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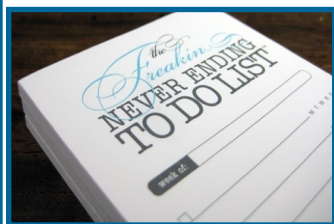
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Message from the CGHS President...

This month is all about the *to-do list*...I have been struggling with some items on my list that just refuse to get done! I feel myself getting anxious each evening as I realize my time for "doing" on this day is almost over...too late to get on to the next thing. I make the decision to get right on it first thing in the morning...again! But wait, tomorrow is already filled with obligations I made before I realized that I was going to have "hold over to-dos" screaming at me. So, I'm taking a pass on a wise or witty president's message this time. And I am going to take a deep breath, forgive myself, go forward with the desire to do better next time, and remind myself that although I believe this to be a great publication, with many great articles I enjoy, my less than stellar message this time has no eternal consequences...



So, my invitation to each of you is to be kind to yourself this month. Allow yourself a little failure, a less than stellar performance. Take a deep breath, remind yourself of the many good things you have done and will yet do and.....move on.

Gloria Milmont, President

It's "RootsTech" Time Again: Online Registration is Now Open

FamilySearch International has announced that registration to [RootsTech 2018](#) is open. RootsTech is a popular 4-day annual family history and technology conference where individuals and families are inspired to discover, preserve, and share their family roots, heritage, and stories. **The conference will be held February 28 to March 3, 2018, at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.** For more information, go to [RootsTech.org](#).

In 2017 the growing event attracted more than 26,000 attendees in-person from all 50 U.S. states and more than 35 countries. Family Discovery Day, a free 1-day event held on Saturday as part of the conference, is also open for registration. RootsTech 2018 will offer attendees a full lineup of inspiring and well-known keynote speakers; over 300 informative sessions, including hands-on computer labs taught by industry professionals and leaders; interactive activities and helpful exhibitors in the expo hall; and entertaining

evening events. All are designed to inspire and empower personal family discoveries. RootsTech 2018 officially begins on Wednesday, February 28, with class sessions beginning at 9:30 a.m. The all-new general session begins at 4:30 p.m. Steve Rockwood, CEO of FamilySearch International, will be the keynote speaker. Following Rockwood's address will be the all-new Innovation Showcase. The Innovation Showcase will feature the best new technology in the industry from around the globe. The showcase also offers attendees the opportunity to interact and connect with industry influencers, executives, and investors. Online viewers will also be able to vote for their favorite product or service during the live showcase event on Wednesday.

Early bird discount pricing is available for a limited time on 4-day passes at just \$169 (a \$100 discount). Single-day RootsTech passes are also available for \$99. A 4-day Getting Started pass is only \$69. All passes include access to the popular Expo Hall and morning keynote sessions.

RootsTech 2018 is delighted to announce that Scott Hamilton, American champion figure skater, Olympic gold medalist, motivational speaker, author, philanthropist, cancer survivor, TV broadcaster, husband and father will be the RootsTech 2018 keynote speaker on Friday, March 2, 2018. Hamilton is hailed as one of the greatest male figure skaters of all time. He won a gold medal for his stunning performance in the 1984 Olympics in Sarajevo. He won four consecutive US figure skating championships and four world championships from 1981 to 1984. In 1990, Hamilton was inducted into the United States Olympic Hall of Fame and the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame. In all, he has earned more than 70 titles, awards, and honors for figure skating. For the past 30 years, his broadcast analysis of national and global skating competitions has provided firsthand insights, and his speeches and books are uplifting and motivating. Besides his many accomplishments in the public arena, Hamilton says his fami-

ly members have always been an integral part of his success and are the most important people in his life. When asked how he feels about keynoting RootsTech 2018, Hamilton says he looks forward to soaking in the RootsTech experience and sharing his story. "We all have a story to tell. All of us. And we all have great lineage and heritage. And we've got all of these generations and generations and generations [before us]—nothing started with us." While at RootsTech, Hamilton says he is excited to meet as many people as he can and hear about how they have found their lineage, ancestors, and their families. "All of us have a legacy to leave for future generations," he said. "It's hard to be memorable in this world, but through our children, we have a chance to really make an impact."

Upcoming Events:

25 October 2017
U.S. National Archives
Virtual Genealogy Fair on YouTube
www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

6 November 2017
"Exploring Emigration Records in Norway"
[FamilySearch Webinar](#)
11:00 a.m. (registration required)

14 November 2017
"Explore Your Attic Treasures With Nancy"
CGHS Monthly Meeting
6:15-8:30 p.m.
Sunflower Room
Laramie County Library

16 November 2017
"Lost in London! Tracing Elusive Ancestry in London & Other Big Cities"
[FamilySearch Webinar](#)
1:00 p.m. (registration required)

16 November 2017
"Placed Out: Orphan Trains in Eastern Cities"
Sharon Danhauer
6:30-8:30 p.m., Council Tree Library, Fort Collins

A glimpse back at the past...

For a Taste of Real-life Goblins & Witches, Review the Salem Witch Trials

Information in this article is from [Dick Eastman's Online Newsletter](#), 24 October 2017.

This is the time of year for ghosts, goblins, and other such superstitions. However, perhaps it is also a time to pause and reflect on the horrors of those who suffered in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692. The witches of Salem and nearby towns probably have hundreds of thousands of present-day descendants. If you have ancestry from early Essex County, Massachusetts, you have an excellent chance of finding a connection to the Salem Witch Trials of 1692. Salem, Massachusetts, and the surrounding towns in Essex County were amongst the first settled in this country. Most of the towns were established prior to 1640. By the time of the witchcraft trials of 1692, a complete legal system of courts and clerks was well established. Records were written, and many of them have been preserved. Even if your ancestors are not among those accused, it is quite possible that you can find them mentioned as witnesses, those who gave depositions, or perhaps even those who served on a jury.

The reasons for the witchcraft hysteria have been debated for centuries. One modern theory involves **ergot of rye**, a plant disease that is caused by a fungus, *Claviceps purpurea*. Anyone who eats bread made with ergot-infected rye can exhibit symptoms of muscle spasms, tremors, and writhing. This may be accompanied by hallucinations. Such afflictions can indicate poisoning by ergot, or "ergotism." Modern science has documented likely cases of ergotism in the Dark Ages, but the cause was only proposed in 1670 by a French physician, and outbreaks in the 20th century have shed much more light on both symptoms and their cause. We know much about the lives of the Puritan inhabitants of Essex County in 1692. We know that they were mostly illiterate, and almost all citizens were intensely religious. In their simple lives, they were afraid of the darkness and of many things in this world that they did not understand. They were convinced that the Devil walked amongst them every night and that he had many disciples. This fear was reinforced by the sermons delivered by Reverend Samuel Parris most every Sunday. If the citizens of Salem and nearby towns did exhibit muscle spasms, tremors, writhing and hallucinations one cannot be



Circa 1692, The trial of George Jacobs for witchcraft at the Essex Institute in Salem, Massachusetts. (Photo by MPI/Getty Images)

surprised that their neighbors felt the victims were indeed possessed by the Devil himself.

Ergot of rye occurs in hot, humid weather. Warm, rainy springs and summers promote heavier than usual fungus infestation of rye. The pattern of the weather in 1691 and 1692 is apparent from brief comments in the diary of Samuel Sewall of Salem. Early rains and warm weather in the spring progressed to a hot and stormy summer in 1691, perfect conditions for creating hallucinogenic bread in the fall and winter of 1691, well into the spring and possibly very early summer of 1692, before the new crop of rye was harvested. Sewall recorded that there was a drought in 1692; thus, no contamination of the grain would be expected that year. You can read a detailed explanation of ergotism and the possibilities of its occurrence in Salem in an article by Linnda R. Caporael at <http://www.physics.smu.edu/scalise/P3333sp08/Ulcers/ergotism.html>

There is no proof available today that ergot of rye was the cause of the Salem Witch Trials. It does, however, provide an intriguing possibility.

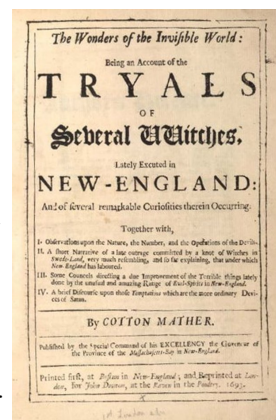
The whole series of episodes began in December 1691 and into January, a time when the people of Salem would be eating bread made from the summer's rye harvest—rye that had time to become infected with ergot. Two girls - Betty Parris, daughter of minister Samuel Parris, and his niece Abigail Williams, began exhibiting strange behavior. Soon a number of other young girls were also exhibiting the same symptoms. Several historians have suggested that perhaps the girls were simply

playing childish games. Physicians called in to examine the girls could find no explanation for their illness. In February one doctor suggested the girls might be bewitched. A neighbor had Parris's Barbados slave, Tituba, concoct a "witch cake" in order to determine if witchcraft was present. Shortly thereafter, the girls made an accusation of witchcraft against Tituba and two elderly women of general ill repute in Salem Village, Sarah Good and Sarah Osborn. The three women were taken into custody on 29 February 1692. The afflictions of the

girls did not cease, and in March they accused Martha Corey and Rebecca Nurse. Both of these women were well respected in the village and were covenanting members of the church. Further accusations by the children followed. By June the hunt for "witches" expanded beyond Salem to Andover, Ipswich, Gloucester, and other nearby towns. The accused witches were tried and most of them found guilty, using logic that sounds silly today. However, to the ill-educated citizens of Salem, these were "facts." Contrary to some stories, none of the witches of Salem were ever burned at the stake.

With one exception, all were hanged at a public gallows. The one exception is poor Giles Cory, a church-going member of the community, who was pressed to death with large stones.

The last hangings occurred in September of 1692, and by May of 1693 all accused witches still imprisoned were released. It is interesting to note that the reported drought of 1692 would have meant the elimination of ergot of rye by September, the time of the last



Title page of "Wonders of the Invisible World" (London, 1693 by Cotton Mather)

Salem Witch Trials (Continued from pg 2)

execution. The final count of witchcraft victims was twenty executed and more than a hundred imprisoned. (One died in prison.) In addition, many others fled into exile or hiding places, their homes were broken up, their estates were ruined, and their families were left in desolation. All of this was caused by the leaders in the communities: the magistrates and ministers.

Salem, Massachusetts, was not the only scene of witchcraft trials in North America. However, it is the one whose history is permanently etched in our memories. You may have ancestors who were eyewitnesses to one of the saddest times in American history. Finding your ancestors' roles during the Salem Witch Trials may not be terribly difficult. Many of the original trial documents are now both in print and online. You might start at one of these sites:

—The University of Virginia's Electronic Text Center's Salem Witch Trials Documentary Archive and Transcription Project at: <http://etext.virginia.edu/salem/witchcraft/>

—Witchcraft Archives at: <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/salem/witchcraft/archives/>

—National Geographic's Salem Witchcraft Hysteria provides historical insight at <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/97/salem/>

—The Salem Witch Trials of 1692, A Brief Introduction: <http://www.salemweb.com/guide/witches.shtml>

—The Salem Witchcraft Trials at: http://www.publicbookshelf.com/public_html/The_Great_Republic_By_the_Master_Historians_Vol_I/salemwitch.htm

—Salem Witchcraft: the Events and Causes of the Salem Witch Trials by Tim Sutter: <http://www.salemwitchtrials.com/salemwitchcraft.html>

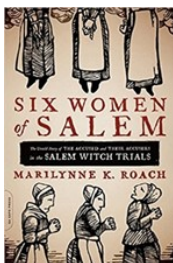
—17th Century Colonial New England (with a focus on the witch trials): <http://www.17thc.us/>

—The Salem Witch Trials: information about those tried and/or killed in the Salem Witch trials of 1692; has family trees, and the reasons for this obsession with evil by Margaret Odrowaz-Sypniewska: <http://www.angelfire.com/mi4/polcrt/SalemTrials.html>

—Bloodlines of Salem: descendants of the accused of witchcraft in 1692 on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BloodlinesofSalem/>

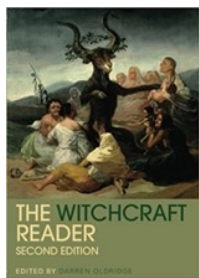
—Salem, Massachusetts City Guide for views of Gravestones & Chronology: <http://www.salemweb.com/memorial/>

This Halloween, Read About the Salem Witch Trials, America's Most Notorious Case(s) of Mass Hysteria



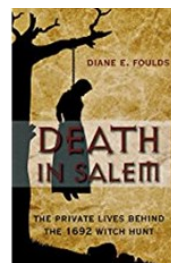
"Six Women of Salem: The Untold Story of the Accused and Their Accusers in the Salem Witch Trials" by Marilynne K. Roach, 2013.

Six Women of Salem is the first work to use the lives of a select number of representative women as a microcosm to illuminate the larger crisis of the Salem witch trials. By the end of the trials, beyond the twenty who were executed and the five who perished in prison, 207 individuals had been accused, 74 had been "afflicted," 32 had officially accused their fellow neighbors, and 255 ordinary people had been inexorably drawn into that ruinous and murderous vortex, and this doesn't include the religious, judicial, and governmental leaders. All this adds up to what the Rev. Cotton Mather called "a desolation of names." The individuals involved are too often reduced to stock characters and stereotypes when accuracy is sacrificed to indignation. And although the flood of names and detail in the history of an extraordinary event like the Salem witch trials can swamp the individual lives involved, individuals still deserve to be remembered and, in remembering specific lives, modern readers can benefit from such historical intimacy. By examining the lives of six specific women, Marilynne Roach shows readers what it was like to be present throughout this horrific time and how it was impossible to live through it unchanged.



"The Witchcraft Reader" edited by Darren Oldridge, 2nd Ed, 2008

The Witchcraft Reader draws together the best historical writing on the subject, exploring the origins and consequences of the fear of witches. The *Reader* traces the development of witch beliefs in the late Middle Ages, the social and political dynamics of witch-hunts in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and the continuing relevance of the subject today. This second edition has been extensively revised and updated to include important new research in the field. There are expanded sections on witchcraft in the Middle Ages and the role of gender in witch trials, as well as new work on demonic possession and the decline and survival of witch beliefs. The major themes and debates in the study of witchcraft are brought together in a general introduction, which places the extracts in a critical context and each extract has an introduction which contextualizes its author. *The Witchcraft Reader* offers a wide range of historical perspectives in a single, accessible volume aimed at anyone intrigued by this complex and fascinating subject.



"Death in Salem: The Private Lives Behind the 1692 Witch Hunt" by Diane Foulds, 2013.

Salem witchcraft will always have a magnetic pull on the American psyche. During the 1692 witch trials, more than 150 people were arrested. An estimated 25 million Americans—including author Diane Foulds—are descended from the twenty individuals executed. What happened to our ancestors? *Death in Salem* is the first book to take a clear-eyed look at this complex time, by examining the lives of the witch trial participants from a personal perspective. Massachusetts settlers led difficult lives; every player in the Salem drama endured hardships barely imaginable today. Mercy Short, one of the "bewitched" girls, watched as Indians butchered her parents; Puritan minister Cotton Mather outlived all but three of his 15 children. Such tragedies shaped behavior and, as Foulds argues, ultimately played a part in the witch hunt's outcome. A compelling "who's who" to Salem witchcraft, *Death in Salem* profiles each of these historical personalities as it asks: Why was this person targeted?



"A Storm of Witchcraft: The Salem Trials & the American Experience" by Emerson W. Baker, 2015

Beginning in January 1692, Salem Village in colonial Massachusetts witnessed the largest and most lethal outbreak of witchcraft in early America. Villagers—mainly young women—suffered from unseen torments that caused them to writhe, shriek, and contort their bodies, complaining of pins stuck into their flesh and of being haunted by specters. Believing that they suffered from assaults by an invisible spirit, the community began a hunt to track down those responsible for the demonic work. The resulting Salem Witch Trials, culminating in the execution of 19 villagers, persists as one of the most mysterious and fascinating events in American history. Historians have speculated on a web of possible causes for the witchcraft that started in Salem and spread across the region—religious crisis, ergot poisoning, an encephalitis outbreak, frontier war hysteria—but most agree that there was no single factor. Rather, as Emerson Baker illustrates in this seminal work, Salem was "a perfect storm": a unique convergence of conditions and events that produced something extraordinary throughout New England in 1692 and the following years, and which has haunted us ever since. (All these books & more available on Amazon.com)

Document Conservation Resumes for "War of 1812 Pension Files" Following a Security Incident at NARA-St. Louis & Work Stoppage

Recently, the president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) explained the problems related to the resumption of conservation of the War of 1812 Pension files:

"FGS announces National Archives staff have recently resumed document conservation of the War of 1812 Pension files covering surnames M(Moore)-Q. Document conservation is the essential first step in digitizing these files. Our digitization partner, Ancestry.com, has scheduled image capture of these newly conserved documents to begin the second week of September 2017. As capture resumes, new images will be added to Fold3.com on a rolling basis. The Federation and the dedicated volunteers of the Preserve the Pensions project have worked tirelessly for well over a year to negotiate a resolution to the work stoppage. This portion of the project plan is expected to be completed by third quarter 2018."

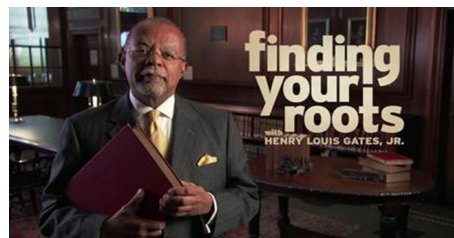
Many in our community have expressed frustration with the lack of new information on the status of the Preserve the Pensions project, ongoing negotiations and the safety of donated funds. As incoming President, I had an obligation to hold any response to those concerns until I could evaluate the history, speak candidly with the Preserve the Pensions team and meet with our partners. From the outside, and with perfect hindsight, it is easy to see a few opportunities missed to share more with you, our supporters. I stand behind the Preserve the Pensions team even so. They have worked incredibly hard to bring this unprecedented fundraising and preservation effort this far. As frustrating as it may be to hear, FGS is limited in how much it can share with the community at large regarding ongoing negotiations with partners. As an organization, we most certainly may not reveal the internal discussions between our partners. That simple fact of business leaves you, our funding supporters, at times without satisfactory answers to your questions. While I will do everything in my power as FGS President to keep you apprised going forward, I will likely never satisfy your questions completely. With that in mind, and with the current project plan in place, I am able to share with you a very brief outline of events. A security incident at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) facility in St. Louis led to a work stoppage of digitization projects for security re-

view. This incident was unrelated to the Preserve the Pensions project in Washington D.C., however, our project was impacted. The Federal bureaucracy is a slow-moving beast, as many of us have experienced outside of genealogy. The completed review led to new security and project protocols. These protocols imposed new cost, space, and completion date constraints on the project. Neither conservation nor digitization could resume without a renegotiated project plan. These negotiations were difficult and time-consuming as each partner fought for their organization's priorities. Ultimately, each partner compromised where they could to bring this important preservation project back online. The negotiations, however, are not over. The project plan above is a test of both the new project protocols and the compromises each of us made. It is a proof of concept. As this new project plan is put into practice, NARA, Ancestry.com, and FGS will continue to work together to evaluate the process with an eye towards negotiating the project plan for the final phase of conservation and digitization of surnames R-Z.

I can assure you, the funds you have so generously contributed to this effort are secure. In accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), funds donated for a specific purpose must be separate from general operating funds. Your donations were deposited into a restricted fund. Any monies FGS provided for matching campaigns were moved from our operating capital into this restricted fund. Digitization and other project expenses were spent from the restricted fund. While the total value of the project was originally projected to be \$3.456 million, FGS was responsible for raising only half that amount - \$1.728 million - due to the very generous match by Ancestry.com. This valuation was based on a projected 7.2 million pages in the War of 1812 Pensions collection at a total cost of \$0.48 per page image. The new project plan has added to the total cost of the Preserve the Pensions project. However, the number of images for the first half of the collection was less than originally expected. We anticipate this trend will continue in the second half of the collection. Therefore, FGS stands by its decision to close community fundraising for the project. On behalf of the board of FGS and the dedicated volun-

New Season of PBS Genealogy Program, "Finding Your Roots"

Avid genealogists are excited that the new season of *Finding Your Roots With Henry Gates, Jr.* started in October. The ten-part series traces the ancestry of influential people from a variety of backgrounds and careers. The program focuses on the melting pot



of cultures that has shaped the history of the United States, especially focusing on the various ethnic groups that live within our country. Most episodes explore the ancestry of three guests. Celebrities who will learn about their ancestors in this season's episodes include: Ana Navarro, US Senator Bernie Sanders, Larry David, Garrison Keillor, Mary Steenburgen, Scarlett Johansson, Ted Danson, Aziz Ansari, Bryant Gumbel, William H. Macy, and others. The first episode revealed that actor and comedian Larry David and Senator Bernie Sanders are related. Sanders and David share "identical DNA" of three chromosomes and "that's a lot of matches," according to Gates. That is rather unique because Larry David has often impersonated Sanders on "Saturday Night Live." You can watch a video "trailer" of the new season of *Finding Your Roots* at <http://www.pbs.org/video/finding-your-roots-season-four-official-trailer-hdf5iil/>.

War of 1812 Pension Files (continued)

teers of the Preserve the Pensions team, I have heard and acknowledge your concerns. As a first of its kind effort to crowdfund preservation of a genealogically-valuable collection, there was no road map. The Preserve the Pensions team is dedicated to seeing this project through until the very last page of the very last pension is online. We will evaluate the successes and shortcomings of the project as implemented before proceeding to a new project. In the meantime, we will work to regain your trust by being as forthcoming as the realities of these sensitive negotiations will allow. FGS remains grateful to the community for your contributions...I welcome your questions or concerns at president@fgs.org.

Genealogy News You Can Use...

The Scottish Indexes Website Enables Users to Discover Their Ancestors' "True Lives"

The Scottish genealogy website, www.scottishindexes.com, moves a step closer to their goal of indexing all historical Scottish mental health records from 1858 to 1915. This release means the index now has 40,000 entries from across Scotland and includes people from every walk of life. These historic mental health records give the story behind the facts. A census record may tell you that your great-grandmother was in an asylum, but not why she was there and that's what we really want to know. This project, lead by Scottish Indexes, is supported by a growing team of volunteers.

Emma Maxwell, genealogist at Scottish Indexes says, "Our mission is to help people not only research their Scottish family tree, but also understand the lives of their ancestors."

The records being indexed by Scottish Indexes are held by the National Records of Scotland (NRS) in Edinburgh. Without an index they are hugely time-consuming to search and access to the records would usually mean a trip to Edinburgh. These records contain not just names, dates and places but personal information. For example the admission form of John Rae Thomson into the Gartnavel Royal Asylum in 1858 tells us that the supposed cause of his men-

tal health problems was 'Premature Birth.' The same record gives his mother's account of how boys tormented this poor 26 year-old. "His mother states...that the boys hooted & ran after him in the street crying 'daft Jock' and they also threw stones at and annoyed him in every way."

This is arguably one of the most interesting records relating to people with mental health problems that you will find in the National Records of Scotland. The reason we would make this statement is that as well as giving detailed information about the patient, it gives such information as the 'Supposed Cause' of their illness, observations of the patient by two physicians, and accounts regarding the patient that the physician was told by people who knew the individual concerned.

Viv from Scotland says, "Although I knew that some of my relatives were in mental health institutions, the indexes at Scottish Indexes and linked original records have allowed me to find out far more about their stories. I feel that I know so much more about these people, and the information is invaluable."

Some of these records can be difficult to read, but perseverance is worthwhile for the insights they give. Frequently, cases can be seen where the death of a child or another family member seems to have resulted in severe de-

pression. There are also cases which look like post-natal depression to the modern reader. While it is sad to read about these cases where so little was understood about the patient's illness, it can be comforting to discover that many of our ancestors did recover and were able to return home. If you have come across a record in the census that an ancestor was insane or an 'inmate' in an asylum, it may be well worthwhile to locate and read these forms to find out more. The aim of the Scottish Indexes website is to help people trace their Scottish family tree and find out more about the lives of their ancestors by helping access historic documents in Scotland. There is a wide range of searchable indexes from birth, marriage, death and census records to mental health and prison records. Find out exactly what has been indexed so far on their [coverage](#) page.

This article is reprinted from [Eastman's Online Newsletter](#), 4 Aug 2017.

New Features in "FamilySearch"

There is a new banner inviting you to sign in to FamilySearch to see which individuals in the "search results" are already linked to your Family Tree. If you are signed in, you can now see if a record is already linked to someone in your Family Tree. Looking at the individual in Family Tree may help you discover other attached records, photos, and stories of the ancestor. If you are not logged in, they will prompt you to sign in to learn more about your ancestors, participate in the community, and learn from the discoveries of others.

In "Memories," there is a new "Actions Menu" that allows you to rotate photos and documents to the left or right, change photos to documents or documents to photos, download, and perform other tasks. Another new option allows you to filter the memories in your gallery to see which ones are not in an album, in addition to the regular options of those with "no title," "not tagged" or "newest added."

You are also able to import photo memories into FamilySearch from different social media platforms, including Google Photos, Facebook, and Instagram. See their [blog post](#) for more information.

For the Best Online Cloud Backup Service Try "Backblaze"

This recommendation is from [Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#), 3 Oct 2017

I have written many times about the wisdom of backing up your important genealogy and other files off-site. That is, at least one copy of your multiple backups should be stored at a location that is some distance away from your computer(s). That provides protection from in-home disasters, such as hurricanes, tornados, fire, floods, or burst water pipes. There are dozens of backup services available to choose from. [The Wirecutter](#) is a highly-respected web site that publishes reviews of all sorts of things. I tend to trust The Wirecutter reviews more than most other web sites simply because the reviews all seem to be unbiased. Now they have published reviews of cloud-based backup services and selected one of them as "the best." Quoting from their website:

"Everyone who uses a computer needs a dependable way to back up its data. After carefully comparing 19 services and testing six, we believe that Backblaze (currently \$50 per

year per computer) is the best online backup service for most people, as it offers a great combination of useful features, unlimited storage, and excellent performance at an attractive price—the proverbial cost of a latte per month. Backblaze offers fast, reliable backups, as well as the simplest setup process I've seen and a number of nice touches."

You can read the full review at: <https://thewirecutter.com/reviews/best-online-backup-service/>. I agree. I haven't tested all the available backup services but will say that I have used [Backblaze](#) for years & I am happy with the results. I have occasionally restored files that I had accidentally deleted. A good friend of mine signed up for Backblaze after reading one of my earlier articles. A year or so later, she suffered a hard drive crash that destroyed everything on her computer. Backblaze sent her a portable hard drive by overnight air freight that contained a full backup of everything on her computer. She was up and running with all her files about 24 hours after the initial problem occurred.

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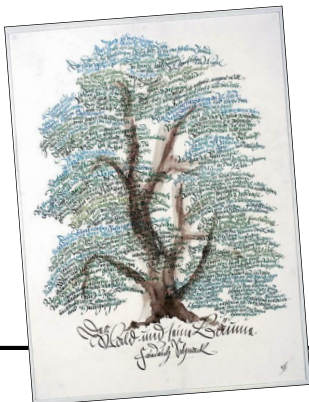
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The Cheyenne Genealogical &
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these new members who have
recently joined or re-joined the
organization:

- Becky Bogart
- Eric & Sherry Crosby
- Peggy Knight & sister Janice Riedel
- Dan Lyon
- Kathy Sessions
- Carol Walker



"Check This Out"

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



Salem Witch Haunt

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When she finds herself thrust back in time, 17-year-old Bess Martin, a senior at Danvers High, sets out on a mission to save her 11th great-grandmother from the gallows-tree. With a near-perfect knowledge of the historical events about to unfold, Bess knows the untimely fate of many. The problem is that Bess has inherited her grandmother's sharp tongue—a tongue that caused her grandmother to be tried and hanged as a witch in Salem Village, 1692. Can Bess stop the hangings and change the course of history, or will she share her grandmother's fate? As the 9th great-granddaughter of Susannah North Martin, one of the women accused, tried and hanged as a witch, author Theresa Sneed has a vested interest in her newest release, *Salem Witch Haunt*, a realistic time-travel steeped in suspense and intrigue with a touch of sweet romance. Having thoroughly researched her youth, Theresa has an uncanny insight into what was going on with the circle girls—the accusers who were directly responsible for the untimely death of 15 women and six men. [Theresa Sneed](#) writes what she knows in a fascinating and incredible story based on original documents and her own experiences. Theresa graduated cum laude with a BA in education, and is currently pursuing a writing career. She has published, with many more to come. Her books are unique, with every across four genres—mystery and suspense, fantasy, historical fiction/ time travel, and realistic paranormal. All of Theresa's books have elements of sweet romance, and while none of her books have profanity or sexually explicit scenes, each book is intriguing and white-knuckle intense—the kind you can't put down.

—Amazon Book Review

Author Theresa Sneed delivers a compelling story in her novel, *Salem Witch Haunt*. When Bess Martin's life suddenly spirals back to 1692, she discovers that she is about to watch the events of the Salem Witch trials unfold—including the hanging of her ancestor, Susannah Martin. Bess is torn between trying to set things right in a volatile and dangerous time period, while struggling with her attraction to Hezekiah, the ancestor of her best friend, Trent. *Salem Witch Haunt* is full of adventure, suspense, and romance, all set in a fascinating historical era. Highly recommended! — **Heather B. Moore USA Today Bestselling Author.**

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