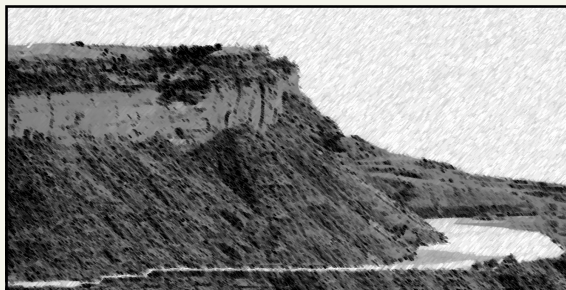


# YELLOWSTONE GENEALOGY FORUM



## News from the President

Spring – a season of new growth – or, as a verb, to launch yourself.

After a snowy winter, the thought of being outdoors in a cemetery sounds wonderful. I've already been to several cemeteries in Iowa with my cousin. The Forum still plans to take photos at Beth Aaron Cemetery in Billings and post them on "Find A Grave". If you haven't used this website, you are missing a valuable source for family history. I found numerous relatives and added dates of death to their records. If you can't find a relative, there may be someone who will locate the grave and take a picture for you. I was able to find the final resting place of my grandfather in Florida. Even though I had his death certificate, his gravesite eluded me.

One mission of the Forum is to collect data. The Beth Aaron Cemetery project will fulfill that mission. If any members have other projects that they think would be useful for genealogy research, please let me know.

P. J. Smith  
President  
406-669-3139

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE "ATHNA MAY"

I want to thank Athna May Porter for her many years of service to the Forum. Each Gen Bug newsletter had information on articles contained in the periodicals because Athna May provided it. The knowledge Athna May gained from reading the periodicals made her a valuable asset to the Forum. Her programs for the Forum covered a wide variety of topics. Thank you, Athna May.

P. J. Smith  
President

## Die-Fi: Wireless Tombstones



I have heard of Hi-Fi and of Wi-Fi but this is a new term for me: Die-Fi. Arizona company Objects announced today that it has developed "enhanced memorial products" that add Near Field Communications tags to cemetery markers, which allow text and photos to be "embedded" in a headstone and retrieved whenever a cell phone is touched against its surface.

Objects, which specializes in "object hyperlinking," or assigning a Web-based presence to real world objects, sells two products. One is called RosettaStone, which is a palm-sized stone tablet; the other is

Data Tag, which adheres directly to headstones. In good outdoor conditions, the company says the Personal RosettaStone should be readable for as much as 300 years.

"Each tag has a unique ID number that serves the same purpose as a database primary key," John Bottorff, Objects Founder said in a statement today. "This unique ID number creates a common reference between the physical world and the digital world in ways that first and last name by itself can not."

You can learn more at <http://www.objects.com>.

## New Books in the GenRoom

Omission in January, 2010, Gen Bug: [Gettysburg: The Souvenir Guide to the National Military Park](#) was donated by Athna May Porter

Donated by the Yellowstone Chapter of the AHSGR: [1798 Census of the German Colonies Along the Volga: Economy, Population and Agriculture](#)

Donated: [Maryland's Blue & Gray: A Border States' Union and Confederate Junior Officer Corps](#)

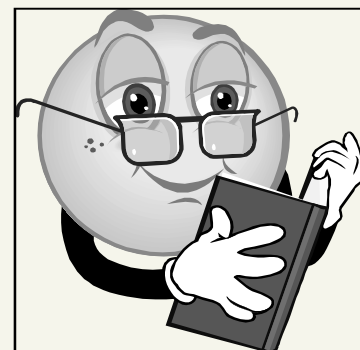
[The Personal Memoirs of Jonathan Thomas Scharf of the First Maryland Artillery](#)

[Between Two Rivers: The Centennial of Belmont, North Carolina](#)

[History of Gaston County \(North Carolina\)](#)

[Random Recollections of a Long Life, 1806 to 1876](#)

[Mourt's Relation: A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth](#)



## April 2010 Membership Report

### Membership Report:

Since the last issue, we have had 2 previous members rejoin:

Alvin, Laura 215 Garden Ave, Billings 59101, 259-9526, hlchipmunk@bresnan.net  
Cutright, Ferrol 2724 Howard Ave, Billings 59102, 652-6930, ferrolcu@msn.com

Jean McCormick has a new email address: jeaned@dishmail.net  
Donna Sweeney has a new email address: dsweeney@bresnan.net

I would also like to welcome a new member:

Tawna Newell 415 15<sup>th</sup> St W, Billings 59102-5006; 406-697-6062; tausertmom@hotmail.com

If you would like to receive your GenBug on-line rather than through the mail, or if you have a change of address, please let me know at smv2222@bresnan.net so that I may keep your information current.

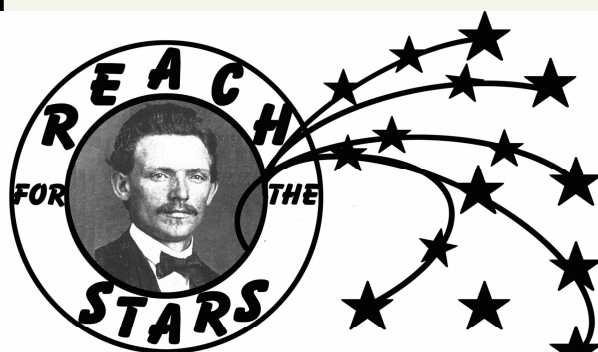
Shawna Valentine, Membership Chairman

## GENBUG News

Well I first would like to apologize for not getting this issue of the GenBug out in April. My computer crashed but I didn't lose too many files. I had backed up my files to another drive. So as a reminder to all: back up your files on you computers often. Saving important files to a jump drive or a portable hard drive works too as is having extra of back ups.

Second, if you would like to get your GenBug via online we now have a better system for you to get the GenBug on the website. It will be in a PDF format and will be easy to read. It is just like your paper copy except its online. Contact Shawna Valentine if you would like to receive the GenBug online at smv2222@bresnan.net.

Third, I was able to attend the NGS Conference in Salt Lake City. I found a variety of things at the conference that taught me how to enhance my research techniques. I also researched at the Family History Library and the amount of the stories you hear about the library being full of information is true but seeing it in person is just amazing. We also had a wonderful presentation from the Family History Library and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra. It was titled a Celebration of Family History. "All who attended said," it was the highlight of the conference. We hope that they will put it on DVD for future sale and they will probably put it on the BYU Channel sometime in the future. Hopefully we will know something before the end of the year and be able to share the information with those interested..



**MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
LEWISTOWN ★ 23, 24, 25 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Our national speaker will be Mary Clement Douglas from Salina, Kansas. She is an historian with over 30 years of experience in writing and lecturing. Mary specializes in the education of genealogists and lectures nationally on genealogical and historical topics. She has established lineages for US Daughters of the War of 1812 and Daughters of American Colonists. She will discuss:

Best Sources for Civil War Research  
More Than Just Pretty Pictures, Using Maps  
Read that Deed for all its Worth  
Historic Trails Across Kansas

Additional speakers include John Foster from Lewistown on "Ghost Towns near Lewistown", Tom Wojtowick on the genealogical research he did to find the owner of a box of clippings, photos, etc., Shirley Barrick on Preservation of Court House Materials, and Judy Cohen, Ellen Booth & Jason Herman on "Making Sense of the Census".

Full conference registration, will be \$82 including 3 meals or \$40 without meals. This is down from last year. Rooms at the Yogo Inn will be 1 room with 2 beds (2 adults) \$84.99 plus tax and a king with 1 adult is \$84.99, 2 adults \$94.99 plus tax. Guaranteed reservation deadline is September 9, 2010. The Yogo's phone number is 1-800-860-9646 – be sure to tell them you are attending the Genealogical Conference to get the rate.

**Conference brochure with registration form will be mailed in July.**

Conference hosted by the Montana State Genealogical Society,  
Central Montana Genealogical Society and The Broken Mountain Genealogical Society.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES / SEMINARS

June 11 –13, 2010	Southern California Genealogy Jamboree Burbank, California	<a href="http://www.scsgsgenealogy.com">www.scsgsgenealogy.com</a>
June 13–18, 2010	Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research Birmingham, Alabama	<a href="http://www.samford.edu">www.samford.edu</a>
June 25–26, 2010	Family History Expos Loveland, Colorado	<a href="http://www.fhexpos.com">www.fhexpos.com</a>
June 27–29, 2010	Genealogical Society of Hispanic American Annual Meeting and Conference Santa Fe, New Mexico	<a href="http://www.gsah.net">www.gsah.net</a>
August 18–21, 2010	Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference Knoxville, Tennessee	<a href="http://www.fgs.org">www.fgs.org</a>
September 23–25, 2010	MSGS 21st Annual State Conference Yogo Inn at Lewistown, Montana	<a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mtmsgs/Conferences/2010%20Conference.htm">www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mtmsgs/Conferences/2010%20Conference.htm</a>

## Digging Ancestors

By PJ Smith

Last month I visited my second cousin, Bob Byczek, who lives in southeast Iowa. Our great-grandparents moved to the area about 1873. Bob took me to their first farm, near Germanville. We found part of the brick foundation. The house had been two stories with a small one-story addition. Ten of Byczek's 11 children were born there. Only an open shed remains of the farm.

The next stop was the Polishville Cemetery. Great Uncle Frank's daughter is buried there as are his in-laws. Near Lockridge is the second Byczek farm, where they lived in 1911. Pictures show it having a saltbox style house. One picture shows Anna and Valenty with four of their sons. My grandfather is in the picture and it makes me wonder "What was the occasion?" He and Uncle Frank had to travel from Chicago to be there.

The last home our great-grandparents owned was in the town of Fairfield. Bob said he didn't know where Anna and Valenty lived in Fairfield, and "the house was probably gone now, anyway". Fairfield is the county seat so I went to the Clerk & Recorder's Office and asked to look at the grantee/grantor books. We found that our great-grandparents bought lots in New Plat subdivision, in 1918, on the corner of South C St. and East Madison. And the house is still there. It looks like it did in 1921 when Anna and Valenty celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Our great-grandparents and three great uncles are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Fairfield.

Bob's brother, Jim, lives in their grandparents' house. His box of family photos had pictures of our great grandparents and all their children and grandchildren at various ages. Anna's brothers and families (Zmich) are listed on some of the photos. Bob found a bundle of letters in his grandfather's safe that dealt with Anna's will. She disowned my grandfather in her will. The letters were from my grandfather and several of his siblings. Grandpa wanted "his" share of the estate and the girls wanted reimbursement for travel home and for taking care of their mother. From the letters I learned where each sibling lived.

My great-great-great grandfather Samuel Kint died in Burlington, Iowa which is close to where Bob lives. Samuel was in the 1860 census but not the 1870 census, so I knew about when he died but not the exact year. We went to the Des Moines County Courthouse and looked at the Probate Index. In the basement of the courthouse, I looked through Samuel's probate file. He died in March 1861 without a will. He appeared to owe quite a few debts. His wife, Mary, was able to keep some livestock and household items but the rest of his property was sold. His two youngest daughters were minors and had to have their mother named by the court as their guardian. I am still trying to find Samuel's burial location. He did own property in Burlington that he sold in 1859.

My free plane trip to Iowa gave me lots of new information on my family, and more places to search. I used my cousin's knowledge of the family but I also used records at two courthouses – land, probate, and marriage records – and a public library genealogy collection. My search also sparked interest in family history with my cousin Bob and his wife.



## Pedigree Chart for Phyllis Jeanne Beecher

### Wallace Theodore Beecher

B: 23 Feb 1876 in Brighton,  
Washington, IA  
M: 04 Jul 1902 in Saint Joe, Berrien,  
Michigan  
D: 17 Mar 1935 in Miami Beach,  
Dade, FL

### Philip James Beecher

B: 17 Aug 1914 in Chicago, Cook, IL  
M: 24 May 1941 in Red Lodge,  
Carbon, MT  
D: 07 Nov 2000 in 421 Everett Dr.,  
Billings, Yellowstone, MT

### Mary Louise Melmer

B: 29 Mar 1886 in Chicago, Cook, IL  
D: 03 Apr 1936 in Chicago, Cook, IL

### Phyllis Jeanne Beecher

B: [REDACTED] in Billings,  
Yellowstone, MT  
M: [REDACTED] in Billings,  
Yellowstone, MT  
D:

### Adam Glenn Friedrich

B: 06 Sep 1881 in Redwood,  
Jefferson, NY  
M: 23 Dec 1916 in Billings,  
Yellowstone, MT  
D: 19 Jan 1965 in Billings,  
Yellowstone, MT

### Helen Louise Garrigus Friedrich

B: 09 Nov 1917 in Billings,  
Yellowstone, MT  
D: 23 Jun 1994 in Billings,  
Yellowstone, MT

### Dorothy Beulah Garrigus

B: 11 Mar 1898 in Absarokee, MT  
D: 30 Jun 1956 in Billings,  
Yellowstone, MT

### Valenty Byczek

B: 14 Feb 1844 in Posen, POLAND  
M: 19 Jan 1871 in Chicago, Cook, IL  
D: 25 Jul 1923 in FAIRFIELD,  
Jefferson, IA

### Anna Zmich

B: 28 Jun 1850 in Poland  
D: 04 Nov 1931 in FAIRFIELD,  
Jefferson, IA

### Henry Melmer

B: Dec 1853 in Kingston, Canada  
M: Abt. 1872 in Canada  
D: 02 Feb 1920 in Mount  
Greenwood, Cook, IL

### Julia Brazier

B: 03 Dec 1856 in Montreal,  
Quebec, Canada  
D: 04 Nov 1935 in Chicago, Cook,  
IL

### George Fredrick

B: 28 Mar 1856 in NY  
M: 18 Apr 1880 in New York  
D: 06 May 1900 in Ithaca, NY

### Anna Maria Zimmer

B: 06 Mar 1855 in NY  
D: 14 Dec 1935 in Billings,  
Yellowstone, MT

### William Brewer Garrigus

B: 26 Nov 1863 in LaHarpe,  
Hancock, IL  
M: 09 Oct 1890 in Columbus,  
Stillwater, MT  
D: 03 Mar 1945 in Billings,  
Yellowstone, MT

### Margaret Elizabeth Gasia Hundley

B: 28 Dec 1874 in Fort Benton,  
Montana Territory  
D: 25 Jul 1962 in Columbus,  
Stillwater, MT

## Common Nicknames & Their Given Name Equivalents

### Finding Nicknames in Your Family Tree

It is common in many genealogical records, especially more informal records such as census records and obituaries, to find your ancestors listed under names you might not expect. In many cases these names may have been the nicknames that they were known by to their family and friends. Learn which nicknames may have been used by your ancestors in this list of common nicknames in genealogy. This list will continue in the next newsletter.

Nicknames	Given Names
Bell, Bella, Belle	Arabelle, Anabelle, Belinda, Elizabeth, Isabel, Isabella, Mirabel, Rosabel
Belle	Mabel, Sybil
Bess, Bessie, Bessy, Beth, Bette, Bettie, Betsy, Betsey, Bitsy	Elizabeth, Elisabeth
Bob, Bobby	Robert
Bobbi, Bobbie	Roberta
Boots	Bertha
Bridey, Brie	Bridget
Carrie, Carry	Caroline, Charlotte
Cindy	Cynthia, Cinthia, Lucinda
Daisy	Margaret
Delia	Adelia, Adele, Cordelia
Dick	Richard
Dobbin	Robert
Dode, Dody	Dorothy, Theodore
Dora	Dorothy, Eudora, Theodora
Ed, Eddie, Eddy	Edgar, Edmund, Edward, Edwin, Edwina
Effie, Effy	Euphemia, Evelyn
Eliza	Elizabeth, Elisabeth

## Ancestry.com Sells Book Publishing Business to Turner Publishing

This is big news for several reasons. Ancestry.com has now sold its genealogy book publishing businesses, apparently in an effort to focus on its Web-based businesses and its production of Family Tree Maker software. The titles being sold include *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, *Ancestry's Red Book*, and *1-2-3 Family Tree*. The sale means that Turner Publishing instantly becomes a major genealogy book publisher.

The following announcement was written by Ancestry.com:

### Turner Publishing Acquires Leading Family History Web Site's Publishing Arm

PROVO, Utah and NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 23 -- Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, announced a new publishing agreement today with Turner Publishing. In the agreement, Turner will take over most existing inventory and related publishing contracts for Ancestry Publishing, a division of Ancestry.com.

"The roots of Ancestry.com go back to a small genealogy company started in 1983 under the name of Ancestry Publishing," said Jennifer Utley, Editorial Director, Ancestry.com. "As we looked to finding a vendor to take over the publishing business, we wanted to find a partner who could continue the legacy of Ancestry Publishing. As a leader in the genealogy publishing space with broad distribution channels, Turner will do just that."

Beginning this month, Turner will be the vendor of record for more than 100 titles, including bestsellers *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, *Ancestry's Red Book*, and *1-2-3 Family Tree* as well as numerous other titles.

"This was a classic win-win," commented Todd Bottorff, President and Publisher of Turner. "We are genuinely thrilled to be working with Ancestry.com and excited for the opportunity to market some of the most iconic titles printed for the genealogy category in the past 25 years."

Producing more than 800 genealogy titles since 1984, Turner will support the newly acquired titles with additional marketing and distribution efforts nationwide. The transaction also grants Turner limited use of the Ancestry.com name for publishing purposes. In the coming weeks, the titles will be available at [www.TurnerPublishing.com](http://www.TurnerPublishing.com) and other select online retailers, as well as bookstores nationwide.

### About Turner Publishing

Founded in 1985, Turner Publishing is an award-winning, independent publisher based in Nashville, Tennessee. Named by Publishers Weekly as one of the fastest growing independent publishers in the nation for the last two years, Turner Publishing is known nationwide for its popular "Historic Photos and Good Things to Know™" series. Imprints include Turner, Trade Paper Press and Iroquois Press. For more information, visit [www.turnerpublishing.com](http://www.turnerpublishing.com) or call 615-255-2665.

### About Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com Inc. (Nasdaq: ACOM) is the world's largest online family history resource, with over one million paying subscribers. The company has digitized and put online over four billion records over the past 13 years. Ancestry users have created over 14 million family trees containing nearly 1.5 billion profiles. Ancestry.com has local Web sites directed at nine countries, including its flagship Web site at <http://www.ancestry.com>.

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## **Ancestry.com Announces New Online Versions of the Red-book and of The Source**

Ancestry.com announced several new products today. One that is available now is the online versions of The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy and Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources.

These two (printed) books have been available for years and have become standard reference books for thousands of genealogists. The books are thick, packed with material, and expensive

Ancestry.com recently sold its book publishing business to Turner Publishing. See my earlier article at [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2010/03/ancestrycom-sells-book-publishing-business-to-turner-publishing.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/03/ancestrycom-sells-book-publishing-business-to-turner-publishing.html). However, it appears that Ancestry.com retained rights to publish at least some of the materials.

Ancestry.com now offers online versions of these two books in a wiki format. These two online offerings presently contain every word of the latest versions of those books. Unlike the paper versions, the new online versions are searchable by every word. Even better, these previously-expensive books are now available online free of charge.

This wiki features a "living version" of the company's two largest reference books. These books, which are exhaustive guides to American genealogy, will now be made available for the family history community to update, expand on and even add to, making it a go-to resource for guidance and information. In other words, you and everyone else can contribute new or updated information to these books. (There will be a review process before new information becomes visible to others.)

The beta version of the Ancestry.com Wiki is available NOW at no charge at [www.ancestry.com/wiki](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki).

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## **The Top Ten Ways to Tell You're a Genealogist**

10. You talk about towns that no one has heard of .
9. You take a trip to Salt Lake City in the winter and don't ski.
8. You read every ROOTS-L posting.
7. You never leave home without \$4 in quarters.
6. You call ATM's stamp machines.
5. You've memorized the counties, their seats and their address for three states.
4. You KNOW that people who have been dead for 200 years are laughing at you.
3. You visit cemeteries with food and cosmetics
2. You check out office supply stores "just looking".
1. You've changed computer programs three times this year

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## **2010 Programs & Events at a glance**

<b>January 26th</b>	Copyright Issues in Genealogy Research and Publication by G. Trenton Hooper, Crowley Fleck Attorneys,
<b>February 23rd</b>	Census Program by Judy Cohen, Ellen Booth, Jason Herman
<b>March 23rd</b>	Scottish Research by Henrietta Johnstone
<b>April 20th</b>	"Research by the seat of your Pants" & "Happenstance Research" by Richard Larsen
<b>May 24th</b>	How to get Organized by Robin Sparboe
<b>June 22nd</b>	Yellowstone County Museum by Chaz Weldon
<b>July 27th</b>	Ice Cream Social
<b>August 24th</b>	Records in the Clerk of the District Court by Carol Meussig
<b>September 24th &amp; 25th</b>	MSGs State Convention, "Reaching for the Stars", Yogo Inn in Lewistown, MT
<b>September 28th</b>	
<b>October 26th</b>	The Town of Coulson by Steve Aaberg
<b>November 23</b>	
<b>December 28th</b>	No Meeting

Please remember, these are subject to change!