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Western Montana Genealogical Society

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Missoula Public Library

Large Downstairs Meeting Room — 7:00 pm.

May 2012

IRISH IN UNLIKELY PLACES

Please join us for an interesting and entertaining presentation on Irish immigration to unlikely places, both in Montana and in other states. Come find out where long-lost Irish relatives may have settled, and why.

David Emmons, Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Montana, will present the program. Dr. Emmons joined the History Department at the University of Montana in 1967 and retired in 2004. He is the author of three books: *Garden in the Grasslands* (1969), *The Butte Irish* (1989) and *Beyond the American Pale* (2010).

Hundreds of Thousands May Lose Internet Access in July

From: *Eastman's Genealogy Newsletter*, Friday, 13 April 2012.

Is your computer running slower and slower? Has your antivirus software been disabled? If so, your system is probably infected with an online advertising scam called DNS Changer and may lose its ability to connect to the Internet on July 9.

Luckily, there is an easy way to determine if your system has been infected: the FBI is encouraging users to visit a website run by its security partner, www.dcwg.org, that will inform them whether their computer is infected and explain how to fix the problem.

If your system is infected and if you procrastinate until July 9 or after, you won't be able to connect to the Internet and therefore won't be able to run the online test. The time to test is NOW.

You can read more in an Associated Press story by Lolita C. Baldor at <http://goo.gl/y88kt>.

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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**

Film Ordering Is Now Done Online, at Home
Librarians at the local Family History Centers can no longer order/renew microfilm/fiche for you. This must now be done online at home or via a computer at the Family History Center if you do not have access to the Internet at home. You can log in/ create an account at : <https://www.familysearch.org/films/> to take a look at the new system. *****Price increase , \$7.50 for films and \$4.75 for fiche.** You can pay by credit card or PayPal. **Note:** Before ordering any film, check to make sure the Family History Library Catalog does not have a digital copy online. Also, the local Family History Libraries have conducted a survey of all microfilms at the local FHL and these are available online to prevent ordering of duplicate films—when you enter the film/fiche number that you want to order, it will tell you if the item is already at the FHL you are using. The films/fiche will be sent to your local Family History Library for viewing and will remain in the library as usual. All renewals are also done online.

ANCESTRY.COM NEWS

The Company ended the quarter with more than 9 billion records; new collections included:

- Almost 9 million Massachusetts birth, marriage and death records
- Over 7 million records from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania Partnership
- 1911 England census indexes
- Approximately 139 million records from the London Electoral Registers that detail the names and addresses of registered voters
- Nearly 2.6 million Australian convict records from the New South Wales Convict Indents,
- 1788-1842 and New South Wales Colonial Secretary's Papers, 1788-1856

In The Mail



Family Chronicle May/June 2012.

Articles include: *Have Any Newsworthy Ancestors?* - cool newspaper search tools, *Butler's Burial Ground*—historic Ontario cemetery, 12 Questions—emigration to Australia, *Mark Golden Case Study*—fate of a heroic WWII B-17 pilot, *Researching Western Europe*, *Michigan Pioneers*—Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections, *Finding Grandfather's Farm*, *Austrian Military Family Research*, *Secret of White Deer Valley*—searching in an interesting location, *Rev Up Your Family Reunion!*, *Matchbooks and Genealogy*, *Military Medal Framing*.

Internet Genealogy April/May 2012.

Articles include: *Ten Websites for Polish Research*, *Organize Your Bookmarks*—create order out of bookmark chaos, *Navigating PERSI* [Periodical Source Index—compiled by the Allen County Public Library in Indiana, available through Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest], includes 2.25 million articles in 11,000 different periodicals], *Using Only the Internet, Improve Common Surname Search Results With Google*, *British Newspaper Archives*, *Review: Scrivener* — a dynamic tool for managing your family history writing projects, *Review: The Guide to FamilySearch Online*, *Bawdy Court Records*—Church courts which had jurisdiction over major and minor breaches of religious and moral conduct were popularly called the “bawdy courts”, *Protect Your Genealogy Research*, *Canadian Headstone Project*, *NetNotes* - genealogy-related websites, *Pseudonyms*, *Secrets & Signatures*, and *What's New at Fold3?* [formerly Footnote.]

National Genealogical Society Quarterly **March 2012 - Celebrating 100 Years.**

There are some “vintage” articles here. Articles include: *A Century and More: The National Genealogical Quarterly*, *The Genealogist's Contribution to History* (1952), *Weighing Genealogical Evidence*, *Genealogy*, *Handmaid of History* (1957), *Creative Imagination in Research* (1967), *A Century of NFGS Quarterly*, *Editors*.

Bits & Bytes



National Archives Store

View the Archivists/Genealogists Catalogue at this website.:

http://estore.archives.gov/Category/27_2/Archivists_Genealogists.aspx

"Genealogy Tool Kit" This 4 page booklet can be downloaded as a free PDF file at:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/start-research/getting-started-toolkit.pdf>

Step-by-Step Guide to Family Research at the National Archives

WASHINGTON, April 18, 2012 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Foundation for the National Archives announces the publication of the *Genealogy Tool Kit: Getting Started on Your Family History at the National Archives*, written by National Archives genealogy archives specialist John P. Deeben.

This 160-page step-by-step guide was published by the Foundation and launched in April 2012 to coincide with the celebration of the National Archives' release of the 1940 U.S. Census. The Foundation has long supported research at the National Archives, including its annual support of the Archives' Genealogy Fair, and the development of genealogy products such as this *Tool Kit* and other archival and research-oriented items.

The *Genealogy Tool Kit* will help family researchers of all levels of experience to explore how their ancestors interacted with the Federal Government over the course of their lives. Did they enter the United States from a foreign country? Apply to become an American citizen? Enlist in a regiment during a particular war? File for a patent, homestead, or pension? Through such questions, and many more, the *Genealogy Tool Kit* helps genealogists to navigate the records at the National Archives, from census and naturalization records to military and federal land grant records. With checklists to track the readers' progress, family trees to fill in as ancestors are discovered, and room for taking notes, the *Tool Kit* will also serve as researchers' own record of their family history research project.

The *Genealogy Tool Kit* also includes the personal discovery stories of Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero, documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, and author and journalist A'Lelia Bundles, as well as inspirational accounts from several other family histo-

rians.

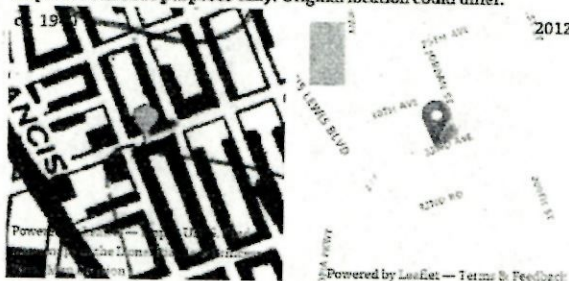
The *Tool Kit* is available for purchase in the Archives Shop in Washington, DC, over the phone at 202-357-5271, or via email at nationalarchivesstore@nara.gov

Direct ME NYC 1940—Use Old Phone Bpks to Unlock the Federal Census

The New York Public Library digitized the 1940 New York City phone books and created a tool that allows users to move from the phone book listings to the 1940 census schedules on NARA's website. When a person of interest is selected from the telephone book, the address will be mapped on both a ca. 1940 map and a 2012 map. The relevant enumeration district(s) will appear, and entering the name of a cross street will further refine the results. In some cases it may be impossible to narrow the results to one ED; for instance, if a street is on the border of two EDs, you will see two EDs for that street. Click on a borough (Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Staten Island) to bring up the 1940 phone directory for that borough. You can then look through the pages alphabetically, or select a starting letter from the A-Z directory. Use the zoom tool in lower left corner to enlarge and select names. Clicking a name brings up a small map showing the cross streets. And a number of Enumeration District numbers. Narrow the list of ED's list by continuing to select cross streets if possible. You can then find the actual 1940 census records at : <http://1040census.archives.gov/> or on ancestry. [I found navigation with the arrows on this site to be awkward and you have to keep trying to get the arrows in the right places.] Sample below.

198-39 32nd Av. Queens, NY

Maps for reference purposes only. Original location could differ.



1940 Census ED numbers for this address

Refine results by selecting cross or back streets on the same same city block (use reference maps to help locate).

Tip: you may not be able to reduce to a single ED (why?).

Results powered by the One-Step work of Stephen Morse and Joe Weintraub

Click ED# to explore 1940 Census Records at National Archives:

41-822

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We're On The Web
www.rootsweb.
com/~mtwmgs



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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.

Please check your mailing label for '12 after your name to be sure your dues are paid for this year. Thanks.

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

Fort Missoula 4th of July Celebration

The Western Montana Genealogy Society has been invited again to join the 4th of July celebration at Fort Missoula. We will have our usual tables of display items under a canopy. This year, the 4th is on a Wednesday. I will be able to attend for the whole day, but I'm looking for volunteers to keep me company in shifts between 10 and 4. Drop-ins are also welcome. It is always a lot of fun. The LDS church is having its pancake breakfast which starts at 8. Nancy Shrader 543-2886 najash@msn.com

