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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. 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).

APRIL MEETING

THURSDAY, APR. 11TH at 7:00 PM in the large meeting room of the Missoula Public Library. Betsy Douglas from Stevensville will give a program on "Using the WWI Military Records."

Refreshments: Cookies - Irene Berven

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May - Jerry Schliebe will talk about his "Research in Germany".

Newsletter Articles - 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.

May Elections - We need to have a slate of officers to be voted on at the May meeting, so we will need to get a nominating committee at the April meeting.

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.

Closed: April 6, 1996; May 25-27; July 3-4; Aug. 5-10; Aug. 31-Sep. 2; Oct. 5; Nov. 28-30; Dec. 16-Jan. 1, 1997.

INDEXING

The group indexing of the MISSOULIAN is continuing on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM in the Montana Room of the Missoula Public Library. 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! We're about in the middle of 1927 at the present.

IN THE MAIL

BIG SKY ROUNDUP, Montana State Genealogical Society, Marilyn Lewis, Ed., Rt. 2, Box 2246, Lewistown, MT 59457; March 1996. The next MSGS board meeting will be April 26, 1996 at 1:00 PM in Deer Lodge at the Kohrs Memorial Library, 501 Missouri.

Change in dues structure for member societies - A proposal will be made at the April business meeting to establish a rate structure in which member societies pay a flat rate for 0-10, 11-20, 21-30 members and so forth. This is in keeping with the rate structures of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and other established state organizations. They are trying to arrange it so that the income from member societies will be about the same as it has been. It is hoped that this will solve the problem of late paying or joining members in local societies.

Speakers/ Program Ideas - The MSGS is trying to put together a listing of good speakers and program ideas for the local societies within the state, and are asking each society to fill in a questionnaire on this. **Please think about our past programs/speakers that we can place on the questionnaire.**

FADED GENES, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604, March 1996, Vol. 13, No. 1. **Altrusa Language Bank** - is a two page

listing of people that are capable of translating written or spoken languages. Also, **Listing of Colonial Occupations**, including "pettifogger - shyster lawyer."

FLATHEAD GENEALOGICAL BULLETIN.

Flathead Valley Genealogical Society., P.O. Box 584, Kalispell, MT 59903-0584, March 1996, Vol. XXI, No.1. Flathead Co. Marriages 1921-1931 (cont'd), Flathead Co., Montana, General Index to Deeds - Grantor 1884-1897 (cont'd).

SMOKE SIGNALS. Assiniboine Genealogical Society, Box 321, Havre, MT 59501, Spring 1996, Vol.8, No.1. The story of the Havre fire of 1904 is recounted in which "nearly every business house in the city is burned."

TANGLED ROOTS GENEALOGY SOCIETY -

Newsletter, P.O. Box 1992, Cut Bank, MT 59427, Winter 1996, Vol.7, No.1. Pedigree charts on KNAPP/DAVIS of North Dakota. Article by Richard L. Evans on "Belonging to a Family."

TREASURE STATE LINES. Great Falls Genealogy Society, Paris Gibson Square, 1400 1st Ave. North, Great Falls, MT 59401, 1996, Vol. 21, No.1. **Pondera Farm And Ranch Directory, 1949-1950, The Hereford Association** - The Hereford Cattle Breeders Association listing on members for 1882, U.S. and Canada.

GENEALOGICAL HELPER March/April 1996. **Listing of Family Associations and Their Leaders, and Family and Surname Periodical Publications**, "Ten Steps in Writing a Family History", and "Reunions." The COMPUTER HELPER section has an article on "Custom Pedigree Charts Using Graphics Programs."

Free ON-LINE Search Everton Publishers is offering one month of free ON-LINE Search access if you send them a GEDCOM file. For more information see the Everton homepage at <http://www.everton.com>.

HERITAGE QUEST March/April 1996. Many useful articles. See "Marking Your Veteran's Grave" for information on how to obtain a free marker from the Department of Veterans Affairs for unmarked veteran graves. Also, state by state "New and Little Known Resources for the Genealogist."

MONTANA STATE CONFERENCE

The Montana State Conference, Signposts, will be held April 26-28, 1996 in Deer Lodge. See insert for seminar details and registration information.

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BITS AND BYTES



NEW TROJAN HORSE VIRUS MASQUERADING AS UNZIP PROGRAM

"A new Trojan horse virus has emerged on the Internet with the name **PKZIP300.ZIP**, so named as to give the impression that this file is a new version of the PKZIP software used to ZIP (compress) files. **Do not download this file under any circumstances!** If you install or expand this file, the virus will wipe your hard disk and affect modems at 14.4 and higher. This is an extremely destructive virus and there is not yet a way of cleaning up this one." Both Microsoft and Pkware (author of pkunzip) have confirmed the existence of this bogus program.

MSWORD MACRO VIRUS

Another cleverly disguised 'virus' may be hiding in a downloaded word.doc word processing file. These viruses are actually macros which are embedded in the document. Opening the document starts the macro. Microsoft has released a program called MVTOOL10.EXE which comes with some anti-virus programs or can be downloaded free from Microsoft in the MSOFFICE area, or I will make a copy of it.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES SITES

Some of NA's microfilm collections are listed at the following sites:

<http://www.nara.gov/>

<http://www.nara.gov/11/genealogy/holdings/catalogs>

<http://www.nara.gov:70> - National Archives

<gopher://gopher.nara.gov:70/11/genealogy/holdings>

NOTE ON NEW YORK IMMIGRATION RECORDS BEING INDEXED BY THE BALCH INSTITUTE

The following message recently appeared on the Internet concerning New York immigration records for the unindexed period from 1848-1903:

"The Balch Institute has been indexing the New York immigration records using student labor. The first product of this work was the four volume set of "The Famine Immigrants, Lists of Irish Immigrants Arriving at the Port of New York, 1846-1851" Vols 1-4, Baltimore, Genealogical Publ Co, 1983-1984, edited by Ira A. Glazier

The remaining records are being published under ethnic titles in chronological order of the date of the immigrants' arrival. Each volume is arranged chronologically by ships arrival with a complete name index. The series continues down to the present with the series title: "Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, published by the Gale Research and "Italians to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports". The entire series' project is edited by Drs. Ira A. Glazier and Michael Tepper."

Richard_Pence@p3565.f356.n109.z1.fidonet.org (Richard Pence) added the following qualification to the content of these records:

"Genealogists using these sources should be aware of their shortcomings as genealogical references. These are delineated in detail by Gordon L. Remington, "Feast or Famine: Problems in the Genealogical Use of The Famine Immigrants and Germans to America," _The National Genealogical Society Quarterly_, Vol. 78, No. 2, June 1990, pages 135-146.

Without going into great detail about the specific problems, it should be noted that both of these series are statistical/sociological studies and do not purport to be a complete listing of the ships which arrived nor do they include all of the passengers on those ships for which lists are given."

ACCESS TO RECORDS REPORT

From **BIG SKY ROUNDUP**, March 1996

Vital records director Sam Sperry and staff member Bev Roberts met with representatives from LCCGS and MSGS on Thursday< January 25, 1996. The meeting accomplished the presentation of numerous questions and proposals related to the access of the records in the Department and in the county offices. The Director responded openly and with willingness to include our input to the rules accompanying the new statutes.

Some of the problems that the Department is facing include a move to a different building in April. The vault will remain in the Cogswell Building so to look for records Sperry will have to station personnel there and run the records across the street. A second problem is that Sperry has a new legal staff to deal with and he has to educate them to the understanding of Vital Records.

The rule-making process will be that he will take our suggestion, gather comments from the Clerk & Recorders and any other interested people and put together a

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proposal and then it will go to the legal staff for formal drafting. At that point it will be tough to get any changes. The next step is to the Administrative Code Committee for public hearings (about a 90 day process.) At this time we are awaiting the initial draft from the Department.

Two major concerns of the Department are the release of birth records and the inclusion of "cause of death" on death records.

Director Sperry stated that he will make appropriate contacts with the LDS Church to determine their interest in microfilming state records within the confines of the new statutes.

NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA ONLINE DATA SEARCHES AVAILABLE

"Another month is upon us and a new feature file has been posted on the home page of the Genealogical Research Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania (GRSNP).

This month's featured file is a comprehensive list of those persons who are listed on the 1870-1910 censuses for Scott Twp, Pa. (Lackawanna Co.). All census details are included and arranged in chronological order for each year.

Stop by, find out about us, read our newsletter, peruse previous months' feature files (Court of Quarter Sessions for Lackawanna Co. Naturalization Docket #2, covering the period of 1898-1906 and the Mayor's Court, Carbondale, Pa. Naturalization Declarations of Intention covering the time period from 1851 and 1875.)

The GRSNP is always looking for volunteers to assist in their efforts. No matter where you live, we can find something for you to do.

We can be found at the following URL:

<http://www.clark.net/pub/mjloyd/grsnp/grsnp.html>

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HELPFUL HINTS FOR SLC RESEARCH

"Be aware that there is a procedure recently started because of limited microfilm cabinet space that certain infrequently used films are being taken off the "ready" shelves and put in an archive. They can be retrieved for you but such things may not be available until the next day. So if you have sources to search that may fall into this category, check on them the first day and see if you need to get your order in to have them retrieved for you.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR, "SIGNPOSTS", April 26-27, 1996 in Deer Lodge, MT. This year registration is \$38 for the seminar, lunch and banquet, and \$26 for the seminar and lunch only. Anyone who wishes to car pool should contact Paulette Parpart so we can arrange rides for Friday, April 26th, and, also on Saturday morning, April 27th, for those who only wish to attend the seminar and lunch. Remember to pre-register by April 10th.

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.

PAF FOR MACINTOSH Just released is the Macintosh version of PAF 2.3.1.

PAF*MATE 1.01 A windows program which allows the printing of quality reports and charts from PAF data files. A demo is available at **Genealogy Online at: [FTP://genealogy.org/pub/genealogy/PAF/pafutils/msdos/](ftp://genealogy.org/pub/genealogy/PAF/pafutils/msdos/)** This demo includes full online help and is in a self extracting zip file called **PAFEMATE.EXE**. This program is by Prggeny Software Inc. Minimum system requirements are a 386 processor, 4 MB of RAM, VGA or compatible display, and 4 MB of free hard disk space.

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