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

APRIL MEETING - Mansfield Library Tour, University of Montana - Guests and visitors are welcome.

We will not have our usual meeting this month, but will meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 11th, in the lobby just inside the entrance to the University of Montana's Mansfield Library. Dennis Richards, government documents librarian, will conduct a tour of the library's collections that are of genealogical interest. There are sources from all areas of the U.S. as well as Montana so this should be helpful for everyone. Handouts will be available.

The presentation at last month's meeting was by Video Heritage, a Genealogical Movie Production Service. A video tape made from photos, slides and 8 mm. film was shown so we could see how a personal video-movie could be made so as to leave a permanent record of ancestry that can be easily viewed by future generations. The cost is 10 cents a foot to copy 8 mm. films and a discount will be given for films over 400 feet. Tom and Ellen can be reached at (406) 721-6993 and will be happy to answer questions. They will also give a discount to genealogy society members.

UPCOMING MEETINGS **** MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Thursday, May 9th, 7:30 p.m. at Missoula Public Library. Ms. Ellie Anguimbau from the Montana Historical Society in Helena will present the program.

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 $10.00 ($15.00 at the door). See form below.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS - “Reading Early American Handwriting”, Fri. & Sat., May 16-17, 1991. $95.00 for the full workshop which will be presented by Kip Sperry. For more info contact BYU, Reading Early American Handwriting, Conferences and Workshops, 156 Harman Bldg., Provo, UT 84602, (801) 378-2559.

1991 NGS CONFERENCE - May 29 thru June 1, Portland, Oregon. Brochures available at the City Library.

IN THE MAIL THIS MONTH

Big Sky Roundup, Newsletter of the Montana State Genealogical Society, April 1991. Orders for the fund-raiser cookbook, “Family Roots and Recipes”, are coming in and you can reserve one from the first printing by contacting Florence Nagstaff, Box 623, Billings, MT 59103.

Root Diggers Genealogical Society Newsletter, Feb./Mar. 1991. An article on genealogical numbering systems gives examples of four systems applies to the same group of ancestors.

**** Free Offer of Help - If your SCOTTISH ANCESTOR is reputed to have come to America in the period 1757-63 and was born before 1741, he may have been a soldier with Col. Simon Fraser’s 78th Highlander Regt. which was recruited in the Inverness area, and came over to fight the French in Canada, and remained in America after discharge in 1763. Walter H. McIntosh, Box 214, Topsfield, MA 01983, has regimental rosters listing all officers and private soldiers in the 14 companies of the regt. and a separate list of the 170 men who remained in North America at their own choice following discharge. A number remained in Canada and married French-Canadian women, others trickled down into New England and New York State. If you suspect this might be the solution to your ancestor’s arrival, please give full name, and Mr. McIntosh will check these records to see if the name appears. Please send a Legal sizes SASE for reply.

Looking for a missing heir or long-lost friend? The Social Security Administration’s letter forwarding service will send a letter from you to the missing person providing the purpose of your research is either humanitarian (locating an estranged family member or lost friend) or monetary (tracing a missing heir). You must provide the person’s date of birth, and parents’ names or other identifying information. The agency won’t reveal the missing person’s whereabouts, or verify that the letter was received. It simply acts as the intermediary. There’s no charge for humanitarian requests, otherwise searches cost $3.00. Write to the Soc. Sec. Admin., Office of Central Records Operations, 300 N. Green St., Rm 1312, Tower Metro West, Baltimore, MD 21201.

**** More Census Hints - Maurice Helterline has written a note in response to last month’s Census Hint from the Big Sky Roundup Newsletter. He points out that in 1860, Montana west of the Continental Divide was a part of Spokane County, Washington Territory. He also has a list of the 272 names of residents from the Bitterroot Valley from the 1860 census, and points out that there were also white residents in the Colville Valley and Pendray Mountains at this time, including some who were later much a part of Western Montana genealogy - Henry Edgar, and Telephonie J. Deemer and wife.

**** BLACK SHEEP WRITING CONTEST - sponsored by the Colorado Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 9218, Denver, CO 80209, invites you to apply your writing and documenting skills to “black sheep, wild and wooly”. The subject “black sheep” must have died prior to 1930, and need not be related to your family. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, October 11th, 1991. Complete rules and instructions can be obtained by sending a SASE to the above address.

**** BUTTE RECORDS - in the Mansfield Library Archives and Special Collections: * Open Mon.-Fri., 9:00-5:00 only
Butte Mortuary Records - a microfilm copy of the Butte Mortuary Records Index Books for March 1901-December 1917, catalogue no. MBS 142. This is a film copy of the books in the Butte Silver Bow Public Library. The records are in several time spans for the dates given, and include age, d. birth, d. death, pl. death, mortuary and cemetery. It does not include all deaths in Butte as recording was not mandatory at this time.

Butte, Montana Directories, 1884-5. M978.668.P769d
The Butte Daily Post (as Daily Intercountian), May 1881-1912. M978.668.B9884

Can You Help?
Looking for a William Frank HERSBERGER, b.1876 Centre, PA, m.1900 Helen Patten, Joliet, IL. He may have lived in Montana 1903-1940. Contact Phyllis M. Pohlers, 1308 Bonnie Ln., Rogers, AK 72756.


Need to find parents of Thomas Lester or Lester Thomas KING, liv.Missoula 1936, m.Bonnie Fay BLANFORD in Missoula; dau. Norva Jean BLANFORD b. April 1937 in Kalispell.
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Please print

NAME ________________________
ADDRESS ________________________
CITY ______________ STATE _______ ZIP ______ PHONE ______

Fee is postmarked by April 15 ..............$30.00
Registration at the Door on May 3 ...........$35.00
This fee includes both the luncheon and banquet on Saturday.
Make checks payable to: Montana State Genealogical Soc. Seminar
Send to: Montana State Genealogical Society
% Betty Marshall, Treasurer
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Chester, Montana 59522

Please make your own reservations. The seminar site is SHERATON
IN Great Falls, Mt. Phone: 727-7200 or Montana only: 1-800-626-8009

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