

Goal For 2023

To assist you to improve your research skills and practices.

Members' Survey

- Purpose is to assist your board in presenting programs that will be of the most benefit to you in your genealogical journey.
- To suggest tools that may assist you in reaching your genealogical goals.

Why Are You Here?

- Social
- Improve skills
- Help with a particular problem
 - Brick Wall
 - Organization
 - Writing Your Family's Story
 - Particular Area of Research

Do You Know The 5 Components of The Genealogical Proof Standard?

- Reasonably Exhaustive Research
- Complete and Accurate Source Citations
- Thorough Analysis And Correlation
- Resolution of Conflicting Evidence
- Soundly Written Conclusion Based On The Strongest Evidence

The GPS

- The GPS overarches all of the documentation, research, and writing standards described in Genealogy Standards, and is applied across the board in all genealogical research to measure the credibility of conclusions about ancestral identities, relationships, and life events.

Do You Use A Research Log?

- Helps you focus on what you are looking to find.
- Saves time by not redoing the same search.
- Saves money by not ordering documents already in your files.
- Helps you plan your next step.
- Should list positive and negative results.
- Reveals your unanswered questions.
- Helps you from chasing bright shiny objects.
- Helps you from heading down rabbit holes.

Do You Use A Source Check Sheet?

- Helps you be focused in your research.
- Helps you know if you have done a reasonably exhaustive search.
- Helps you know what records might help you answer your genealogy question.
- Gives you ideas for records you may not have considered.

Do You Cite Your Sources?

- Every time!
- Important so you or someone else can locate the document you used for your information.
- Be sure to include:
 - Who
 - What
 - When
 - Where

Elizabeth Shown Mills has two excellent books that show formats and what to include for different kinds of sources.
<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/content/about-author>

Do You Have An Immigrant Ancestor?

- Ha Ha! Did I Catch You?

Have You Made It Across The Pond?

- England
- Germany
- France
- Italy
- Scandinavia
- Ireland
- Scotland
- Other

Do You Understand The Power Of Negative Evidence?

- Using the absence of records to your advantage in research.
- Information hidden below the surface or totally absent helps researchers reconstruct events, identities, and relationships that no record specifies.
- In the absence of any positive evidence, it is feasible to arrive at a sound conclusion from the negative evidence that you have gathered during your research.

Do You Use The FAN Club Method?

- Friends, Associates, Neighbors
- Renowned genealogist and author Elizabeth Shown Mills, coined the phrase “FAN Club” for genealogical purposes. She points out the significance of not only searching records for an ancestor’s surname, but also paying attention to documents about the ancestor’s “FAN Club.” Historical information, she says, is like real estate: the true value of any piece of information is unknown until it is put into community context.

Cluster Genealogy

- Cluster Genealogy is a research technique employed by genealogists to learn more about an ancestor by examining records left by the ancestor's cluster.
- A person's cluster consists of the Extended Family, Friends , Neighbors and Other Associates, such as business partners. Researching the lives of an ancestor's cluster leads to a more complete and more accurate picture of the ancestor's life.

Do You Have An Online Tree?

- [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
- [My Heritage.com](https://www.myheritage.com)
- [Family Search.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
- [Find My Past.com](https://www.findmypast.com)
- [Family Tree DNA](https://www.familytreeDNA.com)

Do You Use a Genealogy Software Program?

- Family Tree Maker
- Roots Magic
- Legacy
- ???

Do You Use Resources Other Than The Big Name Databases?

- USGenWeb.org
- State Archives
- Libraries in Ancestor's Hometown
- University Websites
- Internet Archive

Do You Know How To Add Flesh To Your Ancestor's Bones?

- Maps
- County Histories
- City Directories
- Newspapers
- Letters and Diaries
- Photographs

Are You Writing Your Family's History?

- If not, try writing about one ancestor or even one event in an ancestor's life.
- Don't forget to record your life for those who follow.

Are You Interested in Doing A Group Project?

- Possibly something to add to our web site.
- Index to Deeds
- Obituaries
- Early Marriages
- Cemetery Records

Thank You

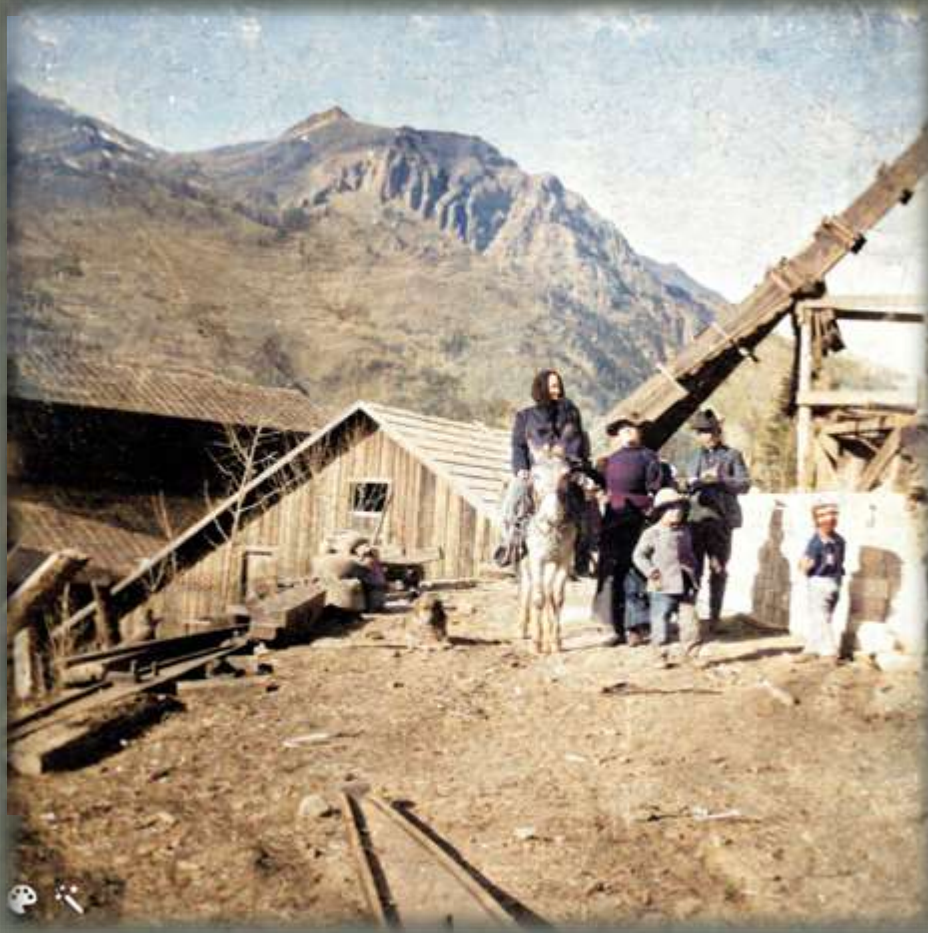
My Mother's Photograph





Mrs. A. H. Butcher on burro (my great grandmother)

Mr. & Mrs. Sawyer J Ward and Bernard (back)



What I Knew:

Setting was a mine

Butcher's lived in
Ironton, Colorado

Ann Butcher lived in
Michigan

Two children were
Ann's Butcher
grandchildren



Area Map

Hayden
Mountain

Town of
Ironton

Saratoga Mill

Newspaper Article

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The Ouray Herald, June 22, 1906

MINES AND MINING **Breaths From Nature's Treasure House** **Indicating Remarkable Activity**

W. J. Sawyer and **G. J. Butcher**

the general manager and foreman of
the mines of The Continental Smelt-
ing and Refining Co.

Mining Claim

STATE OF COLORADO, }
County of Ouray } ss. **Know all Men by these Presents,**
Geo J. Bucher That Ed. S. Andrews W. J. Sawyer and
the undersigned have this 27th day of September 1903, located and claimed, and by these presents do locate and claim, by right of discovery and location, in compliance with the Mining Acts of Congress, approved May 10, 1872, and all subsequent acts, and with local customs, laws and regulations, 1500 linear feet and horizontal measurement on the Three Cousins lode, vein, ledge or deposit, along the vein thereof, with all its dips, angles and



Hayden
Mountain

Will Jay,
her
nephew

Saratoga
Mine

What I Found Out

Mt. Hayden in the
background.

Saratoga Mine.

Who The Sawyers
were.

When it was taken.

Why my Grandfather
moved his family to
Colorado.

Why my Grandmother
and children moved
back to Michigan.