



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

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DUES *** This year we are asking our members to please include an extra dollar with their dues to cover the cost of the annual membership in the Montana State Genealogical Society. Dues are \$10.00 + \$1.00/year for individuals or \$12.00 + \$1.00/year for a family. *** Dues for 1992-93 are now being accepted. Please use the membership form enclosed with this newsletter and bring it with your dues to the next meeting or mail 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. *** Please see check off chart for possible new meeting day.

SEPTEMBER MEETING will be Thursday, Sept. 10th at 7:00pm. We would like to talk about any interesting genealogical digs that our members have been on this summer. Please bring your stories/ your genealogical problems to share. Blanch Tate will talk about her trip to the New York Archives in Albany. They have recently received a microfiche copy of the state-wide index to New York State births, marriages and deaths which starts about 1881 for most areas of the state (but excludes New York City).

PAF Last spring we began a PAF (Personal Ancestral File computer program for genealogy) user group and several meetings were held in June to learn how to configure the program for your computer and to learn some data entry techniques. Tracy Scott, who taught the classes in June, has agreed to continue classes on a monthly basis starting in October. The classes would probably be on Friday nights at the Family History Library. We would like to know how much interest there is in beginner or more advanced courses. Please call me at 728-1628 or drop a note to the WMGS as to your preference.

A PAF USER'S GROUP NEWSLETTER is available for a \$12.50/year membership. Send your name, address and \$12.50 fee to: International PAF Users Group, 2463 Ledgewood Drive, West Jordan, UT 84084-5738. Do indicate what type of computer you are using (IBM or compatible, Macintose, or Apple II) and what printer you have.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY at the LDS Church, 3201 Bancroft, Missoula, 543-6148. The library will be open for some additional hours starting in September:

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| Monday | 12:00 - 4:00pm | | |
| Tuesday | 12:00 - 4:00pm | and | 7:00 - 9:30pm |
| Wednesday | | | 7:00 - 9:30pm |
| Thursday | 12:00 - 4:00pm | and | 7:00 - 9:30pm |
| Friday | | | 7:00 - 9:30pm |
| Saturday | 12:00 - 4:00pm | | |

1920 FEDERAL CENSUS the Family History Library has received the following 1920 Census on permanent loan: MT, ID, ND, and parts of SD and WY. The University of Montana library has received the entire Montana 1920 Census and 1920 Montana Soundex. *** Several WMGS members have reported difficulties in using the 1920 Montana Census at the UM library because the Soundex code numbers and counties are not marked on the film boxes. The films are supposedly arranged in "alphabetical" order???

ALSO, some of the 1920 Census and Soundex can now be order at the Family History Library on loan. The census currently available are: Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin. Other states will be added as they are processed by the library in Salt Lake City.

NEW IGI The 1992 edition of the IGI dated 10 July 1992 is expected to be received sometime around the beginning of the new year. The new microfiche edition will contain some 12,000 fiche, an increase of almost 1/3 over the 1988 edition which had 9,232 fiche.

NEW FEES FOR MONTANA VITAL RECORDS certified copies of Montana birth and death records are now \$10.00 each. Searches will be made at a cost of \$10.00/hour or fraction thereof, and one certified copy of the record found will be provided at no additional charge if requested. Searches for marriage/divorce records will be made at the same cost as for births/deaths, but certified copies of marriage/divorce records can only be obtained from the clerk of the District Court in the county in which the event occurred. For searches for births/deaths or marriage/divorce records or copies of birth/death certificates you can send a personal check, money order of certified check to: Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, Vital Records and Statistics Bureau, 1400 Broadway, Helena MT 59620. Tel. (406) 444-4228.

APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEADER CERTIFICATE

_____ is a direct
(Name as it is to appear on certificate)
descendant of _____ who was a
(Name as it is to appear on certificate)
HOMESTEADER in Montana prior to 1920.

Attached are copies of documents proving that ancestor was a Montana Homesteader.

Fill in this sheet including back, attaching necessary documents along with check for \$5.00 payable to Lewistown Genealogy Society, Inc. and mail to:

Certificate Committee
Lewistown Genealogy Society, Inc.
701 West Main
Lewistown, Montana 59457

Release: I hereby give permission to the Lewistown Genealogy Society, Inc. to use the material submitted in this Montana Homesteader application in any of their future publications and files.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 19____.

Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Please mail this certificate to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

MONTANA CERTIFICATE APPLICATION FORM

(Please TYPE or PRINT PLAINLY with BLACK INK)

I, _____, am a lineal descendant
in the following line from _____,
who came to Montana in _____.

I am the child of

2. _____ born _____ died _____.
and his wife _____ born _____ died _____.

3. The said _____ is the child of
_____ born _____ died _____
and his wife _____ born _____ died _____.

4. The said _____ is the child of
_____ born _____ died _____
and his wife _____ born _____ died _____.

5. The said _____ is the child of
_____ born _____ died _____
and his wife _____ born _____ died _____.

6. The said _____ is the child of
_____ born _____ died _____
and his wife _____ born _____ died _____.

7. The said _____ is the child of
_____ born _____ died _____
and his wife _____ born _____ died _____.

8. The said _____ is the child of
_____ born _____ died _____
and his wife _____ born _____ died _____.

9. The said _____ is the child of
_____ born _____ died _____
and his wife _____ born _____ died _____.

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NEXT MEETING

The October meeting of the Western Montana Genealogical Society (WMGS) will be Wednesday, October 4th, 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Missoula Public Library. After the business meeting, Harold Fisher will tell us about the National Genealogical Society Annual Conference in the States that he recently attended. He will also bring materials from the conference.

OUR MEETING DAY WILL BE CHANGED--STARTING WITH THE DECEMBER MEETING!

Our October and November 1989 meetings will remain the first Wednesday of the month. But, the DECEMBER 1989 through MAY 1990 meetings will be the SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH! This change is because of a scheduling conflict with another group that had signed up for the first Wednesday of each month at the Library. Our meeting time and location will remain the same.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library's annual book sale will be October 19th, 20th and 21st (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) in the downstairs meeting room of the Missoula Public Library. Thursday (19th) is the "Early Bird Sale" from 6-8 p.m., and admission is \$1 to get first pick of the books for sale. Friday (20th) the hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and there is no admission charge. And the final day of the sale is Saturday (21st), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This last day will be the "Grocery Bag Sale." For no admission charge, you can fill a grocery bag with books and take them home for only \$2 per bag! (Sorry, I missed whether this grocery bag sale is all day Saturday or only in the afternoon.)

LDS BRANCH LIBRARY IN MISSOULA

Effective October 1st, the Saturday hours will change to 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (instead of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

NEWSLETTER NOTE

Apologies for the brevity of this newsletter, but your newsletter editor (Sharon Rose) had to leave town on one-day's notice to be with her family in Oregon. THANK YOU, Paulette, for getting this edition out.

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