



**WESTERN MONTANA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
P. O. Box 2714  
Missoula, MT 59806**

FEBRUARY 1991

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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FEBRUARY MEETING \*\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY AND PLACE \*\*\*\*\*

The meeting for this month will be on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13th, 7:00 p.m. in the Family History Library at the LDS Church, 3201 Bancroft, Missoula. (If you enter by the southside of the building, the library is the first room to the right). We will get acquainted with the library's new computer systems.

UPCOMING MEETINGS \*\*\*\*\* MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

\*\*Thursday, March 14th, 7:00 p.m. at Missoula Public Library. Video Heritage on preserving film.

\*\*Thursday, April 11th, 7:00 p.m. at MANSFIELD LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY of MONTANA. Dennis Richards, Government Documents Librarian, will give us a look at some of the genealogical holdings.

\*\*Thursday, May 9th, 7:00 p.m. at Missoula Public Library. Ms. Ellie Anguinbau from the Montana Historical Society in Helena will present the program.

NORWEGIAN GENEALOGY \*\*\*\*\* A beginning Norwegian genealogy group is being organized by the Normanden Lodge, Sons of Norway. The first meeting will be at Nordic Pines, 7:30 pm, 28 Feb 1991. Anyone searching in Norway is welcome to attend. Please call Harold Fisher, 721- 5333, for more information.

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR - "Westward Ho", May 3-4, 1991, Sheraton Hotel, 400 10th Ave. South, Great Falls, MT 59405. Pre-registration by April 15, 1991 is \$30.00 per person (\$35.00 at the door). See schedule.

Recipes are still needed for the State Society fundraiser!!! If you have anything that you would like to submit (an heirloom recipe or just an old favorite) please send them to Florence Wagstaff, Box 823, Billings, MT 59103, by Feb. 15th, 1991.

**\*\* REPLY FROM CONGRESSMAN \*\*** In our last newsletter we noted an article from the MISSOULIAN, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1991 - "SOME U.S. HISTORY DIES IN COMPUTER REVOLUTION". Some of our members then wrote to some of our Congressmen to ask what could be done about this. Carol Israel has received a response from Rep. Ron Marlenee's office, and they have sent her a government pamphlet dealing with the problem pointed out in that article. The document is UNION CALENDAR No. 571, TAKING A BYTE OUT OF HISTORY: THE ARCHIVAL PRESERVATION OF FEDERAL COMPUTER RECORDS, which is dated Nov. 6, 1990. This report discussed the problems with old computer records, the widespread use of non-paper records by government agencies, and what needs to be done to insure that important records will be preserved for the future. A copy of this report will be in the file at the Missoula Public Library.

FEDERAL LAND PATENTS TO BE INDEXED The Winter 1990 edition of FGS FORUM has announced that they have received a



correspondence from Terry L. Plumber, Acting State Director, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, that the Eastern States Office of the Bureau of Land Management has begun a records automation project which, over the next four years, will place each patent, plat, and field note into an easily used computer system from which genealogists will be able to locate a patent record by land description or patentee name. Access will be both on-site or by remote dial-in.

Also, see the Records Access reports from the states in this issue of FGS FORUM.  
The fee for certified copies of birth and death records from the NYC Dept. of Health is now \$15.00!

IN THE MAIL THIS MONTH

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY, Dec. 1990.

TREASURE STATE LINES, VOL. 15, NO.4, 1990, GREAT FALLS, MT. Index to 1990 issues.

THE TRI-COUNTY SEARCHER, VOL. 11, NO.2, SEPT. 1990, Broken Mountain Gen. Soc., Chester, MT.

BIG HORN COUNTY GEN. SOC. NEWSLETTER, JAN. 1991. Passes on a great idea from the Bluegrass Roots, Summer 1990 - cook any books suspected of being infested with bugs by "cooking" them in the microwave for 60 secs. on a warm or low setting. This method is used by the Library of Congress.

THE GEN-BUG NEWS, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum Newsletter, Jan. 1991.

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Jefferson County Genealogical and Historical Society, Inc., 11211 Brookley Drive, Louisville, KY 40229, announces its recent formation with intent to publish a quarterly newsletter with queries. Dues are \$10.00 annually, and one should include a family chart/ancestor chart with dues. For more info write to Joseph Thornton, above address.

1991 NGS CONFERENCE - May 29 thru June 1, Portland, Oregon. Brochures available.

Idaho Genealogical Society - 1910 Idaho Census Index will be published in 3-4 months. Pre-publication price of \$75.00 if ordered by 15 Feb 1991. (\$95.00 after). Order from Idaho Gen. Soc., 4620 Overland Rd., #204, Boise, ID 83705. The 1870 and 1880 indexes are also still available.

Higginson Books - We have received two new catalogues with an offer of a 10% discount from the Family History Catalogue (20% if we order \$100.00 worth or more) and a 10% discount on any book published by Higginson in the Source Catalog. To receive these discounts you must place your order through the society. If you have a book in mind or are looking for a particular family or county history, call Judith Field, 728-1628, and I will check the catalogues for you, or you can look them over at the next meeting. If we can place an order for \$100.00 from the Family History Catalogue, the extra 10% discount would make a nice contribution to the society book fund.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY - The January 1991 Parish Vital Records Fiche are in.

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"WESTWARD HO"

2nd Annual  
Montana State Genealogical Society Seminar  
May 3-4, 1991  
Sheraton Hotel  
400 10th Avenue South  
Great Falls, MT 59405

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Friday, May 3, 1991

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Registration and No-Host Reception  
(Refreshments)  
7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Opening Remarks by State President  
7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Entertainment  
7:45 p.m. - Dr. Harry Fritz, History Professor, University of Montana, Missoula  
"Migratory Patterns across the U.S. in the 1800's"

Saturday, May 4, 1991

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own  
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Late Registration and Get Acquainted  
Displays, Sales Tables, Book browsing, etc.  
8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Announcements and remarks by Host President  
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Mini-Workshops: 1. Indian Studies with Bill Thackeray, NMC, Havre  
2. Surname Booklets with Bob Matkins, Butte, Mt.  
3. Norwegian Research with Donna Walberg, Gt. Falls  
4. Genealogy by Computer info and update with Donna  
Jones of Family History Library, Gt. Falls.  
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break  
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Mini-Workshops repeated: You'll be able to take two.  
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon Browse time  
12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m. Luncheon with Jimmy Parker, Keynote Speaker  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Annual Mt. State Genealogical Society's Business Meeting  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Jimmy Parker, Keynote Speaker, Family History Library, Salt Lake City  
"Research in the Mid-West"  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Displays, Sales Tables, Book Browsing, etc.  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktail Hour  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Banquet with Julia Watson, Speaker  
"Writing Your Life"  
Door Prizes, Recognitions, Thank Yous, announcements, etc.  
8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Displays, Sales Tables, Book Browsing and visiting until 10:00 p.m.  
when doors are closed.

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COST: Pre-Registration by April 15, 1991: \$30.00 per person  
Registration at the Door on May 3, 1991: 35.00 per person

SURNAME CARD REGISTRATION: Send five, or groups of five, 3 x 5" index cards with the following information: Ancestor's Surname, given name, birth marriage or death date and place of event to the Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, c/o Al Stoner, 6330 Blackfoot Drive, Helena, MT 59601 along with \$2.50 for each set of five cards. You will receive a computerized printout with all 1991 entries plus submitter names and addresses. Please don't resubmit names entered at 1990 Seminar. The 1990 Printout is still available for \$1.50.