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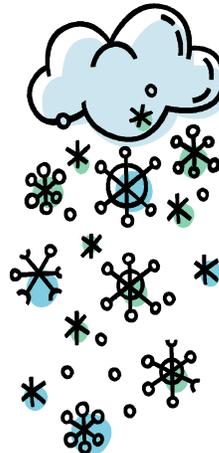
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### Message from the CGHS President...

Snow, snow and more snow...the white flakes gently falling softly to the ground, the flakes sparkling in the sun, the crunchy sound as you walk, the smell of freshness in the air. These are signs of a relaxing time for me. I hope you are all doing well and staying warm.

*Virginia*



### Upcoming Events:

11 Feb 2014

**CGHS Meeting:**

"Fill'er Up!"

Heyward Schrock

LC Library, Cheyenne

11 Mar 2014

**CGHS Meeting:**

"Don't Stumble Your

Way To Success:

**Make a Research Plan"**

CGHS Panel

LC Library, Cheyenne

8 Apr 2014

**CGHS Meeting:**

"Putting a Research

**Plan into Action: Li-**

**brary Research Night"**

CGHS Volunteers

LC Library, Cheyenne

## National Archives-Denver Announces Spring Genealogy Workshops

The National Archives at Denver is offering a spring series of workshops for genealogists. The workshops will be held in the training room of their facility, located at **17101 Huron Street, Broomfield, Colorado 80023**. The classes are free but you need to sign up for them via e-mail or by calling 303-604-4740. 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 am-4:00 pm or

by e-mail at [denver.archives@nara.gov](mailto:denver.archives@nara.gov). Scheduled workshops are:

### Mon., March 10, 2014

9:00 am-12:00pm

"Introduction to Genealogy: Using Federal Records to Find Your Family History" presented by Ed Wilson, Archives Technician

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

"Location, Location, Location: Land Records at NARA's Denver Region" presented by Rick Martinez, Archives Specialist

### Tues., March 11, 2014

9:00 am-12:00 pm

"Foreswearing All Other Allegiances: Naturalization in the United States from 1790-Present" presented by Marene Baker, Archivist

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

### Wed., March 12, 2014

9:00 am-12:00 pm

"Using Bureau of Indian Affairs Records to Trace Your Native American Ancestry" presented by Eric Bittner, Archivist

NOTE: Since the Archives has moved to a new facility (17101 Huron St., Broomfield) they are not yet on Google Maps or Mapquest. From I-25 take exit 229 (Lafayette/Brighton Exit). At the top of the ramp, turn right (west) onto Highway 7, then take the first right turn (north), about a 1/8 mile from the interstate. This is a right turn only lane. There is no sign for the facility but it is the large blue/white building to the northwest. If you go past the Children's Hospital, which is also on Highway 7, you have gone too far.

# National Society-DAR Now Accepts DNA as Evidence of Lineage

By DAR News, Washington, DC  
Posted: 1/2/2014

With the new year came a new policy adaptation for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) regarding accepting DNA as evidence of lineage submitted with DAR membership applications. DAR staff genealogists will now consider Y-DNA evidence along with more traditional genealogical sources during the verification of member-related applications. DAR began accepting Y-DNA evidence, effective January 1, 2014, in support of new member applications and supplemental applications. With this change in policy, DAR recognizes the importance of DNA in genealogical research, but also that DNA evidence alone is not definitive enough to prove the exact relationships of remote ancestors. Although various types of DNA tests are commercially available, DAR staff genealogists will only consider Y-DNA 37 Marker test results.



"We are very excited to take our DAR membership verification process to a new level by allowing the submission of Y-DNA test results as part of the genealogical analysis of evidence for membership applications," said DAR President General Lynn Forney Young. "I look forward to this policy adaptation opening the door for more prospective members to apply to our great organization."

DNA evidence submitted along with other documentation will be considered along with all of the other source documentation provided to

prove heritage. Y-DNA will not be considered as stand-alone proof of lineage because, while it can be used as a tool to point to a family, it cannot be used as absolute proof for an individual. For those applicants wishing to submit DNA evidence as proof of lineage along with their other traditional proof documentation, they must submit Y-DNA test results from at least two test subjects following criteria outlined in *The Guidelines and Test Requirements for Using DNA Evidence for DAR Applications*.

Of the three types of DNA widely available through a number of genetic genealogy testing companies - Mitochondrial DNA, Y-DNA, and Chromosomal or Autosomal DNA - at this time, only the Y-DNA is applicable to the DAR verification process. Y-DNA is the most attractive test for genealogical purposes because of the lack of complexity and its mutation rate. However, it must also be noted that Y-DNA is passed only through the male line, therefore, women applying for DAR membership will need to find appropriate male surrogates for whom the test results can be used to link the applicant to an ancestor and lineage already completely verified by the DAR. Identifying the specific types of situations in which DNA can be accepted by the DAR, as well as the testing and reporting methods for the surrogate Y-DNA test subjects, are outlined in documents that can be found at [www.dar.org/DNA](http://www.dar.org/DNA).

## DAR online genealogy course

Many advances have been made in the testing and interpretation of DNA results for use as evidence in genealogical research, but the information is still very complex. With the new DAR policy, DNA test results can be used for evidence of lineage for DAR applications or supplemental applica-

tions, but specific criteria must be met. To help navigate how individuals can use DNA as a piece of evidence for a DAR application, the DAR is launching an online genealogy class "DNA and DAR." This special DNA online course is similar to the other DAR Genealogical Education Program (GEP) online courses, but it does not require any prerequisite classes before taking the course.



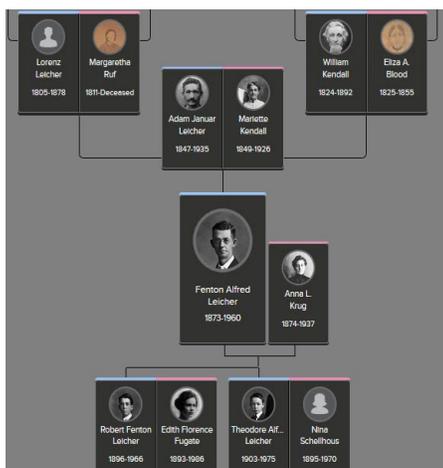
The "DNA and DAR" online course will provide an introduction to the basics of DNA and applying DNA to genealogical research along with the impact of DNA on the process of documenting a DAR application. The course will cover other topics such as guidelines for using DNA for DAR applications; case studies for determining whether DNA evidence is an appropriate avenue of research for a particular application and the steps you would take to take the test and how to interpret the results; along with specific instructions for submitting the application with the DNA report. The "DNA and DAR" online course is open for anyone to participate and costs \$100. For more information and to enroll, visit the [DAR Genealogical Education Program website](http://www.dar.org/DNA).

The DAR genealogy staff DNA study group will continue to use all types of DNA evidence in their own research as well as monitor developments in the science of genetic testing.

*Information for members and the public to help them learn about this new policy for the DAR application process, including communications, educational materials, guidelines and procedures, can be found at [www.dar.org/DNA](http://www.dar.org/DNA).*

## FamilySearch/FamilyTree Adds "Portrait-Pedigree" Option With Photographs

Family Search's-FamilyTree has recently introduced a new way to display family pedigree information. This new format is called the "portrait pedigree." This new format is in addition to the standard traditional pedigree chart and the fan chart. It is a vertical pedigree with pictures. The starting person is shown at the bottom, with the ancestors going up. For each person, the pedigree shows the name, birth and death years (the life-span), and the portrait photo if there is one, like this:



To switch to the portrait pedigree and then back to the pedigree or fan chart views, you use the selector in the upper-left corner. The selector is now a drop-down list. The portrait pedigree works like the other views. You can click a person's name to show the person card, and from the person card you can:

- Reorient the pedigree on that person by clicking **Tree**.
- See the details page, by clicking **Person**.
- Go directly to the person's **Sources**, **Photos**, **Discussions**, or **Stories**.

## Genealogy News You Can Use...

### Cheyenne's History in *Le Jones Collection* Now Available in Special Collections at Laramie County Library

Materials in this collection were gathered by LeClercq L. Jones (during the years 1979-2007) for use in research on the growth and development of the city of Cheyenne. In order to reflect the changes as they occurred with the passage of time, materials concerning the downtown buildings and businesses are arranged geographically in the scrapbooks by street, the block, and by which side of the street the buildings occupied. Many of the scrapbook exhibits are dated in an effort to direct the observer to a time period for seeking additional information from other sources. Jones also made photographs of many blocks of the central business district during the years between 1977 and 1983. This excellent collection is a great resource for those interested in early Cheyenne to school children doing assignments on Cheyenne buildings.

### "In-Depth Genealogist" – February Issue Now Available

The free digital newsletter, *Going In-Depth* was introduced to subscribers last 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 their research. The magazine issues a new edition on the 15th of each month. Read the February issue, past issues or sign up for a free subscription at: [www.theindepthgenealogist.com/](http://www.theindepthgenealogist.com/)

### What's New on Cyndi's List

TITLE : *Scottish Handwriting.com*  
DESCRIPTION : Online tuition in palaeography for researchers who need to read historical manuscript records written in Scotland in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries.  
<http://www.scottishhandwriting.com/>

TITLE : *FamilySearch - German Script Tutorial*  
<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/german-script-tutorial/91>

TITLE : *FamilySearch Wiki - Germany Handwriting*  
[http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany\\_Handwriting](http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany_Handwriting)

TITLE : *FamilySearch Wiki - Italy Handwriting*  
[http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Italy\\_Handwriting](http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Italy_Handwriting)

TITLE : *FamilySearch - Reading Scandinavian Gothic Handwritten Records Lesson 1: Scandinavian Gothic Letters*  
<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/reading-scandinavian-gothic-handwritten-records-lesson-1-scandinavian-gothic-letters/255>

TITLE : *FamilySearch - Reading Scandinavian Gothic Handwritten Records Lesson 2: Names, Words, and Dates*  
<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/reading-scandinavian-gothic-handwritten-records-lesson-2-names-words-and-dates/257>

TITLE : *FamilySearch - Reading Scandinavian Gothic Handwritten Records Lesson 3: Handwritten Records*  
<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/reading-scandinavian-gothic-handwritten-records-lesson-3-handwritten-records/256>

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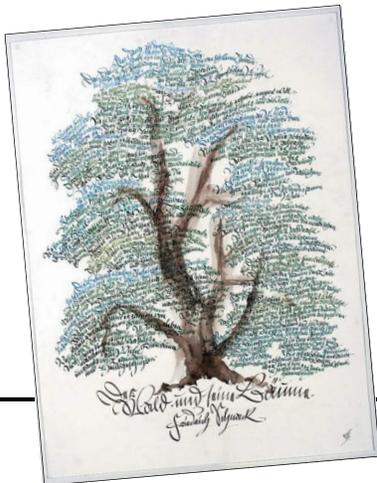
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The Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society encourages members to invite friends to attend our monthly meetings, participate in our ongoing activities and join the organization to begin their genealogy research, or to further their knowledge of family history.



**"CHECK THIS OUT"**

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

**Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker** by Jennifer Chiaverini

The story of a black ex-slave who bought her freedom, went to Washington DC, and became the dressmaker for Mrs. Lincoln and many other wives of the men who shaped the paths of the Civil War. A work described as fiction, but based in great historical research about a real lady's life in a very difficult time in our history. Intimate details of the White house included.

**The Spymistress** by Jennifer Chiaverini

A story about life in the South during the Civil War. A work of fiction based on a real-life lady who risked everything by caring for Union prisoners of War--and stealing Confederate secrets. She was personally thanked by Pres. U.S. Grant, and later, in 1993, inducted into the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame.

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**Trip of a Lifetime**

In 1913 it was legal to mail children. With stamps attached to their clothing, children rode trains to their destinations, accompanied by letter carriers. One newspaper reported it cost fifty-three cents for parents to mail their daughter to her grandparents for a family visit. As news stories and photos popped up around the country, it didn't take long to get a law on the books making it illegal to send children through the mail.