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Message from the CGHS President...

I have enjoyed being the president of the Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society for the past year. I have worked with people who enjoy what I enjoy and worked with the board members who helped me to grow more in genealogy research. Our members were great to talk to and to get to know. Because of the great programs and the friendships created, we have increased our membership as well. This has been a good year for CGHS. Enjoy your summer and happy genealogy hunting!

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**Installation will be held at the annual banquet on May 13*

Upcoming Events:

13 May 2014

5:30-9:00 p.m.

Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society Annual Banquet:

"Sunrise, Wyoming—Then & Now,"

Shoshone Room

Cheyenne Holiday Inn

7-10 May 2014

National Genealogical Society's Annual Family History Conference:

"Virginia: The First Frontier," Greater

Richmond

Convention Center,

Richmond, VA



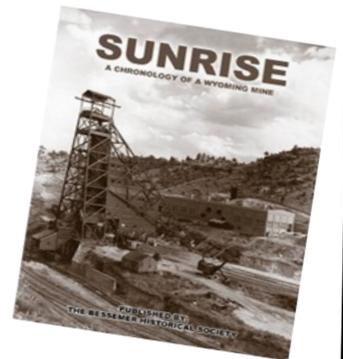
CGHS May Banquet Program Will Reveal the Ups and Downs of Historic Mining Town in "Sunrise, Wyoming—Then & Now"...featuring speakers Mary Humstone and John Voigt

"Sunrise, Wyoming—Then & Now," an entertaining, educational program sponsored by the Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society will be presented on Tues., May 13th at the Cheyenne Holiday Inn. Presenters are Mary Humstone, University of Wyoming,

and John Voigt, Sunrise resident, who will reveal interesting facts about the history of Sunrise, its ups and downs as a mining community and its future. Humstone, who teaches architectural history & historic preservation and coordinates outreach activities for the UW American Studies Program, will discuss the area's history and the effort it took to place the mining district & town on the National Register of Historic Places. Voigt, who has a

bachelor's degree in finance from U.W., and is an entertainer, rancher and iron-mine owner, will talk about the mine & ghost town's past, present and future.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Shoshone Room of the Holiday Inn with check-in, a silent auction and dinner as prelude to the program at 7 p.m. Registration for the \$16-dinner is necessary for this event by calling Robin at 630-2915; deadline for reservations with entree



selection & payment is Tuesday, May 6 at 4 p.m. Guests wishing to attend the program-only for \$5 may also pre-register. This is the 2014 capstone program sponsored by the Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society.



How to Connect With Other Genealogists on Social Media

By Diane Haddad at *Family Tree Magazine's Genealogy Insider* blog <http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider>. Copyright 2014 Family Tree Magazine. Reprinted with permission. For more genealogy how-to articles or to subscribe, visit <http://www.familytreemagazine.com>.

I'm old enough to remember Web 1.0, when you could view online content, and that was about it. Wow, have things changed.

Now, we learn about genealogy not only from those with the wherewithal to create and maintain a website, but also from each other, through social media. Friending and following your fellow genealogists can lead you to new genealogy resources, strategies, stories and inspiration. Plus, it feels good to participate in a community of people as passionate about something as you are. Recently we announced our roundup of [40 genealogy Social Media Mavericks](#) to follow on blogs, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and YouTube. You can see the roundup in the March/April 2014 *Family Tree Magazine* article by [Lisa Louise Cooke of Genealogy Gems](#), and [on FamilyTreeMagazine.com](#).

These mavericks are great "curators" of online genealogy information. They share news and research advice, provide inspiration, ask thought-provoking questions, and offer insight into historical records and photos. I'm glad they're around to help us manage the intimidating amount of online family history information!



Of course, there are a lot of other influential social media channels. If you're new to social media, or you're just beginning to add it to your genealogy bag of tricks, Lisa suggests using these Social Media Mavericks as a starting point. Then branch out to individuals and groups that meet your research needs. For example, on Facebook, I've joined groups and liked pages related to places my ancestors lived and the orphanage where my grandfather grew up.

Here are ways to connect with researchers on Facebook, Pinterest, blogs, YouTube and Twitter: Once you sign up for [Facebook](#), in the "Search for people, places and things" box at the top, type a term such as *German genealogy*. Don't hit Enter. You can choose from the options that automatically appear, or click "See more results" at the bottom of the list to see more groups (open or closed, meaning you must request to join), pages, people, events and apps related to your search terms.

On [Pinterest](#), try entering *genealogy* into the search box at the top left. You'll see pins related to your search. Click the Boards tab to see other Pinners' boards with *genealogy* in the title, or click Pinners to see pinners with *genealogy* in their name. If you've registered for Pinterest, you can repin a pin or follow a board or pinner. Otherwise, click on a pin to link to the source blog or website (although not all pins link to more information). ([See our guide to using Pinterest for genealogy.](#))

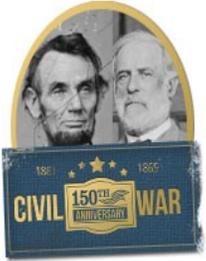
To find **blogs** about ethnicities or places of interest to you, use the GeneaBloggers [search](#) or [blogroll](#), or run a web search on a topic with the words *genealogy blog*.

[YouTube](#) lets you search for videos using the search box at the top of the page. Once you find a video you like, you can click the red Subscribe button (if you're a YouTube member) to make it easy to find that channel again.

On [Twitter](#), you can use the search box at the top to find Twitterers to follow (similar to Facebook). Use a hashtag (#) to search for posts tagged with a particular topic. For example, search for #rootstech to find posts about the [RootsTech genealogy conference](#). Finally, ask your genealogy friends (on Facebook and in real life) who they follow and friend. If your friends find it helpful, there's a good chance you will, too.

Genealogy News You Can Use...

Fold3's Civil War Collection Available Free April 14-30



In remembrance of the Civil War's commencement in April 1861, Fold3 invites you to explore all records in its Civil War Collection for free April 14-30. Explore Civil War documents featuring everything from military records to personal accounts and historic writings. Soldier records include service records, pension index cards, "Widows' Pension" files, Navy survivors certificates, Army registers, and more. Other record types include photographs, original war maps, court investigations, and slave records. Items such as the Lincoln Assassination Papers, Sultana Disaster documents, letters to the Adjutant General and Commission Branch and the 1860 census are also contained in the collection. Confederate-specific records include Confederate service records, amnesty papers, casualty reports, and citizen files, as well as Confederate Navy subject files and Southern Claims Commission documents. Get started searching the [Civil War Collection here](#).

National Archives on Flickr, Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter

The National Archives and Records Administration is making historic documents accessible to everyone through social media. "We need to meet the users where they are," said U.S. Archivist David Ferriero. NARA has [blogs](#), a [Facebook](#) page, [Twitter](#) accounts, [Pinterest](#) boards, and more than 7,000 photographs on [Flickr](#). The agency also started a wiki for people to post what they have learned through doing research. NARA staff verifies that the information posted is accurate, Ferriero said.

Ancestry.com on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube

Ancestry.com, the world's largest online resource for family history has free learning opportunities on several social media sites. They have a presence on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Pinterest, with educational to informational to funny topics. Go to their [Social Network page](#) for links to each site.

"Going In-Depth" Magazine Reaches Publishing Milestone

The free digital magazine, *Going In-Depth* reached their second anniversary in March. Providing more than 70 pages of articles and columns each month—it's a great resource for every genealogist. Read the March issue, past issues or sign up for a free subscription at: www.theindepthgenealogist.com/

Ancestry.com Reveals New Search Tool—"Search Filters"

The *Ancestry Insider Blog* from 18 Mar 2014, reports on Ancestry.com's new feature intended to make it easier to deal with the thousands of results returned when not using Exact search mode: search sliders. "Search Filters," as Ancestry.com calls them, are located in the upper-left corner of the search results page. For each search term users specify, they can broaden the number of results by moving a slider to the left, or narrow down the number of results by moving a slider to the right. For example, five positions are available on name sliders. Names can be set to return matches that are: Not exact, left most position—returns the most results; Exact, similar, sounds like, and initials; Exact, sounds like and similar; Exact and similar; Exact, right most position—returns the fewest results. The six positions for date sliders are: Not exact; +/- 10 years; +/- 5 years; +/- 2 years; +/- 1 year; & Exact. There are two positions for locations—Broad & Exact." Broad means the results may not match the search term at all, but matches other criteria so closely that the result may still be a match. The feature opens up the advanced search options that are available as drop downs beneath fields in advanced search mode. For more information, see their YouTube 5-minute video, "[Start Small, Go Big-How Sliders Can Improve Your Searching.](#)"

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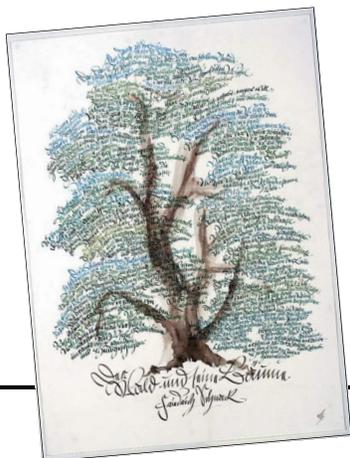
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The Cheyenne Genealogical &
Historical Society welcomes
these new members who have
joined the organization in the
last several months.

- Tom Bonds
- Holly Garrard
- Helen Lovett



"CHECK THIS OUT"

a new feature in *The Genealogy Journal*
featuring book reviews by members

Finding Family by Richard Hill (call #929.10282)

This is an excellent work of non-fiction genealogy research that reads like a mystery novel. The author takes us in a chronological way from his discovery that he was an adopted child to his final breakthrough about his birth father. As a young man he was not too concerned about being adopted. Hill was a much-loved child and he came to understand that his mother would never acknowledge his adoptee status so he let the issue lie fallow for years. Then his adoptive father tells him some facts right before his death and the author begins to look for his birth family. Of course, the records were sealed and Hill begins by asking more questions of his immediate family and friends. After many years and many false leads and disappointments, Hill turns to then new science of DNA testing. Here he gains many new friends and allies and gradually breaks through the brick walls surrounding his birth. The author was highlighted in the *Wall Street Journal* about his techniques and strategies and now runs a website to help others understand the complexities of genetic genealogy. Hill is Co-Director of the [Global Adoptee Genealogy Project](#). If you enjoy case studies on genealogical research and a good mystery, this book is a winner. —JudyE

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