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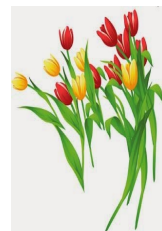
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Message from the CGHS President...

Springtime! The flowers are starting to poke their heads out of the ground, birds are singing and I get to hang my laundry on the clothesline to dry. I love the changing seasons - and most of all I love the change from winter to spring. Spring-cleaning always comes to mind about this time of year, so I have been making a to-do list. It seems as soon as I cross something off the top I add something to the bottom. Just now writing about the birds reminds me I have to clean out the birdfeeders and buy seed (added to the bottom of the list). Really, I find I have several to-do lists—one for the house, one for my genealogy research, one for sewing, etc. There are probably better ways to accomplish getting things done, but for right now, it works for me (kind of). I try not to add an item without completing one, otherwise the list will become horrendously long. While cleaning today I found a box of photos I had tucked away. Written on the top of the box is "Photos to Scan." I added scanning to the bottom of my genealogy list and put the box in a more visible space. Another item I added to the list is to send copies of the scans to some cousins I recently contacted. So as you can see, I am behind on that list. If you have a to-do list don't let it bog you down—Spring is here, so enjoy it!

—Robin Everett



Upcoming Events:

14 Apr 2015

6:00-8:30 p.m.

CGHS Monthly Meeting

"About the Titanic,"

Sharon Field, Laramie County Library

12 May 2015

5:30-9:00 p.m.

CGHS Annual Banquet

"The Journeys We

Take, The Stories We

Make," Barbara Bogart

Laramie Room

Cheyenne Holiday Inn

4-7 June 2015

[Union Pacific Historical](#)

[Society Conference](#),

Doubletree by Hilton,

Omaha, Nebraska

CGHS Program on Apr 14 to Feature Sharon Field: "About the Titanic—an Ocean Disaster"

"About the Titanic--an Ocean Disaster" will be the topic of the Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society's free program on **Tuesday, April 14 in the Cottonwood Room of the Laramie County Library**. The program will be an interactive presentation by Sharon Lass Field, local genealogy specialist, instructor, researcher, editor, writer and long-time Laramie County Library "Special Collections" volunteer. Field, who became interested in learning more about the descendants and relatives of Titanic passengers after viewing several national exhibits, has developed a program that allows participants to get a taste of what it was like to be a pas-



senger, which included some of the wealthiest people in the world, as well as hundreds of emigrants from Great Britain, Ireland, Scandinavia and elsewhere



throughout Europe seeking a new life in North America. The ship's collision with an iceberg and its sinking resulted in the loss of more than 1,500 passengers and crew making it one of the deadliest commercial peacetime maritime disasters in modern history. She will discuss history of the ship

and how the tragedy instigated new maritime laws and safety procedures to protect emigrants and sailing passengers. The CGHS meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a social and short business meeting followed by the program at 7:00 p.m.

The free program requires an **RSVP by Sat. April 11** to provide a head-count for the program activities; to rsvp call Wendy at 630-0924.

Don't forget to sign up for the May Banquet—we have a great program planned! See pg2.



Barbara Bogart Will Highlight May CGHS Banquet with her Program "The Journeys We Take, The Stories We Make"

From road trips to epic migrations, journeys transform us, and our stories about those journeys reflect these changes. Folklorist and oral historian, Barbara Allen Bogart will explain the process of turning a journey into a story at the Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society's annual banquet at the Cheyenne Holiday Inn on Tuesday, May 12. She will also give attendees the tools they will need to tell their own journey stories. The annual event will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Laramie Room of the Holiday Inn with check-in, a silent auction and dinner as a prelude to the program at 7 p.m. **Reservations, entrée selection (chicken or beef) and check for the dinner, which is \$16.50, must be postmarked by Tues., April 28, to CGHS, P.O. Box 2539, Cheyenne, WY 82003.** Guests wishing to attend the program-only for \$5 may register at the door.



Bogart is a featured speaker with the Wyoming Humanities Council Forum. She has an PhD from UCLA, has taught at the University of Notre Dame and the University of Wyoming, and served on the staff of the Wyoming State Museum and as director of the Uinta County Museum. She is the author of *Images of America: Evanston*, and *In Place: Stories of Landscape and Identity from the American West*, as well as numerous articles in professional journals. Much of Dr. Bogart's professional career as a researcher and writer has been devoted to the study of stories, especially narratives of personal experience. A native of California, she has lived and worked in Wyoming since 1991 and now makes her home in Laramie.

"Seeking Michigan" Announces Free Access to 20th Century Death Certificate Images

The Archives of Michigan has announced that images of Michigan death certificates from 1921-1939 are now available for free at [Seeking Michigan](#). The [index](#) for records from 1940-1952 will also be made available in May with additional certificate images to be released each year as privacy restrictions are lifted; for example, 1940 certificate images will be released in January 2016. Together with the records from 1897-1920 that have been available at the site for years, this collection makes *Seeking Michigan* the one-stop destination for more than 2.6 million free, publicly-available 20th century death records for Michigan ancestors. This 1921-1952 collection of death certificates and indexes, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Community Health and *FamilySearch*, covers a critical period in the growth and development of Michigan. Here, researchers will find evidence of the influx of Eastern European immigration, the emergence of Detroit as the automotive capital of the world, and a state crippled by the Great Depression. Those ancestors that immigrated to Michigan, worked the assembly line, and struggled to make ends meet can all be found here. An individual's last name, first name, county and township/village/city of death, birth year, age, and parents' names are all indexed and searchable. Additional information, including the decedent's occupation, cause of death, burial location, and birthplace is listed on the certificate itself. Michigan death records from 1897-1952 are now all in one place, for free! The colleagues at the Archives of Michigan are excited to share this fantastic collection of records with the genealogical community. And, as luck would have it, *Seeking Michigan* also celebrated its 6th birthday in March! Happy searching!

Access to "MyHeritage Library Edition™" Available Free at FamilySearch Family History Libraries & Centers Worldwide

FamilySearch and [MyHeritage](#) recently announced that [MyHeritage Library Edition™](#) is now available for free at every FamilySearch family history center and Family History Library in the world. MyHeritage's new institutional service is a powerful online service that provides libraries and educational facilities with instant access to centuries of history in billions of global historical documents. FamilySearch operates more than 4,700 family history centers in 134 countries. The centers are dedicated family history spaces, open to anyone with an interest in genealogical research. Visitors enjoy free access to historical records and personal assistance from staff to help them in their search for information. The MyHeritage Library Edition™,

launched in November and distributed exclusively by EBSCO Information Systems, provides access to billions of historical documents, millions of historical photos, and other resources in thousands of databases that span the past five centuries. Available in 40 languages, the MyHeritage Library Edition™ is the industry's most multilingual family history archive and search engine, breaking down geographical and language barriers in research.

"We're delighted to allow patrons to benefit from the large amount of family history information that MyHeritage offers," said Dennis Brimhall, FamilySearch CEO, "...delivering great technology for genealogy helps us better serve the family history community as a whole."

Website "Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness" is Back Online and Volunteers are Being Recruited

Dick Eastman reported in his 4 Jan 2015 Online Newsletter that Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness appears to be back online. The original Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (RAOGK) website was created by Bridgett and Doc Schneider. More than 4,000 volunteers in every U.S. state and many international locations used the site to help other genealogists. The volunteers agreed to do at least one free genealogy research task per month in their local area as an Act of Kindness. The RAOGK volunteers agreed not to charge for their research time; however, researchers were required to reimburse the volunteer for expenses incurred in fulfilling the research request (e.g., copies, printing fees, postage, film or video tape, parking fees, gasoline, etc.).

The original Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (RAOGK) website was in operation for more than a decade, benefitting thousands of genealogists. In mid-October, 2011, Bridgett Schneider sent an email message to all registered users stating that major problems had developed with the site's hard drive plus the overall health of



the administrator was not favorable. The site went offline. Sadly, Bridgett Schneider passed away Nov. 12, 2011. The site never came back online, until now. The <http://www.raogk.org> web site now states, "RAOGK is a global volunteer organization. At one time we had over 4000 volunteers in every U.S. state and many international locations, and helped thousands of researchers. We are trying to rebuild the RAOGK site. It will take a little more time to get it back to its former glory. Our volunteers take time to do everything from looking up courthouse records to taking pictures of tombstones. All they ask in return is reimbursement for their expenses (never their time) and a thank you."

It's great to see the site back online. I strongly urge all genealogists to check it out and also to volunteer your efforts to help others. In the long term, you will benefit also. —From Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, <http://www.eogn.com> 4 Jan 2015

FamilySearch Creates an "App Gallery"—a Catalog of New Technology & Software Tools

We live in world of apps. On your phone, laptop, or tablet, the things you do for business or pleasure are driven by applications. It's no different in family history—whether you are searching for ancestors, sharing family photos, or recording stories for future generations, there's an app for that. FamilySearch is launching a new webpage with links to the latest, greatest family history apps. Called "[App Gallery](#)," the page features a curated list of apps from 3rd-party developers and FamilySearch to make it easier to discover, preserve, and share your family heritage. And to help you if you are wondering what else is out there?



The goal of the App Gallery is to help patrons find new apps that appropriately fit their unique needs, wherever they are in their family history. The list of potential products and services goes way beyond what you might think, including apps that include records, family tree software, tree analyzing software (find interesting patterns, missing ancestors, and so forth), chart printing, research tools, and tools for sharing your findings with family. The number of apps promises to grow, with more and more individuals and organizations figuring out ways to make your family history life easier. Check App Gallery frequently to learn of new tools to help you make new discoveries and connect with your family heritage.

Laramie County Library & CGHS Displays Highlighted In National Smithsonian Institution Exhibition News



[The Smithsonian](#) listed a few highlights from the LC Library showing of their traveling exhibition, *Journey Stories*.

- The library had 46,760 visitors while the exhibit was on view.
- 274 elementary school students took tours of the exhibit and completed scavenger hunts by reading through the exhibition text.
- 255 people squeezed into the library's largest meeting room (including at least one state legislator) to hear renowned scholar Dr. Gary Moulton of the University of Nebraska speak on Lewis & Clark among the Plains Indians.
- 659 people attended 23 events hosted for people of all ages at the libraries in Cheyenne and at the branch libraries.

- The [Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society](#) filled the library's five large exhibition cases with family history information & memorabilia as supplemental exhibits.
- 23 participants created "Life Rings" and wrote personal journey stories with artist Georgia Rowswell as a public art project and supplemental exhibit.

Genealogy News You Can Use...

Ancestry.com Did Not Buy Heritage Quest As Rumored

—by *The Ancestry Insider*

HeritageQuest is a genealogical website available through many local libraries which usually let you access it from home. Recently the footer on the HeritageQuest website sported an Ancestry copyright. Kim Harrison, senior account executive for the Ancestry Library Team answered several questions about this posed to her by "The Ancestry Insider":

—**What happened between Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest?**

In Jun. 2014 at the American Library Association, ProQuest and Ancestry announced the renewal of their contract to have ProQuest remain the license vendor in the non-consumer market. This would be selling Ancestry Library Edition to public libraries, academic, corporate and non-profits. With this contract renewal ProQuest will also be able to offer Fold3 (in May 2015) and Newspapers.com (coming in 2015) to these markets as well. The upside for ProQuest is that Ancestry will help to expand and update Heritage Quest Online (now co-branded with but not sold to Ancestry).

—**Did ProQuest sell something to Ancestry.com?**

There was no sale of anything.

—**Will the databases available on the old HeritageQuest website continue to be available on the new website?**

The Heritage Quest Online database does have all the same components but expanded. The census now includes every-year index, plus added the non-pop and the Indian Census. The Freedman Bank Records and the American Revolutionary Collections are now the full set, not a sub-set. The Local History & Genealogy books now have a more robust search interface. PERSI and the Serial Set is there on Heritage Quest Online in their current format. So, yes all the content from

Heritage Quest Online is on the new interface, but expanded.

—**Some people have expressed concerns about a change in the underlying search technology. Does the new website use the old HeritageQuest search technology or the Ancestry.com search technology? Will HeritageQuest searches return the same results as before or can users expect changes?**

The new interface is based on the Ancestry search platform/technology. Because the HeritageQuest census images were different scans than the Ancestry.com images, there were times when one company's scans showed more information than the other's.

—**Is there a way to access the old HeritageQuest census images?**

Because of the new Ancestry technology there is not a way to host the old census images or to access them.

—**Dollarhide's *The Census Book*, was available on the old website. Is it still available?**

Yes. The new interface also makes the wonderful Dollarhide Census Maps easier to find. *[Comment from Ancestry Insider: Dollarhide's census book with its maps is an indispensable resource that sits on many serious genealogists' bookcases. Now, to have it basically free, online, is a tremendous value. To find it, click Maps on the reddish header. The chapters can be found underneath the U.S. map.]*

Harrison also suggested some links to further information.

—[ProQuest Press Release](#)

—[Heritage Quest Online LibGuide](#)

—[Heritage Quest Online Product Page](#)

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"Genealogy Roadshow" Season 1&2 Can Be Viewed on YouTube.com

Part detective story, part emotional journey, *Genealogy Roadshow* combines history and science to uncover the fascinating stories of diverse Americans. Each individual's past links to a larger community history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America. *Last year*, *Genealogy Roadshow's* premiere season featured participants from four American cities—Nashville, Detroit, San Francisco and Austin, who wanted to explore unverified genealogical claims, passed down through family history, that may (or may not) connect them to an event or a historical figure. These cities were chosen as American crossroads of culture, diversity, industry and history, with deep pools of potential participants and stories.

In Season Two, this tradition continues within the cities of New Orleans, St. Louis, Philadelphia. After participants are chosen, experts in genealogy, history and DNA use family heirlooms, letters, pictures, historical documents and other clues to hunt down information. These experts enlist the help of local historians to add color and context to the investigations, ensuring every artifact and every name becomes a clue in solving the mystery. Many answers are revealed on camera before a local audience, in a historic building relevant to the cities' and participants' histories. Visit [YouTube](#) to watch the crew help a woman's desperate effort to find out who committed a gruesome murder in her ancestor's past; the difficult journey another woman's ancestor took on the path to freedom from slavery; a man who may be a Viking descendant; a young man who hopes to confirm his relation to a signer of the Declaration of Independence; a woman who learns her ancestor may have helped others escape the Holocaust, plus other genealogy mysteries.

Genealogy News You Can Use...

New Website About the Freedman's Bureau Helps Researchers Locate Reconstruction-Era Records for African Americans

Did you know that the majority of Freedmen's Bureau records are now digitized and available online for free? Did you know that there are also digitized images of the records of other institutions that served newly-freed African Americans during Reconstruction, such as the Freedman's Savings and Trust? Angela Walton-Raji and Toni Carrier have built a new website called "Mapping the Freedmen's Bureau - An Interactive Research Guide" to assist researchers in locating and accessing records of the Freedmen's Bureau, Freedmen's hospitals, contraband camps and Freedman's Bank branches. Researchers can use the website's interactive map to learn which of these services were located near their area of research interest.

If the records are online, the map provides a link to the records that tell the stories of newly-freed former slaves in the United States. The site also maps the locations where African Americans who served in the United



States Colored Troops (USCT) fought in battle. The goal of this mapping project is to provide

researchers, from the professional to the novice, a useful tool to more effectively tell the family story, the local history and the greater story of the nation during Reconstruction. The free website "Mapping the Freedmen's Bureau - An Interactive Guide" is available at <http://www.mappingthefreedmensbureau.com>

—by Terri O'Connell, 5 Jan 2015; O'Connell is a professional genealogist in the Chicago area, and is the Executive Director of The In-Depth Genealogist.

Scottish Highlanders Documented in New Volume of Dobson Books

Dr. David Dobson, noted author of books pertaining to Scottish origins of American colonists, has introduced a new volume to his books designed to identify the origins of Scottish Highlanders who traveled to America prior to the Great Highland Migration that began in the 1730s. His first volume listed groups of Highlanders from Argyll who headed for North Carolina and New York. Dobson has published nine volumes on the Scottish Highlands immigrants who were from Northern Highlands, Northern Isles, Grampian Highlands, Invernessshire and Perthshire as well as Argyll. His new volume (Jan 2015), *"Scottish Highlanders on The Eve of The Great Migration, 1725-1775: The People of Highland Perthshire, Volume 2,"* is based on primary source material located in archives and libraries in Perth, Edinburgh and London, and identifies emigrants and their kin in 18th-Cen. Perthshire.

Many of Dobson's previous books are available in the Genealogy collection at the Laramie County Library.

Platte County Historical Society & DAR to Honor Pioneers at Ceremony on May 2 at Boxelder Springs

Join us May 2, 2015, in

HONORING THE PIONEERS

"The place of her interment is a romantic one and one which seems fitted for the last resting place of a lover of rural scenery.... [T]here wells forth from a kind of bank a spring of icy coldness, clear as crystal. [C]lusters of wild roses and various other wild flowers grow in abundance."

From the diary of young Abigail Scott, June 21, 1852, writing about the burial of her mother along the trail

A photograph of a bronze statue depicting a pioneer family. A man in a top hat stands in the center, holding a child. A woman in a long dress stands to his left, and another child stands to his right. They are in a grassy field under a blue sky.

In a commemorative ceremony, the remains of three Oregon Trail pioneers will be reinterred at the site where they were originally buried. After the graves were inadvertently uncovered, the relics were sent to the University of Wyoming for study. They have now been released to the Platte County Historical Society which has prepared an historic marker for the site, with cooperation and additional funding from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Landowners, UW officials, historians, musicians, and others will join together to mark the site and pay respect to those who came before. The remains will be wrapped in quilts, placed in hand-crafted wooden containers, and laid to rest. Those interested in attending the ceremony should gather at the Glendo Town Hall on Saturday, May 2 between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. to carpool to the site. Please bring camp chairs. For more information contact Patsy Parkin at 307-322-9365 or spiritquest@wyoming.com.

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The Cheyenne Genealogical &
Historical Society welcomes
these new members who have
joined the organization recently:

- Marshell A. Butterfield
- Brent A. Butterfield
- Clark & Mary Ann Jenkins
- Wessley W. Shafer



"CHECK THIS OUT"

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

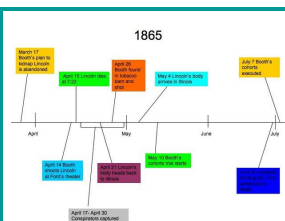


The Juggler's Children by Carolyn Abraham
(2013—Nonfiction; Random House Canada)

As a child did you ever just not fit in? I had the experience once when I moved from the Midwest to the East coast. I was different, the kids thought I talked funny, I dressed weird, and I just wasn't like them. After a while that went away but what if that feeling never did? ***The Juggler's Children: A Journey into***

Family, Legend and the Genes that Bind Us by Carolyn Abraham started out with this situation. The author, who was born in England to parents from India, grew up in Canada and was asked the question "what are you" while in grade school. It was a good question, and one that her family shied away from. This book chronicles her journey through her first, was her father descended from a Chinese juggler and second was her mother's family related to a wealthy Jamaican sugar plantation owner—mysteries far from her Indian roots. Abraham tells a thrilling story that not only shares with you an amazingly rich family heritage but also educates you. She did DNA testing in the early years of the science working with scientists in labs on two continents explaining the history and science behind the testing while she went. It was not highly technical, which many of you will appreciate, but you could quickly tell that the genetic genealogy bug hit her quickly. I mean only those who are DNA crazy make sure to carry several DNA tests with them just in case someone agrees to test on a moment's notice! While I personally don't have genealogical connections to any of the areas she was researching it was a fascinating read. Abraham is a great story teller who keeps you reading with rapt attention wondering what will happen next.

—Book Review by Shannon Combs Bennett, from the *In-Depth Genealogist*, 23 Nov 2014; Shannon Combs-Bennett, owner of T2 Family History, is a speaker and author based out of Virginia. She enjoys teaching about a wide range of topics from DNA to methodology. Currently Shannon is the Creative Director for The In-Depth Genealogist.



If you are fortunate enough to find a biography of an ancestor, consider creating a chronology from the events and dates it contains. This can be an excellent organizational tool as biographies do not always list events in chronological order and thinking about how every event in the biography fits into a larger timeline can be helpful. Be certain to include all events--ones stated directly and ones stated indirectly. The same approach can be used with obituaries.

—Michael John Neill, *Genealogy Search Tip of the Day*