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DUES *** 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.

MONTHLY MEETINGS - 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 - Thursday, Jan. 13th at 7:00 pm. The room has been changed to the Large Meeting Room of the Missoula Public Library. The speaker will be Lee Clapp who will give a talk entitled "Heraldry 101". Some of the questions to be answered are - "What is heraldry and a coat of arms?", "Does every family have one?", and "Who is eligible to bear their family's arms?". Hopefully, this will give people an idea of what heraldry is and give some color to a drab subject.

* MSGs PIN SALE - If you would like to purchase a Montana

State Genealogical Society pin in the shape of Montana with the MSGS logo, these will be available at the next WMGS meeting. They cost \$3.50 and are available with or without loops for adding year pins.

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Meet in Bozeman, Saturday, January 29th starting at 12:00 PM. This will be the last meeting before the State Conference in April. If you plan on going please call Paulette so we can get a group together for the trip over.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY - The current FHL hours are Mon., Tue., Thurs. & Sat. 12:00-4:00 and Tue., Wed. & Thurs. 7:00-9:30 PM. During the Christmas vacation the library received the new CD ROMS for both the IGI and Ancestral File, and the long awaited Temple Ready program. All three are up and running! The discs now use a compression program that has greatly reduced the total number of discs for each search. There is much less disc swapping when using the new Ancestral File.

*THE NEW IGI - is set up a

little differently than the old version. There are now three main searches that can be done - Individual, Marriage, and Parents. I've noticed that the Individual search also contains marriage dates for individuals where the marriage date and a submitter's name are listed, but no spouse is listed. The Marriage search contains both spouses names and the marriage date. The marriage may not be listed in both searches so it's good to check both ways for marriages.

* IGI COUNTRY/STATE UNKNOWN - The fiche edition of the IGI has several sections for listings where the place is unknown or was unrecognizable by the computer. The COUNTRY UNKNOWN section contains 54 fiche located at the very beginning of the IGI. There is a similar section before the other major countries for state/province unknown. Most of the names in these sections come from LDS research compiled before 1970, some as early as 1844. Mostly, they could not be filed correctly because the place name was not in the correct order, there was an unusual abbreviation or there was a misplaced comma. As an example, I have seen places from New York listed as "town, Long Island", and found a number of people that were not included with New York in this manner. There are said to be 738,094 entries listed in Country Unknown. In future updates these names will be placed in their proper sections as the place-names are deciphered.

* LIBRARY CARD CATALOGUE - the FHL's current edition was received 8/1/93 and includes entries as of Nov. 1992. You

should remember to check the Parish Vital Records listings on fiche to find any new listings in this category. The library receives an updated set of these fiche every 3 months. Also, look for the quarterly bulletin, "News of the Family History Center", the current edition of which is kept on the table in the library. This contains information on new filmings as well as other goings on at the libraries.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The University Library now has PHONE DISC. This is on 2 CD ROMS, one for the Eastern US and one for the Western US. It is the Winter 1993 edition. This is a vast improvement over looking through all of the fiche phone directories. The search takes just minutes and a printer is available for copies. Ask for assistance at the reference desk and a librarian will help you get started. It's very easy to use.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

In November 1993, the National Archives began moving more than 800,000 cubic feet of records from several facilities to the new building, Archives II, in College Park, Maryland, and to the downtown building in Washington. The move will continue through 1996, and during that time various record groups will be closed for research and reference activities, including requests for information and reproductions. If you are planning a research trip to Washington within the next three years, please verify with each reference branch that records you want to see will be

available. The ARCHIVES II RESEARCHER BULLETIN will publish updates on the move schedule. You should write to the Textual Reference Division (NNR), National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC 20408 to obtain copies and be put on the mailing list. You may write that Division or call the Reference Service Branch (202) 501-5400, for more information on the move status of specific records.

* CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS *
MARCH 22nd * HELENA EVERTON SEMINAR The MSGS Newsletter reported that the Lewis & Clark Genealogical Society will be hosting an Everton Seminar, "Climbing Your Family Tree Can Be Fun", on Tuesday, March 22, 1994 from 5:00 - 9:30 PM. It will be held at the LDS church at 1610 E. 6th Ave. Cost is \$21.00. Registration will be from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Pre-registrations can be sent %Gary K. Luther, 810 Idlewilde #4, Helena MT 59601. The fee includes a free 1-yr. subscription to the Genealogical Helper, coupons, and access to other Everton searches that will be available at the workshop.

APRIL 22 - 24th * MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE in Missoula
Details will be mailed soon.

MAY 13 - 14th * IDAHO FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE To be held in the Boise State University Student Union. Participants will be able to attend up to 5 sessions which will include nearly 50 topics including Native American heritage, census and other government

data, records of Native American tribes and religious groups, research in foreign countries, folklore and family traditions, computer hardware and software, and a variety of other subjects. The keynote speech will be given at 7:00 PM on the 13th and the conferences on the 14th. Pre-registration is \$17.00 with lunch - deadline April 15th. Registration at the door will be \$18.00 without lunch. For more info call or write Gene Williams, Idaho State Historical Society, 450 N. 4th St., Boise ID 83702; 208-334-2305.

JUNE 1 - 4th * 1994 NGS CONFERENCE IN THE STATES, HOUSTON TEXAS "Exploring a Nation of Immigrants - Houston Style". Special emphasis will be on the building of America by its various ethnic groups and Native American cultures. Program and registration brochures will be available sometime in January.

"FIRST FAMILIES OF TENNESSEE"
The East Tennessee Historical Society is sponsoring a new heritage program as part of its 1996 Bicentennial celebration. Applicants must submit proof of lineage which will be placed in the McClung Historical Collection. For more information or an application form, please contact East Tennessee Historical Society, P.O. Box 1629, Knoxville TN 37901-1629; 615-544-5732.

LOOKIN FOR A BOOK?
* BOOK STACKS

A company called Book Stacks, Inc. Has a database of over 269,000 books that are not only in print, but available from them via Credit Card over the phone at (216) 861-0467 or directly online at the time of your search. A search may be done by Author, Title, Subject, ISBN number, and Title Keyword search. To search you need computer access to a telnet facility like the Internet, Compuserve, etc. Just telnet to books.com and the rest is just like entering a BBS.



* BBS = BLAIR'S BOOK SERVICE

Use your computer and modem. This BBS (bulletin board) is open 24 hours / 7 days a week with no online charge (you do have to pay the phone charges). BBS# is 703-459-5898. They offer research guides, references, family histories, genealogies, local histories, vital records, and will do an out of print search. Their "snail mail" address is Rt. 2, Box 186-A Windyedge, Woodstock VA 22664-9542.

* PENNY A LINER PAPERS

This source maintains a publications database and for a small fee it will provide a list of publications keyed to your own unique situation by surname, location, subject matter, etc. as well as provide the names and addresses of publishers, retailers, genealogical societies, or libraries from which the publications can be obtained. For a fee of \$2.50 they will conduct a search for a particular book you've had

trouble locating. Their news release also says that they will be publishing a newsletter whereby genealogists can buy, sell or trade books and magazines. For more details write to Penny A Liner Papers, Box 305, Prineville OR 97754.

* CURRENT GENEALOGICAL PUBLICATIONS - Vol.II, 1993

Claudette Maerz, P.O. Box 31010, Bloomington MN 55431. This catalogue is a listing of publication information that has been sent to the author for inclusion in this work. There are 50 pages of ordering info and prices, and an index. This will be available at the next WMGS meeting, thereafter, at the library in the genealogy collections.

NEW BOOKS

From Russell D. Earnest Assoc. P.O. Box 490, Damascus MD 20872-0490, 301-253-9070:

1- "The *What Shall I Write Handbook*: For Editors of Family And Genealogy Society Newsletters" list more than 400 easy to write article ideas, 80 pps. \$16.00 + \$2.00 S&H.

2- "Grandma's Attic: Making Heirlooms Part Of Your Family History." Tells how to document each heirloom for future generations. \$9.50 + \$2.00 S&H.

A GLIMPSE OF MONTANA'S PAST

A show entitled "Photographing Montana 1894-1924: The World of Evelyn Cameron" opens Friday, Jan 7th, at the Missoula Museum of the Arts and runs til March 19th. The pioneering Mrs. Cameron managed to photograph her surroundings on three ranches with a Graflex camera, amply documenting the life on the prairie in Eastern Montana.

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COUNTIES CREATED FROM MISSOULA COUNTY

<u>1935 Codes Sec</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date Created</u>
4335	Missoula Created	1865
4319	Flathead	April, 1893
4343	Ravalli	April, 1893
4347	Sanders	March, 1906
4334	Mineral	Sept., 1914
4327.1	Lake	Aug. 10, 1923

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