



**WESTERN MONTANA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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SEPTEMBER 1989

SEPTEMBER MEETING

With our September meeting, WMGS enters its second decade! Join us Wednesday, September 6th, 7 p.m. in the Missoula Public Library downstairs meeting room for the first meeting of our 11th year. After the business meeting, Jerry Schliebe will talk about the history of his personal genealogical research, including his ancestors in Prussia (the portion that is now Poland). And, he has pictures to show. Refreshments will be provided by Joyce Kemmer. Bring a friend with you to the meeting and learn what other members are up to!

WMGS PUBLICATION

Index to the Death and Burial Records of Missoula County, Montana by Paulette Parpart--

Volume 1--Missoula City Cemetery: about 212 pages (17,000+ entries)

Volume 2--All other cemeteries in city and county of Missoula: about 142 pages (11,000+ entries); includes addendum of people who died in Missoula Co. but Paulette is not absolutely sure they are buried in the county.

--ANTICIPATED PUBLICATION: late September. LOOK FOR ORDER FORM IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!! Price will include postage/handling.

--These volumes are a KEY to the WMGS "BIO. SHEETS."*

--Format for each entry in the volumes is: SURNAME; 1st NAME; MIDDLE NAME (or nickname or conflict of names); SEX; DEATH DATE; CEMETERY BURIED IN; BURIAL DATE.

--ALL entries are based on a CEMETERY RECORD and a TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTION.

--Additionally, some entries are based on mortuary records, Missouliau obituary, church records, etc.--any source that enabled Paulette to further complete the entry. Due to poor, incomplete, and/or missing records, several of the entries in the volumes are incomplete.

--Earliest burial date listed is 1860; latest is about 1987 (exceptions include Sunset Cemetery to about 1985 and Carlton Cemetery to about 1986).

--WMGS is the publisher; Paulette will have the copyright; profits go to WMGS.

--Copy for the volumes is based on high-quality, laser-printer type (Thanks to Harold Fisher!)

--Volume 3 is being worked on; it will be based on MORTUARY RECORDS.

--By way of comparison, only about 25% of the entries can be found in Missoula newspapers! Many incomplete entries are due to minimal name (i.e., "baby Smith"); vague death/burial date ("died August"); vague "cemetery" or burial location ("buried in upper Rattlesnake [Creek] area"; cremated and location of remains unknown--in family attic? backyard? sprinkled over the mountains??); no sex recorded ("baby Smith"); etc.

--This is the result of over 3 years of Paulette's free time (and numerous volunteers who gathered tombstone inscriptions, etc. for the Bio. Sheets.)

--A Second Edition is already in the planning--for the "far" (20 years?) future. It will, hopefully, fill in the blanks of this first edition, and cover deaths and burials from about 1988 to publication date. It will be quite complete, "Because," to quote Paulette, "all of the sources are going to be consulted and every hole that can possibly be filled, will be done, before we do a second edition!"

*"BIO. SHEETS" contain data for Missoula County people. Some of the data (blanks) on each sheet include: birth, marriage, and death dates and places; mortuary handling cremation/burial; where buried; etc. The sheets are INCOMPLETE and being added to all the time (i.e., as Missouliau obituaries are indexed, etc.). Information sources include: cemetery, county, mortuary, and church records; obituaries; and tombstones. ALL (possible) sources have NOT been checked relative to ALL of these bio sheets--this is an ongoing project by WMGS. The Bio. Sheets are: property of WMGS; stored at the Missoula Public Library; and protected by library-staff-only access--ask library staff to see these--they cannot leave the library--they may be copied.

DUES ARE DUE! Bring your check to the Sept. meeting or mail your check to Harold Fisher, c/o Western Montana Genealogical Society at the address above. Dues for single members are \$10 each, or \$12 for family membership, per year.

PIONEER & HOMESTEAD PIONEER CERTIFICATES

Forms for these certificates will be available at the September meeting: cost of obtaining a certificate is \$5. These are available to those whose ancestors came to Montana in 1900 or before ("pioneer") or whose ancestors homesteaded in Montana in 1920 or before ("homestead pioneer"). This is in conjunction with Montana's Centennial.

MISSOULA CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Starting September 11th, the fall hours at the library will be: Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday & Monday closed.

LDS BRANCH LIBRARY IN MISSOULA

Hours at the Branch Library are: Tuesdays & Thursdays, noon-4 p.m. and 7-9³⁰ p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Two new books at the Library: one on Canadian genealogical research and one on New York City genealogical research.

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

Spis Miejscowosci Polskiej Rzeczypospolitej Ludowej edited by J. Jodlowska. 1967. Warsaw: Wydawnictwa Komunikacji i Lacznosci. A gazetteer of place names for modern Poland. Shows towns, districts, and province jurisdictions, and local civil registration offices. 15 fiche: #6000369-6000383.

Les Noms de Famille Suisses, Familiennamenbuch der Schweiz, i Nomi Di Famiglia Svizzeri. 1940. Zurich: Polygraphischer Verlag. A guide to locating family surnames in Switzerland. Shows towns of origin for each Swiss family surname. 11 fiche: #6053507.

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 NEWSLETTER

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

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