



**WESTERN MONTANA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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FEBRUARY 1990

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February meeting will be Tuesday, February 13th, 1990, 7 p.m. (in the Missoula Public Library downstairs meeting room). After a short business meeting, we will have some fun indexing old Missoulian newspapers. Refreshments will be provided by Sharon Rose (cookies) and Jerry Schliebe (punch). **REMINDER:** Refreshments for March will be provided by Mary and Bob Ellis.

KEEP SAVING GROCERY STORE COUPONS!!!

For a fund-raising project, the Lewistown Library is placing money-saving coupons on products in grocery stores. The Sunday Missoulian newspaper always has one or two sections of colorful, grocery-store coupons. Please save these sections and bring them to meetings, or drop them off at the SPECIAL COLLECTION BOX in the Missoula Public Library (upstairs, near the copy machine). You do not need to cut the coupons apart.

GRAVES' FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Graves Give and Take, a new newsletter about Graves family lines, started publication in mid-1989. The newsletter is to be published four-times yearly; the first issue was August[?] 1989. Interested persons are asked to share Graves family pedigrees, histories, inquiries, reunion dates, book reviews, wills, obits, military records, etc. Subscription rate is \$10 annually; only \$5 for 1989 (half-year). Contact: Pat Moore Publications, 111 Ardmore Drive, Billings, MT 59102. [Ed: based on April 1989 news release.]

EWGS SPRING SEMINAR: SPOKANE, MARCH 24, 1990

The Eastern Washington Genealogical Society's spring seminar will be March 24th, 1990 (8:30 a.m.--4 p.m.), Lounge A and B, Student Union Building, Spokane Falls Community College. Featured speaker will be Arlene H. Eakle, Ph.D.: she's a nationally recognized genealogist, founder of the Genealogical Institute (Salt Lake City), and author of The Source (an invaluable genealogical-research book). Arlene will speak on: "Tracing the Ladies in Your Pedigree," "Photograph Analysis," "Pre-1820 'Census' Records," and "The Case of the Missing Ancestor--How to Use American Court Records." Reservations must be received with a check (\$12 per person) BEFORE March 14th. Mail to: Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1826, Spokane, WA 99210-1826; along with your name and address. Contact Joyce Kemmer if you have any questions.

WMGS MEMBER PROFILE: SUSAN DOORES

Susan Doores grew up in Galesburg, Illinois, and her husband is Rex Svoboda. She also has lived in Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Colorado, and Idaho--on her way to Montana. In addition to genealogy, her hobbies include antique dolls, and miscellaneous sewing and art work; she is skilled at calligraphy and will share her talent with WMGS members. Names Susan is researching for her genealogical work include: James W. DOORES in Allen Co., KY, ca. 1830, and in Barren Co., KY, ca. 1850; Robert Allen DOORES in IL (unknown county), ca. 1865, and in Vernon Co., MO, 1883; Dr. William Morris DOORES in Lincoln Co., KY, ca 1900; French DOORES in Boyle Co., KY, ca. 1860; William J. DOORES in Culpeper Co., VA, 1824; and Edwin William DOORES in Shelby Co., MO, ca. 1880.

LDS BRANCH LIBRARY IN MISSOULA: The LDS Library has a special collection, "100 Genealogical Reference Works on Microfiche." We highlight some of the "100" here.

A Gazetteer of the States of Illinois and Missouri by L. C. Caleb. 1823. New York: Arno Press, 1975. A gazetteer of place names in Illinois and Missouri, published at a very early date. Includes historical, topographical and statistical data on the towns, villages, and counties. #6010063, 4 fiche.

Descriptive Inventory of the Archives of the State of Illinois by V. Irons and P. C. Brennan. 1978. Springfield: Illinois State Archives. A checklist and description of the holdings and arrangement of records at the Illinois State Archives. #6046721, 9 fiche.

War of 1812 Bounty Lands in Illinois by U.S. Congress, House. 26th Congress, 1st Sess., House Document 262. Reprint. Thomson, IL: Heritage House, 1977. An index of veterans of War of 1812 who filed bounty land warrant applications in the Illinois military land tract. Shows name, rank, unit, and location of land. #6051272, 8 fiche.

Some Original Land Grant Surveys along Green River in Lincoln and Casey Counties, 1781-1836 by J. F. Sutherland. 1975. No publisher. An index and register of land grants for early Kentucky counties. Includes names of grantees and location of the land, as well as information concerning research techniques. #6051189, 6 fiche.

EXTRA MAY-, SEPTEMBER-, & OCTOBER-1989 NEWSLETTERS

Anyone who has the extra piles of newsletters for these 3 months: Would you please give Sharon a call, so she can pick them up and add them to the newsletter editor's files? Thank you.

SENDING MONEY OVERSEAS--IN ANOTHER COUNTRY'S CURRENCY

Judith Field came across a helpful bit of information in a complimentary copy of Heritage Quest magazine. It concerns help with getting checks made out in the currency of a foreign country. Ever tried to do this at a local bank? Have you run into numerous surcharges, each step of the way? Try contacting: Ruesch International Monetary Services (RIMS), phone 1-800-424-2923; they will connect you with their Washington, DC office. RIMS only charges \$2 for each transaction. RIMS figures the exchange rate with the foreign country, and then bills you for the U.S. equivalent of that amount, plus their handling charge. You pay the RIMS billing amount, and they then send you the check to be mailed to the foreign country, in that country's currency and bankable in that country. Believe there was something about needing a credit card for this; not sure if you can pay by credit card or not. Contact Judith for further details.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS!

SHIP-PASSENGER LISTS (NY)

Harold Fisher read an article in this[?] month's issue of Genealogical Helper: the ship-passenger lists (into NY City) are not indexed for about 1848 to 1890. A group is working on an index for these lists, and is looking for volunteers to read microfilms for the indexing project. Check the Genealogical Helper for more information on this project.

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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