

# WMGS

# NEWSLETTER

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## MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$10.00 a year for individuals or \$12.00 a year for a family, and includes the Newsletter (Sept-May). Please include an extra \$1.00 with your dues for membership in the Montana State Genealogical Society.

## 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).

## MARCH MEETING - DATE CHANGE

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14th** at 7:00 PM in the Large Meeting Room of the Missoula Public Library. Due to a scheduling conflict at the library the March meeting date had to be changed. Future meetings will continue to be on the second Thursday of the month. Paulette Parpart will talk about "How to Find the Newspapers You Need". We will also have a few short topics on computer CD ROM indexes / Family History Library.

**Refreshments for March** : Phyllis Duncan (cookies)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**April 13th** - Leslie Opsahl from 4G Computers will talk about how to buy the right computer and how to connect to on-line services like PRODIGY and the INTERNET.

**May 11th** - Document Preservation / Encapsulation Workshop. We will have some information on encapsulation kits and some encapsulation materials on hand for demonstrations.

## QUERIES

We welcome queries from members (published free) and non-members (\$2.00 each). The society will undertake brief search requests (cemetery index, obituary indexes, etc...) for a fee of \$2.00 plus SASE and copy costs. Send queries/research requests to P.O. Box 2714, Missoula MT 59806-2714.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE / NEWSLETTER

We are in need of a nominating committee for next year's officers. This needs to be formed at the March meeting so that we have a slate of officers for 1995-96 to present at the April meeting. Please consider serving on this committee / serving as an officer for next year. Our most pressing need for next year will be for a President and Newsletter Editor(s). I will be gone for 6-9 months starting in September and will continue to provide some articles that would be of interest for the Newsletter, but we need people to put it together, and take care of the mailings every month.

## FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

**The FHL will be closed Saturday, April 1st for General Conference.** The current FHL hours are Mon., Tue., Thurs. & Sat. 12:00-4:00 PM and Tue., Wed. & Thurs. 7:00- 9:30 PM. Please call 543-6148 during library hours to reserve your computer time. The computer at the library has been so busy lately that you should definitely make a reservation for computer time. It is almost always booked up a least a day in advance. Reservations are for 1 hour, but you can use the computer after your time is up if no one else wants to use the computer.

## MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

There will be a meeting of the Montana Librarians Association on Tuesday, March 14th at 2:00 PM. At the last meeting they discussed updating the Bibliography of Montana Histories.

## MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

**STATE SEMINAR** - Hopefully, everyone has received their brochures for the 6th Annual Montana State

Genealogy Seminar, "Birth of the Big Sky", to be held in Dillon 28-30 April, 1995. There will be brochures at the FHL if you need extras for a friend who is not a member of the WMGS. The workshops should have something for everyone, from the novice to the experienced genealogist.

#### UPDATE ON VITAL RECORDS LEGISLATION

A couple of months ago, Paulette Parpart and I attended a meeting at the Montana Historical Society where the Utah State Archivist talked about Utah's record preservation program and records access laws. Now legislation has been introduced in the Montana Legislature dealing with this subject. The following is a report on this bill from the March 1995 "Big Sky Roundup":

"**HB 89**, introduced by Ray Peck of Havre, has to do with how the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences handles vital statistics and records, how they will be issued, stored and preserved and who has access to them. The rules affecting the access to records is of the most concern for genealogists. Genealogy members from Billings and Helena were able to get the years of waiting to access records changed from 100 years after the date of birth to 30 years with no restrictions on death, marriage or divorce records. This bill passed the House of Representatives on February 15th. There will be a hearing as this bill is introduced into the Senate on Tuesday, March 7th, at 10:00 AM in Room 331 of the Capitol Building in Helena. It is hoped that as many as possible will come to support this bill. If it passes, genealogy members will be in on the fine tuning of the rules."

I have a copy of this bill if anyone wants to review it. The full bill is 20 pages long.

#### IN THE MAIL

**ROOT DIGGERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** - P.O. Box 249, Glasgow, MT 59230; Feb. 1995. "Problems & Limited Help" offers a list of records that can be searched in the Glasgow area and their limitations. "Valley County Towns - Mostly Lost in History" contains a list of Valley Co. Towns with their dates of creation and ending.

#### MISSOULIAN INDEXING

The group that meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM in the Montana Room of the Missoula Public Library to work in indexing of the vital records from the Missoulian. We have finished indexing 1926 and have started on 1927. It only takes a few minutes to get started and you can work for as little or as long as you like. The public library has hired a typist to type up the cards.

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### BITS AND BYTES



#### TREEDRAW 1.01

Harold Fisher downloaded a program called TREE DRAW 1.01 for Windows 3.1 which I have been trying out. It works with a GEDCOM file which you create from PAF or any genealogy program which will create a GEDCOM file. This program puts out "a drop-line chart so that you are able to see family groupings, count siblings, follow the path of descent, and see several generations together, all on one sheet." It also allows you to import pictures, rearrange data, change fonts, and add lines and boxes to your chart. This is a shareware program which costs \$32 if you decide to use it. It also requires some familiarity with using windows as it uses the windows tools to work with your data. See sample on the next page.

If anyone else would like to try this program we can make a copy. Please remember this is SHAREWARE, and needs to be bought if you intend to use it.

**HOW MANY LIVING DESCENDANTS DO YOU HAVE?** The following obituary is from the December 29, 1961 Missoulian:

#### MRS. GLANTZ DIES, LEAVING 143 DIRECT DESCENDANTS

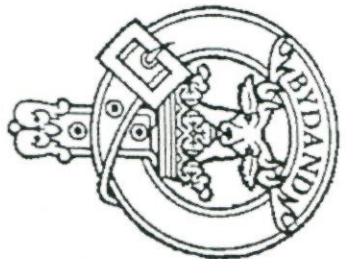
Christine Glantz, 85, of Orchard Homes, who came to the United States from Russia in 1905, died in a local hospital Tuesday morning. She leaves 143 direct descendants.

She was born March 20, 1876 in New Norka, Russia. She married Peter Glantz Feb. 2, 1894 in Roseburg, Russia. The couple came to this country in 1905, residing at Harrington, Kans. They moved to Colorado and Oregon before settling in Western Montana in 1924. They moved to Missoula in 1934. Mr. Glantz died Dec. 9, 1959.

She was a member of Immanuel Congregational Church.

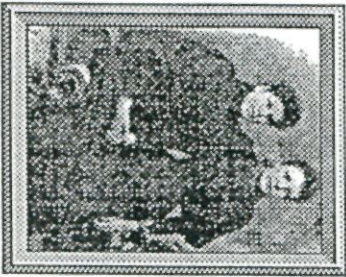
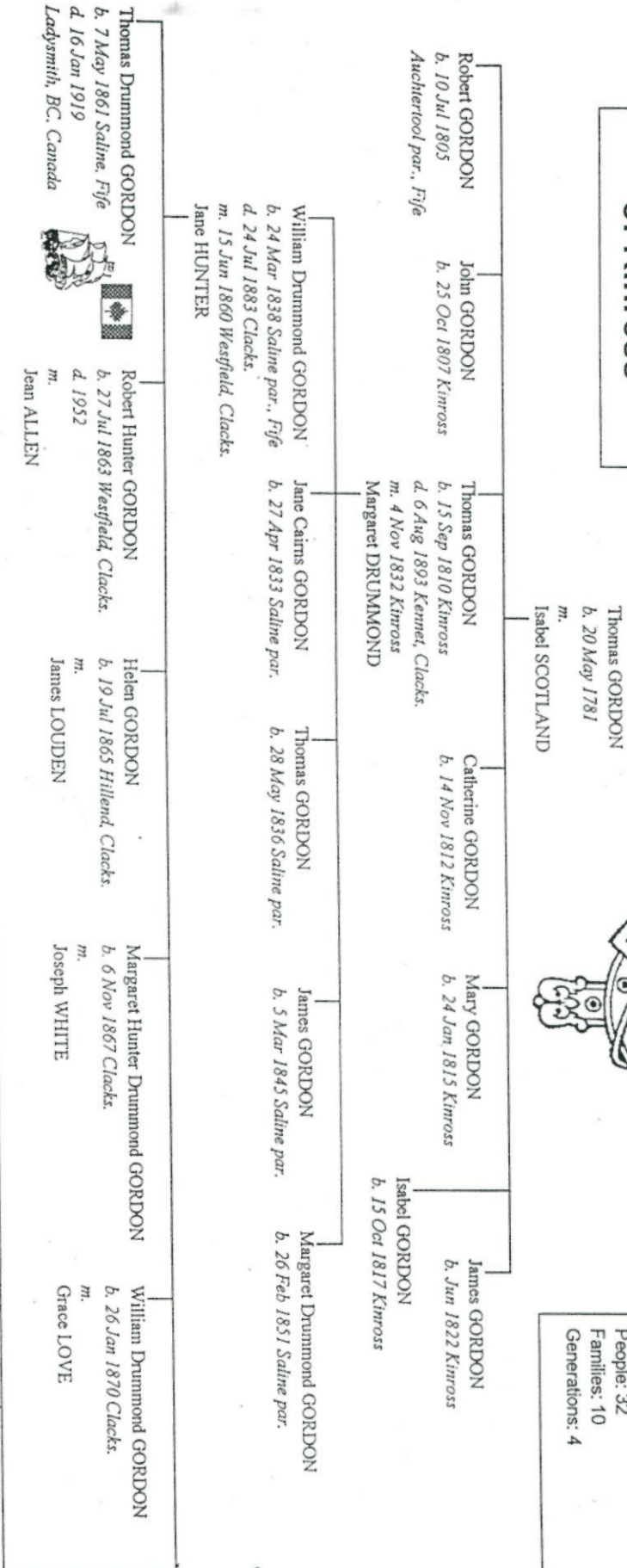
She is survived by three sons, J. Pete of Woodburg, Ore., George of Sheridan, Wyo. And Henry of Missoula; eight daughters, Mrs. Kate Goodman of Sheridan, Wyo., Mrs. Anna Ewen of Salem, Ore., Mrs. Oliver Solheim of Kennewick, Wash., Mrs. John Spadt and Mrs. Henry Dillman of Missoula, Mrs. Reuben Seibel of Billings, Mrs. Alcx Steinmetz of Portland and Mrs. Cecil Hines of Lolo; two sisters Mrs. George Hinkle of Billings and Mrs. Anna Weitzel of Racine, Wis.; and 50 grandchildren, 74 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren.

Descendants of  
Thomas Gordon  
of Kinross

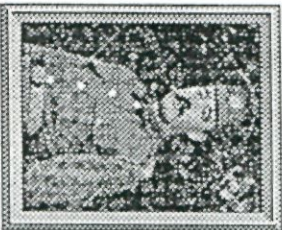


The Gordon  
Badge

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People: 32  
Families: 10  
Generations: 4



Mary and  
Catherine



Pte Alexander Ramage  
Royal Army  
Ordnance Corps  
c. 1917

Note: The photos in this sample chart use only 4 colours to ensure compatibility with Windows Paintbrush. Better resolution is possible using other OLE server applications.

## Montana State Genealogical Society - President's Report

A new year is off and running, and I am really looking forward to the annual state conference in Dillon the last weekend of April. I am looking forward to visiting with many friends and to experiencing the flavor of a conference in that great historical town. This conference will be quite different from others that we have had in that the conference will be held at Western Montana College. It is important for our annual conferences to be held at different towns around the state, some large and some small. Each place will have its own distinct flavor, which may not be urbane but will be wonderful in its own way. We are a state of people who are proud of our pioneer heritage, and it is good to maintain that pioneer spirit in our society and in our conferences.

We are hoping to get some things going at this year's state conference. First, there are some proposed changes to the by-laws that should help us become far more effective in our desire to influence public policy regarding public records. As most of you know, this has been especially important of late. I don't need to elaborate here, but I think the proposed change is terrific, and I am truly grateful to the people who have brought it about. At the state conference we will begin to collect information for a state speakers resource file. I hope all of you will bring the names of people you know in your area that can provide good programs on different subjects. Finally we will be presenting information on special interest groups within the state society and hope to get people signed up to participate in them. These interest groups will spark more involvement in the state society and will be a tremendous resource and help for the individuals participating in them. This year's conference will be an important one, and I hope to see as many of you as possible.

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