

## Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society

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# Cheyenne Genealogy Journal

### Message from the CGHS President...

As the summer is winding down, I hope each of you have had the pleasure of doing something - *not undone*.

Let me explain. I have often bemoaned my lot, as it seems like I most of what I do in life is undone... I weed the garden and then again in a week. I do laundry and the next thing I know the basket is full - Again! I pay the bills..., go to the dentist..., or my husband Bruce will take the car in for an oil change..., or mow the lawn... I think you get the idea... **UNDONE**, so much of what we do, simple, perhaps tedious or menial work, is frequently **UNDONE**. But, that is not the case when I am working on my family history! That is one of the great pleasures to be enjoyed in discovering our ancestors. "Grandma" once found is usually found forever. It is a search I never need to embark upon again. True, it may have been a tedious search initially, but oh so rewarding when completed and finished - Forever!

There are other family history tasks that can be completed forever that assist our entire community. We can participate in FamilySearch Indexing and index a record for the very last time - Forever. That indexed record now becomes searchable and available to anyone in the world who may be looking via the internet. We can take digital images and upload them to websites like Find a Grave, Billion Graves and like magic, these images are now searchable and available as well - Forever! FamilySearch also encourages you to share not only images, but digitized documents and stories to your ancestors' pages, and they will make sure that digitized data is stored and maintained safely in the Granite Mountain Vault...for you and all your descendants to access and enjoy - Forever!

I was able to spend a week with my mother's younger brother this month. He is 92 this September, his parents, siblings and their spouses all deceased. He is the last one who can share with me the stories of my mother's childhood, and their parents - my grandparents. Oh, how I enjoyed spending the days with him, looking at photographs of them taken before my time. Listening to and making record of the thoughts and stories they elicited was pure delight as we laughed and cried together. Now, that the photos are properly captioned, I am working on uploading them to FamilySearch where all the family may access, view and enjoy - Forever!

I wish you each may feel the joy and satisfaction of doing a few things - not undone. I really like this completed and finished - Forever stuff! *Gloria Milmont, President*

### Colorado's 'Conference for a Cause' Will Be Held Oct 15 in Loveland

The Larimer County Genealogical Society has announced that registration is open for their "Conference for a Cause," an all-day family history seminar to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2016 in Loveland, Colo., in the Community Room at the Medical Center of the Rockies.

Curt Witcher, Senior Manager for Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library, a job that entails managing The Genealogy Center, serving as general curator for that institution's Rare and

Fine Book Collection, and supervising the new Lincoln Financial Collection's Lincoln Library. He has worked at the Allen County Public Library for more than 35 years. Curt is a member of the Genealogy Committee of the American Library Association, a past chair of the association's History Section, a former president of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society, and the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society. The conference will raise money for two local area chari-

table causes—the first is the Historic Marker Project at Fort Collins Grandview Cemetery, a project of Friday's Council Tree Chapter of DAR; the second is to raise money for the "Preserve the Pensions Project," a national effort to digitize pension papers of soldiers from the War of 1812. Early registration is \$45 for a limited time. The days' topics will be:  
—Historical Research Methods to Find All the Answers  
—New Sites and Sources for Military Records & Research

### Upcoming Events:

**13 September 2016**  
"Home On the Range"  
Ron Roberson  
6:15-8:30 p.m.  
CGHS Monthly Meeting  
Laramie County Library

**6, 13, 20 Sept 2016**  
"Introduction to Family Tree"\* (Intro, Adding Photos, Adding Sources)  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Gasson, Turner, Bosselman

**17 September 2016**  
"Valuing Our Veterans" Cemetery Stroll  
10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
Grandview Cemetery  
1900 West Mountain Ave.  
Fort Collins, Colorado  
\$6 (adults); \$3 (12 & under)

**6, 13, 20, 27 Oct 2016**  
"Introduction to Family Tree"\* (Intro, Adding Photos, Adding Sources, Merging Duplicates)  
7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Bosselman, Turner

**15 October 2016**  
"Conference for a Cause"\*\*\* Four lectures by Curt Witcher presented by the Larimer County Genealogical Society  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Medical Center of the Rockies, Loveland, Colo.  
\*\*\*see registration info in article at left

**\*Registration required**  
@Family History Center  
Tue-Fri: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
307-634-9536

—Mining the Mother Lode: Using Periodical Literature for Research  
—Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries.

For more information on the conference, speaker and sessions, or to register, go to <http://www.lcgsc.org/events/conference-for-a-cause-2016/>

# The Ins and Outs of Connecting Family to Royalty

This article is by Joshua Taylor, genealogist with *Genealogy Roadshow*. See: <http://www.pbs.org/genealogy-roadshow/genealogy-tips/connecting-to-royalty>

A question often asked of *Genealogy Roadshow* is to verify someone's connections to royalty or nobility. While rumors of royal connections often run rampant in a family tree, there are certainly valid connections to be found. From Charlemagne to the late Princess Diana, thousands of Americans have an interest in seeking out a royal connection. While it is quite unlikely that solving this genealogical mystery will result in an invitation to a family reunion at Buckingham Palace, finding a family's noble roots can be an exciting adventure.

As a first step, it is important to remember that connections to royalty are often extremely distant and far removed. It is not uncommon to find a relationship to someone such as William the Conqueror, though you might find yourself tracing your line back more than a thousand years to find him. Many find connections to members of the royal family that date back several centuries. Often one royal connection will lead to another, as so many families intermarried across several generations. Millions of Americans can trace their distant roots back to someone of royal blood, which in turn means that connecting to royalty can also yield thousands of previously unknown cousins.

A common way to connect to royalty is through a "gateway ancestor," someone who already has proven royal ancestors. Those who have colonial American ancestry will often find an ancestor or two with royal links, particularly those who have early New England families in their tree. A few key resources have been created that offer lists (and the trees) of hundreds of gateway ancestors:

- Cokayne, George Edward, *The Complete Peerage of England, Scotland, Ireland, Great Britain and the United Kingdom, Extant, Extinct, or Dormant*. London: St. Catherine Press, 1910.
- Richardson, Douglas. *Plantagenet Ancestry: A Study in Colonial and Medieval Families*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2004.



- Roberts, Gary Boyd. *Royal Descents of 600 Immigrants to the American Colonies or the United States*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2008.
- Weis, Frederick Lewis, *Ancestral Roots of Certain American Colonists Who Came to America before 1700*, 7th ed. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1992.

You can often find these books at your local public library or in genealogical collections. If you can't locate a local copy, talk to your local public library's interlibrary loan department to see if they can order a copy to borrow.

In addition to printed books, sometimes an online family tree might provide a clue to royal connections. A strong word of caution, many links in online trees are incorrect and lack any original sources. Even printed publications contain incorrect links to royal or noble families. Verifying information against reliable publications and original sources is absolutely essential. Newly discovered connections, disproven lines, and other details are also often published in genealogical magazines and journals, such as *The American Genealogist* and the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*.

As with all things in family history, when working to verify or identify a royal connection, research from the known to the unknown, starting with yourself and working back each generation to your "gateway ancestor."

## Digital Public Library of America and FamilySearch Begin Partnership to Expand Access to Digitized Historic Books Online

From *FamilySearch Blog*, 22 June 2016  
by Paul G. Nauta

In concert with the American Library Association Conference in Orlando, Florida, in June, the [Digital Public Library of America](#) (DPLA) and [FamilySearch International](#), the world's largest genealogy organization, signed an agreement that will expand access to FamilySearch.org's growing free digital historical book collection to DPLA's broad audience of users including genealogists, researchers, family historians, students, and more. FamilySearch is a leader in the use of technology to digitally preserve the world's historic records and books of genealogical relevance for easy search and access online. With this new partnership, DPLA will incorporate metadata from FamilySearch.org's online digital book collection that will make more than 200,000 family history books discoverable through DPLA's search portal later this year. From DPLA, users will be able to access the free, fully viewable digital books on FamilySearch.org.

The digitized historical book collection at FamilySearch.org includes genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most

important family history libraries in the world. The collection includes family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees. Tens of thousands of new publications are added yearly.

"We're excited to see information about FamilySearch's vast holdings more broadly circulated to those trained to collect, catalog, and distribute useful information. Joint initiatives like this with DPLA help us to further expand access to the rich historic records hidden in libraries and archives worldwide to more curious online patrons," said David Rencher, FamilySearch's Chief Genealogy Officer.

Dan Cohen, Executive Director of DPLA, sees the addition of FamilySearch's digital book collection as part of DPLA's ongoing mission to be an essential site for family history researchers. Within DPLA, FamilySearch's book collection will be discoverable alongside over 13 million cultural heritage materials contributed by DPLA's growing network of over 2,000 libraries, archives, and museums across the country, opening up all new possibilities for discovery for users worldwide.



## Genealogy News You Can Use...

### CGHS September Program: Tales of a Working Cowboy

"Home on the Range," is the topic of the monthly educational program presented by the Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society, which will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13th in the Sunflower Room of the Laramie County Library. The program will be presented by Wyoming native Ron Roberson, former working cowboy and law enforcement officer, who is now a published author, historian, artist and story teller. He will share a colorful, entertaining, and true presentation of his experiences growing up on a working ranch and being trained by the last of the open range cowboys. He will also relate his experiences in law enforcement as Wyoming's first range detective. Registration is not necessary for this program, which is open to the public. The meeting begins at 6:15 p.m. with a social followed by a short business meeting and the program at 7:00 p.m.

### Grandview Cemetery Stroll: "Valuing Our Veterans"



The 20th annual Fort Collins Cemetery Stroll will be Saturday, September 17, at Grandview Cemetery, 1900 Mountain Ave., Fort Collins, Colo., with two separate per-

formances—at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The Cemetery Stroll is a historic representation or re-enactment of some of Fort Collins' most well-known historic figures. Every year, volunteers tell stories of Fort Collins past to participants at historic gravesites and this year they will "honor veterans—guardians of world peace who have devoted their lives to our country." Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for youth age 12 and under and may be purchased in advance at either the Senior Center (1200 Raintree Drive) or the office at Grandview Cemetery, 1900 West Mountain Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521. Graveside transportation will be provided by golfcarts for those who have difficulties walking.

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Contact Phone: 970-221-6644

### Preserve Your Data for Millions of Years on a Sapphire Disk

Article from *Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, 29 June 2015

(NOTE: two-inch disks began shipping Apr 2016 according to the Kickstarter web site)

Many of us are disappointed in the limited life spans of today's media. Paper and film fade with time. Floppy disks, CD-ROM and DVD-ROM disks, flash drives, and other media also all have limited lifespans. Even microfilm is expected to last only about 300 years and that is only when stored in rigidly controlled temperatures and humidity and then ONLY if it is never used! (Microfilm scratches and wears quickly when used.) Now a new storage media has been created that should last long enough for most of our needs: a million years or more. Even better, reading data from the disk can be read by the human eye when using a powerful magnifying glass or a microscope. I suspect those items will still be available in a few million years. The information is recorded at 1/30,000th of the original size and is preserved for all time. Water, acid, age, scratches or fire will not deteriorate the information. The text is actually written as readable text or as images. Every character recorded on the sapphire disk has a height of 10 microns, smaller than the thickness of a human hair! The information is readable by the human eye if any one of the following is used:

- A powerful magnifying glass
- A camera with a macro-lens: a simple picture will make the content readable
- A digital microscope, which will display

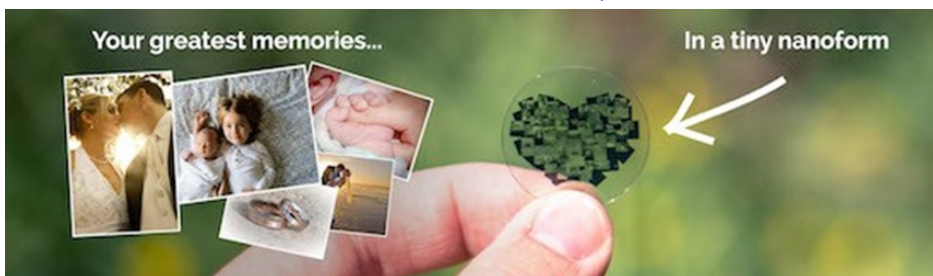
the images and texts directly on your computer for around \$100

- A high-resolution scanner
- And more...

The sapphire hard disk uses two 20cm (8-inch) sapphire disks, molecularly fused together, with a thin layer of inscribed platinum in between. A single disk can store 40,000 miniaturized pages. The disk is expected to have a lifetime of more than one million years, even if used over and over.

Sapphire is extremely hard, second only to diamonds. The sapphire disk is durable and resistant to fire, acid, water, scratches, and more. Despite the difficulty of leaving a mark on a sapphire disk, it is possible to etch the surface of a sapphire with a laser. The new sapphire hard disk is etched by laser engraving, storing millions of bytes in a very tiny space. That removes the problems of today's magnetic media where the magnetism dwindles over time. The inventors of the sapphire hard disk launched a Kickstarter Campaign to help with production costs. Early contributors to the campaign were promised sapphire disks containing whatever information each contributor supplied.

By using a sapphire disk, you can leave your family tree information for your descendants as well as for future archaeologists. You can learn more about the sapphire disks at <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/862339253/fahrenheit-2451-preserve-your-data-for-eternity> or at <http://www.fahrenheit2451.com>.



### TLC Renews "Who Do You Think You Are?" and "Long Lost Family" Shows

TLC announced recently that the network has ordered additional seasons of the fan TV favorites "Who Do You Think You Are?" and "Long Lost Family." The most recent seasons of both series averaged over 1.8M viewers. Executive produced by Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky, "WDYTYA?" is a two time Em-

my-nominated show. Ancestry is teaming up with TLC again as a sponsor of the upcoming seasons for both series which are produced by TLC by Shed Media. As part of the sponsorship, Ancestry provides exhaustive family history research to help make discoveries possible on both shows.

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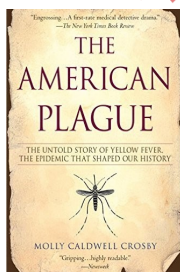
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The Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society urges you to attend the first CGHS meeting of the new program year...Sept 13 at 6:15 p.m. at the Laramie County Library...we challenge you to bring a friend who enjoys history and genealogy and wants to explore family history!



## "Check This Out"

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

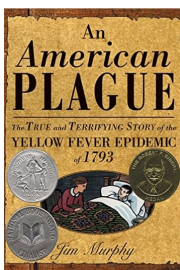


### ***The American Plague***

by Molly Caldwell Crosby: The Penguin Group  
(2006—Nonfiction; 614.541 CRO)

In 1648, a lone slave ship with infected mosquitoes brought a new virus to the New World. Victims suffered internal and external bleeding; the fever turned the body a brilliant gold, giving the virus its infamous name. Over the course of history, yellow fever has paralyzed governments, halted commerce, quarantined cities, moved the U.S. capital, and altered the outcome of wars. During a single summer in Memphis alone, it cost more lives than the Chicago fire, the San Francisco earthquake, and the Johnstown flood combined. In this national-best-selling account, a journalist traces the course of yellow fever, stopping in 1878 Memphis to "vividly [evoke] the Faulkner-meets-'Dawn of the Dead' horrors,"\*—and moving on to today's strain of the killer virus. In 1900, the U.S. sent three doctors to Cuba to discover how yellow fever was spread. There, they launched one of history's most controversial human studies. Compelling and terrifying in this country and in Africa, where even today it strikes thousands every year. With "arresting tales of heroism," (*Publisher's Weekly*) it is a story as much about the nature of human beings as it is about the nature of disease.

Author's note from Molly Caldwell Crosby on the book jacket: "The scope of this disease and its effect on this country is vast. It was a plague intrinsically tied to the worst and best in humanity, brought on by the mistreatment of others and conquered only by selfless sacrifice. In this book, I hoped to give a poignant portrayal of yellow fever by narrowing the focus to one town, a Southern city that would rise from the ashes, and a handful of doctors, one of whom would rise in the ranks of our country's history. Yet their stories are the stories of dozens of other places and thousands of other people."



### ***An American Plague***

by Jim Murphy: Clarion Books  
(2003—Juvenile Nonfiction; J614.541 MUR)

1793, Philadelphia. The nation's capital and the largest city in North America is devastated by an apparently incurable disease, cause unknown. In a powerful, dramatic narrative, critically acclaimed author Jim Murphy describes the illness known as yellow fever and the toll it took on the city's residents, relating the epidemic to the major social and political events of the day and to 18th-century medical beliefs and practices. Drawing on first-hand accounts, Murphy spotlights the heroic role of Philadelphia's free blacks in combating the disease, and the Constitutional crisis that President Washington faced when he was forced to leave the city—and all his papers—while escaping the deadly contagion. The search for the fever's causes and cure, not found for more than a century afterward, provides a suspenseful counterpoint to this riveting true story of a city under siege. *An American Plague's* numerous awards include a Sibert Medal, a Newbery Honor, and designation as a National Book Award Finalist. Thoroughly researched, generously illustrated with fascinating archival prints, and unflinching in its discussion of medical details, this book offers a glimpse into the conditions of American cities at the time of our nation's birth while drawing timely parallels to modern-day epidemics.

—Book reviews from W. Douglass, Amazon & book jacket info