



**WESTERN MONTANA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P. O. Box 2714
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FEBRUARY 1992

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DUES are \$10.00/year for individuals or \$12.00/year for a family.

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.

FEBRUARY MEETING Thursday, Feb.13th. Vaun Stevens of the Missoula Public Library will show us how to use the new computer card catalogue. Following this there will be a discussion session on two projects the society is considering.

STATE GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE: It has been proposed that the Bitterroot Genealogical Society and the Western Montana Genealogical Society jointly host a State Genealogical Society Conference sometime within the next few years. We would like to get a small group together that could meet with a few of the Bitterroot Society members to form a committee to work on this project. Paulette has suggested that this group try to meet sometime before our next regular meeting in March. Bring your ideas and consider volunteering for this committee.

PAF USERS GROUP: Several members have expressed an interest in a PAF USERS Group. Dorothea Berthoud hopes to have more information about this at the meeting. As there is currently no PAF USERS GROUP in Western Montana, this group could include PAF users from our society, the Bitterroot, Superior and all of Western Montana. Dorothea hopes to set up a meeting sometime in March for anyone interested in this.

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!

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY Two new book have been added to the Genealogy Collection:

"Marriage Records of Yellowstone County, Montana, 1881-1899", comp. by The Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, Billings, Montana, 1986. GENCOLL R978.63g MARRIAG

"Cascade County, Montana Cemeteries", Vol 1. Old and New Highland, Great Falls, Montana. Researched and compiled by the Great Falls Genealogical Society. GENCOLL R978.6611 CASCADE v.1

IN THE MAIL

National Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol.79, No.4, Dec. 1991. Interesting from cover to cover, but especially notable were the following two articles:

"Pilgrims, Farmers, and Ranchers: Marks and Brands as a Genealogical Source", by Kathleen W. Hinckley discusses the American roots of branding, terminology and sources.

"John Bond vs. John Bond: Sorting Identities via Neighborhood Reconstruction", by Ge Lee Corley Hendrix shows how land records were used to re-map areas and clearly distinguish the two John Bonds.

SMOKE SIGNALS, Assiniboine Genealogical Society, Havre, MT. Vol.XI, No.3. Article on "History of Newspapers in Havre"

TREASURE STATE LINES, Great Falls Genealogical Society, Vol.16, No.4. Continues Augusta, Montana Cemetery

records, and Cascade County Farm & Ranch Directory, 1942-1943.

GEN-BUG NEWS, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, Billings, MT. Jan. 1992. Quotes an article from p.118 of the Nov./Dec. GENEALOGICAL HELPER about "plans to destroy the original 37 million application for social security. These early files include many persons born in the 1860's and 1870's. Many were naturalized citizens. These applications have the address of applicant, date and place of birth, father's name and mother's maiden name." Writing to the Social Security Administration at 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore MD 21235 or to your Congressman to ask that these records be turned over to the National Archives is encouraged.

THE TREE BRANCH, Glendive, MT, Vol.1, No.1, Winter 1991-92. Notes that the Glendive Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture has historical maps available for Dawson Co. The map has 255 sites, including present and past post offices, old army sites, pioneer ranches, rail sidings, settlements, and rural schools - current and closed. Maps (36"x22") are on parchment paper for \$10.00 or lighter paper for \$6.00 are available by mail from the Chamber office, 200 N. Merrill, Glendive, MT.

3rd ANNUAL MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR "LOOKIN BACK", MAYB 1-3 1992 IN BILLINGS. See ad.

1992 WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LIST - CORRECTIONS FROM LAST NEWSLETTER *****

Irene Berven, 350 W. Central Ave., Missoula, MT 59801-6816, 549-8898

Hazel Harley, 1550 Piney Meadow Lane, Huson, MT 59846, 626-5581

ADD: Sarah and Mary Linn Snyder, P.O. Box 8854, Missoula, MT 59807

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Roger Clark, 14585 Hellgate Ln., Clinton, MT 59822, 258-6995

Lori J. Hudak, 2300 South Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59801, 728-2787

NEW MEMBER PROFILE submitted by Carol Ann Lunceford McGuire, 520 W. Kent, Missoula, MT 59801, 549-0076. Carol grew up in Harlowton, Wheatland Co., Montana and has lived in Missoula since 1962 with her husband, William L. McGuire, who grew up in Alberton, Frazer and Two Dot, Montana. They have six children and two grandchildren. Carol and her husband both enjoy traveling, and Carol is also interested in needlework, yard work and reading history, while her husband enjoys model trains and planes, metal lathe, and steam engines.

The Surnames and areas of interest for Carol include:

LUNCEFORD - Wheatland and Fergus Counties, MT circa 1900, and Ironton, OH circa 1839.

TAYLOR, John Wesley - Kansas circa 1880 and Loarline, OH circa 1850.

SHELTON, John David - Arkansas circa 1880.

GEILINGER/GILLINGER/GAILINGER - Fergus Co., MT circa 1910; St. Cloud, MN circa 1891-1909; Germany 1891.

ELLIOTT - MT circa 1900---

McGUIRE - Meagher Co., MT circa 1900.

BUCK - Virginia circa 1853.

FINDING AND USING OBITUARY NOTICES The following information was obtained from two of the handout that Dennis Richards of the Mansfield Library has used in his past Library tours.

Newspaper obituaries often contain excellent genealogical information. Use the following steps in locating them:
1. Check to see what newspapers were published in the areas where your ancestors died. Check these books to see what newspapers existed in the area:

a. Ayer & Sons. Directory of Newspapers. (U of M, R 070.03 A976). Check at the reference desk if you can't find it.

b. Gregory, Winnifred. American Newspapers a Union List, 1821-1936. (O of M, R 071 X A511 Bibliography area). Should tell which libraries have copies.

c. Brigham, Clarence S. History and Bibliography of American Newspapers 1690-1820. (U of M, R 071 X B855h 947 and supp.)

2. After determining what newspapers existed during the desired time period, write to the public library or historical society in that area. Libraries and their address can be obtained from the latest edition of American Library Directory, (U of M R 027.073 A512).

3. Suggestion on corresponding with libraries:

a. Address the letter to the reference librarian.

b. State the problem briefly (working on family history, etc.). Supply all necessary information - names,

dates, places and relationships, and, particularly the date and place of death. If date of death is unknown ask if they have an obituary index.

c. Request an obituary search and a photocopy of the obituary if found. Offer to pay the cost of the service (or enclose \$1-2.00 for a copy if you know the date of death).

d. Enclose a SASE for a reply.

SURNAME FILE Members who would like names added to the Western Montana Genealogical Society's Surname File should please submit the following information regarding each entry.

NAME	Surname, Given Name(s)		
SPOUSE	First Middle and Last Name		
	First Middle and Last Name (#2,3 et.)		
BIRTH	Date	Place	
MARRIAGE	Date	Place	
	Date	Place (#2,3,etc.)	
DEATH	Date	Place	
RESIDENCE	Residence Dates		
	(The residence field is optional)		
CHILDREN	Name	Birth Date	Birth Place
	(The children field is optional)		

- Make sure all information is legible -- it does not need to be typed.
- If you would like an entry for each person in a couple you need write the information once and make a note.
- It is important that you include your name and phone number when you submit your completed information.
- Time deadlines: APRIL 9 -- All entries must be submitted
- MAY 14 -- A copy of each submitter's entries will be given to them to check the information.
- JUNE 11 -- The 1991-1992 Surname File will be distributed to WMGS members.

Submit your information to: Mary Bergum
2224 Summit Dr.
Missoula, MT 59803
251-5944/251-2497

FOR THOSE USING IBM COMPATIBLE WORD PROCESSING PROGRAMS ON YOUR COMPUTERS /PAF - Mary will be able to accept your surname file on a computer floppy disk if you stick to the above format. For dates use an 11 character field - 2 for the day, space, 3 for month, space, 4 for year (this is the PAF format). You do not need to type Name, Spouse, Birth, Marriage, Death, etc. if you stick to the above format, leaving blank lines if you have no data for an event such as a marriage - just leave that line blank. Mary will be writing a program to convert the data entered in this format into the format for her surname file program. If you have PAF you can use the Focus/Design Reports (item #7 in the main Menu) to design a report that will print your ancestral information in approximately the above format. I say this because Focus/Design Reports cannot access the marr2.dat file where the marriage records are kept (a big flaw of the program!). If you leave a blank line where the marriage record should go, however, you can copy your PAF surname file into a word processor and add this later if you want to. Since you are also limited to six lines in the Focus/Design Reports and it will also not search for residence or children, these two items cannot be entered using PAF, but could be added from your word processing program in the same way as the marriage records if desired.

Using PAF, the following approach gave good results:

1. From the main menu choose #7 - Focus/Design Reports.
2. From the Focus/Design Reports Menu add individuals that you want in the surname file (#6 add all ancestors is good. This gives your direct line ancestors. You might then want to look at the individuals in the focus list (#1) and remove some, especially if you have many individuals of the same surname in the same locality.
3. When you have all of the individuals that you want in the focus list, go to item #8 of the Focus/Design Reports Menu and design your report. The report form should look like the following:

WMGS MEMBER PROFILE

NAME

Home Phone

Street

Work Phone (optional)

City/State/Zip

SURNAMES & AREAS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN

NAME

Locality

Circa

NAME

Locality

Circa

NAME

Locality

Circa

NAME

Locality

Circa

NAME

Locality

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TALENTS YOU ARE WILLING TO SHARE

We would like to know more about you and your interests. Please fill out any of the following sections you would care to. (Help the newsletter editor write an interesting profile!)

May we include this information in the newsletter? Member _____ Spouse _____
If "NO", please asterisk (*) those portions you DO NOT WANT in the newsletter.

MEMBER	SPOUSE: Name:
Where I grew up	
Where I have lived	
Other interests, hobbies, collections, activities, etc.	

Family

Suggestions

LOOKING BACK

3rd Annual
Montana State Gene Soc
Seminar

Ramada Inn, Billings,
May 1-3, 1992

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Ken Nelson-SLC Family
History Library, "Research in
the New England States"

WORKSHOPS:

1. Civil War - Ken Nelson
Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestor-
2. Arlene Eakle on video
Czechoslovakian Research-Jim Healer
Eastern Mt. College, sponsored by
the Mt. Committee for Humanities.
3. Indian Studies-Mr. Walks Over Ice,
Crow Agency, sponsored by the Comm.
for Humanities.
4. Hanelore Carter, Billings, MT
German Immigrant, sponsored by
Curly & Kate, Fromberg, MT
"Folk Songs from Oral History"
Sponsored by Mt. Committee
for Humanities

ENTERTAINMENT:

Friday Night - Sharing of genealog-
ical experiences.
Saturday Night - 7:00 p.m., Ramada Inn
No-host Sunday breakfast-Sharing of genealog-
ical experiences.

BANQUET:

Saturday night - 7:00 p.m., Ramada Inn
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ical experiences.

SHARE SUNDAY:

No-host Sunday breakfast-Sharing of genealog-
ical experiences.

GET-ACQUAINTED ACTIVITIES

Social hour
Browse the book tables -
Annual business meeting
Election of new officers
Door prizes

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VISIT WITH OTHER SOCIETIES' MEMBERS AT

Annual business meeting
Election of new officers
Door prizes

CHECK SURNAME BOARD FOR YOUR ANCESTORS

Annual business meeting
Election of new officers
Door prizes

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Election of new officers
Door prizes

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Door prizes

DOOR PRIZES

MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!!

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COST: \$35.00 in advance
by April 15, 1992, to:
Betty Marshall, MSGS Treas.
P.O. Box 476
Chester, MT. 59522

\$40.00 at the door.

BONUS: Sunday, May 3, 1992, 1-3 p.m.
Western Heritage Center of Billings
Free Seminar and Exhibits of interest to Genealogists

BOOKS BY
ANCESTRY &
HERITAGE
QUEST

Paulette K. Parpart +\$*
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