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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. Send membership dues to WMGS, P.O. Box 2714, Missoula MT 59806-2714.

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).

JANUARY MEETING

THURSDAY, JAN.11TH at 7:00 PM in the Large Meeting Room of the Missoula Public Library. For the program we will have a discussion on "The Pre-1908 Homestead and Cash Entry Land Grants". These records, for the Bureau of Land Management - Eastern Repository, are available on CD-ROM at the University of Montana Library. Not all of the states whose land records are included in the BLM Eastern Repository, however, have been placed on CD-ROM. We will show which states/records are included on the CD-ROM's and show how to access these records in the U of M library.
REFRESHMENTS: Blanch Tate.

PROGRAMS / NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

We are still in need of program suggestions for February and March. In April, Betsy Douglas will talk on "WWI Records" and in May, Jerry Schliebe will talk about his "Research in Germany". 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, I will be leaving Missoula at the end of January. We will need some help to put together the February Newsletter, at least. March-May are still uncertain, but any help would be appreciated.. Articles

sent to the P.O. Box will always get to the Newsletter editor. Newsletter articles can be on any genealogical topic. Short family histories and anecdotes from Western Montana would be greatly appreciated.

GENEALOGY VIDEO'S

I do not know who currently has the circulating videos on genealogy that we purchased last spring. Would whoever has them please give me a call/ bring them to the meeting on Thursday so we can get a new sign up list going. Thanks.

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.

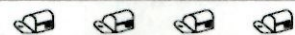
FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

Hours: Mon., Tue., Thurs., Sat. 12:00-4:00 PM and Tue., Wed., Thurs. 7:00-9:30 PM. I have noticed a decrease in the number of people signed up to use the computer in the last few months. This might be a good time to come in and check the new addendum to the IGI if you haven't already seen this new set of CD's. Also, look through the 'Books on Microfiche Drawer'. There is a massive collection of material there, including foreign countries, the U.S., and individual states. Ladene Hughes, Library Director, recently put together a list of books on microfiche that are available at the Missoula FHL. Included in this Newsletter is the list for the U.S.

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



BIG SKY ROUNDUP, Montana State Genealogical Society, Marilyn Lewis, Ed., Rt.2, Box 2246, Lewistown,

MT 59457. Dec. 1995. MSGS President Pat Thompson has proposed dividing the state into districts (9) with their leaders or representatives having a vote at all state meetings. The MSGS has purchased a set of audio tapes and Strategy Papers on "Society Management" from the Federation of Genealogical Societies. The tapes can be borrowed by individuals and the local societies. See separate list of tapes.

BIT O' ROOTS, Bitterroot Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 350022, Grantsdale, MT 59835-0022. Vol.7, No.4, Sept. 1995. See highlight box for warning about SASE and letter addresses.

CENTRAL MONTANA WAGON TRAILS, Lewiston Genealogy Society, 701 W. Main St., Lewiston, MT 59457. Vol.17, No.1, Nov. 1995. Article on James Fergus.

FADED GENES, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604. Vol. 12, No.4, Dec. 1995. Surname Index for the 1995 Faded Genes Vol. 12, Nos. 1-4., Surnames from book "Footprints into the Past of Our Colcord Ancestors and Allied Families", by Lorna Williams of Helena, 1988. Also, see "Obituary Checklist" for a list of 18 items that should be included in an obituary.

FLATHEAD GENEALOGICAL BULLETIN, Flathead Valley Genealogical Society., P.O. Box 584, Kalispell, MT 59903-0584. Vol.XX, No.4, Dec. 1995. Look at article on "Research Tips" from their Nov. meeting. Flathead Co. Marriages 1921-1931(cont'd), Flathead Co. General Index to Deeds 1884-1897 (cont'd), Index to Tree Trails Vol. XX.

GALLATIN TRAILS, Gallatin Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1783, Bozeman, MT 59771-1783. Vol. 17, No.1, Nov. 1995. Dokken-Nelson Funeral Register, Bozeman 1929-1933 (cont'd).

SMOKE SIGNALS, Assiniboine Genealogical Society, Box 321, Havre, MT 59501. Vol.12, No.4, Winter 1995. Fort Assiniboine Burials - List of those buried at Fort Assiniboine and later removed to the National Cemetery at the Little Big Horn Battlefield National Monument near Crow Agency, Montana.

THE LAST LEAF, Dawson Co. Historical & Genealogical Newsletter, 1477 HWY 200s, Glendive, MT 59330-9402. Vol. VI, No.1. Dawson Co., Montana Births Registered Before 1900. (comp. by Dawson Co.

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Library), School Census, Dawson Co., Montana, District #41, 1910.

TREASURE STATE LINES, Great Falls Genealogy Society, Paris Gibson Square, 1400 1st Ave. North, Great Falls, MT 59401. Vol. 20, No.4, Nov. 1995. Resources in the Cascade Co. Archives (in the Great Falls Public Library), Genealogical Sources at the Montana State Archives - a 4 page listing from the Montana Historical Society (copy available for SASE + 1 extra .32 stamp), WWI Selective Service Registration lists (cont'd), 1995 Surname Index to Treasure State Lines.

THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER, Nov.-Dec. 1995. Highlight articles are: "The Romance of the U.S. Census", "The United States Direct Tax of 1798 - A Treasure Trove of Family Historians", and "World War I Draft Registrations". The 'Timely Tips' feature is on the importance and value of the Hamburg Passenger Lists. The Computer Section has an article entitled "Ancillary Genealogical Software", which reviews some other computer applications which complement the family archives databases which we use.

HERITAGE QUEST MAGAZINE, Issue 61, Jan-Feb. 1996. Feature articles include "Surnames: Their Meaning and ORIGINS". The 'New and Little Known Resources for the Genealogist' is always interesting, as is the "Librarian's Corner". Don't miss 'Tips for Beginners', with "The Census Named My Great-grandparents"..

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

There are several new books that are of interest to genealogists. The first two books are from **THE NEARBY HISTORY SERIES**, David E. Kyvig, series editor, and Myron A. Marty, consulting editor. **LOCAL SCHOOLS: EXPLORING THEIR HISTORY**, by Ronald E. Butchart, 371.0109 BUTCHAR. If you are trying to find school records or information on what schools were in the area, this book will definitely be of value. It outlines the types of records that are generally available and where to search for them. It is full of good general sources on schools and good general research principles.

PLACES OF WORSHIP: EXPLORING THEIR HISTORY, by James P. Wind, 291.6507 WIND. The author, shows how to explore individual church histories, and includes two appendices, one is a guide to important published works on American religion, and the other is a directory of denominational archives and historical agencies.

HOUSE HISTORIES: A GUIDE TO TRACING THE GENEALOGY OF YOUR HOME, by Sally Light, 929.1

LIGHT. This book is for those who "have questions about the origins, styles, materials, past owners of and events surrounding old houses." You are guided to look for clues in the house itself, and in the records. One section explains how to run a home-based 'house histories' business.

POSTAL SERVICE WARNING

SASE: Folded SASE's may cause your letter to be lost or destroyed by automated postal machines. To be sure that your letter containing a large SASE reaches its destination, enclose it in an envelope larger than the unfolded SASE. (Yucaipa Valley, CA G.S., Mar. 1995).

I have found that if you unfold the envelope flap of your SASE and fold it inside of your letter using only 2 folds, you get a smooth letter. I have had no trouble using this method. (editor)

LETTER ADDRESSES: Be sure to follow the guidelines that the Postal Service has established for addressing. Failure to do so can delay your mail for days or weeks. Here are the guidelines that you need to follow:

- 1) Print or type, using all capital letters.
- 2) Do not use punctuation.
- 3) Use 2 spaces between the state and zip code.
- 4) Use zip + 4 if known.
- 5) Abbreviate the state code as specified by P.O. (The Tree Branch, Glendive, MT Spring 1995)

GO FICHE

Fiche Headlines Under United States at the FHL:
Guide To General Research In The National Archives
1855 Gazetteers - Fannings Illustrated Gazetteer Of The U.S.

American Gazetteer 1797

Archives And Repositories

Census 1790-1900 Population Growth

State Censuses

Selected City Streets And Enumeration Districts

Maps - References And Distance Map Of The U.S.

Immigration - To America In The Early Years

Directory Of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals

- 1890-1930 NY

- 1904-1926 NY, Pa, Boston, Baltimore

French Canadian Families Of North Central U.S.

Eastern And Southern States - Marriages And Baptisms

- (CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY, And PA)

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Genealogy Inventory - National Archives

Index To American Genealogies

American State Papers - Land Grant Claims 1789-1837

Military - Pension - Rev. War (1813)

Military - Pension Rolls 1835 (CT, MA, NY, NH, RI, VT)

Rev. War - 1840 Pensioners

Rejected Or Suspended Applications For Rev. War Pensions

Index Of The Rolls Of The NSDAR Lineage Books - Rev. War

Loyalist Claims Which Arose From The American Rev. War

American Loyalist Claims

Known Military Who Died During The Rev. War

MONTANA WWI DRAFT REGISTRATION RECORDS

The following two films at the FHL on indefinite loan contain WWI Draft Registration Records:

1684039 - Gallatin Co., MT

1711439 - Phillips, Powell, and Prairie Co., MT

BITS AND BYTES



I recently came across two new WWW sites that offer genealogy books for sale:

<http://www.genealogy.com/blairs> - this is a listing of many bookstores in an on-line database. It is easily searchable via keyword or title. Books, CD's, general reference as well as surnames, specific areas/states. This is a very large database, and purchases can be made on-line via credit card.

<http://www.wavenet.com/~genbooks> - this is a homepage maintained by Barbara Green. She maintains the list of used genealogy books for sale, including family histories, local histories, and miscellaneous books. Last week this list contained the following Montana book - "**Plains, Peaks, and Pioneers - Eighty Years of Methodism in Montana**" by E.L. Mills, 1947. It mentions many individuals connected with the Methodist Church in Montana.

The Federation of Genealogy Societies (FGS) has also started a home page which is still under construction:

<http://www.connect.net/beau/fgs/> Info on FGS projects

The National Genealogical Society home page is at:

<http://genealogy.org/NGS/> Info on NGS and links to other genealogy home pages.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR, "SIGNPOSTS", April 26-27, 1996 in Deer Lodge, MT. More info when available.

FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES NATIONAL CONFERENCE, "IN YOUR ANCESTORS IMAGE", August 14-17, 1996, Rochester NY. Fliers available.

FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES - DALLAS IN '97, "UNLOCK YOUR HERITAGE", Sept. 3-6, 1997, Dallas, TX, hosted by the Dallas Genealogical Society.

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Federation of Genealogical Societies
Seattle Conference Tapes, Sept. 20-23, 1995

Society Management Workshops

W1--Society Management Plenary Session

Speaker: Curt B. Witcher

The President of FGS welcomes participants to the Society Management Seminar and explains FGS and its goals.

W2--Conflict Resolution: dealing with problems and problem members

Speaker: Marsha Hoffman Rising

Conflicts beset the best managed society. This session will show society leaders how to identify causes and channel conflict into positive action.

W3--Collecting Content: newsletter editing

Speaker: Desmond Walls Allen

Finding newsworthy items to include in your society's publication is a challenge. This session examines the pros and cons of copying from other publications, proper citation, and the legalities of publishing "warnings" about groups and enterprises, etc. and will provide some tips on appearance of newsletters.

W4--Order Out of Chaos: conducting a successful business meeting

Speaker: Phyllis Brown Miller

Every society must have at least an annual business meeting. What are your meetings like? This session will show how Parliamentary procedures can be used to create an effective and orderly business meeting.

W6--Creating the Operating Handbook Your Society Needs

Speaker: Paula Stuart Warren

Year after year, decade after decade, societies reinvent the wheel. Each new volunteer generally begins from scratch to develop the guidelines and activities which pertain to the job they have undertaken. It would be beneficial in many ways if a society put together a handbook which detailed how the specific society and its committees carry out the operation of the society. The lecture will give examples of what to include, how much detail is needed, and how to implement it, etc.

W7--More Than Advertising: marketing ideas for genealogical societies

Speaker: Nancy J. Emmert

Marketing is the analysis, planning, implementation, and control of carefully formulated programs designed to bring about voluntary exchanges of values with target markets for the purpose of achieving organizational objectives. It relies heavily on designing the organization's offering in terms of the target market's needs and desires and on using effective pricing, communication, and distribution to inform, motivate and service the markets.

W8--Alphabet Soup: understanding the genealogical community

Speaker: Kathleen W. Hinckley

Genealogical terminology often includes a bewildering number of abbreviations and acronyms. Understanding this alphabet soup helps differentiate credentials, organizations, and concepts from one another.

W9--Is There an Office in Your Society's Future?

Speaker: David E. Rencher

All societies, at one time or another, consider establishing a centralized office. Is your society ready? This session presents helpful information to assist with your decision and with implementation.

W12--Genealogical Education: a national overview for the local genealogical society

Speaker: Joan Kirchman Mitchell

This session will discuss various aspects of genealogical education including: credit and non-credit education; conferences, workshops, and institutes; and, independent and correspondence study. By sharing this information with their local societies, the participants will enhance and expand the genealogical horizons of their respective groups.

W14--Coming Apart at the Seams: basic steps for societies with problems

Speaker: James W. Warren

Every society has problems; sometimes they all seem to happen at once. If the life has gone out of your organization, this session offers realistic steps to take when: you can't find volunteers, your meetings are lifeless, your publications are late, your members aren't renewing, the board is fighting, and the treasury is running dry.

W15--The never-ending Battle: keeping vital records open for present and future generations

Speaker: Joy Reisinger

How your Society May keep access open to vital records in your area and state. Together, we can make a difference!

W17--Teachers Can Draw: increase membership through instruction

Speaker: Sandra Hargreaves Luebking

Studies show that programs of instruction can provide new members who quickly assume leadership or volunteer roles. This session offers practical suggestions to help officers identify prospective teachers, provide training and support for these teachers, and design membership incentives for students.

May I Borrow the Tape?

Name (group or individual) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Tape no.