

NEWSLETTERS Western Montana Genealogical Society



NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Missoula Public Library

Large Downstairs Meeting Room — 7:00 pm.

PROGRAM:

“Swedish Research”

How does one find one's Swedish ancestors in a country filled with Sven Anderssons and Anders Svensdotters? Come listen to a presentation on genealogical research where most surnames are patronyms and three or four centuries of church records are on line at Gonline.com. Brad Leonard will illustrate his talk with pictures of Sweden and examples of his research. Brad's grandmother was born on the farm, Krogstorp, in Hössna, Älvsborgs län, Sweden in 1888 and emigrated to America in 1891. Brad visited Hössna, located in central Sweden about 75 miles east of Gothenburg, in May 2008. He and his wife stayed with a Swedish genealogist whose great grandparents had bought Krogstorp from Brad's great grandparents in 1891, and she helped him find ancestors all the way back to the 1600's.

Brad will also give us a brief update continuing last year's discussion of genetic genealogy, in particular the new "family finder" analysis that purports to discover third through tenth cousins through matching blocks of DNA from the 22 autosomal chromosomes (the 23rd chromosome being the one that determines a person's sex).

Family Search Update

New collections include over two million indexed records from Germany, Norway, Puerto Rico, and three U.S. states: Arkansas, Idaho, and Minnesota. Search these records now at <https://Beta.FamilySearch.org> or <http://www.familysearch.org> > Record Search Pilot or Beta Site

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In The Mail



FAMILY CHRONICLE, Nov/Dec 2010. Includes "Kirk Sessions of the Church of Scotland," "Genealogy Services at Library and Archives Canada," "Researching Your Ancestors' Houses," and "What To Do When Facts Conflict."

Internet Genealogy, Oct/Nov 2010. "Top 30 Websites for Family Research," "Tracing Norwegian Ancestry," "A Farm by Any Other Name" using farm names to trace genealogy, "Ulster Historic Foundation"

National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Sept 2010. This issue has articles that show how the authors dealt with "Conflicting Direct Evidence," "Half-Truths," and "Explaining Errors." In the *Editor's Corner*, editors Tomas W. Jones and Melinda Lutz Sanborn, state: "Genealogy is not a trivial pursuit, but genealogists pursue seemingly trivial knowledge. An obscure detail 'can tip the scales' to advance a lineage or enhance understanding of someone's life."

Tales and Trails, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, Oct 2010.. "The Oregon Trail" by Shirley M. Larsen for *Kindred Spirits*, tells of traveling on the Oregon Trail.

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.

***NOTE:** The microfilm/fiche copy machine is not going to be replaced, so you will need a digital camera to take pictures for copies. You can still use it to view filmed records.

ANCESTRY.com News

New or Recently Updated Databases:

- U.S. Naturalization Records Indexes (1794-1995) - 1.8 million new records
- United Kingdom and Ireland Obituary Collection
- Canada Obituary Collection
- Australia and New Zealand Obituary Collection
- Caribbean Obituary Collection
- United States Obituary Collection
- California, Mortuary and Cemetery Records, 1801-1932
- The First Baptist Church of Halifax, N.S., 1899-1900
- Mercantile Law and Bank Directory Issued by the Standard Mercantile Agency of Toronto Limited, 60 Victoria Street, Toronto, Canada, 1899-1900

UC Libraries Digitize 3,000,000 Books

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The Mass Digitization team at CDL is proud to announce that the 3,000,000th volume has been digitized from the collections of the University of California libraries! To learn more about finding digitized volumes, visit the "Where to Find Our Books" page (<http://www.cdlib.org/services/collections/massdig/books.html>). Also, you can see how UC books are being made digital in this video prepared by CDL. (http://www.cdlib.org/services/collections/massdig/massdig_video.html).

Internet Archive (www.archive.org)

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Bits & Bytes



US Passport Information on the National Archives site:

<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/passport/>

With two brief exceptions (1861-1862; 1918-1921) US law didn't require Americans to have passports for international travel until 1941.

"Many U.S. residents traveled overseas without holding a U.S. passport, for two main reasons:

1. Not Required. As a general rule, until 1941, U.S. citizens were not required to have a passport for travel abroad. Exceptions to general rule:

- Passports were required from August 19, 1861, to March 17, 1862, during the Civil War.
- Passports were recommended, but not required, by President Woodrow Wilson's Executive Order 2285 of December 15, 1915, which stated that all persons leaving the U.S. should have passports.
- Passports were required from May 22, 1918 (40 Stat. 559), until the formal termination of World War I in 1921 by treaties.
- Passports have been required since the passage of the act of June 21, 1941 (55 Stat. 252) and subsequent legislation."

2. Aliens were Ineligible. As a general rule, the U.S. government only issued passports to U.S.

In relationship to YOURSELF who are the following individuals?

From Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society by Darrel Hill:

1. Your father's only uncle's brother's wife? _____
2. Your aunt's mother's father's wife? _____
3. Your Mother's nephew's daughter's son? _____
4. Your brother's son's sister's mother? _____
5. Your sister-in-law's father-in-law's grandson? _____
6. Your sister's father's stepson's mother? _____
7. Your uncle's father's only grandchild? _____
8. Your brother-in-law's wife's grandmother's husband? _____
9. Your father's father's daughter's daughter? _____
10. The granddaughter/son of the only son of your mother's mother-in-law? _____

See last page for answers.

Genealogy Question #6

How do you carry your basic background materials when researching away from home?

Usually in a notebook.

Printouts in notebooks.

Take copies in a small briefcase, also take a laptop
One small case. Don't try to take too much.

Haven't done it.

Photocopies of various papers. It would be better to have a laptop with my Family Tree Maker program on it and access to the Internet.

Once a year (or more often if needed) I print out an ahnentafel report for the family I'm working on, put it in a three ring binder and take that with me. It has all the info from my FTM [Family Tree Maker], including references, and index. It's my own personal "ancestor encyclopedia" and so far has not let me down.

Binder with maps, print-outs, etc. I just got back from library at Salt Lake City and took too much stuff....

Messy binders and folders. I'm not very organized.

1 general notebook if possible - or several notebooks.

I take only copies of "basic" documents when traveling.

I take the lap top with all of the photos. And I take a large bin with the hard copies of census information, etc., etc.

Print-outs of the families I hope to find, plus a notebook to record my hoped-for facts and details. And a camera, of course.

Brief case

I prepare my gathering a list of what info I am looking for and notes on the source material. I will probably take a laptop and digital camera on the next "big" trip.

Backpack with plastic folders that can be shut.

I usually carry the binder for that particular family. I don't have a lap top.

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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.

Relationship Answers as posted in Columbia
Gorge Genealogical Society Oct 2010 Newsletter.

1. Mother
2. Grand-mother
3. 3rd cousin
4. Sister-in-law
5. Nephew or son
6. Step-mother
7. Me
8. Grand-father
9. Cousin
10. Me

Do you agree with the
answers to #1, #2.
And #3?

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.