

Genealogy Rocks!

Don't Overlook Lineage Societies

An often overlooked resource for research is lineage societies. Find fellow descendants of your ancestors, share research, or find that missing link through lineage societies. There seems to be one for every war or important event in history.



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There are three major lineage societies that have specialized collections of genealogical information. It is worth investigating them for those hidden clues plus you may find stories about your ancestors to add to your family history. I've listed contact information in case you want to consider membership to any of these popular societies, but the main focus of this article is research.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution: Many records of the DAR are available to the public. Go to www.dar.org and select Genealogy and Online Research. The three local DAR Chapters are Cache la Poudre Chapter in Fort Collins, 282-8071; Friday's Council Tree Chapter in Windsor, 482-3385 and Namaqua Chapter in Loveland, 593-5600. For more information about these Chapters, please call the numbers listed above.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is the male version of DAR. Go

to www.sar.org/SAR-Patriot-Search to search their database. The local SAR Chapter is Longs Peak Chapter, which covers this area. For meeting and membership information, please contact 303-368-1815.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has a Colorado organization. To see if your ancestor arrived at Plymouth Rock, visit the Mayflower website at www.themayflowersociety.com, then select Contacts and Proposed Lineage Review Form. For \$10 you can have your lineage checked after you give them your family tree data. For membership, select your State Society to join, as this is a preliminary check. The State Societies information is also at Contacts. A good research resource, The Mayflower Library, is at www.themayflowersociety.com/library.htm.

These organizations make genealogy fun and interesting plus you may want to join. Finding "distant cousins" is an added benefit to lineage societies.

Our next genealogy society meeting presents "Researching Ancestors Before 1850" on May 20, 6:30 pm at the Harmony Library. Estes Park Genealogical Society has a program at the Estes Park Library on May 13, 4 pm.

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