

# 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).

## MAY MEETING

**THURSDAY, MAY 11th** at 7:00 PM in the Large Meeting Room of the Missoula Public Library. There will be a demonstration of encapsulation in acid-free mylar, an acid neutralizing spray, and a very mild cleaning agent. There will be information available on document preservation and sources of preservation materials.

## ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

The proposed slate of officers for 1995-1996 is:

President	Paulette Parpart
V-President	Jo Potter
Treasurer	Hazel Harley
Rec. Secretary	Wanda Alsaker
Corr. Secretary	

It has been proposed to eliminate the office of Corresponding Secretary as the treasurer already takes care of any correspondence concerning bills and the librarian takes care of correspondence concerning research requests and queries. Proposed changes in the society's by-laws will be worked on over the summer and presented in the next Newsletter in September. Voting on the proposed changes will take place at the September meeting.

**Refreshments for MAY - Paulette Parpart**

## PROGRAMS FOR NEXT YEAR

We will be working on the programming over the summer in order to get a good schedule of programs for next year. If you have any suggestions or would be interested in working with the program development group over the summer please contact Paulette Parpart of Judith Field.

## 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 of \$.25 per page. Send queries/research requests to P.O. Box 2714, Missoula MT 59806-2714.

## FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

**The FHL will be closed May 27-29th for the Memorial Day weekend.** 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", which was held last weekend in Dillon, was informative and had a good turnout. Both the luncheon speaker, David Folsom, who talked on hidden assets, and the dinner speaker, Curley Anderson, who talked about the Lewis & Clark expedition, gave wonderful presentations. At the annual business meeting, Paulette Parpart was elected as 1st Vice-President of the MSGS. This means that Paulette will be involved with the seminar programming for the 1996 State Seminar in Deer Lodge.

## IN THE MAIL

**SMOKE SIGNALS** - Assiniboine Genealogical Society, Havre MT 59501, Fall 1994, Vol. XII, No.3. Excerpts from the *Havre Plain Dealer* with vital records and highschool alumni; also has index for this year's issues.

## 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 April/ May of 1927. It only takes a few minutes to get started and you can work for as little or as long as you like.

## BITS AND BYTES



**COMPUTER SHOPPING?** At the April meeting, Gordon Lemon, from Connecting Point - 4G Computers was gracious enough to replace Leslie Opsahl who could not make it to our meeting that night. Gordon showed us the basic components of a good computer system and had two really good suggestions. First, if you have trouble reading the small print on the computer monitor, try getting a 15" monitor instead of the usual 12" monitor. The 15" monitor has 30% more viewing space and so gives you bigger print. Second, make sure that you get a surge suppressor and be certain that it has a lifetime warranty. Some of the older type surge suppressors can fail after 2-3 "hits" and the next "hit" will wipe out your computer system. If you have one of the older type, replace it!

### Connecting Point™ 4G Computers

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## BIG SKY TELEGRAPH

Frank Odasz, who is the director of Big Sky Telegraph or BST for short, gave the opening talk at the MSGS seminar last weekend in Dillon and we had an opportunity to sample the Internet via BST in the afternoon class. BST has both a "free access" and a "fee access". The "free access" allows access via Internet and Dialup to most of their resources, conferences, online lessons, and highest value files. The "fee access" gives you personalized Internet email accounts and access to full Internet capabilities. New subscribers pay \$120 per year for a full Internet connection and all services with no other hourly

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fee. There is, however, your long distance phone fee if you are not in Dillon.

## MONTANA ONLINE

**Montana Online** is a local, Missoula connection to the Internet. You pay a \$20 per month flat fee and get unlimited connect time with no long distance charges. You can contact them via voice at 721-4952, modem at 721-9100, and get a demo from 721-3155. When I dialed in for the demo I got the following description of their services:

"Internet Connect Service (ICS) of Montana is a public access Internet provider based in Missoula MT. We offer dialup, telnet, and SLIP connections to individuals & groups. All major services such as email, telnet, list servers, USENET newsgroups, FTP sites, etc. can be accessed using a simple, user-friendly menu system.

This free demo will allow you access to several services which will give you a good 'taste' of the Internet. You will be disconnected after 10 minutes of usage. Please be considerate of other people who are using this demo service; if you want to reconnect, wait a few minutes first. If you want a regular Internet subscription, please give us a call at (406) 721-4952 (voice)."

### Subscription Rates:

Individual	Small Business
\$ 20/ month	\$ 30/ month
100/ 6 months	150/ 6 months

## FotoBase for Families

This is an ad for a new "point-n-click" method to store, annotate, and display family photos. The PhotoBase computer program that displays the linked photos is free when you send a gdc.com file and your photos to the Persona Company for scanning. They charge a \$5.00 fee plus \$2.75 per photo scanned. The scanned photos are linked according to the identifications sent with the gdc.com file. All photos are stored in standard bitmap form so that they can be used in other applications as well. (Like Family Tree Maker.) The PhotoBase may be freely distributed to others. This sounds like a neat product, but I would make copies of the photos that I wanted scanned and not send any original photos. System recommendations for this program include a 486DX-66Mhz processor with 8 MB of RAM, windows 3.1, dos 6.2, and a 600 DPI printer. We have several fliers for this service if anyone is interested.

## WMGS NEW BOOK PURCHASES AT THE MSGS SEMINAR

**Assets Unknown** - by David W. Folsom, Two Dot Press, 1994. David Folsom was the luncheon speaker at the conference. His talk was an outline of how he, and the many people he has helped at no charge, have found many financial assets that they never knew existed. While this book is a great guide to those looking for hidden assets, it is also a great guide for genealogists. It includes information on obtaining data from vital records (all "where to write and cost info"), counties (includes addresses of all U.S. county courthouses), state and federal tax records, credit reports, motor vehicle departments, professional licenses, corporate records, credit card reports, archives, passports, and accident reports. Sample letters to the various agencies mentioned are also included. There is also a section on state government general information, and pages of addresses for areas of possible hidden assets including retirement funds, insurance companies, and state banking and credit union administrations.

**French and Canadian Family Research** - by J. Konrad, Ye Olde Genealogy Shoppe, P.O. Box 39128, Indianapolis IN 46239, rev. 1993. Chapters include The Immigration, The History of the Land, Begin by Researching Your French-Canadian and French Ancestors in the United States, Ancestor Hunting in French Canada, and Ancestor Hunting in France. There are maps, charts, address lists for the Civil and National Archives in Canada and the Department Archives in France as well as French genealogical societies, a list of French terms and equivalents, and sample letters in French to both civil and religious sources in France.

**Cherokee Connections** - by Myra Vanderpool Gormley, C.G., Family Historian Books, 207 S. 119th St., Tacoma WA 98444. This book contains maps of Cherokee towns and settlements, and has chapters on Family Legends, A Mini-History, Sources and Records, Select Bibliography, Repositories, Cherokee Publication Sources, and an Index.

**American Naturalization Processes And Procedures** - by John J. Newman, Family History Section, Indiana Historical Society, 1985. This is an excellent source for determining what naturalization laws were in effect at the time that your ancestors were naturalized, as well as some of the special circumstances under which naturalization could be obtained (and citizenship lost.) The bibliographic essay includes information on other sources written about naturalization, general publications on the use of naturalization records by the researcher, and an incomplete but representative list showing where naturalization records or information about citizenship records may be found. The back of the book contains samples of the different types of Declaration of Intention and Naturalization Petitions that have been used over the years, showing what information you can expect to find in each time period.

**1920 Custer County Montana Census Index** - from the Yellowstone Genealogical Society.

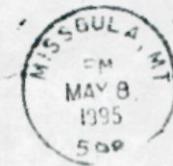
These books will be available at the next meeting on Thursday, May 11th. Members may borrow the books over the next few months and then they will be catalogued and placed in the genealogy collection at the Missoula Public Library (probable not until this Fall.)

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## UPCOMING SEMINARS

**The 15th Annual Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference** will be held in Seattle, Washington from September 20-23, 1995. The conference will feature over 50 speakers from around the United States, more than 130 lectures on every skill level, over 60 genealogical vendors, a bound syllabus with over 300 pages of instructional materials for the lectures, a full day of society management workshops, plus accommodations near the airport, and an opportunity to visit and explore the great northwest. We have a number of brochures for the conference if you are interested in going. We have several members who would like to go, and there may be some people from the Bitterroot society who would also like to go. This should be a truly great conference, and one that will not likely be this close to us again for many years.

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