups —Search in the "persons/groups" field
- Locations —Search in the "locations" field
- Items/Things —Search in the "items/things" field
- Summary —Search in the "summary" field
- Phrases —Search in the "phrases" field

Because this collection of papers was reconstituted from archives scattered across the United States, oftentimes more than one copy of a document was recovered. Sometimes these documents may be slightly different. To preserve the archival record, and to allow access to multiple versions of these historically valuable documents, the archive has retained and posted all images of all versions in their possession.

You can read more at:

<http://www.wardepartmentpapers.org>.



## New Articles in our Library and in Periodicals

### *Family Tree Magazine – January 2009*

- **Writing Riddles** – Are faded ink, strange words or convoluted script concealing ancestral answers in your family papers? Solve eight old penmanship puzzles with our tips.  
By: Fern Glazer
- **Family History Fiesta** – Seeking your roots south of the border? Our guide to Mexican genealogy will help you celebrate new ancestral discoveries.  
By: David A. Fryxell

- **State Research Guides** for West Virginia and South Dakota.

### *Family Tree Magazine – February 2009*

- **State Research Guides** for New Hampshire and Idaho.

### *Ancestry Magazine – February 2009*

#### **Scourges of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century –**

Throughout history, diseases and epidemics have killed millions of people. In the 19th century, these scourges included everything from bad milk to the flu to cholera and yellow fever.

Understanding the nature and symptoms of these diseases can help genealogists today understand disappearances and deaths in their family histories.

By: Jennie Kaufman.

If you don't have the *Ancestry Magazine* or can't come to the library, you can access this article on the Internet:

<http://www.ancestrymagazine.com/2009/02/>

## Computer Interest Group

By: Leslie Vosler

Hi All,

The next meeting of the Genealogy Computer interest Group (CIG) will be the 1st Thursday of March.

**WHEN** - 1st Thursday of the month, 5 March 2009

**WHERE** - The in the Laramie County Library at about 6:30 p.m.

**WHAT** - Bring your LAPTOP (if you have one and want to do so). Plus bring your questions and problems, solutions and suggestions,

'new stuff and old stuff'.

The April meeting will be 2 April 2009 at 6:30 pm.

If you have any desires for programs for the coming year please let us know.

If you have questions, contact Leslie Vosler  
hm: (307) 635-5892 - fax: (307) 637-2893  
cell: (307) 630-8864

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

## Seminars and Conferences

### **Nebraska State Genealogical Society Conference,** Scottsbluff, Nebraska

The 2009 NSGS Annual Meeting and Conference will be held at the Harms Advanced Technology Center in Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff Co., Nebraska on April 30th, May 1st & May 2nd. The conference is being hosted by the West Nebraska Family Research & History Center. The featured speaker will be Julie Miller, CG.

"The Five Steps of a Genealogical Proof," "Lost in Translation: How to Cite Genealogy Sources," "Chasing the Link: Passenger Arrival Lists," "Firing Up the Next Generation of Genealogists!" "When Grandpa Went Off to War: U.S. Military Records." By: Julie Miller, CG  
<http://www.nesgs.org/>

**June 12-13 - 8 a.m.-6 p.m.**  
**Colorado Family History Expo**

Two day family History conference in Loveland, Over 25 national and local speakers will present 100 classes with over 40 vendor exhibits. This one is not to be missed! Details and registration at [Family History Expos](#). Cost: \$65 to \$90 for the two-day conference. There is a discount for early registration

Location: Embassy Suites & Conference Center, 4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland

### **2010 NGS Family History Conference Planned** **for** **Salt Lake City**

Plans are underway for the 2010 NGS Family History Conference to be held in Salt Lake City on 28 April through 1 May 2010. Please note the conference will be held earlier than usual in 2010, so save the date.

## Nebraska State Historical Society

**Beginning January 2009, the Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) headquarters at 1500 R will be undergoing a two-year renovation project to bring life/safety and HVAC conditions up to current standards. Researchers planning to work with collections housed in**

the facility should take note that there will be extended time periods during 2009-2011 that the **Reference Room WILL BE CLOSED** and that research materials will be unavailable. Some telephone reference will be available during the closure.

Please check the NSHS website often for updates on the closure of the Reference Room, or call 402-471-4771 or email [anshs@nebraskahistory.org](mailto:anshs@nebraskahistory.org) for information.

We are sorry for this inconvenience, but we believe that the project will result in a safer environment for our staff, researchers, and the collections that we hold in trust for the citizens of Nebraska. We appreciate your patience as we invest in the long-term preservation of the historical materials that you use and value.

## Calendar of Coming Events

**Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society**  
**Tuesday March 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Who:** Sharon Field  
**What:** Cemetery Research  
**When:** March 10, Refreshments at 6:00, Meeting at 6:30, Program at 7:00  
**Where:** Cottonwood room of the Laramie County Library, 2200 Pioneer Avenue

**Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society**  
**Tuesday April 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Who:** Melanie Bosselman  
**What:** FamilySearch  
Search for Ancestors--includes searchable record collections and websites, step-by-step guides and other research helps.  
Family History Library System--tells about the Family History Library, Family History Centers and how to access their records.  
**When:** April 14, Refreshments at 6:00, Meeting at 6:30, Program at 7:00  
**Where:** Cottonwood room of the Laramie County Library, 2200 Pioneer Avenue  
**Why:** Learn what records you'll be able to access at the Family History Library before we go in September.

**Larimer County Genealogical Society (LCGS)**

**February 19, 2009 - General Meeting 6:30 pm**  
**"Writing To Capture Memories For Your Children and Grandchildren"**

Presented by Sharon Greenlee, noted counselor, author and consultant. She has presented classes and workshops on this, and other topic for many years. She will present a brief overview of different and creative format for capturing those memories for your children and grandchildren. Sharon reminds us: "Our past is rich with memories of growing up, grandma's house, neighborhood fun, games we played, music we listened to and more.

Please bring a pen and paper to the lecture.

Location: Harmony Public Library, Community Room, 4616 South Shields Street, Fort Collins.

**Albany County Genealogical Society**

Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the First United Methodist Church in Laramie.

March 10 meeting program will be given by Jean Oxley  
Subject of the program was not available.

April 14 program "Some interesting genealogical searches concerning former Albany County residents."  
By: Leroy Maki



## Current Officers of Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society

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