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Cheyenne Genealogy & Historical Society Annual Cemetery Walk

Meet some of Cheyenne's famous and infamous characters during the Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society's annual Lakeview Cemetery Walk on Friday, July 26. 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 or Wendy Douglass at 630-0924.

Upcoming Events:

July 26, 2013

CGHS Cemetery Walk
Lakeview Cemetery,
Cheyenne

July 30-Aug 2, 2013

BYU Family History &
Genealogy Conference
Provo, Utah

<http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/>

Aug 21-24, 2013

FGS Conference,
"Journey Through
Generations"

Fort Wayne, Indiana

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

Get Inspired! Share a Family Story with "StoryCorps"—a National Oral History Project To Visit Cheyenne Jul 12-Aug 3

StoryCorps is an independent nonprofit group whose mission is to provide people of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, share, and preserve the stories of their lives. StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind, and millions listen to the weekly broadcasts on NPR's *Morning Edition* and on the StoryCorps Web pages. StoryCorps is excited to partner with the Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society and

other local groups during their upcoming visit to Cheyenne. The StoryCorps Mobile Booth will be located at the Laramie County Library from July 12 through August 3 and they are giving participants an opportunity to record, share and preserve a family story. Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 45,000 interviews with nearly 90,000 participants. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share, and is preserved at the American

Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. They do this to remind us of our shared humanity, strengthen and build the connections between people, teach the value of listening, and weave into the fabric of our culture the understanding that every life matters. By creating an archive of American voices and wisdom for future generations, they hope to build StoryCorps into an enduring institution that will touch the lives of every American family.

If you are interested in sharing a special story of your own, contact Wendy Douglass, 630-0924 or Judy Engelhart 632-2623 as soon as possible to book an appointment. For a sample story go to: <http://storycorps.org/listen/>



"Who Do You Think You Are" Premieres Tuesday, July 23 on TLC

From Diane Haddad, *Family Tree Magazine*, and the *TheLearningChanel Website*

From roots in the Deep South to the slums of New Jersey, "Who Do You Think You Are?" follows the journeys of some of the most well-known names in American popular culture as they reveal unknown details about themselves and their families. Executive Producer Lisa Kudrow (best known for her role as Phoebe in the hit sitcom *Friends*) opens doors to fascinating real-life stories and eye-opening revelations that impact their lives today. Celebrities such as Christina Applegate, Kelly Clarkson, Cindy Crawford, and Chris O'Donnell have signed up for the emotional journey and discovery of amazing details about their family tree's deep roots. The Learning Chanel, which picked up the series after NBC dropped it last year, will air eight hour-long episodes, which are set to premiere Tuesday, July 23. TLC has announced the full lineup of star-power on the fourth season of "Who Do You Think You Are?":

—**Kelly Clarkson:** The first winner of "American Idol" back in 2002, this singer-songwriter from Fort Worth has Greek and Welsh roots. A Clarkson sighting in Sumter County, Ga., in February prompted reports she was filming at the Andersonville National Historic Site.

—**Zoey Deschanel:** You may know this actress and musician as the quirky title character of

"New Girl" on Fox. Her surname comes from her French paternal grandfather; she also has Swiss, Dutch, English and Irish roots.

—**Chris O'Donnell:** As his parents' surnames—O'Donnell and Rohs von Brecht—would suggest, this "NCIS: Los Angeles" actor (he also was on the big screen as Robin to batmen Val Kilmer and George Clooney) has Irish and German ancestry.

—**Christina Applegate:** This "Married...with Children," and "Samantha Who?" actress was born into the business: Her parents are record company executive Robert W. Applegate and singer and actress Nancy Lee Priddy

—**Jim Parsons:** This episode features "Big Bang Theory" star, Sheldon Cooper (trademark line: "Bazinga!"). The Houston native reportedly has English, Scottish, French and German heritage.

—**Cindy Crawford:** German, English and French make up the bulk of this supermodel's ancestry. She was "discovered" by a newspaper photographer as she detasseled corn in her DeKalb, Ill., hometown. Her appearance at the Connecticut State Library in May was a clue that she was filming for "WDYTVA?".

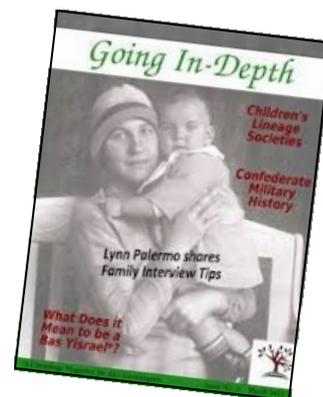
—**Trisha Yearwood:** This country singer does it all: she's a singer, actress, cookbook author and host of her own cooking show on the Food Network. She was born in Monticello, Ga.

—**Chelsea Handler:** A comedian, actress and talk show host from Livingston, NJ, Handler has a German Mormon mother and a Jewish father.

Watch a short teaser on TLC's [Who Do You Think You Are?](http://www.tlc.com/who-dot-think-you-are/) website.

June Issue of "Going In-Depth"

The free digital newsletter, *Going In-Depth* was introduced to subscribers earlier this year. Filled with over 70 pages of guest articles, regular columns and free resources, it is a great publication for every genealogist, no matter the age, stage or focus of your research. New editions are issued each month. Read past issues or the June 2013 issue at: www.theindepthgenealogist.com/



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Genealogy News You Can Use...

Ancestry.com Asks Users for Feedback on "Old Search"

In light of the online commentary over the impending discontinuation of its "Old Search," Ancestry.com has set up a survey to gather feedback on the site's search function. Ancestry.com spokesperson Matthew Deighton said the company wants Old Search users to know that it plans to preserve the functionality of the Old Search, and merge it into one consolidated search experience. In a recent note distributed to bloggers, Ancestry.com asked users to take the survey. It also linked to an educational video about the current (aka "New") search experience and to an article with a side-by-side explanation of achieving the same results with New Search as Old Search. The note also says that some of the functions Old Search fans have lamented losing are present in New Search—"Many of the recent concerns and comments have cited functionality that actually exists in current search, as well as in Old Search—specifically:

—Our current search experience allows users to view search results as a list of ranked records or as a consolidated list of categories.

—Our current search experience allows users to do 'Exact Match' searches.

—Our current search experience allows users to specify a 'Collection Priority' to filter results by country. "

[Read Ancestry.com's note on Eastman's Newsletter here](#), or click to [take the survey](#).



Pennsylvania Death Certificates Being Digitized by Ancestry

The [Pennsylvania State Archives](#) began a new phase of its ongoing partnership with Ancestry.com to digitize and index historically valuable documents from its collections. This began in mid-September with the pick-up and transport of several cartons of death certificates to Ancestry's facility in Silver Spring, Md. While in their custody, the records are scanned by trained professionals and an every name index for the entire series of records is created. The collection consists of over 6.5 million death certificates that were originally maintained by the Department of Health's Division of Vital Records and contain vital information on deaths that were registered in Pennsylvania from 1906-1962. Data in the certificates includes file number, county, city, address, ward, full name of deceased, sex, color, marital status, date of birth, age, occupation, birthplace, name and birthplace of mother and father, and informant's signature and address. Medical data provided includes the date of death, length of attendance and last visit of physician, cause of death, duration of illness, contributory factors, and name and address of physician. Additional data sometimes includes length of residence if in a hospital or institution, where disease was contracted, residence, and where buried. Death certificates from more recent years add citizenship; social security number and if decedent served in the U.S. Armed Forces. A boon for genealogists, it is anticipated that the records and indices will be available for the public and in the Archives Search Room through the Ancestry website by the end of calendar year 2013.

Family Search to Discontinue Personal Ancestral File (PAF)

FamilySearch will no longer offer PAF downloads or support after July 15, 2013. Advances in technology, strong alternatives from third parties, and the need to focus on the latest FamilySearch initiatives have diminished the need for PAF as part of the FamilySearch offering. FamilySearch will no longer assist users with features of PAF, but will provide limited support for moving PAF data to a compatible third-party application, which will enable a connection to FamilySearch to copy data to and from the web as desired. For more information, visit the FamilySearch website [questions & answers on PAF](#).

Nine New William Dollarhide Research Guides Now Available

In a new series of genealogical guides, William Dollarhide continues his long tradition of writing books that family historians find useful in their day-to-day U. S. research. These Guides give a state-by-state listing of what name lists are available, where to find them, and how they can be used to further one's research. There are currently nine new volumes in print—Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, and the District of Columbia. Others will follow as published. Name lists, national, state, county, or city or town in scope, can help nail down the precise place where one's ancestor may have lived, where further local records can then be found. These Guides give detailed name list bibliographies available for the states with links to websites, FHL book & microfilm numbers, archive references, maps, and other information.

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Officers & board members of the Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society wish all our members and friends safe, fun and successful summer research adventures! Mark your calendars for September 10, 2013 for our first meeting in the fall. See you then!



Mocavo Announces Genealogy "Karma"

Back in 1999, a fantastic resource was established to bring together members of the genealogy community all around the world. The brain-child of Bridgett and Doc Schneider, Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (RAOGK) was created to help genealogists collaborate with the genealogy community to document their research, while also offering genealogists a way to give back to a community that had helped them in the past. RAOGK quickly turned into a global organization. The group's volunteers were able to help thousands of genealogists make progress in their family history research. The RAOGK website went offline in 2011 because of a computer disaster. Sadly, Bridgett Schneider passed away later that year, and the website was never able to come back online. In tribute to Bridgett and Doc Schneider and all of the participants in RAOGK, many volunteers have created programs similar to RAOGK to help bring together the expertise of the genealogy community. Doc and Bridgett's legacy and the efforts of thousands of volunteers was an inspiration to create a place for researchers to come together and collaborate to help other members of the genealogical community. Mocavo, announces the launch of **Genealogy Karma**, modeled after Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness, they hope to empower the Mocavo community and connect researchers all around the country. If you're looking for documents, records, or photos from an ancestor who lived far away, they will connect you with family history volunteers who can do this research for you in other cities. Likewise, if you'd like to give back to the Mocavo community and have a little time to donate, you can sign up as a volunteer. To begin, visit www.mocavo.com/karma

Search Newly-Released English Parish Records Through "Find-My-Past"

FindMyPast has added more than 450,000 new parish baptisms, marriages and burials covering the period 1538-2009 from Northumberland, Durham, Ryedale, Sheffield, Wiltshire and Suffolk to make it easier than ever to trace your ancestors further back through history. The Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society has funded a subscription to FindMyPast for Special Collections at the Laramie County Library, which contains these recently released records:

- 141,525 Suffolk Baptisms 1753-1911
- 244,309 Wiltshire Baptisms 1538-1867
- 27,420 Northumberland & Durham Burials 1587-2009
- 22,687 Sheffield Baptisms 1837-1968
- 8,181 Sheffield Marriages 1824-1991
- 7,113 Ryedale Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1754-1999

Visit the Family History Room/Special Collections to begin your own search!!