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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.

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.

DECEMBER MEETING - NONE

JANUARY MEETING - Thurs., Jan 12th at 7:00 pm at the Missoula Public Library.

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:

Dec. 19- Jan 2 for Christmas

NEW ARRIVALS:

-The Family Search Program has just

been updated with a new edition of the Social Security Death Index. The new edition has deaths through December 1993.

-PAF The just released, updated edition of PAF 2.31 has been installed on the computers at the FHL. If you registered your copy of PAF 2.3 you should have received a free copy of PAF 2.31. New manuals for PAF 2.31 are available for \$8.00 from Salt Lake Distribution Center, 1999 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84104-4233, or by phone from 1-(800)-537-5950.

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IN THE MAILBOX

GEN-BUG NEWS - Oct 1994, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, Billings, MT.; includes Big Sky PAF Users group Newsletter.

CENTRAL MONTANA WAGON TRAILS - Nov. 1994, Lewistown Genealogy Soc.

FLATHEAD GENEALOGICAL BULLETIN - Sep 1994, Flathead Co. Marriages/Grantor-Grantee Indexes, Continued; they are preparing to have their obituary files microfilmed by the Family HIStory Center in SLC.

FAMILY TREE MAKER 2.0 FOR WINDOWS CD-ROM EDITION

This program (available at Costco for \$50, and probable at other local computer software stores)

comes with a CD-ROM disk that not only contains the program, but the "Family Finder Index". This index is actually a super index to over 150 million names of individuals whose names appear in the Automated Archives CD-ROM indexes, i.e. U.S. Census Indexes, selected state marriage record indexes, selected state land record indexes, social security indexes, etc... It is a true "multi-media" program that allows you to input scanned photos or clippings, sound, and video clips into the program. The chart printouts are fairly nice. There are two drawbacks that I think need to be addressed. First, there are no options that allow you to export only a part of your data in a GEDCOM file. Second, there is no way to enter christening dates in the birth field except by using "after C. date" in the birth date field. You can enter a christening date in the facts section, but then these do not print out with the other vital data on family group sheets. If you have a lot of people for whom you have christening dates, but no birth dates, this is an annoyance. The screen displays are no way near as "visual" as those of PAF.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY = GOOD SOURCE OF GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION

Don't overlook historical societies when searching for genealogical information. I had the opportunity to visit two historical societies on Long Island while I was visiting in New York this fall, one a large county historical society, the other a historical society in a small seaport village. Both had surprising genealogical offerings.

The Suffolk County Historical Society in Riverhead, New York was founded in 1896 and has an extensive genealogical/historical collection of books and microfilms, and publishes a quarterly Bulletin. While these sources are available at many of the larger genealogical

libraries, the original documents and the contents of the vertical file maintained by the full time librarian are not. However, the librarian will do free small searches and photocopying (for a fee) from the files for members. (Larger research projects must be hired out as usual.) The important thing about the vertical files is that they contain copies of original research materials that have been submitted by members (requested on joining the society) as well as letters received from other people requesting information on specific families. This particular vertical file was also divided into a surnames and an historical section. In the historical section there was a file on the locally recruited Civil War Regiment, the 127th NY Infantry, the "Monitors". A book about the history of this regiment, originally published for their reunion in 1908, had been reissued and updated with full enlistment and muster-out rolls and was available for sale at the society gift shop. The gift shop itself had a good collection of local and general genealogical books for sale (available at a discount to members) as well as reproductions of old maps showing houses with the owners' names!

The Northport Historical Society and Museum in Northport (Old Cow Harbor), New York is located in an old house on Main St. in the heart of this old fishing village. It is open six days a week and totally staffed and run by volunteers with donations from the local business community and individual members. They also publish a Newsletter and have a gift shop selling books and collectibles, again at a discount to members. When I told the receptionist that my gg-grandmother was born in Northport she asked what her name was. She then offered to check the society's surname files which were kept in a tiny

back office where another secretary was working. While she found nothing on my gg-grandmother, she brought me the name and address of an older woman living in Northport who was working on the same surname in Northport. Again, they had maintained a vertical file of family histories and people who were researching those lines. They also had transcriptions of tombstones from the old (historical) cemetery taken at the turn of the century when the tombstones were undoubtedly much more legible than they are today! In the museum, but unfortunately,

not available in reproduction yet, was a framed old map of Northport showing -yes-the original home sites with the owners' names!

So do dig up the names and addresses of county and local historical societies in your research area and write to them or visit. Ask what materials they have available for family research and don't forget to check out the gift shop! One good source of historical society addresses is a book that was reviewed in last month's Newsletter and available at the Missoula Public Library: Cemeteries of the U.S., by Deborah M Burek, GenColl R 363.75 CEMETER.

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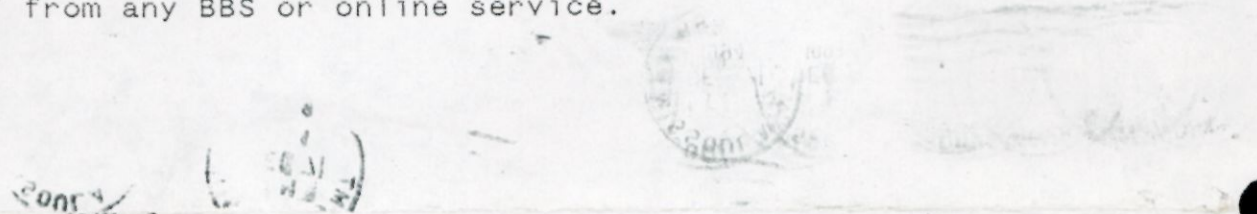
ELLIS ISLAND IMMIGRANTS WANTED

BBC Documentary series "The Peoples Century" is looking for individuals who came through Ellis Island between 1905-1910 and were old enough to remember and relate the experience to us in an on camera interview. If you have relatives or acquaintances meeting these criteria...or are involved in Oral History projects...or have other leads please get in touch with Richard Sack at 212-724-4490, or send E-mail to malemute@aol.com.....thanks....

COMPUTER VIRUS ALERT!

Following is the text of a message forwarded on the INTERNET:
" ... be careful out there. There is a virus on America Online being sent by E-Mail. If you get anything called "Good Times", DON'T read it or download it. It is a virus that will erase your hard drive. Forward this to all your friends. It may help them a lot." Tom Camfield - camfield@olympus.net

After some discussion as to whether a virus (an executable program) as described above could be sent in a text message, the ones in the know agreed that -YES- it can be done! So DON'T download or read anything called "Good Times" from any BBS or online service.



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