

Western Montana Genealogical Society



MAY 2006

WMGS MAY MEETING

The WMGS will meet on **Tuesday, May 9th, at 7:00 PM** in the Large Meeting Room of the Missoula Public Library.

The program will be "Bringing Historical Characters to Life" which will include a first-person performance of *Clara Maclean*, mother of Norman Maclean ("A River Runs Through It" fame) by Carol Smith, graduate student in Library and Information Sciences. She will discuss how to

use social history, family artifacts, multimedia tools and writing style to develop a sense of character in your family history narrative. This will be a dress rehearsal performance and the group will be asked to critique the presentation, which will debut later this year at Missoula City Cemetery's annual "Stories and Stones" event. The public is welcome so bring a friend and come enjoy this meeting.

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Heritage Creations Files For Chapter 7 Bankruptcy

Leiland Meitzler, who bought back Heritage Quest Magazine from ProQuest 3 years ago, has announced on February 5th that he is filing for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy. The future of Heritage Quest Magazine and Genealogy Bulletin are uncertain at this point. Both will revert back to ProQuest. Leiland Meitzler will now join Everton Publishers as Managing Editor. Everton's editor and publisher Walter Fuller had this to say:

"In honor of Leland joining us, and following his wishes, we will honor subscriptions and committed ads for the issues of Heritage Quest

that were not published. If you know anyone who might wish to take advantage of this offer, please have them call us at 800 443-6325 or 435 752-6022. Going forward, the Genealogical Helper will contain the best of both magazines and include an exciting, major new feature section on Genealogy, Technology, and the Web. "

You can read more about this at:

<http://genealogyblog.com/public-records-in-crisis/heritage-creations-filing-for-chapter-7-bankruptcy-1528>

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In The Mail



FAMILY CHRONICLE, June 2006. This issue includes articles on Researching Mexican War Records, French Canadian Church Records, Surname Mailing Lists, The Curse of the Common Surname, and Finding Death Records Online by using the Internet to search the SSDI, Obituaries, Death Notices, Cemeteries and other sources.

GEN-BUG NEWS, April 2006. Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, % Parmley Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings MT 59101. The "How I Solved It" article showed how printing out a list of high schools in the area of a missing person's last known address helped find the person with a phone call to the school's class re-union planner.

National Genealogical Society Quarterly, March 2006. "A Case of Mistaken Racial Identity" is the story of Emma Dunham (nee Kelley) Hawkins who became listed as a black woman author, but who apparently had no black ancestors. If you would like to add some narrative family history to your names, dates and place read John Philip Colletta's "Developing Family Narrative from Leads in Sources." If you had ancestors in Illinois, don't miss "Genealogical Research in Illinois" for 30 pages of Illinois history and sources.

TALES & TRAILS, April 2006. Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, % The Dalles Public Library, 722 Court St., The Dalles, OR 97058-2270. A reprint of an article on DNA testing by R. Aaron Underwood (author of the GenSmarts software) entitled "Starting With the Answer—Becoming a DNA Time Traveler" is the most easily understood explanation of male and female DNA testing that I have read. [See Bits & Bytes for some DNS test kit info.] This issue also continues the "Old Carson Cemetery" list from *Price to Smith*.

THE TREE BRANCH, March 2006. Dawson County Tree Branches Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1275, Glendive, MT 59330. Names from the Marsh Cemeteries in Dawson County (aka Jehovah Lutheran, now Hope Lutheran.) Most obituaries are available from Tree Branches for \$5.

Ancestry.com Update

Ancestry Daily News which used to arrive via e-mail every weekday, has recently transformed into the **Ancestry Weekly Journal** and can be found on the Family History Circle Blog listed below.

1841 Census of England, Wales, Channel Islands and Isle of Man was added to the UK Collection this week. The 1841 Census for England was taken on the night of 6 June 1841. The following information was requested:

- Name of street, place, road, etc.
- House number or name
- Name of each person that had spent the night in that household
- Age*
- Sex (indicated by which column the age is recorded in)
- Profession or occupation
- Where born**

*The ages of people over 15 years old were usually rounded down to the nearest 5 years. Therefore, someone who was actually 24 years would have their age listed as 20, and someone who was actually 27 years old would have their age listed as 25.

24/7 Family History Circle Blog

Read the latest postings from long-time Ancestry.com newsletter editor, Juliana Smith in her new blog, Family History Circle.
<http://blogs.ancestry.com/circle/>

WMGS Election at May Meeting

The following slate of officers has been proposed for the 2006-2007 elections:

President:	Nancy Shrader
Vice-President:	Bonnie Schuster
Secretary:	Sidney Reynolds
Treasurer:	Marcia Porter

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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

Upcoming Closures :

May 27—Memorial Day
Jul 1-4—4th of July
Aug 8-12—Fair Week
Sep 2-4—Labor Day

Bits & Bytes



Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation or SMGF—www.smgf.org If you fill out the form on their site, SMGF will send you a free DNA test kit (done with a mouthwash swish.) This is to be returned with at least a 4-generation pedigree chart showing the birthplaces and birthdates of your ancestors. They will not send you the results of the test, but will send you a coupon good for either a 26 Marker Y-chromosome Paternal Line Analysis or an mtDNA Maternal Line Analysis for \$95 from Relative Genetics. SMGF has already collected 60,000 samples from around the world linked to 2.5 million ancestors. You can search their online database by surname or DNA results. [See the article on DNA testing in *Tales & Trails* for an easy to understand explanation of these tests or visit the SMGF website.]

The June 2006 *Family Chronicle* magazine included these "Genealogy Web Sites Worth Surfing."

17th Century Colonial New England—www.17thc.us This site contains info about life in, and historical records of New England in the 1600's., with info on the Essex County Witch Hunt of 1692.

The Danish Emigration Archives—www.emiarch.dk/info.php3?l=en This site includes

the Danish Emigration Database with info of Danish emigration collected by the Copenhagen police from 1869–1908. The police had to authorize all overseas tickets made out in Denmark. The emigration lists include name, occupation, family status, last residence, place of birth (from 1899), age, year of emigration, emigrant agent's name, name of ship, and first destination.

New Books—Missoula Public Library

You Ought To Write All That Down— A Guide To Organizing and Writing Genealogical Narrative, by Paul Drake, J.D. 929.1072 DRAKE

Adventure In Genealogy, by Patrick G. Wardell, Lt. Col., U.S. Army Retired. 929.1072 WARDELL

Family Archaeology—Discovering The Family Skeleton And Making It Dance, by Freya Ottem Hanson. 929.1072 HANSON

More Brickwall Solutions To Genealogy Problems, from the publishers of Family Chronicle Magazine. 929.1072 MOREBKI

Our Quaker Ancestors— Finding Them In Quaker Records, by Ellen Thomas Berry & David Allen Berry. 929.1088 BERRY

Lexicon MEI or Medical Dictionary, by Robert Hooper, M.D. F.L.S. **GenColl R 610 HOOPER 2 Vols.** This dictionary contains an explanation of the terms in ANATOMY, BOTANY, CHEMISTRY, MATERIA MEDICA, MIDWIFERY, MINERALOGY, PHARMACY, PHYSIOLOGY, PRACTICE of PHYSIC, SURGERY, and the various branches of Natural Philosophy Connected with Medicine.

The following 10 videos are all from Genealogical Sources, feature Dr. George K. Schweitzer, and have the call number VID 929.2 SCHWEIT:

- **War of 1812 Genealogy**
- **German Genealogy**
- **Migration Routes & Settlement Patterns 1607-1890**
- **Tracing Ancestors Across the Atlantic**
- **The Frontier Religious Explosion and Its Genealogical Effects**
- **Obscure Sources**
- **From Rivers To Trails To Roads To Canals To Trains**
- **Revolutionary War Genealogy**
- **Finding Your Ancestors' Parents**
- **Civil War Genealogy**

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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.

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.

Upcoming Conferences

June 7-10, 2006 - Chicago, IL
National Genealogical Society Conference in the States and Gentech 2006—"They Passed This Way," Chicago, Illinois. Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont, IL. Keynote speaker will be John Phillip Colletta. More info at www.ngsgenealogy.org.

August 30-September 2, 2006 - Boston, MA
Federation of Genealogical Societies and the New England Historic Genealogical Society .
More info at www.fgs.org

September 22-23, 2006 - Gardiner, MT
2006 Montana State Genealogical Society Conference will be held in Gardiner, Montana at the Comfort Inn. The theme is "Wander the Wonderland" and it will include a tour of the NPS Heritage and Research Center with a talk on what is included in the collection by Senior Archivist Lee Whitsley.