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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.

APRIL MEETING we will meet on Thursday, April 8th and continue with the video tape by Dr. Arlene Eakle, "Do Your Family Tree, Part II" - 'compiled records and county' histories, and 'using occupational research.' The group that watched the first part of this video last month liked it enough to vote to purchase a copy of the two volume set for the Missoula Public Library. When it arrives it will be available to check out for two day periods.

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - The 4th Annual State Seminar, "Crossings", will be held in Lewistown, Mt. on May

14-15-16, 1993. See the enclosed flier for schedules and programs. Pre-registration is \$35.00 payable by May 5th (\$48.00 at the door). Every packet will contain a coupon worth \$5.00 for breakfast at the Park Inn, site of the conference. NOTE - registration will begin Fri. @ 5:00 pm. **
- At the March 13th board meeting, it was reported that a meeting had been held with the Board of Health regarding access to and indexing of vital records. Since the Board of Health members were receptive to setting up a means of indexing their file names, if volunteer help was provided, there may not be any need to obtain legislation in this regard. It was noted that date and name searching would be done without jeopardizing document secrecy and that fees charged by the state would still be collected for searches and copying. There are now 616 members in the state society, and a membership list was handed out. Articles and queries for the Mt. State Gen. Soc. Newsletter, the Big Sky Roundup, can be sent to Marilyn Lewis, Editor, 6340 Blackfoot Dr., Helena MT 59601. Queries are free to members.

1993 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN THE STATES called "A Chesapeake Homecoming", will be in held Baltimore, Maryland from June 2-5, 1993. The Program and Registration Brochure will be available at the Missoula Public Library, the FHC, and at the next WMGS meeting.

PREPARING TO VISIT THE LIBRARY

When visiting a library for the first time be sure to ask what kinds of materials are NOT in their card catalog (or online catalog). Typically, the kinds of things you may miss by only checking the card catalog include manuscript collections, microfilms, maps, government documents, vertical file materials, photograph collections, multimedia materials, etc.

Another point is to think about how you ask your questions. College libraries, for example, have a great many resources not available at most genealogical libraries. But, reference staff at college libraries generally aren't very familiar with genealogical research. It may help to phrase requests in terms the staff may be more familiar with -- you're searching for biographical information, or historical information on a particular place or war or ethnic group.

When using college libraries, it is essential to check ahead -- try to avoid home football games, homecoming, graduation, etc. And, remember that colleges have odd holiday schedules, frequently meaning it is easier to park but the library has reduced hours (or is completely closed).

If anyone hasn't read Florence King's "Southern Ladies and Gentlemen", see the chapter on the Southern genealogy fetish entitled "Thou Shalt Be Kings, No Matter Who Begot Thee." I got a great laugh out of the descriptions of little old ladies badgering the archivists to find out the link between their ancestors and the maids of Mary, Queen of Scots.

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TRUSTING THE CENSUS

To remind yourself not to trust the US Census too much, each time you study a census record remember that, sometimes, we all have to stop and do some arithmetic to determine our own age (in filling out forms etc., when we must state our age and date of birth). How easy to just say the first numbers that came to mind to a census taker who came around once in ten years? This in addition to neighbors trying to estimate the ages of persons who were not at home when the census taker came around.

Another thing to remember is the likelihood that the census taker asked the ancestor, "Where did you come from?", rather than, "Where were you born?". This could be significant if your 4th grandfather could *perhaps* have been an immigrant from Scotland (family legend), and equally *perhaps* been born in ("come from") North Carolina (recorded census data). This *perhaps* answers no definitive question, and certainly demands more research for facts.

"Crossings" - 4th Annual Seminar

PRESENTERS

Mr. Keith Rose and Mr. Barry Kirk, from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City will lead the discussions during the Seminar. Mr. Rose is the Specialist on Western States and Mr. Kirk is the Specialist on Canada

"Who" Montana State Genealogical Society
 "What" State Meeting and Seminar
 "When" May 14-15-16, 1993
 "Where" Park Inn
 211 East Main Street
 Lewistown, MT 59457

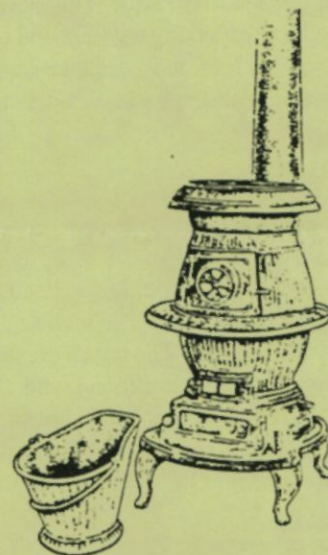
PROGRAM

Friday Evening 7:00-9:00 *Jam Session - Come dressed in your ethnic background (optional) Browse the book tables and get acquainted with other researchers.*

Saturday Morn 8:00-9:00 *Registration - No Host Breakfast*
9:00-11:00 *Keynote Speakers - Keith Rose and Barry Kirk*
11:00-noon *Browsing*
12:01-1:00 *Lunch*

Saturday After 1:00-3:00 *Speakers Continue*
3:00-4:00 *Presentations by DAR, SAR, GAR*
4:00-4:30 *Break*
4:30-6:00 *Business Meeting*
6:30- ? *Banquet*

Sunday Morn 8:00-9:00 *No Host Breakfast*



DOOR PRIZES -- HANDOUTS -- QUESTIONS & ANSWERS -- ROUNDTABLE SHARING

4th Annual Seminar Registration

NAME _____

TICKETS - - - Includes Luncheon and Banquet
 Pre-registration is \$35 by May 6
 Registration at the door is \$48

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____

Send Registration and check to:
 Betty Marshall, Treasurer
 P.O. Box 476
 Chester, MT 59522

CARBON COUNTY TALES

Note: The following story is one of a collection of stories told by Walter Ludlow Reno to his daughter, Alice Irene Reno Snow and submitted by Alice R. Roth, 431 South Lamborn, Helena, MT.

Dr. Movius

One day Daddy was going somewhere on his horse and he came to a ford in the river. (There were no bridges across the river at that time) There was a man in a top buggy and he had missed the ford and his horse was scared and trying to turn around and go back. The buggy was about to tip over and spill the man into the water when Daddy rode up, got a hold of the halter and straightened out the horse and pulled him and the buggy out on dry land.

Daddy said, "How come you missed the ford?" And, the man said, "I'm Dr. Movius and I got a call up here that they needed a doctor." Dad said, "I'm Walt Reno, nice to know a doctor." Dr. Movius said, "I'll remember your name and if you ever need a doctor, call me." So, when Mama was going to have me, they got in touch with Dr. Movius. He had a hospital in Bridger then. Dr. Movius examined her and said she was nearly ready. Then, he said, "There's only one problem, my wife is expecting anytime and I can't leave. Why don't you leave Mrs. Reno here and I can take care of both of them." So, that's how I was born in a hospital, only one of nine kids. Born January 31, 1909

One time Dr. Movius was called to Belfry. Someone had been shot. A young man was standing watching some men play cards in the saloon when one man thought the other man was cheating, pulled out a .45 and shot toward him, missed and hit Elgin Ogden. The bullet went clear through him. The men said he's a gonner for sure, but they called Dr. Movius. The doctor came, laid him out on a pool table and operated. The doctor found where the bullet had come in and went out. It didn't hit any bones but clipped a nick out of one of his intestines. Dr. Movius went in and pinched it together and sewed it up, cleaned him up and told him to take it easy.

Well, after that everyone in the country heard what a good doctor, Dr. Movius was. They would say, "Did you hear about when Dr. Movius saved Elgin Ogden's life?"

Dr. Movius moved to Billings and years after that Dad took Neil to see him. The way that happened, Art was driving a team of wild horses. Neil had been warned time after time not to climb in the wagon over the wheel. He did and got his legs hurt before Art could get the horses stopped. Neither one would tell and for years Neil suffered. Finally when they went to see Dr. Movius, he said, "I'm not quite up to that operation yet. I tell you, I'll make arrangements and send you to Dr. Murphey in Chicago." He did. It took everything the folks could rake and scrape together but Neil's leg was operated on. The right ones bone was scraped from ankle to knee, the other one operated above the knee with a tube in to take off drainage.

Dr. A.J. Movius and his partner, Dr. J. Bridenbaugh established the Billings Clinic in Billings, MT

REYNOLDS FAMILY REUNION

The Reynolds Family will hold its 1993 annual reunion on June 21-26 in Arlington, VA. The Reynolds Family in America dates from the year 1622 when Christopher Reynolds arrived in Jamestowne, Virginia. The Reynolds Family Association was organized in 1892 and includes all Reynolds families, regardless of when the earliest ancestor arrived in America or how the name is spelled. For further information contact: Sybil R. Taylor, 4004 Javins Dr., Alexandria, VA 22310



The following was posted and quoted on Prodigy, December 31, 1991 by Bernard Kouchel:

WARNING! QUARANTINED!

The inhabitants here had been stricken with a titillating and infectious disease:

-- GENEALOGY FEVER --

which is spreading rapidly around the world.

SYMPTOMS:

- Inability to concentrate on the job.
- Copies of old census lists & notepaper crammed into pockets.
- A fanatical compulsion to look in phone books everywhere.
- A cold sweat at the sight of old graveyards.
- Violent tremors at beholding trunks filled with old letters.
- Speed in excess of 75 mph heading toward the library copier with a book mentioning an ancestor.
- Bloodshot eyes from too much microfilm exposure.
- Erratic speech punctuated with giggles, followed with mumbling about Kings and Princesses.
- Heart palpitations while awaiting the daily mail.
- Euphoria when hearing from a distant cousin providing a new surname in the family tree.

WARNING - INCURABLE - WARNING

Anonymous

Also, the census enumerations were not completed in just one day, so it was quite possible for an ancestor to be enumerated twice in one census - if they were enumerated in one place and then moved to another place before the census taker had been there, or perhaps were visiting friends or relatives when the census taker came.

Probably most people mistrusted the census taker as an agent of a nosy government which would raise taxes given any excuse. So, never believe the property values stated in census records. Especially, the farm schedules of the census were exaggerated downward to convey to that evil government that farmer Brown was a poor, unlucky man of the earth, stricken equally by bad weather, poor soil, and blight.

In regard to the census, there is an interesting article in the March 1993 issue of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, "In Praise of Errors Made By The Census Enumerators". Noting that some errors are beneficial, the article contains a list of "some identified schedules giving unauthorized data". These are generally census where the enumerator listed the full place of birth (as opposed to just the state or country), full birth dates and marriage years. It points out the importance of checking every census enumeration possible for a given ancestor. I can personally attest to the help of serendipitous census errors in my own research. A census takers' sloppy handwriting on an 1880 census led a soundexer

to copy my g-grandfather's age as 7 when he was actually 11, enabling me to find him in the 1880 census which was only supposed to soundex families with children under 10 (there were no others under 10). I also found a g-grandmother's death certificate when a 1900 census taker indicated the number of years my g-gf, a widower, had been married (subsequently crossed out, but quite legible).

IGI DOWNLOAD

It is possible and permitted to block transfer all of the records from the IGI for a given surname and country onto a floppy disk, as long as it is for your research or for the research of someone who hired you. (You cannot do it to distribute IGI clones, or to write a book on a particular family, i.e. "The Smiths of America", without explicit permission from the LDS). You need to be concerned about the number of names and the size of the files. The holding file that the LDS software uses holds about 200 names. Then you have to write them to disk. A 720K disk may hold about 5000 names. You could then add the whole list to a PAF file, or better, use data base software on your computer at home to search the file and filter the data down. Two Lifelines programs that I have heard of, IGI-Filter and IGI-Merge (semi-automatically merges families back together) could make working with files of this size a lot easier.

ARCHIVE RECORDS AND THE IGI

The following was excerpted from a longer article by Larry Reed in the Internet newsgroup

soc.roots. --

In response to your request for a source record from an IGI entry, you may receive a Family Group Record with the words "Archive Record" stamped vertically on the left end. Archive Records are family group records representing temple work completed by the LDS church. They are usually compiled records done by the Gen. Soc. of Utah, professionals or a family organization. If done by either of the later, a family representative was designated, and this name will appear on all sheets as the submitter/family rep ... but they may have had no real knowledge of the research. As mentioned in a previous article, the Archive Record documents were filmed in the early 1970s and are now being extracted into the computer data...

What do you do if you get one? How do you know if there is more info on another Archive Record? Look for the asterisk * !!! If an asterisk appears after a husband or wife's name or after a child's name, then they appear as either a child or a parent on another Archive Record FGS. If an asterisk appears after a child's spouse's name, then the child had another marriage which will appear on another FGS. If there are no asterisks, then (and the Archives Records are very consistent on this) there are no other Archive Records for the family you are looking for, but there may be a TIB (Temple Index Bureau) card available. These give a little amplifying information, but do not extend the current generation. Both will eventually appear in the IGI.

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