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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE:

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. Please send dues to the society mailbox or bring to the next meeting. Check the mailing label of this Newsletter to see if you are on the current member list - if there is no red check mark you are and will continue to receive the Newsletters.

MONTHLY MEETINGS - Held on the second Thursday of the month (Sept.-May) at 7:00 pm in the large meeting room of the Missoula Public Library (unless otherwise noted).

QUERIES: We welcome queries from members (published free) and non-members (\$2.00 each). Send queries to the P.O. Box.

NOVEMBER MEETING - Thursday, Nov. 10th at 7:00 pm at the Missoula Public Library. We will take a look at some resources available at the Missoula Family History Library

including the PERSI INDEX (Periodical Source Index) from the Allen Co. Public Library in Ft. Wayne IN, the Montana Vertical File (Place and Surname index from Montana newspaper clippings), and talk about "Using City Directories As An Aid in Census Research.

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. Please call 543-6148 during library hours to reserve your computer time. FHL Fall/Winter Closures:
Nov. 23-26 - Thanksgiving
Dec. 19- Jan 2 - Christmas

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY - will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 8th and (Election Day) and Friday, Nov. 10th (Veterans Day).

NEW BOOKS:

THE KERSH FAMILY by Myrtle Kersh (Mrs. Lyle H.) Rogers, 1979. GenColl R 929.2097 ROGERS Background information on Lincoln County, Arkansas and a list of neighbors in Arkansas whose names appeared in South Carolina censuses.

THE DEVORE/DE VORE FAMILIES 1500 - 1992 compiled by Betty

M. Mann, editor.
GenColl R 929.2097 MANN
This book traces the Devores,
De Vores, Devours families who
in the US were found buying
ground on what was to become
Manhattan Island, and having
farms in Haarlem and on Long
Island.

THE GENEALOGIST'S COMPANION AND
SOURCEBOOK by Emily Anne Croom.
GenColl R 929.1072 CROOM
This is a follow-up to the
author's highly regarded
UNPUZZLING YOUR PAST: A BASIC
GUIDE TO GENEALOGY, a "beyond-
the-basics, hands-on guide to
unpuzzling your past. The
twelve chapters include titles
as Cluster Genealogy, Federal
and State Census Records,
County and Courthouse Records,
Special Collections, Libraries,
African-American and Native
American Genealogy, Immigration
and Naturalization and Long-
Distance Genealogy. Appendices
refer to archives, and
publishers, and include sample
census forms.

We still have a few of the
state cookie cutters left for
sale, including a couple of US
ones. Cost is \$1.00 each.
States left are: NY, KY, CA,
SC, UT, OR, IL, PA, WY, WI, ND,
WA, GA.

SURNAME SCAM?

Probably most of you are
familiar with the "Surname"
books coming out of Bath, Ohio
from a company (name changes
periodically) that has
published books with all the
"Scotts" or other surname in
the world listed (mostly looks
like a one-surname telephone
directory). They publish books
which list a great many people
with the same surname, but they

are of limited value to a
researcher. Now it looks like
the company is branching out
into the bogus reunion
business. The current
advertisement is for a "Scott"
family reunion to be held in
Scotland (there may be others).
The letter bears a return
address in Bath, Ohio, with the
sender's surname (bogus
address) the same as the
recipient's (Scott). This
event, like the surname lists
is very likely to be much less
than you would expect. There is
also another twist to the
"Surname" books floating around
- "Your Family Since the Civil
War" which may be from the same
operation. Be very wary of any
offers that sound like the
above!

IN THE MAILBOX

MOUNTAIN PRESS CATALOGUE 1994-
1995 P.O. Box 400, Signal
Mountain, TN 37377-0400, (615)
886-6369, FAX (615) 886-5312.
Mountain Press is a publisher
of genealogical and historical
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States (MO, SC, AL, FL, GE, KY,
NC, TN, VA, WV) and TVA
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indexes as well as general and
Native American source books.

GALLATIN TRAILS Nov. 1994.
Report that they have a
complete set of THE FAMINE
IMMIGRANTS (7 vol.) at Gallatin
Genealogical Soc. Library which
is housed at the LDS Stake
House Genealogy Room, 3rd and
Henderson, Bozeman. They are
open Tue-Wed-Thur 10am-4pm and
6pm-9pm.

THE TREE BRANCHES Fall 1994.
Dawson Co. Death notices for
Apr-Sep 1994.

MEMO TO: All genealogical societies
SUBJECT: GCC-NARA Gift Fund

The camera-ready copy at the bottom of this sheet has been prepared for reproduction in society journals and newsletters nationwide. Won't you join us in this campaign by providing your members with an opportunity to support a cause vital to all genealogists?

Your assistance and contribution is sincerely appreciated.

David E. Rencher, AG, Treasurer
GCC-NARA Gift Fund Drive
Post Office Box 3385
Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3385



Have you joined our society in the
DOLLARS FOR DOCUMENTS DRIVE?

For just \$1 per year per member, our society can help fund the filming and distribution of difficult-to-access materials housed at the National Archives.

Projects already funded by the GCC-NARA Gift Fund include:

- Index to War of 1812 prisoner of war records
- Canadian border crossings, post-1895
- Galveston passenger arrival records
- 1910 street index to 39 major U.S. cities and 4 New York boroughs
- Duplication of other items for distribution to NARA branches nationwide

Count me in! Enclosed is my donation for the GCC-NARA Gift Fund's DOLLARS FOR DOCUMENTS DRIVE. Please include my contribution when our society makes its annual donation.

Name of contributor

Street address or box number

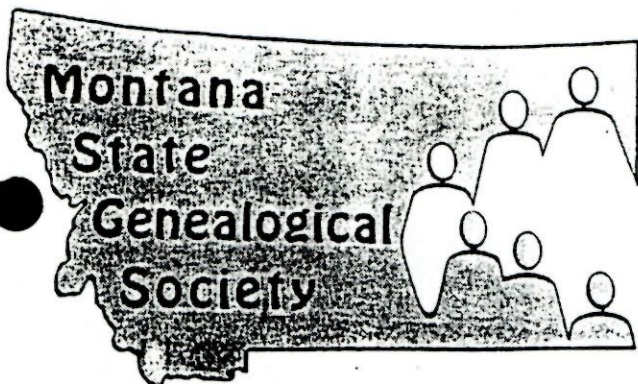
City, state, and zip

Suggestions for future projects:

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: this society. Individual donations in excess of \$1.00 are also welcome, of course!
MAIL TO: this publication's return address. To keep administrative costs down, your cancelled check will serve as your receipt.

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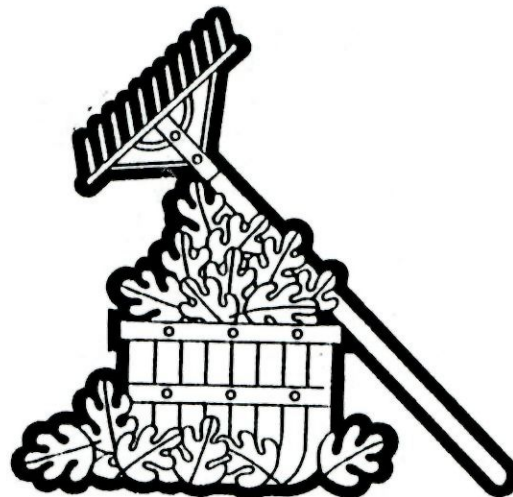
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SEPTEMBER 1994

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As your new president of the Montana State Genealogical Society I would first like to say thank you. Thank you for having trust and confidence in me. I am honored to hold this office, but I know that the bottom line is WORK. I hope that I can lead and administer in such a way that the society will grow in size, strength, and effectiveness.

In all of our endeavors in life I think it is a worthwhile exercise to occasionally rethink our goals, our directions, and our methods. What are we really trying to do? What do we want to see happen? In other words, how will we know that we have achieved our goals? And finally, are our methods leading us in the direction that will produce our desired results? I think we all need to take some time and ponder these questions in regard to our state society. We have a wonderful beginning brought about by truly dedicated people. Thanks to Al Stoner's tremendous efforts we have embarked on indexing the state's death records. What a great service this project is going to be. I hope all of us, myself especially, will try to make the time to go to Helena to work on the index. Once a year we have a terrific state conference where we all can learn a great deal and sharpen our skills in finding our ancestors. These things are great, but I think there is probably more that we could be doing. We talk about encouraging many of the genealogical societies around the state to be more active in the state society, but what exactly do we mean by this? What are the visible desired results here? More people from more societies at the annual conference? At the board meetings? More societies regularly communicating with us? What do we as a state genealogical society have to offer the local societies that will make them want to join with us and actively participate in some way? These are all things that I have been pondering since I have been elected. We are already working on some ideas that look promising. Unfortunately the size of the state presents some tough problems, the two biggest problems being finances and time. Along with the other issues we need to come up with better financing. I would like to invite you to also do some pondering. Then talk to us. Let us know what you would like to see happen. Please share with us your ideas.

Pat Thompson

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