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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.

MARCH MEETING will be on Thurs., March 11th. We will watch an instructional video by Dr. Arlene Eckle, "Do Your Family Tree Part II. The lessons on this 70 min. tape include how to research U.S. census records, compiled records and county histories; and how occupational research can extend your pedigrees. I have seen this video and it is very good.

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY board will meet in Bozeman on Saturday, March 13th. If you would like to go contact Paulette Parpart. Also see the insert on the 4th Annual MSGS Seminar to be held May 14-15-16 in Lewistown, MT. Pre-Registration fee is $35.00.

NEW MEMBER Marsha Porter
2216 Kensington Ave.
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PAF USERS' GROUP will meet on Friday, March 26th at 7:00 pm in the Family History Library at the LDS Church, 3201 Bancroft, Missoula. Tami Mitchell will discuss the Match/Merge functions of PAF. Everyone is welcome.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY the local DAR chapter has bought and contributed the FHC the following microfiche dealing with Revolutionary War Records/Soldiers:
CONNECTICUT - Records of Connecticut Men in the Revolution, #6046698.
DELWARE - Revolutionary War Records With Index, #6051215.
ILLINOIS - Clark's Men in the Revolutionary War, #6050443.
LOUISIANA - Louisiana Census and Militia Lists, Vol. 1 & 2, #6088510 & 6088511.
MARYLAND - Revolutionary War Records of Maryland, #6046943.
MASSACHUSETTS - Massachusetts Revolutionary War Records, #6046890.
NEW HAMPSHIRE - Military History of New Hampshire, #6046858.
NEW JERSEY - New Jersey Revolutionary War Soldiers, #6046724.
NEW YORK - Master Index to New New York DAR Records, #6051491.
- New York in the Revolution, by Berthold Fernow, #6051123.
NORTH CAROLINA - North Carolina DAR Records, #6046553.
- North Carolina Revolutionary War Soldiers, #6046654.
RHODE ISLAND - Spirit of '76 in Rhode Island: or sketches of the efforts of the government and people in the War of the Revolution, #6046885. - (The index to this is contained in James Arnold's "Vital Records of RI" pp. 91-298, which is already in the FHL, #6046912).
OHIO - Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Ohio, #6046713.
PENNSYLVANIA - Archives, Series 5, Revolutionary War Records, #6051521.
- Pennsylvania Battalions and Line, #6046549.
SOUTH CAROLINA - Stub Entries to Claims for Revolutionary Service, #6046914.
TENNESSEE - Tennessee During the Revolution, #6049340.
VERMONT - Revolutionary War Soldiers Rolls, #6046670.
VIRGINIA - Virginia Soldiers of 1776, #6049341 & 6049342.
- Virginia Revolutionary War Records, #6049644.
- List of Revolutionary War Soldiers of Virginia Supplement, #6051262.
- Virginia Militia in the Revolution, #6089080.
- List of Revolutionary War Soldiers of Virginia, #6051268 & 6046552.

Confederate Research Center
The CRC has in its possession the microfiche index to Confederate Military Records that are in the possession of the National Archives. For a $10 or so fee they (Mrs. Peggy Fox) will search the index and send you a photostat of the soldier's index card (which lists his name and unit) as well as a regimental history. If they don't find anything they won't charge you a dime!

What you need to do is send the name and state of residence of your ancestor-send no money, they'll bill you. The address is: The Harold B. Simpson Confederate Research Center, P.O. Box 619, Hillsboro, Texas, 76645. Phone # (817)-582-2555. Mrs. Fox is said to be very helpful and courteous, with plenty of suggestions for future research. Once you have this info then request the records from the National Archives and verify by searching the census.

INFORMATION REGARDING NATURALIZATION RECORDS OF PENNSYLVANIA
From information compiled by Waldo H. Turk of the Historical Society of PA, and contributed to WMGS NEWS by Blanch Tate:

The Historical Society of PA has in its possession the 11 volume Index to Records of Aliens Declarations of Intention and/or Oaths of Allegiance, 1789-1880 (WPA Project #20837). This is a hard to find but often cited source in Filby's Immigration and Naturalization Records series. This index gives the following information: person's name, country of former allegiance, court where alien applied, and the date of the Declaration of
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Question and Answer Time!
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(BEFORE May 10)

Program

Friday Evening 7:00 - 9:00 Jam Session
Browse the book tables & get Come dressed in your ethnic
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Saturday AM 8:00 - 9:00 Registration - No Host Breakfast
9:00 - 11:00 2 Keynote Speakers
11:00 - 12:00 Browsing
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 Both Speakers
3:00 - 4:00 15 Min. talks from DAR-SAR-GAR
4:00 - 4:30 Break
4:30 - 6:00 Business Meeting
6:30 - Banquet -- Poolside
Sunday AM 8:00 - 9:00 No Host Breakfast
Roundtable Sharing -----------------Experiences -----------------Dead Ends
Intention and/or Oath of Allegiance. The Historical Society of PA will supply copies of pages of the index for the following fees: $.25 for each page xeroxed, a $1.00 service charge for each volume handled, and at least $1.00 postage on the order (order must be prepaid). The 5 courts indexed in this record are: Philadelphia City/County Courts: Court of Common Pleas, and Court of Quarter Sessions; Federal Courts: U.S Circuit Court, and U.S. District Court; and the State Supreme Court of PA. A revised edition of this index, in book form only, can also be found at the Family History Library in SLC, call no. 974.811 P4p.

Historical Maps of Nova Scotia

The Department of Natural Resources of Nova Scotia (formerly Lands and Forests) has a series of county maps, the "Church" maps, which were drawn up in the mid-1800's. There is one map for each county showing the topography and all the land holdings of the time. The scale of the Cape Breton County map is 1 mile to the inch, with inset detail maps of some of the larger towns. The whole map is on two sheets and is about 4' square. The maps are CDN $12.00 each (plus GST for Canadian residents) prepaid, and can be ordered from:

Provincial Map Library
Lower Level
Torrington Place
780 Windmill Rd
Dartmouth, NS
B3B 1T3
CANADA

Request the Church Series map for the counties you are interested in. Note that the place names may have changed between then and now and may not be exactly right anyway.

ARE YOUR ROOTS IN MONTANA? If so, you may be interested in a Family Tree Chart currently being sold by the Miles City Genealogical Society. Drawn by local artist Donna Faber, the chart shows various scenes of Montana, including a waterfall from Yellowstone Park, a frontier town, a Native American Tepee, and a train.

My Roots Are In Montana

Cost is $2.00, plus $.50 shipping and handling. The charts will be sent rolled, not folded. Make your check or money order payable to:

Miles City Genealogical Soc.
P.O. BOX 711
Miles City, MT 59301

KISSING COUSINS

The Feb. 15th Los Angeles Times carried an article entitled "More Kissing Cousins Are Marrying, New Study Finds". This article stated that marriages between cousins and other close relatives are becoming more common in the United States and other Western countries as a result of immigration from countries where such marriages are accepted practice. ... studies
suggest that the adverse genetic consequences of such inbreeding are real, but much less serious and widespread than is generally believed. These marriages, called consanguineous, are now prohibited in 30 states (but not in CA), and carry heavy criminal penalties in 9 states.

An estimated 20% of marriages world-wide are between individuals who are first cousins or more closely related, with the incidence rising as high as 50% in countries such as Pakistan. In India, uncle-niece unions account for 20% of all marriages.

The Western Montana Genealogical Society welcomes queries from members and would be happy to publish articles submitted about Western Montana/Missoula families and local history. Please send submissions to our P.O. box address.

At the next meeting we will be looking for members of a nominating committee to gather names of those interested in serving as officers of the Western Montana Genealogical Society for the 1993-1994 year. If you would like to serve on the committee or could serve as an officer next year, please let us know.