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1880 United States Census on CD

The complete transcription of the original 1880 United States census is now available on CDs containing approximately 50 million names. This includes the enumeration of all individuals within households and institutions in June of 1880, giving you the person's name, their relationship to the head of the household, their sex, marital status, race, age, and birthplace (foreign country or US state.) It also gives you the census page number along with both the FHL film number and the National Archives film number so you can order the microfilm of the actual census record.

The names are divided into seven regions and are accompanied by a

National Index. You can search for a name of any individual who you think might be in the 1880 Census, either in the National Index or in one of the seven regions. Searching the National Index brings up a results list referring you to one of the states and you then must swap disks to see each result in a family grouping. Searching on the regional disks brings up a list of results for that region and the full family of the highlighted individual.

You can bookmark families, or tag results that you want to print. Once you find an individual in the census you can do a neighbor

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**WMGS Meeting,
Tuesday, Sept.
11th, 7:00 pm, at
the University of
Montana Mans-
field Library,**

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WMGS September Meeting

The WMGS May meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 PM. We will be meeting at the University of Montana Mansfield Library, Document Division. Level 1, Maps Department. Campus parking by the Library is open in the evening and not reserved. Ask at the Information Center when you enter the Library if you aren't familiar with the Maps Area.

The program will be presented by Christa Fehrer, Maps Technician. Christa will describe the variety of map resources available in the li-

brary, and how to access and use them in your research.

We will use the Library staff lounge for the Business meeting, as we can have refreshments there. The business meeting will follow the program.

This program was set up by Blanch Tate and Bonnie Schuster with help from Theresa Woomer.

Need a ride or want to car pool? Call Judith Field at 728-1628 if you need a ride or can volunteer to pick up people who need a ride.

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In The Mail



GENEALOGICAL HELPER May/June 2001, July/August 2001. Some articles in the May issue: "American Church Records" by Ron Bremer has a selective listing of mainstream American churches and a timeline of church history; "Your Surname Now and Then" by Jennifer Hudson Taylor will give you an idea of how to uncover surname spelling changes; the Annual List gives the "2001 Library Directory" and there is a helpful tip on "Decoding Quaker Monthly Meeting Records."

In the July issue: "Records By Mail From Germany" by Kory Meyerink provides useful info on correspondence, and how to find addresses, hire professional researchers, and send money for services; "Homestead Records" by Ron Bremer provides an overview of Homestead record keeping and an explanation of how to access the files; "Understanding Handwriting in Old Documents" shows some simple rules to make transcribing old documents easier.

HERITAGE QUEST May/June 2001, Vol. 17, No. 3; July/August 2001, Vol. 17, No. 4. Some articles in the May issue which features *Discovering Your Female Ancestry*: "Identifying Female Ancestors: Some Case Histories;" "Hunting For Your Female Ancestors;" "Those Wonderful Women of Yore: More Than Odd Numbers on Your Pedigree Chart;" and "Getting Started: Surname Research Methods" by Donna Potter Phillips who continues her beginners series with tips and techniques for doing surname research; "Immigration Sources and Strategies: Searching the Records" by Kory Meyerink provides some key aspects to consider regarding the way you search immigration records; "Invaluable Adoption Search Via the Internet."

In the July issue which is dedicated to *Research at Home*: "Armchair Research" looks at the availability of records and the advantages of gathering them at home; "The Accidental Genealogist" tells how the writer was drawn into genealogy as she traced down the truth about a family tale; "Ellis Island Records" gives a broad overview of the new Ellis Island center and web site; "Implementing a Genealogical Letter Writing Campaign" by William Dollarhide teaches the skills necessary for successful home based research; "Indexes and Databases at State Libraries, Archives and Bureaus of Vital Records" has an annotated list of select databases by state. (It is NOT a complete list. To find more do an Internet search using 'State Name (enter your state)' with either Archives/Library/Historical Society/Vital Records and then look to see if they have online databases.

NGS NEWS MAGAZINE May/June 2001, Vol. 27, No. 3; July/August 2001, Vol. 27, No. 4. The May issue features, among others: "Researching German Ancestors: Part II;" Tips For Visiting the National Archives;" Using a Spreadsheet to Track Census Research."

The July issue includes: "Family History of a German Ancestor;" "Search Tools For the Internet Part II: Directories."

NGS QUARTERLY June 2001, Vol. 89, No. 2. Features include "Organizing Meager Evidence to Reveal Lineages: An Irish Example—Geddes of Tyrone;" "Standards For Sharing Information With Others (Recommended by the National Genealogical Society and reproduced in this Newsletter on p. 5.)"

BEAVER HEAD HUNTERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 15 s. Montana Ave., Dillon, MT 59725, May 2001. This issue includes "1880 MT Mortality Schedule: Beaverhead County;" "Beaverhead County Sheriffs 1864-2000;" "Frank A. Wentworth M.D.;" "Dillon History" continued.

CENTRAL MONTANA WAGON TRAILS, Lewiston Genealogy Society, 701 W. Main St., Lewiston, MT 59457, May 2001. Includes "Sample List of Genealogy Links and Web Sites" by Alene Stoner of Helena.

FADED GENES, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604, June 2001. Includes "Working For a Living" by Michael John Neil about our ancestors' occupations; and "Klondike Pioneers From Montana."

THE TREE BRANCH, Dawson Co. Montana, P.O. Box 1275, Glendive, MT 59330-1275, May 2001. Includes 2001 Membership and Member Research Surname Lists; and "Dawson Co. Death Notices Jan—Apr 2001."

TREASURE STATE LINES, Great Falls Genealogy Society, High Plains Heritage Center. 422 2nd St. South, Great Falls, MT 59405-1816, Vol. 26, No. 1 & 2. No. 1 has their new accessions list of books and CD's. No. 2 has more accessions; "Polk's 1903 Directory: Towns and Villages, Cascade County;" a list of "Some of the Major Epidemics in the United States;" "Some Tombstone Meanings;" and their 2001 Membership List.

Montana Irish Culture Celebration
September 7 & 8 in Missoula . Friday no
host dinner Elk's Lodge at 5:00 PM, Sat. at
Caras Park.—dancing, food, Irish music.

Family History Library

COMPUTER RESERVATIONS

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. CLOSED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE

1880 FEDERAL CENSUS ON CD

This census has been purchased by the Missoula Family History Center and can only be

used on the new computer.

NEW COMPUTER AT FHL

We are grateful to have received a nice new computer at the library. This computer is much faster and has a lot more memory than the one it replaced! It runs in windows and because it has more memory, all of the Ancestral File CDs are now loaded in the computer — no more disk swapping for that program. The IGI, FHL Catalogue, Temple Ready, and PAF 4 are also installed on this computer along with the Mormon Immigration In-

dex, Freedmen's Bank Records, parts of the 1851 British Census, and the British and North American Parish Records.

We have not received any recent updates to the IGI or Ancestral File.

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search to see who was living in the same area.

You can purchase these CD's on the LDS FamilySearch.org site for \$49, or you can use the set at the Missoula Family History Center.

Bits & Bytes

Genealogy.com Hits the Airwaves

The upcoming History Channel program "Family Tree" showcases the Genealogy.com site and features Genealogy.com employee Paul Burchfield. "Family Tree" airs on Monday, September 17th at 9pm Eastern/Pacific.

Watch the show, then log on to Genealogy.com -- you'll find a link to the family trees mentioned on the "Family Tree" program in the "A&E Viewer's Corner."

Free DAR Patriot Lookup Service

The Daughters of the American Revolution are offering to look up information for members and non-members alike — for free.

From the DAR Web site:

"The DAR Patriot Index contains names of Revolutionary patriots, both men and women, whose service (between 1775 and 1783) has been established by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Additional information available may include: dates and places of birth and death, name (s) of wife (wives) or husband(s), rank, type of service, and the state where the patriot lived or served. If pension papers are known to exist, that fact will be included."

If you are interested in knowing if your ancestor is recognized by the DAR as a Revolutionary Patriot, fill out the request form at:

http://www.dar.org/cgi-bin/natsociety/pi_lookup.cfm

Missoula Public Library

NEW BOOKS

To Our Children's Children: Preserving Family Histories For Generations To Come by Bob

Green and D. G. Fulford, 920.02 GREENE. The authors "have created an attractive and creative guidebook that makes recording a personal history as uncomplicated and easy as writing a letter."

Web Publishing For Genealogy by Peter Christian, 929.1028 CGRISTI. The "aim of this book ... is to look at what is involved in publishing your genealogy on the web and to offer some guidance in how to get started." The author explains ... "how web pages work, what you need for web publishing, and the process of web publishing itself." There is a section on web site design, legal and ethical issues surrounding web publishing, and two chapters on advanced web facilities.

Roots in Rhineland: America's German Heritage in Three Hundred Years Of Immigration

1683-1983 by Christine M. Totten, 973.0431 TOT- TEN. This book looks at the German heritage that has "formed a solid pillar of (this) country's growth for the last three centuries."

The Complete Beginner's Guide To Genealogy, The Internet, And Your Genealogy Computer Program by Karen Clifford, 929.01 CLIFFOR.

This work ties "genealogical research to the infrastructure of computers and web sites. In other words, it is a manual for modern genealogy—designed for the beginner but useful even to the most seasoned researchers."

New Social Security Fees Effective July 1, 2001

Fees For Processing Requests For Individual's Social Security Record

Request for copy of Original Application for Social Security Card (Form SS-5), SSN Provided	\$27
Request for copy of Original Application for Social Security Card (Form SS-5), SSN Not Provided	\$29
Request for Computer Extract of Social Security Number Application, SSN Provided	\$16
Request for Computer Extract of Social Security Number Application, SSN Not Provided	\$18
Search for Information about Death of an Individual, SSN Provided (<i>SSA does <u>not</u> usually have place of death, burial, or cause of death</i>)	\$16
Search for Information about Death of an Individual, SSN Not Provided (<i>SSA does <u>not</u> usually have place of death, burial, or cause of death</i>)	\$18
Letter Forwarding	\$27

This is a huge jump in price for copies of Social Security applications (from \$7 to \$27.) However, if you find your ancestor in the SS Death Index and don't know his parents names, including the mother's maiden name, these original applications are invaluable, as they usually include this information.

You can pay by credit cards. They accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express and Diner's Club. They also accept checks or money orders payable to the Social Security Administration. **Do not send cash.**

They say that "we try to handle your request within 20 days from the date we receive it. Sometimes it may take us longer depending on the difficulty of finding the record and how much other work we have. We process requests under a "first in" "first out" basis.

The conditions for inclusion in the SSDI are:

- 1) the person had to have paid into Social Security;
- 2) the person has to be deceased;
- 3) the person had to have filed for and collected a benefit prior to death;
- 4) the SSA had to have been advised of the person's death (at which time benefits would have ceased).

If a person paid into Social Security and died prior to receiving a benefit, his or her spouse (and/or children) may have been entitled receive benefits based on the deceased individual's earnings. You can find more information about the Social Security Administration at:

http://www.ssa.gov/foia/foia_guide.htm

Bitterroot Genealogical Society Beginning Genealogy Classes

The Western Montana Genealogical Society / Missoula Public Library will not be offering Beginning Genealogy Classes this year. If you would like to attend the classes being offered by the Bitterroot Genealogical Society here is their list of classes which are being offered on Thursdays at 7:00 PM at the LDS Church on Middleberg Fork Rd. & East Side Hwy. in Stevensville:

1. Sept 13—"Getting Started"
2. Sept. 20—"The Paper Trail"
3. Sept. 27—Tapping the Tressures of the Public Library"
4. Oct. 4—"Records and Reliability"
5. Oct. 11—"Getting Organized"
6. Oct. 18—"Hoe To Use The Family History Center"

Facts From the 1500's

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man "could bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."

Standards for Sharing Information with Others

Recommended by the National Genealogical Society

Conscious of the fact that the sharing of information or data with others, whether through speech, documents, electronic media, or data files, is essential to family history research and that it needs continuing support and encouragement, responsible family historians consistently—

- respect the restrictions on sharing information that arise from the rights of another as an author, originator or compiler; as a living private person; or as a party to a mutual agreement.
- observe meticulously the legal rights of copyright owners, copying or distributing any part of their works only with their permission or to the limited extent specifically allowed under the law's "fair use" exceptions.
- identify the sources for all ideas, information and data from others, and the form in which they were received, recognizing that the unattributed use of another's intellectual work is plagiarism.
- respect the authorship rights of senders of letters and electronic mail, forwarding or disseminating them further only with the sender's permission.
- inform people who provide information about their families as to the ways it may be used, observing any conditions they impose and respecting any reservations they may express regarding the use of particular items.
- require some evidence of consent before assuming that living people are agreeable to further sharing of information about themselves.
- convey personal identifying information about living people—like age, home address, occupation or activities—only in ways that those concerned have expressly agreed to.
- recognize that legal rights of privacy may limit the extent to which information from publicly available sources may be further used, disseminated, or published.
- communicate no information to others that is known to be false, or without making reasonable efforts to determine its truth, particularly information that may be derogatory.
- are sensitive to the hurt that revelations of criminal, immoral, bizarre, or irresponsible behavior may bring to family members.

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This guide is the sixth in a series developed by the NGS Board of Trustees and the *NGS Quarterly*. The NGS Standards for Sound Genealogical Research, Use of Technology in Genealogical Research, and Use of Records Repositories and Libraries all appear in vol. 86 (March 1998): 52–54. The *NGS Quarterly* "Guidelines for Responsible Editing in Genealogy" appears in 84 (March 1996): 138; and the *NGS Quarterly* "Guidelines for Book and Media Reviews" appears in 86 (June 1998): 48–49. Also recommended is the Association of Professional Genealogists' "Guidelines for the Use of Credentials and Postnominals in Genealogy," which appeared in the *NGS Quarterly* 83 (September 1995): 214–15. Both organizations grant permission for these guidelines to be reprinted, so long as appropriate credit is given.

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Query Training Session

There will be a training session for anyone wishing to help answer genealogy queries on Thursday, September 13, at 7:00 PM in the Montana Room of the Missoula Public Library. A backlog of queries has been building up again over the summer and Paulette could really use everyone's help to get caught up again.

Dues & Queries

Dues are \$11 a year for individuals and \$13 for families, which includes a Newsletter (Sep, Nov, Jan, Apr, & May) and membership in the Montana State Genealogical Society. Queries are published free for members, \$2 for non-members.

****Dues for 2001-2 are now due unless your address label has '02 after your name.**
Please use form for all payments. Thanks.

Genealogy Conferences

Montana State Genealogy Conference — 5-7 Sep. 2001 at the Grantree Motel in Bozeman, Montana. This year the State Genealogy Conference has been scheduled for the fall instead of spring. The main speakers will be John V. Wylie and Barbara Brixie Wylie from Texas, who have been presenters at many events and National Conferences.

WMGS Election Slate

Elections for 2001-2002 WMGS Officers will be on September 11, at the business meeting following the program.

President:	Judith Field
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