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DUES are \$10.00/year for individuals or \$12.00/year for a family. Remember that we have started a new year so renewals are now due. This will be your last Newsletter if dues are not paid. Bring dues to the next meeting or mail it with your name, address, and phone number 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.

NOVEMBER MEETING - Thursday, Nov. 14th. Dorothea Berthoud will present a "show & tell" type program on the Family History Seminar which she attended at BYU last August. She has some interesting material on using the Personal Ancestral File genealogy program including some shareware updates and information on setting up a PAF users group. She also has obtained some forms that allow you to catalogue family possessions and keep track of where family heirlooms are. If anyone has come across anything new which could help in the genealogical research process or in the preserving of family records please bring the information to the meeting to share and swap.

\*\*\*\*\*>>> There will not be a meeting or Newsletter in December on account of the holidays <<<\*\*\*\*\*

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER - Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00-4:00pm and 7:00-9:30pm, Saturdays 12:00-4:00pm.

\*\*\*\* The Family History Center will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thurs. Nov. 28th, and Sat. Nov. 30th. It will also be closed for the Christmas Holiday and New Years Holidays.

Newly arrived at the FHC are the Scottish Parish Register Indexes. These are on microfiche in the most used books on microfiche cabinet. There are four indexes for each Scottish Parish - a surname and a given name index for both births and deaths. These are only from the registers of the official Scottish Presbyterian Church and users should first carefully read the instruction on the first fiche card.

IN THE MAIL

National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol.79, No.3, Sept. 1991. An article called "Numbering Your Genealogy: Sound and Simple Systems", by Joan Ferris Curran presents four numbering systems that can be used when writing your genealogy. There are two ascending and two descending systems presented.

NGS NEWSLETTER, Vol.17, No.5, sept.-Oct. 1991. Here you will find a five page article that anyone who has done genealogical research should read. It is "What Happens To My Research When I'm Gone?", by Jo White Linn who makes the point that "a collection worth preserving is worth the time and effort to put it into correct form by the person who knows it best" - you!

The NGS Newsletter also mentioned that the NGS/CIG Digest, published by the NGS Computer Interest Group is again being mailed quarterly to NGS members. The most recent issue (July, Aug., Sept. 1991) had two articles on using the PAF programs - one on using the notes feature, and another that showed how to use the Family Records program instead of the Research Data Filer to keep track of your research notes, as well as a good tip about how to use the GEDCOM program to repack your data files after deleting records (which apparently leaves gaps of unused bytes on your disks which wastes disk space).

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# TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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## You're Invited to Participate in The Ancestral File

A Genealogy Database Created For The People, By the People

Genealogical bulletin boards across the United States, and some parts of Canada, have joined in a cooperative effort to aid in the expansion of the ANCESTRAL FILE submission program. This project, conceived and organized by John Grove, SysOp of Ancestry TBBS, and Lance Jacob of the Ancestral File Operations Unit in Salt Lake City, is receiving remarkable support from the Genealogical community. As of 25 June 1991, the SysOps of fourteen bulletin boards have agreed to participate by serving as collection points where callers can "upload" their GEDCOM files. These files will then be forwarded to the LDS Family History Center in Salt Lake City for inclusion in future updates of the ANCESTRAL FILE portion of the FamilySearch™ program.

Submitting disks to the Family History Center containing multiple GEDCOM files will help automate the process of updating this important database and enable it to be as current as technically possible. The project will also encourage procrastinating genealogists to contribute their files by allowing them to simply "upload" a GEDCOM file to their nearest BBS without the hassle of finding a suitable disk mailer and determining the proper amount of postage. Please note that there is NO cost to the genealogist for this service.

Contributions are accepted in GEDCOM format ONLY and must be created using a genealogy program registered with the Ancestral File Operations Unit.

For further information feel free to contact one of the participating SysOps or:

Mr Lance Jacob  
Ancestral File Unit Family History Department  
50 East North Temple Street  
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### Upload Your GEDCOM File to One of the Following Bulletin Board Systems:

Pedlars Palace Dan Garnitz, SYSOP Falls Church, Virginia 703-532-3051	Gene Splicers John Le Duc, SYSOP Las Vegas, NE 702-731-9453
Sunwise BBS Keith Slater, SYSOP Phoenix, Arizona 602-584-7395	The Ladder Carla Ridenour, SYSOP Eugene, Oregon 503-343-9724
Genealogy Hotline Carol Montrose, SYSOP New Albany, Ohio 615-855-0955	AMC Net Wendell Eying, SYSOP Chandler, Arizona 602-814-0123
West-World BBS Steve Souza, SYSOP San Jose, CA 408-227-4865	GENERATIONS Kathi Crockett, SYSOP Calgary, Alberta 403-251-5540
ANCESTRY TBBS John Grove, SYSOP Sebring, Florida 813-471-0552	No Name Yet Genealogy BBS Douglas Smith, SYSOP Pleasant Hill, CA 415-827-5714
The Family Tree BBS Marcel Demas, SYSOP Raymond, Alberta 403-752-3668	Capitol PAF Users Group, CPAFUG Barbara Bennett, SYSOP Columbia/Silver Springs, MD 301-209-9530 / 301-989-8960
Roots BBS Brian Maverogeorge, SYSOP San Francisco, CA 415-584-0697	The Family Tree Ron Tenbush, SYSOP Austin, Texas 512-250-0769

### Genealogy Programs Registered with the Ancestral File Operations Unit

Personal Ancestral File 2.2 (LDS)  
Roots III (Commsoft, Inc)  
Family Roots (Quinsept, Inc)  
Everyone's Family Tree (Dollarhide Systems, Inc)  
Family ties (Computer Services)  
Family Tree Maker Exchange Utility (Banner Blue Software)

Family tree Print Utility (Common Sense Software)  
Generation Gap Plus (Flying Pigs Software)  
Sesame (Commsoft, Inc)  
Griot Alternative (Thierry Pertuy)  
Brother's Keeper (John Steed)

*Editor's Note: Program list from Utah Genealogical Association Newsletter, Vol. 20 # 2.*

HERITAGE SEEKERS QUARTERLY, Vol.1, No.1, Sept. 1991. This is being published by the Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, P.O. Box 2141, North Little Rock, AK 72115, and contains general research as well as Arkansas research articles. Dues are \$17.00 per year and queries are free to members.

THE GEN-BUG NEWS, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, Bilings, Oct. 1991. Special Photo Copies explains how to get the best color copies of your color photos at copy shops using the Canon CLC 200 Color Laser Copier.

\*\*\*\*\*>>> The Family History Library in S.L.C. <<<\*\*\*\*\* will be closed from Dec. 19th at 5:00pm through Dec. 25th so books from the U.S. and Canada section can be moved to the first floor and 150 more microfile readers added on the second floor.

MANSFIELD LIBRARY - University of Montana

If your Montana ancestor was a Freemason you may want to look at the Freemasons Montana Grand Lodge Proceedings, M366.109786 F8555, which are located in the Montana Collection of the Archives and Special Collections Division of the Mansfield Library (U of M). These contain lists of Lodge Members from all of the Montana lodges and the library has volumes from 1889-1955 with only a few scattered years missing.

The Archives has the Missoula, Montana - School District #1 Papers, 1913-1970. These contain Teachers payroll 1913-1925, and selected class registers from 1907-1918, 1931-1944, 1955-1956, 1960-1961, 1965-1966, 1969-1970. These registers contain only the class grade and student names. Parents names are not listed.

The Archives contain the old records of many of the older Missoula businesses, described in the pamphlet "Missoula Area Business Collections", Archives Guide No. 3, as well as records of the older lumber companies described in Archives Guide No. 7, "Timber and Forest Industry Collections".

The Microfile Clipping File "contains microfilm copies of newspaper articles and other materials relative to towns, people and activities important to Montana's past. The entries are arranged alphabetically by subject. These films do not circulate but may be copied." There is a microfiche edition of this file which is available at the Family History Center in Missoula. This edition has two divisions - subject and surname - with both arranged alphabetically.

\*\*\* The Archives Collections can only be used by appointment during open hours - Mon.-Fri., 8:00am- 5:00pm.

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An interesting ad in the Genealogical Helper, Sept.-Oct. 1991, p.119, listed a series of genealogy cassettes made for a cable TV series called "Family Historian", hosted and produced by Stephen Conte. The VHS videocassettes of the program are available for purchase for \$20.00 each including postage and shipping. Titles include Census Records, Military Records, Locating Immigrant Ancestors, Preserving Old Documents, Restoring Old Graveyards, Genetics and Genealogy, and a number of cassettes on researching the various nationality groups. Check the Helper at the City Library for ordering information.

**A COMPUTER SPEEDS THINGS UP A BIT**

A message on the National Genealogy Echo provides another good reason for using a computer. The message stated that genealogies contributed on disks submitted to Salt Lake before Oct. 1, 1991 will be at local LDS libraries on CD-ROM about March 1, 1992 while all hand-written submissions will take up to three years to post on the CD-ROM.

— from Harry Liggett, *OGS Newsletter*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM:

Membership is from Sept.- May. Your 1990-91 dues are now due. Dues are \$10.00 for an individual or \$12.00 for a family membership.

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