

# WMGS

# 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. 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).

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

We will not have regular meetings in September and October. The Missoula Public Library has scheduled a series of lectures on Thursdays from Sept. 5th - Oct 17th. These lectures will be historical in nature and better than any programs we could come up with. They are also using the large meeting room. There is a complete schedule of these lectures under **MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY**. We will have a business meeting on Thursday, Oct. 10th at 6:30 PM (before the lecture) in the Montana Room of the Missoula Public Library. The treasurer's and secretary's records will be handed over to the new officers ASAP. Please look over the budget report in this Newsletter. We actually spent more money than we took in last year, but we remain fiscally sound because of our starting balance reserve. However, we can't continue this way. Suggestions for fund-raisers are welcome.

Program suggestions for next year are needed now! I will be working on a program on the *FINDING AIDS TO THE U.S. SERIAL SET* available at the UM Mansfield Library. This may be ready by November. If you have a topic that you would like to hear about or are

willing to talk on some aspect of genealogical research please get in touch.

**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.

## 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

Computer reservations call 543-6148.

Hours: Mon., Tue., Thurs., Sat. 12:00-4:00 PM and

Tue., Wed., Thurs. 7:00-9:30 PM.

Closed: Saturday, Oct.5 (General Conference); Nov.28-30 (Thanksgiving); Dec.16-Jan.1, 1997 (Christmas).

**CD Updates: Social Security Death Index** - now list deaths to Dec. 1995; the **Library Card Catalogue** has been updated to show entries as of Feb. 1996; the **Main IGI** has new CD's for Germany, Continental Europe and Southwest Europe; the **IGI Addendum** has received updated disks #2 and #4 which contain entries as of 5/96.

## POSSIBLE ALTERATION OF RECORDS COPIED FROM ANCESTRAL FILE

**Problem.** If you used *Family Search* and copied records from *Ancestral File Version 4.16* (the one we had), some of the records you copied may have been altered. The version was in use between January and July 1996.

A software problem may have changed marriage information on records copied from *ancestral File's* Pedigree Chart Screen (but not the Family Records screen). If you copied a record that contained a divorce,



(Div) will be inserted into the records of all direct-line ancestors of that couple. This will happen even when the ancestors were not divorced.

The problem will not spread to other records. Only the records copied from the *Ancestral File 4.16* will be affected.

**Identifying the problem.** First, go to the computer where you copied the records. Check whether or not you used Version 4.16 (the version number is found on the top line of the *Ancestral File* screen). If necessary, ask when Version 4.16 was used on the computer.

Next, use *Personal Ancestral File* on your computer and go to the Large Pedigree Chart screen. Look at the records you copied. (Div) will appear in the marriage information (upper-left corner of screen) of any records that were changed.

Also check records that were merged with records you copied.

**Correcting the problem.** There are three ways you can use *Personal Ancestral File* to correct the problem:

- Choose the Modify Records option. Edit the marriage records in the direct ancestral line where the problem occurred. Type "N" in the "Divorced?" field. Go to the Pedigree Search Screen. Use the MRIN Browse feature and edit the marriage record. Type "N" in the "Divorced?" field.
- Use backup copies you made before you copied the records from *Ancestral File*.

**Corrected version.** You can safely recopy records from *Ancestral File Version 416F*.

**For further clarification.** Contact Family History Support at:

240-2584 for Salt Lake City and local areas.  
1-800-346-6044 for all other areas.

## INDEXING

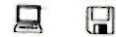
The group indexing of the MISSOULIAN is continuing on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM in the Montana Room of the Missoula Public Library. Once you've been trained on what to do, any time that the library is open, it's OK to come on in and index! We're about in the middle of 1927 at the present.

## SUTRO LIBRARY CATALOGUE

Paulette Parpart will check for information on the latest edition of this microfiche catalogue. It cost about \$150 and will allow us to Inter-Library-Loan from this collection. Most of the cost will be covered by the genealogy account at the Public Library, not our budget.

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### BITS AND BYTES



**IGIREAD** - This is a freeware program made available by the LDS. Amongst other things, it output GEDCOM info in the style you want. The program is available on the web at the following ftp site (or contact Judith Field for a copy):

<ftp://ftp.omen.com.au/pub/cdroms/disk23/028a/igiread.zip>

I have found this program very useful when I wanted to collect all of the data on a particular surname from the IGI. You download the info from the IGI onto a disk in GEDCOM format then use this program to output the info in formatted ASCII, comma delimited format, or d-Base III/IV. You can then read the output file into most any spread sheet program. This is a good way of saving info on a lot of people that you do not necessarily want to add to your PAF data files. In the spreadsheet program you can search and sort your data any way you want to. You can also add more than one GEDCOM file to the output file that will be read by your spreadsheet program. I have combined all the data I found on one surname from both the *Individual* and *Marriage* searches in both the *Main IGI* and the *IGI Addendum* (4 searches on the IGI) into one spreadsheet file.

### NEAT ICON FOR YOUR GENEALOGY

**PROGRAMS** - There is a nice set of genealogy icons for IBM compatibles running windows.. I can make copies for anyone interested. There is a sheet with the icons at the FHL.

## MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Missoula Public Library is presenting "**THE FRONTIER IN AMERICAN CULTURE**". This is a traveling exhibition for libraries organized by the American Library Association and the Newberry Library, Chicago with the generous support of the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency.

The series of lectures runs from Sept. 5 - Oct. 17, 1996

**Sept. 5th - 7 PM**, William Kittredge "**West of Your Town**"

**Sept. 12th - 7 PM**, Sue Hart "**Montana: High, Wide and Hollywoodized**"

**Sept. 19th - 7 PM**, Tony Incashola "**History and Traditions of the Salish and Pend d'Oreille**"

**Sept. 26th - 7 PM**, Ritchie Doyle "**Reflections of William Clark**"

**Oct. 3rd - 7 PM**, Dierdre McNamer "**Writing on the Margins**"

**Oct. 10th - 7 PM**, Bob Brown and Kermit Edmonds "**The Nez Perce War Comes to Montana**"



Oct. 17th - 7 PM, James Welch "Killing Custer"

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

Sept. 21st - 1:30 PM, "Frontier Games"

Sept. 28th - 1:30 PM, "The Frontier as seen by Laura Engels Wilder" with Nancy Cleveland.

All programs will be held in the large meeting room of the Missoula Public Library, 301 E. Main.

**NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**SO THATS WHO YOU USED TO BE! A REUNION PLANNING GUIDE** by Patricia Mckee Bauer. A complete guide to a successful class reunion from start to finish. This book can also be used to help with the planning of reunions of other groups including family reunions. **371.89 BAUER**

**INDEXING FAMILY HISTORIES** by Patricia Law Hatcher & John V. Wylie. **GenColl R929.1 HATCHER.**

**GERMANIC GENEALOGY, A GUIDE TO WORLDWIDE SOURCES AND MIGRATION PATTERNS** by Edward R. Brandt, Mary Bellingham, Kent Cutkomp, Kermit Frye, & Patricia A. Lowe, with a chapter on Jewish Genealogy by George E. Arnstein. This book is a successor to **RESEARCH GUIDE TO GERMAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGY**, but has been greatly expanded and revised to include 140 additional pages of information. It is a comprehensive, well-indexed and easy-to-use reference work. There is detailed information on using European records as well as the migration of Germanic people. The book shows you how to begin your research, find the place of your ancestor's origin, access church records, civil records and passenger lists, correspond abroad and use the Family History Library and its centers. **GenColl R 929.1089 GERMANI.**

**IN THE MAIL**

**BIG SKY ROUNDUP**, Montana State Genealogical Society, Marilyn Lewis, Ed., Rt.2, Box 2246, Lewistown, MT 59457. June 1996. Please take a look at this newsletter. As of 26 April 1996, the WMGS joins the Bitterroot GS as District #9 of the Montana State Genealogical Society. Bob Matkin is still working on the computer genealogy special interest group. Documents with information intended to aid members are being drafted now. You can contact Bob at 406-494-4126 or via e-mail to [bmatkins@buttenet.com](mailto:bmatkins@buttenet.com). Also, tapes of the Federation of Genealogical Society's Conference in Seattle are available to be borrowed by members.

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**CENTRAL MONTANA WAGON TRAILS**, Lewiston Genealogy Society, 701 W. Main St., Lewiston, Mt 59457. Vol.17, No.3, May 1996. The index to the 1920 Federal Census of Fergus Co. is finished and available for \$12.95; history of the George W. Wiederman family.

**FADED GENES**, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604. Vol.13, No.2, June 1996. The 5 volume series of Lewis & Clark Co. marriages is available, as are copies of the original certificates.

**GALLATIN TRAILS**, Gallatin Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1783, Bozeman, MT 59771-1783. Vol.17, No.2, May 1996. Towns and P.O.'s in Madison Co., MT., Dokken-Nelson Funeral Register, Bozeman 1933-35 (Cont.), Directory of Immigrant Ancestors for *Penobscot Pioneers*.

**THE GEN-BUG NEWS**, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, c/o Parmley Billings Library, 510 North Broadway, Billings MT 59102. July 1996. See list of genealogy items for sale - tote bags, t-shirts, books.

**THE LAST LEAF**, Dawson Co. Historical & Genealogical Newsletter, 1477 HWY 200s, Glendive, MT 59330-9402. Vol. VI-3. Dawson Co. school census 1910, District 45-46; Dawson Co. Births registered 1900-1907; deceased Civil War veterans buried in Glendive; vignette on the Pedigree of the Chuzzlewitt Family.

**THE TREE BRANCH**, Dawson Co. Montana, P.O. Box 1275, Glendive, MT 59330-1275. Vol.14, No.2, May 1996. Dawson Co. Death notices Jan-Apr 1996.

Interesting reprint from *Twigs and Branches*, No. Cent. III. Gen Soc., "Polygamy in Germany?". It seems that after the thirty years war (1618-1648) when the population fell from 16 to 4 million teenagers were encouraged to marry young, priests were allowed to marry and raise families, and a 1650 law allowed men in Northern Bavaria to have up to 10 wives!

**THE TRI-COUNTY SEARCHER**, Broken Mountains Genealogical Society, Box 261, Chester, MT 59522. Vol.17, No.1. Nice info on "Sweetgrass Hills", "Cattlemen and Sheepmen", Chouteau Co. Marriage Records 1887-1990.

**TREASURE STATE LINES**, Great Falls Genealogy Society, Paris Gibson Square, 1400 1st Ave. North, Great Falls, MT 59401. Vol.21, No.2. Members of the Hereford Assoc. of 1884. Indexing of the *Citizenship Papers* at the Cascade Co. Archives, Montana Room, Great Falls



Public Library has been completed; Lincoln Gulch School Census 1894-1908; Pondera Co. Farm & Ranch Directory 1949-50 (cont.).

**TREES AND TRAILS**, Flathead Valley Genealogical Society., P.O. Box 584, Kalispell, MT 59903-0584. Vol. XXI, No. 2, June 1996. Flathead Co. Marriages, 1921-1931 (cont.); General Index to Deeds 1884-1887 (cont.); full page listing of places to write for ship information - recommends *Ships of Our Ancestors* by Michael J. Anuta, which contains many ship photos.

**THE PANGBURN LETTER**, Vol. 14, Apr 1996. Donna E. Wagner, ed., 5245 Walton St., Long Beach CA 90815.

**GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES**, Video Knowledge, 1467 East Fork Dr., Spanish Fork UT 84660-6331. This is a 3 part video set which teaches strategies for researching England's four fundamental record sources:

1. Civil Registration
2. Parish Records
3. Censis Records
4. Probate Records

Each video is \$34.95 + \$5.95 S&H. There are also outlines available for 1, 2, 3&4 together, for \$2.95. These are 4 page synopsis of the videos.

Don't forget to check the latest editions of the **GENEALOGICAL HELPER** and **HERITAGE QUEST**. All of these Newsletters, Quarterlies, and genealogy magazines are available in the Genealogy Collection, Missoula Public Library.

### THE 1998 MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE NEEDS A HOST

Paulette Parpart has informed me that Billings will not be hosting the conference in 1998. This spot is open and Paulette has suggested that the WMGS host this conference in a joint meeting with the Montana Library Association which is also holding its annual convention in Missoula in the spring of 1998. This could be beneficial to both groups and would attract a lot of vendors and attendees. If you enjoyed the last conference we had in Missoula think about doing this one. We will have more in the October newsletter and a discussion at the October business meeting.

**REMEMBER TO GET YOUR 1996-97 DUES IN NOW.** Since we will not have a business meeting in Sept. please send dues to WMGS at the P.O. Box address.

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### WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - INCOME

	1995/96 PROJECTED	1995/96 ACTUAL	1996-97 PROJECTED
# MEMBERS	40	27	27
STARTING BALANCE	\$345.68	\$345.68	\$297.91
DUES:	\$436.00	\$290.00	\$297.00
RESEARCH	\$100.00	\$99.00	\$100.00
BOOKSALES	\$200.00	\$182.00	\$100.00
DONATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STATE CON. SALES	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RUMMAGE SALE	\$150.00	\$0.00	
MISCELLANEOUS ?		\$11.12	\$0.00
<b>YEARLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,086.00</b>	<b>\$582.12</b>	<b>\$497.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,431.68</b>	<b>\$927.80</b>	<b>\$794.91</b>

### WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - EXPENSES

	PROJECTED 1995/96	ACTUAL 1995/96	PROJECTED 1996-97
NEWSLETTER:		(see book sales)	
PRINTING	\$175.50		\$144.00
POSTAGE	\$187.20		\$110.00
JOURNALS:			
GEN. HELPER	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00
HERITAGE QUEST	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
NAT. GEN. SOC.	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00
MSGs DUES	\$40.00	paid	\$27.00
P.O. BOX RENT	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
NON-PROFIT FEE	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
BANKING	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BOOK SALES:			\$100.00
PRINT. & BIND.	\$250.00	\$338.35	
POSTAGE		\$140.80	
ADVERTISING:			
BOOKS	\$64.00	\$0.00	
RUMMAGE SALE	\$10.00	\$0.00	
MSGs CONFERENCE	\$15.00	\$16.94	\$25.00
TREAS. SUPPLIES	\$10.00	\$0.00	
BOOK PURCHASES:			
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0.00	\$0.00	
VIDEO TAPES	\$65.00	paid	
SPEAKER - COPIES	\$25.00	\$4.80	\$25.00
MISCELLANEOUS		\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$945.70</b>	<b>\$629.89</b>	<b>\$533.08</b>
<b>INCOME-EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$485.98</b>	<b>\$297.91</b>	<b>\$261.83</b>



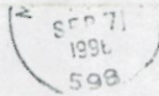
**NEXT MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE - 1997 IN GLENDAVE, MONTANA**

**EASTERN WASHINGTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OCTOBER WORKSHOP** - Saturday, Oct. 5th, 1996 at Spokane Falls Community College, 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. The pre-registration cost (before Sept. 27th) is \$25 for non-members and \$27 at the door. Fees include lunch and syllabus. The title of this workshop is "Breaking Through Roadblocks In Your Genealogical Research". Paulette Parapart will be attending this workshop and we can arrange car pools for those who would like to go.

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GERALD	SCHLIEBE	402 AUGUSTA DR.	MISSOULA	MT	59801	549-0687
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BLANCHE	TATE	317 WESTVIEW DR.	MISSOULA	MT	59803-1527	549-2855
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