



**WESTERN MONTANA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P. O. Box 2714
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JANUARY 1991

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be on January 10th at 7:00 pm in the small meeting room of the Missoula Public Library. The tour of the Mansfield Library at the University of Montana has had to be re-scheduled to April 1991, so at this meeting, Judith Field will talk about using French and Latin vital records from civil records and parish registers respectively. How to pick out key words and make your own forms to make translations easier will be shown.

HELPFUL HINT - from Lauren Johnson's talk on traveling to do genealogy last December - carry a tape recorder with you to record what you have seen and done at the particular time.

DUES

Dues are \$10.00/year for individuals or \$12.00/year for a family and can be mailed to our P.O. box 2714.

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Program ****	open	

**** We are in need of a program chairperson/ suggestions for programs/ people willing to present a program ****
Contact Joyce Kemmer or one of the other officers. Thanks.

** NEWS ITEM ** from the MISSOULIAN, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1991 -- "SOME U.S. HISTORY DIES IN COMPUTER REVOLUTION"
This article by Michael J. Sniffen of the Associated Press contained this quote from Rep. Bob Wise, D-W.Va. "The ability to read our nation's historical records is threatened by the complexity of modern computers. Already the National Archives has computer records that can't be read." Many records from the past 30 years are available only on computer tape that is intelligible only by computer systems that are obsolete or have been discarded. Some of the tapes have also already decomposed or will do so if run through the old machines that can read them. Of particular importance to genealogists is the fact that these records include the 1960 Census Data, and the "most extensive record of Americans who served in World War II" which "exists exists only on 1600 reels of microfilm of computer punch cards." There is no machine currently available which can read and re-interpret this material! It is unknown how many other records currently exist in only this condition. Kenneth Thibodeau, the director of electronic records for the National Archives said that while Congress has just increased his staff from 20 to 28, it would take them 25 years to process all the materials that are owed them by every agency from the last 20 years.

IN THE MAIL THIS MONTH

NGS NEWSLETTER Vol. 16, No. 6, Nov-Dec 1990 - the Library Loan Service for NGS members no longer requires a separate \$15.00 library loan registration fee or the \$10.00 deposit prior to ordering books. All book loans are now subject to a flat rate user fee based on distance so that exact fees can now be sent with the book loan order.*** This edition also has a good 5 pg. article dealing with copyrights and "fair use" for published and unpublished materials.

Bit O'Roots Vol. 3, No. 2 (1990) - Bitterroot Genealogical Society Quarterly. Their next program will be Jan. 23rd at 1:00 pm in the Council for the Aging Room of the Hamilton County Courthouse. Dorothy Beamer will talk about

research in Wales.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Lancaster, PA is putting on their 13th annual genealogical conference on Sat., April 6, 1991 at the Lancaster, PA, high school. Fee for non-members is \$30.00. Att. Martin A.A. DIESTLER of Chicago, will be the keynote speaker and give two workshops - "Determining Jurisdictions for Research in Germany" and "Migrations in Germany from the Southwest to the Northeast", the latter dealing with the massive migrations of the Palatines.

BOOK ADS

Cady Genealogy Revised and Updated - 800 pps. of Cady Family Information, 11,000 name index. March 1990. Jim Cady, 1907 West Oak St., Denton, TX 76201, \$50.00 + \$2.00 postage.

Scholarly Resources Inc. - has a brochure advertising various books available. Some are listed below; for more info check the vertical file of the Missoula Public Library Genealogy Collection.

Pennsylvania Land Records, a History and Guide for Research

Germans to America, Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports 1850-1893.

Directory of American Libraries with Genealogy or Local History Collections

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

If you are ordering census films and there is a second filming, be sure to order using the second filming number. Often the first filmings are very difficult to read!

FAMILY SEARCH UPDATE - from a report by Mary Lynn Spijkerman Packer

1 - A new and updated version of the Ancestral File part of the new CD disk computerized search will be out soon.

2 - The Social Security Death Index has been added to the Family Search programs and is now available at the Missoula Family History Library. All deaths reported to Social Security from 1936-1962 (1.5 million names) and all deaths reported to Social Security from 1962-1988 (38 million names) are on 4 CD disks. These can be searched and the information can also be downloaded to your floppy disk. It is very easy to use and can be very helpful in locating that missing relative who was living after 1936 and died before 1988. On entering your surname using either exact or similar spelling, the first screen you see will be a list of persons of that name (with the entered person highlighted) showing the birth year, state where Social Security number was first issued, death year, and state of residence at death. If you continue with the search the next screen will give an exact birth date, the Social Security number, month and year of death and state. If a zip code is included in the locality information for the death, the next screen will show the localities for that zip code and where the death benefit was paid if at all. Continuing the search will show a list of states and, after selecting the one you need, you will see the current address of where to write for birth and death records and the current cost. Further information is available directly from the Social Security Administration under the Freedom of Information Act and a sample letter is included in the bulletin at the Family History Library. This request may return the names of the parents of the deceased and costs \$7.00 if the Social Security number is included with the request.

SOME INTERESTING FINDS IN THE MOST USED BOOKS ON MICROFICHE

Index to Selected City Streets and Enumeration Districts for the 1910 Census. This covers only major U.S. cities
Known Military Dead During the Revolutionary War.

Loyalist Claims Which Arose From the Revolutionary War.

Pensioners of the Revolutionary War.

Rejected or Suspended Applications for Revolutionary War Pensions.

General Index to a Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Service.

Pension Lists of 1818.

Pension Rolls of 1835.

Known Military Dead During the War of 1812.

Grassroots of America - A Computerized Index to the American State Papers, Land Grants and Claims (1789-1837).

Morton Allen Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals, 1890-1930 Port of NY, 1904-1936 Port of NY, Philadelphia, Boston, and Baltimore.

Index to American Genealogies.

Immigrants to America in the Early Years.

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