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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.

JANUARY MEETING Harold Fisher will give us some pointers on using GEDCOM files with the PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE program and other genealogy programs for the computer.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:00-4:00pm and 7:00-9:30pm, Saturdays 12:00-4:00pm. There has been enough demand for the computer recently that patrons are being asked to limit their time on the computer to 1/2 hour intervals if there are other patrons waiting to use the computer. Be sure to sign up to use the computer when you first come into the library if you want to get some computer time!

As described in the last newsletter, the Scottish Parish Register Indexes on microfiche are 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. A special note for using these - they were filed just as they were when they arrived and the four indexes are interspersed, not filed alphabetically by county, and the fiche cards are not always in numerical order! Hopefully, these will soon be re-filed in a better way.

IN THE MAIL

National Genealogical Society Newsletter Vol.17, No.6, Nov.-Dec. 1991. The 1992 Conference in the States will be held 29 April- 2 May 1992 in Jacksonville, FL. They will be celebrating the Columbus Quincentenary with a series of lectures on methodology in ethnic family history and genealogy with an emphasis on Spanish-Americans, and mark the 100th anniversary of Ellis Island with a slide-lecture program on its history and operation. This conference will also include the Second International Congress on Family History. We should be getting the brochure with program and registration information shortly. This issue includes indexes for vol. 17, 1991.

This Newsletter mentioned four new microfilm publications available from the National Archives which make available indexes to naturalization records in New York:

Alphabetical Index to Petitions for Naturalization of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 1865-1957 (M1164, 142 rolls)

Alphabetical Index to Petitions for Naturalization of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York, 1906-1966 (M1677, 102 rolls)

Alphabetical Index to Petitions for Naturalization of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 1826-1941 (M1676, 102 rolls)

Soundex Index to Petitions for Naturalization Filed in Federal, State and Local Courts in New York, 1792-1906
(M1674, 294 rolls)

BIG SKY ROUNDUP Montana State Genealogical Society Newsletter, Dec. 1991. The next State Seminar will be 1-3 May 1992 at the Ramada Inn in Billings. Seminar fliers should be out this month. Registration will be \$35.00. The State Society would like to put together a directory for all county courthouses in Montana listing hours, records available and charges for records.

ROOT DIGGERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, Glasgow, MT, Oct.-Dec. 1991.

DOWN MEMORY LANE, Miles City Genealogical Society Newsletter, Fall 1991.

TANGLED ROOTS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, Cut Bank, MT, Jan. 1992.

POWELL COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, Fall 1991.

BIG HORN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, Dec 1991. In interesting source of maiden names in deeds and mortgages was described. For deeds, look in the lower left hand corner for two to four signatures of witnesses. The first is always from the husband's side, the second from the wife's which is to protect her 1/3 dower right. This second signature should be a good clue to the wife's maiden name. With mortgages in the 1800's and before, it was traditional for the wife's father to cover the note or carry the mortgage as part of the wife's dower. Up to 70% of the time, the person to whom the couple are making the payments to will be the wife's father. This is true in Canada as well as America, so check the local property records.

FADED GENES, Lewis & Clark County Genealogical Society, Helena, MT, Dec. 1991. Have available Cemetery Records Books from Forestvale and Resurrection Cemeteries (\$30.00 @), and Sacred Heart Church and Sunset Memorial Cemetery of Helena (\$25.00 @). This issue has the surname index to vol. 8.

THE 1920 FEDERAL POPULATION CENSUS, a catalogue from the National Archives, gives a few research hints and information on finding the enumeration district for a large city. For the 1920 Soundex, they suggest that, if your surname has a prefix such as Van, Von, DE, Di, or LE, you should code it both with and without the prefix because it might be listed under either code. However, Mc and Mac are not considered prefixes!

TV GENEALOGY The tape that was ordered from the FAMILY HISTORIAN cable TV series has arrived. The tape that Paulette ordered was "Locating Immigrant Ancestors". A guest for this show is Thomas A. Peters, president of the Genealogy Club of the NJ Historical Society. Mr. Peters brings some interesting U.S. documents that he used to trace his ancestors across the ocean. The tape could be very useful for the beginning genealogist. It will be available for check-out from the Missoula City Library for 24 hr. loan.

We also recieved a note from Maurice Helterline in Seattle with two more pages for his Sander's County Death and Burial Records. Thanks to Maurice for his continued research on this project.

NEW MEMBER Jack E. DeRyke, 3212 So. 259th Lane, Kent WA 98032-9758, (206) 941-3618, grew up in Seattle and has lived there most of his life. Besides genealogy, he is interested in stamp and coin collecting, hiking, running, cross-country skiing and reading! He sent us the following family information:

Jack E. DeRyke

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Gf: Francis Clarence DeRyke, of Missoula, MT, 1904

GrGf: Edward DeRyke, of Missoula, MT, 1904-1953

2ndGrGf: Francis DeRyke, Clinton, Lanawee Co., MI 1857-1888; Ohio 1856

Mother: Evelyn Louise Wetmore, b. 13 July 1920, Seattle, WA; d.8 Sept. 1945, Seattle, WA.

GrGf: Ralph Lathrop, Barnup, Clinton Co., MO, 1892

2ndGrGf: James Lathrop, Iowa, 1861

2ndGrGf: Seymour Wetmore, Jefferson Co., WI, 1850

3rdGrGf: Milton D. Woodin, Trumble Co., OH, 1845

Sister: Monica Louise Caulfield, b. 18 May 1957, Seattle, WA

NEW YORK RESEARCH NEWS According to issue #37 of Heritage Quest, the New York State Archives should be receiving a copy of the indexes to the NY State Vital Records sometime in August. These are for b, m or d and have name, date, place and cert.#. Unfortunately, you will only be able to search the indexes yourself or hire a researcher to do so, but this is better than their not being made available at all as in the past year. A researcher list can be obtained by sending a SASE to: Capital District Genealogical Society, Researcher List, Box 2175, Albany, NY 12220-0175. NOTE: this does not include indexes to New York City records.

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As we start the New Year perhaps we could get a few people to contribute articles or columns for the Newsletter. Consider writing an article based on your most interesting or rewarding experience in genealogy, or contributing something in your area of expertise. Also, suggestions for materials you would like to see in the Newsletter are always welcome, as are questions, queries and research requests (free short requests from members, \$5.00 donation requested for brief research from non-members).

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