

## Genealogy Rocks!

### A Genealogy Disaster Plan

We live in a beautiful state but we have not been without natural disasters. We have seen flood, fire, and storms. And, the chance of a man-made disaster is also possible. If you were told to evacuate your home, do you have an emergency plan? Perhaps you've made a list of household valuables that you could collect in a short period of time. What to take and by what mode of transport available is key. Our priorities and valuables will be different and change with time.

Thinking of a genealogist rather than a home owner, here is a check list to consider for irreplaceable and irrecoverable items:

- Photos: in any form or means of preservation. The past preserved on film or paper cannot be recaptured if lost.
- Computer: genealogy or family history files saved on discs or flash drives.



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- Books - family histories, bibles, baby books, high school/college annuals, diaries, genealogy notebooks, original documents

Remember other items of value; antiques, art, jewelry, silverware, china, stamp, coin collections, quilts, needlework, hobbies or collections of value to your family.

Speed will be the issue if a disaster happens. Do you have boxes or bins to pack and tote quickly? I have a stash of old suitcases for this purpose. Many of us have special family treasures that cannot be replaced. We should take the time to plan for the safekeeping of our family's heritage.

❖ *Ceil is a past president of our society, professional genealogist for over 25 years, genealogy instructor and speaker for many societies in our area. Our next meeting is on March 15 at 6:30 pm in the Harmony Library at Fort Collins about cemetery tombstones. Visitors are welcome to attend. Check our website: [www.lcg-sco.org](http://www.lcg-sco.org) or our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/lcg-sco](http://www.facebook.com/lcg-sco) for many other events.*