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<u>DUES</u> \*\*\* Dues are \$10.00 a year for individuals or \$12.00 a year for a family, and includes Newsletter (Sept-May). Please include an extra \$1.00 with your dues if they would also like to be a member of the Montana State Genealogical Society through the Western Montana Genealogical Society. Dues for the 1993-94 year are now due. See the coupon insert for membership /renewals.

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.

At the September meeting we had a presentation by Dave Roth of 1-Hour Pro Photo Labs. He talked about the new Fuji process that makes copies on photographic quality archival paper. These cost slightly more than laser copies, but are of better quality. Copies can be enlarged up to 200% or reduced to 50%. The process will copy pictures, slides, tin types, and even solid objects will copy with about a 3/8 in. depth of field. Color and density can be changed a little. Mr. Roth will give a 10% discount to members of the WMGS. (See flier).

Marsha Porter reported that the Genealogical Society of Utah has begun filming some Missoula County records including probate records from 1900 on. Statewide marriage records are also being filmed.

OCTOBER MEETING we will meet on Thursday, Oct. 14th. Pat Thompson from the Bitterroot Genealogical Society will talk on naturalization and immigration records.

NOVEMBER MEETING Due to the Veterans Day holiday the Missoula public library will be closed on the second Thursday of November. <u>We will meet on</u> the first Thursday, Nov. 4th.

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING IN MISSOULA

The MSGS met in Missoula on Saturday, Sept. 12th. An interesting note was that there was a bill being proposed that "all" would require genealogists be licensed before they are allowed access to public records in county courthouses and state agencies. This bill, if passed, would effectively bar lay researchers from access to tax funded public records. The legality of the bill was discussed, and the



matter was referred to members in Helena for investigation and motivation behind the proposal. All genealogists should contact local politicians and express their opinion of this bill!

As a fund raiser, the MSGS is selling small pins with their logo on them. These are available with or without loops to attach yearly pins from the annual state seminars. I have several of each type for sale at \$3.50 each. They will be available at our monthly meetings.

The ideas for the state seminar to be jointly hosted in Missoula next Apr. 8-10th by the WMGS/Bitterroot Gen. Soc. were presented. The theme will be "Bits, Bytes, and Bull", and the pre-registration fee will remain \$35.00.

The statewide birth and death record indexing project is now underway. Sam Sperry, of the Bureau of Vital Records. has agreed to provide a room and 2 computers which will be available from 8am - 5pm, Mon.-Fri. for inputting from the state records. We will start with the deaths. The indexes will give date, place, county, name, and a code number corresponding to the actual record in the files. There will be two orientation sessions in Helena, one on Friday, Oct. 15th at 1:00pm, and another on Friday, Nov. 5th at 10am to show volunteers what they will need to know to help with this project. We need to know by the Wednesday before how many people will be goint to Helena. A schedule will be set up so that volunteers can call ahead to set up work times. The Nov. 5th orientation session will be followed by lunch and a MSGS board meeting. We have a group planning to go to Helena for this. Anyone who wants to go is welcome.

## FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

Note that due to a shortage of librarians the FHL is now CLOSED on Wednesday afternoons (still open Wednesday nights.) The current FHL hours are Mon., Tue., Thurs. & Sat. 12:00-4:00 and Tue., Wed. & Thurs. 7:00-9:30pm.

DO YOU HAVE AN ANCESTOR WHO <u>RODE FOR THE PONY EXPRESS?</u> The Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph, MO, has produced and a small brochure listing their addresses, phone numbers, mission, hours of the museum, etc., along with a list of known pony express riders. Their addresses are:

Pony Express National Memorial 914 Penn Street P.O. Box 244 St. Joseph, MO 64502-0244

Fax: (816)232-8482

Pony Express Museum 1100 Charles Street

Apr.-Sept: Mon-Sat.9-6; Sun.1-6 Oct-March: Mon-Sat.9-5; Sun.1-5

If you write to them they will send you their brochure along with a blank form to complete and return to tell them info about your ancestor (or other) who may have been connected with the Pony Express, and the sheet entitled "KNOWN PONY EXPRESS RIDERS" with the following information:

"To date, company records have never been found. The following list of riders has been compiled from various sources, including accounts from people who knew riders,



relatives of riders and newspapers. The list is not considered to be complete nor have all of the names been confirmed." This sheet goes on to list the names of 183 persons (see And ends with the below). following: "Do you have information about a Pony Express rider? Please let us know by contacting a museum employee." 1. Anson, John 2. Avis, Henry 3. Babbit, Rodney Ball, Lafayette 4. 5. Banks, James 6. Barnell, James 7. Baughn, Jim 8. Baughn, Melville 9. Beardsley, Marve 10. Beatley, James 11. Becker, Charles 12. Bedford, Thomas 13. Billman, Charles 14. Bills, G. R. 15. "Black Sam" "Black Tom" 16. 17. Bolwinkle, Lafayette (Bolly) 18. Bond "Boston" 19. 20. Boulton, William 21. Brink, James 22. Brown, Hugh 23. Brown, James 24. Bucklin, James 25. Burnett, John 26. Bush. Ed 27. Campbell, William 28. Carlyle, Alexander 29. Carr, William 30. Carrigan, William 31. Carter, James 32. Cates, William A. 33. Clark, James 34. Clark, John 35. Cleve, Richard 36. Cliff, Charles 37. Cliff, Gustavas (Gus) 38. Cody, William (Buffalo

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39. Cole, Buck 40. Corbett, Bill 41. Covington, Edward 42. Cowan, James 43. Crawford, Jack 44. Cumbo, James 45. Dean, Louis 46. Dennis. William 47. Derrick, Frank 48. Diffenbacher. Alex 49. Dobson, Thomas 50. Dodge. J 51. Donovan, Joseph 52. Donvan, Tom 53. Dorrington, W. E 54. Downs, Calvin 55. Drumheller, Daniel M. 56. Dunlap, James E. 57. Eckels, William 58. Egan, Major Howard 59. Egan, Howard Ransom 60. Egan, Richard Erastus 61. Elliot, Thomas J. 62. Ellis, J. K. 63. Ecos, Charles 64. Fair, George 65. Faust, H. J. 66. Fischer, Johnny 67. Fisher, John Fisher, William F. 68. 69. Flynn, Thomas 70. Foreman, Jimmie 71. Fry, Johnny 72. Fuller, Abram 73. Gardner, George 74. Gentry, James 75. Gilson, James Gilson, Samuel Grady, "Irish Tom" 76. 77. 78. Hall, Sam 79. Hamilton, Billy 80. Haslam, Robert (Pony Bob) 81. Hawkins, Theodore 82. Haws, Sam 83. Helvey, Frank 84. Hensel, Levi 85. Hickman, William 86. Higginbotham, Charles 87. Hogan, Martin 88. Huntington, Clark 89. Huntington, Lester 90. James, William 91. Jay, David R.

92. Jenkins, William D. 93. Jennings 94. Jobe, Samuel 95. Jones, William 96. Keetley, H. H. (Jack) 97. Kelley, Hi 98. Kelley, Jay G. 99. Kelly, Mike 100. King, Thomas O. 101. Koerner, John P. 102. La Mont, Harry 103. Lawson, William 104. Leonard, George 105. Little, George E. 106. Littleton, Elias "Tough" 107. Lytle, N. N. 108. Macaulas, Sye 109. Martin, Robert 110. Macfield, Elijah 111. Maze, Montgomery 112. McCain, Emmet 113. McCall, J. G. (Jay) 114. McCarty, Charlie 115. McDonald, James 116. McEneany, Pat 117. McLaughlin, David 118. McNaughton, James 119. McNaughton, William 120. Meacona, Lorenzo 121. Mellen, J. P. 122. Mifflin, Howard 123. Miller, Charlie (Broncho) 124. Moore, James Murphy, Jeramiah H. 125. 126. Myrick, Newton 127. Orr, Matthew 128. Orr, Robert 129. Packard, G. 130. Page, William 131. Paul, John 132. Paxton, "Mochila Joe" 133. Perkins, George Washington 134. Prindham, William 135. Ranahan, Thomas 136. Rand, Theodore (Yank) 137. Randall, James 138. Reynolds, Charles 139. Reynolds, Thomas J. 140. Richards, William Minor 141. Richardson, Johnson William 142. Riles, Bartholomew

143. Rinehart, Jonathan Rising, Don C. 144. 145. Roff, Harry 146. Rush, Edward 147. Sanders, Robert 148. Sangiovanni, G. G. 149. Scovell, George 150. Selman, Jack 151. Serish, Joseph 152. Sinclair, John 153. Spurr, George 154. Streeper, William H. 155. Stricklen, Robert 156. Strohm, William 157. Sugget, John Tate, Billy 158. 159. Taylor, Josiah 160. Thatcher, George 161. Thomas, J. J. 162. Thompson, Bill 163. Thompson, Charles P. Thompson, "Cyclone" 164. Charlie 165. Thompson, James M. 166. Topence, Alexander 167. Tough, W. S. 168. Towne, George 169. Tuckett, Henry 170. Upson, Warren 171. Wade, John B. 172. Wallace, Henry 173. Westcott, Daniel 174. Whalen, Michael M. 175. Wheat, George Orson 176. "Whipsaw" 177. Wills, H. C. 178. Wilson, Elijah Nicholas 179. Wintle, Joseph Barney 180. Worley, Henry 181. Worthington, James 182. Wright, George 183. Zowgaltz, Jose

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Membership is from Sept.- May. Your 1993-94 dues are now due. Dues are \$10.00 for an individual or \$12.00 for a family membership. Please enclose \$1.00 for State Genealogical Society dues.

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