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WMGS NEWSLETTER

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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.

FEBRUARY MEETING - Thursday, Feb. 8th at 7:00 pm. The room has been changed to the Large Meeting Room of the Missoula Public Library. The speaker will be Marcia Porter, who will talk about "Records in the County Courthouse". Marcia works with the records in the Missoula County Courthouse and is very knowledgeable about what kinds of records you can expect to find in a county courthouse, as well as which records are open to the public and which are restricted. Some of the records that Marcia has found in the Missoula County

Courthouse that could be useful to genealogists or historians include oath registers, brand inspections, articles of incorporation, certificates of fictitious names, hospital, and poor farm records. This should be a very informative program with information that could be useful in courthouse research in almost any county.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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* 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 - Met in Bozeman, Saturday, January 29th. Bob Matkin reported that the MSGS currently has 564 members through the local societies and 17 individual members for a total membership of 578. Brochures and posters for the upcoming MSGS Conference to be held in Missoula from April 22-24th were distributed to the local societies present. The rest will be mailed out to the member societies, along with brochures to all of the current members. Paulette Parpart and Pat Thompson of the Bitterroot society have done a great job in getting the workshops together. This should be a Genealogy Conference with something

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.

GUIDE FOR ESTIMATING DATES

Birth dates can be calculated by using known birth dates of other family members. Precede estimated year with "Abt".

Estimate the *father's birth year* by:

- * Subtracting 26 years from the birth year of first child.
- * Subtracting four years from the birth of the wife or

* Subtracting 25 years from marriage year.

Estimate the *mothers's birth year* by:

- * Subtracting 22 years from birth year of first child
- * Adding four years to birth year of husband or
- * Subtracting 21 years from marriage year.

From PAF Documentation Guidelines, 1993 Edition, c 1992-1993, Silicon Valley PAF Users Group, by Carol Harless, Alice Malquist, Bill Minnick, and Jan Unter.

IF YOU ARE DOING RESEARCH IN IRELAND YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

* Armagh Ancestry - Offering a genealogical research service for County Armagh. They have been computerizing genealogical records for County Armagh since 1985, and the indexing of the Catholic parish records is complete up to 1900. They are presently working on civil pre-1922 and other church records. They will carry out genealogical research or you can visit the center. Write for further info to:

Armagh Ancestry
42 English Street, Armagh
Northern Ireland BT61 7BA
Tel: 0861-527808
Fax: 0861-528329

* An Information Guide to Ancestral Heritage--Tracing Your Ulster Roots. This is published by the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, and is available free of charge from: Northern Ireland Tourist Board
551 Fifth Ave.

New York, NY 10176
Offers information on Irish Genealogy Centres and other useful organizations, as well as activities and attractions.

"REFERENCE BOOKS TO HELP YOU IN YOUR QUEST"

This is a bibliography compiled by Don Spritzer of the Missoula Public Library for a talk that he gave to the WMGS in November, 1993.

Ready Reference Books - Shelved at the
Information Desk

- AGLL Catalog -- Catalog for microfilm orders. R 016.92937
AMERICA
- American Library Directory -- A classified list of libraries in
the United States and Canada. Lists historical and
genealogical collections available in their libraries.
R 027.073 AMERICA
- Encyclopedia of Associations -- Lists addresses of a variety of
organizations. R 061.3025 ENCYCLO
- The Official Museum Directory -- Lists addresses for museums in
the United States and Canada. R 069.0257 OFFICIA
- The Gale Directory of Publications -- Lists American newspapers
and periodicals. R 071.3025 GALE
- The Government Directory of Addresses and Telephone Numbers -- R
338 GOVERNMENT
- Washington Information Directory -- R 353 WASHING
- Peterson's Guide to Four-Year Colleges -- R 378 PETERSO
- Cambridge World Gazetteer -- A geographical dictionary. R 910.3
CAMBRID
- Columbia Lippincott gazetteer of the World -- R 910.3 C
- Current Biography Yearbook -- R 920 CURRENT
- A Preliminary Index to Biographies in Montana Subscription
Histories and Other Selected Works -- R 920.0786 PRELIMI
- The Genealogist's Address Book -- R 929.1025 BENTLEY
- Where to Write For Vital Records -- R 929.373 WHERE
- A Complete Guide to Heraldry -- R 929.6 F
- Directory of Historical Organizations in the United State and
Canada -- R 970.62 DIRECTO
- The Encyclopedia of American Facts and Dates -- R 973.92 CARRUTH
- Yearbook of American and Canadian Church -- R 277 YEARBOO
- Patterson's American Education -- R 370.973 P

SHELVED IN REGULAR REFERENCE

- Who Was Who in America -- R 920 WHO
- War of the Rebellion -- R 973.7 UNITED

SHELVED IN THE MONTANA COLLECTION

Champlain and Hudson Bay Society series -- Published journals,
diaries and records of the early commercial and historical
ventures into the Pacific Northwest

Many of Montana's county and local histories are in this
collection

* UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS *

March 22nd HELENA EVERTON SEMINAR - see Feb. Newsletter.
April 22-24th MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE
MAY 13 - 14th IDAHO FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE - see Feb. News
JUNE 1 - 4th 1994 NGS CONFERENCE IN THE STATES, HOUSTON TEXAS

"PAF DOCUMENTATION GUIDELINES" - is available from :
SILICON VALLEY PAF USERS GROUP, 4417 Pitch Pine Court, San
Jose, CA 95136. Cost is \$2.00, 20p + ready reference chart.
This is an excellent guide for entering notes in PAF.

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