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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.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting will be Thursday, FEB. 13th, at 7:00 PM in the large meeting room of the Missoula Public Library. The program focus on several short topics including "Using the Sutro Library Genealogical Card Catalogue for Interlibrary Loan" (now available on microfiche at the Missoula public library) and "Genealogy Icons for Windows". Please bring a 3 1/2 in. disk (does not need to be a new disk) to swap for one with the icons if you would like a copy these freeware icons for your computer.

THE SUTRO LIBRARY INTERLIBRARY LOAN POLICY

"A large portion of the material at the Sutro Library is available through interlibrary loan to public libraries in California. Libraries in other states may borrow material from the Sutro Library that is not otherwise available through libraries in their own part of the country. Books which were printed prior to 1925 or which are otherwise extremely fragile or irreplaceable do not circulate and may not be copied. Manuscripts, typescripts, indexes, and directories do not circulate. The Sutro Library staff will make brief checks of indexed, non-circulating material as

time permits. Requests for United States census on microfilm are restricted to California libraries. Requests on California genealogy should be sent to California Section of the California State Library in Sacramento.

All requests for material should be initiated for patrons by their local libraries. Libraries should limit requests for any one patron to four items at any one time, holding additional requests until the first four items have been returned to the Sutro Library."

The above is from page 3 of the Sutro Library User's Guide.

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.

CD'S: The FHL will be getting a second set of CD's so that there will be one set for each computer. Currently there is only one set of CD's, so if you call ahead to make a computer reservation you might specify that you would like to use the Ancestral File CD's as these can only be conveniently used by one person at a time.

The SOURCE, A Guidebook of American Genealogy. The new, revised edition has arrived. See review under Missoula Public Library - New Books.

FHL 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.

NEW ANCESTRAL FILE HAS ARRIVED!

The long-awaited next edition of the Ancestral File on CD-ROM has arrived. The file is contained on seven compact disks and contains over 29 million people linked in about 11 million families. This edition on Ancestral File contains submissions that were received prior to January 2, 1996. The following change was made to this and other Family Search programs: all applications that provide GEDCOM downloads or accept GEDCOM files have been upgraded to GEDCOM 5.5, which will accommodate source citations.

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.

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS: "The SOURCE, A Guidebook of American Genealogy", revised edition, edited by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking. **GenColl R929.1072 SZUCS.** *"The Source ..has become a standard reference in the field of genealogy and family history become ...Since the first edition of The Source was published, record collections have moved, record access policies have changed, previously inaccessible records have become available to the public for the first time, and many more have been newly discovered. Consequently, almost every chapter of this new edition reflects significant growth in the number of records that are available, and in the great number of indexes and finding aids that have been created or published since The Source's debut...Two new chapters also appear: Twentieth-Century Research has been added for the ever-growing segment of the reading audience whose research is focused on this period; and The Foundations of Family History Research acquaints the novice researcher with the basic skills and knowledge needed for successful research."*

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Montana State Genealogical Society will issue

certificates as "First Families of Montana" to direct descendants of Montana residents who arrived before statehood on 8 Nov. 1889. Those whose ancestors arrived in Montana between 9 Nov. 1889 and 31 Dec. 1929 will be entitled to certificates as "First Settlers of Montana". In this way the MSGS can gather information on many of the pioneers who have gone unnoticed in our history. Documents must accompany application. Certificates cost \$10.00 each and will be suitable for framing. For more information write: Montana State Genealogical Society, First Families of Montana, 6330 Blackfoot Dr., Helena MT 59602.

German genealogists commonly use the following symbols : (and other European texts also)

ASCII	Typeset	Meaning
*	asterisk	Born
(*)	asterisk in parentheses	Born illegitimately
+	cross and asterisk	Stillborn
~,=	single or multiple water waves	Baptized
o	circle	Engaged
oo,&	linked or touching circles	Married
o o	separated circles	Divorced
o-o	separated circles	Illegitimate union
+	cross or vertical dagger	Died
[, #	box	Buried
+X	cross and crossed swords	Died from battle wounds
X	crossed swords	Died in battle
++	two crosses	This line extinct

BITS AND BYTES

Oregon State Archives Web Page
<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us>

American Historical Society of Germans From Russia
<http://www.teleport.com/nonprofit/ahsgr>

A great site with almost 14,000 links to other genealogy related sites - all alphabetically arranged by topic/country is 'Cyndi's list of genealogy sites on the Internet'. This list is all you're looking for -and then some!!!

<http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm>

IN THE MAIL

BIT O' ROOTS, Bitterroot Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 350022, Grantsdale, MT 59835-0022; January 1997 Meets 4th Wednesday of the month Jan-June at the Hamilton Senior Center, 820 N. 4th St., Hamilton. **On Feb. 26th Mary Hurley will present the program on "Preservation of Records"**.

MISSING A PERSON? Bit O'Roots passes on the following information from the Odom Library publication "Family Tree": If you need to find someone, "Unsolved Mysteries", the TV program, has a 3 page handout that lists sources such as details of the Salvation Army missing persons program, Reunion Registries, National Umbrella Organizations for the Adoption Person Reform Movement, helpful books, and non-adoption cases.

GEN-BUG NEWS, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, % Parmley Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings MT 59101; January 1997. They have a list of recent library acquisitions.

TANGLED ROOTS GENEALOGY SOCIETY -

Newsletter, P.O. Box 1992, Cut Bank, MT 59427; Winter 1997. Henry Thies has a very interesting article on a hobby which he pursues in addition to and complementary to genealogy. He collects **antique bottles from Montana with people's names on them**. He is in the process of writing a book on Montana bottles and jugs used before 1920. If you want more info or wish to share info on your Montana bottles I expect that you can contact him through the above society address.

THE TRI-COUNTY SEARCHER, Broken Mountains Genealogical Society, Box 261, Chester, MT 59522; Vol.17, No.2, Sept 1996. Articles on Jim Hill; Whitelash, Montana; the Hiram Smith Family; Lester A. and Nettie Alvord Stott; Zabel descendants chart; Marriage Records for Choteau County.

TREES AND TRAILS, Flathead Genealogical Bulletin, Flathead Valley Genealogical Society., P.O. Box 584, Kalispell, MT 59903-0584; Vol.XXI, No.4; Dec. 1996. Deed Index to Flathead Co. 1884-1897 (cont.); Clerk of Court Records; index to Vol.XXI..

TALES & TRAILS, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, The Dalles Public Library, 722 Court St., The Dalles OR 97058-2270; Vol.11, No.1. See article: "WARNING: I Brake For Old Graveyards" from Elks Magazine, Oct. 1996. A must read! Quote: "One stone for a couple with a large family indicates the last child born was named *Finis*".

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

GENEALOGICAL HELPER**HERITAGE QUEST**

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

DONNA POTTER PHILLIPS WORKSHOP

This workshop has been re-scheduled for September 19-29, 1997 The theme will be "Turning Over a New Leaf"

Donna Potter Phillips will be giving two workshops to be held at the Missoula Public Library.

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 Registration information should be in the mail shortly

ANCESTORS ON PBS

The ANCESTORS series made its debuts on PBS in January In Missoula it will is seen on KSPS (cable channel 5) on Saturdays at 1:00 PM .It seems to be pretty much geared to getting people interested in genealogy and letting them know that "you can do it" Episode 4 "The Paper Trail" and 5 "Libraries and Archives" were very good. Future episodes are :

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| 6 | Military and Census Records | Feb. 8th |
| 7 | African-American Families | Feb. 15th |
| 8 | Your Medical History | Feb. 22nd |
| 9 | High Tech Help | Mar 1st |
| 10 | Leaving a Legacy | Mar 8th |

BITTERROOT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY GENEALOGY FAIR

In May the Bitterroot Genealogy Society will be holding a genealogy fair. We would like to have a table and may do some encapsulation of documents.

NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

They have a new 3 volume set: **THE GREAT MIGRATION BEGINS:Immigrants to New England 1620-1633**. There are 900 entries covering every person or family who arrived in New England between 1620 and 1633. Gives port or country of origin, date and ship on which arrived, earliest know record, first and subsequent residences, return trips to country of origin, marriages, births, deaths, and other family relationships. There are three indexes - place, last names, and first names.

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

YELLOWSTONE GENEALOGY FORUM 20th ANNIVERSARY SEMINAR - Sept.26 -27, 1997. Will feature speaker Curt B. Witcher from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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

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