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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.

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 9th, at 7:00 PM in the large meeting room of the Missoula Public Library. The program will be on "Using the U.S. Congressional Serial Set for Genealogical Research". This Serial Set contains the Congressional documents that were printed for the use of Congress and the public. It consists of numerous types of information including information on public lands, the claims of private individuals, and tribal histories. The Serial Set and several indexes to it are available at the University of Montana Library.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR 1997

Other Program suggestions for the new 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.

 **NEW COMPUTER:** The FHL now has two computers set up to use with the CD ROM's, each with its own new laser printer. Currently there is still only one set of CD's.

NEW HOURS:

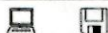
Mon.	12:00 - 4:00 PM.
Tue.	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM & 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Wed.	7:00 - 9:30 PM
Thurs.	12:00 - 4:00 PM. & 7:00 - 9:30 PM.
Sat.	12:00 - 4:00 PM.

NOTE: The Missoula FHL has added a new shift. Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 7th, the library will also be open on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. This will allow patrons to use the library all day on Tuesdays!

New Library Card Catalogue on CD: The FHL has now received the CD ROM version of the new Library Card Catalogue which was received on microfiche this fall.

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.

BITS AND BYTES**MONTANA GENEALOGY SITE :**

<http://www.imt.net/~corkykn/montana.html>

Part of the Montana GenWeb Project - Links to Montana Counties, Queries, Montana reference books and media, Montana county courthouse records, Montana Native American history and genealogy, Montana Military History, Montana State Department of Health and Human Services/Vital Records. Also has links to other Montana sites and other genealogy sites on the web.

GENEALOGY BOOKS -NEW/USED BUY/SELL

<http://www.wavenet.com/~genbooks/gensocbk>.

Gen. Soc.'s with Internet sites listing books for sale. US, CAN, ENG., IRE

<http://www.wavenet.com/~genbooks/index.html>

Barbara Green's Used Genealogy Books

<http://www.mindspring.com/~sistler/>

BYRON SISTLER AND ASSOCIATES - TN, KY, NC, VA

<http://www.mindspring.com/~jha/gbooks>.

Genealogy Books GE, Southern

<http://www.rede.com/books/index.html>

The Internet Used Book Store - Buy/Sell

<http://www.highfiber.com/~rmcclend/Index.html>

Stacey's Book Search - Genealogy and American/Local History and Miscellaneous Items

IN THE MAIL

FADED GENES, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604. Vol. 13, No. 4, December 1996. "Births, Deaths, Marriages, Divorces Extracted From The Weekly Independent Deer Lodge, MT", Surname Index for Vol. 13, No. 1-4.

THE LAST LEAF, Dawson Co. Historical & Genealogical Newsletter, 1477 HWY 200s, Glendive, MT 59330-9402. Vol. VII-1. "Students at Lincoln School, Glendive, Dawson County, Montana, Dist. 1, 1911-1912" gives along with health information, the student's name, birthplace, birthdate, father's name and mother's first name, parents nationality and an occasional local address.

THE TREE BRANCH, Dawson Co. Montana, P.O. Box 1275, Glendive, MT 59330-1275. Vol. 15, No. 3, Fall 1996. "Dawson County Death Notices May -- Sep 1996". See info on the 1997 MSGS Conference.

TREASURE STATE LINES, Great Falls Genealogy Society, Paris Gibson Square, 1400 1st Ave. North, Great Falls, MT 59401. Vol. 21, No. 4, 1996. "Pondera County Farm and Ranch Directory 1949-1950 (ctd.), Surname Index 1996. Books for sale include: Surname Index

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Volume I, 1996 for which the surnames were gathered from 4 generation charts submitted by members of the society over the past 20 years (\$25 +P); **Wills of Cascade County, Great Falls, Montana**, Vol. 1 & 3, Abstracts from Early Wills 1888-1926 (\$10 +P). Postage is \$3 for the 1st book and \$1 for each additional book.

Don't forget to check the latest editions of the:

GENEALOGICAL HELPER Nov-Dec 1996.

Highlights in this issue include "Serendipity: Follow Every Lead" says that "every lead, no matter how seemingly inconsequential, must be followed until it proves absolutely unfruitful", "Loyalty (Amnesty) Oaths 1867-1868" for citizens in former Confederate states to regain their U.S. citizenship; "Tracking Swedish Immigrants".

HERITAGE QUEST Nov-Dec 1996. Features include "A Passage in Time: The Ships That Brought Our Ancestors to America". The United States Section includes "Colonial Lotteries and Divorces: Connecticut State Archives".

All of these Newsletters, Quarterlies, and genealogy magazines are available in the Genealogy Collection, Missoula Public Library.

MISSOULA TO BE SITE OF 1998 MSGS CONFERENCE

The 1998 Montana State Genealogical Society Conference will be hosted jointly by the Bitterroot and Western Montana Genealogical Societies. It will be in Missoula at the Village Red Lion, May 2-4, in conjunction with the Montana Library Association Conference in Missoula April 30 - May 4. Paulette Parpart is on the planning committee for both conferences. The MLA will have 40-50 workshops and Paulette said that she would like to see 10-15 of those that would be of interest to both librarians and genealogists. This will expose librarians to genealogy and genealogists to librarians. It will also offer the opportunity to bring in many more vendors due to the much larger attendance. Since genealogical vendors do not send out fliers to libraries this will allow libraries to see and purchase genealogy related materials that they are usually not exposed to. The MLA conference will also be having two large Internet workshops. Your MSGS conference fees will allow attendance at both the MLA and MSGS Conference workshops!

The details will be settled at the MSGS board meeting on Feb. 8th in Helena. This is an opportunity to bring some really good speakers to Missoula. We will need a lot of planners and helping hands to ensure a good conference. Please be willing to help.

DONNA POTTER PHILLIPS WORKSHOP

On Friday evening March 14th and -Saturday, March 15th, 1997 Donna Potter Phillips will be giving two workshops at the Missoula Public Library. There will be one also workshop. On Saturday there will be a pot luck lunch. We will be needing some help for this event.



MSGS BOARD MEETING

February 8, 1997 in Helena.

THE BASIC RESEARCHERS GUIDE TO HOMESTEADS & OTHER FEDERAL LAND RECORDS By James C. Barsi

This compact compilation is packed with information that every researcher should know when using land records. Researchers just starting to use land records will find this book a handy resource.

Covered in this book are Patented Claims, Canceled Claims, Tract Books, Legal Descriptions and how to develop a search plan. A table is included of the Public Land States as well as illustrations of patent for homestead, application for homestead, final certificate of homestead, affidavit for homestead, affidavit of preemption, relinquishment form, etc. Mr. Barsi has made it even simpler by including a sample letter, addresses and a glossary of terms. Information on the major land acts have been thoroughly covered including the Timber Culture and Desert Land Acts.

1994, paper, pp.80, maps, illus., \$12.95

Order from: Nuthatch Grove
P. O. Box 2556
Wimberly, TX 78676

Please include \$2.95 shipping and handling charge in addition to the price of the book. There is a single S&H charge for any retail order regardless of how many books or other products are included.

INFO ON THE 1997 MSGS CONFERENCE

The Tree Branches Genealogical Society will be hosting the 1997 MSGS Conference in Glendive, Montana on May 2-4, 1997. It looks like a good conference. Let's get together in Glendive in May. They should be sending out registration forms shortly.

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MAKE TRACKS TO THE ANNUAL MONTANA GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

Tree Branch conference chairmen, Lucille Jensen and Betty Shearer have been working hard to get the 1997 program lined up. It will be varied and offer something for everyone. There will be no repeat sessions. Tentatively, the four Saturday sessions will include:

- ~ Jan Taylor: early railroads and the settlers of different ethnic backgrounds who came on the trains;
- ~ Tana Mahlstadt Canen, interviewing families
- ~ _____ The immigrant Germans from Russia
- ~ Bill Gaither on Internet Genealogy; (2 sessions, beginners & advanced)
- ~ Louise Cross on Montana homesteaders;
- ~ Wayne Heimbuch on the movement of troupes and Indian tribes in Eastern Montana
- ~ George Hof and Pat Thompson on reading old German script
- ~ Dani McGowan, organizing and reorganizing your genealogy notes
- ~ Neil Hoff: How to Get your Family History Printed
- ~ Karen Rehard, family heritage from family members
- ~ Ordell Triplett, NorthEastern United States



Extra time is allotted for vendor browsing and the Bookworm frolic. Societies, please plan to bring some books for the Book Worm Frolic and an item for a door prize.

After Friday morning registration and the annual board meeting, SIG (Special Interest Groups) sessions will meet offering

information on First Families of Montana by Alene Stoner, computer software by Jess Long and Bob Matkins, Church and cemetery records by Larry Spicers, and Society management by State president, Pat Thompson. At the welcome program Curt Meeds will give a brief history of the hundred year old Jordan Hotel, complimented by A'Lisa (Ralston) Scott who will tell about her artist Grandfather Ralston.

Genealogists, make your plans now to attend this conference in Glendive on May 2, 3, 4 - 1997. Registration forms and posters will be sent later.

ANCESTORS ON PBS

The ANCESTORS series debuts on PBS in January. In Missoula it will be seen on KSPS (cable channel 5) on Saturdays at 1:00 PM starting Sat., Jan.4th. The new Montana PBS station (KUFM) does not have it listed. It will be 10 parts:

1. Getting Started
2. Looking at Home
3. Getting Family Stories
4. The Paper Trail
5. Libraries and Archives
6. Military and Census Records
7. African-American Families
8. Your Medical History
9. High Tech Help
10. Leaving a Legacy

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE - MAY 2-4, 1997 will be hosted by The Tree Branches Genealogical Society in Glendive, Montana.

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN THE STATES - MAY 7-10, 1997 "Cradle of a Nation", locally hosted by the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. You can write for a conference brochure to : NGS '97 Conference Registration Brochure, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2329.

THE GENEALOGISTS VIDEO RESEARCH GUIDE - This three volume set belongs to the WMGS and is available for viewing by members. Call Judith Field (728-1628) if you would like to view the videos. Part I: Home Sources, Family Search, Published Histories, Record Keeping; Part II: Census and Probate Records; Part III: Land, Military and Vital Records.

INTERNET CONNECTIONS - There are now three Internet service providers in Missoula ranging in price from \$15.95 to \$19.95 per month for unlimited connection time. This gives you access to the Internet with all its World Wide Web genealogy connections, an e-mail address (great for corresponding with those cross-country genealogy connections), and in some cases, a free "home page" on which you can place your genealogy so that other genealogists can easily find it.

INTERNET DEMO/TOUR - We are looking at having small Internet Surfing classes (2-3 persons each unless we can find a larger location than my kitchen!) where we can look at the Internet browsers and genealogical resources on the Internet. If you have a computer and modem and would be interested here are the proposed times (one time will be chosen depending on interest): Tuesday 6:45-8:15 PM or Wednesday 6:00-7:30 PM. If you are interested please call Judith Field at 728-1628 or sign the interest sheet at the meeting on Thursday.

NEW UNIVERSITY DIAL-UP SERVICE - The University is also going to a new dial-up service starting February 14th which will be provided by US West. This will be for University faculty and students and will be \$10.95 per month for unlimited connect time. I do not know now how the new dial-up service will affect local dial-up to the library's griznet catalogue, if at all. Searching the griznet catalogue via your own Internet connection will not be affected.

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