MEETING
The first meeting of the Western Montana Genealogical Society (WMGS) for the 1988-89 season will be
Wednesday, September 7, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the downstairs meeting room of the Missoula Public Library.
Following a short business meeting, Mr. Reuben Kauffman of Condon will talk about his genealogical
research and experiences. Please join us!

SUMMER PROJECTS AND LIBRARY UPDATE--LIBRARIAN PAULETTE'S UPDATE
A special thanks to everyone who came to the Missoula Public Library to help with WMGS's projects this
summer—shelf reading (thanks, Bern), indexing, contacting people with information for our projects,
running errands, numbering "bio-sheets"—your help is greatly appreciated.

This year was a good one for the Missoulian newspaper-indexing project, THANKS to Carol Israel. Carol
indexed pre-1901 Missoulians (from microfilm) for the following years: 1871-72, 1876-82, 1888, 1890,
1894-1900. Great work!!! Also, March 1922 to May 1923 has been completed since July 1987. 1987 is on
cards, and 1988 is completed through the first week in May. These were done by WMGS members and other
volunteers through the Library's volunteer program. Thanks for taking the time.

Seventeen book titles were added to the Library's Genealogy Collection this year—4 were purchased by
WMGS and 13 were gifts to WMGS. Numerous issues of newsletters were added from Montana and out-of-state
groups. We also purchased a year's subscription to the Genealogical Helper.

We purchased a file cabinet for a genealogical vertical file. If you look in one of the drawers, you
will find—Folders! Unfortunately, they need a lot of filling. Do you have any information you would
like to share with others? Donate it to WMGS!

BUT DON'T STOP NOW!!! THERE IS ALWAYS MORE TO DO!!! [Contact Paulette at the Library if you have time
and want to help with ongoing WMGS projects at the Library. If 15 members each worked one hour a week at
the library, or 2 hours every other week, we would have 780 "person-hours", or 19\frac{1}{2} weeks of work!]

NEW BOOKS AT THE MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Cemetery Inscriptions and Church Records from Hingham, Rudyard, Inverness, Whitlash, Lothair, Joplin and
Chester, Montana, compiled and typed by Una Moog. Published by Broken Mountains Genealogical Society,
Chester, MT. Library call #: R 929.5097 MOOG #GenColl.

Beginnings: Thomas Cooper of Springfield and Some Allied Families, by Agnes Thomson Cooper and John
Bradley Cooper. This family appears to be from Windsor, Connecticut. The book has a surname index,
which is a good thing, because there are too many to list here. It also has a lengthy bibliography and 8
appendices of differing subject matter. R 929.2097 COOPER #GenColl.

The Black Sea Germans in the Dakotas, by George Rath. This book is a history of the Germans from Russia
who settled in North and South Dakota. Many of the settlements are discussed, and there are some
photographs to accompany the history. It has an index, bibliography, and a "supplementary information
about the settlements" section. R 978.4004 RATH #GenColl.

SCOTTISH HERITAGE MAGAZINE
The Highlander is a magazine of Scottish heritage. It deals with Scottish history, jewelry, clans, wars,
funerals, and has an annual directory section. The Annual Directory lists: clan and Scottish societies,
pipe bands, Scottish interest business and cultural organizations, vendors of Scottish interest products
and services, clan chiefs, highland games and gatherings, and an editorial index of the previous year's
issues. To see a sample issue, talk to Alan Carmichael. If you would like to subscribe, write to: The
Highlander, Circulation Department, P.O. Box P44044, Chicago, IL 60644. One year (U.S.) $11.50, 2 years
$21.50.
**WMGS MEMBER PROFILE**
Blanche Tate grew up in Wisconsin and Minnesota, and has also lived in New York, California, Idaho, and now, Montana. Blanche and her husband Dennis enjoy fishing, hunting and traveling. They have 3 daughters, aged 21 to 25. Surnames Blanche is researching include: NORTHRUP/NORTHROP in Delaware Co. and Schoharie Co., New York, early 1800s; DARLING and DINGEE in Schoharie Co. and Dutchess Co., New York, early 1800s; SAVAGE in Virginia and North Carolina, 1600 to 1700s; TATE in Russell Co., Virginia, 1770s; HICKS (Martha) in Grundy Co., Tennessee, 1820s; CHRISTIAN in Middle Tennessee, 1790-1830s; and POPE in North Carolina and Georgia, 1790-1820s. Blanche writes, "I would be happy to help anyone or share what I have, especially in Tennessee, North Carolina and New York." [And she means it, too! Thank you, Blanche, for your years of work with the WMGS!]

**LDS BRANCH LIBRARY IN MISSOULA**
The LDS Library has a special collection, "100 Genealogical Reference Works on Microfiche". We highlight some of the "100" in each newsletter:

#6046751 (4 fiche). 37,000 Early Georgia Marriages, by Joseph T. Maddox and Mary Carter. 1975. Lists of marriages from early Georgia county records as transcribed in genealogical periodicals. Arranged alphabetically within 29 counties by the groom’s surname, from the early 1700s to 1800s.

#6051217 (5 fiche). 40,000 Early Georgia Marriages, by Joseph T. Maddox and Mary Carter. 1975. Additional lists of marriages from early Georgia county records—includes 20 additional counties.

**WMGS**
The nonprofit WMGS meets the first Wednesday of each month, September through May. Membership of $10 per year entitles members to attend meetings, hold office, and have a vote in what the Society does with its money and time. Some WMGS goals include: enlarging and enriching the Genealogical Reference Collection at the Missoula Public Library, helping members via genealogical presentations by members and guest speakers at the monthly meetings, and publishing genealogical records concerning Missoula and western Montana.

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**WMGS NEWSLETTER**
Sharon Rose is newsletter editor this year. Call her at 728-6784 (or write, 1925 Oriole, Missoula, MT 59802) if you have any announcements, information, etc. to contribute—PLEASE!!!

**WMGS MONTHLY PROGRAM**
Each monthly meeting brings us together with a member or guest speaker who shares with us, or teaches us, some aspect of genealogical work. If you have any ideas for speakers or topics for our monthly program, or would like to present a topic yourself, please contact Joyce Kemmer. She has been coming up with, and presenting, programs for a long time now—Give her some help!!!