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Dues are currently \$10.00 per year for individuals and institutions, and \$12.00 per year for families, and includes a monthly Newsletter (Sept.-May) which publishes free queries for members (\$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 Western Federal Savings and Loan, Southgate Branch, 2601 Garfield, Missoula, MT at 7:30 P.M.

\*\*\*\*\*JANUARY MEETING\*\*\*\*\*

Our meeting this month will be on Thursday, January 10th. The guest speaker will be Mr. Hayes Otoupalik who will talk on military records and memorabilia. He will also have some information on how to obtain military records.

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At our December meeting we had a problem session organized by Loren Johnson in which those present gave a problem and the group discussed areas for further research. Our

thanks to Loren for doing this on such short notice.

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At the last meeting Barbara Johnson announced that she had a film in at the Branch Library that may be of interest to those with early New England ancestors. The film is on loan to May 15th and the box number is F86095-022358. The film contains family histories and genealogical charts of families (in alphabetical order by the main family).

BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS

The new IGI has not arrived yet, but they are in the process of being sent out.

Scottish films are now unrestricted. Films released from restriction include some major collections of Scottish microfilm from the Scottish Record Office and the General Register Office, old parochial registrations, films from Edinburg City Library et. al. These can now be ordered through the Branch Libraries or be photocopied.

1910 Census Schedules. All but 2 of these are now available for circulation to the Branch Libraries but the indexes are still restricted.

Polish Genealogical Society have established an Ancestor Index Card File in the library of the Polish Museum of America. It is

available to all researchers. You can contact the society for further information at:

Polish Genealogical Society  
984 North Milwaukee Ave.  
Chicago, Ill. 60622

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Ancestral File Unit  
Genealogical Library  
50 East North Temple St.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84150

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The compatibles that have been tested with Personal Ancestral File are listed below with their comments:

- COLUMBIA'S COLUMBIA MPC - works with GWBASIC 1.9 or above
- COMPAQ'S COMPAQ PORTABLE runs as is with some manipulation at beginning of program. Write for details.
- CORONA runs with slight modifications to program. Write for details.
- DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION RAINBOW will not run
- EAGLE COMPUTERS - runs if you use Compaq BASIC instead of the GWBASIC 1.22 which comes with the computer.
- IBM PC PORTABLE runs if the screen width is changed to 80 characters from 80 characters after BASIC is entered.
- LEADING EDGE PC - see Sperry Personal Computer below.
- OLIVETTI PC - see Corona above.
- SANYO MBJ 515 - runs with 256K and Compaq BASIC - problems like Compaq.
- SEQUA CHAMBLON - runs with GWBASIC 1.9 or above or Compaq BASIC.
- SPERRY PERSONAL COMPUTER - runs without using the control characters. Requires DOS 2.0.
- STEARNS DESKTOP - runs with Compaq BASIC.
- TANDY RADIO SHACK'S TRS-80 MOD 2000 will not run.
- TAVA PC - runs with Columbia BASIC 1.9 or Compaq BASIC.

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TELEVIDEO'S TELE-PC (TS-1605) runs with QWBASIC 2.0  
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER - will not run (see below).  
WANG PC - will not run.  
ZENITH 100 - will not run.  
SANYO MEC 550/555 - write for details.  
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER - will run with MS DOS 2.11  
and the newly released TEXAS INSTRUMENTS PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER BASIC  
version 1.20.  
ZENITH 150 - will run as is with DOS and BASIC that comes with the  
computer.  
TANDY RADIO SHACK'S TRS-80 MOD 2000. Write for details.

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