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Mary Melissa Heath; Andrew J. Heath and Anna Eliza Geer; Jacob Heath and Abigail Adams; Joseph Heath and Mercy Adams; Thomas Heath and Waitstill Fuller; John Heath and Hannah Haynes; Josiah Heath and Mary Davis; Bartholomew Heath and Hannah Moyce;

## OUR HEATH ANCESTORS

Richard Adams Jr. and Susanna Preston; Samuel Fuller and Elizabeth Thatcher(Thacher); Samuel Fuller and Mary Ross Houghton; Matthew Fuller and Francis; Edward Fuller; John Davis and Jane (Jean) Peaslee; Joseph Moyce and Hannah; Rev. Rhodolphus Thacher and Ruth Partridge; Rev. Thomas Thacher and Elizabeth Partridge; Rev. Peter Thacher II and Anne; Rev. Peter Thacher I; Jonathan Haynes and Sarah Moulton; William Moulton and Margaret Page; Richard Ingersoll and

Ann Langley; Robert Fuller and Sara Dunkorn; John Preston and Mary Haines; Samuel Preston and Susanna Gutterson; Richard Adams and Marcy Leonardson; Samuel Leonard and Abigail W. Atwood;

### **These portions of family tree now back to the 1500's**

#### **Tracing our ancestors**

Until recently tracing the ancestors of Andrew J. Heath ended with his death certificate and the listing of his parents as Jacob Heath and Abigail Heath. Abigail's maiden name was not known. Subsequently we found Jacob Heath listed in the 1820 Census of Ontario, County New York, but no listing after that. He was listed as living in Geneseo, Livingston County, NY. Other census information related to Andrew J. Heath and family pointed to Livingston County NY.

Recently our travels took us through New York State and we made a point to stay for several days in Livingston County. Our initial queries were slow and not all that encouraging.

#### **County Historians**

Finally on our return to the RV we stopped at the library in Geneseo NY and asked the librarian if they had any information. She advised us that she did not because just two

doors away was the office of the county historian. And in as much as the historians office had so many records the library did not see the need to duplicate. My visit to the historians office was fantastic. I found the staff to be very helpful. They asked the names I was interested in and immediately pulled a family file out for the Heaths. In this file I found 4 generations of ancestors of Andrew Heath. Including the maiden name for his mother - Abigail Adams.

Included in this file were names of individuals that had contacted the historians office in previous years. I have written these people and was able to talk by phone to one of them when we traveled through Avon, NY. We have found another cousin. Her name is Mrs. Charles Rumfola. We will be corresponding and exchanging information Mrs. Rumfola advised that one of the persons referenced has subsequently died. She did give us an up to date address for Nancy Lanni the third individual. Chris Dixon has recently made phone contact with

Nancy. I have received additional family group sheets and pedigree charts from Mrs. Rumfola.

The early newspapers were well indexed and we were able to make copies of four pertinent items: Reprinted from the Livingston Register was advertisement of Sheriff's sale related to estate of Jacob Heath - March 21, 1843, p3; Advertisement by Jacob Heath, "*Postrider*" announcing cessation of services - September 28, 1825; *Saddle and Harness Shop* advertisement by A. J. Heath, Lakeville - January 19, 1841; Public notice To the people of the state of New York regarding the estate of Jacob Heath - August 7, 1842; This latter item made reference to widow - thus we conclude she survived Jacob. The administrators of the estate were sons Joseph Heath and Andrew J. Heath.

#### New England Historic Genealogical Society - Boston MA

Following our visit in Livingston County we headed for Massachusetts and a White family reunion [Martha's family] After the reunion we went to Sturbridge MA to take in Old Sturbridge (Ca 1830). One day I was able to make a trip into Boston to visit the New England Historic Genealogical Society [NEHGS]. My main goals for this visit was to become familiar with the resources available at the NEHGS. Upon arrival I was directed to the 6th floor and the library, where a very friendly librarian provided me with a guide to the NEHGS building and than asked me the names of the family I was interested in. I showed him the Heath family group sheet for Thomas Heath<sup>1</sup>. He also noted that I listed Waitstill Fuller as Thomas Heath's wife. He than guided me into the stacks explained to me that Thomas Heath was probably descended from Bartholomew Heath and directed me to *Bartholomew Heath of Haverhill*, by Valerie Dyer Giorgi and than pointed out several references regarding the Fuller family. The results were fantastic and my achievements were beyond my wildest dreams.

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Heath was great grandfather of Andrew J. Heath and my g-g-g-g-grandfather, the information just having been recently acquired the week before in Livingston County, NY.

I added to my data base 30 plus families for 7 additional generations, not counting all of their siblings that I am still sorting out. Each reference kept adding more surnames.

#### Research Highlights

Several issues of the newsletter and special releases of information will be required to present all of the information that these two visits have achieved. Thus for this issue of *The Four Drive* just a announcement and highlights of some of the ancestors will be covered. I sent an early release of this new information to Chris Dixon. Chris has since taken these leads and has found additional information in the LDS Ancestral file. Chris will report this information in the next issue of *The Four Drive*.

#### Bartholomew Heath

Generally, the Heaths of Northeastern United States are descended from William Heath of Roxbury or Bartholomew Heath of Haverhill. We are descendants of Bartholomew Heath. Bartholomew was born ca 1615, England, probably in Nazeing, County Essex and died 14 January 1681 in Haverhill Massachusetts. He presumably came from England in the ship *Lyon* that sailed from London 22 June 1632. Initially Bartholomew was in Roxbury, MA and settled in Haverhill about 1642. Bartholomew's wife was Hannah Moyce

#### Edward Fuller

We were able to trace Waitstill Fuller's lineage back to Edward Fuller. Edward was one of the Mayflower families.<sup>2</sup> Edward had two sons - Matthew and Samuel. We are descended thru son Matthew. Matthew apparently stayed in England and did not come to Mass until later. The second son Samuel, b. Ca 1608 came on the Mayflower with his parents.<sup>3</sup> Matthew came later CA. 1640. Edward and his wife apparently died shortly after their arrival in Mass.

Waitstil<sup>5</sup> (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), the wife of Thomas Heath, Fuller was born 8 April 1711 in Mansfield, CT.. She married Thomas Heath, Preston CT 21 Feb. 1733/4. <sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> *Mayflower Families through five generations*, Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass, December 1620. Volume Four, 2nd edition - Family of Edward Fuller. Published by General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, page 5

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, page 71. This date in our calendar would be 1734. In the Julian calendar which was being used at that time the date was 21 Feb 1733.

**Joseph Moyce**

Joseph Moyce (b ca 1585-1590) and Hannah (Folcord) Moyce, baptized 18 Sep 1618 were married 22 November 1609 and their eldest known daughter Hannah (b 1618) married Bartholomew Heath.<sup>5</sup>

**Jonathan Haynes**

Jonathan Haynes (Haynes)<sup>6</sup> is a well known personage in early colonial history. Jonathan Haynes and several members of his family were taken captive by Indians and removed to Canada in the 1690s. I first ran across the name while visiting a museum in Deerfield MA. There were several memorial stones on display here and information regarding their capture and subsequent release of some of the family members. At the time I did not realize that we were descendants of Haynes. Subsequent research in Boston provided information of this relationship. It appears we are descended from Jonathan Haynes thru two family lines.

Daughter Hannah Haynes, b. Ca 1678 in Newbury, Essex Co. MA, d. 12 Feb. 1761 married (16 Dec 1697 in Haverhill) John Heath, b. 29 Mar 1676, and they were they parents of our Thomas Heath.<sup>7</sup> Daughter Mary Haynes, (1677-1738) married John Preston . Their daughter Susanna Preston (bap 1711) and Richard Adams, Jr. were the parents of Mercy Adams the wife of Joseph Heath and mother of Jacob Heath. We know that the wife of Jacob Heath was Abigail Adams. We do not know the parents of Abigail nor the relationship if any to Mercy Adams.

**Thomas Heath**

Thomas Heath<sup>4</sup>, born 25 July 1712 (John<sup>3</sup>, Josiah<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>) , Haverhill, MA and married 21 February 1733/4, Preston, New London Co., CT Waitstill Fuller, daughter of Samuel<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Thatcher Fuller, ( Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>1</sup> ). Waitstill born 8 April 1711, Mansfield , Tolland Co., CT and died between 1747 and 1753, Mansfield. Thomas's inventory was taken 23 December 1754, Mansfield. Thomas married (2) Susanna ---- Thomas and Waitstill had 9 children while Thomas and Susanna had one child, Nathan.

**Joseph Heath**<sup>8</sup>

Joseph Heath<sup>5</sup>, born 18 April 1740 (Thomas<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Josiah<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>) , East Haddam, CT. Joseph married 9 February 1764 in Preston, CT Mercy (Marcy, Mary) Adams, daughter of Richard and Susanna (Preston) Adams, Jr. Mercy, b. 10 Feb 1741 and died 14 January 1827. Joseph and Mercy had 9 children the eldest being Jacob Heath.

**Jacob Heath**<sup>9</sup>

Jacob Heath<sup>6</sup>, born 19 August 1764 (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Josiah<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>) , Litchfield, CT. Jacob married Abigail Adams September 1785. . Jacob and Abigail are known to have had 12 children. Several of whom died as infants or youngsters. Sons Joseph, Celestus and Andrew J. Heath have been referenced in various resources in Livingston County NY. Joseph stayed in the area and died 21 Feb 1882 in Groveland, Livingston Co., NY.

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**Introducing****Marie Toland Rumfola**

Marie Toland was born May 24, 1929 daughter of Lawrence Toland and Evangiline Lounsbury. Lawrence Toland's mother was Lola Grace Heath daughter of Davis David Heath and Theresa Kelly. Davis Heath was son of Joseph Heath and grandson of Jacob Heath. Joseph Heath and Andrew J. Heath were brothers.

<sup>5</sup> Valerie Dyer Giorgi, *Bartholomew Heath of Haverhill*, page 1

<sup>6</sup> Haynes or Haines? See related article on names elsewhere in this issue of *The Four Drive*.

<sup>7</sup> This information has come from several sources. The pedigree chart from Marie Rumfola, *The Haynes Family Genealogy* . We will need to refer to this latter reference for more information. While in Boston we only made photocopies of the pages related to Hannah Haynes not being aware at that time of the second family connection as result of the marriage of daughter Mary to John Preston.

<sup>8</sup> Giorgi, *Bartholomew Heath of Haverhill*, page 54

<sup>9</sup> Family group sheet for Jacob Heath from County Historian, Geneseo, NY. Original source probably Nancy Lanni.

**Lucy Chinnery**

Lucy Chinnery daughter of John Anthony and Sarah Flora Chinnery was born 14 May 1874 in Amber Twp, Mason County.<sup>10</sup> We lost track of Lucy after her marriage to Byron Hazzard 27 Nov. 1890.<sup>11</sup> Recent research in the genealogy room at the Ludington Public Library found a card index of early Mason County Newspapers.

We found a marriage reference for Lucy Hazzard daughter of M/M J.A. Chinnery and Will White published in the Ludington Record 8 July 1897. From this record we wondered what happened to Byron Hazzard and subsequently found in this same index a death reference for Byron Hazzard.

Byron Hazzard, age 26 yrs., d. Jan 23 1895. Eldest son of m/m Wilbur Hazzard of S. Amber of Brights disease. Funeral services were conducted in S. Amber School by Rev. Odle of Ludington. Leaves a wife, child, mother, 1 sister, 3 brothers. Burial was in S. Amber Cemetary. Ludington Record January 24, 1895.

Wilbur Hazzard d. March 15, 1880 of accidental wagon upset. Mason County Record March 19, 1880.

The Federal Census of 1900 enumerated the William White family as follows:

White, William age 28 b. Mar 1872

married 3yrs

White, Lucy b. May 1874 mother of 1

Hazzard, Lina b. Feb 1874 age 6 listed bp as Michigan for herself and parents. The family was listed as living at 408 Delia in Ludington. No other children by White listed in this census. Lina being the only child of Lucy.

As happens so often additional information then points to possible additional research. Namely checking Mason County Birth

records for subsequent children for this marriage; checking death records for death of Lucy White nee Chinnery. Checking Marriage and Death records for Lina Hazzard. Check Census records for 1910 and 1920 for additional references for this family. On the assumption they remained residents of the City of Ludington, the City Directories became more prevalent about this time.

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**THE PENSION FILE OF****ANDREW J. ROSE (cont'd)**

The Four Drive, Vol. I, Issue #8, page 2 reviewed this pension file as related to Andrew's pension and execution of the drop order at his death. We now deal with the remainder of the documents in the file as related to the application of Mary Melissa Rose for surviving widows pension.

Andrew Jackson Rose died January 5, 1908. One of the documents in this file is a certified copy of Death Certificate dated 25th January 1909. The death was record January 13, 1909. Disease or cause of death was listed as pneumonia.<sup>12</sup>

**Declaration for Widow's Pension**

This declaration was made the 27th of January 1908, signed Mary M. Rose, witnessed by Charles W. Fitch and Henry C. Randam.<sup>13</sup>

**General Affidavit**

As part of this application there were included 7 affidavits generated over a period of 2 years. [Does this mean that it took two years before she was able to receive widow's pension?].

July 6th, 1908 - Affidavit by Susan Rose of New Baltimore MI.<sup>14</sup>

December 12, 1908 - Lewis Rose, wherein he certified that Andrew and Mary had been married and that she has never remarried. He

<sup>12</sup> Other information shows Andrews birthplace as New York, His father as Henry Rose and bp as New York, and his mothers name as Matilda Hennon.

Other information we have shows Andrew's birthplace as Ohio. This is the only reference we have ever had showing Matilda's surname as Hennon.

<sup>13</sup> Charles W. Fitch, *Journal of 1908*, noted for 27th January, Monday - "Took mother Rose to town. She settled with Wing, Dr. Gray and Hobarts. Made out pension papers."

<sup>14</sup> Susan Rose was sister to Andrew J. Rose. At time of affidavit was 60 years old.

<sup>10</sup> Mason County, MI Record of Births, Liber 1/#45

<sup>11</sup> Mason County Record of Marriages, Liber 3/#38

further attested to the value of the estate and her financial affairs.<sup>15</sup>

December 23, 1908- Daniel Crotser certified as to his acquaintance and financial situation.<sup>16</sup>

December 30, 1908- Mary M. Rose again certifying her entitlement and financial information.

July 20, 1910 - Celestia J. Allen and Mary C Allen certifying that they were acquainted with Mary M. Rose and that she had not remarried.<sup>17</sup>

September 30, 1910- William H. Bush certifying that they were familiar with the farm property formerly owned by Mary M. Rose. The west 15 acres of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 18 in Township 17N of Range seventeen West, Mason County MI. He further attested to its value and rental value for the year 1908.

**Drop report** - Mary M. Rose; Date of this report was 22 May 1923. Advising that check No. 9207854 dated May 4 1923 was returned by the postmaster with information that the pensioner died Apr 29, 1923. The Finance division dated 25 May advised that the pensioner was last paid at the rate of \$30 per month to April 4, 1923 and has this day (25 May 1923) been dropped from the roll because of death.<sup>18</sup> Note that the drop order for Andrew at the time of his death was receiving \$7.00 per month.

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### **The Journals of Charles Wesley Fitch Sr.**

In the last issue of The Four Drive we reported about these journals and our proposed project. While we have not

<sup>15</sup> Lewis Rose was brother to Andrew J. Rose. At time of affidavit was 66 yrs.

<sup>16</sup> Information appeared to be a duplicate to the information provided by Lewis Rose.

<sup>17</sup> The Allen's lived at 404 North James Street, Ludington, MI. We lived at 403 and 407 North James and I can remember the homestead of the Allen Family. Even in later years the home was always referred by mother as the Allens.

<sup>18</sup> Mary Melissa Rose nee Heath died April 29, 1923 as recorded in Mason County Record of Deaths.

received any new information as to the existence and whereabouts of other journals we are pleased to report that the transcribing of the 1908 Journal is complete. This was a wonderful project. It provided me with an in depth study of the journal and an insight to life in 1908. And especially a better knowledge of my grandfather as an individual - his hard work as a farmer while building his home on Blundell road and still have time to help others. And being a fisherman, I enjoyed the notes regarding his being able to get in several fishing trips. The details regarding his trip to the World's Fair in Toronto and visit to old family homesteads in Woodstock. If I do say so myself - a must reading for all historians.

We are not planning a general mailing of this journal to all of the subscribers of The Four Drive. The initial distribution will be made to "The Aunts" or the eldest survivor of deceased aunts. Copies are available to others upon request (details included renewal insert included with this issue of the newsletter).

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### **VITAL RECORDS**

Many of us in addition to tracking our ancestors are interested in keeping track of current generations. As the miles separate many of us this becomes increasingly more difficult to keep track of current happenings. Therefore we will report here Vital Statistics of current generations. This feature will only be successful if everyone keeps the editor informed.

#### **Deaths:**

**Carl Schram**, age 63 of Westland ,MI. (b. 17 Sep 1933) died in V.A. Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI on 29 Jul 1997 . Carl married Doris Arlene Dixon 23 May 1958 who survives.

#### **Correction- Laura Lagana nee Hayes birthdate.**

Our family genealogical notebook initially started by Gladys Herrick listed the daughters of Melville John Hayes and Lucille Anne Shreatle with their birthdates transposed. The correct information is:

Laura Anne Hayes, b. 15 March 1948, Traverse City MI.  
Linda Marie Hayes, b. 7 Aug. 1944, Ludington, MI.

## **NAME INCONSISTENCIES**

The earlier the research the more discrepancies one is apt to find in spelling of names. Spelling was far from consistent even after the revolution. These inconsistencies often provided different spellings of an individual's name at his birth, upon marriage, and in a deed or will. Our recent research found inconsistencies that need reporting to assist those in doing future research. Quite common place were the inconsistencies in spelling the surnames of Thatcher and Haines. Some researchers report the name as spelled in the particular document being referenced and thus may end up with several variants within one family group. Others standardized on one spelling.

Carlton A. Finch in *The Haynes Family (1600-1994)*<sup>19</sup> standardized on Haynes for the many variant spellings (Haines, Eines, Eynes, Heynes, Heanes, Hayns, Hains, Hayne and Haynes), the early American records being Haines, Hayne, and Haynes.

The Thacher descendants may have spellings as Thacher and Thatcher, with many of the earlier English variant spellings being Thecher, Theccher, Thetcher, Thacker, Thackery, Thackary, le Thacer, le Thecher and Thaxter as typical examples.

Heath descendants are descendants from Rev. Peter Thacher of England as result of the marriage of Elizabeth Thatcher's marriage to Samuel Fuller and the parents of Waitstill Fuller wife of Thomas Heath. Elizabeth Thatcher's parents were Rodolphus (or Ralph) Thatcher<sup>20</sup> and Ruth Partridge

The surname Moyce or Moyses, originally spelled Moyses, is a baptismal origin, meaning 'the son of Moses'<sup>21</sup>

First names may also have many variants. Common of course would be nicknames and contractions, i.e. Elizabeth being known as Eliza or Beth. Marcy and Mercy are quite commonly interchanged and at times are taken from the name Mary.

## **The Julian and Gregorian Calendar Notation**

We currently use the Gregorian calendar with the year beginning on January 1 and ending December 31. The Gregorian calendar was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 and now used by most countries in the world. The Julian calendar was introduced by Julius Caesar in 46BC. The Julian calendar ran from March 1 thru February 28(9).

Adoption of the Gregorian calendar by the British and American colonies did not occur until the early 1700's. Reporting dates for January and February in the Julian calendar bore the previous year. i.e. someone born on 14 Feb 1733 on the Julian calendar would be 14 Feb 1734 of the Gregorian calendar.

When genealogists found an early date during the Julian years they had a problem reporting this information without confusing what year it actually occurred. Currently the common practice utilized to report the occurrence of this vital statistic adopted dual date notation. Thus our data base for this birth would show 14 Feb 1733/4 signifying that the birthdate was in 1733 of the Julian calendar and 1734 of the Gregorian calendar.

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## **TIME TO RENEW-**

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<sup>19</sup> Carlton A. Finch, *The Haynes Family (1600-1994)*

<sup>19</sup> *Ancestors and Descendants of Lillian Jean Haynes (1935-1988)* edited by Beverly Haynes Bruce, published by Tennessee Valley Publishing, P.O. Box 52527, Knoxville TN 37590

<sup>20</sup> Ibid, *Mayflower Families*, Vol 4, page 21 reports this and uses Thatcher as last name. The various genealogies of the Thacher families use Thacher for the last name of Rodolphus

<sup>21</sup> Ibid, Giorgi, *Bartholomew Heath*, page 1 as taken from *Colonial and Revolutionary Lineages*.

## Preserving Photographs and Documents (part 2)

by Christopher Dixon

Many factors can contribute to the deterioration of photographs. Since photos are made up of layers of material, damage to any one layer can ruin the image. It is often a combination of factors causing the damage.

**Environmental** - High humidity is most harmful and high temperatures accelerate the deterioration. Because the emulsion layer is composed of organic materials, heat and high humidity promote the growth of mold and fungi on it. The gelatin also softens and becomes sticky as it retains moisture. Temperatures above 70 degrees F and relative humidities above 60% for long periods should be avoided. Very low humidities (under 25%) can cause the emulsion layer to crack and the base material to curl. Attics and basements are the worst places to store your photographs or documents. With the constant high temperatures and humidity in the summer and low temperatures and humidity in the winter, the photographs or documents will become brittle. Basements are great breeding grounds for insects and rodents which are strongly attracted to gelatin and cellulose in the photographic emulsion.

**Residual Processing Chemicals** - Damaging chemicals can be left on photographs if they are not processed correctly. In black and white photographs, these chemicals react with the silver of the image to turn it a yellowish, brown color. Over time, the silver compounds can become

silver sulfide which will also fade the image.

**Fumes and Vapors** - Oxidizing gases containing sulfur compounds, oil-based paint, varnish and shellac fumes, cleaning agents (chlorine and ammonia), tobacco smoke, auto exhaust, salty sea air and dust are some of the most troublesome pollutants. Avoid closets that also contain cleaning products and remove photos from rooms freshly painted with an oil-based paint for at least a month (latex paint is safe). Most photocopiers (including laser copiers) produce ozone as a by-product which is a bleach and the fumes may accelerate the deterioration).

**Nitrate-based Film** - Common in the early 1900's, this film base is relatively unstable and decomposes rapidly; it is also flammable and is considered a fire hazard in large quantities. During decomposition it produces oxidizing gases such as nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide. These by products of decomposition also speed up the decomposition process and are damaging to other negatives and photographs that may be

stored near them. If possible, have these pictures converted to newer, safer film.

**Ultraviolet Light** - Direct sunlight and fluorescent light can be very damaging to the image in color photos. Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight and to use ultraviolet filters on fluorescent lights. Tungsten lights are much safer than fluorescent lights. Also, the intense light and heat from copiers are detrimental to photographs.

**Mishandling** - Avoid bending, cutting or scratching photographs. Wood and paper products contain harmful additives such as bleach or hydrogen peroxide. Rubber bands or rubber cement contain sulfur which degrades photographic emulsions. Paper clips can abrade or scratch the surfaces of prints or negatives. Pressure sensitive tapes usually contains acids which can accelerate the deterioration process. Any kind of ink also contains acids. Fingerprints on prints or negatives create physical damage from the oils and acids in human skin.

**Natural Disasters** - Storing photos up off the floor is relatively simple and can help tremendously in case of minor flooding. Storage in an enameled steel file cabinet can prevent photographs from being crushed and offers some safety from water and fire damage.

### Proper Storage Methods and Materials

The best place to store original photographs, negatives and documents are safe deposit boxes because they are usually climate controlled and kept dark to provide almost ideal storage conditions. Obtain copies of them while for your albums, records or displays. It is also wise to give copies to relatives to avoid having them all in one place in case of a disaster.

When storing prints and negatives, never store them in contact with one another because they can stick to each other. Each should be stored in a separate paper or plastic enclosure. If you have mounted prints, be sure to place a sheet of paper or plastic (interleaving sheets) between them during storage. The prints and negatives within their enclosures can be stored in acid free storage boxes on a shelf or in enameled steel file cabinets.

If you prefer the convenience of a photograph album, take great care in choosing it. Many mass-produced photograph albums are made from photo-damaging materials. Albums can be safe if made of proper materials. When shopping for albums, be sure to ask questions if you are unsure whether or not a particular album is made from safe materials.

Use only lignin-free (from paper pulp), acid-free, unbuffered paper. Use this paper to store photographs or as interleaving paper in albums. Polyester, Mylar, Polypropylene, Tyvek and cellulose triacetate are plastics that are safe to use in storing photographs, negatives or documents.

Consider storing your photos electronically. You can do this by scanning photos or by taking negatives to a photo processor and having them put them in electronic format for you. Electronic storage isn't infallible, but a CD-ROM won't crack or fade like a traditional photograph. If the electronic image is created professionally, by a Kodak Photo CD processor, you should be able to create new prints from the electronic image if you need to. For photos that you take now and in the future, many companies now give you your pictures in an electronic format, in addition to traditional negatives and prints. Contact photo

processors in your area to see what services they offer.

So far, this article has covered original photos; but what if you need a copy of an original print. If you have the original negatives, you can order reprints (under \$1 for a 4x6). If you do not have a negative, you can obtain a "copy negative" of the original print (\$4-\$8 per print) and you keep the new negative and can later order reprints. If you have many originals that you wish to have copies of, try color or black and white laser copies. Copies (as well as enlargements and reductions) of the originals can be obtained at relatively inexpensive prices (\$1-\$3 for a 8.5x11 sheet). Check your local photo shops and printers.

As you can see, there are several relatively simple things you can do to help your photographs last longer. By carefully choosing the mounting materials, storage materials and storage location for your photographs and documents, you can preserve memories for generations to enjoy.<sup>22</sup>

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### **Recent Acquisitions.**

Your recent acquisitions of family history should be recorded here. Let us know what important piece of information you have recently found and/or received from someone.

#### Received from Marie Rumfola

Pedigree chart for Marie Toland Rumfola. Pedigree charts and family group sheets for Jacob, Joseph, and Thomas Heath. Details from this information is included with the lead article for this issue of the newsletter.

#### Received from Don Chinnery

The Heath Family tree Reported elsewhere in this issue of The Four Drive is the announcement of the recent acquisition of information regarding ancestors on the Heath portion of the tree.

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<sup>22</sup> Editor's note: This is the second of a two part feature on Preserving Photographs and Documents. Part 1 was featured in Vol I, No. 8 of *The Four Drive*

