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Western Montana Genealogical Society

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WMGS 2007-2008 PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

See Below

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007

"Writing a Family History Book" - Carma Gilligan, a self-published author, will give a program on writing your own family history book. Her computer experience is with Word and Family Tree Maker. She will give pointers on assembling your research into a book and will bring examples of her several different books.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2008

"MOCCASIN Joe" - Susan

SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 MEETING

"THE MONTANA ROOM AND GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN THE MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY" - After the business meeting in the large downstairs meeting room, Paulette Parpart, librarian and genealogist, will give a tour of the Montana Room. Its resources include newspaper and

Reneau will speak about a fascinating Old West cavalry officer, Moccasin Joe, who led wagon trains, conducted Indian negotiations, and enjoyed women—and recorded it all in a diary between 1872-1877.

TUESDAY, March 11, 2008

"BRICK WALL DISCUSSION"
This will be our annual problem solving session.

TUESDAY, May 13, 2008

"Jamestown, Virginia 2007" - Peggy Harris will talk about her trip to the recent celebration of America's 400th Anniversary in Jamestown, Virginia.

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cemetery indexes, microform files and on-line databases. The library now has many more genealogical materials that check-out and she will show where they are shelved. There will be time to browse this section of the library and possibly check out the new Ancestry.com subscription.

In The Mail



BEAVER HEAD HUNTERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 15 S. Montana Ave., Dillon, MT 59725; www.rootsweb.com/~mtbeaver, June 2007. Listing of Beaver Head Hunters Library Collection.

BIG SKY ROUNDUP, Montana State Genealogical Society, % Terry Atwood, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59602; www.rootsweb.com/~mtmsgs, June 2007. See info on www.findagrave.com, a site with 13 million records in over 200,000 cemeteries on-line.

FADED GENES, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604; www.rootsweb.com/~mtlcgs/index.htm, June 2007. "Vital Records Taken From *The Mountaineer*" continued from Dec. 2006 Issue. **Naturalization Database Project**—Declarations of Intention, Acts of Naturalization, and Petition and Record for Naturalization photographed at the {Lewis & Clark County} courthouse attic will be computerized into a database at the library. Records are from 1866-1929; some are indexes only and others have Record numbers and dates. Records from 1939-1941 will be added to the master index.

FAMILY CHRONICLE, August 2007. In "All the Kings Men" Donna Potter Phillips shares the experience of Loyalists during the American Revolution. Also see "Finding Your Elusive Eastern European Ancestors: 10 Myths [Busted]," "After Disaster Strikes the Courthouse" for dealing with damaged or missing records, "Don't Forget Those Collateral Lines" and "Family Migrations: Journey to the New World" for info on how to research and record your family's immigration story.

October 2007. Articles on religious records in newspapers, Salvation Army records, and Catholic Church records; "Death Records" with 23 places to find death records; "Legacy of German Survivors of the US Civil War" tells how young German men were lured to this country to act as substitutes for US citizens drafted in the US Civil War; "A Bird's Eye View

of Genealogy: Aerial Photography" tell how to find aerial photos of your ancestors home towns.

GEN-BUG NEWS, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, % Parmley Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings MT 59101, July 2007. **"Changes Coming?"** An excerpt from this article ... "the LDS Church is digitizing their records in its own Granite Vault...Indexing them is in progress....At our May 19th, 2007 PAF meeting Richard Davis presented a program on what's happening as technology digitizes the entire collection of more than 2.3 million rolls of microfilm. (This is estimated as taking 6 years.) The old Family Search will be kept and a 2nd site will begin called, "New Family Search" (NFS). After a couple of years of testing using LDS member records to get all the "bugs" out, this new system will become available to others. You can choose to put your data on-line ...Living persons' records will be excised. To get ready you'll need to scan your documents and put them in Resources in your PAF program ...When fully functional, any researcher will be able to pull up your document and see what your document says."

GENEALOGICAL HELPER, July/Aug 2007. "Statewide Names List of the Civil War Era" continues with Louisiana-Michigan, WWII German Research help in Germanic Research Questions, and "Naturalization Made Simple" by Donna Potter Phillips.

Sept/Oct 2007. Help expand your European research with "Beyond Parish Records," and get help with military records in "German Genealogy—Using German Military Records" Using the Records From the 'Old Soldiers' Homes," and "Taking Charge of Online Military Sources."

INTERNET GENEALOGY, July 2007. See articles on the Immigrant Servants Database [address in Bits& Bytes], Jewish genealogy, US Department of Veterans Affairs Gravesite Locator, British Records Online, and FamilySearch Labs—where you can help test the future of FamilySearch. I especially like the

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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 - 12:00 PM **NEW HOURS**

Missoula Public Library—New Books

Getting Started In Genealogy Online,

929.1072 DOLLARH. Written by William Dollarhide, this 64 page book is designed as a beginner's guide but "is a handy resource for the experienced genealogist, providing in one convenient place the names and web addresses of all essential record repositories."

Germanic Genealogy, A Guide To Worldwide Sources And Migration Patterns,

929.1072 BRANDT, 3rd ed.

Beginning Guide To Germanic Genealogy,

929.1072 EDWARDS.

STATE CONFERENCE SPEAKER CHANGE

After the State Conference flyer was made there was a speaker change. The planned speaker, Sandra Luebking, will not be able to speak as she was recently diagnosed with cancer. Her replacement will be Laura G. Prescott of New Hampshire, a national speaker, who will speak on the same topics.

[Info from Pat Darling, Beaver Head Hunters, June 2007]

Bits & Bytes



U.S. County Land Ownership Atlases, c. 1864-1918 [Reference and Finding Aids, Ancestry.com]

<http://content.ancestry.com/iexec/?htx=List&dbid=1127&offerid=0%3a7858%3a0>

About U.S. County Land Ownership Atlases, c. 1864-1918

This database contains approximately 1,200 U.S. county land ownership atlases from the Library of Congress' Geography and Maps division, covering the approximate years 1864-1918. Some photos of county officers, land owners, and buildings or homes are also included.

The Canadian County Atlas Digital Project

<http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/projectoverview.html>

Begun in July 1998, the County Atlas pilot project initially encompassed ten atlases. Two subsequent Phases allowed the completion of the Ontario map, ultimately totaling forty-three atlases. The County Atlas Digital Project is a searchable database of the property owners' names which appear on the township maps in the county atlases. Township maps, portraits and properties have been scanned, with links from the property owners' names in the database. (Covers Canadian Maritime Provinces, Ontario, and Quebec only) The database is searchable by county and by land owner's surname.

If you click on the tab "What's New" you can find:

DCP Order Form. The form has been created to provide users with convenient access to high-resolution reproductions of many of our online images. For a small fee, the order form allows interested users the opportunity to obtain high-resolution copies of all maps and pic-

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tures used in the County Atlas site.

NEHGS eNews—is archives at [http://www.newenglandancestors.org/education/articles/NEXUS eNews/enews homepage.asp](http://www.newenglandancestors.org/education/articles/NEXUS_eNews/enews_homepage.asp)

This site will bring you to the latest issue of their eNews. You can click on the Online Genealogist in the Table of Contents to see his latest reply, browse earlier eNews by year, then date, or subscribe to the eNews which is FREE.

Immigrant Servants Database—<http://www.immigrantservants.com>

This is a project that aims to identify the more than 75% of colonists who settled south of New England who financed their voyage to the New World as indentured servants, convict servants, or as redemptioners between 1607-1820.

FamilySearch Labs—<http://labs.familysearch.org>

US Department of Veterans Affairs Grave-sire Locator—http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1

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pedigree view available here if you give them a link to your GEDCOM file. [address in Bits & Bytes]. Beyond the Basics of FamilySearch.org "will help you uncover the depth of treasures that lie a little further in."

September 2007 . "Stars and Bars: A Civil War Research Project" looks for answers to a Confederate Family query; "An Interview With David Allen Lambert" the NEHGS' "Online Genealogist." He assists members with research suggestions via e-mail (or phone) but this is not the same as the NEHGS Research Service which

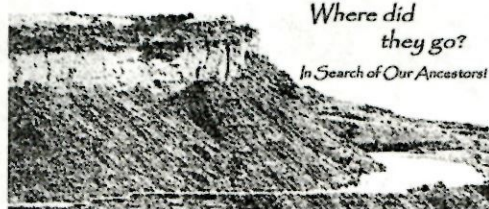
conducts research for a fee. The NEHGS eNews features a question sent to the Online Genealogist along with his comprehensive reply. [See Bits & Bytes for NEHGS eNews http address.] "Top Tech Toys For Genealogists" is great if you need some info on some really neat, helpful gadgets for genealogy. Also, don't miss "Getting The Most Out Of Google's Tools" , "Online Local Histories: Family History At Your Fingertips," and "Unexpected Bonuses in Online Newspapers."

NGS NEWSMAGAZINE July/Sept 2007. See "Where to Start When You Inherit Genealogy," and "Rollin' Down the River" and "Navigating the World of US River-Map Research" for info on how your ancestors may have used our inland waterways for transportation in search of new lands. "Canadian Border Immigration Records, 1895-1950's" - Part 1 introduces the US records that document US- Canada land border crossings. Part 2 (to come) will examine the process by which the records were created and work through some case studies.

NGS QUARTERLY , June 2007. "Using Cluster Methodology to Backtrack an Ancestor..." will show how broadening your research to include a 'cluster' of migrating families can lead to convincing evidence of birthplace and parents. "Reality Behind the Legends: " shows how research proceeding from the known to the unknown can verify—or disprove—undocumented stories.

TALES & TRAILS, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, % The Dalles Public Library, 722 Court St., The Dalles, OR 97058-2270, July 2007. "A Bank's Historian Shakes Money From Family Trees" is an amusing story of how the Wells Fargo Bank is using an historian/genealogist, Dr. Andy Anderson, to entice new, wealth customers to its bank by inviting them to family-heritage gatherings and then presenting them with interesting information about their families .

The Search for Our Ancestors Takes Us Down Many Different Paths ...



Montana State Genealogical Society
18th Annual Conference
Billings, Montana October 5 & 6, 2007

Make Plans Now to Make
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October 5 & 6, 2007
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Digital Genealogy
Turning Internet Databases Into Real Sources
Tracing Those Who Lived in Cities (Big & Small)
The Story Behind the Bozeman Trail
Treasures Within Academic Archives
Migration Patterns Into The Central States
Researching at the BLM
What NARA Offers Genealogists
How to Turn a Clue Into A Usable Source

Timelines: Placing Your Heritage in Historical
Perspective
Tracing Native American Ancestors
Beginning At A Black Oak (A Lesson in Platting)
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Banquet Friday Evening! History is the theme as we revisit pieces of
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**All this and more for only \$42.50 for the sessions
or \$79.00 for the sessions and all 3 meals!**

Optional Bus Tour of Boothill, Calvary, Beth Aaron & Mountview Cemeteries on Thursday
afternoon, October 4th (\$20.00 additional fee)

**Watch your mailbox in the next few weeks
for complete details and registration packet.**

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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 2007-2008 YEAR if you have an 07 in address label after your name (08 is paid.)** Please use the enclosed form to submit your dues and information for the new WMGS year which begins from Sept. 2007.

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

Oct. 5-6, 2007 "Where Did They Go? In Search of Our Ancestors!" Montana State Genealogy Conference, Billings, MT. The keynote speaker will be Laura G. Prescott of New Hampshire, a national speaker (who replaces Sandra Luebking). The theme is "Where Did They Go?" and some talks will be on Scotch-Irish, Land Records, Migration Routes, and the National Archives in Denver.

For a full brochure and registration form go to :

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mtmsgsl>

and follow the link at the bottom of the page to the 18th Annual Conference. **Registrations must be postmarked by Sept. 24th to insure meal availability.**