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# NEWSLETTER

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## MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$11.00 a year for individuals or \$13.00 a year for a family, and includes the Newsletter (Sept-May) and membership in the Montana State Genealogical Society. **DUES FOR THE 1995-1996 YEAR ARE NOW DUE.** If you have not yet renewed your membership, please send your dues to WMGS, P.O. Box 2714, Missoula MT 59806-2714. Please check the mailing label on this newsletter - a "\*" next to the name indicates that we have received your renewal and you will continue to receive the newsletters in 1996.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Held on the second Thursday of the month (Sept.-May, except Dec.) at 7:00 PM in the large meeting room of the Missoula Public Library (unless otherwise noted).

**THANK YOU MARTHA LAWREY.** Martha's talk about her trip to Ireland last summer to do genealogical research was very interesting, but she did not recommend going as part of a group genealogical tour as she did. Her handout had some very useful suggestions on preparing to do research in Ireland. For a copy of her 4 page handout send a long SASE plus 1 loose stamp (to cover copy costs) to the WMGS P.O. box

## NOVEMBER MEETING

**THURSDAY, NOV. 9TH** at 7:00 PM in the Large Meeting Room of the Missoula Public Library. For the program we will have a discussion on "The Broader Aspects of Genealogical Research" with helpful hints on how to proceed when you've lost the 'genealogical' trail. **REFRESHMENTS:** Hazel Harley - cookies.

## PROGRAMS / NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

We are still working on the programming for the coming year. If you have any suggestions or would be interested in working on program development please contact Judith Field (728-1628) or Blanch Tate (549-2855). Also, please

remember that I will be leaving Missoula after the New Year and we need some people to put together the Newsletter and contribute articles. Articles sent to the P.O. Box will always get to the Newsletter editor, or if you have access to e-mail, you can send articles to me at:

ch\_rjf@selway.umt.edu

Newsletter articles can be on any genealogical topic. Short family histories and anecdotes from Western Montana would be greatly appreciated.

## 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 \$5.00 plus SASE and copy costs of \$.25 per page. Send queries/research requests to WMGS - QUERIES, P.O. Box 2714, Missoula MT 59806-2714.

## FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

**Hours:** Mon., Tue., Thurs., Sat. 12:00-4:00 PM and Tue., Wed., Thurs. 7:00-9:30 PM. Be sure to look at the new library card catalogue on microfiche, and the new "addendum" to the IGI. There is also a new set (updated quarterly) of microfiche "Parish and Vital Records Listings". If you are not familiar with this set of microfiche read on.

## PARISH AND VITAL RECORDS LISTINGS

The Family History Library receives a new set of these microfiche every three months, whereas we receive a new edition of the Family History Library Catalogue only every other year or so. The Mormon Church is constantly filming parish and vital records. As these microfilms are processed they are added to the Parish and Vital Records Listings and a new set of microfiche listings is sent to all Family History Libraries every three months. Therefore, the Parish and Vital Records Listing is the most up to date list of microfilms for these types of records. The listings also indicate whether the records have been extracted into the IGI.

## BUDGET

A budget for the 1995-96 year was adopted at the last business meeting. A copy is inserted in this newsletter.

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## INDEXING

The group indexing of the *MISSOULIAN* is continuing on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM in the Montana Room of the Missoula Public Library. If Tuesday afternoon is not a good time, then once you've been trained on what to do, any time that the library is open it's OK to come on in and index!

### IN THE MAIL

**THE TRI-COUNTY SEARCHER**, BROKEN MOUNTAINS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, BOX 261 CHESTER MT 59522, Vol.16, No.2. Marriage Records for Chouteau Co., ctd..

**THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER**, Sept.-Oct. 1995. "Tried and Tested Tidbits" with some "common sense" genealogical techniques, "Neglect of Research Basics Leads to Suspect Conclusions", and "American and Canadian Passenger/ Emigration Registers" are highlight articles.

### NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Following are some helpful hints and free literature that you can send for from the National Archives:

**National Archives workshops and courses on census schedules and related records** are open to the public. For monthly information on this program in Washington, DC, researchers should request the Calendar of Events by writing to the Public Affairs Staff (N-PA), National Archives, Washington, DC 20408. Researchers may contact each regional archives about its own genealogy education program. Information on these regional programs appears in the Genealogy Notes section of *Prologue: Quarterly of the National Archives*. To receive a subscription form for this quarterly or for literature about National Archives records in addition to censuses, researchers should write to:

Publications Distribution (NECD)  
National Archives, Rm. G9  
Seventh and Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20408  
(telephone, 202-501-5235; fax, 202-501-6175)

#### For our Rocky Mountain Region info:

National Archives--Rocky Mountain Region  
Building 48, Denver Federal Center  
P.O. Box 25307  
Denver, CO 80225  
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**Area Served:** Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming

**Free literature** includes two sales brochures, "Aids for Genealogical Research" and "National Archives 1994-95 Publications." These brochures are especially helpful for purchasing microfilm catalogs, including "1900 Federal Population Census," "The 1910 Federal Population Census," and "The 1920 Federal Population Census."

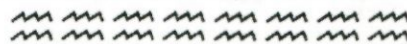
Other free literature includes "Using Records in the National Archives for Genealogical Research," **General Information Leaflet (GIL) No. 5, which includes guidance on how to formally cite microfilmed census records;** "Military Service Records in the National Archives," GIL No. 7; "Information about the National Archives for Prospective Researchers," GIL No. 30; "The Regional Archives System of the National Archives," GIL No. 22; "Fast Facts About the 1920 Census," GIL No. 43, which explains the most current publicly released decennial census; and "Select List of Publications of the National Archives and Records Administration," GIL No. 3, which includes many additional free works, such as preliminary inventories and reference information papers, as well as guides and microfilm catalogs available for purchase.

### 1870/1880 Census Hints from the National Archives

In some cities, the government conducted **second enumerations** because of questions about the accuracy of the first. Researchers should determine whether or not two microfilm rolls copy schedules for the same area. For example, rolls 975 and 1014 of M593, "Ninth Census of the United States, 1870," copy schedules for New York City, ward 1.

**A fire destroyed most of the 1870 Minnesota schedules.** M593, rolls 716-719, copies the remaining federal schedules, while T132 reproduces the state copy. T132 also is noteworthy because it includes some mortality schedules interfiled with the population schedules.

**The 1880 census included a special enumeration of Indians living near military installations** in California and in the Washington and Dakota Territories. For information about the schedules, which are in four unmicrofilmed volumes, researchers should contact the Civil Reference Branch (NNRC), at the above address.



## WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - EXPENSES

EXPENSES	1994/95	SUB TOTALS	1995/96	SUB TOTALS
		HAZEL HARLEY		
NEWSLETTER:		\$245.80		\$362.70
PRINTING (60,60,65)	\$158.60		\$175.50	60,6,9 -.04
(EXPECTED)	\$57.60			
POSTAGE	\$76.80		\$187.20	60,9 -.32
JOURNALS:		\$74.00		\$74.00
GENEALOGICAL HELPER	\$21.00		\$21.00	
HERITAGE QUEST	\$25.00		\$25.00	
NATIONAL GEN. SOC.	\$28.00		\$28.00	
MSGS DUES	\$36.00	\$36.00		\$40.00
(dues due in June)	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
P.O. BOX RENT	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
NON-PROFIT GROUP FEE	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
BANKING	\$9.52	\$48.28	\$20.00	\$20.00
BOOK SALES:		\$400.01		\$250.00
PRINTING & BINDING	\$181.02		\$250.00	
PRINTING MASTERS	\$100.00			
(EXPECTED '95)	\$50.00			
POSTAGE				
ADVERTISING:				\$74.00
BOOKS			\$64.00	
RUMMAGE SALE			\$10.00	
MSGS CONFERENCE	\$15.00	\$258.77	\$15.00	\$15.00
TREASURER SUPPLIES	\$0.00		\$10.00	\$10.00
BOOK PURCHASES:				\$165.00
MISCELLANEOUS			\$100.00	
CEMETERY BOOKS				
HANDY BOOKS (2)				
KENTUCKY ANCESTRY	\$20.95	\$20.95		
VIDEO TAPES			\$65.00	
SPEAKER - COPIES			\$25.00	
MISCELLANEOUS		\$188.37		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$874.49</b>	<b>\$1,367.18</b>	<b>\$1,060.70</b>	<b>\$1,060.70</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,838.90</b>	<b>\$1,838.90</b>	<b>\$1,142.52</b>	<b>\$1,142.52</b>
<b>TOT. INCOME - EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$471.72</b>	<b>\$81.82</b>	<b>\$81.82</b>



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	<u>1994/95</u> ACTUAL+	<u>1995/96</u> PROJECTED	<u>1995/96</u> SUB TOTALS
# MEMBERS	37	40	40
<b>INCOME</b>			
STARTING BALANCE	\$519.51	\$246.52	\$246.52
DUES:	\$417.00		\$446.00
REGULAR		\$370.00	
FAMILY		\$36.00	
MSGs		\$40.00	
RESEARCH	\$75.25	\$75.00	\$75.00
BOOKSALES	\$329.48	\$250.00	\$250.00
DONATIONS	\$4.00	\$0.00	
STATE CONFERENCE			
SALES	\$245.37	\$100.00	\$100.00
RE-IMBURSE.	\$21.00	\$0.00	
SHARE PROFITS '94	\$56.54		
RUMMAGE SALE		\$25.00	\$25.00
MISCELLANEOUS ?	\$170.75		
<b>YEARLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,319.39</b>	<b>\$896.00</b>	<b>\$896.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,838.90</b>	<b>\$1,142.52</b>	<b>\$1,142.52</b>

## PICTURESQUE FIGURE REMOVED BY HER PASSING AND MANY STRANGE INCIDENTS ARE RECALLED BY HER DEMISE -- DETAILS OF HER CAREER GENERALLY UNKNOWN.

Mary Gleim is dead. Her militant spirit passed from its mortal frame late yesterday afternoon. Rheumatism, from which she had suffered for a long time, is supposed to have been the immediate cause of death. Mrs. Gleim was about 65 years old and had been a resident of Missoula since 1888. She was a woman of mystery. Ever since she came to Missoula she had been a picturesque figure. There are few persons in this city who had not heard of her and to the older residents, she was well known.

Perhaps there are some persons who know the history of this strange person's life, but it is not likely that it will ever be told. She was a woman of contraries. In her prime, she possessed remarkable physical strength. Intellectually, she was wonderfully endowed. She was educated and possessed many qualities of refinement. But she was of the underworld; from the time of her arrival in Missoula until her death, she associated herself with the element against whom the bars of society are set. She owned much property in the restricted district and this was one of the sources of her revenue.

Mary Gleim was of Irish descent. She had said, of her origin, that her father was a "squire" in Ireland; a landowner, but not of the nobility. She could converse in all of the Latin languages and was liberally educated in English. Her only relatives, as far as is known here, are a sister in London; a niece, a daughter of that sister, living in Anaconda, and a nephew, who lived here for a while with her and is believed to be in Anaconda. The niece is Mrs. John R. Gibson. The nephew's name is Bennie Boone. These relatives were advised, last night, of her death and funeral arrangements will not be made until word is received from the niece.

It is supposed by those who were in any way familiar with the affairs of Mrs. Gleim that it was her wish that she be buried in St. Louis. The Missouri city was the home of her husband's family. The old Gleim homestead is one of the picturesque points in the city. There her husband was buried a few years ago.

Following his death, Mrs. Gleim sought to establish a right of inheritance and the will provided that in case he left no issue, the property should revert to other relatives. So Mrs. Gleim lost her case. The property was in the Gleim family by Indian inheritance. The grandfather of Mrs. Gleim's husband married a Wisconsin Indian and this property was her share of a tribal allotment. At the time of the suit, the old homestead stood in the business district of St. Louis, surrounded by lofty business blocks.

Mrs. Gleim was supposed to be wealthy. She had, however, sunk a good deal of money in a local business

enterprise, the Standard Brick company. To her attorney, E.C. Mulroney, she said a short time ago that she had spent \$135,000 in this business. But she is known to have other investments in Missoula business property which are better. One of them is rated as one of the best pieces of business property in the city. She had also heavy holdings in some of the reservation townsites, acquired at the time these lots were placed on the market.

While there is no authorized estimate of her property obtainable, it was stated last night that she certainly must have \$100,000. During the life of her husband she had handles his affairs and he had a large income from St. Louis. With the exception of the brickyard investment, her finances are believed to have been well handled.

Mrs. Gleim had been a smuggler of laces and diamonds in her time. She was also believed to have been connected with the old underground railway which had its outlet at Thompson Falls, years ago, through which many Chinamen were brought into this country and a great deal of opium.

She had a picturesque and stormy career. She tried twice to get a footing in Alaska and left here to engage in business there, but she was under suspicion of the British and American customs officers and was not successful.

As a result of the old feud in the local restricted district, Mrs. Gleim was sent to the state penitentiary, but obtained a new trial on the charge of setting fire to the house of "Bobby" Burns, then a rival property owner. On the second trial she escaped conviction.

While in the state prison, Mrs. Gleim was attacked in the yard one day by a woman who had been sent to the pen from Missoula, and was badly beaten. She was never a vigorous after she came back from prison.

With all her faults, Mrs. Gleim had a generous heart. There are many acts of kindness attributed to her. But she was a relentless hater and during the days when she figured so prominently in the battles of a wide open town, she fought some hard battles. These were real battles, too. She fought physically and was able to handle any man who ever went against her, even when he was clothed in official authority.

Hers was a strange life. Its chapters would make a wonderful book. But it is not likely that they will ever be written. Some of her adventures she had related herself, but as a whole the story of her career was a sealed volume.

A. L. S.

OBITUARY OF MARY GLEIM

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## UPCOMING SEMINARS

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR, "SIGNPOSTS", April 26-27, 1996 in Deer Lodge, MT  
There will be more information in the January Newsletter.

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