



# WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, December 12 in the meeting room of the Western Federal Savings and Loan, Southgate Branch, 2601 Garfield, Missoula.

The program will be about Christmas traditions of Missoula. Wes Hardin, Director of the Fort Missoula Historical Museum, will be the speaker.

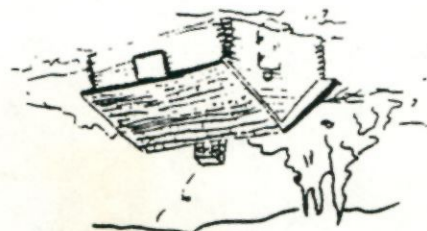
## UM LIBRARY TOUR

Our thanks to Dennis Richards for conducting a tour of the University Library. The tour was well attended by society members. The library does not have a specialized genealogy collection, but Dennis pointed out some of the sections that contain genealogical and local history material. Thank you, Dennis.

## LDS BRANCH LIBRARY

The LDS Branch Genealogical Library has just received the National Genealogical Society Research Aid No. 1, Genealogical Calendar 1753-2000, including a calendar for each year from the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar by England and its colonies through the year 2000.

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The following is reprinted from "Faded Genes" Oct-Nov 1985 issue:

The following is from the Illinois State Genealogical Society in August 1985: Recently people are asking about ads they have received for books from Beatrice Bailey and Sharon Taylor. The following information is taken from TULSA ANNUALS Vol. XX, #2, Spring 85. It is a reprint of an article from the CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER.

"The International Genealogy Consumer Organization, 4329 S. Stafford Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84119 DOES NOT RECOMMEND these genealogists, publications or businesses:

Alabama Genealogical Quarterly - Mobile AL.	// Karta of Europe, Mt. Vernon, WA
Anderson, Robert D. - Omaha, NE	// Pelton, Susan- Oakley, ID
Dougherty, Donald A. - Exeter, NH	// Smith, Conley-Mt. Vernon, WA
Hanson, Diana-Oahu, HI	// Tree Searchers Genealogical Service- Englewood, FL
Histree of Lawton, OK	
Howard, Bruce A. - Mobile, IL	// Van Hart, Barbara - Ft. Wayne, IN
Jonasson, Eric L. - Winnepeg, Manitoba, Canada	// Watson, Larry S. - Lawton, OK
Journal of Genealogy-Omaha, NE	// Wheatfield Press-Winnepeg, Manitoba, Can.

Recommends CAUTION in doing business with these people or businesses:

Bailey, Beatrice-Sterling, PA	/ Taylor, Sharon-Copley or Bath, OH
de Breffny, Brian-London, England	/ Warwick, James P. - Moweagua, IL
Spectator Books, Inc. - Moweagua, IL	

There are some genealogical works which are so untrustworthy that they should be used only as a "ladder". In other words, their statements should be confirmed by use of primary source material. In general, these are not acceptable as references by the hereditary societies. There are of course some exceptions.

Use with GREAT CAUTION the works of the following genealogical writers:

Gustave Anjou	C.A. Hoppin	Elizabeth L.M. Rixford
Orra E. Monette	Charles H. Browning	Frederick A. Virkus
John S. Wurts	Horatio Gates Somerby	

This is not to say that the works of these authors is always in error. It simply means that, like all secondary material, they should be checked with great care!

The Horn Papers, by W. F. Horn, published in 1945, was reviewed by a committee of historians as to its authenticity in 1947 and was subsequently withdrawn from the shelves of many genealogical libraries. The William and Mary Quarterly, Volume IV, Number 4, 3rd Series, October 1947, carries a detailed account of this investigation, to which the reader is referred.

If you ever have any questions about any publications, genealogist or business we suggest you contact the International Genealogical Consumer Organization. It could save you some time and energy, not to mention money."

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In June, Maxine McLaurin of San Jose, CA, reported she received a letter offering her a "chance to get in on the ground floor of a Multi-level Marketing plan designed for the genealogist." The letter states that "For the legality of the plan, check Title 18, Sec. 1302 and 1341 of the U.S. Postal & Lottery Laws." Legal or not I have a great dislike for "chain letters", this one added up to \$15, and would not send them any of my money. Maxine did't either! THIS IS ANOTHER CASE OF BUYER BEWARE! As with all those listed above, the choice is yours to make! We hope this information will help you make the right choice.

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