

Western Montana Genealogical Society



MISSOULA CITY CEMETERY RESOURCES

May 2009

The following information comes from the Missoula City Cemetery website : <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/cemetery/>

•The Missoula City Cemetery was established in 1884 by the Missoula Valley Improvement Company, an incorporation owned by Dr Isadore Cohn, William H H Dickinson, Frank Woody, and Thomas C Marshall. The original land consisted of 16 acres, located three miles northwest of the city's center, and was a triangular section purchased from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$168. The Missoula Valley Improvement Company commissioned H V Wheeler to survey

and plat the cemetery. The official plat was filed in Missoula County on January 21, 1885. The corporation owned and managed the cemetery for many years until Frank Worden and AB Hammond later became owners..

•March 5, 1901 – The cemetery land was offered and sold to the City of Missoula for one dollar. The City Council passed Ordinance #109 of acceptance and appointed the first Board of Trustees to manage the care of the cemetery..

•1903 – Northern Pacific Railway purchased two whole blocks consisting of nearly 400

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May 12, 2009 MEETING

The May 12th meeting at the Missoula Public Library, large meeting room, 7:00 pm.

Program: DNA TESTING FOR GENEALOGY

What can be learned from Y-DNA and mtDNA testing? How do the results relate to genealogical research? What tests should you order? These and other questions about DNA

testing will be answered by Brad Leonard, a local genealogical researcher who's compiled a genealogical database of 33,000 Leonards and is co-administrator of the Leonard surname in the Y-DNA Project. Come and learn about the perplexities of DNA testing from a non-scientist who has dealt with a wide variety of results, both expected and not expected.

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In The Mail



Big Sky Roundup, April 2009. History of Livingston's Churches, compiled By Mardi Whitmore. Montana State Genealogical Society, www.rootsweb.com/~mtmsgsgs

FAMILY CHRONICLE, May/June 2009.

In "The Future of Genealogy" top experts in the field respond to the questions: 1. What sources or trends do you think will be 'hot' in the coming year? And 2. What do you see happening in the field in the next five to ten years?

"Census Day: Getting the Numbers Right" looks at why ages and dates don't always match on the census.

GENEALOGICAL HELPER, Jan/Feb 2009.

INTERNET GENEALOGY, April/May 2009.

This issue includes: 25 Best Websites for Finding European Ancestors Online, Read All About It! Digital Books, , 1911 UK Census Goes Live and Direct (see Bits & Bytes), Top Five Ways to Find Living Relatives, and Facebook for Genealogists.

NGS NEWSMAGAZINE , January/March 2009.

The Tree Branch, March 2009. Memoirs of Ava Anderson "Hodges and its People", 1993. Dawson County Tree Branches Genealogical Society, www.rootsweb.com/~mtdawson.

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grave sites. These graves were used to inter 100 bodies of Japanese laborers moved from Plains MT to make room for the new rail line. Most of these sites remain unmarked to this day. A small few monuments written in Japanese have been placed.

Information available on the site are Family Histories (Alles, Bandmann, Beaman, Burghardt, Clark, Daniels, Russell, Simonton, Woody), Interment Lists, information on the 'Stories and Stones' and links to additional research sites.

Bits & Bytes



"100 Genealogy Resources to Discover Your Ancestry" by Suzane Smith These sites will help you to research and discover your ancestry, find and share with friends and family.

http://phlebotomytechnicianschools.com/?page_id=52

Free Databases for Genealogical Searching

- This site is limited to free databases which cover a lot of ground. Some databases are incomplete, or may be on-going. Biased to British and English-speaking sources. <http://www.ormond.i8.com/>

1911 British Census Online—This site is operated by FindMyPast.com which also has the 1841-1901 British census. You can do a free search and then buy credits to download a transcript /page image. [\$9.50 will buy 60 credits which gets you only 2 images!]

www.1911census.co.uk

DirectGov for British Records

Public information about registering births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales has moved from the GRO (General Register Office) website and is now available on the government's supersite, Directgov, from 7 April 2009. It offers guides to British ancestor research and the lowest price for ordering British Birth, Marriage and Death Records.

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/familyhistory>

WMGS ELECTION SLATE

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FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

*** Please note the new evening hours ***

The Missoula Family History Library, 3201 Bancroft St., Missoula, is open again on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but is still closed on Saturdays until staff is in place.

COMPUTER RESERVATIONS

(1 hour session)

Call 543-6148

FHL HOURS *EVENING HOURS CHANGE*

Mon. CLOSED

Tue. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM & 6:30-8:30 PM*

Wed. CLOSED

Thurs. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM & 6:30—8:30 PM*

Sat. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM* (Closed)

Family History Center Services Recent Additions

19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive— 19th Century British Library Newspapers website, managed by Gale Cengage, was launched on 22 October 2007, with 1 million pages of content. It provides researchers with the most comprehensive collection of national and regional newspapers of Victorian Britain available. This full-text, fully searchable digital archive currently includes 48 papers originating in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, carefully selected by an editorial board from the British Library and providing a broad yet detailed view of British life in the 19th century.

TheGenealogist.co.uk — This site advertises that it is the "Leading British Genealogy Website" with:

- New Circa 1911 Data
- Awarded The best BMD site including Overseas BMDs
- Census transcripts & Images 1841 to 1901
- The largest collection of transcripts
- Parish and non-conformist records

Footnote.com - a few of the collections that have been significantly updated in April:

- 1930 US Federal Census
- NY Naturalizations
- Indian Census
- Civil War Union Soldier Service Records - Missouri
- Texas Death Records

WorldVitalRecords.com - as of 4/30/2009
New Genealogical Publishing Content Covering North Carolina, New York, and Virginia

DONATE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Gifts of family genealogies, organized collections and other records that contain genealogical information are welcome. You can even write a history of your family and place a copy in the library. Please use the authorized gift form when making a donation. Contact the Genealogical Society of Utah on the fifth floor of the Church Office Building (801-538-2978) for more information on the types of materials the library can accept and how to prepare your ma-

WMGS AT FORT MISSOULA FOR THE 4th OF JULY

Plans are coming together for another display tent at the annual celebration at the Fort this July. Melody Chord of The Friends of Historical Museum is coordinating a much bigger event and we have signed on to help her. I've attended several preliminary meetings and will be able to continue my involvement. At the May meeting, I'll pass around a sign-up sheet for names of people who will be able to help me at the table. I hope that you will consider helping out if you are in town. More details will develop later in May and June, so I'll also be in touch with all members by email. Last year's participation was lots of fun. We found that passers-by loved telling their stories. The most important contribution was to be enthusiastic listeners!

Nancy Shrader

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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.

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.

NEW BOOKS

If you know of a genealogy related book that you would like the Missoula Public Library to purchase please contact Paulette Parpart. She is looking for new books to add to the

Upcoming Conferences

Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD –Forensic Genealogist

May 30, 2009 Hayden, Idaho

Presented by the Kootenai County Genealogical Society & The Family History Store. Colleen's first book, *Forensic Genealogy* [available at the Missoula Public Library] has been widely recognized for its innovative forensic science approach to genealogical research. Her newest book [June 2008] is *The Dead Horse Investigation: Forensic Photo Analysis For Everyone*.

Pre-registration by May 19th is \$25, at the door (if available) is \$30. Bring your own lunch.

I can e-mail a copy of the pre-registration form and more info to anyone interested.