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# He Was a Traveling Man

By Sean McGuire

Thomas Bowman Snyder is my great-great grandfather on my father's side. He was born in November, 1845 at Mifflin Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania; he died November 16, 1937, perhaps in Los Angeles County, California. Of all my ancestors of this era, he was the most travelin' man that you ever did see. Considering the state of transportation during this time period, the number of miles he traveled was just amazing.

All of Thomas' great-grandparents settled in eastern Pennsylvania; they were all alive during the Revolutionary War; and at least one fought in that war. Most of his ancestors are from that area we now call Germany. One of them, George Baumann, married a Scottish woman - Susan Banks. I imagine their children spoke with a "German brogue."

Thomas was the fourth of six children born to Nathan Snyder (1808-1893) and Frances "Fanny" B. Millard (1813-1892). Nathan was a merchant in Mifflinville, Columbia County, a small town on the southern banks of the Susquehanna River in central Pennsylvania. When Thomas was just four years old, his father began experiencing financial difficulties.

Nathan's father-in-law published a notice, declaring that he had purchased a number of Nathan Snyder's personal possessions, but was leaving them in Nathan's possession. I believe that the purpose of this notice was to shield Nathan's personal property from seizure to satisfy a debt or debts.

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### Meetings at Columbine

#### Note: The information listed below is our normal schedule and location, however due to current Covid-19 restrictions, until further notice, please see our website for meeting information. www.columbinegenealogy.com

#### **Meeting Times:**

Regular Meetings	. 1:00 pm - 2nd & 3rd Tuesday each month (except June, July, Aug. & Dec.)
Board of Directors Meetings	. 9:30 am - 2nd Tuesday of each month (except June, July & Dec.)
Columbine Writers' Group	Meets following the afternoon program on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
Meeting Place:	

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, 6400 South University Blvd, Centennial, CO 80121

## Program Previews

By Anita Burbank-Jenkins

#### Tuesday, January 12, 2021

#### Carol Darrow - "Using Charts to Connect the Dots: Timelines, Identity Charts & FAN Club Charts"

Organizing and analyzing piles of collected data can be intimidating. But there are many tools to help get the job done. We will explore how Timelines, Identity Charts FAN Club Charts help identify your ancestors.

#### Tuesday, February 9, 2021

#### Megan Koepsell - "Listening to the Voices of Our Ancestors."

Practical advice to help develop your intuitive genealogical abilities and awareness of how your ancestors might be working in your own research and life.

#### Tuesday, March 9, 2021

#### Judy Fambrough-Billingsley - "Too Brown to Keep"

This memoir is the author's account of her quest to find her birth parents and of the emotional and psychological effects of being abandoned, biracial and an internationally-adopted baby.

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# Incoming President's Message

By Barbara Elliott

I want to thank Bob Jenkins for being a wonderful president for the last four years. This past year has been a difficult one as we are ending the year with more Covid outbreaks. As we look forward, we pray that we will once again be able to meet at LCHS for our Tuesday programs.

As your new president, we will continue working to make CGHS a great organization for learning about genealogical endeavors and preserving our history. In August, we purchased a year's subscription to Zoom.us so we will be able to continue with our Board, Program and Education Meetings. The subscription is also available for our members to use to hold small get-togethers between members in pursuit of genealogical help or discussions. We will also hold a monthly practice session before our second Tuesday meetings, so our guest presenters have a great turn-out. Even if we are not able to meet in person for a while, I hope that everyone can start participating in the great programs we have planned for the coming year.

We are also in need of a 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Programs to be appointed for one year, so Anita Burbank-Jenkins can retire. Anita has put together a committee to help whomever steps up to this important position. Please be thinking about ways in which you can help our Society and know that there will be plenty of help.

Here's a little something about myself. I have volunteered at the LDS Family History Center for over 30 years and researched a lot while helping patrons research their family lines. I also served as a supervisor on the shifts that I worked and taught classes to other specialists. This is where my serious research started taking shape. My Grandmother Elliott started me on the family genealogy when I was 13 as she gave me family names, dates and places. After my parents retired, they started going through family papers they had collected, and the research really took off, and since we had moved here in 1984, I was able to order films from Salt Lake to extend that research. I was then able to take my Grandmother Elliott's French line, which no one was researching, back to the 1500's.

As always, I look forward to more research, learning from our presenters, and serving you, our members, on the Board as your new president.



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"Public Notice," *Columbia Democrat*, (Bloomsburg, PA) May 12, 1849, p 3.

PUBLIC NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given, that I have this day purchased at Public Sale, as the property of Nathan Snyder, the following articles viz :-75 yds. Rag and Cotton Carpet, 6 chairs, 1 sewing stand, 1 Wash Stand, 1 MahogonySide-board 1 Eight day clock, 1 Parlor Stove and pipe, 1 writing Desk.<sup>10</sup> All of which I have left in possession of the said Nathan Snyder, during my pleasure, of which the public will take notice. SAMUEL MILLARD. Mifflinville, May 7, 1849.-315<sup>6</sup>. The following year, in December, 1850, a notice of a Sheriff's Sale was published. Nathan's two-story home was seized, as well as his business property and two other vacant lots. I imagine this made a very sobering Christmas for the Snyder family. The purchaser at the Sheriff's Sale apparently was Jonas Snyder, one of Nathan's older brothers, and Nathan and family stayed on until 1855, when Jonas sold the property.

Nathan and Fanny decided to move west to Michigan, where Fanny's father relocated after a second marriage. They settled at Three Rivers, in southwestern Michigan. The Pennsylvania Railroad was just starting operation in 1855 and that may have been the family's mode of transportation. A train trip of over 550 miles would have been quite the adventure for Thomas, a ten or eleven-year-old boy.

By 1860, Nathan Snyder had established a business in Three Rivers. He owned his home, and this included two lodgers with whom he may have been in business: George Major, a druggist, and Edward Perrot, a jeweler from Switzerland. Thomas was working as a house painter.

The Civil War came, and Michigan was not immune from the pressures of war. I have found no record that Thomas served. He was born November, 1845. The Confederate States were formed in February, 1861, when Thomas was barely sixteen years old. Thomas had three older brothers. Sgt. Major Washington Irving Snyder, who enlisted on August 24, 1861 at the age of 18, was killed on October 7, 1863 in Tennessee, the result of "traumatic tetanus," a very unpleasant sounding death. Private James Madison Snyder, who enlisted on August 18, 1862, died of disease in Georgia on August 8, 1864. Only Lt. Ashbel Wilson Snyder made it out alive. With that kind of track record, I think Thomas' parents may have been relieved that he did not join up.

Thomas met a young woman, Sarah Grace Spalding, the daughter of a local Episcopal priest. They married in 1868 - not once, but twice. On May 13, Thomas and Sarah married in Dexter, Michigan. Two days later, they married again in Chicago - 240 miles away. That Thomas was a traveling man!

Thomas and Sarah and had two daughters: Grace, born in 1869; and Kate, born in 1872. Thomas was now working as a jeweler. Life was apparently fine, but Thomas, approaching his 40th birthday, decided to pull up roots and move the family because Thomas decided that he just had to become a cowboy.

So in 1885 or 1886 Thomas purchased a covered wagon and supplies, and loaded his wife and daughters (ages 13 and 16) for the trip out west. I am uncertain if the family joined a wagon train on the Oregon Trail, or if they took some alternate route. They ended up at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, more than 1,000 miles from their Michigan home. From there, Thomas scouted the land for a ranch. On July 25, 1886, Thomas filed a Homestead Application for 160 acres of land in Sioux County, Nebraska, just 300 feet east of the current Wyoming-Nebraska boundary line.

Have you ever been to Sioux County, Nebraska? I bet not. There is very little reason to go there. It is not on the way to *anywhere*. It is the northwestern-most county in the panhandle. There are more than 2,000 square miles in Sioux County, with a population of 1,311 people in 2010. There is only one town in Sioux County - Harrison, population 251. The county is not noted for the ability to farm. This is high-plains desert, growing sagebrush and rattlesnakes.

In December, 1902, Thomas had to appeal an adverse ruling from the State Board of Irrigation which granted his upstream neighbor irrigation rights. The exercise of those rights resulted in Sheep Creek drying up. As a result, Thomas had to appear before the Nebraska Supreme Court in Lincoln - some 450 miles away. Thomas made that trip -- whether by horse, stagecoach, train, or a combination thereof in the dead of winter. He was a traveling man.

Thomas continued to acquire small parcels of land from unsuccessful neighbors, but ultimately he gave up ranching. In 1906, he and Sarah Grace are living at 1627 Washington Street in Denver. In 1909, they are the proprietors of La Grace Apartments at 1642 Pearl Street. In 1910, the U.S. Census finds them residing at the Savoy Hotel at 17th and Broadway in Denver. Since he was 65 years of age, and she 67, one might think that Thomas and Sarah were ready to settle down.

Apparently not. The 1920 U.S. Census finds the Snyders living in Fowler, Colorado - 140 miles away. There, Thomas was operating a jewelry store, and Sarah Grace doing art needlework. Unfortunately, Sarah died the following year. But that did not stop Thomas from traveling.

In 1929, Thomas, his daughter and granddaughter, were all injured in an automobile accident on the "Colorado Springs - Pueblo" highway, according to the Los Angeles Times. They were very likely driving a Ford Model T (manufactured between 1908 and 1927) or a Model A (manufactured since 1927). Because the Colorado State Highway Courtesy Patrol (predecessor to the Colorado State Patrol) was not formed until 1935, it is unknown if any police agency investigated this accident.



"Southland Women Injured in Colorado," *The Los Angeles Times* (Los Angeles, CA) Nov 14,1929, p 22.

Thomas made it to Los Angeles to live with his daughter, Kate. They are found in the 1930 U.S. Census living at 1192 South Bronson Avenue. Thomas presumably lived in Los Angeles until his death on November 19, 1937. I have found no record of his death. One might think that this would be the end of Thomas' traveling.

But no, because Thomas' body made it back to Nebraska. Very likely by train. He is buried with his wife and granddaughter at Fairview Cemetery in Scottsbluff, just a short distance from his ranch on Sheep Creek. A short distance, if you're a traveling man.

### Educational Opportunities

By Ann Lisa Pearson

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

### Marilyn Elrod will present "Military Records on the Internet"

Since most of the World War II records were destroyed in a fire, information will be provided on other places to find records, and how to get replacement medals for family.

#### Tuesday, February 16, 2021

#### Marilyn Edwards-Roberts will present "Southern Roots/Deep Roots"

Genealogists sometimes find researching in the South challenging. We will look at South Carolina, one of the most difficult, and find ways to help you get around your brick walls.

#### Tuesday, March 16, 2021

#### Ron Floberg will present "Finding My Swedish Family"

A case study of Ron's learning curve from the most basic of beginnings to success in identifying his ancestors, finding farms of their origins and meeting previously unknown Swedish relatives.



# How Newspapers Added Interest to George Hamley's Story

By Anita Burbank-Jenkins

I had finished writing about my grandfather, George Orlando Hamley, for a book I am writing on my family's history. After reading what I had written, I realized that what I had were the facts about his life, but not who he was. I had not told the reader what made him unique.

George Orlando Hamley and Anna Elizabeth Allan Cross were my mother's parents. Anna was born in Minneapolis and George had moved there with his parents in 1916. For a wedding present his father, Montague Hamley, had given the couple a farm to homestead in northeastern Nebraska. George and Anna stayed in Minneapolis, Minnesota after their marriage in 1903. During these years George was finishing up his law degree, and was working as a bookkeeper, a clerk, and a stenographer. Anna gave birth to four children and kept house. In 1913 my grandparents took their children to their new farm home. After a few years the farm was sold due to a lawsuit brought on by one of George's sisters. In 1918, the family moved to the nearby town of Meadow Grove, where George was fortunate to get a job as a rural mail carrier. Because of his job, he was exempt from being drafted in World War I. Within a few years three more children were born. All of them, and many of their grandchildren, grew up in this town.

In the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century newspapers wrote about what people did -- the good and the bad. Townspeople would read these from front to back, to find out what their friends and neighbors had done. Wanting to find information that would tell the reader why he had made an impression on me, I remembered I had several newspaper clippings about him. These articles gave more details about my grandfather.

*The Meadow Grove News*, the local newspaper, had many stories about my family, including my grandfather. There were also newspaper stories in other Nebraska and Indiana towns recounting incidents that happened to George Hamley when he was a rural mail carrier for Madison County, Nebraska. The story to the left below, "Nebraska Rural Mail Carrier Makes Good Postoffice Motto," was printed in *The Tipton Daily Tribune*, Tipton Indiana, February 11, 1932, page 1. The second article, to the right, also described his intrepid service, "Faithful Mail Carrier," *The Nebraska State Journal*, Lincoln, Nebraska, February 14, 1932, page 28.

Nebraska Rural Mail Carrier Makes Good Postoffice Motto Omaha, Feb. 11. - George Hamley, rural mail carrier out of Meadow Grove, Neb., was so fired with the idea, that the mail must go through at all hazards that it took him two days to recover from the effort to make good. Delayed one day as a result of blocked roads after a heavy snowfall, he set out in his automobile but at the end of six miles he had to abandon his car. He continued on foot, dragging the mail on a sled. Finally he gave that up, and carrying the mail on his back. he undertook to complete the route. At night he was still on his feet, but suffering from fatigue and exposure after floundering through drifts for sixteen miles.

Needing to learn more about Grandfather's earlier life, I looked for articles about him in "Chronicling America" on the Library of Congress website. There were several articles about him in Minneapolis newspapers from around 1900. They stated that in 1902, he had been the treasurer of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and had been involved with other church activities. I also found a clipping in a 1901 newspaper that mentioned that he had been the best man at his cousin, Amy Hamley's wedding.

After I uploaded that newspaper article to my Ancestry tree, I saw that it had been saved by Elizabeth Conover on her "Conover Family Tree". When I looked at her information on this website, I discovered that she lives in Denver, Colorado, and Faithful Mail Carrier. Tilden Citizen: George Hamley, sr, one of the rural carriers from the Meadow Grove postoffice, was found in state of exhaustion tinree and one half miles northeast of Meadow Grove Saturday night while on his way home on foot through the snow drifts. He had started out with his sons in a car about 1 o'clock, having waited for the daily papers which were delayed on account of the storm. After a few miles the drifts were too deep for a car and Mr. Hamley continued on his route on foot, hauling the mail on a sied. Later he left the sied at a farm house and carried the sack of mail on his shoulder. Thus for sixteen miles he plowed through the drifts in his effort to serve the patrons of his route. The members of his family became worried when he did not return and the sons started out in search of their father. When they found him he was almost completely exhausted although still on his feet and makma, Hamley suffered considerable pain as the result of his serverience but was able to be on duty again Monday morning.

that she is my 4-6th cousin! After contacting her, we met at a local restaurant for coffee. We shared information about our family, and I also invited her to our Hamley Family Reunion.

As I continued looking for more articles on my grandfather George, I found another one in the *Minneapolis Journal*, dated December 2, 1903. It told the story about a prank that George's friends pulled on him at George and Anna's wedding reception held on November 29, 1903. An ad had been placed in this newspaper for domestics. They were to inquire about a job at the house where my grandparents were having their wedding party! The couple and their guests were surprised when 38 prospective maids showed up to interview for the position!

An obituary written about George stated, "He was known as the 'candy man' among the children. The older folks referred to him as their 'legal adviser.' At his funeral, old timers in bib overalls came up to my mother and shared that on his mail route, her father always had candy for the kids and would give free legal advice to the farmers." (Funeral Rites for George O. Hamley, *The Meadow Grove News*, January 21, 1954.)

Adding the information I found in these newspaper articles has fleshed out his life, giving me a clearer idea of who the man was. These articles have added color and interest to his story as well as leading me to a new cousin!

### Marriage Terminology for Genealogists

Banns – public announcement of intended marriage; usually required by certain religions to be published a couple of times before two parishioners married.

Dowager – widow holding property or a title from her deceased husband. This title used in England for widows of princes, dukes, earls and other **n**oblemen.

Dowry (Dowery) - money, goods, personal property or land brought to a marriage by a bride to her husband.

Goodwife - archaic term for wife or mistress of a household. An elderly woman was known as a "Goody."

Grass Widow - unmarried woman with a child; a divorced or separated woman or a discarded mistress.

Marriage Contract – legal agreement between prospective spouses made before the marriage to determine property rights of them and their children. Used primarily by women who wanted to protect property they had gained during previous marriages. Sometimes known as a marriage settlement.

Marriage Bond – financial guarantee of no impediments to a marriage. Given by the bridegroom or his friends.

### NGS Offers a New Course on "Reading Old Handwriting"

NGS has a new course available in its Continuing Genealogical Studies series. This course "Reading Old Handwriting" will help genealogists to understand difficult to read old handwriting in documents like deeds and wills. See this article on their website for more: https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cgs/reading-old-handwriting/

### Book Reviews

#### By Jean Larson Adams

#### Four-Book-Series Hiding the Past - The Lost Ancestor - The Orange Lilies - The America Ground By Nathan Dylan Goodwin

A fellow CGHS member, Carol Johnson, gave me a four-book-series to read during our Covid 19 Safer-at-Home order. I was hooked after reading the prologue and the first two chapters of *Hiding the Past*. The main character. Morton Farrier, a young single guy, has been working as a forensic genealogist for 12 years in the first of this series. His research in these four books is centered in Sussex County England. Morton's live-in girlfriend Juliette is a policewoman and occasionally adds her resources to his searches.

In the first book *Hiding the Past* he is asked to find his client's paternal family. His client is found dead of an apparent suicide the day following their meeting. Should Morton continue his research? He was paid the equivalent of \$50,000 and feels obligated to find the answers to all of his client's questions even though someone seems determined to prevent him. The book skips back and forth from present to past in a manner that keeps the reader wondering who the woman in the past is. Morton uses local libraries, the East Sussex County archives, church records, Google and Ancestry.com to unravel this family history.

*The Lost Ancestor*, the second in the series could be a stand-alone genealogical crime mystery. Morton is challenged by a prominent citizen, Ray Mercer, to find what happened to Ray's great aunt. She worked as a housemaid for a wealthy family and disappeared after visiting her family on her day off. Ray's great aunt and his grandmother were twin sisters named Mary and Margaret. We are transported back to 1911 in alternate chapters to relive the life of a second housemaid through the eyes of his great aunt Mary.

The third book in the series, *The Orange Lilies* is a novella. Unwillingly, Morton confronts his own family secrets. In his words, "He had been told by his father that he was adopted 24 years ago. Sometimes he wanted to know the truth about his past, other times he did not." His father had told him who his real mother was and that she had been raped when she was sixteen. Of course, he is off to meet his real mother and try to discover who his biological father is. First, he must fill in some of the holes in his family history. A search for his great-grandfather Charles Farrier's military service turns up another mystery. Charles was killed in action, but his body was never found. Morton investigates using personal letters in addition to church and military records.

The fourth book has a title that looks misspelled – *The America Ground*. This reviewer wondered if it should be "The American Ground." It is based on an actual historical place spelled that way, which is just outside of the town of Hastings, England. Morton's stepmother shows him a portrait of Eliza Lovekin from Hastings that will be auctioned in an antique sale. Morton is tasked with finding Eliza's family history for provenance and instead finds that she was a widow who was murdered just months after her husband died. He puts his search for his biological father on hold while he solves another mystery. We are led to expect that his search will continue in the United States.

These four books put into entertaining words the problems that all of us face when we do family history research. For example:

- Morton must lock up his personal items while visiting a research library (we do that in the USA too).
- He gets on his computer after his girlfriend goes to bed to check just one more thing.
- After seeing that a record exists, he pays to have an original sent to him.
- Five minutes before the library closes, he rushes to get all his copies made.
- He visits cemeteries for clues.

What is different is his use of a bulletin board to post his clues and documents. In that respect he is more like a police detective than a genealogist.

I found myself engrossed in the obscure places where Morton found clues. I also had a strong urge to create a family tree while reading the novels to keep track of his finds. Anyone researching in England will relate to the places that he describes in his travels to obtain information. As of this review, the author has written two more full-length Morton Farrier forensic genealogy mysteries, one novella and two short stories. I am looking forward to continuing my journey with Morton, the forensic genealogist. These books are a good way to pass a few hours when your brain is overloaded from your own genealogical research.

Thanks to our Fall 2020 **Program Speakers!** Greg Liverman John Putnam **Bob Jenkins** December Potluck Fun! Jingle Bells!

# Sleuthing for Faces

By Becky A. Clark

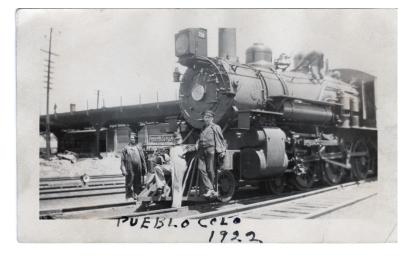
I've been searching for photos of my great aunt, Teresa Clark, in my digitized family photos for a story I'm writing about her. Unfortunately my Dad didn't seem to have many photos of his Clark relatives. His family lived with his maternal grandparents, the Michael J. Downs family, until the 1940's, so he had many more photos from that side of the family than from his father's side.

One day a couple of years ago, I went through every old family photo I had and scanned them all to digital. This one below was only identified on the front as "Pueblo Colo 1922." There was nothing written on the back, so I digitized it and just labeled it "Railyard, Pueblo, CO 1922" and left it at that.

For some reason, on this particular day, while searching for my great aunt Teresa, I landed on this photo and decided to look at the faces more carefully. Suddenly, after staring at the guy on the right with the mustache, I thought this might be my maternal great-grandfather, Michael J. Downs, because he worked for the railroad. I zoomed in as far as I could and then pulled up a couple of other photos of him to try to confirm my suspicion. It was the mustache that gave the best clue and comparing the likeness in this photo to the others I had of him, I was certain I was right.

He worked for the Denver & Rio Grande (D&RG) railroad from about 1910 to 1932, per the Pueblo, Colorado city directory. Two of his sons also worked for the D&RG, Daniel W. from 1907 to about 1946, and Matthew from about 1927 to about 1945.

To reinforce my thought that this photo was of my great-grandfather, I zoomed in on the locomotive to see if I could find the Denver and Rio Grande listed anywhere. I could not, but I could read the engine number, which was 758.



I went to the Colorado Railroad Museum website at https://coloradorailroadmuseum.org to see if I could find any references to engine number information for the D&RG, but found nothing on the website. Then I went to the Denver Library Western History website to their collection on the D&RG. From the extensive descriptions of all the D&RG records they had, I still wasn't sure if there was a way to find an engine number, so I called the Western History department directly. The woman who answered the phone had me go to their digital photo collection, https://digital.denverlibrary.org/digital/search/collection/ and type in "Denver Rio 758" and lo and behold up came six photos of engine 758!

Three of them were from a wreck that took place in 1916 and the engine was in rather bad shape, so I couldn't identify it from those photos, but the other three images were very clear shots of it. One, from 1917, matched up exactly with the engine in my photograph! The other two were from 1929 and its headlight looked a little different, but otherwise it looked exactly the same. This link below takes you to the 1917 photo that matches my photo: https://digital.denverlibrary.org/digital/collection/p15330coll22/id/47636/rec/1

I had now confirmed through other photographs of both my great-grandfather and the engine, that it was him standing in the front of this D&RG locomotive. Last March I emailed the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden

to try to find him in the D&RG employment records they have on file, but they only found one record for the Downs family which was a "seniority list" for his son Daniel from 1911. However, I know from this photo and the various city directories, that he worked for the D&RG, so after the pandemic ends, I will go to Golden and comb through their records myself to see what I can find.

In the meantime, this exercise shows the value of carefully reviewing old photos for all the information they can reveal.



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CGHS is now using PayPal to accept Membership Dues and donations for the two funds which it supports. To use PayPal, go to the CGHS website and access the Membership page under the "Who We Are" menu heading. On the Membership page, you can pay for a new or renewed membership or donate to Columbine's Book Fund. You can also donate to the Stern-NARA Gift Fund, which helps support digitizing and indexing costs for materials from the National Archives and Record Administration (NARA). You do not need to have a PayPal account to do this, since PayPal will accept credit cards as well.

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No meetings in June, July, and August

Holiday Event, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in December

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### **BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE**

If the President postpones a meeting due to an emergency or bad weather, the VP of Publicity will send emails to members, and a sign will be posted on the door of the church. *Please do not call the Church office.* 

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