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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**. This will be the last Newsletter for those who have not renewed their memberships. 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 in one of the meetings rooms of the Missoula Public Library. Non-members are welcome guests.

NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 13 th, at 7:00 PM in the large meeting room of the Missoula Public Library. There will be a presentation on

"Publishing Your Family History - Getting It All Together" in which there will be a discussion of what to include - data, documents, pictures, book layout, legal implications and copyright, making the master copy, etc.

REFRESHMENTS: Irene Berven

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:**

Nov. 27th-29th : Thanksgiving

Dec. 15th-Jan. 1st : Christmas

NEW MEMBERS

New member Nadine Wall and Pat Manlove were left off the list last month. 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

BITS AND BYTES



A very good multi-search engine (that searches most all of the other search engines) is 'dogpile'. By searching many search engines I have found that this search engine may return results that are not found on Lycos, Excite, Yahoo or WebCrawler.

<http://www.dogpile.com>

A couple of interesting *on-line* universities appeared recently. These sites feature 'courses' written by experienced and accomplished genealogists. The Virtual University which offers many interactive courses (not just on genealogy).

It is at:

<http://www.vu.org>

International Internet Genealogical Society University at:

<http://users.arm.net/~billco/uslpr.htm>

This one has a 5 lessons on U.S. Land Records by Bill Utterback. They are:

1. "A Brief History Of Land Acquisition and Transfer In The United States"
2. "Terminology In Land And Property Research"
3. "Systems of Land Measurement"
4. "Bounty Land"
5. "What Now"

Iowa Digital Education Association at:

<http://www.ideaschool.org/courses/general/gen208.htm>

They are offering a 15 part course on Irish Genealogy. Lessons 1-7 are currently available as outlined here:

Course Outline:

1. "Getting Your Family Across the Ocean!" Posted 8/14/97
2. "A Brief Outline of Irish History and Culture - Who were the Fenians? What was the Potato Famine? Posted 8/22/97
3. "Vital Records - The Burning of Four Courts!" Posted 8/28/97!
4. "Census Records" Posted 8/28/97!
5. "Parish Registers of the Church of Ireland - The Rift Between the C of I and the Catholic Church" Posted 9/22/97!
6. "Land Records - How the lack of available land discouraged marriage among Irish Men Posted 11/2/97!
7. "Probate Records and the Court System of Ireland" Posted 11/5/97!
8. "Tax & Fee Records"
9. "Military Records"
10. "Heraldry and the Surnames of Ireland"
11. "Monument Records and Tombstone Inscriptions"
12. "Records of Medieval Ireland"
13. "The Gaelic Clans and the Early Irishmen"
14. "The Importance of Occupational Records"
15. "Records Before 1100 A.D."

The PERiodical Source Index (PERSI), containing more than one million citations from genealogical and historical periodicals, is now available for searching in the Ancestry HomeTown Library.

<http://www.ancestry.com>

Someone may have already published a great article dealing with your family or an important family locality. If so, you're likely to find a reference to it in PERSI. Using the PERSI database to find such articles will save you hours of research. And because the scope of this index is so large, you'll find yourself referring to PERSI again and again as you research additional ancestral lines.

Although this search is only available to members (\$4.95 /month), they have many free databases to search also. New databases are available free for the first 30 days that they are on-line. There is also a daily free database.

SOURCES

by Judith Field

RESEARCH OUTLINES

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has produced a series of publication known as *Research Outlines*. There are outlines for many foreign countries, the whole United States, and for each of the 50 individual states, as well as one on United States Military Records and the PERSI Index. These outlines cover basic research strategies in the area, describe the record holdings for the area that can be found at the Family History Library, and have lists of addresses for Archives and Libraries as well as addresses of Church Record Repositories for the area.

The records available for the area are described and often include the FHL book, film or fiche number for the records if they are available at the FHL. If the numbers are not given there may be instructions on how to search the FHL computer card catalogue to find the specific record that you need. In some cases the outlines contain descriptions of manuscript collections contained at other libraries and archives some of which have been microfilmed and are available at the FHL.

The Military Records Research Outline describes all of the types of military records that are available from the Colonial Wars (1607-1763) to the Viet Nam War with sections on the Navy, the Marine Corp and the Army.

These publications may be consulted at the local Family History Centers or they can be ordered directly from the Salt Lake Distribution Center by mail, fax or phone (\$2.00 service charge unless all items are free.) Order forms / fax / phone numbers for ordering are available at the local FHC. Most outlines cost \$.25. The U.S. Outline and those for all 50 states + D.C. can be purchased as a set for \$10.00.

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEW BOOKS

Virtual Roots - A Guide To Genealogy And Local History On The World Wide Web by Thomas Jay Kemp. This book is described as "the road map to genealogy and local history sites on the Internet. With over 30 million sites on the World Wide Web *Virtual Roots* guides the reader along the information highway and focuses on sites that will be most helpful to genealogists and local historians. This detailed directory shows Internet users where to go for answers and what they will find. By eliminating net-surfing, *Virtual Roots* saves researchers both time and money. This premier printed guide lists sites of the best archives, libraries, institutions, genealogical and historical societies, and family associations around the world - the ones that provide census indexes, genealogical data, bibliographies, and other information that genealogists want. For these listings Thomas Jay Kemp gives the URL, e-mail address, complete mailing address, and phone / fax numbers."

(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, Paladin, 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."

SETTLING THE VALLEY

In Walla Walla Christopher P. Higgins bought out the interest of Isaac in the firm of Isaac and Worden, hired Frank Woody, the clerk, and, with Worden, packed 75 animals with merchandise and set out for Hell Gate Ronde, 250 miles northeast, figuring to set up a store there.

They arrived at the Ronde where east-west and north-south trails crossed and there put up a log building and opened a store. They called the place Hell Gate.

(For the canyon a few miles to the east.)

They filled the store with their trading goods - clothes, soap, candles, hardware, tools, etc., etc., \$4,166.01 worth.

They built a barn, a bunkhouse, a roothouse - cooler for milk, eggs, meat, vegetables - and a cabin as a home.

Wrote Captain Mullan,
in *Miners' and Travelers' Guide*,
"Wood, water and grass here and a place
to rest animals for a day or two,
blacksmith shop at Van Dorn's
and supplies of all kinds,
dry goods, groceries, beef,
vegetables and fresh animals if needed."
Overcoats sold for \$45, dress coats for \$35,
Frank Woody bought a can of oysters for \$1.25,
sugar for 60c a pound,
whiskey \$8.00 a gallon.

Bolte opened a saloon but it didn't pay off,
and he soon closed it.

In the autumn of that year the count
of people living in the valley,
men, women and children, was fifty-four.
Hell Gate was not much more than a camp.

Worden and Co. counted for trade
mainly on outfits traveling through the valley.
They reckoned rightly -
freighters and travelers
from Walla Walla, from Fort Benton,
from Gold Creek, from
Virginia City stopped for supplies
and a night's layover.
So, too, miners, crazed for gold
and in a hurry, stopped on the way
to discoveries in
the Bitterroot Valley, on
Gold Creek, in
Kootenai country,
on Grasshopper Creek, on
Alder Creek, on
Cedar Creek sixty miles west.
In the fifties, the sixties, the seventies
people of substance came to the golden valley
and people of little substance. All came with
vigor and violence,
virtues and vices;
tough men and women,
tender men and women,
courageous men and women,
builders of a society.

Young Frank Woody, North Carolinian,
settler in intent, not frontiersman,
arrived with the Van Etten outfit,
as a bullwhacker, from Salt Lake City,

traders with Flathead Indians for horses, 500 miles, in the Ronde where there were 300 lodges of friendly Indians. Woody was a man of all work - Neil McArthur hired him to cut logs; he made bricks for John Owen in the Bitterroot Valley; in the spring of '57 he and J. Hall plowed eight acres of virgin soil with a plow of pine, homemade, and planted vegetables - potatoes, carrots, beets, turnips, onions; (The vegetables throve, the wheat was frost-bitten.) In 1864 he homed in the valley, was elected county clerk, read law and in 1877 was admitted to the bar. Earlier, in '72, he was editor of the *Pioneer*. He became a probate judge for six years, was attorney for the Northern Pacific Railroad - but that's getting ahead of our story.

David Pattee, with his Indian wife, farmed on land in, of course, Pattee Canyon. Pelkey and Worthington Bills, Louis Brown and Baptiste, Richard Grant, Angus McLeod and James McIver were farmers in the golden valley in 1859, turning the soil into wheat fields, into vegetable gardens. And William Hamilton, later sheriff of Hell Gate, the next year built a log cabin and homesteaded at the mouth of Rattlesnake Creek, traded with Indians.

With no hotels, no permanent camps strangers found the door latch out on every cabin door. Frontier hospitality.

IN THE MAIL

GALLATIN TRAILS, Gallatin Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1783, Bozeman, MT 59771-1783; Vol. 18, No. 2&3, May - Aug. 1997. Dokken-Nelson Funeral Register, Bozeman, MT 1937 & 1938.

GEN-BUG NEWS, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, % Pamley Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings MT 59101; Oct. 1997

PRAIRIE TUMBLEWEED, Powder River Genealogical Soc., P.O. Box 394, Broadus, MT 59317; Vol. 1, No. 4, Oct. 1997. **W.W.II Draft List from Powder River Co.**

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lists 385 names for men who had registered for the draft, **List of Books Owned by Members Who Will Do Look-Ups.**

Take a look at **A Census Lesson** by Wanda Jamieson. The state abbreviations used by the 1850 census takers were the first and last letters of the state: Indiana=IA, Ohio=Oo, etc. A very tricky situation considering today's abbreviation for Iowa is IA.

ROOT DIGGERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 249, Glasgow MT 59230-0249; Vol. XIV, No. 3, Oct. 1997. See book review of **Publishing From PAF - a Five Step Guide** by Irene Chandler Miller; **Hints For PAF** gives some useful techniques for dealing with missing names in PAF. See below.

TALES & TRAILS, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, % The Dalles Public Library, 722 Court St., The Dalles, OR 97058-2270; Vol. 11, No. 10, Oct. 1997.

TREES AND TRAILS, Flathead Genealogical Bulletin, Flathead Valley Genealogical Society., P.O. Box 584, Kalispell, MT 59903-0584; Vol. XXII, No. 3, Sept. 1997.

NGS NEWSLETTER Vol. 27, No. 5, Sep. /Oct. 1997. There is an article on Denver as it prepares to host the National Genealogical Conference in the States May 6-9, 1998. The CIG Digest has a review of *The Master Genealogist for Windows version 3.0*.

National Genealogical Society Conference in the States

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HINTS FOR PAF

Here are some hints for PAF:

● You don't know the person's name and don't want a lot of "Unknowns."

For surname type (_____) and for given name type [____]

You will know by looking, which name needs to be found. In title spot you can clarify with (Mr) or (Jr) or (Sr) or (Mrs J. Jones) if husband is John Jones, etc.

If part of name is known, enter it. Examples:

(_____)	[_____]	(Mrs J. Jones)
(_____)	Mary	(Mrs J. Jones)
COLLINS	[_____]	(Mrs J. Jones)
MONROE	[_____]	(Mr)
MONROE	[_____]	(Miss)

● You know the couple did not have children; to save trouble of later wondering or seeking non-existing children--

Add a child: leave surname blank; and as first given name, type

no children

leave sex blank; no need to enter any note.

● You know the couple had children but don't want to add names just yet or maybe never:

As above

add a child: leave surname blank, and as first given name, type
three children (or whatever number of offspring)

In Notes give any additional information desired.

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If you learn of some neat ways to use the computer and/or the PAF program let us know. We'll pass it on.

Root Diggers Genealogical Society, Vol. XIV, No. 3., p. 362.

PAF 3.0 AID - GEDWRAP

The following is from Ann Turner's GEDCOM Utilities:
<http://members.aol.com/APTurner/gedutils.htm>.

GEDWRAP is a freeware MS-DOS program which aims to improve word wrap in notes. It was designed as an alternative to direct conversion of PAF 2.31 databases by PAF 3.0. Early GEDCOM files code all notes with hard returns. Newer GEDCOM files and genealogy programs-- can handle soft returns, wrapping a paragraph to fit. All PAF 2.31 users who upgraded to PAF 3.0 will face this problem immediately, but it is not unique to PAF -- the situation arises when importing *any* GEDCOM file before version 5+ into *any* program which employs soft returns in notes. NOTE: this program will *not* work on GEDCOM

files created from a PAF 3.0 database -- you must use it on the old PAF2.31 GEDCOM file and then import that file into PAF 3.0. Also, blocks of text which have been indented still present a problem.

A copy of GEDWRAP (about 58 K bytes, as a zip file) may be downloaded from Ann Turner's site listed above or I will make a disk for anyone who does not have access to the Internet if you call 728-1628 before the next WMGS meeting.

OUR MEMBERS ARE WILLING TO DO LOOK-UPS IN THE FOLLOWING

(Please be specific in your requests and if you inquire by mail please include a long SASE. Thanks)

Loren and Barbara Johnson 326 E. Kent St., Missoula MT 59801, 549-9564

- House of Nations
- Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire
- The Complete Book of Immigrants 1607-1660
- A Gazetteer of Maryland and Delaware
- Maryland Marriages 1634-1777
- Heirs and Legatees of Caroline Co. (MD)
- Colonial Delaware Records 1681-1713
- Family Names of Huguenot Refugees to America
- Maryland Eastern Shore Records
- List of Freeman of Massachusetts
- List of Immigrants to America From Liverpool 1697-1707
- Immigrant Ancestors
- Anglo-Saxon England
- Ulster Sails West
- The Scotch-Irish
- A Guide to Irish Roots
- In Search of Your British-Irish Roots

Judith Field 317 Livingston Ave., Missoula MT 59801, 728-1628, jalf@marsweb.com

- Nova Scotia Immigrants to 1867
- 1860 Census Index New York (State)
- 1870 Long Island New York Census Index. Includes Kings (Brooklyn), Queens, Suffolk and Richmond (Staten Island) Counties.

If anyone else has sources that they would be willing to do look-ups in please return the form from the October Newsletter. Thanks!

GENTECH'98 Friday & Saturday, January 23 & 24th in Ft. Wayne, IN

GENTECH, Inc. is an independent, non-profit organization chartered in the state of Texas to educate genealogists in the use of technology for gathering, storing, sharing and evaluating their research. For the past five years, GENTECH has sponsored a conference that concentrated on the use of technology in genealogy in the Dallas, Texas area. This year the conference is hosted by the Allen County Public Library Foundation in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. GENTECH98 will explore, "Developing the Partnership: Genealogy and Technology".

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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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