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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).

APRIL MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 13th at 7:00 PM in the Large Meeting Room of the Missoula Public Library. Leslie Upsahl from 4G Computers will talk about "How to Buy the Right Computer For Your Needs", and "How to Connect to On-Line Services Like PRODIGY and the INTERNET." Invite your friends who are thinking of getting a new computer.

Refreshments for APRIL:

Cookies - Bernie McKinney
Punch - Judith Field

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

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. Also, if you find that you cannot make it to the library for the time you have reserved or if you know that you will be a few minutes late, please call the library to let them know. Your time on the computer may be given to someone else if you are more than 10 minutes late!

STATE GENEALOGY SEMINAR

The 6th Annual Montana State Genealogy Seminar, "Birth of the Big Sky", will be held in Dillon 28-30 April, 1995. Be sure to get your pre-registrations in before April 15th. The workshops should have something for everyone, from the novice to the experienced genealogist. There are several people going from Missoula if you need a ride.

IN THE MAIL

FLATHEAD GENEALOGICAL BULLETIN -

Flathead Valley Genealogical Soc., P.O. Box 584, Kalispell MT 59901-0584; March 1995, Vol. XX, No. 1. Flathead Co. Marriages 1911-1920 (cont.); General Index to Deeds - Grantor 1884-1897 (cont.).

ROOT DIGGERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY -

FADED GENES - Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Soc., P.O. Box 5313, Helena MT 59604; March 1995, Vol. 12, No. 1. Obituaries and Death Notices Extracted from Early Helena Newspapers, Touring England, Scotland, and Ireland.

BIG HORN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER - Box 51, Hardin MT 59034; March 1995, Vol. 13, #53. Twin Bridges Orphan Home will be having a reunion in Dillon, MT, July 20-24, 1995. Those interested in attending contact Bill Hanley, 3914 I St., Vancouver WA 98663 (206-750-9823); "The Great American Cattle Drive 'Circle 95'" left from Fort Worth, TX in March and will arrive in Miles City, MT in about 6 months.

GENEALOGICAL HELPER - March/April 1995. See "Finding Your Genetic Connections", "How You Can Organize A Successful Family Reunion", "Surname Versus Last Names Or Hispanic Surname Usage", "Is A

Family Newsletter What You Need?", in addition to features on Family Associations, Family Periodicals and Surname Publications.

HERITAGE QUEST - March/April 1995. "New an Little Known Resources For the Genealogist", "The Case of the 18th Century Husband-Killer", "Identifying and Preserving Old Photographs", "My First Visit To the LDS Library in Salt Lake City".

TREASURE STATE LINES - Great Falls Genealogical Soc. Library, 1400 1st Ave. North, Great Falls MT 59401-3299, Feb. 1995, Vol.20, No.1. 1901 Birth Register of Great Falls (cont.), WWI Selective Service Registration (cont.), the 1994 TSL Surname Index.

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 are now up to March of 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.

BITS AND BYTES



GEDCOM TO EXCELL 5.0 - recently I downloaded a program that will convert any GEDCOM file to a Microsoft Excell 5.0 spreadsheet. This program was posted to be freely distributed and used. While the author said that this program was in the first stage of development, I found that it ran smoothly and came up with a very nice spreadsheet that could be easily manipulated with any of the EXCELL 5.0 tools. If anyone would like a copy of this program please let me know.

PAF / FAMILY SEARCH CLASSES

Betty Hanson, from the Family History Library, will be teaching a class on PAF & Family Search on Fridays from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Family History Library. Classes start Friday, April 21st. There is no charge for the class, and the manual for the class, which Betty wrote herself, is \$4.85. The manual can be ordered even if you cannot attend the classes. Please call Betty to register for the class / order the manual at 543-5615.

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MISSOULA BUSINESSES ENDORSED OPENING UP OF FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION

MISSOULIAN, Feb. 30, 1895.

The following Missoula businessmen endorsed the proposal to open the Flathead Indian Reservation for settlement:

J.L. Moore - Mgr. Hennessy's Mercantile
 E.A. Winstanley - Insurance Agent
 H.E. Chaney - Mgr. Florence Hotel
 R.W. Angevine - Ex-County Auditor
 J.W. Roland - Front St. Jeweler
 A.P. Tietjen - Higgins Ave. Cigar Mfg.
 U.D. Richards - A.M. Stevens & Co., Fruit
 A.J. Thomas - Higgins Ave. Jeweler
 W.B. Brooks - Derbee & Brooks Clothiers
 J.H. Fussy - Higgins Ave. Fruit Dealer
 John Rankin - County Com., Hotel Rankin prop.
 John Bonner - Bonner & Co., Grocers
 Daniel E. Bandmann - Rancher
 G. Marotz - Main St. Harness Dealer
 The Missoulian
 George F. Brooks - Real Estate
 Joe Solomon - Wholesale Liqueur Dealer
 H. Kohn - Jeweler
 H. Samuels - Clothier
 Elmer Hughes - Civil Engineer
 Charles Emsley - Taxidermist
 John Cornish - Real Estate
 J.M. Evans - Receiver, US Lands Office
 E.W. Shilling - Clothier
 H.O. Hollenbeck
 J.A. Moss
 Col. T.C. Marshall - Marshall & Corbett, Attn.
 Judge Francis - Attn. N.P.R.R.
 Geo. Fhersheimer - Druggist
 W.H. Raymond
 D.J. Dailey - County Clerk & Recorder
 C.M. Dillworth - Missoula Music & Undertaking
 G.E. Griffin - Tailor
 Frank Thomas - Real Estate
 Fred A. Kennett - Pres. Western Montana Bank
 Alfred Cave - County Treasurer
 Tyler Worden - Grocer
 C.F. Davis - Boot & Shoe Dealer
 H.C. Stiff - Attn.
 Frank Mc Haffie - Attn.
 Henry O. Worden - Murphy & Worden, Grocers
 H.T. Ryman - Vp Western Montana Bank
 C.E. Woodworth - N.P. Land Agent
 L. Molinelli - Mgr. Western Democrat.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE FOLLOWING TERMS USED IN YOUR SEARCHES?

"Fencible Units"

During the Napoleonic Wars, the British raised fencible (Home Service) regiments in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Canada for defense service anywhere in North America. None of the colonial regular regiments recruited to it's authorized strength, the Regiment of Canadian Fencible Infantry, for example, managed to enlist only 124 men between 1803 and 1806. All were disbanded by 1816." The British trained and equipped the fencible units so that they looked like regular troops. All in the name of confusing the enemy. Many of the Newfoundland and Nova Scotia Fencibles accepted land grants for their military service. They had to sign on for a ten year term and their families travelled with them wherever.

"Fence Viewer"

This was often called merely **Viewer**. Fences adequate to prevent livestock escaping from their enclosures or entering fenced-in fields of grain and destroying overnight the community's supply of food for the coming winter and seed for spring planting, were essential to the very survival of the colonial villages. At every annual town meeting "fence viewers" were elected to inspect fencing in the various areas of the town. Their importance to the communities is reflected in the solemnity of the oath of office prescribed for them by the Connecticut General Assembly at its May 1696 session (The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1689-1706, by Charles J. Hoadly):

Whereas you, _____, are chosen fenceviewer for the year ensuing for the town of _____, you doe swear by the name of the everliving God that you will with all faithfullness execute the office and place of a fence viewer according to the express lawes of this Colonie that are now in force, according to the best of your skill, & c. So help you God.

Because of the importance attached to the office, men of the highest standing in the community were not exempted from this service. Their duties were to inspect fences regularly to see if they were sufficiently strong to "turn creturs," to point out deficiencies to the property owners and, if repairs were not duly made, to engage workmen to correct the defective fence at the expense of the delinquent property owner, or to report the offence to the townsmen.

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"Haywarden or Hayward (also Pounder)"

Pounder, Pound Master, Impounder or Haywarden - He was the keeper of the town pound, an officer chosen to take possession of and impound livestock found at large. He fed and cared for these strays until claimants proved ownership and paid a specified fee, or until the town disposed of the unclaimed animals. His services and those of the fence viewer frequently overlapped and in the mid 17th century one man might hold both offices concurrently.

"Lister, now called Assessor"

The lister appraised taxable property, the definition of which varied from time to time. It normally consisted of real estate, appraised as to quality and quantity, and livestock. The "List of Estates" was the basis for the three usual taxes: (1) the country rate, paid by the town to the colony; (2) the town rate, to cover local expenses, and (3) the minister's rate, for the support of the local minister. Later a school rate to pay the schoolmaster's salary was imposed, as were certain special taxes for specific purposes.

ARE YOU STUCK TRYING TO FIND SOURCES FOR YOUR LOCALITY?

The next time you get to the **Family History Library** check the following sources:

Compendium of Historical Sources, The How And Where of American Genealogy, by Ronald A. Bremer, Ref. D2 52. This is a great book for finding addresses of fraternal societies and alliances, Pre-1900 colleges and universities, insurance companies etc.

The library, A Guide to the LDS Family History Library, ed by John Cerny and Wendy Elliott, Ref. D2 59. This is a good book to look at before you make a trip to Salt Lake City to go to the library (even better to get a copy to take along). It has the records grouped and includes the FHL film numbers for the records. You can easily make a list of records and their numbers to look at.

The Source, A Guidebook of American Genealogy, ed by Arlene Eakle, Ref. D2 54. By referring to The Source you can quickly determine which records are available for the particular time period that you are researching.

Redbook, American State, County, and Town Sources, ed by Alice Eicholz, Ref. D2 61. This book will give you a listing by state of the records available and the addresses to write to for information.

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