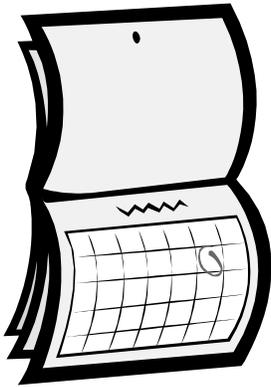


# Larimer County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS



Regular meetings are usually held the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Ben Delatour Room of the Fort Collins Public Library—Main Branch, 201 Peterson Street

**January 12-16 – Utah Genealogical Association – Salt Lake City, UT**  
presents Ninth Annual Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy  
[www.infouga.org/sliq2004/sliq2004.htm](http://www.infouga.org/sliq2004/sliq2004.htm)

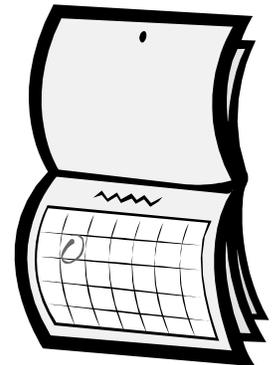
**January 18-25 – 2004 NGS Research Trip – Salt Lake City, UT**  
presents NGS Annual Research Trip to Family History Library  
[www.ngsgenealogy.org/edutrips.htm](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/edutrips.htm)

**January 22 - LCGS Meeting; Ft. Collins Public Library – 7:00 pm**  
Annual Business Meeting & Dessert Celebration

**January 22-24 – NGS GENTECH 2004 – St. Louis, MO**  
National Conference; [www.ngsgenealogy.org.conf.htm](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org.conf.htm)

**February 26 – LCGS Meeting, Ft. Collins Public Library – 7:00 pm**  
Letters, Letters, Letters: Do Yours Accomplish What You Want?;  
Speaker: Barbara K. Henritze

**March 25 – LCGS Meeting; Ft. Collins Public Library – 7 p.m.**  
From Hypothesis To Proof: A Case Study; Speaker: Birdie Monk Holsclaw



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Larimer County Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Ft Collins Public Library, Ben Delatour Meeting Room, 201 Peterson St., Ft Collins, CO. During November the meeting is on the third Thursday; no meeting in December. Dues are \$12/year for an individual or \$18/year for a family.

The newsletter is published six times a year. Please submit all articles and announcements to the newsletter committee at [whirledpeas41@msn.com](mailto:whirledpeas41@msn.com) by the following deadlines.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Jan/Feb	Dec. 15
Mar/Apr	Feb. 15
May/Jun	Apr. 15
Jul/Aug	June 15
Sep/Oct	Aug. 15
Nov/Dec	Oct. 15

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 Web page: <http://www.jymis.com/~lcgs/>

**Membership Memos**

Happy New Year to all!! Since it is the beginning of a new year, that means that it is also time to pay dues again. Membership dues are still the same as the last few years: \$12.00 for an individual and \$18.00 for a family at the same address. PLEASE fill out the membership form included in this issue and send it in with your check. I will also be accepting them at the meetings.

We will be having our Membership Drawing again this year. I already have the prize, and it is something you won't want to miss. All you have to do to enter is: send in your completed membership, with your check, and get it to me by the February, 2004 meeting. The drawing will be held at the February meeting, and you do need to be present to win. So... I hope you will all enter, and we'll see you at the meetings.

*Lyn Rubenthaler*, Membership Chairman

**Family Tree Maker Computer Users Group**

will meet at the home of Mary Joy Hauk, 3724 Capitol Dr. Ft. Collins, 80526 Tues. afternoon Jan. 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Please bring a question for discussion and ideas for what you'd like our group to accomplish and how to structure that, also preference for date & time to meet. Contact [mjhauk@comcast.net](mailto:mjhauk@comcast.net) or 226-2586.

about every two years and distributed to Family History Centers on a CD. I have tested it with items I know were accepted by them recently, and believe it or not, they are listed in the catalog.

**Family History Library & Ancestry.com Team Up**

The 1880 U.S. Census index can be searched for free at both <[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)> and <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>.

1. The digital images of the original census documents are available at Ancestry.com and can now also be accessed from FamilySearch.org.
2. Patrons of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, and any of the 4000+ family history centers worldwide can view the images at no charge.
3. Church members who sign on or register as members through FamilySearch.org can also view the images at no charge.
4. Other users through FamilySearch.org can view the images for \$9.95, which will give them access for 30 days.

**Full Hours Again At Ft Collins FHC**

Since September 2nd, the Family History Center has resumed full hours of operation.

**FAMILY HISTORY CENTER UPDATE**

**News From The Loveland Family History Center**

The Loveland Family History Center is located at 1417 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Street. Phone: 669-6498. Hours of operation: Tue, Wed, Thur, 9am - 3pm and Wed evenings, 7-9pm. The director is Margaret Robertson. The Family History Center has microfilm and microfiche readers; Internet access; Ancestry.com subscription; Family Search databases; access to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City for ordering microfilm and microfiche; and a "new generation" film fiche copier that is very user friendly.

**FHLC Is Updated Daily**

The Family History Library Catalog at Salt Lake is now updated daily. This is a recent change that makes your search via <<http://www.familysearch.org>> as good and as current as possible. Previously the catalog was updated



## Let's Go... Site-Seeing

In your quest to find more information on your family history, another research source are family bible records. With the help of the Internet, we've seen numerous genealogy websites, but have you seen these about Family Bible Records?

Bible Records Online - [www.biblerecords.com](http://www.biblerecords.com)

Bible Records - [www.ngsgenealogy.org/library/biblerecords.htm](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/library/biblerecords.htm) (fee based with free index search)

Family Bibles for auction - [www.Ebay.com](http://www.Ebay.com)

Bible Records Library by Genealogy Books – [www.genealogy-books.com/bibles/library.html](http://www.genealogy-books.com/bibles/library.html)

Links to other Bible Records - [www.genealinks.com/bible.htm](http://www.genealinks.com/bible.htm) or [www.cyndislist.com/bibles.htm#General](http://www.cyndislist.com/bibles.htm#General)

If you want more websites, just type in "Bible Records" in your search engine window. There are roughly 678,000 family bible record websites, which some are repeated.

Source: Google Search Engine and Cyndi's List

## The Family History Writing Contest

**Deadline—31 January**

The person who compiles the most outstanding family history will receive an expense-paid trip to the next NGS Annual Conference and Genealogy Expo. The benefits include travel to and from the conference, hotel accommodations, conference registration fee, and complimentary banquet ticket.

Manuscripts meeting the requirements will be submitted to the editors of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly (NGSQ)* for consideration and will be placed in the NGS library. If an entry should not meet all requirements, the chairman will return the manuscript with an explanation. All other contestants will receive comments on their entries after a winner has been selected by the judges.

LCGS Editor's Note: LCGS congratulates Birdie Monk Holsclaw, the 2003 winner and author of "Life & Death on the Frontier; The Robert & Loana McFarland Family of Boulder Valley, Colorado. She will be speaking at our February LCGS Meeting.

For more info:

[www.ngsgenealogy.org/comfamhist.htm](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/comfamhist.htm)

Source: NGS Website and Nov/Dec 2003 Newsmagazine

### This Month's Genealogy Tip: Save Your Holiday Newsletters

It is amazing how much information one can glean from holiday newsletters. Even though certain types of negative news are never included and some family events are a bit overplayed, you can find dates for moves, vacations, marriages, graduations, and just interesting comments about the family's life at that time.

Recently the widow of my second cousin sent me nine letters she had received from my parents over the years. My parents died years ago, and I only had a copy of one of these letters. Most were Christmas newsletters, and two were progress notes regarding my mother's last illness.

One of the letters identified the event depicted in a photo of my father with Miss America. He won an amateur golf tournament and Miss America presented the trophy. We had identified Miss America with the help of the Miss America pageant folks, but we had no idea what the event was or when it occurred until I received these letters from my distant cousin.

This experience taught me that Christmas newsletters do have their uses. I was thrilled to get these from someone whom I had never met and who met my father only once, in \*\*\*\*.

Thanks to Deane Dierksen for sharing her genealogy tip. If you would like to share a tip, send it to: [AMUeditor@ancestry.com](mailto:AMUeditor@ancestry.com). Source: *Ancestry.com Monthly News* – December 2003

**LCGS Editor's Note:** I send a holiday newsletter yearly with several paragraphs on my Genealogy Update section regarding my family history book progress, which I include a past generation family photo each year. You may want to do the same next





**Title: They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record**

Author: John P. Colletta, PhD

Publisher/Copyright: Ancestry 1993 (Second Edition)

Summary: In this expanded edition, the author responds to the questions most asked by his readers. He tells you what you need to know to begin your search, and suggests the most likely places to find that information. A Step-by-step guide through the records, demonstrating in sample research scenarios how to use the available indexes and alternative resources to find the ship passenger lists that bears your ancestor's name. An entirely new chapter focuses on the challenges of searching for a ship if your ancestor arrived in a year not included in any National Archives index.

**Title: Creating Family Newsletters**

Author: Elaine Floyd

Publisher/Copyright: Writers' Digest Books 1998

Summary: 123 ideas for sharing memorable moments with family/friends. Chapters include: It's All Relative, Think Before You Ink, You Ought to be in Pictures, Handmade News, The News "Letter", Computer Generated News, E-mail and Web Site News, The Idea Gallery, Resources.

Member: **Lyn Rubenthaler, 493-3084 drubenth@cs.com**

Member is willing to: do look-ups, allow access to home.

## LCGS Available Publications

Larimer County Early Land Records Index 1862-1872, *Alphabetical Grantors, Indexed Grantees*..... \$10

Larimer County, Colorado 1885 State Census *Includes Surname index*.....\$25

Larimer County Marriage Index, Volume I, 1858-1910, *Indexes both brides and grooms*.....\$25

Cemeteries of Larimer County, Volume I, *Grandview Cemetery, Ft. Collins*.....\$32

Cemeteries of Larimer County, Volume II, *Roselawn & Resthaven Cemeteries, Ft. Collins*..... \$15

Cemeteries of Larimer County, Volume III, *Greenlawn Cemetery, Berthoud*.....\$15

Cemeteries of Larimer County, Volume IV, *Lakeside Cemetery, Loveland*.....\$15

Cemeteries of Larimer County, Volume V, *Loveland Cemetery*..... \$25

All books are soft cover, with all except the Land Records being spiral bound. Add \$3.50 per book postage and handling charges. Full payment must accompany individual orders. Institutions are billed. Send check or money order to:

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## What's a Squire?

From Christine M. Burton [thehoyan@bellsouth.net](mailto:thehoyan@bellsouth.net)

**Question.** A friend and I had a discussion about the title, "Esquire." Both of us read somewhere that the title "Esquire" before a name meant That person was a lawyer. I am a reader. I'll read anything. If I can't Find a good book, I'll resort to reading cereal box and canned good labels, but what I really like are classics, such as, David Copperfield and Tale of Two Cities.

I also enjoy a well-written "who done it" especially one by a British author (they seem to have made of the genre a science). In all those novels, I have continually met fictional "esquires" and never got the impression that any of them were lawyers. The impression I got was that they were men of importance in their communities, but not royalty.

My friend expressed the opinion that the title of esquire may be one applied only to American lawyers. Could you or some of your readers shed some light on this? I've found several "esquires" in my family tree and if they were lawyers it's news to me, but then, just their names amounts to "news to me."

**Answer:** Esquire was "the title given to any owner of a large tract of land. It was also the title given to a Justice of the Peace, but as nearly every lawyer in Colonial America at one time became a J. P., the title ultimately devolved on all lawyers. The word was originally squire from the Latin scutarius-'shield-bearer.'" (Richard M. Lederer, Jr., Colonial American English; Essex, Connecticut: A Verbatim Book, 1985, page 80).

However, like with so many things we learn in genealogy, there are other meanings, so one must take the time and locality into consideration for how this term might apply in a particular situation. For example, esquire also:

- ❖ Refers to a man or boy who is a member of the gentry in England ranking directly below a knight.
- ❖ Is used as an honorific usually in its abbreviated form, especially after the name of an attorney or a consular officer: John Doe, Esq.;
- ❖ Used in medieval times for a candidate for knighthood who served a knight as an attendant and a shield bearer.
- ❖ Refers to an English country gentleman; a squire. (archaic) – from the Middle English esquier, from the French escuier.

Black's Law Dictionary points that the term esquire, as used in the United States, is different from its usage in English law. It says: "In English law, a title of dignity next above gentleman, and below knight. Also a title of office given to sheriffs, serjeants and barristers at law, justices of the peace, and others. In United States, title commonly appended after name of attorney; e.g. John J. Jones, Esquire."

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## LCGS Genealogy and Technology Series

### RootsWorks: Basic Photography—Part I, Common Mistakes

Whether your camera uses digital or film as the storage medium, you have the same basic challenge—to capture light in a way that portrays the subject the way you want. In photography, “the subject” is a technical term that means, “what you’re taking a picture of.” Use this term often in conversation and people will think you know more about photography than they do. They might start to copy you. That’s normal; they want to be as cool as you are.

Professional photographers seem to always get better pictures than the rest of us. Part of the reason is that they take lots of pictures—hundreds of photos to get dozens of good ones, and a handful of really special ones. We can’t all be professional photographers, but by avoiding some basic mistakes we can get better results when we try to photograph our families, friends, and heirlooms. We want to be thought of as cool for the content of our photos, not our conversations about them.

#### **Flash Limits**

I don’t know where I got the idea that using a flash guarantees a good photo. I understand now that it’s a big misconception. Using a flash guarantees that you’ll get a flash of light. That’s it. Most built-in flashes have a range of about 10 feet. Anything farther away is going to be too dark. Think about this before you take the picture, and try to keep the subject in range.

#### **Light behind the Subject**

Have you ever seen this happen? Spontaneous group shot time, and the person with the camera wants you to stand in front of the sunset? The resulting photo will have a great picture of a sunset, and you’ll be a dark silhouette. The light has to bounce off the faces of the people in the group picture. Let’s arrange the shot so that the great sunset illuminates their faces, not their backs. And it never hurts to think about what the background will contain—is it too light or dark? Does it distract from the subject?

#### **Bright Sunlight**

You know the idea “if a little is good, a lot is better.” Well, with light on the subject, you can have too much of a good thing. In particular, if the sun is shining directly on the person you’re shooting, they will most likely squint. Direct sun can really wash some people out, too, making them look as white as paper. Pictures of squinting relatives are okay, but you might want to mix in a few shots where their eyes are open. Think about the light before you shoot your family and try shooting in what is commonly referred to as “open shade”—which we often find near the shady sides of buildings and under big trees.

#### **Rule of Thirds**

Brains are funny; I don’t understand them at all. One of their peculiarities is that, when they look at photos, they sense a “balance” by dividing the image into thirds. Imagine a tic-tac-toe pattern on your photo, with lines dividing the image into thirds, both vertically and horizontally. There are four intersections among these lines, sort of at the corners of the center square of the tic-tac-toe pattern. Those are the four points where the most interesting parts of the photo belong.

If you are taking pictures of adults and children standing, try to position yourself so that the faces of the adults are about two-thirds of the way between the bottom and the top of the photos, and the faces of the children are about one-third of the way from the bottom to the top. If you take a picture of one person, try to position them so that their face is on one of the four points, and orient it so that the background “works”—whether you are using a desk or the sky for background.

Why does the Rule of Thirds work like it does? Why do people see the photo as more interesting and better balanced when you follow it? I don’t know, go ask your mother!

#### **Frame the Shot**

We take a lot of photos where the subject is a distant object, like a mountain or house. If there is anything close to you that you can use to establish the foreground, it might improve the picture. I like to use edges of doorways, tree trunks and branches, lines on highways, and anything else that “fits the edge” to “frame the shot.” It

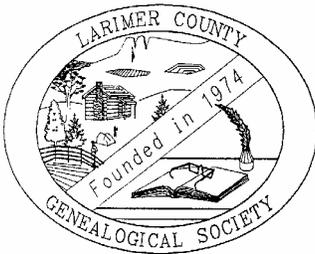
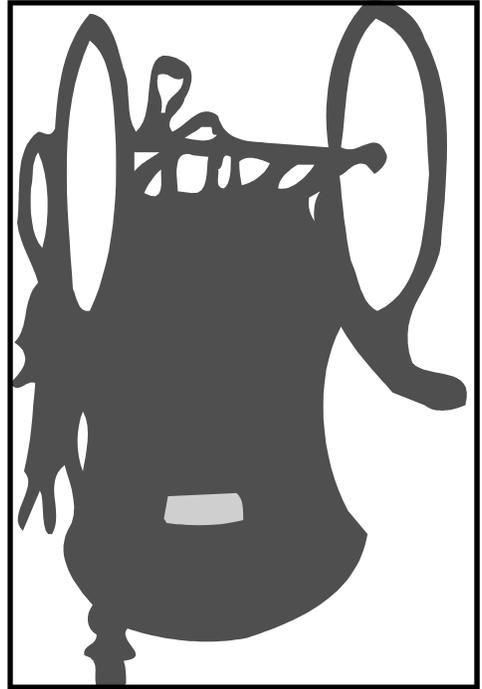
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While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish horse-driven carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand-painted sign that read: "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in the exhaust."



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**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP-FORM ON PG 7!**