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## A Message from the President

Dear Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society friends,

Our last meeting with Elaine Hayes of the Laramie County Library who spoke about DNA was on how it relates to genealogy. I am not persuaded to pursue that course at this time, but I think for some it could lead to a major breakthrough. Once you have done your basic research, confirmed your sources, DNA research just might confirm your theories. See Elaine about a copy of her presentation if you were not able to be there.

In March and April we have excellent programs planned so check out the website for details. In May we will have our annual banquet in the Shoshone Room at the Holiday Inn. Preethi Burkholder from Colorado will present a program entitled "Ghost Towns of Rockies". She has written a book on the subject and it will be a good time!

Dinner will be \$15 with a choice of dijon chicken or a flatiron steak with a glaze. Reservations can be made at the March meeting as you pay your 2012/2013 membership dues or by sending a check to our Treasurer.

As always, we will hold a silent auction. The items to be sold are not restricted to "genealogy", so look at this as time for some inventory reduction at your home! Good quality white elephants are always welcome.

Bring a friend to any meeting or introduce them to the society at our banquet!

Judy Engelhart  
CGH&S President

### The Society is now on Facebook and Wendy reminds us

Visit the Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society on Facebook to keep up-to-date on the latest local & regional events, interesting family history information, news from genealogy-related blogs and Websites, and opportunities to expand your genealogy knowledge.

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<https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Cheyenne-Genealogical-Historical-Society/313522375349645>

## Our DNA Program and comments from people who have used DNA in their research

### Why use DNA in genealogy?

- To determine if 2 people are related when one or both were adopted.
- To identify if 2 people are descended from the same ancestor.
- To confirm the direct paternal line.
- DNA can substantiate a suspected name change or uncover previously unknown variations in names
- Geographical/Ethnic origins – Find DNA matches from country of origin.

### DNA Myths and Realities

- A study of your DNA sample is not going to show your entire family tree - Wouldn't that be nice!

These are just a few of the topics that Elaine discussed at our Society meeting on February, 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, Please contact Elaine, or plan to attend her next DNA presentation.

### Comments from people who have used DNA in their research

#### My YDNA Testing Experience

Knowing very little about DNA testing and that is still the case, I decided to have my Y-DNA tested with Family Tree DNA in 2005, the hope being that I might find a relevant connection and jump start my family history search. I have tested through Y67 and though I have many matches, none have my surname and the only exact matches were in the first 12 markers (locus), and very few of those continued to markers (locus) Y25, Y37, and y67, none were exact matches. Why so many non-surname matches? Family Tree DNA answers that question this way.

1. There are two reasons you may have a Y-chromosome DNA (Y-DNA) match with someone with a different surname. It may be that your connection is from a time before surnames were in common use. This is especially likely for groups where surnames were often not adopted

until the most recent 100 to 200 years, for example, Scandinavians and Jewish populations. Another reason for surnames not to match is that there has been a surname change in genealogical times. That could be in either your match's or your own line.

The main place that you will see matches with many different surnames is the [Y-DNA12 MARKER MATCHES](#) section. The time to a common ancestor for these matches may extend beyond genealogical records and the adoption of surnames.

If you continue to match others outside your surname at the Y-DNA37, Y-DNA67, and Y-DNA111 marker level, then there is likely to have been a surname change within the genealogical timeframe. Common causes for this include deliberate name changes and adoptions. For those matches at a higher number of markers (Y-DNA37, Y-DNA67, and Y-DNA111), contacting your matches is the best way to learn more.

So I guess the bottom line for my own personal testing experience has been less than expected, at least to date. Maybe someday an exact surname match will happen and hopefully at Y67. But for me it has been interesting process none the less.

I can relate a personal positive experience where Y-DNA testing did solve a mystery. This mystery involved my 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Grandfather. The rumor was that he married a woman with children and never had children of his own. If that was true, who was the father of my 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grandfather? My 5<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather (maternal) had three sons, call them A, B, and C. I descend from son "C", as does my second cousin once removed. Another cousin descended from son "B" and had his Y-DNA tested. My second cousin once removed also had his Y-DNA tested and they both matched. That proved that my 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Grandfather descended from my 5<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather, so the rumor was not true, my 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Grandfather was the father of my 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grandfather. It's always nice to know where you come from. Merlyn Schultz

***The following information is from Coleen Handlon – Shaul. Coleen recently made a research request to our web site. When she mentioned that she participated in a DNA website for her family surname Crow, I ask her if I could share her experiences. This is her reply. Wanda Wade***

Wanda, thank you for the invite. You can use anything here, and I hope this is what you were looking for. You can cut and delete, and that is fine too.

There are many competing labs, but I have always used [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com)

This company has sales throughout the year where you can buy tests at a discount. You can also buy the smallest amount of markers and then upgrade later at a discount. If you order

a test from [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com) then you can elect to join various projects with people who share your surname, haplogroup, or geographic origin.

I have participated in a DNA genealogy website (through MyFamily.com which is through familytreedna) and the people on this Crow DNA website are very helpful. For the 1st person in my family (must be male with the surname) that I got to volunteer for the test, the Crow DNA group paid for the 12 marker test, which was about \$69. Since then I have purchased (over time) for extended markers, up to the full 67 markers that are now available. The 67 marker test is currently \$268.

Since that first test where I got my cousin to volunteer for the test (I needed a male CROW), I found another cousin in this Crow line to test, and again, I bought it and my cousin was very grateful. So I have two cousins that tested and I will share a story at the end of this email to show you how this turned out. I list myself as the contact person for anyone that wants to ask questions about the testor's genealogy, that way I get to be the correspondent and see results for any links, etc.

The Crow DNA group is very active and research people that want to be tested and try to help prove how they connect, but the paper trail is really mostly up to the individual testor. Once you get beyond the paper trail, you only have genes. This can be very interesting. I have my oldest ancestor, Thomas, being born in 1757 in Ireland and coming to Washington Co., PA, in the 1780's and in 1792 he went to Ontario Canada with his small family, which was about the time of the Whiskey Rebellion. So the paper trail is gone in the 1780's (so far).

The following websites explain things a lot better, if anyone in your group would like to keep delving into this area. <http://stevemorse.org/genetealogy/dna.htm>  
<http://www.dna-testing-adviser.com/support-files/guide-to-dna-testing.pdf>

I have done the mtDNA test myself, but as a woman, what this test does is GO UP my Maternal lines only....from my mother to her mother to her mother. The results show me the nationality, or county of origin, of other people who have been tested, and there are 10,000 or more testers in this study, but so far I have not found any one who tested on my female lines that are anywhere near a match for me. It does show my mtdna matches are grouped around Scotland, England, Germany..."

This test starts at \$159, but I went for the full test at \$299 this year as a Christmas present to myself. Since the mother passes her DNA to all offspring, both males and females can take this test. It shows your "nationality" bloodlines, and sometimes it is difficult to discern your oldest ancestor (my opinion).

The story below shows how this DNA of my Crow family turned up quite a surprise.

Two volunteers submitted samples for testing including one being down the line of Robert Crow born ca 1800, and the other being down his brother William's line, being born ca 1808.

These two tests were extended out to 67 markers this year. They have 2 markers out of 67 markers that differ. Of the 67 markers, the difference between our two samples falls on two gene markers that are faster mutations. In the Crow DNA project, our Crow(e) family is part of the group labeled BLUE and are labeled as kit #33962 (William Crow's descendants) and kit #50624 (Robert Crow's descendants).

These two brother's descendants were our DNA testers.

Direct Line To William John Crowe (50624)

1 Robert Crow  
.. + Rebecca Everitt  
..... 2 John Baptiste Crow  
..... +Jeannette Charron  
..... 3 William John Crowe

DIRECT LINE TO JOHN AUGUSTAS CROW (33962)

1 William Crow  
.. +Jane Brown  
..... 2 Charles Crow  
..... +Mary Louise Crow  
..... 3 John Augustas Crow

There was a fellow from the Crow DNA BLUE group whose line is from the southern state of Georgia as shown below. This man's DNA was tested for 37 markers and his DNA differs from one cousin (33962-William) by 3 markers. BUT, his DNA matches the other cousin (50624-Robert) with only one marker that is different. That is a discovery. THERE IS NO PAPER TRAIL TO CONNECT OUR 2 LINES.

There is probably a connection possibly 10 generations back to this family, but an extended test to 67 markers might show more variations.

This "other" kit #22112 is representative of James Crow and his wife Hannah Black.

Blue Kit 22112 represented his James Crow, born in 1759s, migrated from Georgia, USA, to Gibson County, Indiana, USA, where he died in 1815. James married Hannah Black about 1780 in Georgia, USA.

We have not found any further data to link our Thomas Crow who married Isabella Scarlett to Ireland ca 1757.

Coleen Handlon-Shaull

## A GENEALOGIST OR A PACK RAT?

BY: WANDA WADE

Last week I panicked when I was looking for copies of a probate file from Kentucky recorded in 1863. It wasn't in the notebook titled Robert Sheddric where I thought it would be, or in the file of documents to be placed in that notebook. I hadn't entered the data from the copies on the genealogy program on my computer. WHERE WAS IT?

I knew details about the information on those pages and I was sure that I had transcribed many of the pages of scratchy pen strokes. WHERE WAS IT?

After a search through my entire office I headed for the bookcase in the closet. There on the shelf was a tidy notebook labeled "*Sheddric Families in Kentucky*". Inside were the neatly folded copies and the transcription pages of the probate file. All saved in chronological order in their acid free sleeves – waiting for me to review.

That is when I decided that I have done an excellent job of researching my family lines. I have found wonderful information and I have compiled some narrative volumes for my family. But, I need to rethink my objective – I need to stop collecting and start compiling in earnest. So this article is directed toward me, but if it applies to you and your research, I hope you enjoy the read.

**GENEALOGIST**, by Webster's definition is '*a person who traces or studies the descent of persons or families*'. But to study those persons, we genealogists collect every morsel of information that we can find and we save it! Yes, we save it in color coded files, notebooks, file cabinets and boxes with every good intention of inputting all that precious data into that special program on our computers that records and sorts all of our treasured items into charts with surnames and relationships. Grandma had to do all of that by hand on large 8.5 X 14" sheets of paper that fit in special notebooks. And how often have I heard researchers say "*I'm going to write a book about my family*".

Some people keep their search close to the trunk of their tree. Others enjoy the challenge of looking for the female members of their family. While some of us enjoy getting lost in the collateral lines that extend from the outside limbs. No matter which you prefer, I think many of us agree that the chase is more fun than compiling the data, because with that chase we accumulate more information and the result is more copies in our files. Those copies are our proof that we have done our research, and have our source information. Perhaps we should base our efforts not on the number of individuals in our data base, but on the number of pounds of paper we have accumulated during our research.

# History from the Wyoming Newspapers

By: Clint Black

We hear of Pack Rats, that small critter who is attracted to bright shiny objects which they will acquire and take to their nest. They are said to be so intense that they if they find a more desirable object while they are carrying off one treasure, they will put down the first and take the second. They are not greedy, they only take what they can carry.

With the immediate availability of information on the Internet, has the modern genealogist become a Pack Rat? Grandma was happy to find a few lines in the book at the library, or struggle through a Soundex formula to try to find her relatives on the micro film copies of the early census reports. Now we copy and print and file, only to copy and print and file some more. Sometimes we don't find time to enter that data on our computers – but we have all the copies that we have saved and someday - yes someday - we will get around to posting it to our computer.

But have we forgotten that the true goal of genealogy is to trace the descendants of a family? Further that we should strive to compile the information from our color coded files, boxes and notebooks into volumes of usable information that can be appreciated by our families and the general public? We need to stop collecting, start compiling and sharing our research efforts!

Many times we think that our efforts at collecting our treasures will be left to posterity with a donation to a library, historical society or other repository. Our notebooks and files are worthless unless we take time to compile the data, with a usable index, in a hard copy format. That notebook we consider a shiny treasure is not what the library or repository is looking for. Our work papers and copies are not a usable commodity; they are our notes to be used for our Family History book. So let's think like the Pack Rat and save only the best and shiniest and leave a legacy to our families, not a pile of notes and papers that your children will look at and say *'What do we do with this?'*

With these thoughts in mind, I offer a challenge to our membership. October is Family History Month and our Society is planning a special event. How many family history books can be generated from our personal resources for display at the library during that month? We have seven months to work on them. I will offer copies of new genealogies, that have not been printed before, for three of my families. Will anyone else join me?

Wanda

Cheyenne – 125 years ago

...from the Cheyenne Daily Sun, February, 1887 (E. A. Slack, proprietor).

1 Feb

An ordinance will be introduced at the city council this evening in regard to "uniform-ing" the police force—"to conform as closely as possible with those of the dandy coppers of the Broadway Squad...they'll present a gorgeous spectacle calculated to strike terror in the hearts of evil-doers." [The uniform: "a sack coat of blue cloth buttoned with brass buttons to the neck, blue pantaloons and helmet hat."]

An inebriated Fort Russell soldier and German immigrant possessing limited English, was restrained from dancing a jig at the Pioneer Saloon by its proprietor. Without provocation, he had fired 3 pistol shots before being taken to jail. The proprietor sustained wounds to arm and forehead, narrowly escaping death.

Down in Denver, a Cheyenne delegation lost a live pigeon shooting match against its local team.

3 Feb

The UPRR has sent an architect from the East to examine its property for the purpose of erecting a new hotel to replace the one that burned down last November. It will feature some 50 rooms at a cost of about \$25,000.

4 Feb

About 150 people assembled last evening at Keefe Hall to witness a play in the German language. "...remarkably well presented—after the performance, those so inclined were given the opportunity to indulge in a dance."

6 Feb

The air was so balmy and spring-like yesterday that at least one man was induced to appear upon the streets wearing a pair of white linen pantaloons.

8 Feb

The remains of Mrs. O'Brien, wife of Captain O'Brien, who died at Fort Russell early Sunday morning (Feb 6<sup>th</sup>), were yesterday shipped back to Hamilton, O., where her father lives. Cause of death: erysipelas (an acute strep infection). She leaves behind an infant child and two children about 4 and 8 years old.

10 Feb

The Scandinavian Ball will take place tomorrow night.

The Capitol Saloon opens this evening—the most elegantly furnished sample room in the entire western country, located at 1608 Ferguson Street.

Cherry is mainly used in its ornamentation, with contrasting panels of bird's-eye maple finished in oil, so that the effect produced is that of the rich elegance of a Pullman palace car interior.

The back of the bar is accented with an immense plate glass mirror of finest quality, complete with hammered brass. On the shelves are a mass of choice cut glass goblets, solid silver tankards and porcelain ware.

There is a cigar stand and an elegant cabinet filled with the choicest liquors, wines and cordials. At the west end, there is an immense refrigerator made like the bar itself from cherry.

Standing behind the bar: Al Dunlap, with "a large juicy smile playing over his features and a two horsepower diamond in his shirt front."

11 Feb

Advertisement

Masquerade costumes—including wigs--always on hand at Mrs. Robinson's, 421 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street

[Preparations were being made by the "Cheyenne Maennerchor" (German for Men's Singing Club) to make their masquerade ball on February 21<sup>st</sup> an enjoyable affair...it will be a most gorgeous one. Seldom is given the citizens an opportunity to enjoy a masquerade ball, where everything will be first class. Careful arrangements are being made to exclude all objectionable characters.]

Re-printed from the Rawlins Labor-ette:

Considerable complaint is heard at present owing to the fact that the new assistant teacher insists on the scholars saying morning prayers before beginning the work of the day. This is directly contrary to the spirit of the public school system, and should at once be investigated by the school board.

Since the above was put in type we learn that Prof. Blazer, on his return from the east, put an end to the practice complained of, and once again everything is serene.

13 Feb

Smith & Harrington Coats

John Stone, who pleaded guilty to stealing a coat from Smith & Harrington, being unable to pay a fine of \$50 to Judge Lee, will rusticate in the county jail until the flowers bloom in spring, "tra-la."

15 Feb

Stagecoach operations cease

The Cheyenne & Black Hills Stage, which has become a historic figure, has ceased to be so far as this city is concerned. The last trip was made yesterday. Hereafter the southern terminus of the line will be the Chug, the Cheyenne and Northern receiving its passengers at that point and bringing them to Cheyenne. All northern mail will hereafter be sent via the railway.

The stage line has been an institution since the lively days of '76 when the Black Hills gold excitement made it an absolute necessity and gave to Cheyenne, as the outfitting point, a boom toward prosperity which it felt for several years afterward.

Did You Get One!

Those who think that St. Valentine is losing his grip in this ungodly generation might have modified their views if they had seen the immense mass of reminders of the day that have passed through the post office...

17 Feb

City Council acted on a portion of the budget: nearly \$100,000 for expenses; water works accounting for 1/4 of the sum.

Salaries:

City Treasurer – \$1000

Clerk and Assessor – \$1450

Marshall – \$1800 and police fees

Sexton – \$800

City Attorney - \$750

Engineer – \$2000

Engineer at the pump house - \$1020

Policeman - \$900 and police fees

Superintendent of ditches - \$900

Fire department chief - \$250

18 Feb

Winter Returns

From the midst of spring, Cheyenne has suddenly jumped into the midst of boisterous winter. Telegraph lines are down. Business out of doors was practically suspended for several hours yesterday, it being next to impossible for pedestrians or horses to face the fierce gusts of wind.

During the storm, a portion of the roof of Van Tassell's warehouse was lifted off bodily. The Convent is the principal sufferer by the storm. A number of the windows were shattered by the snow being blown against them and an immense section of the tin roof was lifted from its mooring and whirled with tremendous clatter into the street below.

The train from the east was reported over six hours late.

Alanson L. Haines

A. L. Haines, who poisoned himself in the county jail at Laramie City rather than go to Joliet, IL to serve three years in the penitentiary, was worth, it is estimated, about \$75,000...he is said to have expressed the greatest confidence that he would never be compelled to go to the penitentiary to suffer for his crime.

"I have altogether too much money for that," he used to say, with a laugh.

After the decision of the lower court was affirmed by the Supreme Court, he still asserted that he would never go to Joliet, and those who failed to understand his meaning then can readily do so now.

Postscript:

Haines overdosed on laudanum prescribed by Dr. Finrock, a well known Laramie doctor. He had real estate holdings and was a horse broker who was convicted in a conspiracy to commit fraud totaling \$3300.

Convicted felons in Wyoming Territory were predominantly sent to Joliet versus the Territorial Prison in Laramie whose cornerstone had been laid in 1872. IL had a "convict labor system." There, inmates were housed for free. Cheyenne editor E. A. Slack reported it cost the Territory \$40,000 per year to house an inmate in its own facility.

Ironically, later in the month, it was reported that IL citizens had voted to amend their Constitution to repeal contract labor. That was very significant to WY Territory who held 125 inmates there. The alluded outcome: ALL WY's prisoners were paroled. Haines would not have stayed there very long, indeed.

Haines' gravestone and that of his father, mother and stepmother are in Greenhill Cemetery in Laramie. He was about 42 years old and a native of New Hampshire.

More Winter Storm News

At 2.a.m., the thermometer at The Sun offices was 16 degrees F.

Train traffic in both east/west directions has been stalled the past few days with heavy snowfall. Telegraph wires are down. Rotary snowplows are employed to auger through the drifts but the progress is slow.

The Plight of Sage Chickens

Cheyenne meat markets are out of stock. Entrepreneurs "shouldered various weapons of death and set out to slay the plentiful sage hen. Two hunters, after a ½ days hunt afoot managed to bring into town from 10-20 birds, or about all they could carry, which they sold for twenty cents each. Our citizens had sage hen for breakfast, for dinner, for supper and between meals; including sage hen on the half shell, sage hen on toast, sage hen boiled, sage hen broiled, and sage hen pie."

Douglas Perseveres

The snow blockade in Douglas has caused a famine of even postage stamps and periodical literature but it is said the beer held out which induced the Douglas-ites to believe that life was worth living after all.

Stockmen are acting most judiciously in providing fodder for their invalid cattle.

Mr. Yung

"...a bilious and dilapidated looking Chinaman bound for Ogden with the delayed arrival of yesterday's train had been nervous. Jumping forth from his seat with a murderous looking dirk knife, he slashed at the head of his neighbor. Fortunately the passenger's head was well protected with a stiff hat...the headgear was ruined but the head escaped injury."

Subdued by other passengers, "he became more quiet and devoted himself to rummaging his pockets...he pulled out a wad of greenbacks, amounting to something over \$150, then tore them up into bits and scattered them recklessly about the car, seeming to afford him a good deal of enjoyment."

Police, notified by telegraph, awaited his arrival at the Cheyenne depot. Briefly released "to fellow Celestials upon obtaining his gripsack from the car, he was then arrested for presenting delirium either from sickness or through the action of drugs. At the county jail, he will receive whatever medical treatment is necessary." He had been in the laundry business in Milwaukee.

*postscript*

In the next day's paper, it was announced that Lee Yung "was found with a smile on his face as he hung suspended from the steam pipe in the basement of the county hospital in the 'strong cell.' Below the stairs, with furniture removed, "desperate characters" are placed, their movements watched closely, and upon a satisfactory period of docility, they are then removed to the regular sick ward for treatment."

"The shreds of the \$155 in money torn on the train were turned over to Judge Bergman, who will send them to the United States Treasury for redemption. They consist of the remnants of a \$100, a \$50, and a \$5 bill."

[An interment record at Lakeside could not be found.]

20 Feb (Sunday)

In the "Churches Today" section, you could attend the German church service at the Congregational Church (preferably if you were fluent), or, you could guide your selection by the sermons to be given:

First Congregational –

Morning: "Christ Rejected by the Nations"

Evening: "No Condemnation"

Methodist –

Morning: “Suffering, Its Cause and Ministry

Evening: “Appearances Delusive, or the South Wind Blew Softly”

Presbyterian –

Morning: “Mere Morality of Life Insufficient”

Evening: the much discussed question, “Who Hardened Pharaoh’s Heart?”

It is Sexagesima Sunday at St Mark’s Episcopal. “Seats are free.”

Funeral today for Minnie Rossman, 6 months old. [Her headstone is in pristine condition at Lakeview.]

22 Feb

Otto Graham, the territorial Fish Commissioner, from Laramie, is in town.

J. F. Reynolds Post No. 33, GAR, is making preparations for its Grand Ball this evening at Keefe Hall.

Advertisement

Don’t fail to call and see the work done on the latest I. F. and H. A. Singer before purchasing a machine elsewhere. N. G. Harkins, agent.

--News of the Successful Masquerade Ball:

“...Hamlet, the “melancholy Dane,” was seen escorting a pert little milkmaid; a dapper-looking Ethiopian running somewhat to gaudy colors was the companion of the Goddess of Night; a dandified young man in a toboggan suit danced with a German handmaid. Buck Indians and squaws, Mother Hubbards, colored men of the song and dance variety, pedestrians, pretty girls in gauze and satin, devils in lurid red...and many more made up the extraordinary scene.

Died – On February 20, Willie Clancy, son of James and Mary Clancy, aged 8 years. Funeral this afternoon from St. John’s Catholic church. [No Cheyenne record of interment.]

23 Feb

A Declamation contest for public school children, will be sponsored by businesses to take place at the opera house. The purse: \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> place for each boy and girl; \$15 for second place; \$10 for third place. [The event, held on Washington’s birthday, raised about \$77 with admission tickets of 25 cents each. It was a common tradition of the era.]

Ash Wednesday--services at St. Mark’s Episcopal and St. John’s Catholic.

24 Feb

“Nubbins of News”

...railroads are clamoring for any kind of a scheme that will enable them to heat passenger cars by some other means

than the old fashioned and dangerous stove. The first man to succeed in producing an invention that will be accepted has a colossal fortune on his hands at once.

...C. B. Galusha, Missouri, has a pair of linen sheets that have been in use for 80 years—made from flax grown by his grandfather in 1809. They look as if they would last for another century.

...GA prohibitionists want the state to pass a law to require a \$10K license fee on “family wine rooms.”

...While in Buenos Aires, Sarah Bernhardt was presented with the title deeds for a tract of land 10 miles square.

...the state capitol of Albany, NY has cost taxpayers \$18M; the national capital has cost but \$13M.

...the number of weekly and daily newspapers in the USA amounts in round numbers to 12,800.

...On a street in Bluehill, Maine, less than half a mile long, live 15 widows. No man has ever been bold enough to pass along that street after dish wash-up.

25 Feb

More on Mr. Harrington’s coats

Harrington experienced a rash of coat thefts and at least 3 of the culprits were in residence at the county jail. It prompted humor between him and editor Slack, per below:

“Henry Harrington has thought of a way to curb the theft of overcoats from the display rack outside his Cheyenne store. Each garment will be attached by a wire to a gong in the interior of the store. When the thief acts, the stretched wire will ring the gong, which at the same time will unchain the pet bull dog. Although the thief may rarely escape under these circumstances, Harrington believes he’ll be recompensed when his faithful dog returns with the bay window of the thief’s trousers.”

26 Feb

Old Dick

E. W. Whitcomb’s horse “Dick,” which broke a bone in his leg close to the fetlock, may partially recover. The injury has been plaster casted and is receiving other surgical treatment. “Dick” is 17 years old and has been owned by Mr. Whitcomb for 13 years.

## Websites That You Might Want To Visit

### From Eastman's Online Genealogy



Historical Record Storage and Sharing, iPhone and Android Apps, Discovery Stream

Boulder, Colo., February 1, 2012 – Mocavo, the world's largest free genealogy search engine, today announced several new product capabilities and content additions that will be demonstrated at this week's RootsTech Family History and Technology conference in Salt Lake City. New product capabilities include: free storage and sharing for historical records, iPhone and Android applications, and the new Discovery Stream.

"With these new features, Mocavo has evolved into a primary resource for genealogists and family historians to research and share their stories," said Cliff Shaw, CEO of Mocavo. "Our goal is to host all of the world's free genealogy content, to make new discoveries an everyday occurrence and to put more research tools into the hands of family historians."

### South Dakota State Historical Society's Archives to go Digital

The State Archives, in the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre, collects, preserves, and makes available manuscript collections, South Dakota state, county and local government records, photographs, maps and other archival materials which have permanent historical and research value. Now, the South Dakota Digital Archives, an online resource that went live in January, makes these collections more accessible to the public, as well as to protect the originals.

Photographs available online include statewide historic buildings and structures, and photographs from the Black Hills collections, including scenery, towns, railroads and people.

### Upper Canada Land Petitions (1763-1865) Online

Newsletter reader Russ McGillivray reports that Library and Archives Canada recently announced a major update to its online database "Upper Canada Land Petitions (1763-1865)." This online resource is valuable for genealogists.

Before the arrival of the Loyalists and British military settlers, the present-day Province of Ontario was an extension of the Province of Quebec. Following the Constitutional Act of 1791, the colony of Quebec was divided to create Upper Canada (today Ontario) and Lower Canada (today Quebec). Many

early settlers, both military and civilian, submitted petitions to the Governor to obtain Crown land. Sons and daughters of Loyalists were also entitled to free lands. The Upper Canada Land Petitions contain petitions for grants or leases of land and other administrative records. The new online database provides access to more than 82,000 references to individuals who lived in present-day Ontario between 1783 and 1865.

While the database has been online for a while, the new update contains two major additions:

- More than 5,000 references to land petitions occurring in the Upper Canada Sundries have been added to the database.
- All suggestions for corrections received from users since the original launch in September 2010 have been integrated into the database.

In short, if you already looked earlier at this database and didn't find what you want, you might want to check again to see if the records you seek have been added in the new updates.

The database is available at:

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/upper-canada-land/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/upper-canada-land/index-e.html)

Quoting from the website:

Furthermore, Library and Archives Canada is pleased to announce the addition of the digitized images of the Upper Canada land petitions from 326 microfilm reels, representing 357,831 new images to its website. Through the "microform digitization" research tool, users can browse the microfilm reels page by page.

The tool is available at:

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/index-e.html)

**Are you researching a family and you are having a problem proving the relationship of a child to that family? Perhaps the child was one of the thousands who were transported west on one of the 'Orphan Trains'. This article may be of interest to you.**

January 25, 2012

### Orphan Train Riders, Offspring Seek Answers About Heritage

USA Today has an interesting article about the orphan trains of the early twentieth century and the long-lasting effects on the children on those trains. The Children's Aid Society and New York Foundling Hospital put orphaned or abandoned children on trains headed west. The children were adopted into families at various whistle stops along the way.



Lukas Weinstein, archive coordinator for the Children's Aid Society, says that about 200,000 children rode the trains. Some were adopted by loving families; others were treated as servants when there were no child labor laws. Many ended up in the Midwest. A growing number of their offspring want to know more about the orphan train riders. You can read the article by Judy Keen in the USA TODAY web site at <http://goo.gl/WHWol>.

Other web sites that provide information about America's Orphan Trains may be found at <http://www.orphantraindepot.com>, <http://www.childrensaidsociety.org/orphantrains?gclid=CNjBx9rt4ZcCFQG7Ggode16L7A>, <http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net/encyclopedia/entry-detail.aspx?entryID=2400>, <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/sites/mnh/orphans>, and <http://encyclopedia.adoption.com/entry/Orphan-Train-Heritage-Society-of-America-Inc-OTHSA/267/1.html>

The December 2008 article that appeared on the Eastman web site is also informative.

## From Family Tree Magazine

**Louisiana Biography and obituary index at:**  
[neworleanspubliclibrary.org/obits/obits.htm](http://neworleanspubliclibrary.org/obits/obits.htm)

A digitized version of a 650,000 name card file at the Ne4w Orleans Public Library. This database indexes obituaries and death notices published in New Orleans newspapers from 1804 to 1972.

**Utah Digital Newspapers at:**  
[digitalnewspapers.org](http://digitalnewspapers.org)

Search for a word anywhere in more than a million pages of Utah newspapers dating from 1850 to 1982

**Historic Newspapers in Washington State at:**  
[www.sos.wa.gov/history/newspapers.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/newspapers.aspx)

View digitized Washington newspapers dating back from 1852 to 1892. The full text isn't searchable, but the newspapers are indexed by personal names and subjects.

## Genealogical Society's Meetings

**2012 CGS Genealogical Seminar  
Sponsored by the**

**Colorado Genealogical Society and Denver Public Library**

Featuring

Geoffrey D. Rasmussen

Legacy software developer, author, and family historian

**Saturday, March 17, 2012**

10:00 am – 4:00 pm (9:00 am registration)

**Denver Public Library – Broadway Entrance**

Lower Conference Center, 13th and Broadway, Denver

## Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society

- March 13 - Shirley Johnson will present a program entitled "What Would You Do to Be Beautiful?" The meeting will be held at the Laramie Public County Library.
- April - 10 Tamson Hert from The University of Wyoming Heritage Center will be the guest speaker. The meeting will be held at The Laramie County Public Library.
- April 16 The Society is planning a '1940 Census Party'. So, start gathering the data you want to research and watch your e-mails for details.

Details for all of these meeting will appear in the Cheyenne newspaper and a notice of time and place will be sent to the membership by e-mail.

## New Members

Lori Klassen  
Rebecca Lee Lewis  
Pat Harris  
Sally Call

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