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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

BY: SUE SENIAWSKI

Hi society members,

We've just begun our year and I'm already worrying about next year. As I mentioned at the October meeting, we'll need to elect all four new officers in April. All of the current officers will have served two years. According to the by-laws that's all we can serve—and, truthfully, that's all we want to serve. It has been our society's tradition to have the elections staggered so that only two new officers are elected in any given year, but we've gotten out of sync and all four positions are up for election. Will you step up? You have several months to plan for your new office. Please seriously consider this.

For our November 13th meeting Melanie Bosselman will be telling us about the FamilySearch indexing project. When the information indexed by volunteers is ready for publication, it will be made available **FREE OF CHARGE** through familysearch.org.

The meeting December 11th will be our annual holiday party with the members sharing an array of festive snacks. Once again we've asked Elaine Hayes to be our speaker. This time she'll be talking about obtaining newspapers and other research documents through interlibrary loan.

Leslie Vosler and I are leaving Sunday the 21st for a week of researching at the Family History Library. My goal is to learn more about the lives of my ancestors, as well as to add more ancestors to my database. I've been diligently preparing lists of materials to research while I'm there. My genealogy program provides me research assistance, I have the GenSmarts program that provides research suggestions, plus I've been looking on the FamilySearch site for the localities where my ancestors lived to see what's available.

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY[©]

BY: MARY FORSELL
USA WEEKEND, AUGUST 17-19, 2007

1. Pick a format first, says Allison Stacy, editor of Family Tree Magazine. And it doesn't have to be chronological. Try a compendium of family stories and recipes, a first-person memoir or a generations book. Use humor, suspense and flashbacks to engage the reader.
2. Do basic research, says Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, author of *You Can Write Your Family History*. Find a listing of sites that keep vital records at cdc.gov/nchs (National Center for Health Statistics). And search Census records at familysearch.org. Read between the lines of documents: Who were the witnesses on your great-grandparents' marriage certificate? Their identities might provide new clues.
3. Use old photos as memory prompts at family reunions, Stacy says. That's more effective than asking open-ended questions. Once one person starts reminiscing, others join in. (Get it on tape!) Afterward, write a story about each photo.
4. Inject local flavor. Mystery writer Mary Logue went to her grandmother's prairie town to write *Halfway Home*: "I walked down the streets, looked at the houses and listened to the way people talked." That enabled her to write a biography that reads like a novel.
5. Fill in the gaps with historical documents, says Michael Boonstra, a genealogy librarian. Published diary excerpts from the same time period, books about the region and particular ethnic groups, and period postcards and newspaper clippings put family stories in social perspective.

LARAMIE COUNTY LIBRARY

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This state-of-the-art, climate controlled room contains the Genealogy/Family History, Wyoming History and Western History collections. The genealogical materials housed at the library comprise a joint collection of the Laramie County Library and the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The collection contains approximately 10,000 volumes in printed form and on microfiche. Most of these deal with the United States, but information from around the world is available.

All of these materials may be used by the public, but may not be checked out. Wyoming residents may borrow materials via Interlibrary Loan (for in-library use only), placed as requests through their local county or community college library.

Tours are available upon request. Public meeting rooms are also available for group use. These services must be reserved in advance.

Operated on an independent research basis, limited assistance is provided by the Special Collections Librarian and several knowledgeable volunteers. A family tree chart and several finding aids are available for beginners, and numerous charts and forms that can be photocopied. Library staff or volunteers may provide 30 minutes of free research for mail or personal inquiries. A list of genealogists who will do research for a fee is available.

And don't miss the Special Collections Reading Room, which features a gorgeous ornate doorframe originally found in the Federal Courthouse and donated to us by the Dinneen Family, as well as two tables from Cheyenne's original Carnegie Library and stained glass from artist Nancy Furnish.

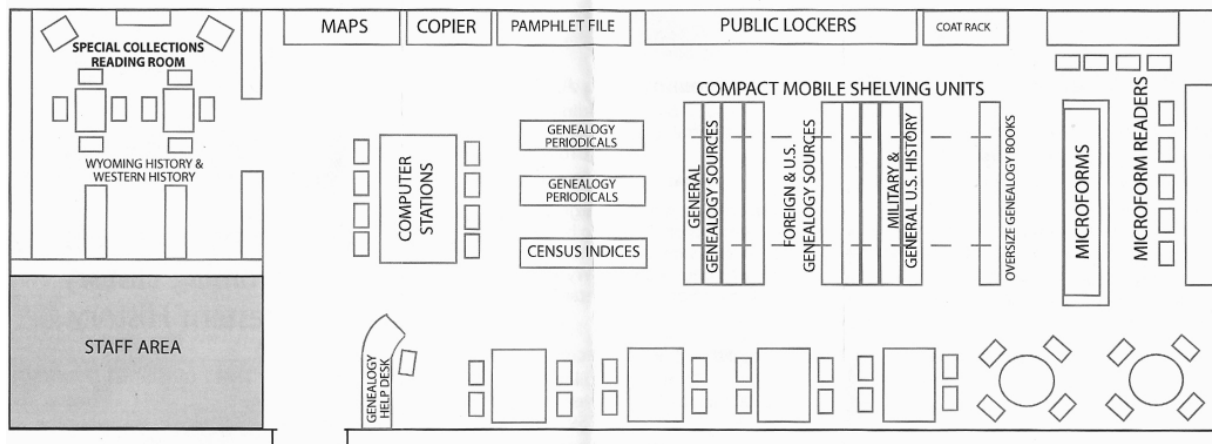
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Western History and Wyoming History Room



Genealogy and Family History Room



HOPE CEMETERY IN BARRE, VERMONT

By: BILL GOODGE

Barb and I have visited many cemeteries, but the one in Barre, Vermont was something very enjoyable to us. Opened in 1896, this graveyard is an art gallery of people's lives, while preparing for death they have shown an expression of their life with some of the most beautiful cemetery art monuments we have ever seen.

Hope Cemetery in Barre, Vermont 'The Granite Capital of the World' was a place where many immigrants came to work in the marble quarries, and also to apply their carving skills for the monuments.

We were able to visit this cemetery when we went to Barb's 50th High School Reunion in Montpelier in September of this year. While the average tombstone evokes a dull finality, these monuments express much about, both the deceased and the carver.



Brusa's own grave features a strange sculpture of "The Dying Man," slipping away, held by his wife. Brusa succumbed in 1937 to a common stone carver's ailment, silicosis, from a lifetime of sucking in airborne stone particles. Ventilation equipment added to the stone carving buildings in the mid-1930s eliminated the hazard.

HISTORICAL TIDBITS

This second article was copied from the ***History & Business Directory of Cheyenne***, written February 1868 by E. H. Saltiel & Geo. Barnett at O'Neil St., Cheyenne Dakota (Territory). This directory, and other directories of early Cheyenne, can be found in the Laramie County Library Genealogical Collection.

HISTORY OF CHEYENNE.

The second occurrence of Divine Service took place at the City Hall, on the 29th September, the Rev. W. W. Baldwin officiating. Some seventy persons were present.

About the 30th of September, Messrs. Rollins and Spicer discovered several oil springs some eighteen miles west of Cheyenne.

In the issue of the Leader of the 3d of October, we find the business houses had rapidly increased, and Mr. Baker's advertising columns commenced assuming formidable proportions.

On the 4th of October a terrible affray took place which resulted in the death of Pat Mallaly and a man known as Limber Jim. This affair caused great excitement and but for the ability and firmness of the city government, would have resulted in the inauguration of a reign of terror.

The election on the 8th passed off quietly, with just enough excitement to make it interesting. The following gentlemen were elected: For delegate to Congress. J. S. Casement; Representative to the Legislature, J. R. Whitehead; County Commissioners, C. L. Howell, M. H. Hinman and Wm. L. Hopkins; Probate Judge, W. L. Kuykendall; District Attorney, Thos. J. Street; Sheriff, D. J. Sweeney; Register of Deeds, J. H. Creighton; Treasurer, L. L. Bedell; Coroner, Jas. Irwin; Superintendent Common Schools, J. H. Gildersleeve; Surveyor, F. Landberg. The total number of votes polled were 1900.

During the month of October, Gen. Stevenson erected a massive stone warehouse, 80 x 120 feet, the walls being two feet thick, at a cost of about \$20,000.

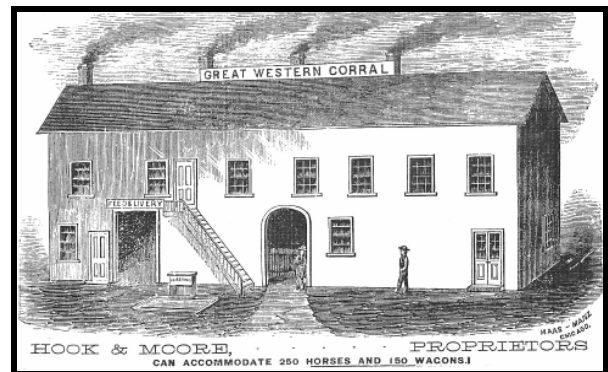
A party of the Editorial excursionists arrived in town on the 13th of October and were warmly received by Gen. Stevenson and the citizens, and on the following day the party became the guests of the city, and the City Hall was placed at their disposal. In the evening, a banquet was given in honor of the visitors, at which Judge Miller in a neat speech welcomed the new comers. Admiration was expressed by the entire party at the energy and enterprise displayed by the people of Cheyenne, and the reports published in their respective journals have helped not a little to build up this — the "Magic" City of North America.

About this time an ordinance was passed prohibiting persons not in the civil or military service carrying arms, under the penalty of a heavy fine.

On the 20th of October, a prize fight came off between John Hardy and Enoch Winter, in a ring one mile and a half from the city. The fight lasted only thirty minutes, Hardy coming out winner.

October 25th, the first number of the daily *Argus* made its appearance, edited by Lucien L. Bedell, Esq., and was at once made the official organ of the city. The *Argus* has shown considerable energy in defending the interests of the city. On the same day the telegraph line from Laporte was completed to Cheyenne.

The large corral called the GREAT WESTERN, the property of Messrs. Hook & Moore, began to assume large proportions as wing after wing was added to its already monster size, and on the 30th of October we find it covering an area of ground 232 x 132 and capable of accommodating two hundred and fifty horses.



The 1st of November was marked by the appearance of the first omnibus on the streets, and the proprietors had no reason to complain of the patronage bestowed on it.

A party of people from Julesburg arrived in Cheyenne about this time and, determining (as they called it) to maintain their "rights" as squatters, seized on a number of town lots and commenced building. Soon, however, the city fathers made a demand upon them to quit possession, which they refused to do. A call was then made on Gen. Stevenson for troops to assist the city police, which was promptly answered by the appearance of a battalion of United States troops marching into town and clearing the disputed points of the invaders. Early in November, Chas. McDonald commenced the erection of a magnificent stone block of houses under the superintendence of Col. Henry. The size of the block was 88 x 90. This was regarded by many at the time as a useless expense, they thought that Cheyenne was to be another Julesburg. Col. Henry, however, with a foresight seldom equalled, stuck manfully to his work, and completed it in quick time. For a time the number of teams discharging freight at the doors of this mammoth warehouse was the subject of conversation for the business community of the town.

A building was rented for the purpose of establishing a public school on the 9th of November. This day was also remarkable for a prize fight that took place between John Hardey and John Shannessy for \$500 a side. The fight lasted one hour and forty-three minutes, during which time one hundred and twenty-six rounds were fought,

closing by a 'foul' claimed by Hardey's party and allowed by the referee. Both men evinced considerable pluck and all parties were satisfied that this was one of the most honorable fights that has ever transpired.

George Francis Train arrived in Cheyenne on the 11th of November, accompanied by Thos. C. Durant, Vice-President U. P. R. R., Commissioner White, and a number of ladies. The enterprise of Train, even when clouded by his eccentricities, is wonderful, and we can not but admire the giant projects which claim him as their originator. The party had not been in town six hours, before the irrepressible Train had run up a great hotel project and had formed a company and contracted for a hotel, 132 x 122, and three stories high. The same is now being built by the renowned builder J. M. Richmond.

The 13th of November 1867, will long be remembered by all the citizens that were in the town, as the day that the Union Pacific Railroad reached the city limits. Music was heard on all sides, flags streamed over some of the principal streets, and the population turned out *en masse* to welcome its advent.

On the 14th the first through passenger train arrived from Omaha, having on board S. Dillon, the President of the Credit Mobilier, John Finn, Esq., David Street, Superintendent Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Col. J. Q. Lewis, W. Snyder, Freight Superintendent U. P. R. R. Major Wooley, wife and servants, Mr. and Mrs. Schimonsky, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, H. Blickensdorfer, and Ed Creighton. The conductor of the train was Mr. G. A. Weed. This was the first party that ever crossed the whole the Plains on railroad train.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens assembled on the 14th in front of the City Hall to extend a public greeting to the Railroad, through the person the great track layer, Gen. Casement.

J. W. TURRELL,
Sixteenth Street, - - - Cheyenne, Dakota,
Is just opening a new and complete stock of
DRUGS AND MEDICINES,
FANCY GOODS, TOILET SOAPS, AND DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES. WE
WARRANT OUR DRUGS AND MEDICINES PURE AND FRESH.
Special attention given to compounding and prescriptions, which has been my
specialty for years.

A horrible double murder took place on the 28th of November. It appears that four men, named respectively Mead, Shepherd, Hazlett and Burns, had been living in a "dug out" in the side of one of the bluffs opposite the city. On the morning of the 28th, Burns arose from his bed before the others were up, and seized his revolver saying he saw a jack rabbit, stepped out, and discharged one shot, returned and fired at his companions, killing Shepherd instantly by a shot in the head, and fatally wounding Mead, who died on the following day. Hazlett received a shot in the right breast, which was skillfully extracted and (Hazlett) owing to his strong constitution and youth, he being only 19 years old, speedily recovered. The murderer Burns made good

his escape, and fled north, and up to the time of writing has never been apprehended, although a reward of \$300 was offered for his arrest.

A railroad track was laid from the main line of the U. P. R. R. to Fort Russell on the 8th of December. On the same day the *Rocky Mountain Star* made its appearance, edited by O. T. B. Williams.

The *Leader* of the 10th of December announces that four-horse omnibusses, with footmen behind, are the style in Cheyenne.

On the 12th, a terrible wind storm came upon the city from the north-west, and tore the roof from Gen. Stevenson's warehouse and did considerable damage.

Christmas was spent in a lively manner, the only perceptible difference on the streets being a larger number of men than usual, and the extra wares displayed in the stores. At night many balls were given.

On the 31st of December a novel walking feat came off at the Museum building owned by Prof. Jas. McDaniels, a very energetic and smart business man, who has traveled over every portion of the United States. Mr. McDaniels made the acquaintance of A. C. Clark, a professed pedestrian, and on finding Mr. Clark possessed of great powers of endurance, engaged with him to walk sixty hours without eating, drinking or sleeping. Mr. Clark, accordingly, commenced this feat on the 31st of December, (after two disinterested persons had been sworn in as judges) and succeeded in making fifty hours, at the end of which time, the physicians that had been attending him for some time past forbid him continuing the feat. At the doctor's earnest request for the feat to be discontinued, Prof. McDaniels made Clark leave the platform — since that time he has beaten all competitors.

About the 6th of January, news arrived in town, that the Dakota Legislature had granted a charter to the city of Cheyenne, and that an election under its provisions would shortly be held.

THE VIGILANTES

On the 10th day of January three men were arrested by the deputy F. S. Marshall, charged with having stolen \$900.00, and the court being busy with other cases, the prisoners were put under bonds to appear before the U. S. Commissioner on the 14th, to answer to the charge. The prisoners were set at liberty, and on the following morning, about daylight, the three men were found on Eddy Street, tied together, walking abreast, with a large canvass attached to them with the following letters very conspicuous:

"\$900 Stole," "Thieves." "\$500 Recovered"

"F. St. Clair," "W. Grier," "F. P. Bronville."

"City authorities please not interfere until 10 o'clock A. M."

"Next case goes up a tree."

"Beware of Vigilance Committee."

WEBSITES THAT MAY BE HELPFUL IN YOUR RESEARCH

These web addresses can be copied and pasted into your browser to access these web sites.

These articles are from 'Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter'

The following announcement is from the Kansas
Historical Society:

Former Kansas Governor John Carlin, who served as Archivist of the United States from 1995 to 2005, will return to Topeka Oct. 16 for the launch of *Kansas Memory*, the Kansas Historical Society's newest online offering. Kansas Memory will feature the largest collection of photographs and manuscripts from Kansas history on the Internet, and can be accessed at kansasmemory.org.

Cook County Records Going Online

Genealogists researching Cook County, Illinois ancestors will be interested to learn that many of the records they seek will soon be available online. This beats the old method of ordering by mail or traipsing down to a musty office in Chicago's Loop. If all goes as planned, newly digitized versions of county records such as birth and death certificates and marriage licenses will be available beginning in January.

The Web site is part of a massive yearlong effort to digitize the county's 24 million vital records, which date to 1871, when record-keeping began after the Chicago Fire wiped out previous stockpiles.

Scanning and indexing each record was completed in June, and the county is uploading about 1 million files per week into a server, a process that is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Documents available online will include birth certificates that are at least 75 years old, marriage certificates more than 50 years old, and death certificates more than 20 years old. No Social Security numbers will be available on the online documents.

Helpful Hints for Your Research

About finding the name of a small place in Ireland, here is a suggestion. See if your local LDS Family History Center still has the old microfiche version of the IGI (International Genealogical Index). At the very beginning of the microfiche cards there used to be a list of all the places and it told how they are listed in the IGI. Many of the newer librarians don't know about it, because most people use the Family Search Internet version now. Of course, your place may still not be listed, but it's worth a try.

People living in old settled communities may at first think that the Vigilance Committees of the Rocky Mountain region are a source of evil, but on a moments consideration they will recognize the necessity of having either an extraordinary powerful city government, or in lieu thereof, a power that will make crime hide its head and give a feeling of security to law abiding - citizens. Such a power is the Vigilantes. They restrain desperadoes from practicing their lawless work, and give an assurance safety to the honest man who desires to make this region his home.

A billiard match for \$500 came off on the night of the 14th, between M. Smith of Colorado, and A. Kessler, of Montana, in which Smith came out victorious.

Information arrived on the 16th, that a bill had passed the Legislature of Dakota, organizing the County of Laramie, and that the following gentlemen were appointed to the county offices: - Sheriff J. L. Laird; Recorder, Wm L. Morris; County Commissioners, Benjamin Ellinger, P. McDonald and _____ Beals; Coroner, Dr. Johnson; Supt. Public Schools, J. H. Gildersleeve, Justices of the Peace, A. B. Moore, A. W. Brown; Constable, J. Masterson. Also, that a bill had passed to organize a District Court for this part of Dakota.

On the same day the Act of incorporation for the city of Cheyenne arrived, and on the following day an election was called by J. P. Bartlett, Wm. Martin, and G. M. O'Brien, to be held on the 23rd day of January.

On the night of the 16th. a general shooting scrape took place at the "New Idea" saloon. A gang of low ruffians by the names of Jack Hays, D. Cunningham. Dan Miller, Andy Harris, Jack Breslan, and some others went to the saloon for the purpose of making a fight—the above named men were arrested but got free on their giving bonds.

Two hundred men paraded the town on the following night, masked and armed to the teeth. They appeared to be under the lead of a chief and as silence pervaded their ranks, we inferred that strict discipline was also there. This band was a portion of the Vigilance Committee of Laramie County. Thorough search was made for the desperadoes (sic) who had done the shooting on the night previous, but the parties having secreted themselves outside the city of course were not found.

J. R. Whitehead arrived the same evening bringing the bill organizing Laramie County, also the one creating the 2nd Judicial District for this part of the Territory. In addition to the county officers already appointed, we notice the names of Wm. L. Kuykendall, as Probate Judge; S. H. Wnsor, Surveyor; and E. P. Johnson, District Attorney. The Hon. Asa Bartlett, Chief Justice of the Territory, was assigned to this, the 2nd Judicial District, and the first term of his court was ordered for the first Monday in March.

How to Add a Citation to a Digital Image

Some genealogists fall short when it comes to labeling each document, printed or digital, with its complete citation. In *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, Elizabeth Shown Mills explains in an article at the following web site:

http://legacynews.typepad.com/legacy_news/2007/08/how-to-add-a-ci.html

Update on Indexes Available at the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA)

by Valerie Beaudrault

<http://state.tn.us/tsla/history/index.htm>

The Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) website has a variety of online resources. You can access them by clicking on the Tennessee History and Genealogy button on the home page. The list of resources at TSLA also serves as a comprehensive guide to its holdings for researchers planning a visit to the repository.

Stories of Interest

A private dive team has discovered the wreckage of an American ship that sank off the south-central Alaska coast 139 years ago. The *Torrent* sank in Cook Inlet in 1868 after tidal currents rammed it into a reef south of the Kenai Peninsula. Documents from the period show that all 155 people on board survived. Read more about this fascinating discovery at www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2007/10/09/shipwreck_found_off_alaskan_coast/.

Marge Dreiling offered this web-site of interest:

An article **'Know Your Family Health History'** in the September 30, 2007 Parade Magazine of the Sunday Denver Post gave a web-site for 'My Family Health Portrait', which can be found at: <http://familyhistory.hhs.gov/>

At this site **'My Family Health Portrait'** advertises that you can create a personalized family health history report.

Also,

'Recording Your Family's Health History Can Save Lives' which was written on the same topic appeared in the September, 2007 issue of *Family Circle* magazine.

New Databases on New EnglandAncestors.org

Abstracts of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships in NY State, 1787 – 1835. 55,020 additional records added.

www.newenglandancestors.org/research/database/ny_probate/



NEW ARTICLES IN OUR LIBRARY PERIODICALS

The March 2006 issue of the 'Allen County Lines, Quarterly of Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana contains an article by Margery Graham entitled **'Searching the Ships of Our Ancestors'**.

This article contains interesting information about finding the ships that carried our ancestors to this country including, information about the ship's manifest, type of vessel, date and port of exit, how long they were at sea and how many passengers were on the ship.

Family Tree Magazine – November 2007

- **State Research Guides with Fast Facts and Key Resources for New York and Wyoming.**
- **Preserving Memories - Safe Keeping: Heirloom Quilts**
By: *Grace Dobush*
- **Little Secrets - 10 worthwhile subscription Web sites may have the data you seek.**
By: *Rich Crumm*
- **Save the Dates - Remedy genealogical calendar confusion with these 19 easy tools that convert historical dates.**
By: *Nick D'Alto*

Ancestry Magazine - September October 2007

- **Sorting the Webs of Fact and Fiction - The Web is full of answers – as long as you know which ones to trust.**
By: *Donn Devine, CG, CGI*
- **Tracking Their Every Move - Maps go electronic – and that makes them much more fun for tracking ancestors. The article introduces the use of Google Maps to track your ancestor's migration**
By: *Laura G. Prescott*

New England Ancestors - Fall 2007

- **Dutch Naming Practices in Colonial New York - An article which explores the intricacies of Dutch naming customs and the difficulties they create for genealogists.**
By: *Marian S. Henry*

WI-FI INTERNET CONNECTION IN
PADUCAH, KENTUCKY
FROM EASTMAN'S ONLINE GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER

-- It seems like Internet Wi-Fi spots are popping up all over the place, but one new hot spot in Paducah is raising eyebrows.

Paducah's oldest cemetery is going wireless.

Don Watkins, a local minister and regular visitor of Oak Grove Cemetery, says "it's a beautiful place. A lot of history here. I find myself stopping and reading names."

Watkins walks in Oak Grove Cemetery several times a week. The newest addition to the cemetery will let him do a whole lot more.

Paducah spokesperson Pam Spencer says "it does sound strange to have a hotspot at a cemetery, but the purpose behind it makes sense."

Paducah's public information officer Pam Spencer says the purpose is simple: to allow people to use the web to help with genealogy research.

Cemetery volunteer Gerald Harwood says "there are a lot of famous people out here -- the Scopes from the Scopes trial and Dr. Saunders, who discovered a vaccine for cholera."

Volunteer Gerald Harwood helps people trace family trees. He says a trip through the 100-acre cemetery is more like a city history lesson.

"Mr. Porteus, who they brought over from Scotland, designed and more less started the cemetery," Harwood said. "They moved a lot of people out here in 1847 from downtown where the city hall now sits."

Watkins moved back to Paducah after being gone for several years. He says the cemetery helps him re-connect with his hometown roots and put life into perspective.

Watkins says "being around here helps me remember my mortality -- this life is not where it's at. I think having research capabilities for people to research ancestry is a wonderful idea."



COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP
BY: LESLIE VOSLER

Hi All,

The next meeting of the Genealogy Computer Interest Group (CIG) will be the 1st Thursday of November,

WHEN - 1st Thursday of the month, Nov 2007,

WHERE - The in the Willow Room of the Laramie County Library at about 6:30 p.m.

WHAT - Bring your LAPTOP (if you have one and want to do so). Plus bring your questions and problems, solutions and suggestions, 'new stuff' and old stuff'.

The December meeting will be held on 6 Dec 2007 at 6:30 pm, in the Sage Room (by the Teen area - thought we would try there that time)

If you have any desires for programs for the coming year please let us know.

If you have questions, contact
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Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

GETTING THE BEST FROM YOUR
RESEARCH
BY: RICK CRUME
FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE, NOVEMBER 2007

Increasing Your Payoff

Three tips for spending your subscription dollars wisely:

1. Do your research. Before subscribing to any of these services, scour their database lists and use the free searches to see if a subscription would be worth the money.
2. Compare coverage. As noted, some Web sites' content overlaps. If you're interested in a database offered by more than one service, look at what other resources you'd get with each - which site has more content that would be useful to you? Or sign up for one, then try another when the first subscription runs out.
3. Go to the library. Some facilities offer on-site access to library versions of subscription genealogy sites, including Ancestry Library Edition and America's GenealogyBank. At Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Centers, you can log on to Footnote, Godfrey Memorial Library and World Vital Records for free (find a center near you at <www.familysearch.org>). Even if you prefer at-home access, this gives you a chance to test out the services before ponying up.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER
OF
DICK EASTMAN

You can read more about these issues in the New York Times at <http://tinyurl.com/2mzhbb>.

NOTE: The New York Times often places articles online for only a few days but then removes them. The article is available as I write these words but may disappear soon.

Posted by Dick Eastman on October 22, 2007

These are copies of articles that I received today from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter.

I know it made the newsletter rather large but since it will be 2 months until the next newsletter I included them. Editor.

Libraries Shun Deals to Place Books on Web

I have written several times about Google Books and occasionally about Microsoft Books. Those two organizations are working with some major libraries to scan millions of older books. However, some libraries are no longer cooperating. They do not like the restrictions placed by those companies.

Several libraries, including a large consortium in the Boston area, are instead signing on with the Open Content Alliance, a nonprofit effort aimed at making their materials broadly available.

Google pays to scan the books and does not directly profit from the resulting Web pages, although the books make its search engine more useful and more valuable. However, Google does not allow the scanned books to be made available on other commercial search services. Microsoft Books has somewhat similar restrictions. Some libraries, like the Boston Public Library and the Smithsonian Institution, refuse to accept such restrictions. Instead, they are now affiliating with the Open Content Alliance, a nonprofit effort aimed at making their materials broadly available.

Last month, the Boston Library Consortium of 19 research and academic libraries in New England that includes the University of Connecticut and the University of Massachusetts, said it would work with the Open Content Alliance to begin digitizing the books among the libraries' 34 million volumes whose copyright had expired. These 19 libraries are not willing to accept the restrictions that are in the Google and Microsoft agreements.

"We understand the commercial value of what Google is doing, but we want to be able to distribute materials in a way where everyone benefits from it," said Bernard A. Margolis, President of the Boston Public Library, which has in its collection roughly 3,700 volumes from the personal library of John Adams.

It is interesting to note that Bernie Margolis of the Boston Public Library is well known as one of the leading library experts of today. His opinions will carry considerable weight.

National Archives and FamilySearch Announce Wide Reaching Agreement

The U.S. National Archives and the FamilySearch team today have both issued press releases about cooperative projects. I posted the announcement about Civil War widows' records a few minutes ago. It was written by the National Archives and Records Administration. A few minutes later I received this similar, but different, announcement from the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU), doing business as FamilySearch:

National Archives and FamilySearch Team Up to Digitize and Index Mountains of Historic Documents.

SALT LAKE CITY—The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) of the United States and FamilySearch today announced an agreement that will lead to the digitization of millions of historical documents over time. The bulk of the digital images and related indices will be freely accessible through www.FamilySearch.org, 4,500 family history centers worldwide, or at the National Archives and its Regional Centers.

The agreement is the result of several years of discussions between the two organizations and NARA's new long-term strategy for digitizing and making available major segments of its vast collection online to the public. Ultimately, the records digitized by FamilySearch will consist of court, military, land, and other government records that include information of genealogical significance for family historians. The records date as early as 1754 to as late as the 1990s.

Almost all of the records in the National Archives currently are not readily accessible to patrons who visit the National Archives or one of its regional facilities. The newly digitized and indexed records produced under the agreement will be available online—greatly increasing patron access.

"For a number of years, we have had a very productive relationship with FamilySearch," said Professor Allen Weinstein, archivist of the United States. "This agreement expands our relationship to enable online access to some of the most popular and voluminous records in our holdings. It is an exciting step forward for our institutions and for the American people," he added. Under the new agreement, FamilySearch will be operating highly specialized digital cameras 5 days a week at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. FamilySearch intends to extend the digitization services to select regional facilities at a later date. That means there will be a continuous flow of new data for genealogy buffs to explore for years to come. It also means FamilySearch will be able to digitize the thousands of microfilms it has already created from NARA's holdings—providing access to millions of images for genealogists to search from the convenience of their home computers with Internet access.

The first fruit of this effort is a portion of a very large collection of Civil War records, already underway. In this pilot project, FamilySearch will digitize the first 3,150 Civil War widow pension application files (approximately 500,000 pages). After digitization, these historical documents will be indexed and posted online by Footnote.com with the indices also available for free on www.FamilySearch.org. FamilySearch intends to do all 1,280,000 of these files over the coming years.

James Hastings, director of Access Programs at the National Archives, said, "For decades the National Archives has helped thousands of researchers gain access to this rich trove of records in Washington. Thanks to this agreement with FamilySearch, this valuable information will now be available to millions of users around the world in a far more accessible format." Wayne Metcalfe, director of FamilySearch Record Services, said, "No single group can preserve, organize, and make available all the information contained in the world's important genealogical documents—like those found in the National Archives of the United States. Such immense undertakings require the cooperation of record custodians, researchers, and specialized services. FamilySearch is committed to being an integral partner in this global effort."

FamilySearch is the largest international organization of its kind, working with national archives and record custodians worldwide to preserve and increase access to records of genealogical significance. It is currently working on projects in over 45 countries.

About the National Archives.

The National Archives and Records Administration, an independent federal agency, is the nation's record keeper. Founded in 1934, its mission is unique—to serve American democracy by safeguarding and preserving the records of our Government, ensuring that the people can discover, use, and learn from this documentary

heritage. The National Archives ensures continuing access to the essential documentation of the rights of American citizens and the actions of their government. It supports democracy, promotes civic education, and facilitates historical understanding of our national experience. The National Archives meets a wide range of information needs, among them helping people to trace their families' history, making it possible for veterans to prove their entitlement to medical and other benefits, and preserving original White House records. The National Archives carries out its mission through a nationwide network of archives, records centers, and Presidential Libraries, and on the Internet at www.archives.gov.

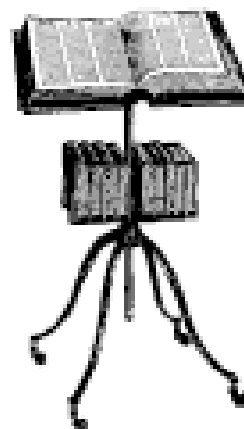
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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society Tuesday 13 November 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting will be held in the Willow Room on the 1st floor of the new Laramie County Library.

An informative program about the new indexing project which is underway at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City will be presented by Melanie Bosselman.

Albany County Genealogical Society Tuesday - 13 November 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

First Methodist Church, 13th & Harney Street
Laramie, Wyoming

Program: "Use of Photography to Record Your Genealogical Data".

Speaker: Mike Stoetz, Owner of Rainbow Photography

Larimer County Genealogical Society (LCGS)

Thursday - November 8: Family Tree Maker Users Group Meeting, Fort Collins – 7 pm

Fort Collins Main Public Library, 201 Peterson Street,
Ben Delatour Room

Program: Advanced Class III: A special guest speaker on self-publishing and several members will present their family books.

Sunday - November 18: Larimer County Genealogical Society Meeting, Fort Collins – 7 pm

Harmony Public Library, 4616 Shields at Harmony,
Community Meeting Room.

Program: "What's the Story Behind the Photograph" presented by Lissa Ann Forbes.



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