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## Something Old, Something New for the New Year

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Well, 2008 is here and it's time to take stock of what we've accomplished in the past year and what we want to achieve in the new year. Get out the family history, look it over and be sure you've carefully recorded and cited any information that you found last year. Then take note of any missing information and start making your list of people and areas that you will research this year. Look especially for any gaps in the more recent generations. There have been many databases added this year that can provide information for persons born in the late 19th and early 20th centuries such as the WWI and WWII Draft Registration Records, and U.S. Passport Re-

cords [all available on Ancestry.com].

**Podcasts** are definitely on my list of new things to try in 2008. I got my husband, and my 4 and 7 year old grand – daughters MP3 players for Christmas and thought that that would be the last thing I would want. Wrong-g-g! After checking out all the info on podcasts (audio subscriptions) I find myself wanting one of these high tech gizmos that all the kids are crazy about so that I can listen to some of the genealogy podcasts at the gym, traveling, or just relaxing with my favorite beverage. I will be experimenting with these and will let you know how I make out in the next newsletter.

## JANUARY 8, 2008 MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY LARGE DOWN-STAIRS MEETING ROOM. Program: "Adventures of Moccasin Joe". Susan Reneau, author of 21 books, will tell us about one of her more provocative biographies. Sergeant George Howard, a.k.a. "Moccasin Joe," served in the

2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry of the United States Army in Montana and other western territories from 1872 to 1877. During those years of guiding settler wagon trains across the prairie, he kept a careful diary of his experiences--with the settlers, with the Cheyenne and Sioux tribes, and with his many adventures with women friends.

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## In The Mail



### **CENTRAL MONTANA WAGON TRAILS**

Lewiston Genealogy Society, 701 W. Main St., Lewiston, Mt 59457-2501; November 2007. See "The Importance of Knowing Your Family Health History and How to Compile it" part 2. Author DR. Joan Mitchell says "Interviewing our families about physical and mental issues can create some silence on their part. ..be patient, understanding, and persistent..Collect not only from the horizontal level of our family tree but also the vertical level."

**FADED GENES**, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604, [www.rootsweb.com/~mtlcgs/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mtlcgs/index.htm), December 2007. "Vital Records Taken From *The Mountaineer*, Published at Marysville, Lewis & Clark Co., Montana is continued. "Juliana's Family History Resolutions" is an excellent reminder of the things we all know we should be doing but tend to put on the back burner, especially **Resolve to Follow up on Resolutions!**

**FAMILY CHRONICLE**, February 2008. See "County Court Day and the Records They Left Us," "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" for a look at how divorce records may help your research, "English Parish Marriage Registers," "Discovering a 200-Year-Old Family Secret," "The Great Migration: Setting Sail for New England," and "What Was In Their Wallets?" for a look at what your ancestor's money was worth. Also "Ancestral Clues to Better Health" tells you where to find information on your family health history.

**INTERNET GENEALOGY**, January 2008. "This issue contains an article by George Morgan on "The Hidden Web: Beneath the Surface" which shows you how to find information you didn't even know existed. Also see "Old Soldiers Homes," "Unearthing Those Hidden Gems on Ancestry.com," "Lineage, First Family and Pioneer Societies On the Web," "American Indian Ancestry: An Introduction," and "Wills and Administrations In Britain and Ireland."

**NGS NEWSMAGAZINE**, Oct-Dec 2007. See articles on Tax Records, African-American research, substitutes for the 1890 census, Confed-

erate civilian records, and The beginning genealogy column focuses on oral history and interviewing. Austrian military records.

## FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

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Thurs. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM & 7:00 - 9:00 PM\*

Sat. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM\*

\*NOTE: Library closes 1/2 hour earlier on Tue. & Thur. evenings, 1 hour earlier on Saturday.

We are learning to use the new programs available on FamilySearch at the Family History Library. Footnote.com has really done a great job of scanning the Revolutionary War Pension Records and these are a great bargain (free) over the cost of obtaining them from the National Archives.

## Fascinating Epitaphs

On The Grave Of Ezekial Aikle In East Dalhousie Cemetery , Nova Scotia :  
*Here Lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102. Only The Good Die Young.*

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In A Ribbesford, England , Cemetery:  
Anna Wallace

*The Children Of Israel Wanted Bread, And The Lord Sent Them Manna.*

*Clark Wallace Wanted A Wife, And The Devil Sent Him Anna.*

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In A Ruidoso, New Mexico , Cemetery:  
*Here Lies Johnny Yeast... Pardon Me For Not Rising.*

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In A Uniontown, Pennsylvania , Cemetery:  
*Here Lies The Body Of Jonathan Blake. Stepped On The Gas Instead Of The Brake.*



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## WE ARE THE CHOSEN

We Are The Chosen. In Each Family There Is One Who Seems Called To Find The Ancestors. To Put Flesh On Their Bones And Make Them Live Again, To Tell The Family Story And To Feel That Somehow They Know And Approve. Doing Genealogy Is Not A Cold Gathering Of Facts But, Instead, Breathing Life Into All Who Has Gone Before. We Are The Story-tellers Of The Tribe. All Tribes Have One. Our Genes Have Called Us, As It Were. Those Who Have Gone Before Cry Out To Us: Tell Our Story. So, We Do.

In Finding Them, We Somehow Find Ourselves. How Many Graves Have I Stood Before Now And Cried? I Have Lost Count. How Many Times Have I Told The Ancestors, "You Have A Wonderful Family; You Would Be Proud Of Us?" How Many Times Have I Walked Up To A Grave And Felt Somehow There Was Love There For Me? I Cannot Say.

It Goes Beyond Just Documenting Facts. It Goes To Who I Am And Why I Do The Things I Do. It Goes To Seeing A Cemetery

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About To Be Lost Forever To Weeds  
And Indifference And Saying I Can't Let This  
Happen. The Bones Here Are  
"Bones Of My Bone" And "Flesh Of My Flesh."  
It Goes To Doing Something  
About It. It Goes To Pride In What Our Ancestors  
Were Able To Accomplish  
And How They Contributed To What We Are  
Today. It Goes To Respecting Their  
Hardships And Losses, Their Never Giving In Or  
Giving Up, Their Resoluteness  
To Go On And Build A Life For Their Family.

It Goes To Deep Pride That The Fathers Fought  
And Some Died To Make And Keep  
Us A Nation. It Goes To A Deep And Immense  
Understanding That They Were  
Doing It For Us. It Is Of Equal Pride And Love  
That Our Mothers Struggled  
To Give Us Birth; Without Them We Could Not  
Exist, And So We Love Each One,

### As Far Back As We Can Reach.

That We Might Be Born Who We Are; That We  
Might Remember Them; So We Do.  
With Love And Caring And Scribing Each Fact  
Of Their Existence, Because We  
Are They And They Are The Sum Of Whom We  
Are. So, As A Scribe Called, I Tell  
The Story Of My Family. It Is Up To That One  
Called In The Next Generation  
To Answer The Call And Take My Place In The  
Long Line Of Family  
Storytellers. That Is Why I Do My Family Genealogy,  
And That Is What Calls  
Those Young And Old To Step Up And Restore  
The Memory Or Greet Those Whom We  
Had Never Known Before.

**Author: Della M. Cumming Ca 1943**

**Sent to me by Theresa Woomer**



## New at Ancestry.com [Missoula Public Library]

### U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925

This database contains U.S. passport applications from 1795-1925, including emergency passport applications (passports issued abroad) from 1877-1907. It also contains passport application registers for 1810-1817, 1830-1831, and 1834-1906. Passport applications often include information regarding an applicant's family status, date and place of birth, residence, naturalization (if foreign-born), and other biographical information. Reasons for travel are often found on early applications as well as names of children traveling with a parent. Twentieth-century applications often include marriage and family information as well as dates, places, and names of ships used for travel. Pictures were required on applications after 1910.

### Historic Land Ownership and Reference Atlases, 1507-2000

This database is a collection of maps and atlases detailing land areas that comprise the present-day United States and Canada, as well as various other parts of the world. It contains a variety of maps and atlases created for different scopes and purposes, including land ownership atlases and bird's-eye view maps. Land ownership atlases usually show the names of contemporary owners or occupants of land and structures. Some of the maps depict countries and wider geographical areas, while others depict counties, cities, towns, and smaller geographical areas.

### Ancestry Press Publishing

Ancestry.com has added a free, easy to use publishing tool call Ancestry Press. It allows you to :

- ⇒ Create beautiful pages or family tree posters that showcase your documents, photos and charts. You can print your pages at home or order professionally printed, coffee-table quality books.
- ⇒ Display up to 6 generations of your family tree in a poster suitable for framing.

## Bits & Bytes

**Free Public Records Directory**—"we provide links to county and state level public records for every state and county in the United States."

<http://publicrecords.onlinesearches.com/>

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**Prison Records Search**—here you can search for present records or genealogical prison records. Under Montana, Executions, you'll find a "List of Madison County Outlaws & Vigilantes," "Montana Vigilantes," and "Vigilantes of Montana —Secret Trials & Midnight Hangings 1863-1864."

[http://www.ancestorhunt.com/prison\\_search.htm](http://www.ancestorhunt.com/prison_search.htm)

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**Irish Roots Café** — This is a really fun home page where you can move your mouse over various icons to discover facts about Irish culture and follow the links to see who is researching Irish Family names, find podcasts, Irish message boards and blogs.

<http://www.irishroots.com/>

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First , you need to upload a family tree to Ancestry.com. Then you begin a project to create a book or poster. They have a number of different colored background pages, as well as military and immigration, pages, and many different embellishments like those used in scrapbooking. You can print the pages at home or have your book or poster printed by Ancestry Publishing on high quality papers.

Books are listed at \$39.95 for a 24 page book and \$.39 for each additional page. Their special introductory offer is \$19.95 for the 24 page book. For a limited time, order a family tree poster for an introductory price of just \$19.95 for a 24X18-inch poster or \$39.95 for a 24X36-inch poster. They offer a 10% discount for orders of 2=9 copies.



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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 were due in September for the 2007-2008 year. If you have still have an 07 in address label after your name (08 is paid) this will be your last Newsletter if dues are not received by January 1, 2008.** Please use the form from the September Newsletter or the form available on our website (address above) to submit your dues and information for the new WMGS year which began Sept. 2007.

The Surname list will be printed in the January Newsletter and will also be available online on the WMGS website.

## **Upcoming Conferences**

### **National Genealogical Society—Conference in the States**

Kansas City, Missouri 14-17 May 2008. "Show Me the Way to Our Nation's Records," the annual NGS Conference in the States.

**[www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)**

## **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.