

# Western Montana Genealogical Society

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**\*\* NEXT MEETING - Monday, Sept. 20, 2010 \*\***

Missoula Public Library, large downstairs meeting room, 7:00 pm.

## PROGRAM:

### “Josephine Hale – Montana Artist and Traveler”

*Josephine Hale* (1878 - 1961) was a Montana artist who traveled far and wide. The genealogical story of the Bruneau family will be presented with information about Canada and their journey across the United States. This will include research and art done by Josephine Hale and tales of her years in France. Contemporary stories of found long-lost cousins and land records research will also be told. Member Jennifer Keith will give this program about her aunt.

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## New Disney Channel Series “My Family Tree”

Genealogy and geography are set to come together in a new Disney Channel series to premiere in November. “My Family Tree” will showcase kids from around the country engagingly reporting on their interesting ancestors and roots.

A quote from Disney spokesperson Patti McTeague stated that the children featured in the series all “have self-esteem and a gift of storytelling.”

Look for the series to air on the Disney Channel sometime in November.

You can read more in the the Marblehead Patch at: <http://marblehead.patch.com/articles/disney-channel-combines-hollywood-and-history>

From Dick Eastman 's Online Genealogy Newsletter, August 29, 2010

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## In The Mail



**FAMILY CHRONICLE**, Sept/Oct 2010. This issue includes articles *Legal Pirates In The Family Tree*, *Passenger Lists: Online and Microfilm Resources*, *The Hidden Grain of Truth (in family gossip)*, *Mapping Out Your Irish Family History*, *Replacing the Irish Census*, *Finfing Irish Records on the 'Net*, *Overcoming Difficulties in Irish Research*, and *A Genealogical Voyage Into The Unknown* by our own Peggy Harris.

**Internet Genealogy**, Aug/Sept 2009. Articles include *Finding Digitized Historic Maps Online*, *Top 10 Sites For Norwegian Genealogy*, *Libraries and Archives*, *Tracing Family Roots: Southern Illinois*.

**National Genealogical Society Quarterly**, June 2010. See *The Man Who Wasn't There: Harold Bion Wiltse (1896-1972) and the World War I "Lost Battalion"*, *Johann Herich Klock of Lippe-Detmold: An Identity Hidden by a German Farm Name*.

**NGS Magazine**, July/Sept 2010. Articles include *Black Homesteaders*, *Writing Family History—Perils and Unexpected Joys of Memory*.

**Big Sky Roundup**, July 2010. *Montana Newspapers to be Added to Chronicling America: Historic Newspapers Online*—Montana newspapers will be digitized and placed online to view at no cost. Focus will be 1860-1922. See Bits & Bytes for web page info.

## FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

The Missoula Family History Library, 3201 Bancroft St., Missoula, has resumed its Tuesdays / Thursday .

## COMPUTER RESERVATIONS

(1 hour session)

Call 543-6148

## FHL HOURS

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] May resume soon.

## ANCESTRY.com News

### US Naturalization Record Indexes 1791-1992

From Ancestry.com

"Contained in this database are indexes to naturalization records (primarily declarations and petitions) for various courts (predominantly U.S. District and Circuit courts) and years. The states whose records are currently included in the database are Alaska, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New York, Tennessee, Washington, and Vermont. The records are either sheets containing lists of names or individual index cards. Some records summarize a large part of genealogical information and others have no introduction, but start directly with the index cards.

Because this database only contains indexes, you will need to order a copy of the original paperwork from the National Archives. The regional offices of the National Archives most often are the repository where the records are now located. In some cases the original records may be available on microfilm at the Archives in Washington, D.C."

[Montana does not appear in the list of states available in the drop-down list but you can enter "Montana" as a keyword and find naturalizations in the Montana District Court. See below for ordering copies of the original Montana records. Ed.]

### Montana

For copies of the copies of the original files write to:  
National Archives – Rocky Mountain Region  
P.O. Box 25307  
Denver, Colorado 80225  
Phone: (303) 407-5740  
Website: <http://www.archives.gov/rocky-mountain/index.html>

**NOTE: Part of the World Archives Project, this index is available free of charge on Ancestry.com.**



## Bits & Bytes



In May Dr. Bernadette Sweeney, from the University of Montana, talked about *The Gathering: Collected Oral Histories of the Irish in Montana*. You can submit information about your Irish ancestors at: <http://www.cas.umt.edu/thegathering>

For more info on Irish genealogy check:

<http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/trip/Tracing%20your%20ancestors%20LR.pdf> Here you can download a 28 page pdf guide "Tracing Your Ancestors In Ireland."

<http://www.rootsireland.ie/> This will take you to the Irish Family History Foundation's Online Research site where you can search an index of one of 17 Irish Counties whose records have been digitized or search all counties. You can search the Index for free, but must pay to see details (5 euros of about \$6.35 for a single record.)

<http://maps.osi.ie/publicviewer/> This will take you to the Ordinance Survey of Ireland maps page where you can view and zoom maps, and then purchase them.

[Http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov) Some newspapers from 20 are already online and searchable—AZ, CA, DC, FL, HI, IL, KS, KY, MN, MO, NE, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, TX, UT, VA, & WA.

## Note from President Nancy Shrader

I hope that you all had productive and fun summers. I think that I've actually defined my genealogical goals. That's a start! This summer, I acquired more old photo albums. I am fortunate that the foundation of this project/goal is a 112 yr. old family cottage at Chautauqua Lake, NY. Add these albums to my stash of diaries, albums and deeds and voila!, here is my project. I also slipped down to Pittsburgh to the big Carnegie Library for research AND secured a burial spot for me in the old family plot at Chartiers Cemetery in Carnegie, PA. So, to heck with the gggg-grand father in Ireland. I need to organize and label photos (I also have many 100 yr old negatives) and put together some sort of history of the cottage neighborhood. I hope that we have a little time to share our genealogical summers with one another. If you feel inclined, write up a paragraph of your latest research or discovery and perhaps we can find room in next newsletter. I'm looking forward to meetings and the state conference this year. I hope that you are, too. See you soon.

## Genealogy Classes

### FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH METHODS CLASS

TUESDAYS

September 28<sup>th</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 PM

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

2339 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Missoula

(one block west of Reserve on South Avenue)

PRESENTER - Larry D. Spicer

Larry has 30 years of genealogy experience, tracing his roots to the 1500s in Switzerland. He is author of the book, *Westward Ho: On the Trail of Elias and Annie Auker Reist* and two quarterlies published his article, *Mennonites of Reist, Alberta*.

Classes explore a variety of research methods and resources as well as introduce basic record keeping systems. There will be hands-on opportunities. A \$5.00 fee will cover copying costs.

Call Larry at 721-0626 with questions and to register. This will allow planning for adequate space and copies.

## In The Shade of Oaks

WMGS member, Peggy Harris, has informed us that her book, *In the Shade of Oaks*, is now shelved in the general collections section of the Missoula Public Library. It has also been digitized by the Family History Library and is reproduced online through the BYU genealogy books project. This can be accessed through [familysearch.com](http://familysearch.com).

Additionally, she wrote a short article, adapted from the last chapter of her book, for *Family Chronicle*. They titled it "A Genealogical Voyage Into the Unknown" and will publish it in the upcoming September/October issue.



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[www.rootsweb.  
com/~mtwmgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mtwmgs)



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## Dues & Queries

Dues for the 2010-2011 year are now due. Please use the enclosed Membership Form to pay your dues whether you mail them or bring them to the next meeting. Check the number after your name on the mailing label of this newsletter for your dues status. A "10" means dues for this year should be paid now. An "11" or greater means you are paid up. Thank you.

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. Membership runs from September to May of the next year.

## 2010 Conferences

### MSGs 21st Annual Conference

Sept 23-25, 2010, "Reach For the Stars" will be in Lewistown, Montana at the Yogo Inn. The national speaker will be Mary Clement Douglas, from Salina, Kansas. Registration is \$40 with optional three meals at \$42. Room rates will run from \$74.99 to \$94.99. For more info go to our web site at:  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mtwmgs/>

## 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.