

# WMGS NEWSLETTER NOV / DEC 1998

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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.

## DUES ARE DUE!!!!

**THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER** Please send in memberships using the enclosed form and questionnaire. This information will help us to better communicate with and meet the needs of our members. Please check your mailing label. Those with a \*\*99 after the name are paid up for 1998-99 (but would you please fill out and return the "Surname Survey" if you have not already done so) Those without the \*\*99 need to renew their dues now (and please fill out the survey.) Thanks. We hope to have a "Survey" page and an updated membership list in the Jan / Feb Newsletter.

## QUERIES

We welcome Newsletter 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

Send articles to the P.O. Box or e-mail to the Newsletter editor ([jalf@marsweb.com](mailto:jalf@marsweb.com).) Newsletter articles can be on any genealogical topic. Short family histories and anecdotes from Western Montana would be greatly appreciated. What do you want in the Newsletter?

## MEETING DAY / MONTH CHANGE

Meetings will be held on the second TUESDAY of the month this year. This change reflects the majority opinion of those responding to the meeting day survey. Hopefully, more members will be able to come to Tuesday meetings. The proposed bylaws changes were approved at the September meeting so the WMGS will meet in Sep., Nov., Jan., Mar., and May at 7:00 PM in the large meetings room of the Missoula Public Library. Non-members are welcome guests.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting will be Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 PM at the Missoula Public Library. There will be a presentation on "Funeral Home Records" by Jeff Zealley of Garden City Funeral Homes.

## 1998-1999 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September 8, 1998	Lineage Societies
November 10, 1998	Funeral Home Records
January 11, 1999	Archive Records
March 8, 1999	Dating Photographs
May 10, 1999-	Genealogy & Computers

## MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Paulette has placed a copy of all of the handouts from the beginning genealogy classes in the vertical file at the Missoula Public Library. The information brochures from the lineage societies talk are also in this file.

## NEW BOOKS

*Best Bet Internet, Reference and Research When You Don't Have Time to Mess Around*, by Shirley Duglin Kennedy, 025.04 KENNEDY. Journalist-librarian and Internet consultant, Shirley Duglin Kennedy has culled five hundred quality sites for research and reference including: the best subject directories, tips on various

search engines, oft-forgotten tools like gopher, Veronica, and Jughead and when to use them, e-mail discussion lists and newsgroups and how they aid in reference, and Web site evaluations, with five checklists for different types of sites.

*Icoyle-Gano and Witham-Four Ancestors*, compiled by Clare Coyle Witham, **GenColl R 929.2 WITHAM**.

*Your Family Tree, Using Your PC* by Jim Oldfield, Jr., **929.1028 OLDFIELD**. This beginner's guide to researching, organizing and sharing your family's heritage teaches you to use a powerful tool – your PC – to explore genealogy. Tips and tutorials in this book teach you to use the best genealogy software, plus word processing and desktop publishing programs, to create your own family history books, complete with life stories, anecdotes, photographs, maps and sound clips.

*Genealogy Bulletin* (A Heritage Quest Publication), Vol. 46, July/August 1998. This is a new periodical. This issue has "Atlantic Canada Censuses, 1671-1901" by William Dollarhide, and "Genealogy, Etc." by Donna Potter Phillips. Look in the GenCollection.

*Online Pioneers*, Issue 38, October 1998. This is another new genealogy magazine that will be filed in a three-ring binder in the GenCollection. This magazine by Marthe Arends includes a New User's Corner, Book Reviews, CD-ROM Reviews, and a New Web Sites List.

## IN THE MAIL



**BIT O' ROOTS**, Bitterroot Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 350022, Grantsdale, MT 59835-0022, September 1998. "Genealogists As Storytellers" by Dear Myrtle (From Ancestry Daily News, 10 Sept. 1998.)

**CENTRAL MONTANA WAGON TRAILS**, Lewiston Genealogy Society, 701 W. Main St., Lewiston, Mt 59457, Vol. 20, No. 4, August 1998. "Lewistown City Cemetery – Marked Graves, 1887-1979" with listings this issue from Anderson-Bauer of names and gravestone information.

**FADED GENES**, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604, Vol. 15, No. 3, September 1998. Do read "Colonial Naming Customs" (from Colonial Home, February 1996) for a very interesting look at the way the first settlers chose their children's names. Also, see "Hensen's Ten Rules for Using Indexes" including "*It doesn't matter how you spell the name; it only matters how the indexer spelled it.*"

**GENEALOGICAL HELPER**, September/ October 1998. This issue features articles "The Power of Family Folklore", "A Japanese American Family", "Preserving Your Heritage With Family Traditions", and

"Courthouse Research: Satisfaction or Frustration?" in addition to their regular features.

**HERITAGE QUEST**, September/ October 1998. This issue features German research articles, including "Learning the Ropes of German Research", "You Too Can Find that Place in Germany", "Basic German Genealogical Word List", "Basic German Genealogy", "Oh No, Not That Old German Script!" and German Research Tips."

**NGS NEWSLETTER**, Vol. 24, No. 5, September/ October 1998. This includes the CIG Digest with Genealogy Program Reviews and the PAF 3.0 Tools and Tips.

## **NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOC.**

**QUARTERLY**, Vol. 86, No. 3, September 1998. There is an interesting article on Graphology, the analysis of an individual's handwriting for clues to the person's character in "Graphoanalysis and James "Major Jim" Ball: A Genealogical Test of a Psychological Tool" by Irene Lambert.

**TALES & TRAILS**, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, % The Dalles Public Library, 722 Court St., The Dalles, OR 97058-2270, Vol. 12, No. 9, September 1998 has a list of their genealogical publications. Vol. 12, No. 10, October 1998 contains their membership list.

**TREASURE STATE LINES**, Great Falls Genealogy Society, Paris Gibson Square, 1400 1st Ave. North, Great Falls, MT 59401, Vol. 23, No. 3, Aug. 1998. Listing of their books for sale, 1890 Great Falls Poll Book (continued), Spanish American War Rosters (continued.)

**TREES AND TRAILS**, Flathead Genealogical Bulletin, Flathead Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 584, Kalispell, MT 59903-0584, Vol. 22, No. 4 Supplement, 1997-1998. This supplement concludes the "General Index to Deeds – Grantors, 1884-1897 and contains the index to the volume.

## **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.

### **SHIPPING OF MICROFILM**

When a Family History Center orders microfilms from the Salt Lake Distribution Center, the Distribution Center checks to see if the films are available in its circulating

collection. If the films are available, they are shipped to the Family History Center. If the film is not in the circulating collection and the ordering system indicates that another Family History Center has the film on loan, the Distribution Center will wait two weeks to see if the film is returned. If the film is not returned, an order is sent to the Granite Mountain Records Vault for a new copy.

#### NEW/REVISED FHL REFERENCE MATERIALS

Contributing Information to Ancestral File  
Correcting Information in Ancestral File  
Using Ancestral File  
Using the Ordinance Index  
Accredited Genealogists  
Family History Centers

#### DONATIONS

*1908 Street Directories* (fiche), given by Hazel Harley  
*Pioneers of Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, Vol. II*, by Nova A. Lemons, given by Ron Kay. This book shows each pioneer, regardless of race, who was in the Chickasaw Nation prior to Oklahoma statehood in 1907, whether the person lived there briefly or for many years.

#### NEW FHL CD'S

The Family History Library has released a number of new software products on CD-ROM. In order to use these disks your computer must be Pentium speed and run at least Windows 95.

1. *Family History SourceGuide™* an automated research guide, which contains all of the Research Guides, #50176, \$20.

2. *The 1851 British Census* an index to census records of Devon, Norfolk, and Warwick Co., #50096, \$5.

3. *The Australian Vital Records Index (1788-1905)* an index to records from New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia, #50095, \$20.

4. *The North American Vital Records Index* lists nearly five million names taken from church and civil records and from other collections in the United States and Canada. The items in this seven-CD set focus on marriage records (6 discs) and also list some births and christenings (1 disc). The North American records indexed date from 1620 to 1888. The index will be updated periodically as more information becomes available, adding millions of new names with each future volume. #50029, 7 CDs, \$19.

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5. *The British Vital Records Index* contains nearly five million names from parish registers, civil registrations and other record collections in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The records on the index span more than three centuries, from 1538 to 1888. The five CDs in this set concentrate on birth and christening records (4 discs) and also list some marriages (1 disc). The amount of accessible data can vary greatly from parish to parish. This vital records index will be an ongoing project, which will also be updated periodically. #50028, 5 CDs, \$15.

The Family History Department expects to begin releasing the *1880 U.S. Census* and the *1881 British Census* in early 1999.

Items from the Family History Resource File CD-ROM Series are available from:

Church Distribution Center  
1999 West 1700 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104-4233, U.S.A.  
Telephone: 800-537-5950 [from U.S. or Can.]  
FAX orders: 801-240-3685

#### MANSFIELD LIBRARY HOURS (U OF M)

Mon. - Thurs.	7:30 am - 11:30 pm
Fri.	7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Sat.	10:30 am - 7:30 pm
Sun.	10:30 am - 11:30 pm

(Not open weekends & may have shorter hours during class breaks.)

#### SHERIFF'S DAILY LOG by Maurice Heltterline

Perhaps there is one source of genealogical information that some of us have overlooked. It is the Sheriff's Daily Log as it relates to such things as traffic accidents, thefts, assaults, suicides, murders, etc.

There is one instance that I have in mind. It is the death (suicide) of Michael Flahive, which occurred 5 July 1892. His name was mentioned in the pages of the *Missoulian* of 1888 and 1889. Also, in the Land Office decision in 1906 (article in the *Plainsman* that year) of Ed Love vs, Annie Flahive, widow of Michael Flahive, the decision was made in favor of Flahive. However, the Missoula County death records begin too late (1895) to include Michael Flahive's death.

While I was at the graduate library at the University of Washington in Seattle looking up information from the newspapers on microfilm there, I saw that included in the stacks was an Index to the *Spokane Review* from the 1880's to 1920. This index covered many categories, including deaths in Western Montana. In going through the death index, the name of Michael Flahive jumped out and grabbed my attention. So I went to the date listed

(*Spoksmen Review*, 9 July 1892) and found a single paragraph on the death of Michael Flahive. That paragraph went like this:

"Horse Plains; July 7 [1892], Michael Flahive was found dead [on July 5.] Coroner's jury reached a verdict of suicide."

That was about all that the paragraph said, but that was *enough*, and then some. My thinking is that since a coroner's jury was picked and a verdict reached, this verdict should be in the Missoula County Coroner's Daily Log and Reports, if such records could be found. Also, probably in the Missoula County Sheriff's Daily Log, if such records still exist, for the week of July 5-7, 1892.

"The U.S. Censuses were designed to prove that your ancestors are NOT living where they are supposed to be." *Bill Dollarhide*

### INTERNATIONAL BLACK SHEEP SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~blksheep/index.html>

The Black Sheep Homepage is a light-hearted home base established for genealogists who have turned up "a dastardly, infamous individual of public knowledge and ill-repute somewhere in their family, preferably in their direct line (within 1 degree of consanguinity.) This individual must have been publicly pilloried in disgrace for acts of a significantly anti-social nature."

If you think "acts of a significantly anti-social nature" is a little vague, then allow the Black Sheep Society to spell it out for you. If you have direct ancestors known to be guilty of murder, kidnapping, armed robbery, treason, theft of any item of fame, membership in a famous gang, political assassination, membership of the FBI's most wanted list or involvement in witchcraft trials, you may qualify! Aside from the social support of other criminal offspring, documented and declared members are entitled to append the letters "IBSSG" after their names in all genealogical correspondence. What an honor!

The Black Sheep Homepage serves as an information booth for the Black Sheep mailing list, and also contains archives of members' stories, society news, link lists and a Flock

Funnies section, containing various ovine amusements.

Join the Black Sheep! A mailing list for the International Black Sheep Society of Genealogists (IBSSG.) The purpose of the list is to discuss these individuals in order to learn more about them and share information about your "Black Sheep" with other members of the IBSSG!

### BITS AND BYTES



**HISTORY NET** <http://www.thehistorynet.com>

If you are trying to find a little historical background to round out your genealogy try the History Net. This page will lead you to other sites and has a number of magazines that have one or two articles online. Some of the magazines are *America's History*, *America's Civil War*, *Civil War Times* (has an online article "Christmas in the Civil War"), *Historic Traveler* (has an online article on the Battle of Quebec, 1759), *Wild West*, *Women's History*, and quite a few others.

**GenEXCHANGE:** <http://www.genexchange.com>

The GenExchange began over two years ago as a small experiment in combining online databases and genealogy. This site has two goals in mind: to provide a central location where we can all share our information, resources, and services with other researchers; and to make raw data available to you immediately, whether in the form of indexes, addresses, etc. free of charge! The **New York Immigrant Savings Bank Records** are being put online here! Monica Bennett has transcribed these records and they are now available (700 records are currently available and these are being added to), along with other great New York data and information, at: <http://www.genexchange.com/ny/index.cfm>. There are also some other great links and a "Kids Corner."

### 1895 ATLAS ONLINE

<http://www.LivGenMI.com/1895.htm>

Just choose your state and then select either the state or county maps button. Selecting the county map buttons lets you pick the county map within the state that you selected. These maps are large (some were too large for my computer to download) and in color.

### INTERNET CEMETERY INTERMENT LISTS

<http://users.deltanet.com/~steven/cemetery.html>

This web site is a directory of web sites that provide information on people interred at cemeteries around the world, organizing the links into categories for easy reference.

Western Montana Genealogical Society MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in as much information as possible – use 9 digit zip codes if known, and include your e-mail address if you have one. We would like to be able to contact the members this year with news about any special programs or workshops that may become available.

Membership Fees: Single Membership/\$11.00, Family Membership/\$13.00 (\$1.00 of membership fee goes to Montana State Genealogical Society)

Mail this form and a check for the membership fee, made payable to "Western Montana Genealogical Society" to:

Western Montana Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 2714
Missoula, MT 598062714.
If you have questions, please contact Judith Field at jalf@marsweb.com.

Name:
Address:
City:
State: Zip Code:
Phone: ( )
E-Mail: URL:

Check One: Single Membership/\$11.00 Family Membership/\$13.00

Check Amount: Check Number:

SURNAMES OF INTEREST:

AREA: (Country, State, County)

Table with 8 rows for surnames of interest.

Table with 8 rows for area information.

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**SUGGESTIONS FOR NEWSLETTER:**

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**COMMENTS:**

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**AREAS IN WHICH YOU MAY OFFER HELP TO OTHER MEMBERS: (Translations, Research Area Specialties, etc.)**

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**COULD YOU BE ON A COMMITTEE?:**

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**NEWSLETTER:**

**CALLING:**

**WORKSHOP:**

**QUERY:**

**OTHER COMMITTEES WE SHOULD HAVE?:**

## GENEALOGY AND SPAM' WARNING!

I recently received this notice from **W. David Samuelsen**, listowner **Alsace-Lorraine-L**. He says ".this was forwarded to me for further distribution to your attention. I added the [comments] for your better information."

### [Deceptive] Genealogy Web Site Sells Your Name and E-mail Address

It's a tough world. Lots of businesses sell their customer lists these days. The result is that you get junk mail and marketing phone calls from all sorts of companies trying to sell you something you probably don't want. The newest twist is "spam mail", unwanted e-mails that advertise all sorts of junk. Now a well-known genealogy Web site is contributing to the spam mail that you receive and apparently is profiting from personal information that they obtain from you under the guise of helping you do genealogy research. In fact, the Web site apparently is a "front", as the main purpose seems to be gathering personal information about you and then selling that information. The file they sell reportedly contains information about each person's date of birth, gender, e-mail address, state and ZIP code. The Web advertisement says that the file contains listings for 33,600 people who have left personal information on the Family Tree House site.

The **Family Tree House** Web site at <http://www.usaafter.com> claims that it is "the Association for FamilyTree Enrollment and Registry." The home page says, "This site offers free family tree software and links to key genealogy sites. The software is available on-line. You can build your FamilyTree House (continued on pg. 8)

## SOURCES

by *Judith Field*

### STUMPTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY FAMILY HISTORY PROJECT

While passing time in Whitefish this summer awaiting a Missoula Mavericks baseball, my husband and I visited the Stumptown Historical Society, located in the Whitefish Railroad Depot. Their address is 500 Depot Street, Suite 101, Whitefish, Montana 59937-2567 (406-862-0067.) They have a very nice museum with a collection of artifacts from the local area. However, as family historian Mary Harris so kindly showed us, they also have quite a collection of local railroad records and family histories. The railroad records are not indexed and need to be searched on-site. The Family History Projects (histories of Whitefish area families) are contained in three-ring binders in alphabetical order. As Mary pointed out these family histories may not contain very much actual genealogical material, but are more family stories

and anecdotes. Just the sort of thing we're always trying to find! Mary Harris compiled the following list of surnames in the Family History Projects.

ABEL	DUNCAN	MC FARLAND
AKEY	EDGERTON	MC KEEN
ALLISON	EGAN	MONEGAN
ARENA	ENGELTER	MONK
ARMSTRONG	FORBES	MORRISON
AVERY	FORCUM	MOTICHKA
BABCOCK	FREUDENTHAL	MULDOWN
BAKER	GILCHRIST	MURAOKA
BANGEMAN	GILLILAND	MURDOCK
BARNES	GREEN, CARL	NELSON
BEIRNES	GREENE,	NICHOL
BENNETT	ELIZABETH	OPALKA
BLANKENSHIP	GRINDE	OST
BOWDISH	HAAKE	PARENT
BRADING	HEDMAN	PATTON
BRAWLEY	HENNESSEY	PAYNE
BRENNAN	HETRICH	PHILLIPS, DEE
BRITELL	HODGSON	PHILLIPS,
BROCKWELL	HOFFMAN	JEANNE
BRUYER	HOLMQUIST	POWERS
BUCKINGHAM	HOLTER	QUAM
BUGG	HORI	RATHJE
CANNON	HOVE	REICH
CARR	HULE	RICE
CHEEVERS	HUNE	RUTHERFORD
CHRISTOPHER	HUTCHINSON	SAMSON
-SON	JACOBY	SAUREY
COLE	JAQUETTE	SCHMECHEL
COLLINS	JOHNSON,	SHOAF
CONE	ELMER	STACEY
CONN	JORDAN	STIMSON
CONNOR	KAIDING	STOCKING
COOKE	KELL	STREET
CRAINE	KNOTT	STROM
CREMANS	KOEHLER	SWISHER
CREON	KOLIZERAS	TANNER
CRIFE	LE BLANC	TAYLOR
CRUM	LEWIS	TETRAULT
CUFFE	LITTON	THURMAN
CUSICK	LOCKRIDGE	TOMBRINK
DALTON	LOGSDON	TORBERT
DARNELL	LUDING	TRENTMAN
DECKER	LUKE	VALENTINE
DEDON	LUPFER	VAN AKEN
DE VALLI	MAAS	VOERMANS
DILLON	MAHER	WALKER
DOWD	MANICKE	WALLING
DOYLE	MANSFIELD	WALSH
DUFF	MARKUS	WALTERS
DUKLUTH	MARTIN	WHEELER
DUNAGAN	MAYBRY	WHITE
	MC CONVILE	

**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 get on the list to view these videos - they are currently circulating. Part I: Home Sources, Family Search, Published Histories, Record Keeping; Part II: Census and Probate Records; Part III: Land, Military and Vital Records.

**SPAM...**(continued from pg. 7.) in real time, no downloading is required." They also say, "you can create and register your own on-line FamilyTree. And because it is on-line, you can enlist the help of other family members by giving them your personal access code to allow them to fill in the missing branches--it's a project the whole family can participate in no matter where they live." On another page the site advises, "When requesting information, please make sure you include your name, mailing address and the information you would like. "After they collect all the personal information from you and your other family members, the owners of Family Tree House apparently package the information and sell it to other companies that send junk mail or spam e-mails. On a different Web site, the owners of Family Tree House offer "a file of 33,600 last-12-month registrants of the Family Tree House, an association that offers Web site members free software and links to genealogy sites. "The file they sell

**[Dr. Brian Leverich's (he is the one running the Rootsweb.com) response]** This isn't the first time this has happened. GeoCities has been cheerfully selling its information about its members to whoever wanted to buy it for as long as I can remember. They were sufficiently blatant about it that the FTC finally sat on them just a few months ago. Most of the other "free" sites probably do the same thing. The thing that really worries me is the feeling that the information we gather with our query systems and such at sites like GeoCities will eventually be sold to marketers. I don't think it's a matter of "if" -- I think it's a matter of "when". The Board and the SCs probably ought to be thinking about how they are going to regain the confidence of the community after some site like GeoCities sells some business like Broderbund a list of e-mail addresses that appear on genealogical Websites they host. At risk of patting ourselves on the back, this is one problem will never arise at RootsWeb. First of all, we think this is a \*really\* slimy practice and can't imagine anyone with more moral fiber than an earthworm selling information to marketers. Apart from that, we couldn't sell information even if we were slimy devils; RootsWeb is funded by voluntary contributions, and those contributions would dry up in a heartbeat and we'd die eventually if we were ever anything other than squeaky-clean in the way we operate.

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