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Family Search Labs Records Search

Last year the Family Search Indexing project was begun and thousands of volunteers downloaded the software and began indexing records at home. Now a number of completed projects and some browsable images have been placed online at the Family Search Labs site: <http://www.familysearchlabs.org>. under Current Projects, Records Search. The first time you click on Records Search you will be asked to register with your e-mail address and a password., but the site is free. There is a notice that the site is still in "an early access pilot" and may be down occasionally.

Record Search helps you identify your ancestors by letting you search millions of indexed records and by letting you browse images of records that have not yet been indexed

You can search for your ancestors in these ways:

- Search All Indexed Collections
- Search an Individual Indexed Collection
- Browse Images in a Collection: Use to browse images of records that have not yet been indexed.

You can search the Indexed

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MARCH 11, 2008 MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY LARGE DOWN-STAIRS MEETING ROOM .

Program: Brick Wall Night. Members and visitors are invited to join our third annual Brick Wall Meeting. Bring your family research problems that have hit a seeming impasse. Present the situation to the

group: what you are specifically looking for, the avenues you have tried, and how you are stymied. Others may be able to offer suggestions that you've not yet considered for a way to go over, around or through your Brick Wall. In keeping with the helpful sharing that genealogists thrive on, all family researchers of any level of experience are welcomed to this give-and-take discussion.

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In The Mail



FAMILY CHRONICLE, April 2008. This issue includes articles "Adding DNA to Your Family Tree" on the benefits of using DNA testing in your family history research, "Alternative Sources: The Other Passenger Lists" which describes lesser known sources of passenger information, "15 Ways to Find a Maiden Name," and "The Joy (and Challenges) of Small Town Newspapers." There are also articles on Indentured Servitude, and on using Mark and Brand Records in genealogy. This issue also includes a 24 page preview of a new magazine "Discovering Family History" which is described as a 'Beginner's Magazine' and 'Guide to Starting Your Genealogy.'

INTERNET GENEALOGY, March 2008. This issue features an article on "Free Genealogy Software" which shows you how to find 8 free genealogy programs. There are also articles on Western European Research, French Ancestry Online, Huguenot Ancestors, Passenger and Naturalization Records, using your local library in genealogy, and a look into Cyndi's list by Cyndi Thompson.

NGS NEWSMAGAZINE, January-March 2007. The featured articles include "Finding Wives and Daughters Names," "Using Family Possessions to Add Interest to Genealogical Research," "The WPA Era," "Newspapers, Technology and What They Mean to a Genealogist," "Extracting Details From Italian Civil Records," "You Are Four Steps From Your Polish Village," and "Homestead Records: Cancelled, Contested and Relinquished Records."

NGS QUARTERLY, December 2007. This issue includes the winner of the 2007 Family History Writing Contest and several in depth articles on how to identify ancestors in the existing records.

EVERTON'S GENEALOGICAL HELPER, January / February 2008. Features include "Sister Act" on searching for female ancestors and siblings, "Canadian Ancestors" on Canada's new online databases, "The Civil War Era," "Germanic Research," "Computer Helper" on

how to preserve electronic data, and "Net Family History" which includes the best digital newspaper sites and the USGS map tools now found on the Internet.

MARCH / APRIL 2008. Features include "How to Achieve Genealogical Research Trip Success," "Interview the Living Before It's Too Late," "Unraveling a Gordian Knot" - case study in how to sort out families where everyone has the same name, "The Civil War Era" - part 9, statewide name list for PA and SD, "Germanic Research" - a German timeline, "Military Research" - find military cemeteries and burials, and "Net Family History" - the best online newspaper sites on the Internet.

⇒ Special Offer From Everton Publishers

Society members are being offered a 6 issue (1 year) subscription for \$19.95. See form in e-mail copy of Newsletter or at next meeting.

BIG SKY ROUNDUP, %Terry Atwood, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59602; <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mtmsgs>. Board minutes and treasurer's report Jan 1, 2008.

TALES & TRAILS, January 2008, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, The Dalles, OR 97058; <http://community.gorge.net/genealogy>. If you're an Oregonian, the sesquicentennial "Oregon Stories" project has put out an invitation to contribute your favorite stories about life in Oregon. Go to www.oregon150.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/toolkit.pdf to find a tool kit of ideas to help guide you in the process of setting down your Oregon Story (or any story.) See "Commemorative Motifs, Mourning Images, and Memento Mori—The Symbols" for a look at what those images on gravestones mean.

THE GENBUG NEWS, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, % Parmly Billings Library, 510 North Broadway, Billings, MT 59101; www.rootsweb.com/~myygf. A Chapter of the Germans From Russia Heritage Society is starting in Montana. The first meeting took place in Great Falls in September 2007. The GRH Society will be having their 2008 International Convention in Casper, WY. For more information on the GRHS go to www.grhs.com.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

COMPUTER RESERVATIONS

(1 hour session)

Call 543-6148

FHL HOURS

Mon. CLOSED

Tue. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM & 7:00 - 9:00 PM*

Wed. CLOSED

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.
& Thurs. evenings, 1 hour earlier on Saturday .

FHL Closures for 2008

April 5th _____ General Conference

May 17th _____ Temple Stake Day

May 24th _____ Memorial Day

July 24th _____ Pioneer Day

Aug 5-9 _____ Fair Week

Aug 30th _____ Labor Day

Oct 4th _____ General Conference

Nov 27-29 _____ Thanksgiving

Dec 9th- Jan 3rd _____ Christmas

Remember that you can only access the new Family History Library partner databases (Footnote.com, WorldVitalRecords.com, etc...) for free at the Family History Library. These databases are adding new records all the time. You can check and see what databases they have by going to their web sites at home, then come in to the FHL to look at the actual records by clicking on the **Family History Center Services** icon on the library's computers. [Last Tuesday, Carma Gilligan printed out a 38 page Revolutionary War Pension File which would have cost \$50 from NARA for less than \$2.00) You can also save these files to your flash drive or CD and print them out at home. We have several more computers on the Internet now so you can likely stay for more than an hour and probably don't need a reservation (but it's good to call ahead just in case—we have had an increase in visitors to the FHL the last few weeks!)

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Searching for FLEMISH (BELGIAN) Ancestors, 929.3493 GOETHAL, by Jozef J. Goethals

Locating Free African American Ancestors, A Beginner's Guide, 929.1072 DAY by Aaron L. Day

Our Yesterdays In the North Boulder Valley, GENCOLL R 978.667 BOULDER

Fascinating Epitaphs

In A Silver City, Nevada, Cemetery:

Here Lays The Kid.

We Planted Him Raw.

He Was Quick On The Trigger

But Slow On The Draw.

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A Lawyer's Epitaph In England :

Sir John Strange.

Here Lies An Honest Lawyer,

And That Is Strange.

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Anna Hopewell's Grave In Enosburg Falls , Vermont :

Here Lies The Body Of Our Anna,

Done To Death By A Banana.

It Wasn't The Fruit That Laid Her Low,

But The Skin Of The Thing That Made Her Go.

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On A Grave From The 1880s In Nantucket , Massachusetts :

Under The Sod And Under The Trees,

Lies The Body Of Jonathan Pease.

He Is Not Here, There's Only The Pod.

Pease Shelled Out And Went To God. .

***** By-Laws Review *****

Please print out and review the copy of our current by-laws that was e-mailed to you. You can e-mail comments or suggested changes to Peggy Harris (oldpond@aol.com) before March 11th. We will discuss suggested changes at the March 11th meeting.

Collections :

Census Lists

- 1850 US Census (Mortality Schedules)
- 1850 US Census
- 1850 US Census (Slave Schedules)
- 1880 US Census
- 1895 Argentina Census
- 1900 US Census

Court Records

- Freedman Bank Records 1865-1874
- England, Cheshire Register of Electors 1842-1900
- Maryland, Cecil County Probate Estate Files 1851-1940

Migration

- New York Passenger Arrival Lists (Ellis Island) 1892-1924

Vital Records

- Freedman's Bureau Virginia Marriages ca. 1815-1866
- Cheshire, Church of England Christening Records 1538-1907
- Cheshire, Church of England Marriage Records 1538-1907
- Cheshire, Church of England Burial Records 1538-1907
- Georgia Deaths 1914-1927
- Ontario Deaths 1869-1947
- Utah, Salt Lake City Death Records 1908-1949
- Ohio Deaths 1908-1953
- Utah Death Certificates 1904-1956
- Texas Death Index 1964-1998
- US Social Security Death Index

Browseable Images in a Collection :

Census

- 1850 US Census (Mortality Schedules)
- 1850 US Census
- 1850 US Census (Slave Schedules)
- 1900 US Census
- 1905 Wisconsin State Census
- 1930 Mexico Census

Court & Legal

- Maryland, Cecil County Probate Estate Files 1851-1940

Land & Probate

- Vermont Land Records, early to 1900

Military

- US World War II Draft Registration Cards 1942

Vitals Records

- Germany, Brandenburg & Posen Civil Transcripts of Parish Registers 1800-1874
- England, Diocese of Durham Bishop's Transcripts ca. 1700-1900
- Czech Republic, Litomerice Regional Archive Church Books 1552-1905
- France, Coutances Catholic Diocese 1802-1907
- Illinois, Diocese of Belleville Catholic Parish Registers 1729-1956
- Virginia, Fluvanna County Colbert Funeral Home Records 1929-1976

If you want to contribute to these indexing projects sign up at Family Search Indexing and see what records are being indexed. You can choose an area that interests you and work at your leisure at home.

New at Ancestry.com [Missoula Public Library]

California Voter Lists 1900-1968 The addition of 1945-1968 brings this collection to more than 30 million names of Californians who registered to vote.

North Carolina Marriages, 1741-1980 Marriage records from various NC counties.

North Carolina Death Collection, 1908-2004 This set includes images of the corresponding microfilm records up to 1967.

Missouri Births, 1805-1980 Records include child's name, gender, race, birth date, birth place, and name and age/birth date of child's father and mother.

Missouri State Census Collection, 1841-1881 Most Missouri state census have been lost and this collection is of the remainder, with an index and images. The 1876 section is the largest of about 1/5 of Missouri counties. The 1881 section is of land list assessment records.

African American Records Update Added 400,000+ new records.

Coming Soon!

• **North Carolina Vital Records, 1958-2004**
Over 7 million death, marriage and divorce records.

• **Missouri Vital Records, 1805-2000**
Many people funneled through Missouri on their way westward.

• **High School Yearbooks Collection Update**
Visit your grandma's high school dance - without a time machine.

• **Drouin Collection Index**
Our largest Canadian release yet!

• **Major Newspaper Collection Update**
Broader national coverage with new & improved search technology!

• Civil War Era Tax Assessment Records

To pay for the war, the Bureau of Internal Revenue came knocking.

Bits & Bytes



Legacy Charting — www.legacycharting.com

Millennia Corporation, the producer of Legacy Family Tree has made this announcement: "New family tree charting software now available for download. Create ancestor charts, descendant charts, mother's trees, father's trees, fan charts, hourglass charts, bow tie charts, and DNA charts. All genealogists are invited to take a free test drive of the newest wall chart software. Compatible with Family Tree Maker, Personal Ancestral File (PAF), Legacy Family Tree, Roots-Magic, and GEDCOM files, Legacy Charting takes publishing your family tree to a new level... This charting software will be included in the new Legacy Family Tree version 7, but this free, pre-release edition of Legacy Charting will be available for download until June 15, 2008 (and your **free edition will also expire on this date**)" You can see sample charts at www.legacycharting.com/samples.htm.

The charts can be printed with different colors, on different back grounds, with your graphics, and you can order quality charts printed on heavy papers from Legacy.

Free Genealogy Software Programs available for download to your computer:

Family Tree Legends, ver. 5—www.familytreelegends.com

Legacy Family Tree, ver.6 —(free Standard Edition) www.legacyfamilytree.com

Personal Ancestral File 5.2 (PAF) - www.familysearch.org

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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

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.