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If you select the SEARCH tab from the Ancestry.com home page you will find the SEARCH RESOURCES box towards the top right hand corner of the page. Here you will find links to the CARD CATALOG and the new ADVANCED SEARCH (See Ancestry.com Update for more on this.)

CARD CATALOG. This option will allow you to search for a database by title or keyword, or browse an alphabetical list of databases. Just entering "Montana" as a keyword will bring up 198 sources including census, military, newspapers, etc...At the bottom of the card catalog page is another box

with FEATURED SITES. Here you can follow the FAMILY HISTORY link to Family History databases listed by state, or the FAMILY BIRTH RECORDS link to birth records listed by state. Choosing *Montana* after following either link will bring up a hyperlinked list containing possible sources of Family History or Birth records for Montana. You can follow each link to find out more information on that source, like years covered for the newspapers, and then do a search of that source. There are "helpful hints" for searching and other helpful links on both of these featured sites.

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WMGS SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the Western Montana Genealogical Society will be held on Tuesday, September 12th, 7-9 p.m. at the Missoula City/County Library large meeting room. The program will be "Native American Genealogical Research" presented by George Price. The majority of his personal genealogical research has been done in the eastern US. George Price, an Adjunct Pro-

fessor at UM, is a historian who focuses on African Americans and Native Americans in the colonial and pre-Civil War periods. He is the co-author with James Brewer Stewart of "To Heal the Scourge of Prejudice: The Life and Writings of Hosea Easton," and is currently within about a year of completion of a book on five generations of human rights activists in the Easton family.

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In The Mail



BEAVER HEAD HUNTERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 15 S. Montana Ave., Dillon, MT 59725; www.rootsweb.com/~mtbhhgs, May 2006. Pat Darling has a review of the book "Dreams Across the Divide", ed. Linda Wostrel, which contains stories of many Montana pioneers.

BIG SKY ROUNDUP, Montana State Genealogical Society, Betty L. Marshall, P.O. Box 476, Chester, MT 59522; www.rootsweb.com/~mtmsg, July 2006. The Montana State Genealogy Library has acquired the **Genealogy Collection of books that do not pertain to Montana** from the Montana State Historical Society. They were in the process of moving over 500 lineal feet of these books to their library.

FADED GENES, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604; www.mth.mtlib.org/Local%20Information/L%C20genealogy.ht, June 2006. Pedigree Chart of Edward John Smith, b. 1904, Boulder, Jefferson, MT.

FAMILY CHRONICLE, Oct. 2006. See "Private Archives: What They Are and How to Use Them." "The Last Line of Defense" shows how to look for Civil War ancestors in militias, home guards and reserves. "Learning About Our Ancestors Ships" is full of websites with info on all kinds of ships and passenger lists, and "DNA Projects: What Are They and What Can You Expect?" may help you decide if you want to try this.

Aug. 2006. This is a special issue on **Dating and Preserving Old Photos** with aids in identifying, preserving and finding old photos.

GENEALOGICAL HELPER July/August 2006. Leland Meitzler takes over as editor of the *Genealogical Helper* after the failure of *Heritage Quest Magazine*. This issues features "State Censuses and Substitutes: A Selected List For All 50 States", "DNA to Africa" for help finding a homeland of origin, "Cracking the Cousin

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Ancestry.com Update

New Advanced Search Beta Test

This new Advanced Search is still being tested. It allows you to search all records on the site and allow selected fields to match your search criteria exactly by checking or un-checking the *exact matches* checkbox and using SOUNDEX to search for surnames.

US Census Collection Complete

With the launch of the fully indexed 1910 U.S. Census, Ancestry.com becomes the only online resource providing access to all U.S. Census records from 1790 to 1930.

WWII Draft Registration Cards

These are from the 4th registration or "Old Man's Registration" dated 27 April 1942. It include men born on or between 25 April 1877—16 February 1897 or who were 45-64 years old. The information includes name, age, birth date, birth place, residence, employer, contact, and physical description.

1901 & 1906 Canada Census

Ancestry.com is already home to the first and only fully indexed 1911 Census of Canada. These recent additions add 6 million new names in the 1901 Census of Canada and the 1906 Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

300 Titles to Online Database Collection

The scanned books cover the topics of vital records, immigration, military, histories, biographies, and more from the early 1600s to the 1900s.

WMGS Officers for 2006-2007

WMGS officers for 2006-2007 elected at the May meeting:

President:	Nancy Shrader (2nd Year)
Vice-President:	Bonnie Schuster (2nd year)
Secretary:	Sidney Reynolds (1st Year)
Treasurer:	Marcia Porter (2nd Year)

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Thurs. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM & 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Sat. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Upcoming Closures :

Sep 30th — General Conference

Nov 23-25th — Thanksgiving

Dec 11 - Jan 1 — Christmas

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Code" with help for untangling relationships, and "Musings and Gleanings from the World of Genealogy" with stories of tabloid journalism, the 1880 census, and dime stores. Find out about *Mindmapping* in "The Magic of Mindmapping." From this article "Mindmapping is a technique where you determine a focus and as you think of the focus, you capture the thoughts that pop into your mind."

INTERNET GENEALOGY, Sept. 2006. This is a great issue for **Irish Genealogy**—"25 Vital Websites For Irish Genealogy", "British and Irish Military Records and Memorials", and "Irish History Online." Other articles include "California VitalSearch" and "Research at Home: Library Catalogs Online." You can **download a special free, 64 page issue of Internet Genealogy** in .pdf format from their website at www.Internet-genealogy.com.

JEFFERSON COUNTY GENEALOGY NEWS,

P.O. Box 1094, Boulder, MT 59632, June 2006.

NGS NEWSMAGAZINE, July/Aug/Sept 2006. This issue features "Finding Your Coal Miner Ancestors", "Transcribing and Abstracting", and "Preparing for Disasters."

NGS QUARTERLY, June 2006. A powerful census searching technique is described in

"Job Davidson...: Using Occupation and Birthplace as Census Finding Aids."

TALES & TRAILS, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, % The Dalles Public Library, 722 Court St., The Dalles, OR 97058-2270, July 2006. The *Remember When* features the stories of two Oregon pioneer women, Mary Pigott of County Cork, Ireland, and Helen Atterbury Jackson.

TREASURE STATE LINES, Great Falls Genealogy Society, High Plains Heritage Center, 422 2nd St. South, Great Falls, MT 59405-1816, July 2006. This issue continues the articles "Roll of Citizens of Cascade County Subject to Military Duty—1896, Surnames N—O" and "Campaigning In the Philippines."

Bits & Bytes



North Dakota State University

<http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/bio&genealogy/index.html>

Links to the following databases

Databases: Statewide

North Dakota Biography Index

North Dakota Naturalizations

Dakota Territory 1885 Census

Fargo *Forum* Obituaries

Databases: Cass County, N.D.

Marriage Licenses, 1870s-1944

Probate Records, 1876-1944

Divorce Records, 1870s-1942

Links: Databases & Indexes

North Dakota Public Death Index

Land Patent Database Land Patent Index

Stories in Stone

Watch for Information about the "Stories in Stone" presentation at the Missoula City Cemetery the last weekend in October. This is when Missoula characters from the past are brought to life by local residents and tell us about their life and times.

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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-mebers.

DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR 2006-2207 .
Please use the enclosed form for renew-
als or new membership and please in-
clude or update phone #'s and e-mail ad-

SUBMISSIONS:

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

MSGs Conference

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. See registration form at:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mtmsg/>

Items Needed for Conference

We need donations of **door prizes** for our soci-
ety to bring to the conference. If you have any
small gifts or re-gifts that you could donate
please bring them to the meeting Tuesday or
call Nancy Shrader at 543-2886. We also need
genealogy book donations for the Book Frolic.