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Message from the CGHS President...

Another summer of research trips is ending. In the upcoming season, I hope many of you will share your research success and struggles. We have a great line up of programs, which cover a wide range of topics and experience levels. We continue to look to you, our members for input, suggestions, and to volunteer for the wide range of projects of the society. According to *USA Today*, Genealogy/Family History Research, is currently the second most popular hobby in the United States. What is the most popular hobby? That would be gardening. With the explosion of online research tools & television shows, it is no wonder. The days of notebooks filled with pedigree charts, family group sheets, research logs, etc. could be ending. So why join a society? For some, we never have to leave home to do research. For some, there is proof that we are not related to Roy Rogers, but the family legend is still shared. As many of us have experienced, this new onslaught of technology is sometimes fraught with misinformation. Societies such as ours stress and attempt to share ways to research, verify, and document. Therefore, as I ramble on, I hope you will see the need for and continue to be an active society member—attend a meeting, bring a friend, volunteer, share, join in. —Robin Everett



Registration Now Open for "Conference for a Cause"

The Larimer County Genealogical Society has announced that registration is open for their all-day ["Conference for a Cause"](#) to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Nov. 14, 2015 in Loveland, Colo. at the Larimer County Conference Center at The Ranch. D. Joshua Taylor will be the keynote speaker. For more than 15 years, Taylor has been an active genealogist, and is the lead genealogist for FindMyPast.com. Taylor, who is a popular and entertaining



speaker, has been a part of "Who Do You Think You Are?" on NBC and TLC, and he is co-host for "The Genealogy Roadshow" on PBS. The conference will raise money for two great local area charitable causes—the first is to repair grave-stones in Grandview Cemetery in Fort Collins (beginning with Civil War Veteran's grave-stones), a project of Friday's Council Tree Chapter of DAR; the second is to raise money for the "Preserve the Pension's Project," a national project to digitize pension papers of soldiers from

the War of 1812. The Conference registration fee is \$60 and will feature these topics:

- New Tools & Ideas in Research
- Successful Searching Online: Clustering for Genealogists
- On & Off the Net: Locality Searching
- Beyond Belief: The Wealth of Genealogical & Historical Societies.

For more information on the conference, speaker and sessions, or to register, go to <http://www.lcgsc.org/events/conference-for-a-cause/>

Upcoming Events:

8 September 2015

6:00-8:30 p.m.

CGHS Monthly Meeting, Laramie County Library

"Tripe or Treasure: Citing Your Sources"

Sue Seniawski

15 September 2015

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Cheyenne Family History Center, **"Search Strategies for Ancestry.com"**

Cindy McCormick

(registration required)

22 September 2015

10:00 a.m.-noon

Cheyenne Family History Center, **"Family Tree: Merging Duplicates"**

Melanie Bosselman

(registration required)

13 October 2015

6:00-8:30 p.m.

CGHS Monthly Meeting, Laramie County Library

"Seed of the Volga"

Karen W. Schutte

21-22 October 2015

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair; live online broadcast via YouTube

Topics to be announced

7 November (Sat) 2015

CGHS Sponsored Workshop: **"Finding Native Americans"** with

Holly Hansen & others (registration required)

with a research night on **10 November 2015**

6:00-8:30 p.m.

CGHS Monthly Meeting Laramie County Library

Having a Hard Time Finding a Marriage Record? Check out Gretna Green Locations Near Your Ancestors' Residence to Find a "Runaway Marriage"

Editor's Note: This article was reproduced from Family Search Wiki, https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Gretna_Greens_in_the_United_States

A Gretna Green is a favored marriage place. When a couple runs away from their home area to get married in a place with fewer marriage restrictions, the place they go is often called a "Gretna Green." They may want to marry at a younger age, want to wait a shorter period after obtaining a license, want to marry without parental consent, want to avoid procedures such as blood tests, want less paper work, want to avoid paying a marriage bond, want to keep the marriage a secret, want a less expensive marriage, or want to marry a closer cousin than their home district will allow. Or there may be a special romantic place to elope. Some couples wanted to wed in the same place their friends got married. When enough couples resort to a particular place it may gain a reputation as a Gretna Green. In common law, a "Gretna Green marriage" means a marriage transacted in a jurisdiction that was not the residence of the parties being married, to avoid restrictions or procedures imposed by the parties' home jurisdiction.

Scottish Origins

The original Gretna Green is a town by that name, famous for runaway marriages, and just over the English border in Scotland. When English laws prohibited marriage under the age of 21, some younger couples crossed the Scottish border and the first town on the road was Gretna Green. In popular tradition blacksmiths and anvils have become associated symbols of such marriages. Scottish law allowed anyone to perform a marriage if a declaration were made in front of two witnesses.

The blacksmiths of Gretna came to be called "anvil priests."

Genealogical Implications

For genealogists seeking a hard to find marriage, searching marriage records in the nearest Gretna Greens may be worthwhile. A Gretna Green can be a certain county in-state, or an out-of-state place. For example, Reno, Nevada was a Gretna Green for California. Niagara County, New York was a Gretna Green for the Province of Ontario, Canada. And Niagara Falls, Ontario was a Gretna Green for New York.

Known Locations in the U.S.

- Arizona, Yuma, Yuma for southern California, Arizona, and New Mexico^[3]
- Connecticut, New London, Groton^[3]
- Delaware for colonial New Jersey^[4]
- Georgia, Floyd, Rome for White County, Tennessee^[3]
- Idaho, Kootenai, Coeur d'Alene for Great Falls and other Montana towns, Spokane, eastern Washington, and northern Idaho^[3]
- Idaho, Payette, Payette for Oregon
- Idaho, Washington, Weiser for Oregon
- Idaho, Paris, Bear Lake for Utah and Wyoming
- Illinois, Cook, Chicago^[5]
- Indiana, Clark and Floyd Counties for Louisville, Kentucky and surrounding areas
- Indiana, Lake, Crown Point for Kentucky, Illinois, and Ohio^[3]
- Indiana, St. Joseph, South Bend for Indiana and western Michigan^[3]
- Indiana, Steuben, Angola for northwest Ohio, and southern Michigan^[3]
- Indiana, Vanderburgh, Evansville for northwest Kentucky and southeast Illinois^[6]

- Iowa, Lee County for ethnic Irish on the Mississippi River or from the East^[3]
- Kentucky, Mason, Maysville^[3]
- Kentucky, Pike County^[3]
- Maryland, Cecil, Elkton for Philadelphia, New York City, and New England^[1]
- Maryland, Howard County^[3]
- Massachusetts, Middlesex, Lowell^[3]
- Michigan, St. Clair, Port Huron for Lambton County, Ontario and all Ontario^[7]
- Michigan, Berrien, St. Joseph for Cook County, Illinois^{[8][9]}
- Nebraska, Norton Kansas
- Nevada, Clark, Las Vegas for southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah^{[1][3]}
- Nevada, Elko, West Wendover for Utah and Idaho^[3]
- Nevada, Humboldt, Winnemucca for Oregon^[3]
- Nevada, Washoe, Reno for northern California^[1]
- New Mexico, Colfax, Raton for southern Front Range of Colorado
- New York, Erie, Buffalo for Ontario Canada
- New York, Essex, Crown Point for New York^[3]
- New York, Kings County for colonial New Jersey^[4]
- New York, New York (New York City Dutch and Presbyterian churches) for colonial New Jersey^[4]
- New York, Niagara, Niagara for Ontario Canada and New York State^[3]
- New York, St. Lawrence, Ogdensburg for Ontario and Quebec^[3]
- North Carolina, Surry, Mount Airy^[3]
- Ohio, Brown, Aberdeen^{[3][10]}
- Ohio, Hamilton, Cincinnati^[3]
- Pennsylvania, Allegheny, Pittsburgh^[3]
- Pennsylvania, Berks, Reading^[3]

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Genealogy News You Can Use...

Ancestry.com to Partner With Gannett Company to Digitize and Add 80 Daily Newspapers to Their Online Archives Via Subscription

Ancestry, the leader in family history and consumer genetics, today announced its collaboration with Gannett Co., Inc., the largest local-to-national media company, to digitize more than 80 daily newspapers across the nation. Newspapers.com, an Ancestry business unit, and Gannett will provide a historical newspaper viewing experience complete with full text search, clipping and sharing features. Together, they expect to deliver more than 100 million full-page images of historical newspapers in a simple, easy-to-use online archive. Ancestry's partnership with Gannett to deliver newspapers from the past directly to subscribers' devices, will allow them to step back in time and experience the news as it was happening on that day, from new babies and marriages to war updates and other major news events. Newspapers.com and Gannett will begin the rollout phase of all public archives of more than 80 daily newspapers, including *The Detroit Free Press*, *The Arizona Republic*, *The Indianapolis Star*, *The Tennessean* and many others to follow. Each archive will ultimately include every available page from the first date of publication up to issues from 30 days ago. Each new archive will be accessible through an "Archives" link in the newspaper's primary online navigation, mobile Web site and native mobile app. Archives will be updated on a regular basis with content from the previous month. Gannett digital subscribers will have access to the most recent two years of content included in full-access subscriptions. Complete archives will be available to everyone with a monthly or annual subscription.

National Archives in Denver Announces Fall Workshops

The National Archives at Denver is offering several workshops for genealogists to be held at their facility, 17101 Huron Street, Broomfield CO 80023.

The classes are free but you need to sign up for them via e-mail or by calling 303-604-4740. Please include your phone number and indicate the sessions desired. Workshops are limited to the first 45 registrants. Questions regarding the workshops can be directed to the archives staff Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or by e-mail:

denver.archives@nara.gov

Monday, September 21

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. "Introduction to Genealogy: Using Federal Records to Find Your Family History" presented by Ed Wilson, Archives Technician

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. "Anchors Aweigh! An Introduction to Immigration and Passenger Lists at the National Archives"

"Tripe or Treasure: Citing Your Sources"—CGHS Sept. Program

"Tripe or Treasure: Citing Your Sources," is the topic of the Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society's free, education program on Tuesday, September 8th in the Sunflower Room of the Laramie County Library. Sue Seniawski, longtime genealogist and former family history librarian, will explain the importance of using and recording accurate source citations in family history research. She will discuss how to properly cite traditional and non-traditional sources of documentation, emphasizing the quote, "genealogy without documentation is mythology." The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the Sunflower Room (3rd Floor, Library) with a social and short business meeting before the program at 7 p.m. Registration is not necessary for the program, which is open to the public. Guests are welcome and encouraged.

presented by Marene Baker, Archivist

Tuesday, September 22

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. "Wagons West-Land Records at the National Archives at Denver" presented by Rick Martinez, Archives Specialist

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

Wednesday, September 23

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. "Using Bureau of Indian Affairs Records to Trace Your Native American Ancestry" presented by Eric Bittner, Archivist

Hard to Find Marriages May be Hiding in Records of Nearby Gretna Green (continued from pg 2)

-Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Philadelphia for colonial New Jersey^[4]

-Pennsylvania, Washington, West Alexander^[3]

-Tennessee, Roane, Southwest Point for Tennessee^[3]

-Utah, Davis, Farmington for Utah^[3]

-Virginia, Fredericksburg from about 1938 until mid 1941

-Virginia, Prince William, Manassas for D.C. mid-Atlantic States, and New England^[3]

-Washington, Kitsap, Port Orchard for greater Seattle

-Washington, Clark and Skamania Counties for the Portland and Hood River, Oregon area^[3]

-West Virginia, Mason, Point Pleasant for Ohio^[3]

-Wyoming, Uinta, Evanston for northern Utah^[3]

-Ontario, Niagara Falls for New York^[3]

(To access the footnotes & references, visit the Family Search Wiki site.)

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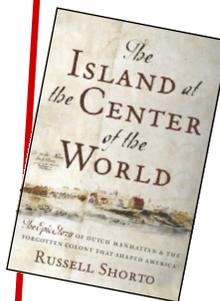
The Cheyenne Genealogical &
Historical Society welcomes this
new member who has recently
joined the organization:

- Debbie Sullivan



"CHECK THIS OUT"

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



Island at the Center of the World

by Russell Shorto (2004—Nonfiction,
Call #974.7 SHO; 384 p.)

In the late 1960s, an archivist in the New York State Library made an astounding discovery: 12,000 pages of centuries-old correspondence, court cases, legal contracts, and reports from a forgotten society: the Dutch colony centered on Manhattan, which predated the thirteen "original" American colonies. For 30 years, scholar

Charles Gehring, an American with a PhD in Dutch history, worked to translate this material, that had been moldering in Albany's archives for 400 years. In this book, Russell Shorto made use of this vital material to construct a sweeping narrative of Manhattan's founding that gives a startling, new perspective on how America began. In an account that blends a novelist's grasp of storytelling with cutting-edge scholarship, *The Island at the Center of the World* shows Manhattan as a wilderness island—a hunting ground for Indians, populated by wolves and bears—that became a prize in the global power struggle between the English and the Dutch. He describes America's founding, not as a work of English settlers alone but a result of the clashing of these two 17 century powers. While the Puritans of New England were founding a society based on intolerance, on Manhattan the Dutch created a free-trade, upwardly mobile melting pot that would help shape not only New York, but America. In 1609 Henry Hudson, an Englishman employed by Holland, sailed up river past Albany. He didn't find a route to Asia, for which everyone yearned, but he did report that the lands he saw were rich, fertile and unoccupied. This intrigued his employers, the Dutch West India Company, who sent a boatload of settlers to Manhattan, paid off the Indians and set up a colony that grew for 50 years until the English sailed in and took over—without a fight. Except for a few scraps from textbook history—the \$24-purchase of Manhattan island and peg-legged Peter Stuyvesant, the last governor, for example—the Dutch contribution to U.S. history has virtually vanished...English material is so abundant that historians have often ignored everything else.

I found this story intriguing and a different slant on the settling of America. It reveals the role of the Dutch in making America what it is today. You are introduced to explorers, politicians, prostitutes, settlers, and smugglers—those characters who played a part in founding New York, and a forgotten American hero named Adriaen van der Donck, a "maverick liberal-minded lawyer whose brilliant political gamesmanship, commitment to individual freedom, and exuberant love of his new country would have a lasting impact on the history of this nation." Anyone with Dutch ancestors and those interested in the early history of our country should make this a must-read book.

—from Wendy D. with information from the book jacket and library summary