

Western Montana Genealogical Society



Utilizing the DAR Message Board

SEPTEMBER 2005

By Glenda Thompson, NSDAR Vice Chairman. VIS Committee

The goal of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) is to promote patriotism, historic preservation, and education. Its headquarters are located in Washington, DC and occupies an entire city block near the White House. It is the largest group of buildings owned and maintained exclusively by women. More than 836,000 women have joined the DAR since it was founded in 1890. With 168,000 members in 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and District of Columbia, it also has international chapters in Australia, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, France,

Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain, and United Kingdom.

Membership in the DAR honors and preserves the legacy of patriot ancestors. It is an opportunity to establish one's lineage and heritage as a descendant of a patriot of the American Revolution. The "DAR Patriot Index" records contain names of patriots (men and women) whose service from 1775-1783 has been proven for DAR membership. Would you like to know if your ancestor is listed with the NSDAR? A helpful group of organized DAR Volunteer Information Specialists (VIS) monitor the RootsWeb DAR Message Board every day and welcome lookup requests.

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**WMGS Meeting,
Tuesday, Sept.
13th, 7:00 pm, at
the Missoula Public
Library SMALL
Meeting Room.**

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WMGS SEPTEMBER MEETING

The WMGS will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 13th, at 7:00 PM in the SMALL Meeting Room of the Missoula Public Library. We will be getting together items for the 2005 MSGS Conference—stuffing handout packets and goody bags. Please come and help.

ELECTIONS: We also should have elections for officers of the WMGS for 2005-2006. We need new people for all of our officers for next year! Please seriously consider volunteering for one of these positions—President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

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In The Mail



FADED GENES, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604, www.rootsweb.com/~mtlcgs/index.htm, Vol. 22, No. 2, June 2005. This issue includes the "Noah Alfred Long" story by Jesse W. Long, Jr., and "Montana Cemeteries, Vital Records, and Other Genealogical Data at the State Historical Museum Library."

FAMILY CHRONICLE, October, 2005. Lots of good articles including "Forensic Genealogy: A Case Study in Digital Detective Work" which shows how much can be learned from a photograph, "10 Tips For Experienced Genealogists," "Online Genealogy Training Class," "The Case of the Missing Census," "Looking For Lists in All the Right Places" and "Websites Worth Surfing."

GEN-BUG NEWS, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, % Parmley Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings MT 59101, July 2005. The "First Families of Montana and Early Settlers" Vol. II will be available at the 2005 MSGS Conference.

GENEALOGICAL HELPER, May/June 2005. This issue has "Getting Publishes" part 3 of 4. In the *Computer Helper* see "How the Internet Can Help You Trace Your British Ancestors" and in the *Beginner's Corner* "Where Does One Fine Naturalization Records?" Features articles include "Four Weddings and a Funeral," "Preserving Family Records," and "Records Under Fire: How to Find Military Records."

July/August 2005. Feature articles are "United States Consular Records," "Introduction to Scottish Census Records," and "How I found my Swiss Ancestors." In *News From the Family History Library* read "Striking Gold in the Vast U.S./Canada Collection." The *Special Collections Highlight* looks at the "Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900." This index groups the applicants by the units in which they served. The entire index is listed in this article.

HERITAGE QUEST, Spring 2005. The feature articles in this issue include "Till Death Do Us

Part" which highlights sources of marriage information, "The Bride Wore White...Or Did She?" which gives a colorful history of the wedding dress, "Patents of Invention: As Genealogical Resources," "Filtering Facts From Fiction" on the hazards and pitfalls of researching a family myth. In the *Research Helps*, Kory Myerlink talks about "immigration Clues From Census Records."

JEFFERSON COUNTY GENEALOGY

NEWS, Jefferson County Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 1094, Boulder, MT 59632; June 2005. This issue includes an article "Montana Article in Family Tree" which lists websites with Montana Information.

NGS NEWS MAGAZINE, July/August/September 2005. This issue features "Identifying 19th Century Soldiers" "Records of the Anti-Slavery Movement" and "Searching for Confederates at the National Archives." Other articles include "Coaxing Info from Old Family Photos," and "Tracking Irish Generations in Land Valuation Records."

National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 93, No. 2, June 2005. See "The 1917 Code of Canon Law: A Resource for Understanding Catholic Church Registers."

TALES & TRAILS, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, % The Dalles Public Library, 722 Court St., The Dalles, OR 97058-2270 ; Vol. 19, No. 3, July 2005. This issue begins the story "Our Overland Trip to California" which is a diary of a trip from Eagleville, Missouri to California by oxen wagon which was begun on May 15, 1865.

TREASURE STATE LINES, Great Falls Genealogy Society, High Plains Heritage Center, 422 2nd St. South, Great Falls, MT 59405-1816, Vol. 30, No. 3, July 2005. This issue includes a "Roll of Citizens of Cascade County subject to Military Duty - 1896, G-J" and "Official History of the 1st Montana Infantry, USV in the Campaign in the Phillipine Islands." It also begins a listing of the Family History/Genealogy Holding at the library.

Ancestry.com News

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

COMING SOON

1910 & 1920 Census—Ancestry.com is preparing to launch the first ever, every-name index to the 1910 & 1920 census.

RE-Design—Ancestry.com is re-designing their web page and adding features to enable you to resume researching where you left off!

You will be able to use the recent activity section on the home page to jump right back in where you last left off and see the last record you viewed and the last person you researched right on the Ancestry.com home page.

Content Centers at Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com has added Content Centers to its website, which can be found by clicking on each record type (e.g., Census, Immigration, Military, etc.) from the main search page.

Content centers provide helpful information about each record type, such as articles on reading old handwriting, search tips, and other follow-up records you'll want to explore. There are also links to free charts and forms. Each center has exclusive materials that can help users get a feel for that particular record type.

NEW INDEXES

South Dakota Births 1856-1903

South Dakota Deaths 1905-1955

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They use the most current records as the previously published books are no longer up to date. They may be able to offer suggestions about where you might look for additional data. Include your Revolutionary War-era ancestor's first and last name, spouse's name (if known), dates of birth, death, and state of residence when posting your lookup request.

You need not be interested in joining the NSDAR to request a lookup. <http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=topics>.

COMPUTER RESERVATIONS

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FHL HOURS

Mon. CLOSED
Tue. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM & 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Wed. CLOSED
Thurs. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM & 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Sat. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Please try to call ahead or come into the library and sign up to insure you will be able to use a computer when you visit. **There is now a FHL tutorial on CD that you can check out for home use.**

We now have two new laser printers making high quality census printouts and images.

Bits & Bytes



Master Index of Army Records

<http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/reference/records.htm>

This page gives the record type and then shows the repository where the record can be found. There are links to web pages and full address of repositories. It includes pensions, lists of personnel, unit histories and awards.

National Archives and PROLOGUE

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1999/summer/gold-star-mothers-1.html>

If you go to this page you can read about the "Gold Star Mothers" trip to Europe to visit the graves of sons and husbands who were killed in WWI. Mothers and widows of soldiers killed in WWI and buried in Europe were given the opportunity to visit the grave at the expense of the federal government. Records of these trips are in the folders of the deceased soldier. They are available from :

Military Textual Reference Branch

Missoula Public Library New Books

Proof Before You Publish! 21 Checklists for Proofreading Genealogy Publications, by Corinne and Russell Earnest, 808.0669 EARNEST

Skeletons In Your Closet: Deciding the Fate of Family Secrets, by Corinne and Russell Earnest, 808.0669 EARNEST

The What Shall I Write Handbook for Editors of Family and Genealogy Society Newsletters, Russell D. Earnest Associates, 929.1 EARNEST. This book contains article ideas, ideas for fills and graphics, editorial guidelines, tips on proofreading and design and a glossary of print media terms.

Introductory Guide to Swiss Genealogical Research, by Lewis Bunker Rohrbach, CG, 929.1072 ROHRBACH

Genealogical Dates: The User Friendly Guide, by Kenneth L. Smith, 529.3 SMITH. "Kenneth Smith has put into one small book everything anyone would ever want to know about dates and dating throughout recorded time."

The Children's Aid Society of New York: An Index to the Federal, State and Local Census Records of Its Lodging Houses, by Carolee R. Inskeep, 929.3737 INSKEEP

Miller's Manual: A Research Guide to the Major French-Canadian Genealogical Resources. What They Are and How to Use Them, by Douglas J. Miller, GenColl R 929.1072 MILLER

Our French-Canadian Index Volumes 1-30, Quintin Publications, GenColl R 920.0714 FLORES Index

Irish Immigration to New England Through the Port of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, by Daniel F. Johnson, GenColl R 929.374 JOHNSON

Finding Your Ancestors in New Brunswick..., by Althea Douglas, GenColl R 929.1072

929.3485 CLEMENS

Where They're Buried, by Thomas E. Spencer, 929.5025 SPENCER. A Directory containing more than 20,000 names of notable persons buried in American Cemeteries, with listings of many prominent people who were cremated.

Who's Looking For Whom in Native American Ancestry, Volume 2, by Laurie Beth Roman, GenColl R 929.1 DUFFY V.2. Section I. lists individuals who are being researched, while Section II. Is made up of a list of "Indian Tribes and Organizations searching for lost tribal members" with the listing organized by state.

What Did They Mean By That? A Dictionary of Historical and Genealogical Terms Old and New, by Paul Drake, GenColl R 423.028 DRAKE

The "Show-Me" Guide to Missouri: Sources for Genealogical and Historical Research, by Sherida K. Eddlemon, GenColl R 929.1097 EDDLEMON. This book lists libraries, government agencies, genealogical societies, museums, archives, private collections, universities and other repositories of information from all over the United States that are holding genealogical or historical records pertaining to Missouri.

Origin of Certain Place Names of The United States, 2nd, ed. , by Henry Gannett, GenColl R 917.304 GANNETT

Check List of Historical Records Survey Publications: Bibliography of Research Projects Reports, prepared by Sargent B. Child and Dorothy P. Holmes, GenColl R 929.3769 CHILD

Trace Your Roots With DNA: Using Genetic Testing to Explore Your Family Tree, by Megan Smolenyak and Ann Turner, 616.042 SMOLENYAK

Unlocking Your Genetic History, by Thomas H. Shawker, 616.042 SHAWKER. This is a step-by-step guide to discovering your family's medical and genetic history.

How Tracing Your Family Medical History Can Save Your Life, by Carol Daus, 616.042 DAUS



September 16, 17, 2005

"OUT ON A LIMB"

16 th Annual Montana State Genealogical Society Conference

Hosted by the Western Montana Genealogical Society
Ruby's Inn, 4825 N. Reserve St., Missoula, MT 59808

The 16th Annual Conference will feature J. Mark Lowe, CG from Tennessee as the main speaker. Mr. Lowe is a full-time professional genealogist, author and lecturer. Mark shares personal experiences that help beginning and experienced researchers gain new skills and insights for research. He specialized in Kentucky and Tennessee resources and researches primarily in original records and manuscripts throughout the Southeast.

Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee which lies in the Northern Middle Tennessee along the Kentucky boarder. With family history in both states, a knowledge of the interaction of citizens along borders helps Mark resolve difficult issues using often overlooked records. He brings this expertise along with his unique humor and southern style to many diverse audiences. As the director of the regional in-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance, Mark has developed and directed (with the RIGSA team) week-long interactive learning sessions and hands-on research focusing on original documents and manuscripts at regional archives.

Mark has published many articles and is the President of the Association of Professional Genealogists and former Vice President of Development for the Federation of Genealogical Societies. He was recently recognized as a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Society,

His topics will be:

1. **OUT ON A LIMB, TRAPPED BY BAD RESEARCH** - Feeling trapped with nowhere to go? Bad, weak, or missing evidence all contribute to misleading research. Review your research findings, sharpen your techniques, evaluate your sources, and map a new course.
2. **WONDER WHAT'S OVER THE MOUNTAIN** - Our ancestors looked for new and better lands to call home. They became pioneers on the Kentucky and Tennessee frontier. Before moving your research back across those mountains to the east, understand what you need to know.
3. **LOCATING CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS** - Discover the records of your Yankee or Rebel ancestor. Learn more about compiled service records, pensions, and more.
4. **USING THAT BRICK WALL AS A FOUNDATION** - Feel like you are at a dead end? By reviewing our research, and taking a fresh approach, we can often see new opportunities for finding our family. Use the very evidence that stops you in your tracks to spring over that wall.

There will be a speaker who will cover Norwegian genealogy and Robert Cummings of Helena will speak on "Technology in Genealogy."

There is still time to register . Fee for Members/Non-Members are: Full conference \$60/\$70; Friday only \$42.50/\$47.50; Saturday only \$27.50/\$32.50. Extra meals Friday: Lunch-\$10.50; Banquet-\$15.00. Extra Lunch Saturday-\$11.50. Send registrations with check for fees to: MSGS, %WMGS, P.O. Box 2714, Missoula, MT 59806. Please indicate Name, Address, Phone, E-mail, Birth Month and days attending. Thanks.

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Web
[www.rootsweb.
com/~mtwmgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mtwmgs)

Missoula Public Library
301 East Main St.
Missoula, MT 59802



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 2005-2006 YEAR. PLEASE USE THE MEMBERSHIP FORM ENCLOSED WITH THE NEWSLETTER OR ON OUR WEB SITE.

If there is an '05' after your name on the mailing label your dues are now due.

"People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors"

-Edmond Burke

Upcoming Conferences

2005 Montana State Conference - in Missoula at Ruby's Inn, September 16-17, 2005. The keynote speaker will be T. Mark Lowe, NGS/FGS State Liaison.

SUBMISSIONS:

We would appreciate any submissions of articles on genealogy for the Newsletter including *How You Solved It*, local pedigrees, book reviews of local history/genealogy books, and any genealogy news items.

National Archives
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College Park, MD 20740-6001

Include as much information as possible about the WWI soldier.