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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 then 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.

OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 9 th, at 7:00 PM in the small meeting room of the Missoula Public Library. Paulette Parpart will present a program entitled "Genie' Goes To The Library" on how to use libraries for genealogical research.

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.

☛ **The FHL will be closed:**

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

INTRODUCTORY GENEALOGY COURSE

The genealogy classes being offered by the WMGS at the Missoula Public Library have been very well received. The last three classes have averaged about 40 people, and we had 14 people sign up to tour the Family History Library.

NEW MEMBERS

This month we have two new members:

Nancy Zintek
Susan Doores (returning former member)

Welcome!

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

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

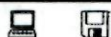
Board Meeting October 11, 1997 at 1:00 PM in the Helena Public Library. Lunch will be at the Country Platter, 900 N. Last Chance Gulch at noon. The First Families Special Interest Group will meet at the Helena Library at 11:00 AM.

First Families of Montana / Early Settlers of Montana It was reported that 10 applicants had qualified for First Families and 20 applicant had qualified for Early Settlers. They are processing 30-40 more certificates and had received about \$400 already. Applications are still being

accepted. See form in the April 1997 Newsletter. The profits will go towards making a book of the submitted information

Anna Mae Hanson Award At the annual MSGS conference in Glendive the first Anna Mae Hanson award was awarded posthumously to Anna Mae Hanson. She was a member of the Broken Mountain Genealogical Society in Chester and gave a great deal of her time and service to that society. The award will continue to be given each year at the annual conference. The Fall MSGS Newsletter will include a form for nominations and a deadline for turning them in

BITS AND BYTES



GENWEB Montana Genealogy Homepage maintained by Wendy Garner:

<http://www.marsweb.com/~scooby/>

Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society Homepage can be found under the Library's site at:

<http://www.mth.mtlib.org/LCLHomepage/Hours>

[Services/Services/Genealogical_Soc.html](http://www.mth.mtlib.org/LCLHomepage/Hours/Services/Services/Genealogical_Soc.html)

If any research is required, the appropriate people will be notified.

ADVANCED BOOK EXCHANGE - This site allows you to search the catalogues of many book vendors with just one search and offers you the ability to upload up to 100 books that you are looking for to their books wanted list. (See article on "Searching For Used Books.")

<http://www.abebooks.com>

SEARCHING FOR USED GENEALOGY BOOKS - ADVANCED BOOK EXCHANGE

There are now many sites on the Internet where you can search for used genealogy books. A list of previous ones that I have visited appeared in the January 1997 Newsletter. This week I ran across the **ADVANCED BOOK EXCHANGE HOMEPAGE** at <http://www.abebooks.com>. All of the services listed on their homepage are FREE. They have a searchable book database comprised of the book catalogues of many different book vendors. You can search for books by author, title, publisher, or keyword. You can also just browse (one of my favorite pastimes on the Internet) by subject, topic, catalogue, or author. You can check the listing of member booksellers (membership is FREE) or find a bookseller by specialty or geographic location. If you are searching for a book and do not find a copy for sale you can create an ABE userid for yourself (FREE) and then save up to 100 book "wants" in it.

To help you understand the book listings in their database (or any other used book catalogue) they have provided a "Glossary Of Book Terms" which lists the abbreviations

used to describe books, i.e. their size, condition, special characteristics.

A few descriptions of book size include:

4to Quarto - book up to 12" tall

8to Octavo - book up to 9 3/4" tall (most common today)

Folio - book up to 15" tall

Elephant Folio - book up to 23" tall

Atlas Folio - book up to 25" tall

Double Elephant Folio - book up to 50" tall

The condition of a book can be described as:

As New - immaculate condition

(VG) Very Good - mild signs of wear

(G) Good - average used worn book with all pages present

Fair - worn, with complete text; missing endpapers, etc.

Poor - very worn, complete text, but soiled, stained, loose pages, etc.

A few other descriptive abbreviations and terms are:

Broadside = a single sheet of paper usually printed on one side only

Ill., Ills., Illus. = Illustrated

lp = large paper edition

Ltd = Limited edition

ms, mss = manuscript

nd = no date

No, Nos, # = an issue of a periodical

pb, ppr = paperback

pl, pls = plates (whole page illustrations printed separately from the text)

prefs = preface (author's introductory statement)

ser = series (a group of volumes with a common theme issued in succession by a single publisher)

shaken = a description of a book whose pages are beginning to come loose from the binding)

tp = title page

unpag = no page numbers

Made Up Copy = a copy of a book whose parts have been assembled from one or more defective copies.

For a complete list of book terms take a look at the Glossary of Book Terms at ABE's home page.

ABE also offers a free computer program called HomeBase 1.1 which is described as "an easy to use bookstore inventory and client management system." It is available for IBM systems (Windows - from 3.1 on) and MAC systems. It takes about 4 megs of disk space and was easy to download and install. It looks like it could also be used to catalogue your home collection of books. It can also be used to upload your list of "wanted" books to ABE

****SOURCES and HEIRLOOM GENEALOGY** will return next month.**

1997 WMGS MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

Name:

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Phone:

e-mail:

Home Page URL:

Surnames / Area of Interest:

What Newsletters, Periodicals, and Quarterlies do you subscribe to:

Books You Would Be Willing to Do Lookups In:

Please take a few moments to complete this questionnaire and return to:

**WMGS Newsletter
% Judith Field
317 Livingston Ave.
Missoula MT 59801-8007**

**WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 1997-1998**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

DO YOU HAVE A HOME PAGE: _____ URL: _____

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MAIL TO: WMGS -DUES

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IN THE MAIL

BIG SKY ROUNDUP, Montana State Genealogical Society, Marilyn Lewis, Ed., Rt.2, Box 2246, Lewistown, MT 59457. September 1997. See MSGS article and the message from President Pat Thompson.

FADED GENES, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604; Vol. 14, No. 3, September 1997. List 45 additions to their library, 1997 Family History Contest Winner - "A Biography Of One Ancestor 'Bullet Hole' Ellis."

PRAIRIE TUMBLEWEED, Powder River Genealogical Soc., P.O. Box 394, Broadus, MT 59317; Vol. 1, No. 3, Spring 1997. "Eastern Montana Settled By Homesteaders", "Rules for Homesteading, ca. 1906"; "Powder River Examiner" has been indexed for 1919-1940

TALES & TRAILS, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, % The Dalles Public Library, 722 Court St., The Dalles, OR 97058-2270; Vol. 11, No. 9. "Federal Maritime Hospital Records" - Cleveland Marine Hospital Records at the National Archives Great Lakes Region. Congress established federal marine hospitals for the care of American merchant seamen under an Act of July 16, 1798. Other Marine Hospital Records (other than Cleveland) are preserved in other repositories of the National Archives.

THE TREE BRANCH, Dawson Co. Montana, P.O. Box 1275, Glendive, MT 59330-1275; Vol. 17, No. 2, August 1997. The Glendive library now has a printed list of both Dawson County Cemeteries, including maps showing location numbers matching the printed grave name lists.

HERITAGE QUEST Issue #71, September/October 1997. "U.S. Passport Applications" "World War I Draft Registration Records". "Lineage Links by Cyndi Howells (Cyndi List of Genealogical Sites on the Internet.)

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEW BOOKS

Gallup Genealogy; Gallop, Galloup, Gallupe, Gollop, second edition, revised and expanded by The Gallup Family Association, Inc. GenColl R 929.2097 GALLUP. This is an update to the 1966 Gallup

**(c) THE GOLDEN VALLEY: MISSOULA TO 1883
by H.G. Merriam, 1977.****Mountain Press Publishing Company, Missoula, Montana**

Excerpts from this poem are being printed in the Newsletter this year with the permission of Mountain Press Publishing Company.

The author's acknowledgments for this book states:

"For many years I have known and used the histories of Montana -Leeson, Sanders, Stout, Burlingame, Toole and others; such books as Stuart's *Forty Years on the Frontier*, Dimsdale's *Vigilantes of Montana*, Weisel's *Men and Trade on the Northwest Frontier*; and historical accounts by Ronan, Palladino, Dunbar and Philips and others. In writing this verse I have consulted them again and again. The principal source of information, however, has been Lenore Koebel's *Missoula The Way It Was*, an excellent, informative account. "

THE GOLDEN VALLEY

Since who knows when
Indians were in the valley
fishing, hunting, fighting, living in it
free as the winds,
in cahoots with it,
in harmony with nature,
not upsetting its balance,
using its lands, its
herbs, the root of the bitterroot,
the waters, the grassland,
its abundance of good things,
aware of the Great Spirit in the universe,
imagining beautiful serious myths,
sometimes humorous ones,
sometimes irreverent ones, as if
the Great Spirit were a companion.

The valley was a
good place to be.

A great bowl, basin of a
prehistoric lake,
drained and carved by a
monstrous, overpowering mass
of glacial ice from the north,
with space
for a man to gaze into
and wonder at
and delight in.
Ringed by mountains, Sapphires,
Bitterroots, Rattlesnakes,
Squaw Peak soaring high,
Lolo to the South
with billowing hills
catching cloud shadows,
with two swift running rivers
lined with cottonwood trees.
Vast blue sky, white clouds, air
fresh and clear,
invigorating.
Birds cheeping and singing in it,
animals - wild turkeys and rabbits,
antelope, elk, deer,
with fish flashing in the rivers.
Meadows lovely with long grasses
running in the breezes,
with many flowers -
the lower south hill thick
with bitterroots.

Paradise.

"AMERICAN LAND RECORDS" Teleconference Nov. 8, 1997 Teleconference on Land Records, Helena College of Technology, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM with follow-up discussion 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Registration and refreshments 10:30 - 11:00 AM. Registration fee is \$10.00 payable in advance : % Jesse Long, 733 S. California, Helena, MT 59601. Sponsored by the Lewis & Clark Gen. Soc.

MSGs CONFERENCE IN MISSOULA April 30-May 3, 1998

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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