

# Western Montana Genealogical Society



## NEW LOOK & NEW RECORDS AT FamilySearch

The FamilySearch.org home page has a fresh new look with several new tabs. Across the top of the page you will find the following tabs: Home, Search Records, Index Records (allows you to become a volunteer indexer), Share (you records), Research Helps, Library (link to the FHL card catalog), and Help.

**Home Page**— check out the "Start Your Family History" box for help with *Getting Started, Research Guides, Forms, Maps, and other resources.*

**Search Records Tab** has some old & new features:

- **Advanced Search**—takes you to the familiar search page of the old FamilySearch page.
- **Record Search Pilot**—

takes you to a map which allows you to access the new databases being created by the volunteer indexers. Here you will find (among other items):  
....**Canada, Ontario Death Index**

### ....US Census Index & Images

1850 Census (78% complete)  
1860 Census (5% complete)  
1870 Census (55% complete)  
1880 Census (Index only)  
1900 Census (98% complete)  
....Various State Census  
....Various State B,M,D records  
....Various other local records  
....Mexico 1930 Census  
....**England & Wales Census Indexes**

....1841 & 1861 census indexes are available for free searches. These were made available through a cooperation

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## SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Sep. 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY LARGE DOWN-STAIRS MEETING ROOM.

### Program: Ancestry.com Library Edition

Judith Field will give a program

focused on using Ancestry.com Library Edition which is available at the Missoula Public Library. We will review the parts of Ancestry.com available in the Library Edition, look at the various search methods, and show a few tips on name entry when doing searches.

## SEPTEMBER 2008

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## IN THE MAIL



**BIG SKY ROUNDUP**, Montana State Genealogical Society, % Terry Atwood, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59602; [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mtmsg](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mtmsg), July 2008. Information for *First Families & Early Settlers of Montana, Vol. III* is being sought. Go to the website for information on eligibility and application form for a First Settlers Certificate.

**FADED GENES**, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604; [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mtlcgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mtlcgs/), June 2008. The LCCGS website has the following online databases on their website:

- MT 1930 Census Index
- MT State Death Index
- L&C County Census Index 1870-1920
- L&C County Divorce Index 1866-1944
- L&C County Naturalization Records 1864-1941
- L&C County Cemetery Records

**EVERTON'S GENEALOGICAL HELPER**, July /August 2008. The final segment of "Statewide Name Lists of the Civil War Era, 1861-1869" concludes with VA—WY. *Net Family History* features "more US Digital Document Sites On The Internet."

**FAMILY CHRONICLE**, August 2008. See "10 Reasons to Look For Siblings," "Genealogy Via Fire Insurance Maps" along with many other articles and features on *Writing Your Family History*.

**INTERNET GENEALOGY**, July 2008. "The German Connection" shows you how to trace your German ancestors in 6 easy steps, plus obituaries, Quaker records and several articles on maps make this and info packed issue.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY GENEALOGY NEWS**, P.O. Box 1094, Boulder, MT 59632, June 2008. "This and That Found Online" contains a list of books on *Montana History Titles* taken from the MT genweb site.

**NGS QUARTERLY**, June 2008.

**TALES & TRAILS**, Columbia Gorge Genealogi-

cal Society, % The Dalles Public Library, 722 Court St., The Dalles, OR 97058-2270, July 2008. Check out **PhotoShop Express** at [www.photoshop.com](http://www.photoshop.com). This is a free online photo editing program which allows you to edit and share photos, and gives you 2 gigabytes of free photo storage. See the *On The Web* section for other photo programs.

**THE TREE BRANCH**, Dawson County Tree Branches Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1275, Glendive, MT 59330,

## FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

### COMPUTER RESERVATIONS

(1 hour session)

Call 543-6148

### FHL HOURS

Tue. CLOSED

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

Sat. CLOSED

### FHL Closures for 2008

Oct 4th ————— General Conference

Nov 27-29 ————— Thanksgiving

Dec 9th— Jan 3rd — Christmas

We have had word that the NewFamilySearch will be available at the Missoula Family History Library sometime in late October. Please look for the e-mail I forwarded about helping test this site.

## MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY - NEW BOOKS

**Genealogical Research In Ohio**, by Kip Sperry, 2nd ed. **GenColl R 971.1 SPERRY**

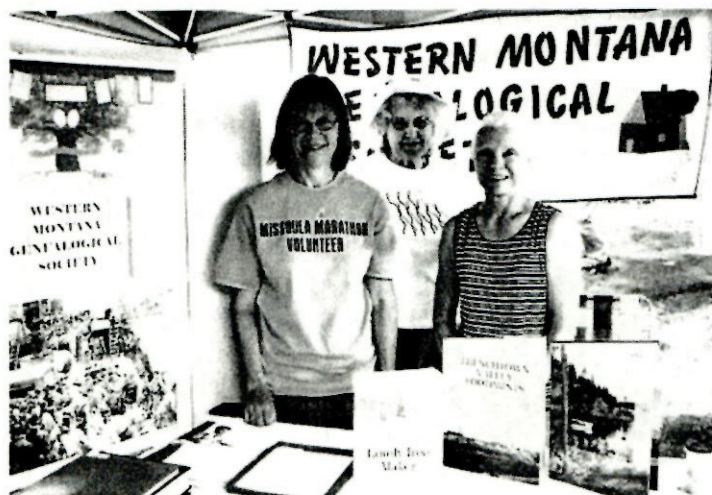
**Professional Genealogy, A Manual For Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers, and Librarians**, by Elizabeth Shawn Mills. **929.1 PROFESS**



## SUMMER FUN

### Thompson Falls Cemetery TRIP

WMGS members (right) gathered in Thompson Falls on Saturday, June 21st to walk the cemeteries and collect tombstone information to update our records. Standing: Judith Field, Tami Mitchell, Pat Culver, Peggy Harris, Sidney Reynolds, Bridget Wanderer, Nancy Shrader. Seated: Maurice Helterline, Paulette Parpart, Susan Doores.



### WMGS Table — 4th OF JULY

Nancy Shrader, Theresa Woomer, Judith Field (pictured above) along with Bridget Wanderer, Peggy Harris and Susan Doores worked the WMGS Table at the Fort Missoula 4th of July Celebration. Thanks to Nancy's organization we had a nice time and met lots of interesting people, many of whom signed up to receive our September newsletter.

### 2008 Volunteers of the Year

Accuracy. Being a "pest." Chortles. Commitment. Consistency. Curiosity. Data input. Endurance. Energy. Enthusiasm. Excitement. File cases. Files and more files. Giggling. History (mostly Montana). Indexing (just about anything that doesn't move!). Laughter. Look-ups. Love of family (just about anybody's). Meticulous editing. Microfilm. Neatness. Old newspapers. Organization. Recruiting. Research. Reprimands from the Reference Staff (for being disruptive in the Audra Browman Room). Shoeboxes.



(l. Blanche Tate; r. Carol Israel)

Storytelling (including train robberies, elopements, murders, and other interesting events). Tenaciousness. Training. And then there is the Filing ... and more filing ... and even more filing of index cards and bio-sheets.

Missoula Public Library's

local historical and genealogical collections have benefited for over twenty-five years because of these two Energizer Bunnies...because they keep GOING...AND GOING AND GOING so that the Missoula Public Library can help people find their roots and their Montana heritage.

This year, the Missoula Public Library's Volunteer of the Year Award is being given to a dynamic duo: Carol Israel and Blanche Tate.

Thank you for your time and commitment to this important project.

### MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY 2008 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR.

Blanche Tate and Carol Israel have been indexing the Missoulian and answering genealogical queries for years.

**Congratulations!**



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with FindMyPast.com and the actual images are available at FindMyPast for a fee if you use FamilySearch from your home, but are free if you come into the Family History Library and use FamilySearch there. All of the England & Wales Census from 1841-1901 will eventually be available.

- **Library Catalog**—FHL card catalog
- **Family History Archives**—takes you to a search page for the digital Family History Collection of the Harold B. Lee Library of BYU. This is a huge collection of fully indexed, downloadable Family Histories.
- **Web Sites**—has links to pages with information on various types of records.

#### Records Added to Pedigree Resource File

While checking out the new FamilySearch page I also discovered that a gedcom file of my ancestors that I had submitted back in October of 2007 had been added to the Pedigree Resource File. It's possible that many new gedcom files have now been added to the Pedigree Resource File which is searchable via the Search Records, Advanced Search Tab on FamilySearch.org. **NOTE:** The information from my gedcom file that was found on FamilySearch was not found in a search on NewFamilySearch so it looks like information is not being added to both sites at the same time. If you have access to both sites, you need to search both of them.

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

##### New 1900 Census Images

On July 21, 2008, Ancestry.com and FamilySearch announced that they will exchange records and resources. The first project will enhance the US Federal Census Collection (1790-1930) as Family Search is digitally converting master microfilm copies of the original censuses and will give these images to Ancestry.com. Ancestry.com will give FamilySearch

## Bits & Bytes



### Yesterday's Journey

A website posting names and information found in official documents for the County of Derbyshire, England. These documents include wills, coroner reports, arrest warrants, indentured records, delinquent fathers and more.  
<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~spire/Yesterday/index.htm>

*[Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter 30 Aug 2008 / Kings County Record 26 Aug 2008]*

### Western States Marriage Record Index

Most of the pre-1900 marriages are included in the index for Arizona, Idaho and Nevada. Many counties for those same states have been extracted into the 1930's and some, much later. A significant number of marriages from selected counties in California, western Colorado, Montana, Oregon, Utah, eastern Washington, and Wyoming are also included. Very early marriages (1700's) in New Mexico are currently being added...At this time, the index is not comprehensive for the time period and/or localities described.

<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/aboutWesternStates.cfm>

copies of its existing census indexes which will be merged with FamilySearch indexes creating enhanced indexes. All census images and indexes will be available on Ancestry.com for subscribers, and all indexes will be available on FamilySearch. As projects are completed, all census images will be available for free at NARA reading rooms and at the 4,500 Family History Centers. The improved 1900 census indexes and images are currently available on Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org (through SearchRecords, Record Search Pilot.)



# BUTTE . . . MINING CULTURAL HERITAGES



*FEATURING:*

## A BUS TOUR OF BUTTE'S ETHNIC NEIGHBORHOODS, ARCHITECTURE & CEMETERIES

*on Thursday, September 18th from 3-5:30 pm (additional charge will apply)*

**MICHAEL JOHN NEILL** - *A regular columnist for the Ancestry Daily News who conducts numerous genealogy workshops & seminars throughout the US each year presenting "Unnatural Process - Naturalization Records", "Researching Your European Origins Online", "An Introduction to Reading Non-English Handwriting" & "Seeing the Patterns: Organizing Your Information"*

**ELLEN CRAIN** - *The director of the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives since 1990 presenting "Researching in Butte-The Archives and Beyond" & "So You Have a Box of Papers"*

**CHRISTY LESKOVAR** - *The author of "One Night in a Bad Inn" (the lively true story of two families who endure and overcome scandal, war, murder, and mayhem on an eastern Montana homestead, in Butte, & on the battlefields of WW1) will discuss her book and "Using People Sources to Preserve & Write Your Family's Story"*

### **CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS: THE BUTTE WAR BONNET HOTEL**

Registration for just the Conference is only \$50.00  
Conference Registration PLUS 3 Optional Meals is only \$83.75

Sleeping Rooms, which include a full breakfast, are available at the special rate of \$72.00/night plus tax at the **Butte War Bonnet Hotel**, 2100 Cornell Avenue. Phone: 800-443-1806.  
Be sure to state you are with the Genealogical Society when making reservations.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY TO BE IN BUTTE SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

Watch your mailbox for the complete flyer & registration form or on our website:  
<http://www.rootsweb.com~mtmsg>

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301 East Main St.  
Missoula, MT 59802

## 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.

\*\*\*\*\* **NOTE:** Dues for the 2008-2009 year are due as of September 2008. Please use the membership form and remit dues ASAP. If you have an "09" on your address label your dues for the year have been paid.

## 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

### Montana State Genealogical Society Conference

Butte, War Bonnet Inn Sept 19th & 20th 2008.

Featured speakers are:

- Michael John Neill—columnist for the Ancestry Daily News
- Ellen Crain—Archivist of the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives
- Christy Leskovar—Author of "One Night In A Bad Inn"

**WMGS members should have received their flyer on the conference over the summer, and conference information and the registration form is available at the State Genealogy Website at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mtmsgsgs/>**