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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.

☛ **Please Renew Your Membership Now** -use the renewal form enclosed with this Newsletter and mail dues to our P.O. Box or bring them to the September meeting. Thanks.

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.

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.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month (Sept.-May, except Dec.) at 7:00 PM. This year we will be in the small meeting room of the Missoula Public Library in Sept-Oct.. Non-members are welcome guests.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 11th, at 7:00 PM in the small meeting room of the Missoula

Public Library. Jan Taylor will talk about "Sources of Railroad Records."

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

Computer reservations / Information: call 543-6148 during library hours.

FHL 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.

COMPUTER PROGRAM UPDATES The FHL has received the following updates over the summer:

Social Security Death Index - to December 1996
Library Card Catalogue - as of April 1997

PAF 3.0 Installed on FHL Computers Both computers at the Missoula FHL now have both PAF 2.31 and PAF 3.0 installed and usable from the main menu. (The computer needs to be re-booted to get back to the main menu after using the Family Search Programs - have a librarian do this for you.) If you have been entering your family data using PAF 2.31 at the FHL you can convert it to PAF 3.0 or continue using PAF 2.31. There is a new feature to PAF 3.0 that now allows easy source documentation and will allow your sources to be submitted to Ancestral File. The First Quarter 1997 copy of the PAF User's Guide available at the FHL has two very good articles "Understanding Source Citations in PAF 3.0" and "Introducing PAF 3.0." Take a look.

☛ **The FHL will be closed:**

Oct. 4th : General Conference
Nov. 27th-29th : Thanksgiving
Dec. 15th-Jan. 1st : Christmas

PAF 3.0 CLASSES

Betty Hansen is offering to give PAF 3.0 classes at the FHL starting Sept. 11th, on Thursday 9-11 A.M. and Friday 7-9 P.M. Betty offers these classes for free and does a great job. Those interested can call Betty at 543-5615 (home) or 728-6519 (work). Thank you Betty!

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/~mtmsg/msg 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.

e-mail addresses:

Wendy Garner scooby@marsweb.com
 Judith Field jalf@marsweb.com
 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

by Judith Field

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.

The *Rules For The Colonies* can be found in the manuscript "New Project of Freedom And Exemptions" which was taken from the New York Colonial Manuscripts found in the Royal Archives in the Hague. This details the rights and privileges of the Incorporated West India Company and of the colonial inhabitants of New York. The four volumes cover all of New York State and include sections on "Papers Relating To The City Of New York" and "Papers Relating To Long Island."

Lists of inhabitants to be found in the various papers include:

- Lists Of Those Who Have Taken The Oath Of Allegiance These often say whether or not the inhabitant was native born or else how long he was a resident of New Netherland.
- Early Census Records Lists the head -of -household (some give the wife's first name also) and the numbers of male/female children, slaves, etc.
- Assessment Rolls List real and personal property, including the number of horses, cows, sheep, pigs, etc. and the amount of real estate being taxed.
- Army Lists Lists the regiment and rank of officers in the colonial regiments in the counties.
- Names, Trades Etc. Of The German Protestants To Be Settled In New York List is dated 28 June 1708.

The various petitions signed by the colonists and included in these volumes are not only good lists of names of the colonial residents of a town, but give an insight into colonial life. You can follow the colonists as they petition for the founding of a new town, ask for a church or school to be built and funded, ask for the settlement of disputes among themselves, or even ask for the removal of the sheriff.

These books can be used in the library and are able to be checked out (a good idea as most of the names in the volumes are not indexed - you need to check by county or town.)

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.

BIG SKY ROUNDUP, Montana State Genealogical Society, Marilyn Lewis, Ed., Rt.2, Box 2246, Lewistown, MT 59457. June 1997. *Ideas for Interview Questions*, from the workshop given by Tana Mahlstedt Canen on Heritage Interviews; *Laws of Genealogy* is a light-hearted summary of the pitfalls of genealogical research.

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.

CENTRAL MONTANA WAGON TRAILS, Lewiston Genealogy Society, 701 W. Main St., Lewiston, MT 59457. Vol. 18, No. 3, May 1997. *Early Central Montana Railroads, Assessments of Fergus Co., MT 1920* (Pages left out of the Nov. 1996 issue.)

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.

GEN-BUG NEWS, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, % Parmley Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings MT 59101; April 1997. Info on 20th Anniversary Seminar.

TANGLED ROOTS GENEALOGY SOCIETY - Newsletter, P.O. Box 1992, Cut Bank, MT 59427. Vol. 9, No. 2, 1997.

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.

THE LAST LEAF, Dawson Co. Historical & Genealogical Newsletter, 1477 HWY 200s, Glendive, MT 59330-9402. Vol. VII, No. 2. *Letters from C.H. Mayo to his Father: Glendive, MT 9/11/(18)83.*

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

TREES AND TRAILS, Flathead Genealogical Bulletin, Flathead Valley Genealogical Society., P.O. Box 584, Kalispell, MT 59903-0584. Vol. XXII, No. 2, June 1997. *Directory of Record Repositories in Flathead County, Flathead Co. General Index to Deeds (Cont'd)*,

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*

TREASURE STATE LINES, Great Falls Genealogy Society, Paris Gibson Square, 1400 1st Ave. North, Great Falls, MT 59401. Vol. 22, No. 2-3, 1997. *Lists of nurses from the Great Falls City Directories, 1896-1919; Birth Register 1903; Brand Book 1885-1886 of the Montana Stock Growers' Association.*

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, argicultural, 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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**The Western Montana Genealogical Society
and
Missoula Public Library**

Present

Discovering Your Genealogy

**An Introductory Course on Researching
Your Family Tree**

Discover How To:

Organize Your Research

Use Your Local Library for Genealogical Research

Cite Your Sources

Use the Family History Center

Access Primary Sources

Preserve Documents & Photos

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.

TURN OVER A NEW LEAF

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

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

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."

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

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