



**WESTERN MONTANA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
P. O. Box 2714  
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MAY 1989

**FINAL MEETING**

The May meeting of the Western Montana Genealogical Society (WMGS) will be Wednesday, May 3rd, 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Missoula Public Library. WE WILL BE ELECTING OFFICERS FOR THIS COMING YEAR. After the business meeting, Paulette Parpart will present a slide-illustrated program on the Missoula County cemetery project. Refreshments will be provided by Hazel Harley (cookies) and Jerry Schleibe (punch). Join us for our last meeting before we all go our separate ways for the summer.

**WMGS OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR**

We are having trouble finding members willing to serve as officers. Please get involved. We are not a viable nonprofit organization without officers.

President: presides over regular meetings & any executive board meetings; sets agenda.

Vice-president: performs the duties of President in his/her absence.

Recording Secretary: records & reads the minutes of meetings; preserves minutes & reports.

Corresponding Secretary: attends to WMGS correspondence & distributes mail to officers.

Treasurer: collects & records all dues & funds received; gives bank balance at each meeting.

In addition, we will probably need chairpersons for some committees such as "Program", "Publicity", etc.

**MISSED NEWSLETTER COPIES**

Your dues for this year include receiving the September 1988 through May 1989 newsletters. If you are a new (or returning) member who is missing any of this year's newsletters, please contact Editor Sharon Rose.

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**MISSOULA-AREA FAMILY HISTORY BOOK PROJECT**  
-----Deadline Extended to MAY 31st!-----

Note the extended deadline for submission of stories. PLEASE WRITE SOMETHING FOR THIS BOOK!

-Even if you have only been in Missoula a couple years, you are probably establishing "roots" here.

-Even if your family history has already been published--or if 99.9% of your roots are somewhere else--in later years people will be looking for YOU in Missoula, because YOU are here NOW! LET THEM FIND YOU!

-Contact Jo Rainbolt (728-2021, project director) with any questions; she can help you get started.

**HOW TO:** Stories should be typed on 8½-x-11-inch paper, doublespaced, leaving ½-inch margins all around. Put your name, address and phone number in the upper lefthand corner--and your story title in the upper righthand corner--of each page. Two (2) typed pages per story is the limit for free publication. You may turn your story into the Missoula Public Library, or contact Jo Rainbolt.

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**WMGS CENTENNIAL PROJECT**

Indexing vital stats in the old Missoulian newspapers is our contribution to Montana's Centennial. We still have work to do! Wednesday mornings (10 a.m. to/through noon) and evenings (7-9 p.m.) are our usual WORK PARTIES in the Montana Room of the Missoula Public Library--you will usually find WMGS members there for company. But, you can work anytime the library is open. When you go, call another member or friend!

**WMGS MEMBER PROFILE**

WMGS member MAURICE HELTERLINE grew up in Plains, Montana (where he now lives). His family has been in Montana for over a hundred years! His interests include local history and bowling. Surnames Maurice is researching include: HELTERLINE in Missoula & Sanders Co., MT, 1880s to present; DENSLINGER in Clarion Co., PA, 1828 to present; MASSINGHAM in Racine, WI, circa 1840-70s; GREEN in MN & WI, 1860s-1930; BLISSENBACH in St. Cloud, MN, 1877 to present; and HALTERLINE in Bavaria, Germany, 1840s to present. Maurice has been working on compiling and indexing names of people who have lived in Sanders County, Montana, using a variety of sources. And, he will gladly share his Sanders Co. information with WMGS members. WMGS salutes Maurice's contributions to genealogy!

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Sorry about the "7:30" p.m. typo in last newsletter! And apologies to those who did not receive the last newsletter due to a postage mix-up. You're stuck with me for another year! I welcome suggestions, items for the newsletter and/or constructive criticism!

**LDS BRANCH LIBRARY IN MISSOULA**

The LDS Library has a special collection, "100 Genealogical Reference Works on Microfiche." In each newsletter, we highlight some of the "100."

Gazetteer of the State of Michigan by J. T. Blois. 1839. Detroit: Sydney L. Rood. A gazetteer of place names for the state of Michigan published at an early date. Includes topographical, statistical and historical descriptions of the cities, towns and counties in Michigan. #6051130, 5 fiche.

Lovell's Gazetteer of British North America edited by P. A. Crossby. 1881. Montreal: John Lovell & Son. A gazetteer of place names in Canada. Includes topographical and statistical descriptions of the cities, towns, and counties in existence in 1881. #6010015-6010020, 6 fiche.

Lovell's Canadian Dominion Directory for 1871. 1871. 9 volumes. Montreal: John Lovell. A directory of persons residing in Canada listed in city and township directories. The names and occupations of heads of households are listed. Every household in the town may not be represented, especially in the rural areas. The directory can be used to determine a possible residence in the 1871 census. Vol. 1 includes an index of towns and historical sketches. Vols. 2-4 include towns in Ontario. Vols. 5-7 include towns in Quebec. Vol. 8 includes towns in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland. Vol. 9 includes Prince Edward Island and miscellaneous data. #6046766, 38 fiche.

Canadian Participants in the American Revolution, An Index by V. E. DeMarce. 1980. Typescript. A valuable register of Canadians (mainly from Ontario) who participated in the American Revolutionary War. Shows the soldier's name, where he was stationed, rank, time period, family information, age, and service record in the British Army or militia. #6046783, 6 fiche.

**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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