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Message from the CGHS President...

I have enjoyed being the president of Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society for the past two years. Working with the board was a lot of fun and I learned so much about different areas of genealogy and Wyoming history. It will be a pleasure, though, to turn my job over to our incoming president, and the other new board members for new ideas and new directions. Because of the hard work of the board in finding quality programs and managing the assets of the society we are growing!

The members of CGHS are fun to be around and I enjoy our get-togethers. Our May banquets are especially fun and informative. Invite your friends for our year-end extravaganza and I will see you there!

—Judy Engelhart
CG & HS President

Nominated* Officers for 2013-2014

President:

Virginia Walters

Vice President:

Robin Everett

Secretary:

Gloria Milmot

Treasurer:

Peggy Stumpf

**Election will be held at the
annual banquet on May 14*

Upcoming Events:

May 8-11, 2013

National Genealogical
Society Family
History Conference
Las Vegas, Nevada

[www.ngsgenealogy.org/
cs/conference_info](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info)

May 14, 2013

5:30-9:00 p.m.

Cheyenne Genealogical
& Historical Society
Annual Banquet

Yellowstone Room,
Cheyenne Holiday Inn
www.cghswyoming.org

July 30-Aug 2, 2013

BYU Family History &
Genealogy Conference
Provo, Utah

[http://ce.byu.edu/cw/
cwgen/](http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/)

CGHS Banquet Program to feature Greg Nickerson on "Wyoming, the Railroad State: The Impact of an Indispensable Industry"



The 2012 capstone program for the Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society will be "Wyoming, the Railroad State," an entertaining, educational program to be presented on Tuesday, May 14th at the

Cheyenne Holiday Inn by Greg Nickerson, historian, writer and filmmaker from Big Horn, Wyo., who has a masters' degree in history from the University of Wyoming, and is a featured speaker with the Wyoming Humanities Council Forum. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Yellowstone Room of the Holiday Inn with check-in, a silent

auction and dinner as prelude to the program at 7 p.m. Registration & entree selection for the \$16-dinner is necessary

for this event by calling Judy at 632-2623; deadline for reservations is Thursday, May 9 at 4 p.m. Guests wishing to attend the program-only for \$5 may also pre-register.



Think Like a Detective - Developing a Genealogy Research Plan

By [Kimberly Powell](#), *About.com Guide*

If you like mysteries, then you have the makings of a good genealogist. Why? Just like detectives, genealogists must use clues to formulate possible scenarios in their pursuit for answers. Whether it is as simple as looking up a name in an index, or as comprehensive as looking for patterns among neighbors and communities, turning those clues into answers is the goal of a good research plan.

How to Develop a Genealogy Research Plan

A major goal in developing a genealogy research plan is to identify what you want to know and formulate the questions which will provide the answers you seek. Elements of a genealogy research plan include:

Objective - What specifically do you want to learn about your ancestor? Their marriage date? Spouse's name? Where they lived at a particular point in time?

Known Facts - What have you already learned about your ancestors? This should include facts -- identities, relationships, dates and places -- that are supported by original records.

Working Hypothesis - What are the possible or probable conclusions that you hope to prove or disprove through your research?

Identified Sources - Which records are most likely to provide

support for your hypothesis? Census records? Marriage records? Land deeds? Create a list of possible sources, and identify the repositories, including libraries, archives, societies or published Internet collections where these records and resources can be re-searched.

Research Strategy - Plan the order in which to consult or visit the various repositories, considering the available records and your research needs. If you require information from one resource to use in checking another, be sure to take that into account.

Using a Research Log

Once you have worked through the planning part of your research objective, then it is important to organize and track your actual research using a "Research Log." Family Search.org defines "Research Log" as a comprehensive list of sources you already searched, or plan to search including the purpose of each search (what you want to find), a summary of significant findings and where your copies are, notations showing sources searched where you found nothing, and plenty of comments about your search strategies, suggestions, questions, analysis, and discrepancies.

Download a PDF copy of a research log at

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/images/5/50/Research_Log.pdf

or, download a blank Word document which can be used as an electronic research log.

For a Sample Family History Research Plan by Lisa A. Alzo, *Family History Magazine*, see this link:

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/sample-research-plan>

Family Chronicle: "Tracing Your Irish Ancestors"

Family Chronicle is pleased to announce the immediate availability of their newest publication, *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*. The 68-page issue, the fourth in the "Tracing Series," is feature-packed with all-new content from a variety of experts in the field of Irish family history research. It contains many online sources, as well as information on city and trade directories, an Irish case study, Irish currency, Irish mariners and ships, Irish surnames and DNA, and much more. Cover price is \$9.95 plus \$4.50 shipping. To order, visit

<http://www.familychronicle.com>



Genealogy News You Can Use...

NGS Announces Release of "Mastering Genealogical Proof"

ARLINGTON, VA, 24 April 2013: The National Genealogical Society announces the release of *Mastering Genealogical Proof* by Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS. As a unique textbook on genealogical methods and reasoning in the twenty-first century, *Mastering Genealogical Proof* guides readers in acquiring genealogical skills transcending chronological, ethnic, geopolitical, and religious boundaries. Dr. Jones, a noted writer, lecturer, and editor in the field of genealogy, explains and develops the level of proof that is appropriate to genealogy. He relies on his vast experience as a genealogist to explain the various concepts and techniques involved in the genealogical research process.

Mastering Genealogical Proof aims to help researchers, students, and new family historians reconstruct relationships and lives of people they cannot see. It presents content in digestible chunks. Each chapter concludes with problems providing practice for proficiently applying the chapter's concepts. Those problems, like examples throughout the book, use real records, real research, and real issues. *Mastering Genealogical Proof* will first be available for purchase at the NGS 2013 Family History Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, 8-11 May 2013. *Mastering Genealogical Proof* may also be pre-ordered from the NGS online store at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>. Founded in 1903, the National Genealogical Society is dedicated to genealogy education, high research standards, and the preservation of genealogical records.

Family Tree Magazine's 40 Best Genealogy Blogs for 2013

Family Tree Magazine's list of the 40 best genealogy blogs for 2013 is out. Checking different blogs on a regular basis is a great way to keep up with family history news and find out helpful research and technology ideas. *Family Tree Magazine* staff picked what they consider the best genealogy blogs in the following categories: (1) Good advice, (2) Tech support, (3) Gravestone matters, (4) Heritage help, (5) Shop talk, and (6) Story time.

The article states that in making the selections, they paid particular attention to that stick-to-itiveness standard. What's the point of bookmarking a blog or adding it to an RSS feed, after all, if fresh postings are few and far between?

Quantity doesn't guarantee quality, of course, so they also looked for sites that deliver a dividend to readers—whether in the form of timely tech news, essential advice or simply the feeling of sharing a quest to part the curtains of the past. They love blogs packed with information, but also adore those brimming with the blogger's personality. Those that manage to achieve both ... well, they easily earn a spot in the list. A printable, clickable list is available at

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Top-40-Genealogy-Blogs-2013#>

Here's a few blogs to sample:

[DearMyrtle](#)

[Clue Wagon](#)

[Help! The Fairie Folk Hid My Ancestors!](#)

[Journey to the Past](#)

[NARations](#)

Family Search "Branches Out"—Announces Redesign & Enhancements to FamilySearch.org



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FamilySearch Branches out

New features allow beginners and experts to share, collaborate and add life to their family tree.

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Add, Tag & Share up to **5,000 photos** of your ancestors.

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Family history is for young and old
"It is no coincidence that FamilySearch and other tools have come forth at a time when young people are so familiar with a wide range of information and communication technologies."
(Elder David A. Bednar, Nov. 2011)

FamilySearch.org
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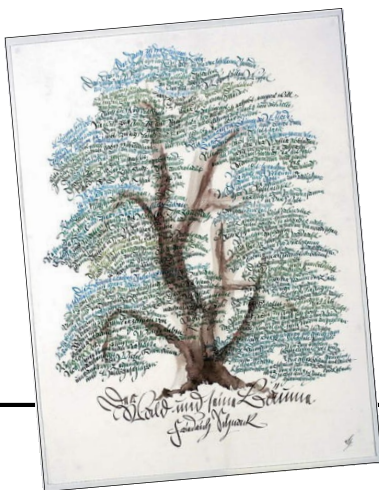
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The Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society welcomes these new members who have joined the organization in the last several months.

- Carma Corra
- Bill Lindstrom, Bevara Digital
- Joan Tibbets



**"Family Tree"—New HBO Series With Irish and
Genealogy Themes**

RECORDING ALERT! If you cannot watch the premiere of the new HBO comedy series **FAMILY TREE** on Sunday, May 12th (8:30 p.m. MDT), don't forget to set your recording device. This new series is tailor-made for family historians, especially those of us with a bit of Irish in our trees. It stars Irish actor Chris O'Dowd, who was a hit in the comedy *Bridesmaids*. O'Dowd plays down-on-his-luck Tom Chadwick, who inherits an odd box of family mementos. He then sets out to explore his odd and funny family connections and lineage. According to a press release, co-creator Jim Piddock explains, "We use the genealogy as an excuse to go into different worlds." Just watch the trailer--you will laugh!

HBO Family Tree web page:
<http://www.hbo.com/family-tree>



**'In-Depth Genealogist' Reveals Free
On-Line Digital Newsletter**

Prepared by the team at The In-Depth Genealogist, the free digital newsletter, *Going In-Depth* was introduced to subscribers earlier this year. Filled with over 70 pages of guest articles, regular columns and free resources, it is a great publication for every genealogist, no matter the age, stage or focus of your research. The owners of this new, free new online magazine plan to issue a new edition on the 15th of each month. Read past issues or sign up for a free subscription at www.theindepthgenealogist.com/

