

Western Montana Genealogical Society

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NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Missoula Public Library

Large Downstairs Meeting Room — 7:00 pm.

“Ancestor Photos - One Family’s Project”

How does one begin to assemble, enhance, store, and then disseminate a digital collection of ancestor photos? WMGS member Sherry Phillips will share the story of her photo project, one that started with the single goal of identifying the individuals in old inherited family photos. Over the past ten years her project has grown into a collection of over 1000 digital images in her computer. Sherry and her husband, Terry, will tell us what they have learned about such topics as locating and scanning photographs, repairing (or enhancing) the digital images, and handling and storing these files. Terry will discuss the software and hardware that Sherry used, as well as other technical information that can help the novice begin such a venture. They will illustrate their talk with photos, share useful books, supply a list of the hardware and software they used, and even demonstrate how they pack a scanner for travel

Alternate May Program

“Free Subscription Databases at the FHL”

If Sherry Phillips and her husband need to be out of town on Tuesday, Judith Field will present a program on using the free Subscription Databases available on the new Family History Center Portal. 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive, Alexander Street Press - The American Civil War, Ancestry.com (Library Edition), Find My Past (British), Footnote.com, The Genealogist (British), Genline FamilyFinder (Swedish Church Records), Godfrey Memorial Library, Heritage Quest Online, Historic Map Works Library Edition, Paper Trail (pioneer diaries and journals), and World Vital Records

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FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

The Missoula Family History Library, 3201 Bancroft St., Missoula.

COMPUTER RESERVATIONS

(1 hour session)

Call 543-6148

FHL HOURS

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

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

Microfilm Copier—We have a new (used) copier similar to our old one, which is being repaired and should be running soon.

FamilySearch News—140 Free Online Genealogy Research Courses In just one year, the number of free FamilySearch courses has grown to over 140—and new courses are added monthly... courses were added that focus on basic tools and techniques for anyone just getting started in family history research, as well as courses for intermediate and advanced researchers...FamilySearch uses viewing software that splits the viewing screen (sort of like the picture-in-picture features on some televisions) so the user can watch the video of the presenter while also seeing the PowerPoint presentation. Most courses are 30 minutes in length. You can also fast forward through the presentation or presentation slides or stop and pick up later where you left off—a luxury you don't get in the live presentation. [You can print pdf files of the handouts.]

President's Message

I want to thank all of you for my last 6 yrs as an officer (2 yrs VP between 2 terms of President). It was great to share our hobby of genealogy and learn from all of you. I'll be around in the future to assist with society activities on a more casual basis. Lots of these projects are ongoing, as we all know. Our job will never really be completed. I have my own projects that are slowly getting off the ground. I hope to see you all in the future.

Sincerely,
Nancy Shrader

In The Mail



FAMILY CHRONICLE, www.familychronicle.com. May/June 2011. The focus of this issue is on *Researching Your Civil War Ancestor* with articles on "Exploring Civil War Widows Pensions" "Researching Civil War Engineers" and "Visiting Gettysburg For Genealogy." Other topics include "Using Wills and Probate Records," and "Who was That Man In The Attic" which explores stories the family home hides in the attic. Other articles of interest: "Hiring a Professional: Do's and Don'ts" and "One Woman's Journey: The Irish Adoption Scandal."

NGS MAGAZINE, January-March 2011.

"Cemetery Records in Italy," "Genealogical Fingerprints: Making Sure of Identity," "Major Types of Collections and Their Access" and articles on military records as "Records of Military Burials in National Cemeteries," "Researching Volunteer Soldiers of the War of 1812," "Finding the Story of a World War II Sailor."

INTERNET GENEALOGY, www.internet-genealogy.com, April/May 2011. "Civil War Genealogical Resources, State by State (Nevada-Wisconsin)," "Five Ways to Use Social Media to Find Your Family," "Using Upper Canada Land Petitions," "Scandinavian Roots," "Getting Ready for the 1940 Census" and "Cool Tools for Publishing Your Family History."

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY, March 2011. Several in-depth articles showing how the authors went about researching various families. In the "Editors Corner", the editors state that these authors show that "Their documentation—in extent and content—provides visible measures of their work's dependability." Defining [Genealogical] Success is a "A complete, accurate citation to the source...of each item of information."

FADED GENES, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, March 2011. For helpful information on *Timelines*, see "Cheating On History: Timelines" by Jeanie Croasmun, Ancestry Monthly Online 7 Oct 2010.

Brick Wall Success Story

Susan Hintz wrote:

I chose ancestor Daniel Blood from Plainfield NH. I had no records for him- no BMD or census - only references to him from records of his children. At the "brick wall" meeting, WMGS member Peggy Walker offered to look him up for me at the New England Historic Genealogy Society website. She didn't find him, but did suggest that I would benefit from a membership in NEHGS, since my ancestors are predominantly New Englanders. I took her advice, and joined. I found that NEHGS has links to other organizations with collections of old newspapers. In checking one of them, I found a death notice for Daniel Blood, and I'm sure it is the same person, based on location and dates. Elapsed time, 24 hours since getting my membership in NEHGS. Besides that death notice, I also found references to an aunt who committed suicide in 1842, and a g-g-grandmother on trial for theft (she was acquitted). All of these "finds" lead to more questions, and makes this activity so interesting.

ANCESTRY.COM NEWS

- Civil War Draft Registration Rolls
- U.S. Returns from Regular Army Infantry Regiments, 1821-1916—The Regular Army monthly returns reported on the strength of each regiment, including total numbers of men present, absent, sick, or on extra daily duty, as well as giving a report of officers and some categories of enlisted men by name.
- California, Pioneer and Immigrant Files, 1790-1950 - Some 10,000 records are contained in this database with biographical information about pioneers who arrived in California prior to 1860.

Bits & Bytes



Ireland Old Age Pensions

The Old Age Pension Act was introduced in Ireland in 1908. This meant that people over a certain age were guaranteed a pension from the state. However, because the compulsory registration of births had only begun in 1864, claimants of the pension were unable to provide a birth certificate to prove their age. The government therefore found it necessary to establish a person's age by allowing a search to be made of the 1841 and 1851 census returns. Most of these census were destroyed by fire in 1922 so Ireland Genealogy offers a unique family history resource, where the otherwise lost census records for 1841 and 1851 can be rediscovered through the pension application records of 1908-1922. If the person was found in the 1841/51 census additional information could state only the age of applicant at the time of the census, but, in many records the names and ages of every person living there is supplied. The search is free and downloads of the application via e-mail cost 2 Euros or about \$3.38 US payable by PayPal.

<http://www.ireland-genealogy.com/>

FOOTNOTE.COM FREE MAPS

Civil War Maps Free

Civil War maps from the collections of the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division, the Virginia Historical Society, and the Library of Virginia. Among the reconnaissance, sketch, and theater-of-war maps are the detailed battle maps made by Major Jedediah Hotchkiss for Generals Lee and Jackson, General Sherman's Southern military campaigns, and maps taken from diaries, scrapbooks, and manuscripts. Explore over 2,000 images to gain insights into the histories of battles, campaigns, and regions.

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Dues , Queries & Meetings

Dues are \$11 a year for individuals and \$13 for families, which includes a Newsletter (Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, & 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. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, & May at 7:00 pm in the large downstairs meeting room of the Missoula Public Library unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

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

Upcoming Conferences

NGS 2011 Family History Conference 11-14 May 2011, Charleston, SC

See http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info for more information and registration.

MSGS Conference

Sept 22-24, 2011 Kalispell at the Hilton Garden Inn

Main Speaker; Thomas W. Jones, PhD

Topics:

- Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor
- Five Proven Techniques for Finding Your Ancestors European Origins
- Organizing Evidence to Overcome Record Shortages
- How to Avoid Being Duped by the Internet