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INDEXING

The group indexing 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 1929 at the present.

BITS AND BYTES

Wendy Garner has created a home page for the Western Montana Genealogical Society and the Montana State Genealogical Society. Both pages have good links to other genealogy related sites. Take a look at:

WMGS:  
http://www.marsweb.com/~scooby/wmgs.htm#top  

MSGS:  
http://www.rootsweb.com/~mtmsgs/msgs main.htm  

Wendy is also setting up a mailing list this fall to talk about the MSGS, local societies, genealogical research in Montana, and other Montana related genealogical events and issues. Send her an e-mail to subscribe if you are not on her mailing list.

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Wendy Garner  scooby@marsweb.com  
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Paulette Parpart  parpart@mtlib.org  

Missoula Public Library:  
http://www.ism.net/~mslaplib  

GENWEB Montana Genealogy Homepage maintained by Wendy Garner:  
http://www.marsweb.com/~scooby/

SOURCES

THE DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF THE STATE NEW YORK

Compiled by:  E.B. O'Callaghan  
Location::  The University of Montana Library  
Call Number::  Oversize shelves, Level 2, Q 974.7 D637;  
vol.1-4

This is a useful finding aid for the names of the colonial inhabitants of the State of New York as well as a good source for background information on colonial life in New York. The compiled sources included in these four volumes cover colonial New York for the time period of 1600-1775.

NEW YORK EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK RECORDS

I believe that I mentioned these records in an earlier Newsletter, but I actually got a chance to look at these records while I was in New York this summer. The records are located at The New York Public Library, Center For Humanities, Manuscripts and Archives Division in microfilm format. The library has produced "A User's Guide To The Emigrant Savings Bank Records", compiled by Richard Salvato, April 1997. The guide states "The Emigrant Savings Bank was founded.
by officers of the Irish Emigrant Society and it was an outgrowth of the society's concern for the welfare of Irish immigrants. The bank's opening in 1850 coincided with the tide of immigration that followed in the wake of the Irish Famine. There is much personal and family information contained in the 59 volumes in the Emigrant Savings Bank Records. If anyone would like to take a look at the guide contact Judith Field at 728-1628.

IN THE MAIL

THE BALLEW FAMILY JOURNAL. Publication of the Ballew Family Association of America, P.O. Box 450684, Atlanta, GA 31145. No. 17, May 1997. Directory of Members.


BIT O' ROOTS. Bitterroot Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 350022, Grantsdale, MT 59835-0022. April 1997. They are starting a new page in their newsletter devoted to the computer.


FADED GENES. Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604. Vol. 14, No. 2, June 1997 Births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces Extracted From The Weekly Independent, Deer Lodge, MT (cont.)

FAMILY HISTORY. Root Diggers Genealogical Society Newsletter, P.O. Box 249, Glasgow, MT 59230., Plan To Disperse is a timely article on how to identify and plan for disposing of your genealogical work.


PENSION FILES FOUND "Over 100 boxes of pension records were found recently at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. They date to the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Seminole War. These records were never indexed or microfilmed. The files are arranged by Account number and are being published in the American Genealogical Magazine by Datatrace System, P.O. Box 1587, Stephenville, TX 76401." From The Descender, Coffeville, KS.


TALES & TRAILS. Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, % The Dalles Public Library, 722 Court St., The Dalles, OR 97058-2270; May-June 1997. Surname list.


THE TRI-COUNTY SEARCHER. Broken Mountains Genealogical Society, Box 261, Chester, MT 59522. Vol. 18, No. 1, March 1997. Marriage Record Index, Chouteau Co, Fort Benton, MT


MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS

The Oxford Companion To Local And Family History, The Complete Guide To Uncovering Your Past, by David Hey. GenColl R929.1672 OXFORD.

"With over 2000 entries this Companion ... (provides) detailed summaries of the latest knowledge in such fields as social, urban, agriculutral, legal, family, and ecclesiastical history. Covering a broad canvas from prehistory to the present day, and taking in the whole of the British Isles, the Companion paints a vivid picture of rural and urban life. An appendix at the back of the book lists national and major county record offices along with special collections of national interest."

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An Introductory Course on Researching Your Family Tree

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Use Your Local Library for Genealogical Research
Cite Your Sources
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Access Primary Sources
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Research Your Ancestor's Immigration
Share Your Discoveries
And More...

This course will meet in the Small Meeting Room on the Lower Level of the Missoula Public Library at 7:00 P.M. on September 3, 9, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. The cost of registration will cover the text: Unpuzzling Your Past by Emily Ann Croom.

To Register send $15.00 to the Western Montana Genealogical Society, c/o Wendy Garner, 1350 Cote Lane, Missoula, MT 59802.
If you have any questions concerning this event, please contact the District Nine Representative, Mary Hurley, at 233 Paso Dr., Stevensville, MT 59870 or (406) 642-3827 or contact Wendy Garner by e-mail (scooby@marsweb.com).

What's Happening and When It's Happening

Saturday, September 20, 1997

- 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. - Check In at the Church of the Latter-Day Saints, Stevensville and attend a GATHERING OF THE LEAVES: Come and see what the new MSGS District Organizations can do to help you and your local society further your genealogical goals.
- 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. - WHERE DID THE LEAF COME FROM: Documentation: A Comedy of Errors or The Road to Repentance - Presented by Pat Thompson.
- 11:00 to 11:30 A.M. - GETTING READY TO SORT THE LEAVES: Information and handouts in preparation for the computer workshop.
- 11:30 to 12:30 P.M. - SUSTENANCE FOR THE LEAVES: Lunch
- 12:30 to 4:00 P.M. - SORTING THE LEAVES: A Computer Workshop. Areas to be discussed are: 1) Genealogy Database Software; 2) Off-line CD-ROM Resources; 3) Genealogy and the Internet.

About The Speaker

Pat Thompson
Grew up in the Chicago area, received her bachelor's degree in Sociology from U of Illinois. Researching ancestors for 18 years, Pat is a charter member of the Bitterroot Genealogical Society, has worked at the Stevensville Family History Center for ten years, presented workshops on letter writing, family histories, reading Gothic script and old handwriting, researching in large cities, and on church records. Pat co-chaired the 1994 MSGS conference held in Missoula and was elected president of the state society.

Saturday's Lunch Menu
Sandwiches (your choice of Ham or Turkey), salads, punch, coffee and tea will be provided.

Registration Instructions:
- To be held at the LDS Church in Stevensville on September 20th, 1997.
- Mail your registration form and a check, made payable to "Mary Hurley," for $10.00 if mailed on or before August 15th, $15.00 after August 15th to:
  Mary Hurley, 233 Paso Drive, Stevensville, MT 59870.
- If you have questions about this event, contact Mary Hurley at (406) 642-3827 or Wendy Garner by e-mail (scooby@marsweb.com).

The Form
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I ___ do ___ do not live in Mineral, Missoula or Ravalli County, MT. (To help determine how many voting members of District Nine will be attending.)
Check Amount: ______ Check Number: ______
Genealogy Online, Researching Your Roots, second edition, by Elizabeth Powell Crowe. 025.06 CROWE.

"On-line services and the Internet provide access to genealogical information it would take years to locate using traditional methods - If you knew how to find it....Updated and expanded with plenty of useful, new information on the Internet, World Wide Web, and the latest software, this reader-friendly handbook explains how to tap into all the major commercial on-line services and take full advantage of: Bulletin boards, Newsgroups, Genealogy forums, Web pages, Library card catalogues around the world.... and countless other locales packed with genealogical information."

First Generations, Women In Colonial America, by Carol Berkin. 305.4209 BERKIN.

"The Indian, European, and African women of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century America were defenders of their native land, pioneers on the frontier, willing immigrants, and courageous slaves. They were also ... as important as men in shaping American culture and history. First Generations is one of the first books to examine these women's experiences, ....In fascinating biographical portraits...Carol Berkin conveys the variety of female lives. The result is a remarkably gripping portrait that gives early American women their proper place in history."

Nov 8, 1997  Teleconference on Land Records, Helena College of Technology, 3:00-6:00 P.M. with follow-up discussion. Registration fee is $10.00. Sponsored by the Lewis & Clark Gen. Soc. More info, registration form at Missoula FHL and at WMGS meeting.

April 30-May 3, 1998  MSGS Conference in Missoula

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