



**WESTERN MONTANA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P. O. Box 2714
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MARCH (& FEBRUARY) 1989

MARCH MEETING

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 1st, 7 p.m.** in the Missoula Public Library downstairs meeting room. After a short business meeting, Jo Rainbolt, Project Director for the Missoula-area family history book, will present a program on the project. She will also offer help to our members who are writing about their family history for this book--so, bring your rough draft to the meeting! Refreshments will be provided by Jo Potter (cookies) and Susan Doores (punch).

MISSOULA-AREA FAMILY HISTORY BOOK PROJECT

Please write up a short family history for this project. (See information sheet mailed with the November newsletter.) Several members have commented that they probably won't do their family history because their family roots are not in Missoula. But just think, your current roots are here, aren't they? Maybe in another 50 or more years, someone will be looking for YOU as part of their genealogy work. And I bet they will look for you in this 1989 Missoula-area history book! So why not write up something--anything--that will help those who come after us! Jo Rainbolt will give us help at the March meeting. So get writing!

WMGS MEMBER PROFILE

If one of these profiles is attached to your newsletter, PLEASE FILL IT OUT and return to Sharon at the next meeting (or mail to: Sharon Rose, 1925 Oriole, Missoula, MT 59802). I'm running out of profiles!

NEWSLETTER COPIES

Any new or returning members who are missing any newsletters for this year (September 1988 through January 1989)--please call Sharon and she will give you the copies you are missing!

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

Indexing vital stats in the Missoulian is our contribution to Montana's Centennial. We have a long way to go yet, PLEASE HELP!!! **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?

WORTHINGTON FAMILY

A family newsletter--Worthington Descendants--has been published for 6-1/2 years. It covers all branches of the Worthington surname and allied lineages. It is published quarterly and a subscription is \$15 yearly. It has unlimited, full queries. For more information, write: Frances Brengle, 6619 Pheasant Rd., Baltimore, MD 21220.

WMGS MEMBER PROFILE

Phyllis Bryant is one of our charter members. Surnames and people Phyllis is researching include: John O. **GRAY** in Cedar Rapids, IA, 1841-57; the Rev. Milton **SMITH** in Chicago, IL, circa 1842; William **BRYANT** in Paris, TX, circa 1900; Samuel Thomas **SPENCER** in Sayra, OK, 1925-30; Thomas William **SPENCER** in Rosedale, IN, circa 18551; and _____ Thompson **SPENCER** in Rosedale, IN, circa 1851. Thank you, Phyllis, for your work with WMGS over the years!

LDS BRANCH LIBRARY IN MISSOULA

The LDS Library has a special collection, "100 Genealogical Reference Works on Microfiche."

Index to Applications for Texas Confederate Pensions compiled by John M. Kinney. Revised edition by Peggy Oakley. 1977. Austin, TX: Texas State Library Archives Division. An index of names of Confederate Civil War veterans who applied for pensions from the state of Texas, including accepted and rejected applications. The actual files are available on 700 reels of microfilm of Confederate pensioners. #6019976, 5 fiche.

1830 Citizens of Texas by Gifford White. 1983. Austin, TX: Eakin Press. A census list of persons residing in Texas prior to 1830, taken from various tax lists, land records, and other sources. #6051297, 9 fiche.

Guide to Public Vital Statistics Records in Illinois by the U.S. Illinois Historical Records Survey. 1941 (Reprint 1976). Thomson, IL: Heritage House. A checklist of existing state and local public records of births, marriages, divorces, and deaths in Illinois. Includes a history of record keeping in the state, and abstracts of the laws affecting it. #6051164, 1 fiche.

MISSOULA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY--LIBRARIAN PAULETTE'S REPORT

Paulette is nearing completion of The Death and Burials of Missoula County project. Publication should be sometime this spring. What a great centennial gift to those who come after us! Three cheers for Paulette and those who have helped her with this monumental project!

COMPUTER DISCS

Jo Potter has a source for 5-1/4 inch, double-sided, double-density floppies. They are 28 cents per disc if over 100 are ordered; 50 cents each in quantities of 1-100. Call or see her if you are interested in these, and she will try to put together an order.

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 1989 CONFERENCE

This conference will be 17-20 May 1989 in St. Paul, MN. Cost is \$80 for advance registration; \$90 later. Banquets, luncheons, etc., cost extra. There are over 100 talks and workshops planned. This appears to be "the" genealogical meeting to attend! (The 1990 conference will be in Washington, DC; and the 1991 conference will be in Portland, OR--practically "next door"!)

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. HELP ME!!!

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