

# 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 (Not in October).

## NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7:00 PM in the large meeting room of the Missoula Public Library. The program will be given by speaker Paulette K. Parpart who will present a talk entitled "Jack And Jill Went Out Of Their Way To Get Some Retrospection. They Found It Fast And Without Delay In A Very Special Collection." The definition of Special Collections: a collection of unique, uncommon historical or genealogical materials with a specific focus. Paulette will talk about ways to locate these special collections including the Internet, and the types of materials that may be found in special collections. She also offers some guidelines to knowing when and what to ask a librarian. There will be handouts to get you going!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR 1997

December 1996 - No meeting

January - Using The Government Documents at the University of Montana Library - The Congressional Serial Sets and Their Indexes. Some other state sources available here may be included time permitting.

Spring - Bob Brown on "The Loyalists of New Hampshire"

**Other Program suggestions** for next year are needed now! 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. We need some input to keep this society going.

**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 / Information:** call 543-6148 during library hours.

**Hours:** Mon., Tue., Thurs., Sat. 12:00-4:00 PM and Tue., Wed., Thurs. 7:00-9:30 PM. Ingrid Alexander has returned as a librarian on Thursday nights and there are two other new librarians, Christine Hammer and Sherry Wilcox. If you have questions about German research do see Ingrid. The library may add another shift now that we have more librarians again. It has been suggested to extend the Saturday hours into the morning and later into the afternoon.

**Closed:** Nov.28-30 (Thanksgiving); Dec.16-Jan.1, 1997 (Christmas).

**New CD System:** The Family History Library received a new "caddie-less" CD player from Salt Lake City a few weeks ago. Consequently, all of the CD's have been removed from their former cases and are "live". They need to be handled with more care but don't be intimidated by them. It takes a while to get comfortable with the new system but the librarians will stay with you until you get the hang of it.



**New Library Card Catalogue:** The FHL has received a new microfiche edition of the catalogue dated February 1996. This is now the latest version.

**Ancestral File Update:** The rumor is that the update to Ancestral File through February 1996 is "in the mail". It may take some time before a copy reaches Missoula., but be sure to call ahead for computer time because once this arrives the computer will in all likelihood be "booked solid" for weeks.

**New Family History Libraries:** Both Drummond and St. Ignatius have received approval to have a Family History Library. The one in Drummond will probably operate on Wednesdays from 1:00-9:00 PM. Due to its location the library in St. Ignatius will only be open to LDS members.

**Microfilm Renewal Policy:** The policy is that films can only be kept in the Missoula FHL for 2 years. Films that are originally ordered for 3 weeks may have 4 6-month renewals, and films originally ordered for 6-months may have up to 3 6-month renewals. Films that have already been in the library for 2 years (before this policy came into effect) may be renewed only one more time. Any exceptions to the policy must be made by the library director, Ladene Hughes. Census films may still be ordered on indefinite loan if the patron pays the full \$6.00 charge.

**The Source:** The FHL will be ordering the new edition of "The Source" which has just been released.

## 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 in 1927 at the present.

## SANDERS COUNTY BURIALS

**MAURICE HELTERLINE** writes that he is continuing to index the Sanders County Burials and has sent a new printout of his index that is part way through 1996. This current volume will continue through 31 December 1999. He continues to index the Plainsman for obituaries and says that other newspapers that still need to be done when he gets the time are: the Sanders County Ledger (Thompson Falls), the Sanders County Signal, the Hot Springs Sentinel, and the Ronan Pioneer which he believes began publication in 1910. Paulette has a printout of the materials that Maurice sent at the Public Library if anyone needs to check this information on Sanders County.

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### BITS AND BYTES



A few interesting web sites:

<http://www.tbox.com/jog/jog.html> This page received the recent "Golden Web Award". It has the Journal Of Online Genealogy where you can look at the current or past issues or search issues for topics of interest. The current issue has an article entitled "Your German Past - Part II" which includes a selection of European genealogy sites.

<http://www.firstct.com/fv/tmapmenu.html> This page offers many tutorials as "Tutorial on Using The US Federal Census", "Five Steps To Getting Started", "Deciphering Old Handwriting", and "Getting Past The Stone Wall Syndrome".

## MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

### New Books

An Index To The Will Books And Intestate Records Of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania 1729-1850, With An Historical Sketch And Classified Bibliography. Prepared by Eleanore Jane Fulton and Barbara Kendig Mylin. Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1987.

**GenColl R 929.3748 FULTON.** The preparers have sought "to make this volume more interesting and far more valuable by putting 'flesh on the bones' - in other words, precede the index with a brief review of these early inhabitants and their settlements."

### IN THE MAIL

**GEN-BUG NEWS.** Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, % Parmley Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings MT 5910. The Yellowstone Genealogy Forum in Billings, Montana is planning a 20th Anniversary Seminar to be held Sept. 27, 1997 at the Clarion Hotel in Billings. The guest speaker will be Curt B. Witcher of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is the current president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and is Department Manager for the Historical Genealogy Dept. of the Allen County Public Library at Fort Wayne. He was co-editor of PERSI (Periodical Source Index) 1987-1995 and serves as national volunteer coordinator of the Civil War Soldiers System Name Index Project, and has many more achievements. The lecture topics are in the process of being selected.

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.



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# National Genealogical Society Conference in the States

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MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE - SPRING 1997, GLENDIVE, MONTANA

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN THE STATES - MAY 7-10, 1997, VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA.

**DUES:** Don't forget to get your dues in for 1996-7.  
\*\*\*\*\*This will be the last newsletter unless your dues are paid.\*\*\*\*\*

**LIBRARY CARD CATALOGUE TIP:** When searching outside the US and Canada look for "Civil Registration" instead of "Vital Records".

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