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## Message from the CGHS President

Welcome everyone to the Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society 2013-2014 program year. Our summer is drawing to a close and the sunlight is changing on our house plants. In thinking back to what I did during the summer, I found myself busy growing flowers and tending a garden with an eye toward entries in the County Fair. Our selected flowers and vegetables were picked and entered and judged. For two days we volunteered to watch over the horticulture entries where we gathered new ideas for next year. While we were at the fair, my husband and I watched tractor pulls as well as storm clouds roll in. A fun highlight of the summer was seeing our daughter and celebrating her birthday. But now my eyes are looking toward fall and genealogy. As your new president, I am looking forward to his year of fun and getting to know all of you better. The board and I are hard at work putting together programs for your enjoyment. Hope you can make time to join us the second Tuesday of each month. See you then!

*Virginia*

### Upcoming Events:

Sept 10, 2013

**CGHS Meeting:**

"Summer Successes"

LC Library, Cheyenne

Oct 8, 2013

**CGHS Meeting:**

"The Power of Family

Legends," Cari Taplin

LC Library, Cheyenne

Nov 12, 2013

**CGHS Meeting:**

"Understanding Home-

stead Records,"

Roberta King

LC Library, Cheyenne

Feb 6-8, 2014

**Roots Tech Conference**

Salt Lake City, Utah

## Diane C. Loosle Named Director of FHL

FamilySearch announced recently that Diane C. Loosle is the new director of its flagship Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. She will have the responsibility of leveraging the skills of the genealogical community more efficiently to meet the growing needs of a broader worldwide audience. Loosle is a 19-year veteran of FamilySearch, a professional genealogist, experienced research consultant, patron services specialist, and business leader. She holds an MBA degree, and has great leadership experience. FamilySearch is a growing, worldwide nonprofit organization focused on providing quick and affordable access to genealogical records and related services. Loosle says a



top priority for her as director of the Library will be to study the role

of the Family History Library and 4,700 satellite branches worldwide called family history centers, and how to make them discovery centers for people of all ages, not just a research facility. "Our centers are great places to do genealogical research...we need to figure out how to balance the needs of researchers while increasing appeal to those with other family history interests,"

said Loosle. "You can't attract a younger audience and offer the same experiences. We need to offer fun experiences and activities for the entire family that will increase love, appreciation, and understanding of their ancestors." She says she has some specific goals:

- Become more family and youth-oriented through providing interactive, discovery experiences.
  - Enhance the services of the library through new collaborative research areas and better access to research staff.
  - Engage more patrons from the geographic community surrounding the library.
- Don Anderson, FamilySearch Senior Vice President of Pa-

tron and Partner Services, said, "Not only is she the first female director of the Library, she is one of the most qualified and capable to ever serve in this position." During her career at FamilySearch, she led the creation and expansion of new patron services initiatives, the development of the FamilySearch Wiki, and free online training content at FamilySearch.org.

*The Family History Library serves 400,000 patrons per year; 61% stay for 4+ hours; 35% stay for 8+ hours; 52% are from outside Utah; millions more frequent the thousands of family history centers worldwide or do online research daily at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org).*

# Digitized War of 1812 Pension Files on "Fold3"

By Lisa Louise Cooke, *Genealogy Gems.com*

According to the National Archives, pension files for the War of 1812 rate among their most-requested materials. But the files haven't been easy to use because they're only at the National Archives—they haven't been available in published, microfilmed or digitized form. You've either had to research the pension files onsite in Washington, D.C. or order copies from the Archives. Not exactly easy access. This is about to change. The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), The National Archives, Ancestry.com and Fold3.com are partners in a huge effort: to preserve and digitize 7.2 million pages of War of 1812 Pension Records and make them available for free online.

This mammoth undertaking commemorates the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, which has been called "America's

Second Revolution." Many U.S. citizens joined the fight against the British Empire to permanently resolve issues the Revolutionary War was fought over. It's a near-legendary era in U.S. history when "The Star Spangled Banner" was penned (during the defense of Baltimore's Fort McHenry) and the White House was burned (during the only foreign occupation of Washington, D.C.).

The pension files are already being digitized, and completed images and their associated indexes are being posted incrementally. You can view them for free at [Fold3.com](http://Fold3.com). Follow the progress of this enormous undertaking at [FGS' Preserve the Pensions blog](http://FGS' Preserve the Pensions blog),



where you'll see updates and get inspired by research success stories. Commemorate the War of 1812's anniversary yourself by looking here for any ancestors who may have served.

War of 1812 pension records consist of approximately 180,000 pension and bounty land warrant application files relating to claims based on service between 1812 and 1815—of these there are approximately 7.2 million individual pages with more than 765,000 images already online at [Fold3.com/1812pensions](http://Fold3.com/1812pensions). These rich documents contain details of our ancestors such as affidavits, statements from witnesses, widow's maiden name, acres granted, marriage date, service data and more. Many of these records are old and in poor condition. They must be rescued by being digitized so future generations of researchers can access these war records. You can help with saving War of 1812 Pension Files by making a donation via [Preserve the Pensions](http://Preserve the Pensions).

## Battle of Gettysburg Recognized at 150th Anniversary

The **Battle of Gettysburg** was fought July 1-3, 1863, in and around the town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania between Union and Confederate forces during the American Civil War. The battle involved the largest number of casualties of the entire war and is often described as the war's turning point. Elements of the two armies initially collided at Gettysburg on July 1, 1863, as

Lee urgently concentrated his forces there, his objective being to engage the Union army and destroy it. All across the battlefield, despite significant losses, the Union defenders held their lines. Between 46,000 and 51,000 soldiers from both armies were casualties in the three-day battle. On November 19, President Lincoln used the dedication ceremony for the Gettysburg National

Cemetery to honor the fallen Union soldiers and redefine the purpose of the war in his historic Gettysburg Address. To read more about the anniversary and related events, click: <http://www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com/> <http://www.gettysburg.travel/150/event.asp> <http://www.nps.gov/gett/playourvisit/150th-anniversary-index.htm> <http://www.civilwar.org/>

## Genealogy News You Can Use...

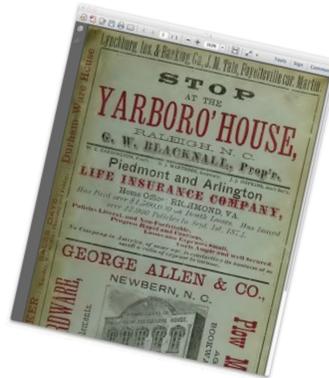
### National Archives Publishes "Discovering the Civil War"

Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the outbreak of the American Civil War, this generously illustrated book peels back years of accumulated analysis, interpretation, and opinion to reveal the human face of history. *Discovering the Civil War* features more than 400 letters, diaries, photographs, maps, petitions, receipts, patents, amendments, and proclamations from the unparalleled holdings of the National Archives, taking a fresh look at the war through little-known stories, seldom-seen documents, and unusual perspectives. The National Archives holds not only the records of the Union forces but also the so-called "Rebel Archives," captured from the Confederacy, and the records of the Freedmen's Bureau, the agency that helped African Americans in their transition from slavery to citizenship. This book looks beyond the battlefield to the experiences of ordinary people—substitutes who were paid to replace draftees, veterans of the Battle of Gettysburg at their 75th anniversary reunion in 1938, even a female soldier named Frank Thompson, who served in the Union Army disguised as a man. Famous documents, such as the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment, are juxtaposed with lesser-known documents, including an innovative wartime patent for a multi-purpose device that could serve as a tent, knapsack, or blanket, and a message in Chinese characters asking for Confederate ships to be barred from Chinese ports—proving that the Civil War was a truly international struggle. *Published by the Foundation for the National Archives in association with D. Giles Limited. Go to:*

<http://www.myarchivesstore.org/civil-war.html>

### Century of North Carolina City Directories Now Online

A century's worth of North Carolina directories is online as part of the City Directories Collection from the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center. The collection features 939 directories from 1860 through 1963. They cover 108 cities in 64 counties. The directories are a valuable tool for genealogists, historians, city planners, and anyone curious about the state's past, said Nick Graham, program coordinator for the Center. "City directories don't sound interesting until you realize how much is in them," he said. You can read more and access the city directories at <http://goo.gl/5LUEo>.



### Penn State Libraries Release Sanborn Maps for Pennsylvania

Recently Penn State's University Libraries completed the cataloging and digitization of the entire collection of Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps that span the late 19th and early 20th centuries—31,036 sheets, representing 585 large and small communities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Titles published before 1923 available online to the public are presented in an alphabetical index of Pennsylvania communities at [www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/digital/sanborn.html](http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/digital/sanborn.html). As copyright restrictions are lifted for post-1922 titles, the scanned images of those communities also will be mounted on the library's Sanborn Maps website for use.

### Pikes Peak Newsfinder Finishes Online Newspaper Index

The Pikes Peak Library District Special Collections, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, recently completed the entry of its entire local newspaper card index into its Pikes Peak NewsFinder online index. Nearly half a million cards indexing news stories, obituaries and other vital records from the *Colorado Springs Gazette*, 1872 through 1999, were transcribed by a dedicated group of volunteers and PPLD staff members

during the past decade. Members of the Pikes Peak Genealogical Society provided much support and volunteer time on the project. Pikes Peak NewsFinder is one of the largest, free-to-access, newspaper indexes available on the Internet, with more than three-quarters of a million citations, many of which link directly to the full-text articles. Those not currently linked can be ordered, free of charge, directly from the index. The Pikes Peak NewsFinder contains citations to articles from several historic and contemporary Pikes Peak area newspaper titles held on microfilm at PPLD, as well as to the Colorado Springs Death Registers. The Pikes Peak NewsFinder currently includes nearly 800,000 citations and the online index has been visited more than 460,000 times since 2004. The Pikes Peak NewsFinder can be accessed through the website of the Pikes Peak Library District -

[http://more.ppld.org:8080/SpecialCollections/Index/article\\_search.asp](http://more.ppld.org:8080/SpecialCollections/Index/article_search.asp)

—from *Eastman's Online Genealogy newsletter*

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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.

- Mary C. Dillon
- Aspen & Troy Egbert
- Jeff French
- Cassie & Donald Kelley



## Announcing "One Step-Project 1950"

It may be hard to believe but preparations are now underway to prepare the 1950 census for public viewing. When the 1940 census was released, tools on Stephen Morse's One-Step website helped researchers locate addresses when a name index did not yet exist or was faulty. On the day the 1940 census was released - April 2, 2012 - the One-Step site received over 2.25 million hits. The One-Step tables developed for these utilities were also used by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) on their 1940 website, Ancestry.com on their initial 1940 offering, and the NY Public Library's digitized 1940 phone book website. An announcement from Steve Morse and Joel Weintraub introduces the One-Step site's Project 1950: "If you wondered how we produced free locational tools for the opening of the 1940 census on the Morse One-Step site, wonder no more and be part of the team to do the same thing for 1950. We have opened up 'Project 1950' to prepare searchable ED definitions and street indexes for the opening of the 1950 census in 2022. With the help of about 125 volunteers we produced our 1940 tools, and now are looking for about 200+ volunteers to help with Phase I (transcription of Enumeration District definitions) and Phase II (creating urban area street indexes) for 1950." An explanation of the two phases and what needs to be done can be found at [steve-morse.org/census/project1950intro.html](http://steve-morse.org/census/project1950intro.html). "It may seem too early to be doing this, but it took us over seven years to produce the 1940 tools that were used by . . . millions of researchers," said Morse

There will be differences between the 1950 census and the 1940 one. The 1950 census contains less information than the 1940, and it was the first census to enumerate Americans abroad. It was also the first to be partially tabulated by computer, the UNIVAC I. To learn more about the 1950 census, visit the [National Archives 1950 overview](#).

## Cole Elementary School Needs CGHS Members' & Friends' Assistance

Children attending Cole Elementary School are consistently in need of clothing and school supplies, and the Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society has "adopted" this school to support its needs. This year we are collecting the following supplies for the children:

- New or gently used boy's and girl's under-pants and sweatpants, sizes 2 through 8
- Children's socks & tee shirts—boys & girls, sizes 2-12
- New or gently used mittens, gloves and hats, all sizes
- Plastic grocery or shopping bags for returning soiled clothing

The school appreciates any assistance, so please contribute something if you can. Donations can be dropped off at the Special Collections Room at the Laramie County Library.