



**WESTERN MONTANA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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January 1989

JANUARY MEETING

Our first meeting of 1989 will be **Wednesday, January 4th, 7 p.m.** in the Missoula Public Library downstairs meeting room. Ruby Willard of First American Title will present a program on title transfer of land and homes (buildings), and how we can find such information in our genealogical research. Refreshments will be provided by Wanda Alsaker (cookies) and Bernie McKinney (punch).

"GENEALOGY IN NEWSPAPERS"

Paulette Parpart will be sending for the video "Genealogy in Newspapers" sometime in the first part of 1989. If you are interested in seeing this video, please call her (728-8054 or 721-2665) so she can try to set up a convenient time for everyone to see it, probably in February.

*******WMGS CENTENNIAL PROJECT*******

Indexing vital stats in the Missoulian is our contribution to Montana's Centennial. We have a long way to go yet, so please make a **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION** to go to the Missoula Public Library **AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK** and work a couple hours. We all learned how to index at our November meeting. **Wednesday** mornings (10 a.m. to noon) and evenings (7-9 p.m.) are our usual **WORK PARTIES** in the Montana Room--WMGS members are often there. But, you can work anytime the library is open. When you go, why not give a friend a call?

WMGS MEMBER PROFILE

Our treasurer, **Harold Fisher**, must have the record as our world traveler--his 20 years in the U.S. Navy included a year in Sri Lanka (Ceylon), three years in Liberia at the Naval Attache Office of the American Embassy, and seven years aboard ships, mostly in the Far East! He was born in Minnesota and lived on a farm near Fertile (Polk Co.?) until he was 8, and has lived in (out of?) Missoula since 1947. Harold's wife is **Cherie (Boehler) Fisher**. Cherie was born in Anaconda, and attended college in Bozeman, Billings and Dillon. She has taught school in Stockton, California, and Musselshell, Brockton and Anaconda, Montana. Kevin (aged 8) and Katie (aged 5) are Harold and Cherie's children. Harold is currently working on the index to the first 12 WMGS Bulletins [he's great with computers!] And he is willing to share his computer experience and help other members, especially with the PAF (Personal Ancestral File) program for genealogical records. Cherie is actively working with children through school, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and church. When she left teaching, she went into computers and the printing field. She currently works at The Messenger, but hopes to return to classroom teaching. Surnames Harold and Cherie are researching include: **PATTERSON** and **McSWAIN** in MO, KY and TN, 1800+; **KELLY, HALL, and DURHAM** in TN, GA, SC and NC, 1170 to 1830; and **COLCLOUGH** and **DURHAM** in VA and NC, 1650 to 1800. Thank you, Harold and Cherie, for your work with WMGS over the years!

MISSOULA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY--LIBRARIAN PAULETTE'S REPORT: New books in the Genealogy Collection:

Russian-German Settlements in the United States by Richard Shallet, translated by Lavern J. Rippley and Armand Bauer. 1974. Fargo: North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies, 207 pp. Some chapter headings: Participation of the German groups in Russia and the Russian-German settlements of America; Evangelical Black Sea Germans; Catholic Black Sea Germans; Evangelical Volga Germans; Catholic Volga Germans; Emigration and immigration; Colonizers, customs and life; Churches, newspapers, politics, clubs; World War, years of distress in the old homeland; and Americanization. Also in this book are: Place Names of German Colonies in Russia and the Dobrudja (pp. 130-183) by Armand Bauer, and Prairie Architecture of the Russian-German Settlers (pp. 185-195) by William C. Sherman. 67 photos. This book is a gift from WMGS member Emma Job. Call number: R 973.0491 SHALLET @ Gen.Coll.

Vital Records Handbook by Thomas Jay Kemp. This Library purchase shows examples of the forms used by each state for births, marriages and deaths. R 929.3025 KEMP @ Gen.Coll.

Mouldy Oldies, Etc. or The Crest of the Red Hand by Winifred Sieh Cody. [1987?] Midstates Printing, Inc., 240 pp. A donation to the Genealogy Collection, this book concerns the family history for the O'Neill and Cody families of South Dakota (mainly, Brown Co.), as well as some Von Giesen and Sieh families. No index, lots of pictures, and several other surnames can be found. R 929.2097 CODY @ Gen.Coll.

*******GENEALOGY CLASS*******

Joyce Kemmer will teach her genealogy class this year if enough people are interested. It costs only \$20 for the 12-14 week course, probably meeting once a week. If you are interested or know others who could benefit from this great way to learn how to do genealogy, give her a call at 543-6770.

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:

Guide to Public Vital Statistics in Tennessee by the U.S. Tennessee Historical Records Survey. 1941. Nashville. A descriptive inventory and register of birth, marriage and death records for Tennessee. Includes a history of the types of records and information on how they are available.

Guide to Church Vital Statistics in Tennessee by the U.S. Tennessee War Services Section. 1942. Nashville. A descriptive inventory and register of church records in Tennessee. Includes a synopsis of record keeping in major churches and information on where records are available.

Abstracts of North Carolina Wills, 1690-1760 by John Bryan Grimes. 1912. Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1967, reprint. Abstracts and index of all early North Carolina wills. These were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State. Shows names of testators and heirs, and other genealogical data.

WMGS

The nonprofit WMGS meets the first Wednesday of each month, September through May. Membership is \$10 per year. 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 MONTHLY PROGRAM

Our monthly meetings bring 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.

WMGS NEWSLETTER

Call Sharon Rose if you have any announcements, information, etc. to include in the newsletter.

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