

WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP

Dues are currently \$10.00 per year for individuals and institutions, and \$2.00 per year for families. This includes a monthly Newsletter (Sept.-May) and free queries for members. Queries are 1.00 for non-members.

Dues may be sent to the society at the above address.

Meetings: are held the second Thursday of the month (Sept.-May) at the Meeting Room of the Western Federal Savings and Loan, Southgate Branch, 2601 Garfield, Missoula, MT, at 7:30 P.M.

Queries: may be sent to the editor at the above address.

*****NOVEMBER MEETING*****

Our meeting for this month will be on Nov. 8th, with our guest speaker the Honorable John Toole, Mayor of Missoula, who will talk about the "History of Missoula and the Toole Family."

*****COMING EVENTS*****

At our meeting on Dec 15 th, Mr. Hayes Otoupalik will speak on military records and memorabilia.

We are still looking for topics

and speakers for our January - May meetings, so if you have a program or a suggestion for one please contact Pat Culver (251-3529) or Judith Field (728-1628).

There are several Genealogical Conferences coming up this spring and summer. The Washington State Genealogical Society has announced a Second Annual State Conference entitled "Trails Through Our Past" to be held Friday, May 31 - Sunday, June 2, at Whitworth College in Spokane, WA. Among the speakers will be Milton Rubicam. Pre-registration is \$50.00 for non-members through Nov. 15 th. Later registration will continue until March 1st at \$55.00.

The National Genealogical Society will hold its Fifth Annual National Conference in Salt Lake City from Aug. 7-9th.

*****LIBRARY NEWS*****

FRANCE LIBRARY: The Family Registry has already been updated (as of Oct 1984) and now has 9 more index fiche.

The new ISI should be arriving sometime this month!!!

COUNTY LIBRARY: At our last meeting Laurette Parpart announced that the library has purchased 2 new Minolta 450 microfilm readers which will print either positives or negatives from fiche or film. Cost of a print will be 10¢ per copy. They should arrive sometime late this month.

The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy, call no. R929.1072, has been added to the Genealogy Collection at the County Library. This book has been compiled by 16 leading genealogists and describes many important record sources from Colonial Times to the present. Of note are the addresses of some of the major businesses and institutions, a copy of the government publication "Where to Write for Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce Records", and lists of Societies. The chapter on computers, and computer programs and databases available for genealogists should be read if you are looking into computers for genealogy. Some of the databases described are in use in the states of Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Georgia, So. Carolina and Tennessee.

For those with Canadian Roots, the Genealogy Collection has added:

The Canadian Genealogical Handbook by Eric Jonasson, call no. R929.10971

Our French Canadian Ancestors by Thomas J. Laforest, call no. R929.0714

For English records you might see Tracing Your Ancestors in the Public Records Office by Jane Cox and Timothy Padfield, call no. R016.9291

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Remember that our indexing projects are continuing and help is always needed.

Vital statistics from the Missoula area now cover Jan 1901 - July 1914, and 1982 to date. If you can help with this contact Paulette Parpart at the County Library.

Dennis Richards is still working on the Cemetery Indexing and could also use some help. The Society is thinking of micro-filming these records when they are completed.

Information on the Index of the 1910 Missoula County Census may also be obtained from Dennis Richards at the U of M Library.

If you are interested in Vital Statistics in the Ravalli Co. area, you might check Vital Statistics 1839-1900, Extracted From the Northwest Tribune, compiled by Leona Wood Clatworthy, call no. R312.09786 in the Genealogy Collection of the County Library.



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