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DUES are $10.00/year for individuals or $12.00/year for a family. Remember that we are starting a new year so renewals are now due. Please use the membership form in this newsletter and either bring it with your dues to the next meeting or mail it with your dues to WMGS, P.O. Box 2714, Missoula, MT 59806-2714.

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held on the second Thursday of the month (September-May) at 7:00 pm in the small meeting room of the Missoula Public Library.

SEPTEMBER MEETING will be on Thursday, Sept. 12th. Mary Bergum will be presenting a program on computerizing the Death and Burial Records.

NEW BOOKS Paulette Parpart reports that the following three books have been added to the Genealogy Collection at the Missoula Public Library:

- Mayflower Families, v.4. This has a special section on the Edward Fuller family. R 929.20973 NBGenColl.

- From Bohemia to the Four Winds by Rob Marion. This book is about Matthew Mitchell and his descendants. R 929.2097 MARICANBGenColl.

- The Genealogist’s Address Book includes addresses for national, state, ethnic and religious organizations/research centers, special resources as well as periodicals and newsletters. R 929.1025 BENTLEY@ReadyRef (Information Desk).

THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER has just received the new Library Card Catalogue microfiche edition. The CD ROM Disk edition for the computer should be arriving very soon. The latest Parish and Vital Records Listing has also arrived.

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY - LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES Last May we had the pleasure to have Ms. Ellen Anguinbau from the Montana Historical Society present a program on materials of genealogical value to be found at the Historical Society in Helena. She pointed out that, as opposed to a library where books are arranged by call numbers, the archives contain collections of mostly un-published, loose papers pertaining to an individual. Each collection has an inventory of the records stored in that collection grouped according to record type, i.e., financial, correspondence, legal etc. The archives materials can be accessed by use of the “Black Books” or indexes for archives materials (found in the library) and a set of red loose-leaf type binders with a cumulative subject index, and a cumulative name index to four volumes of family records of 1899-1920.

One of the types of records Ms. Anguinbau talked about include:
- Bank Records – Helena Bank Records 1868-1890, indexes to depositors ledgers (especially for Eastern Montana Banks most of which failed in the 1890’s and 1920’s), cash books (including American Bank and Trust of Missoula),
mortgage books.

Insurance Records - Hail insurance records gave the township and range descriptions of the land being insured. These are from all of Montana (especially eastern part) and are arranged by county (1917 and other years).

County Certificates - were given by the livestock commission for wolves. They are from all of Montana and are indexed.

Missouri Steamship Passengers of 1862's for Benton and Assiniboine Stage Co.

Prison Records - have a very graphic description of prisoners.

Social Club Records - 1900-1930's.

Mercurial Records - day books.


School Census Records (file)

Newspapers (in library)

CCC yearbooks

Photo Collections

Oral Histories

Eventually, all of the collection will be entered on a computer database searchable by key-words.

The Montana Historical Society Library also has a Genealogy Room donated by an East Coast DAR group which has many Eastern States records. Library/Archives hours are Mon.-Fri. from 9am - 5pm. The library staff will do a brief search and can provide a list of researchers. (See note on Genealogy Bulletin in "Mail").

CENSUS

The 1920 U.S. Federal Census is scheduled to be released on March 2, 1992. The Summer issue of Prologue, has an article on the 1920 Census which you might want to read if you are awaiting this census. It is available in the current magazine section of the Government Documents Division of the University of Montana's Mansfield Library.

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census has recently sent out new forms, with a new address and new fee ($25.00) for "Search of Census Records" 1900-1980. The fee covers the "cost of a search of not more than two census years about one person only." The new address is PO Box 1545, Jeffersonville IN 47131. (Form no. BC-600).

A comparison of the 1910 and 1920 census information shows that the 1920 adds the year of naturalization if the person was naturalized, but eliminates information on the number of years of the present marriage and the number of children born and living, as well as some other information.

1910

Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; number of years of present marriage; for women, number of children born and number now living; birthplace and mother tongue of person and parents; if foreign born, year of immigration, whether naturalized, and whether able to speak English, or if not, language spoken; occupation, industry, and class of worker; if an employee, whether out of work during year; literacy; school attendance; home owned or rented; if owned, whether mortgaged; whether farm or house; whether a survivor of Union or Confederate Army or Navy; whether blind or deaf and dumb.

1920

Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; number of years of present marriage; for women, number of children born and number now living; birthplace and mother tongue of person and parents; if foreign born, year of immigration to the U.S., whether naturalized, and year of naturalization; school attendance; literacy; birthplace of person and parents; mother tongue of foreign born; ability to speak English; occupation, industry, and class of worker; home owned or rented; if owned, whether free or mortgaged.

THE MAIL has been accumulating over the summer and we have received the following publications:

BIT O' ROOTS - from the Bitterroot Genealogical Society. Members are currently researching early Ravalli County residents with the hopes of publishing a book about the early settlers.


GALLATIN TRAILS - Gallatin Genealogical Soc., Bozeman, MT. Dokken-Nelson Funeral Register, Bozeman, MT, 9Jan.1919-
ROOT DIGGERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Glasgow, MT. "Family Cemeteries Falling Prey to Changing Times, Priorities".

PLACED GENES - Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, Helena, MT. The Cascade Co. Historical Society Archives have been moved to the Great Falls Public Library. Open Tue.-Thurs. 10-6 and Fri. 10-5.

CENTRAL MONTANA WAGON TRAILS - Lewiston Genealogy Society. List of addresses for various church archives.


YELLOWSTONE GENEALOGY FORUM NEWSLETTER - Billings, MT.

POWELL COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER - 1864 voters list from Deer Lodge and Oneonta Precincts. Origin of the name of Deer Lodge.


NGS NEWSLETTER - new library acquisitions, NGS Computer Bulletin Board.

NATIONAL QUERIES FORUM - PO Box 593, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-0593, 9 issues for $13.75.

GENEALOGY BULLETIN - from the Dollarhide System. "The Federal and State Archives: A complete list and guide for genealogists using archival facilities" gives a state by state listing of addresses, brochures available, cost for research and copies etc. Notes for the Montana Historical Society that there is a general guide to the society's holdings available. "Montana residents may write for free in-house research assistance from the reference staff." If you are out-of-state you must contact Eloyce Kockler, the library's contract researcher at (406) 993-8334.

Also see book listings and queries section.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE MAIL

Dollarhide Systems has announced that the Genealogy Bulletin will no longer be sent free to members of societies. The subscription price is $8.00/year for four issues - Jan., April, July and Oct. However, they will ship to societies for $.25/issue/member and the society can receive a 10% discount on any book order.

Poison City Library announced that vital records have been extracted from The Flathead Courier from its creation though 1989. The Family History Center in SLC has a complete set of indexes, as does the Poison City Library and the Montana Historical Society. The Poison City Library will photocopy indexed information for $.25/page. Please send a SASE with your requests.

INDEX OF SURNAMES IN EARLY MASSACHUSETTS - comp. by Evelyn C. Lane, is a set of 29 microfiche for $25.00, containing an alphabetical listing of every variant of every surname appearing in the published vital records of Massachusetts. Notes name, town, and if birth, marriage or death record. Order from Evelyn C. Lane, 9 Hickory St., Dept. A, Gloucester, MA 01930.

MAPS, MAPS, MAPS - The Northern Map Co., 103 Cherokee Circle, Dunnellon, FL 32630, has a 55 p. catalogue of replicas of old maps. Most are $3.00/county and some kits containing several maps ans old railroad maps are available.

PHONE DISK SEARCH - Search the entire US for $8.00/surname (up to 250 listings, additional set of 250/$5.00). Also all of Ontario and Quebec, Canada for $5.00/surname. Request forms available at meeting, or from Precision Indexing, PO Box 303, Bountiful UT 84081-0303. Names will be sent either as a printout or on mailing labels.
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM:

Membership is from Sept.-May. Your 1980-81 dues are now due. Dues are $12.00 for a family membership.

Name:

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