



# WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 2 in the meeting room of the Western Federal Savings and Loan, Southgate Branch, 2601 Garfield, Missoula.

The program will be presented by a representative of the Missoula Public Library on interlibrary loans. This is an excellent opportunity to learn all about obtaining that hard-to-find book, periodical, newspaper or other research source that has eluded you for years.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The indexing committee of the Montana Library Association chaired by Paulette Parpart will soon have ready for publication a listing of all newspaper and vital records indexing projects in Montana. They hope to have this list available for distribution to libraries and genealogical groups by this spring.

The Missoulian vital records indexing project at the Missoula Public Library is still progressing. Indexers have now reached December 1918. Additional volunteers would certainly speed up the project. Please contact Paulette at the library (721-2811) if you can help.

A four-drawer filing case has become available at the Public Library and will be available for the Society's use as a vertical file. If you have an article that you think will help someone else, please photocopy it and bring it to the library (Paulette). We hope this will help the Interlibrary Loan Department to better serve genealogists in the area. This can also include small maps, pamphlets from other libraries or genealogical societies, etc.

Some books at the Missoula Public Library:

"The Way We Looked" - by Catherine Noren. Discusses the importance of family photographs as a means of understanding the passage of time, establishing ties with ancestors, and varying ways of recording important events in family life. Includes suggestions for collecting photographs and putting together an album.  
Call Number: J 778.92 NOREN



Some books (cont'd)

"Ancestor Hunting" - by Lorraine Henriod. A guide to finding information about one's ancestors. This book is basically written for children, but also gives information about writing a family history, gravestone rubbing, useful photographs, and some genealogical projects that could be of use for the beginning genealogist. Call number: J 929.1 H

"In Search of Your European Roots: A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in Every Country in Europe" - by Angus Baxter. This concerns continental Europe and not the British Isles. The book describes in detail the records in each European country; the location of archives from the national to the municipal level, the location of church records and census returns, the systems of civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths, and how to find and use certificates of domicile, foundling books, orphans lists, guild records, internal passport lists, confirmation records, and even vaccination lists. Call number: R 929.1072 BAXTER GenColl

The "Index to the Ravalli County 1910 Census" is now at the Public Library. It has not been cataloged at this time, but is available upon request.

"A Preliminary Index to Biographies in Montana Subscription and Other Selected Works" (referred to as the "Mug" book by the librarians). This is an index to most of the early settlers and pioneers of Montana found in the Montana histories by Burlingame and Toole, Leeson, Miller, Raymer, Sanders, Stout, as well as the "Encyclopedia of Northwest Biography", "Illustrated History of the Yellowstone Valley", "Men of Affairs", and "Progressive Men of Montana". Call number: R 920.0786 PRELIMI at ReadyRef

#### LDS BRANCH LIBRARY

Have you used the Family Registry yet?

The Family Registry is a service available to anyone with an interest in genealogical research. It may be used both to register the lines you are researching or your family organization and as a means of contacting others who may be working on the same family lines or surname. The registry is on microfiche that are updated quarterly and sent to all LDS Branch Libraries and to 25 major public libraries across the country. The Family Registry has been available for several years now and a great many names have been entered. It could save you years of research by taking a few minutes to check what has been entered or to enter your own information. There is no charge for the service.



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