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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.

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 8 th, at 7:00 PM in the large meeting room of the Missoula Public

Library. There will be a discussion of some hints on using the Family History Library when looking for military records and pre-1900 land maps, and any other genealogical questions that you want to bring up.

REFRESHMENTS: Phyllis Duncan

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

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

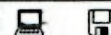
FHL HOURS:

Mon.	12:00 - 4:00 PM.
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Wed.	7:00 - 9:30 PM
Thurs.	12:00 - 4:00 PM. & 7:00 - 9:30 PM.
Sat.	12:00 - 4:00 PM.

INDEXING

There is now a volunteer who indexes for several hours every day, and the indexing is now up to the year 1933. Anyone may index 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!

BITS AND BYTES



FINNISH CULTURE: <http://www.virtual.finland.fi>

WWW.ANCESTRY.COM - If you are frustrated by not being able to print the results of one of the free searches at Ancestry try this. Highlight your search results and use the 'copy' command to copy it to the clipboard. Then just go to the clipboard viewer and save the file. You can then import the *.clp file into your word processor for printing.

BUTTE-SILVER BOW PUBLIC ARCHIVES:

<http://www.mtech.edu/silvrbow/archives/htm>

SOURCES

by Judith Field

HISTORICAL "BULLETINS/ QUARTERLIES/ REVIEWS" AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA MANSFIELD LIBRARY

State Historical Society publications can be a wonderful source of genealogical and historical information. They publish articles on local history of an area, the important events, and also often have family histories and stories on prominent persons who lived in the area and helped shape its history. Some even publish older vital records and church records.

There is an extensive collection of such materials at the University of Montana's Mansfield Library. A search of the griznet catalogue turned up 102 listings containing the subject words 'Historical' and 'Bulletin' or 'Review' in the titles. These are too many to list here but the list includes most of the states as well as the Pacific Northwest and other regional titles.

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS

Brown County History by History Committee of Brown County Museum and Historical Society, 1980 (Aberdeen, SD). GenColl R 978.3144 BROWN. This history was written to compliment and update the Early History of Brown County written in 1965. It is in three parts: I - The county as a whole, exclusive of Aberdeen, II - history of Aberdeen, III - topics important to the whole county including Aberdeen. Materials for this new history were gathered over five years and many family histories were contributed to the committee. Most of the information in the family histories could not be included in the book but has been compiled and is available at the Dacotah Prairie Museum.

Newcomb/Hartt and Slye/Blunden Families compiled and edited by Viettia Alberta Newcomb, P.O. Box 1411, Ukiah, CA 95482, 1995. GenColl R 929.2 NEWCOMB. Maine lines include Newcomb, Bell, White, Marshall, Banks, Sarnecke, Shepard, Hemore, LaPlante and others with several lines going back to Canada. California families include Newcomb, Slye, Blunden, Smith, Peterson, Brinkerhoff, Roberts, Twomey, Inks, Dunn, Gilbert, Mayberry, Knight, Brown, Yarbrough, Sheets, Taylor and more. Soft Bound, 412 pages, this book may be ordered from the author for \$26.00 (check or money order) PP.

Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide To Family History & Genealogy by Jim and Terry Willard, 929.1 WILLARD. This is a companion to the PBS *Ancestors* series. The authors offer "motivating and easy-to-follow instruction on the basics of family history research from creating a family tree or pedigree chart to interviewing relatives, uncovering and interpreting documents, searching for your roots on-line, and even leaving your legacy for generation to come."

Gray, Powers, And Their Interrelated Families Descendants Of Col. Thomas Holden Wade, by

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Edwina Gray Powers Ames and Stanley Richard Ames, Rochester, NY 1992. GenColl R 929.2097 AMES. This work includes the families: Arledge, Bailes, Butts (Virginia), Dupree, Hendricks, Legg, Martin, Massenburg, McWilliams, Sims, Wade of Limestone Co., Alabama.

NEW VIDEOS

The Orphan Trains A PBS Home Video. Between 1854 and 1929 the Children's Aid Society in New York and other East Coast charities sent more than 150,000 children to Christian homes in the country. Using poignant interviews with elderly survivors, and centuries old letters from children. *The Orphan Trains* explores the successes and failures of this resettlement movement. Running time 60 minutes.

Ellis Island From the A&E and the History Channels. This program takes a look at how immigration changed America in this century. Moving firsthand accounts bring to life the rich story of Ellis Island, from its creation to its dedication as a National Monument. Rare film footage and photographs tell the story of the immigrants who went through America's "golden door" - and went on to make history.

FINNISH INFO

Paulette gave me two articles from *FINFO*, published by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Department for Press and Culture of Finland.

"**Finnish Wedding Customs**", *Finfo*, 1-97. This 8 page article offers a view of modern practices and old world wedding ceremonies

"**Where Do The Finns Come From**", *Finfo*, 12-97. This 12 page article is an ethnohistory of the Finnish and Sami peoples.

(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. "

POLITICS

Hell Gate was in Washington Territory county seat Colville, a hard four-days ride away. Early in 1860 a valley committee petitioned the Washington Legislature for a new and smaller county. In December the petition was granted and the new county was named Missoula.

It was all of Western Montana, but the county seat was the Higgens and Worden store. That was near enough. The appointed officers of the county served only a few weeks, for early in '61, an election put the people's men in -- a justice, a probate judge, treasurer, sheriff, two commissioners and an auditor, the dependable Frank Woody.

Political boundaries in the large Washington Territory shifted rapidly. Listen: The White family lived in a cabin just west of the Hell Gate store. Son George was born in it in '63 in Washington Territory son William was born in it in '64 in Idaho Territory, son Richard was born in it in '66 in Montana Territory, Yessir, all in the same cabin on the same spot.

Scatter fifty people over fifty miles and some sort of government is inevitable -- disputes to be settled, land boundaries to be established, community development to be guided, taxes to be assessed and above all, people to be protected and their rights recognized, and so on and so on and on and on.

PAF 3.0, 3.0M AND PAF COMPANION

The newly released PAF 3.0 had a few problems that are now fixed by the new update PAF3.0M which has been mailed free of charge to all registered users of PAF 3.0. However, PAF 3.0M did not do anything about what I considered to be unacceptable printing from PAF 3.0. Charts leave way too little margin on the left-hand sides (not adjustable and not large enough to punch holes for binders). The line spacing on the pedigree charts was also squeezed to allow for some extra explanatory printing at the bottom making the charts, in my opinion,

not as easy to read or as good looking as the charts produced by PAF 2.31. The new PAF Companion, available for \$10.00 from the LDS Distribution Center, deals with these printing problems and also adds some other printer drivers for windows. PAF Companion works through Windows with your PAF 3.0 data files. (It does not work with earlier versions of PAF.) Margins are now adjustable and in addition to Family Group Records, Ancestor Charts and Pedigree Charts, you can also print a new "box" type of descendency chart, a fan chart, and a register report. The register report is similar to the "books" produced by GenBook. I think PAF Companion is a must if you are using PAF 3.0. For a combined cost of only \$25 the combo is still the best genealogy program for the money.

IN THE MAIL

BIG SKY ROUNDUP, Montana State Genealogical Society, Marilyn Lewis, Ed., Rt.2, Box 2246, Lewistown, MT 59457; December 1997. This edition contains a form for nominating candidates for the annual Anna Mae Hanson Award which recognizes someone who has given countless hours to help fellow genealogists. The recipient of the award will be chosen by a committee of district representatives. See page

FADED GENES, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604; Vol. 14, No. 4, Dec. 1997. Surname Index to Vol. 14. The 1997 Family History Contest Winner - "A Biography of One Family Line - Croskrey Myths and Truths" by Ruth Croskrey Long.

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

TREASURE STATE LINES, Great Falls Genealogy Society, Paris Gibson Square, 1400 1st Ave. North, Great Falls, MT 59401; Vol. 22, No. 4, 1997. Describes some of the collections of the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives - maps, books, government records, Labor History Collection, newspapers, private collections, organization collections, and genealogical references. Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, P.O. Box 81, 17 West Quartz St., Butte MT 59701. Web page - see Bits&Bytes.

GENEALOGICAL HELPER, Nov./Dec. 1997. See "How To Bring Your Ancestors To Life" p.20, "Issac Andrew Moore's Christmas Gift" p.30. Issac served in the Civil War and his story is told by his grandson.

HERITAGE QUEST, Nov./Dec. 1997. Features include "Why They Left The Emerald Isle" and the Librarian's Corner has "Inter-Library Loan: A Genealogical Perspective." Myra Vanderpool Gormley has an article on "Untangling the Web."

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