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DUES *** This year we are asking our members to please include an extra dollar with their dues if they wish to become a member of the Montana State Genealogical Society through this 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 mail to: WMGS, P.O.Box 2714, Missoula MT 59806-2714. In January the mailing list will be updated and only those who have paid this year's dues will receive the next Newsletter. Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. A star after your name indicates that your dues have been paid.

Membership cards for the State Genealogical Society are included with this newsletter for everyone who paid their WMGS dues last year. This is because the WMGS paid the State dues of \$1.00 @ for all of our members last spring. You can also become an individual (\$10.00) or family (\$12.00) member of the State Genealogical Society by sending the stated dues to: Mr. Robert Matkins. 3120 Quincy St., Butte MT 59701. Individual and Family Members will receive their own copies of the State Scciety Newsletter, "The Big Sky Roundup". For those who are members of the State Society through the WMGS, the "Big Sky Roundup" will be available at WMGS meetings or the Family History Library. All members of the State Genealogical Society, whether individual or through the WMGS, are entitled to place queries in the State Newsletter. Send you query to: Marilyn Lewis, R.R. #2 Box 2246, Lewistown MT 59457.

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.

DECEMBER MEETING ***** THERE WILL BE NO MEETING THIS MONTH *****

JANUARY MEETING Will be Thursday, January 14th. The program will be given by Sharon Larson, sextant of the Missoula City Cemetery, who will talk on types of records available from cemeteries, requirements of state law, and what your letter to the cemetery should include when you write for information.

An interesting article on a similar topic appeared in Heritage Quest #39, "Interment Lists". This is available at the Missoula Public Library in the Genealogy Collection.

PAF Our PAF USERS GROUP is meeting about once a month. The next meeting will be on Friday, January 15th at 7:00 pm at the Family History Library and we will be looking at the "FOCUS - DESIGN REPORTS" features of PAF. The group now has a "Disc Doctor" who may be able to help fix scrambled data files and get registed PAF users the most recent updates of PAF (we can only update your PAF discs if you have version 2.0 or higher. If you have an older version than 2.0 you will have to send your disc to Salt Lake City for updating). If you need help with your discs or an update contact Tracy Scott at 549-4649 or Harold Fisher at 721-5333. There are now 6 PAF Utility programs (5 freeware and 1 shareware) running on the computer in the reader room of the Family History Library. These programs all work with PAF using the PAF data files. They are Family Records Utility -FRU, FORREST, PAFAIDE, FAMSORT, PAFTBX, and IGI255. Information on how to copy these programs to your disc are posted by the computer at the Library. You will need a 5-1/4 low density format disc to get a program off the computer. You can then copy from the 5-1/4 to a 3-1/2 low density disc on the other computer if need be. We have also just received some information from Salt Lake about copying information from one data base to another without going through a GEDCOM file. I have not seen this yet, but it should be available at the library in about a week. Dorothea Berthoud has informed me that we are now officially on the list of PAF Users Groups and should be getting a quarterly newsletter.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY at the LDS Church, 3201 Bancroft, Missoula, 543-6148. Open Mon.-Thur. and Sat. 12:00-4:00pm, and Tue.-Thur. 7:00-9:30pm, 543-6148. *** The library will be CLOSED for the holidays from Dec. 24th - Jan. 2nd.***

VITAL RECORDS COMPUTER INPUT PROJECT Volunteers are still needed to input data from our newspaper indexing project. If you do not have a computer, you can book a computer at the Library for a two hour session. The discs, cards and instructions are available at the Information Desk or the Magazine Desk. You do not have to pay for this time. Be sure to call and book the computer ahead of time (they are quite often very busy). We are trying to get as much of this project done as we can by the time of the 1994 Conference (in Missoula). If you have a computer at home, pick up the disc, cards and instructions and sign them out. You will need to leave your name and telephone number in case we need to call you if we have a patron request from that year. If you have questions, call Paulette at the Library, 721-2665.

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY Paulette has ordered several new books that are of interest. Three should be on the shelves soon:

1- "Family Diseases, Are You At Risk" by Myra Vanderpool Gormley, 616.042 Gormley. This book explores the relationship between genetic disorders and ancestry, and also looks at your mental and behavioral roots.

2- "State Census Records" by Ann S. Lainhart, GenColl, R 929.3, Lainhar. Shows what is available in State Census on a "state by state, year by year, often county by county and district by district". Shows where the census is available and what you can expect to find in the way of data.

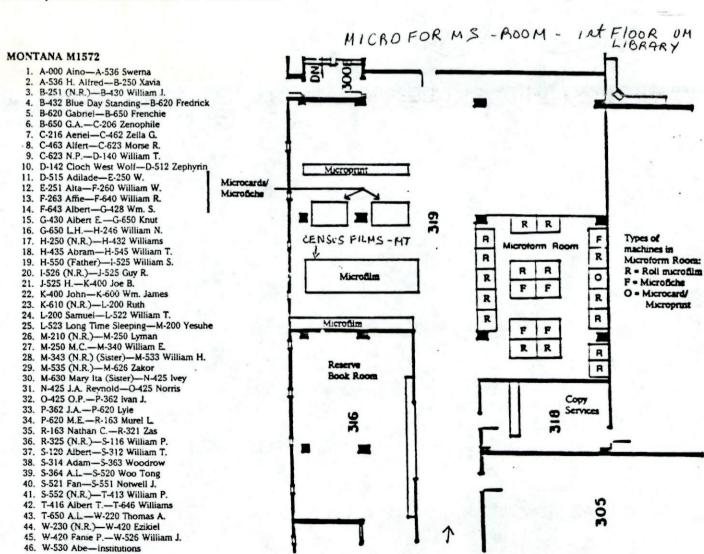
3- "Genealogy as Pastime and Profession" by Donald Lines Jacobus, 929.3 Jacobus. "Describes the principles of genealogical research, the evaluation of evidence, and the relationship of genealogy to chronology, eugenics, and the law.

NOTE ON RECORDS NOTATIONS *** This comes from the Seattle P-I by way of the Treasure State Lines, from an article "Records Notations Misleading" by Myra V. Gormley.

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Census Place Notations: "AA" = "at sea"; "IY" = "Indian Territory"
Census Naturalization Notations: "A" = "Alien"; "NA" = "Naturalized"
and "PA" = "First Papers have been filed" not Pennsylvania.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY *** NEW PHONE FICHE *** If you are looking for current phone numbers and addresses, check the 1991-92 phone fiche. The old phone fiche have been replaced and are available in the reference area on the main floor of the library. Walk straight ahead from the main entrance almost to the back wall. There you will see a microfiche reader next to a bookcase. The phone fiche are on a shelf in the bookcase on the other side from the reader. *** 1920 MONTANA SOUNDEX *** is available in the UM microform room. People have complained of not being able to use them because the soundex codes were not written on the boxes. However, they are numbered and filed in order, 1-46. The enclosed list from the National Archives publication on the 1920 Census will let you find the right soundex. Just look up the box number for your soundex code and get that box from the microfilm draw. Holiday break schedule (Dec. 24th - Jan 14th) Mon. - Fri., 8:00am - 5:00pm. Closed Sat.& Sun., and Dec.24th & Jan.1st.





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