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Queries: may be sent to the editor at the above address. These are published free for members and are \$1.00 for non-members.

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APRIL MEETING

Will be Thursday, April 12th, at 7:30 P.M. Following the business meeting there will be a discussion and short demonstration on the use of small computers in genealogical record keeping.

Also, we would like to have as many new Surname cards as possible, to be included in a computer printout.

BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS

The Accelerated Indexing System Microfiche have arrived and are ready for use. A big plus, is that these microfiche are more than just the 1790-1850 Census Indexes. Included are some tax list indexes and Mortality Schedule indexes. The tax list entries are mixed in with the census and the Mortality Schedules are in a separate search. The microfiche are divided into 8 searches as follows:

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| Search 1. | 1607-1819 | Entire U.S.                   |
| 2.        | 1820-1829 | " "                           |
| 3.        | 1830-1839 | " "                           |
| 4.        | 1840-1849 | " "                           |
| 5.        | 1850-1860 | Southern States               |
| 6.        | 1850      | New England & Northern States |
| 7.        | 1850-1906 | Mid-West & Western States     |
| 7a.       | 1850-1906 | Entire U.S. (5,6,&7 in one)   |
| 8.        | 1850-1885 | U.S. Mortality Schedules only |

When using this index, one should be aware of the considerable error factor and of the duplicate entries. Also, not all states have had the indexing completed. This is noted in the instruction booklet which explains what the entries on the microfiche are. There is also another large book which lists each state and then each county within the state alphabetically, and gives both the National Archives number and the Genealogical Society number of the microfilm records from which the index was made. The



National Archives film number is useful if you want to order the microfilm through the public library, or plan on visiting a National Archives Records Depository or one of the larger libraries in the area that has these films. If you want to order the film from the Genealogy Library in Salt Lake City you will need the GS film number.

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Continuing the interest in the censuses this month, the March-April 1984 issue of the Genealogical Helper has an advertisement for an interesting series of maps. The Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920, is a series of county outline maps which compare the old census bounds with the modern boundaries of today on the same map. Map packets for 15 states are now available and are \$4.75 per packet. You can find more about this and a picture of a sample map on page 217 of the Helper.

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## GENEALOGY FAIR

Plans for the fair, to be held Saturday, May 5th, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Missoula Public Library are going great. It looks like we will have many displays and tables.

Some of the other groups displayed will be Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of Montana Pioneers, Mayflower Society, the Bitterroot Genealogical Society, and Germans from Russia.

Commercial displays will feature computers, preserving and restoring old photographs, book publishing and genealogical supplies.

Our areas of interest tables will feature Germany, Switzerland, the Germans from Russia, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, Canada, the different sections of the U.S. and Native Americans.

We will also be seeing Family Histories and memorabilia, a Surname Exchange and a workshop table for beginners.



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