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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.

OCTOBER MEETING
The October meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 9th, 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

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 was
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

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Books You Would Be Willing to Do Lookups In:

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**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.


**MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEW BOOKS**

**Gallup Genealogy: Gallup, Galloup, Gallupe, Gollon.** 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."

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**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