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DUES *** Dues are \$10.00 a year for individuals or \$12.00 a year for a family. This year we are asking our members to please include an extra \$1.00 with their dues if they would also like to be a member of the Montana State Genealogical Society through the Western Montana Genealogical Society.

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held on the second Thursday of the month (Sept.-May) at 7:00 pm in the small meeting room of the Missoula Public Library.

JANUARY MEETING will be Jan. 14th. The guest speaker will be Sharon Larson of the Missoula City Cemetery Staff, who will give a talk on "Cemetery Records and Genealogical Research." The talk will cover Montana state laws concerning cemeteries and their records, what is in a cemetery record, other sources that cemeteries can use for referral, and Missoula City Cemetery history. Most of this information should be valuable for doing research in any cemetery, not just in Missoula.

PAF USERS' GROUP will meet on Friday, Jan. 15th at 7:00 pm at the Family History Library, 3201 Bancroft, Missoula. The topic will be the "Focus and Design Reports" features of PAF.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY ***** COMPUTER VIRUS WARNING *****

The Library reopened after the Christmas break with word that a virus had invaded the main computer. It has been cleared up and an anti-virus program installed on the computer. If you downloaded any GEDCOM files or used the PAF program on the main computer to enter data between Nov. 10th and Dec. 18th, you SHOULD check your discs for the 'Stoned' virus. This virus is said to destroy the hard drive FAT tables and partitions if you boot from a floppy disc that has the virus. You may not know that you have an infected floppy disc if you only use the disc for data storage. You should check any disc that you used at the library between the above dates. The anti-virus program on the computer at the library will check a 3 1/2 or 5 1/4 disc for 1200 different viruses, tell you what virus you had, and then clean up the disc without losing your data. It should only take a few minutes to check a disc, and the librarians

will now be asking anyone who brings in a disc to use at the library to check it first with the anti-virus program before using any of the Family Search programs on the computer.

***** On the brighter side, the library now has a brand new computer and ROM disc reader which were installed on Jan. 8th. The new computer is much faster than the old one.

***** The new IGI fiche for the Scandinavian Countries have arrived and have been filed. These join the new IGI fiche for the U.S., Canada, and England.

AGLL - AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL LENDING LIBRARY The AGLL has sent word that, effective immediately, the charges for film rentals are being raised. All films will now cost \$3.00 each (no discounts for orders of 10 films at one time) and each order will be charged a \$2.00 S&H fee. This means the Missoula Public Library has to charge \$5.00 if a patron orders just one film. The films are still only \$3.00 each (for three weeks) at the Family History Library. (Regular Federal Census films from 1850 on are ordered in on indefinite loan for only a \$3.00 charge to the patrons.)

VITAL STATISTICS LEGISLATION The Montana State Genealogical Society has a Legislative Committee working with the State Department of Vital Records and Statistics. They are working on a bill to present to the Legislature in regard to our concerns in accessing records for genealogical purposes with the hope that their efforts will enable all genealogists to obtain information from this state office more freely, without any of the restrictions currently in place. Please watch or listen for the Legislative reports, and encourage your local representative to vote in favor of this legislation should it come before the Legislature for a vote.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN PICTURES (from the Big Sky Roundup via the Monroe, Juneau, Jackson Counties Newsletter, Tomah, WI, Vol. VII #2, Sept. 1992.)

The U.S. Military History Institute received a donation of more than 40,000 Civil War photos, mostly of officers and enlisted men. With that start, they launched a project to get more and have another 40,000 pictures, with more coming in. They work from negatives - either ones you have made from a picture you possess or one they make from a picture you send in. They will copy it and return the original. They need information on the unit in which your ancestor served. They will also check files - at no cost - to see if they have a picture you might want - no more than ten names. For more information write to: U.S. Army Military History Institute, Special Collections Branch, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA 17013-5008.

MILITARY UNIT HISTORIES (from Faded Genes, Vol. 9 #4, Dec. 1992 via same source cited above.)

The Army Center in Washington can provide a "unit history", which lists actions of the unit in which your ancestor served. Write to: U.S. Army Center of Military History, Organizational Branch, 20 Massachusetts Ave., Washington DC 20314-0200. Provide information on name, Regiment & Company, years served, and any other

information that you have.

NEW BOOKS AT THE MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

FAMILY REUNIONS AND CLAN GATHERINGS, by Shari L. Fiock. How to assemble a memorable event for clan gatherings. 349.2 FIOCK

MANAGING A GENEALOGICAL PROJECT, by William Dollarhide. A complete manual for the management and organization of genealogical materials. Includes a set of master forms for genealogical research. This book is designed for the beginner and experienced alike. 929.1 DOLLARH

GENEALOGY IS MORE THAN CHARTS, by Lorna Duane Smith. This book has fifteen chapters which are really a compilation of fifteen books. It includes activities to encourage involvement of members of the family, the genealogical society, and the community. 929.1 SMITH

THE ADOPTION SEARCHBOOK, by Mary Jo Rillera. This book gives techniques for tracing people and has sample letters to write. 362.73y RILLERA

LIFELINE, THE ACTION GUIDE TO ADOPTION SEARCH, by Virgil L. Klunder. Lists over 100 successful adoption search techniques, 59 sample letters, and a 21 point directory of search tips for all 50 states. Includes current laws and contacts to over 1000 organizations set up exclusively to help (adoption) searchers.

GenColl, R362.734 KLUNDER

HOW TO ACCESS THE CARD CATALOG OF THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY IN FORT WAYNE, IN

To Access the Dial-Up Service you must first have a terminal that emulates VT-100. It must be Hayes-compatible and use 1200Bps, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, No Parity and have a delete or backspace key. The phone number is (219) 424-1330. Once you have made a connection Press <Ctrl> o (letter O). This will give you the welcome screen. Select either Subject, Title, Author, or Keyword by number (no <cr> is necessary). Type in your subject and press return <cr>. The codes to navigate through are as follows:

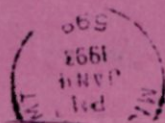
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Help <Ctrl>Y
Compose a search..C
Next...N
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Copy availability...C at full Record screen
Brief reference...B at heading
Browse screen search History...S
Browse...<Ctrl>W
Keyword...<Ctrl>K

There is no charge for this service except for any long distance charges. The Allen Co. Library has a great Genealogy Dept.

CANADIAN POSTAL RATE INCREASE

For those interested in S.A.S.E. for Canadian Sources - as of January 1, 1993 Canada Post has increased the cost of mailing a letter from Canada to the U.S. by .01 It will now cost \$.49 to send a letter.

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