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1880's Census Available Online

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has recently made available all of the 1880 United States Census Index, and all of the 1881 British and Canadian Census Indexes online at their web site at www.FamilySearch.org. After the announcement that these census indexes were now available online, traffic on the FamilySearch website was said to have increased tenfold, but I have not had any trouble accessing the site and it seems to be running well.

Remember that these indexes are every-name indexes so they are a great help in searches. You can search for parents by husband or wife, or if the parents are unknown, you can search for children. The searches are similar to the

searches on the CD versions of the indexes. You can search for an individual, for all persons of a given surname, and you can limit your search by state, county, and city. Once you find a person in the index you can click on the <family> link to see all members of the household, with their ages, sex, and relation to the head of household. If you want to scan the page you can do so by clicking on the <previous> or <next> family links.

The census index search will be included if you select *Search For Ancestors* and do not select any particular database to search, or you can select *Census* from the links at the left side of the FamilySearch page

**WMGS Meeting,
Tuesday, Nov.
12th, 7:00 pm, at
the Missoula Public Library Large
Meeting Room.**

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WMGS NOVEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the WMGS will be on Tuesday, Nov. 12th, at 7:00 PM in the Large Meeting Room of the Missoula Public Library. The program on "Mennonite Records" will be presented by Fern Kauffman and Larry Spicer.

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



BEAVER HEAD HUNTERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 15 s. Montana Ave., Dillon, MT 59725; www.rootswest.com/~mtbhhgs; Oct. 2002. "Bah! Humbug!, Virginia" by Jim Orr shows some pitfalls of 'place searching' via the Internet. "Armstead Rises" is a short history with pictures of the town of Armstead, Mt. "Dillon History" is continued from the last issue.

BIG SKY ROUNDUP, Montana State Genealogical Society, Betty L. Marshall, P.O. Box 476, Chester, MT 59522; October, 2002. This issue contains a brief history of some of Western Montana's genealogical societies. "Where Mountain Men Failed" is taken from the "Souvenir History of Fort Benton, Montana."

FAMILY HISTORY MAGAZINE; September/October 2002. Featured articles include: "American Penmanship...How It All Began," "Living Genealogy Through Living History," "Charting Your Chromosomes: A British Perspective on Genetics for Genealogy," "The Agony and Ecstasy of Writing a Family History," "Beyond the Grave: Researching Relatives Laid to Rest," and "Hide and Seek: Where is Great-Great-Grandma?" In the 'Picture This' section don't miss "10 Simple Steps to Create a Heritage Scrapbook." This issue also contains a large list of professional researchers and their areas of research from all over the world.

FORUM, Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940; Fall 2002. The lead article, "Pondering Pensions: Discovering Billy Talley's Revolutionary War Service" shows how Revolutionary War Pension Records can help add details to an ancestor's Revolutionary War service. "Sources: Finding Ship Passenger Lists, 1820-1897—Part II: Illustrations of Ships" provides resources for finding pictures of ships. Also see "Lessons From the Illinois State Online Death Certificate Index" which is a **free database** great for anyone with Illinois connections and is also touted as a model for anyone considering the design of a large database for public use.

GEN-BUG NEWS, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, % Parmley Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings MT 59101; October 2002. See

"How I Solved It: Going There is Best" by Judy Kenny.

HERITAGE QUEST; September/October 2002. In tune with the season the issue is full of *witches*. Feature articles include: "Witchcraft Hysteria in Early New England" by Janet Elaine Smith which tells the story of accused witches in early America; "Witches in Colonial America" by Kory Meyerink which list the individuals who were involved in witchcraft trials in early New England; and "Fiddle Faddle, Piddle Paddle, Nutty Tuttles Linger Near..." by Julian Lynch Schacht tells of the Tuttles of New Haven, who were a rather bizarre family. This article discusses some possible causes of their behavior. In *Research Helps* see "Immigration Sources and Strategies: Immigrant Obituaries—Easier Than You Think."

NGS NEWS MAGAZINE, September/October 2002. Articles include: "A Nice View: Using Timelines in Your Research," "Bounty Land Records: Mention in Family History Writing," "Digital Cameras for Genealogy: - Part I: Camera Selection," and "Family History Online: #7 U.S. Census Records."

NGS QUARTERLY, June 2002. Feature articles are: "The de Lema Dilemma: Exploring the Complexities of Spanish Naming Patterns," "Historical 'Truth,' Clothed and Naked: The 'Peculiar Ways' of Judith (Bowen) Freeman Arnold," and "Teaming Oral History with Documentary Research: The Enslaved Austin's of Missouri's 'Little Dixie.'"

TANGLED ROOTS GENEALOGY SOCIETY - Newsletter, P.O. Box 1992, Cut Bank, MT 59427; Sep. 2002. "Deaths From the Cut Bank Pioneer Press: May—Aug. 2002," and their 2002 Membership List.

TREASURE STATE LINES, Great Falls Genealogy Society, High Plains Heritage Center, 422 2nd St. South, Great Falls, MT 59405-1816; Vol. 27, No. 2, 2002. This issue includes "Servicemen Who Died in Camps During the Spanish Flu Epidemic," and Cascade County Death Index 1897-1898."

Bits & Bytes

Ship Pictures

This site provides Color photos or illustrations of ships arranged by ship name. These are from the advertising art used by ship lines to promote their sailings.

<http://www.Kinshipprints.com>

From *Forum*, Fall 2002.

Illinois Death Certificate Index Online

If you manage to get this address all typed in correctly, take the time to read the instructions and learn about the records before beginning a free search.

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/idphdeathindex.html>

From *Forum*, Fall 2002.

US GenWeb Census Project

This volunteer project is putting both scanned images (indexed) and transcriptions of census records online for free searching. Not all counties or census records are yet available.

For **Missoula County**, I found a partial index to the 1920 Missoula County Census as transcribed by Mary Jenkins on this site.

<http://www.us-census.org>

From *NGS Newsmagazine*, Sept/Oct 2002

Free Census Guide and Research Aid for all Census 1790-1930 Available Online

This new site provides information for research in each of the available census years. It includes maps showing U.S. and state boundaries at the time of the census, including a map of the states and territories enumerated in a census. Also, there is a list of suggested genealogy resources for further research.

<http://censussearch.com/>

From *Genealogy Update*, September 2002

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 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM ↩↩↩↩

There is still no word on when we will be able to start ordering the 1930 Census. On checking the Family History Library Catalog, there are no actual 1930 Census Records listed.

NEW CD ROM DATABASE

This CD of Acadian-Cajun Family Trees comes from Progeny Publishing and contains over 600,000 lineage linked Acadian and Cajun ancestral records which were originally submitted to Yvon Cyr. She is the host of the Acadian-Cajun website (www.acadian.org.) The records are unedited and a search may turn up more than one link to the same person. It is easy to search as all the records are on only one CD, and you can go back and forth from the 'hit list' to the family trees.

Missoula Public Library News

NEW BOOKS

Understanding and Using Baptismal Records by John T. Humphrey, 929.1072 HUM-PHRE

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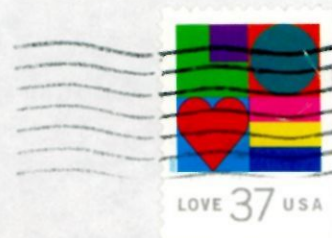
The MSGS Conference held in Billings in September was a great success and a great conference. We have copies of the following handouts from the conference:

Top Internet Sites by Ethna May Porter

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301 EAST MAIN ST.
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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 ARE NOW DUE FOR THE 2002-2003 YEAR. Please use the enclosed form to renew your dues for the year. Dues may be paid at the September meeting or mailed if you cannot attend the meeting. Check the mailing label to see if you have renewed—an '03 after the name on the mailing label means you are renewed for the 2002-2003 year. An '02 after your name means your dues are now due for next year and this will be your last newsletter if your dues are not renewed before the next newsletter is published in January 2003.

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Head of the list is Yellowstone Genealogy Forum at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mtygf>

Writing Your Family History by John Phillip Colletta

WWW.FamilySearch.org by Richard Davis is a very detailed handout showing how to use this site.

How to Prepare for Successful Research in European Records by John Phillip Colletta with suggested reading material.

Using Nineteenth-Century Newspapers for Family History by John Phillip Colletta with a select bibliography.

U.S. Passenger Arrival Records, 1820-1957: Traditional Methods and New Technologies for Finding an Ancestors Ship by John Phillip Colletta