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Updated International Genealogical Index

From the FamilySearch.org site:

A new [and much improved] version of the International Genealogical Index is now available on the FamilySearch Internet Genealogy Service. This new version contains the following enhancements:

- **More Names.** More names have been added to the index. These names were received since the last release in January 2000.
- **Regular updates.** The index will be updated as new information is received. *Note:* There are no current plans to update the International Genealogical Index on compact disc.
- **Individuals linked into families.** Some individuals are linked into families and can be displayed on family groups and pedigree charts. The number of

linked individuals is relatively small but is expected to grow significantly in the future. You can also download family group records and pedigree charts.

- **Additional event information.** All events that were in original user [LDS] submissions are now displayed and can be used as search criteria. [Birth, christening, death and burial.]
- **Improved searching.** You can now search the index by given name, surname and state, and more types of events, even across regions. The processes used to find individuals in spite of spelling and other differences in the name have also been improved.
- **Information to describe the source.** When you display an individual's records, you will see messages that describe the source of the information.

WMGS NOVEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the WMGS will be on Tuesday, Jan. 14th, at 7:00 PM in the Large Meeting Room of the Missoula Public Library. After the business meeting we will talk about the 1930 Montana Federal Census Indexing Project. We will also talk about the Family History

Center going Online with any information we have on that by the time of the meeting.

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.

**WMGS Meeting,
Tuesday, Jan.
14th, 7:00 pm, at
the Missoula Public Library Large
Meeting Room.**

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In The Mail



FAMILY HISTORY MAGAZINE; (Everton's) November / December 2002. Articles in this issue include "Visiting Your Ancestors Homeland," "How to Give Your Child a Priceless Legacy," "Genealogy as Self-Knowledge: It's in Our Genes," and "Connecting to the Internet" which is a good starting point if you are considering this. Also, this is a great issue for those interested in storage systems and scrap-booking with "Great Gadgets for the Family Historian." This article lists suppliers of storage systems, page protectors for memorabilia (including 3-D), and various online supply sources for scrap-bookers. See Bits & Bytes for some of these web sites.

HERITAGE QUEST; November / December 2002. This issue asks if you are "Related to Politicians & Prominent People" with feature articles "Political Biographies in North America," "The Case of the Long-Forgotten Music Professor," and "Mayors and Clergymen, Powerful Partners in Genealogy." For beginners there is "Getting Started: Bounty Land Records," and "A New York State of Mind." There are articles on researching in France, the Netherlands, Jewish records, and British Newspapers. For the computer minded, see "Creating a Digital Genealogy Album."

NGS NEWS MAGAZINE, November / December 2002. This issue talks about the upcoming Conference in the States to be held in Pittsburg, PA May 28-30, 2003. It also features articles on "DNA Testing Can Pick Up Where the Paper Trail Ends," "Avoiding Ancestral Identity Theft," "On the Road to Genealogy: Digital Photographic Sourcing for Genealogical Data—Part 1. *Gathering Your Sources.*" If you have been wondering about those hand-held computers see "Introduction to Handheld Computing: Handheld Computers and Software."

NGS QUARTERLY, September 2002. This issue has several articles that demonstrate the fine points of genealogical research: "Jane Johnson Found! But is She 'Hannah Crafts'?" "The Search for the Author of the 'Bondwoman's Narrative,'" "Linking Children to Parents With a Surveyor's Chain," and "Common Roots for the Lees of Virginia." "Questionable Honor: An

Analysis of the 1835 Cherokee Census is also interesting.

THE TREE BRANCH, Dawson Co. Montana, P.O. Box 1275, Glendive, MT 59330-1275, Vol. 11, No. 3, Oct. 2002. See "Dawson Co. Death Notices: May-Aug. 2002," and "From Sweden to Montana" from *Hodges and its People* by Ava L. Anderson

TREASURE STATE LINES, Great Falls Genealogy Society, High Plains Heritage Center, 422 2nd St. South, Great Falls, MT 59405-1816; Vol. 27, No. 3 & 4. This issue has "2002 Membership," "Treasure State Lines Index," "Death at Fort Custer, Montana," "Pennsylvania Holding in Our Library," Cascade County Death Index 1899-1900," and a good chuckle from the *Harlowtown Press, April 11, 1918* "Cow in Root Cellar Two Months; Comes Out Fat" (but the root cellar was minus "two tons of perfectly good

Ancestry Quick Tip

[from Ancestry Daily News]

To make your ancestors more interesting to the family, add an introductory page to the printed family history entitled, "Did You Know You Had An Ancestor or Relative Who . . ." and then list interesting things such as:

1. Was the penman at the Whitehouse for six presidents? (Your cousin Adriane Tolley see Lloyd family page . . .)
2. Served in the army under Napoleon? (Herz Joel Herzfeld, see Herzfeld family page . . .)
3. Inherited a large estate from her employer? (Betsy Powers, see Powers family page . . .)

To make the job of writing a family history easier and less confusing, I print each families' information separately as I finish researching them. If you are like most genealogists, you learned a lot since you began researching your roots. I needed to go back and check the information and make sure it was documented. I also had to rewrite the notes section of my family program. (My writing has also improved quite a bit since I started doing genealogy.)

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Laminating Tool
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Punches, Pre-punched page protectors
www.rollabind.com

Scrap-Booking Supplies:
www.simpleideas.com
www.creativeimpressions.com
www.stampingstation.com
www.puzzles.com (chalking)
www.paperkuts.com
www.magicscraps.com
www.easymats.com
www.stampstudioinc.com
www.artisanschoice.com

MyTrees.Com

MyTrees.Com is a website that will be available to patrons of the Missoula Family History Center when the center goes online in 2-3 weeks. This site is produced by Kindred Konnections. It claims to be the world's largest genealogy, pedigree-linked database with over 1 Billion names. Below is a list of Ancestor Searches available from this site:

- All Genealogy Databases
- Ancestry Archive™ Search
- MyTrees PLUS Search
- Extracted Vital Records
 - Canada Genealogy
 - New Zealand Genealogy
 - UK Genealogy
 - US Genealogy
 - Census Records
 - Social Security Death Index
- Ellis Island Genealogy
- Research Interests
- Surname Browse

The Census Records Search shows that you can search:

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1851 UK Census (only 3% available)
1851 Census, Sunbury Co., NB, CAN
1871 Canadian Census
1871 Cornwall UK Census
1880 US Census Soundex Cards

You can log into this site yourself from home and check out their offerings. The Lineage-Linked Data is free (I found a link to my web page on this site but I did not list it) and you can do a search for free, but must be a registered subscriber to download other information.

You may have unlimited use of the MyTrees.com Internet Research Library for a nominal subscription fee of (US)\$5.00 for 10 days, (US)\$15.00 monthly, or (US)\$100.00 for a year's subscription. This fee is used for covering the costs of maintaining the database and expanding our services.

Surname Interest List

The Surname Interest List will be published in the March 2003 Newsletter. If you did not submit a list of surnames with your membership application for this year and wish to have your names published, please send or e-mail them to me before February 15, 2003. You can mail the list to WMGS, Surnames, P.O. Box 2714, Missoula, MT 59806 or e-mail to Judith Field : jalf@marsweb.com.

What Do Those Initials Mean?

From Marcia Porter

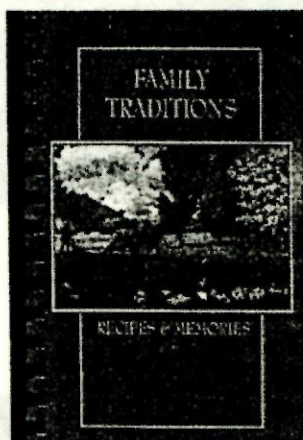
Initials after your ancestor's names may provide useful information that you'd not expected. The following list includes initials you may come across when reading old wills or other documents.

a.a.s.—died in the year of his/her age (anno aetatis suae) (86 y/o died in year 86)
d.s.p.— died without issue (decessit sine prole legitima)
d.s.p.l.— died without legitimate issue (decessit

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MSGs COOKBOOK

The Montana State Genealogical Society has been collecting old family recipes for a cookbook to be used as a fund-raiser for the state society. The cookbooks—Family Traditions—have arrived! The cookbook contains a collection of member-submitted recipes from the time period of our grandparents. They are soft-bound with a comb binding and are selling for \$8.00. We will have the cookbooks available at the January meeting or we can mail one to you for \$8.00 + S&H. If you would like to place an order before the meeting, call Jennifer Driscoll at 728-1714 or Judith Field at 728-1628.



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sine prole mascula supesita)
 d.s.p.m.s. died without surviving male issue
 (decessit sine prole mascula supersita)
 d.s.p.s.—died without surviving issue (decessit sine prole supersita)
 d.unm—died unmarried
 d.v.p.—died in the lifetime of his father (decessit vita patris)
 d.v.m.—died in the lifetime of his mother (decessit vita matris)
 Et al—and others (et alia)
 Inst—present month (instans)
 Liber—book or volume
 Nepos—grandson
 Nunc—Nuncupative will, an oral will, written by a witness
 Ob—he/she died (obit)
 Relict—widow or widower (relicta/relictus)
 Sic—so or thus, exact copy as written
 Testes witnesses
 Utl—late (ultimo)
 Ux or vs—wife (uxor)
 Viz—namely (videlicet)

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

1930 Census

The 1930 Census Family History Library film number catalog has arrived! We can now order these films. However, you will need to **know the Enumeration District** for the census area you want to order film for as the film numbers are only given for State, County, and then E.D. The Enumeration District descriptions for Missoula Co., Montana were published in the May 2002 Newsletter. Enumeration District descriptions for other states / counties can be found at: <http://www2.heritagequest.com/1930census/beginsearch.asp>. Select a state, choose a county and then view the pages of E.D.'s. These will give the townships, cities, or parts thereof on each roll of census microfilm. Cities will usually show street boundaries of the E.D.'s. Some states were Soundexed, or had their street addresses indexed. See the above site for more info on this or the May 2002 Newsletter.

Missoula Family History Center Online

Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, the Missoula Family History Center will have a new computer up and running and will be Online. This will enable patrons to access the FamilySearch.org site and a few others from the library. With the recent Internet IGI upgrade, it was also announced that the CD version of the IGI will no longer be updated. Since the latest CD version of the IGI is more than two years old, people are strongly encouraged to use the online version of the IGI. It was reported that there are now more than 35 million names arranged in family groups in the IGI. [It is presumed that the CD version of Ancestral File will also cease to be updated as updated version is also available online.] **Please call ahead to insure you will be able to use a computer when you visit.**

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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.

Upcoming Conferences

NGS Conference in the States—May 28-30, 2003, Pittsburg, PA. As NGS and GenTech merged on 31 July 2002, this conference will also have GenTech lectures. See www.ngsgenealogy.org for more information.

Federation of Genealogical Societies & Florida State Genealogy Society—Sept. 3-6, 2003 at Renaissance Orlando Resort at Seaworld, Orlando, FL. See www.fgs.org.