



**WESTERN MONTANA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P. O. Box 2714
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JANUARY 1990

JANUARY MEETING

Our first meeting of the 90's will be Tuesday, January 9th, 1990, 7 p.m. (in the Missoula Public Library downstairs meeting room. After a short business meeting, President Joyce Kemmer will show the movie, Heartland, which was filmed in Montana (3 counties near Lewistown) by a Montana production group, Wilderness Women. Based on diaries of a (Wyoming) pioneer woman, the story follows a young widow who accepts a position with a rancher. Among the child actors is Joyce's grandchild, and a young girl (Megan Folson) known by some of our members. Refreshments will be provided by Judith Field (cookies) and Joyce (punch). REMINDER: Refreshments for February are Sharon Rose (cookies) and Jerry Schliebe (punch).

SAVE GROCERY STORE COUPONS FOR THE LEWISTOWN LIBRARY

The Lewistown Library is experiencing financial difficulties: for a fund-raising project, they are placing money-saving coupons on products in grocery stores--perhaps you have seen similar efforts in Missoula stores for the high school band and a local singing group? The Sunday Missoulian newspaper always has one or two sections of colorful, grocery-store coupons (for money off on purchases). Would you please save these sections and bring them to meetings? If you cannot get to a meeting, or wish to donate these more often, you can drop these off at A SPECIAL COLLECTION BOX in the Missoula Public Library (upstairs, near the copy machine). You do not need to cut the coupons apart.

"THE INDEX TO THE DEATH AND BURIAL RECORDS OF MISSOULA COUNTY, MONTANA"

You probably have seen the order form for Paulette Parpart's epic compilation, based on WMGS's "Bio-sheet" project which uses our Missoulian indexing project. But, if you have not, included with this newsletter is a flyer explaining the 2-volume work, accompanied by an order form. A MUST-HAVE for Missoula-area research! [With my apologies to Paulette--I did not get these out earlier.]

MISSING NEWSLETTERS

From your editor, Sharon Rose: No, I have not written, nor mailed, newsletters for November and December 1989. I apologize for this, but family matters pretty much precluded time for me to devote to WMGS. Hopefully, with this (albeit, late) January newsletter, we are back on track. Thank you for your patience.

LAST CALL FOR 1989-90 DUES!

If you have a red check by your name, we do not have you recorded as paying 1989-90 dues, and THIS will be the last newsletter we send you. If you think there has been a mistake, please contact Treasurer Harold Fisher (phone 721-5333, or 405 Agnes Ave., Missoula, MT 59801.) Dues for single members are \$10 each, or \$12 for family membership, per year.

"WARNINGS: GENEALOGY POX (Very Contagious to Adults)"

[This item appeared in another [Massachusetts? Worcester? Co.] genealogy newsletter, and was submitted by WMGS member Hazel Harley for our newsletter. Thank you, Hazel. P.S. Hazel, I have Uxbridge marked on my Massachusetts map--my or my husband's family was there?]

Symptoms: Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he [or she] doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote, desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls. Hides phone bills from spouse and mumbles to self. Has strange, faraway look in eyes.

NO KNOWN CURE!

Treatment: Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

Remarks: The unusual nature of this disease is--the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it!

From Carol Hathaway, Wellington, NV

HELP WITH NEWSLETTER

I welcome your input--ideas for improvement (other than, being on time); information you come across in your genealogical work, reading, etc.; items you want to share with others--HELP ME!

PROGRAM TAPES: NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE--1989

[Harold Fisher has the following audio tapes of programs from the NGS Conference that was held 17-20 May 1989, St. Paul, MN. Contact him if you would like to borrow one. Thank you, Harold, for sharing these.]

- #17. Norwegian-American Genealogy: Before You Cross the Ocean (Gerhard B. Naeseth, Research in Norway).
- #42. Is This the Same Man--Or a Different One with the Same Name? (Helen F. M. Leary).
- #54. Solving Problems Using Records of Collateral Relatives. (Marsha Hoffman Rising).
- #64. Norwegian-American Genealogy: After You Cross the Ocean. (Gerhard B. Naeseth, Norwegian Research in U.S.)
- #73. Get All the Milk Out of the Coconut: The Full Significance of Genealogical Sources, Alone and Together. (Neil D. Thompson).
- #92. Solving Research Problems in Kentucky and Tennessee. (Lloyd Bockstruck).
- #97. Civil War Research: More Than Pensions (Union and Confederate). (Marie Varrelman Melchiori).
- #103. Beyond the Inscription: Gathering Full Cemetery Information. (Patricia Geyh).
- #108. NGS Computer Interest Group Luncheon--Computers in Genealogy: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. (Paul Andereck).
- #110. Naturalization Records and Passenger Lists. (Loretto Dennis Szucs).
- #112. The Battle of the Burned Courthouse. (Elizabeth Shown Mills).
- #116. Irish Research. (Bruce S. Elliott).

1990 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Need one? Need another? We are still indexing vital statistics from the old Missoulian newspapers at the Missoula Public Library. Work is in the Montana room (upstairs). Wednesdays are a good day to find other WMGS members there. If you go, why not give another member a call--two is twice as much fun! If you need help, contact Paulette Parpart or Carol Israel.

WMGS

The nonprofit WMGS meets the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, September through May. Single membership is \$10 per year. Some WMGS goals include: enlarging and enriching our 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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Western Montana Genealogical Society Publications

The first two volumes of The Index to the Death and Burial Records of Missoula County, Montana are now available.

- Volume 1: Burials in Missoula City Cemetery (212 pages)
 Volume 2: Burials in other Missoula County cemeteries (142 pages)

Over 18,000 names are listed in volume 1 and over 12,000 names are listed in volume 2.

The index includes the following:

Name	Sex	Death Date	Cem	Burial Date
Fitz Maud	F	24 Jun 1889	PMB	25 Jun 1889
Francis Ellen	M	01 Dec 1879	PMB	
Garrett Martha	F	09 Feb 1889	PMB	10 Feb 1889
Giffin [child]	M	22 Feb 1889	PMB	23 Feb 1889
Griffin James P.	M	22 Feb 1878	PMB	23 Feb 1878

The information in the index is based upon data collected by the members of the Western Montana Genealogical Society's "Bio-sheet" project. The bio-sheets contain the known data on an individual that died or is buried in Missoula County, with reference to the source of the information. The primary sources were cemetery transcriptions, cemetery records, mortuary records and the newspapers. By using the index, a copy of the "Bio-sheet" may be requested to give the researcher additional sources for further research.

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Volume 1 - Burials in Missoula City Cemetery, 212 pages (WMGS member price \$15.00)	\$17	_____	\$_____
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