



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

MAY 1991

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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.

MAY MEETING - Thursday, May 9th, 7:00 p.m. at Missoula Public Library. Ms. Ellie Anguimbau from the Montana Historical Society in Helena will present the program. This will be the last meeting until September. At this meeting we will be voting on a revised copy of the WMGS bylaws (copy enclosed in members newsletters). Also, it is election time, and as we had no nominating committee, nominations for officers will be taken from the floor for next year's officers.

We had a wonderful turnout for our April tour of the Mansfield Library with Dennis Richards. We owe him our thanks for the tour and the two handouts- "Mansfield Library Genealogical Research Guide", 13pp., and the "Montana Territory (State) Census Schedules, 5pp. If anyone missed the tour and would like a copy of the handouts, we can copy them for \$1.10. If you would like a set by mail please enclose a long, SASE with 52 cents postage.

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS:

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, 136 Harman Bldg., Provo, UT 84602, (801) 378-3559.

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

ALBERTA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY. - They will be holding their 12th Annual Seminar, "Your American Cousins", on October 25-26, 1991, at the University of Calgary. The cost of \$40.00 Canadian includes coffee breaks and lunch on Saturday. For more information or to register write to AFHS Seminar Registration, 5004 Norris Road N.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2K 2P9.

IN THE MAIL THIS MONTH

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. The fund-raiser cookbook, "Family Roots and Recipes", can be ordered for \$6.75 including postage from Florence Wagstaff, Box 623, Billings, MT 59103.

POWELL COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER. Vol.1, No.1, April 1991. This issue has extracts of births, marriages and deaths from early newspapers - The New Northwest from July 1869-1886 and The Silver State Post from 1892-1896. This project will continue.

TREASURE STATE LINES. Vol.16, No.2, 1991, from the Great Falls Genealogical Society. This issue continues the Pine Hills Cemetery Records, has Births of Great Falls of 1895, and the Cascade Co. Farm and Ranch Directory 1942-43.

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER. Vol.17, No.2, Mar-Apr 1991. Highlights some of the events of the 1991

Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, 29 May-1 June 1991.

NGS GENEALOGICAL PROJECTS REGISTRY: If you want to know what indexes are being developed in your area, when they will be finished or how you can help, there is a list of over 100 projects now in this registry. Complete information on each project is available in a file on the NGS/CIG computer bulletin board or a printed directory with selected information on each project can be ordered from NGS Headquarters for \$5.00. Send your request to NGS Genealogical Projects Registry, 4527 17th Street, North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399. You can register your own project with a form on p.46 of the NGS Newsletter (and receive a free directory).

BIG HORN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, Vol.12, No.41, April 1991. Among some pointers on the genealogical importance of land records - in rural America nearly every adult male can be found in land records.

SMOKE SIGNALS, Vol 10, No.2, April 1991. The Assiniboine Genealogical Society, Havre, MT 59501. The Index to the 1910 Montana Census being prepared by Barbara VanDePete now has the following counties completed: BEAVERHEAD, BROADWATER, CARBON, CASCADE, CHOUTEAU, DAWSON, DEERLODGE, FERGUS, FLATHEAD, and CUSTER. A surname search of the index will be done for \$1.00 plus SASE for each surname in each county. Contact Barbara VanDePete at 406-265-2465 or at 8430 Hiway 2 West, Havre, MT 59501 for searches.

From the Illinois State Genealogical Society Newsletter, April 1990, they report that the Illinois State Genealogical Society is compiling an Illinois Statewide Marriage Index and that microfiche copies has been sent only to local genealogical societies in Illinois. Researchers can use the microfiche at the local societies or send a request to the Reference Staff, Illinois State Archives, Springfield IL 62756 for a search for specific marriages. The counties completed are as follows:

Adams	1824-1899	Fafette	1821-1877	McDonough	1830-1863	Platt	1874-1900
Brown	1839-1861	Franklin	1878-1899		1871-1889	Rock Island	1833-1900
Calhoun	1825-1900	Hancock	1829-1857	McHenry	1837-1892	Saline	1898-1899
Carroll	1839-1850	Henry	1821-1853	Macon	1829-1900	Sangamon	1821-1899
Christian	1839-1866	Iroquois	1866-1874	Macoupin	1829-1845	Shelby	1827-1878
Coles	1830-1884	Jackson	1843-1875	Menard	1839-1900	Union	1818-1880
Crawford	1817-1850	Jefferson	1819-1900	Montgomery	1821-1870	Whiteside	1839-1900
Edwards	1815-1844	Knox	1830-1900	Ogle	1837-1900	Winnebago	1836-1868
Effingham	1819-1874			Perry	1851-1867		

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer and can come up with an idea or two for the Newsletter and Programs for next year. See you in September.

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BYLAWS
FOR
WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I--NAME

The following shall prevail throughout these Bylaws in the interpretation thereof unless specific provision directs otherwise:

WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY is the incorporated organization which is to be governed by, and which is empowered to act in accordance with, these Bylaws. Hereinafter said corporation shall be referred to as the "Society."

ARTICLE II--ADDRESS

The address of the principal office of the Society shall be: Post Office Box 2714, Missoula, Montana 59806-2714.

ARTICLE III--POWERS

The Society shall have all the powers of a nonprofit corporation enumerated and set forth in Title 35, Chapter 2, M.C.A., 1978. The purposes of the Society are those set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE IV--MEMBERSHIP

Section A:

Any individual or institution willing to promote the objectives of the Society and pay the requested annual dues may be eligible for membership.

Section B:

Membership is effective when dues are received and shall continue to the end of the Society's current fiscal year. Membership is terminated by failure to pay the annual dues. A sixty-day grace period shall be allowed for renewal of membership.

Individual dues are \$10.00 per year.

Family dues are \$12.00 per year. A family membership receives one newsletter per issue.

Section C:

Nonmembers may be invited to assist in the objectives of this Society.

ARTICLE V--EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board (hereinafter the "Board") shall consist of all elected and appointed officers, and the immediate past-President.

ARTICLE VI--OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section A: Officers

All officers shall be paid-up members. An officer who misses three consecutive business meetings without reasonable cause shall be subject to action by the Board as to his continuance in office. Each officer shall:

1. Perform the duties outlined in these Bylaws and those assigned in the future.
2. Deliver all official material to his successor two weeks prior to the end of the fiscal year.
3. Present an annual written report at the annual corporate meeting.
4. Report on the activities of his office at the request of the President.

Section B: Elected Officers

The elected officers shall be President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, and Treasurer. They may be elected and serve in any one office for no more than two consecutive terms.

The President shall plan meeting agenda, preside at all meetings of the Society, and be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

2. The Vice-President shall temporarily perform the duties of the President or shall fill the unexpired term of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve. The Vice-President shall maintain the Society's surname file.
3. The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of the business, Board and corporate meetings; read the minutes of previous meetings as requested by the President; preserve all minutes and reports; and provide the President with a copy of the previous minutes prior to each meeting.
4. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the Society and shall distribute the mail to the officers.
5. The Treasurer shall collect and record all dues and funds received by the Society, pay all budgeted bills of the Society, keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures, and give a financial report at each monthly business meeting.
 - a. The Treasurer shall maintain the: 1) Check-book; 2) Bank statements and cancelled checks; 3) Account book; and 4) Paid bills, statements, and other financial records.
 - b. Checks must be signed by two of the following four officers: Treasurer, President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary.
 - c. The Treasurer shall serve as chairman of the Budget Committee.
 - d. The Treasurer shall maintain a current membership list and provide a copy to the President and the Newsletter Editor.
 - e. The Treasurer's accounts shall be examined annually at each fiscal year end by the Auditing Committee.

Section C: Appointed Officers

The Newsletter Editor and the Librarian shall be appointed by the President.

1. The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for preparing, printing, and mailing a monthly (September through May) newsletter that informs members of upcoming meetings, elections, proposed Bylaws amendments and revisions, and other announcements or topics of interest.
2. The Librarian shall catalog and maintain, and suggest new materials for, the Society's Genealogy Collection.

ARTICLE VII--COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

Section A:

The following committees and chairmen shall be appointed by the President. They shall recommend policy to the membership and upon approval shall implement it within their estimated budgets. Additional ad hoc committees shall be selected to be responsible for special projects as they are undertaken. Chairmen may ask for assistance from the membership.

1. The Auditing Committee of two or three persons shall audit the Treasurer's records at the end of the fiscal year and shall report its findings in a signed statement at the October business meeting.
2. The Publicity Chairman shall be responsible for announcement of all Society meetings and special events to the public media.
3. The Program Chairman shall secure and arrange programs for each meeting. Programs should be centered on genealogy and related topics.
4. The Budget Committee shall determine financial requirements and compile the annual budget. The

Treasurer shall serve as chairman. The membership shall approve or disapprove the proposed budget and any expenditures exceeding the approved budget.

5. The Publishing Committee shall select and publish materials of genealogical interest sponsored by the Society.
6. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least two members. (For duties, see ARTICLE IX--ELECTION OF OFFICERS.)

ARTICLE VIII--MEETINGS

Section A: Business Meetings

1. A business meeting of the Society shall be held once a month (September through May) unless waived by majority vote. The meeting day will be selected to accommodate the majority of the members.
2. Five members in good standing must be present to constitute a quorum for conducting business. Of that five, at least two officers must be included.
3. All voting shall be by simple majority unless otherwise stated.
4. Any member must be present to vote. A family membership constitutes one vote.

Section B: Annual Corporate Meeting

The annual corporate meeting shall be held in May at which time officers shall be elected and annual reports given.

Section C: Board Meetings

1. Meetings of the Board may be called as needed by the President or by a majority of the Board members, provided all Board members are notified. Board meetings shall be open to the Society.
2. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
3. The Board shall report at business meetings of the Society on proposed policy changes and new projects. Minutes of Board meetings will be read upon request.

ARTICLE IX--ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section A:

The Nominating Committee shall use the Bylaws (which list each elected officer's duties), together with the current membership list, to select one nominee for each elected office.

Section B:

Following the Nominating Committee's report at the April business meeting, an opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor.

Section C:

In the absence of a Nominating Committee report, nominations shall be made from the floor.

Section D:

Only those who have consented to serve if elected shall be eligible for nomination either by the Nominating Committee or from the floor.

Section E:

Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members present at the May business meeting.

Section F:

A vacancy occurring in any elected office other than the Presidency shall be filled for the unexpired term by a member elected by majority vote at a business meeting. The President may appoint an interim officer.

ARTICLE X--AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

Section A:

Bylaws amendments and revisions (hereinafter "proposed change") may be proposed by:

1. Any member, or
2. A five-member committee that shall be appointed by

the President every five years, from the time of the last revision, to review the Bylaws. This committee shall report its findings and proposals to the membership.

Section B: Procedure for Proposed Change

1. Any proposed change shall be introduced in writing (in person or by letter) at a business meeting and read into the minutes, and shall be recorded by the Recording Secretary.
2. A copy of the proposed change and notification of its voting shall be published in the newsletter announcing the meeting at which voting will take place.
3. Voting shall be no earlier than the next business meeting after the proposed change was introduced.
4. Ratification of a proposed change shall be by a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE XI--FISCAL YEAR

The Society's fiscal year shall be from September 1 through August 31.

ARTICLE XII--PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The Society shall be conducted in accordance with the parliamentary procedure set forth in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order in case of question not covered by these Bylaws.

This version of the Bylaws, as amended, was accepted by a two-thirds majority vote of the Society on [month date], 1991 and replaces all earlier Bylaw versions and amendments.