

# Western Montana Genealogical Society



**NOVEMBER 2011**

**NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, Nov 8, 2011**  
Missoula Public Library

**Large Downstairs Meeting Room — 7:00 pm.**

## **"From Nova Scotia to Montana: Adventures of Two Early Montana Physicians"**

Herbert M. Swick, M.D., will present a program on the Doctors Reynolds. Dr. Swick is the retired Director of the Institute of Medicine and Humanities, and has faculty appointments at The University of Montana and the University of Washington School of Medicine.

## **Use Quotation Marks Instead of "+" to Require a Search Term in Your Google Results**

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Last week Google changed the way one of their most useful search operators works, one that I have always mentioned in my talks: The + (plus) operator. What's that mean for you? Next time you want to make sure any single word or phrase appears in your search results, wrap it in quotation marks.

To explicitly specify that you want the results to include a word, you used to be able to add the + (plus) operator to the front of a term, such as: +Ohio Mansfield

The above search states that the word "Ohio" must be on every search result and would ignore pages that don't have that word, such as a page that says, "Mansfield, Vermont."

Now, rather than adding the + operator, you need to wrap the word or words in quotation marks, such as:

"Ohio" Mansfield

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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

## Missoula Public Library Indexing Update from Blanche Tate

Here are the records on microfilm in the Montana Room at the Missoula Public Library. I finished printing the indexes to everything today (10/30/2011)

**Missoula Co:** Marriages and Index 1895-1949. Index only to Births 1872-1921 and Deaths 1895-1929

**Flathead Co:** Marriages & Index 1893-1935

**Granite Co:** Marriages & Index 1895-1950

**Lincoln Co:** Marriages & Index 1876 - 1954

**Ravalli Co:** Marriages & Index 1893-1929, Petitions for Naturalizations & Index 1906-1929, Naturalizations 1893-1929

**Sanders Co:** Marriages & Index 1906-1950

**Mineral Co:** Marriages & Index 1914-1961, Declarations of Intention 1947-1949

**Lake Co:** Marriages 1923 - 1959, Declaration of marriages 1944-1952

I looked at the petitions in Ravalli Co. They included the Name, Age, Occupation, Port of Entry, Ship arrived on and Date of Arrival, Date of Birth, Where born, Where immigrated from. They were just amazing!

## In The Mail



**Internet Genealogy**, Oct/Nov 2011. This is a "Software Special" issue showing what's available and where to get it. Articles include "Web-Based Software: What You Need To Know," "Genealogy Software: Free, Paid and On the Web," "Become an Interactive Genealogist" (tips on how to make the web work for you), "British and Irish Parish History," "The Promise of Google+" (explores the latest innovations), and "What Grandpa (and Grandma) Did in the War" (shows how to use the Veterans History Project in genealogical research.)

**Family Chronicle**, Sep/Oct 2011. Articles include "Eastern European Research Made Easier!," "Was Your Ancestor a United Empire Loyalist?," "Find Your Civil War Ancestor's Photo Online," and "Ohio Migration Routes: What You Need To Know" (Ohio migration and settlement patterns prior to 1850) and "Writing a Codicil to Protect Your Genealogy Collection."

**NGS Magazine** September 2011. "Finding a Man's Past Through His Children: Four Wives of John C. Fawcner of Kentucky and Indiana" shows "how a reasonable exhaustive search must extend to relevant records across both time and geography."

## Note From President Paulette Parpart

We are still continuing work on the 1945 Missoulian—about ¾ s done. The Board or the Club will need to decide whether to continue indexing the Missoulian as we no longer have hard copy after Carol finished indexing her month. Sidney is indexing on an old reader in the Cataloging dept. Do we want to continue?

Paulette

## Book Review

Member, Peggy Harris, has informed us that her book, "In The Shade of Oaks" has been reviewed in the September issue of the NGS Quarterly, p. 235.



## FamilySearch US Collections Updates Bits & Bytes



**U.S. Social Security Index:** Added records to existing collection. Now current as of 30 Sept 2011

**California County Marriages, 1850-1952:** Added index records to existing collection

**Iowa County Births, 1880-1935:** New Index Collection

**Texas Deaths, 1977-1986:** New browsable image collection

**Veterans History Project** - veteran and civilian oral histories and information on America's conflicts in the 20th century: WWI, WWII, Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq. This project includes "Photographs, manuscripts, sound recordings, and videos that document the wartime experiences at home and abroad ... from the routine to the extraordinary."

<http://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html> - takes you to the home page.

## ANCESTRY.COM NEWS

### New Vital Record Collections (27 Oct 2011)

There are additions to or new collections from 23 states. Some of the new vital record collections now available on Ancestry.com date well back into the 17<sup>th</sup> Century including:

- Connecticut, Deaths and Burials, 1650-1934
- Maryland, Births and Christenings, 1662-1911
- New Hampshire, Death and Burial Records, 1654-1949
- New Hampshire, Marriage Records, 1637-1947
- New Jersey, Births and Christenings, 1660-1931

### Other New Records Include

- Sweden, Church Records, 1500-1937 (in Swedish)
- Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1935 1911 Wales Census
- 1911 Channel Islands Census
- 1911 Isle of Man Census

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/html/search/search.html> - will take you directly to the search page. Search fields include: name of veteran/civilian, service location, service unit/ship, highest rank.

### Important Changes Made to the Public Death Master File (DMF) and the Social Security Death Index (SSDI)

Effective yesterday, 01 November 2011, the Social Security Administration (SSA) changed its policy on what records it will use as source material for adding new entries in the Public Death Master File (DMF) which, in turn, is used to create the Social Security Death Index (SSDI).

The Agency decided that it can no longer use state death records to add new entries to the DMF. **Furthermore, the SSA will remove approximately 4.2 million records currently on the SSDI because those entries were made based on information from state death records.**

You can read a lot more about the new changes in Steve Danko's blog at <http://stephendanko.com/blog/15164> as well as from a Fact Sheet from the Social Security Administration's website at <http://ssa-custhelp.ssa.gov/ci/fattach/get/601/>

From Danko's quote, "The SSA will continue to compile the DMF from a variety of sources includ-



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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.

**\*\*\* DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR THE  
2011-2012 YEAR \*\*\***

If you have not already renewed, please use the form in the September newsletter, or print out a form from our website at :  
**www.rootsweb.com/~mtwmgs**

ing death reports from family members, funeral homes, hospitals, Federal agencies, postal authorities and financial institutions. However, state death certificates which currently generate about 1 million entries in the DMF and SSDI every year will no longer be used."

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## **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