

# WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9 in the meeting room of the Western Federal Savings and Loan, Southgate Branch, 2601 Garfield, Missoula. Visitors and guests are welcome.

This month's meeting will be a work night for the Missoula County death records project. Please bring any sections of cemetery records that you may have to the meeting will you. Paulette Parpart will explain the computer index that she is developing for these records.

Harold Fisher will demonstrate the "Personal Ancestral File" program for genealogical record keeping and a data base program for notes or other data that does not normally go on a family group sheet.

## SPECIAL PROGRAM

"The Awfulest Mess I Ever Was In" is the topic of a talk Linda Peavey and Ursula Smith will give about the importance of everyone looking for the interesting stories from the past that tell our history in the meeting room of the Western Federal Savings and Loan at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 7. They will also talk about "Women in Waiting: The Dynamics of Separation in the Westward Movement." A close study of the unpublished correspondence of Pamela Dillin Fergus, a woman who made the overland journey from Minnesota to Montana in the last half of the 19th century, provides significant insights into the experiences of "women in waiting," those women who were temporarily or permanently left behind when their husbands went West in search of gold or land.

## PLANNING NOTE

November 13-15, 1987, in Helena, the Montana Division AAUW, the Montana Committee for the Humanities and the Montana Historical Society will sponsor "Molders and Shapers: Montana Women as Community Builders." Part of the conference will consist of workshops on oral history, photographs and photography, archival concerns, writing women into history, and historic preservation. Additional information will be available at the meeting or call Harold at 721-5333 evenings.

AT THE LDS BRANCH LIBRARY

The long awaited microfilm/microfiche reader/printer is now available at the branch library for making copies from microfiche. The carrier for microfilm is expected shortly. Copies will cost 25 cents each.

FROM THE MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Anyone who is doing Civil War research will be glad to know that the Missoula Public Library has an almost complete set of the "War of the Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies." This set is valuable in that it has all correspondence, dispatches, casualty lists, etc. If your ancestor appeared in a written report, check the master index (the last volume) for his name. This is a reference collection and is kept in a locked cabinet. To use it please ask for assistance at the library's magazine desk. R 973.7 UNITED.

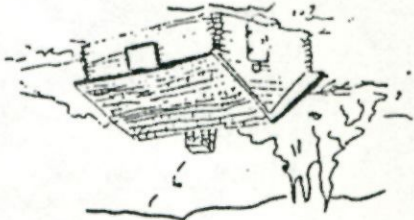
Continued from last month:

**LATE 18TH CENTURY MEDICAL TERMS**  
from the Illinois Genealogical Society  
September 1986 issue

jail fever	typhus
king's evil	scrofula
lues venera	veneral disease
lumbago	back pain
lung fever	pneumonia
lung sickness	tuberculosis
mania	insanity
mortification	infection
nostaliga	homesickness
putrid fever	diphtheria
quinsy	tonsillitis
remitting fever	malaria
sanguinous crust	scab
screws	rheumatism
crofula	tubercular infection of lymph glands in
	throat
ship's fever	typhus
strangery	rupture
summer complaint	infant diarrhea caused by spoiled milk
venesection	bleeding

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