

MONTANA MAGAZINE

Western Montana Genealogical Society



NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012
Missoula Public Library

Large Downstairs Meeting Room — 7:00 pm.

September 2012

CONFEDERATE IMMIGRATION TO THE BITTERROOT

Please join us for an interesting and entertaining presentation on the immigration of Confederate soldiers to the Bitterroot.

Tamar Stanley, the Director of the Ravalli County Museum, will present the program.

ANCESTRY.COM New Records

*******1940 Census Fully Indexed, searchable by every name, for every state and territory.**

- Lübeck, Germany, Census, 1875 (in German)
- Lübeck, Germany, Census, 1871 (in German)
- Lübeck, Germany, Census, 1880 (in German)
- U.S., College Student Lists, 1763-1924
- U.S., High School Student Lists, 1821-1923
- Web: Emmet County, Michigan, Death Index, 1868-2011
- Web: Genesee County, Michigan, Death Index, 1867-1930
- U.S., Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865

WMGS Officers 2012

President

Paulette K. Parpart 258-3858
 parpart@missoula.lib.mt.us

Vice-President

Theresa Ragsdale 716-274-6473
 tkragdale1976@yahoo.com

Treasurer

Brenda Miller 239-1223
 indigoink@rocketmail.com

Secretary

Jackie Reimers 529-1155
 jackiereimers@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor

Judith Field 728-1628
 jafeld@q.com 550-3677

Librarian MPL

Paulette K. Parpart 258-3858
 parpart@missoula.lib.mt.us

Inside this issue:

WMGS May Meeting	1
Hundreds of Thousands May Lose Internet Access in July	1
Family History Library	2
FHL New Online Microfilm Ordering System—Price Increase	2
Ancestry.com News	2
In The Mail	2
Bits & Bytes—National Archives Store	3
Step by Step Guide to Research at the National Archives	3
Direct ME NYC 1940	3
Dues	4
Submissions	4
Fourth of July	4

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

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

The library has new directors, Gene and Carol Kammerman, who have been working to update the library's computers, and rearrange things a bit. Hours remain the same.

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

Bits & Bytes



E-Bay—old records and genealogy books are available by the hundreds on eBay. You can go to <http://www.ebay.com> and search for almost anything. (Searching for Genealogy Montana returns loads of items at very reasonable prices, many on DVD.)

From :Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter., 9/2/2012

In The Mail



Family Chronicle Sep/Oct 2012.

Articles include:

- Finding your family in old hotel records
- Scottish Highlands research
- Scottish online resources
- Researching a Utah Indian War veteran's military ribbon
- A genealogical journey: Overcoming adoption hurdles
- The Mysterious case of Lizzie Jaynes
- Understanding UK place names
- Finding Anna Maria Fuller Smith

Internet Genealogy Aug/Sep 2012.

Articles include:

- 50 Top sites for genealogy research
- 20 Groups you should follow on twitter
- Finding your scotish ancestors on the 'Net
- Life of a prairie man: Preserving memories
- Database gems: the Adam Matthew group
- Two mobile apps reviewed
- Discovering PeoplePlotr

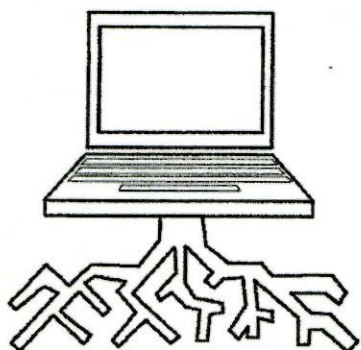
National Genealogical Society Quarterly June 2012

- Misleading records debunked
- Pennsylvania tax records help determine kinship
- Lancaster County, Pennsylvania neighborhood reconstruction

NGS Magazine July/Sep 2012.

Articles include:

- Estate laws and their effect on families
- Hawaiian Genealogy: State and Island resources
- Online state resources for genealogy: Beyond Ancestry and FamilySearch
- Printed legends and missing footnotes: Dissecting early century compiled genealogies
- Education breaks down brick walls
- Compiled military service records, part III
- Researching nineteenth-century African American women



DIGGING UP ROOTS

Montana State Genealogical Society and Yellowstone Genealogy Forum

Host the
23rd ANNUAL MONTANA STATE
GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22, 2012

BIG HORN RESORT in BILLINGS, MONTANA

LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS: The Conference will be held at the Big Horn Resort, 1801 Majestic Lane, I-90 Exit 443, Billings, MT. They are offering a special MSGS Conference hotel room rate of \$99.00 for 1 King Bed or 2 Queen Beds, plus tax with a Hot Breakfast up to 4 per room included. **Sleeping Reservations must be received by September 7 for guarantee.** Call 406-839-9300 and mention Group Code GENE. Directions: From west Exit 443 turn left at first stop, at 2nd stop turn right at Gabel Road. Just behind the Hampton Inn turn right again on Ember Lane and the Big Horn Resort will be straight ahead.
Reserve early to assure room availability.

OUR SPEAKERS:

D. JOSHUA TAYLOR, MA, MLS, is the Business Development Manager – North America for brightsolid online publishing and findmypast.com, and a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. A frequent speaker at national and regional family history events, Joshua is also an active member in the genealogical community, serving as the Vice President of Administration for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). He holds a MLS (Archival Management) and a MA (History) from Simmons College and has been a featured genealogist on multiple episodes of NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?*.

ROBERT (Bob) LARSON is President of Larimer County Genealogical Society in Fort Collins, CO since 2008. Bob is an author, speaker, instructor, and executive TV producer for a locally produced genealogy cable TV program. Bob has been researching his genealogy and family history for over 12 years. He collaborated with over 30 cousins across the US in writing a private family history book in 2007, *The Coffin-Pierson Legacy* with over 100 biographies and 600 photos. He currently teaches Family Tree Maker and GenSmarts genealogy software classes monthly and 'Introduction to Genealogy' lectures and workshops at multiple libraries in Larimer County. He also teaches workshops for societies and at conferences in the area. He has multiple degrees in business and electronics engineering and is a member of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy.

KEVIN KOOISTRA has worked as the Western Heritage Center Community Historian since 1997. Kooistra has worked in Montana as a historian, archaeologist, cultural anthropologist and scriptwriter. His work at the Western Heritage Center includes public programming and tours, exhibit research and design, grant writing, and managing the museum's archives. He has an undergraduate degree from Montana State University Bozeman and a master's degree in Applied Anthropology from Northern Arizona University.

JOYCE JENSEN, a native of Billings, graduated from MSU in Bozeman with both bachelor's and master's degrees in Elementary Education. Jensen has volunteered or worked at the Western Heritage Center since 1980 as a local historian specializing in Billings and area history. She has written, co-authored, or edited several local history publications, including *On This Corner-First United Methodist Church, Billings 1882-1989* and *Pieces and Places in Billings History*.

TOURS:

There will be an opportunity to view the **Public Records at the Bureau of Land Management Office**, 5001 Southgate Drive on Thursday, September 20 at 1 and 3 p.m. Sign up on registration form. No charge. Directions: Return to I-90 eastbound, go to Exit 447, left at stop, left on King Ave, left on Southgate Dr. BLM will be on your right.

Dowsing for Spirits Cemetery Tour with Bob Larson, Saturday, September 22, 3 p.m. Will be cancelled if not enough participants. Sign up on registration form. No charge. Directions given at conference.

EXHIBIT AREA:

- Various MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES will offer their publications.
- Don't forget the BOOK FROLIC - The MSGS Fund Raiser! Check your bookcases for annuals, city directories, histories, family histories, genealogy books, tapes & videos. Bring them to conference Thursday to be sold by silent auction. **Please - only genealogy or family history related materials. Do not bring quarterlies or outdated material. The Book Frolic area will not be open on Thursday for browsing.**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

- 1:00 and 3:00 P.M. TOURS of BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT with Cathy Carlisle. Tour size is limited and you will need to specify which tour you want on the registration form. Each person will be allowed one name to look up.
- 3:00 – 5:30 P.M. REGISTRATION DESK OPEN, Convention Center Lobby
- 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. MSGS Board Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. RECEPTION (Everyone is invited, however reservations are required) No charge

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

- 7:30 – 9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION DESK OPEN, Convention Center Lobby
- 8:30 A.M. – 10 A.M. Opening Session, Announcements, State of the Society Address by President Shawna Valentine.
- BRIDGING THE GAP: FINDING ANCESTORS IN THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN 1780-1830** – *D. Joshua Taylor*. Have you lost an ancestor between 1780 and 1830? Often connecting our ancestors to colonists can be quite a task, learn how to employ probate, land, census, tax, and other compiled records to help bridge the gap.
- 10:30 – 11:30 A.M. **A MEETING BY THE RIVER: THE FIRST CROW AGENCY, 1869-1875** – *Kevin Kooistra*. This presentation tells the story of the first Crow Agency, located east of present-day Livingston, and conveys the dynamic relationship between the Apsaalooke or Crow Indians, their tribal allies and enemies, fur trappers, fledgling entrepreneurs; and United States Government. Highlights of the presentation include an explanation of 1873 Judith Basin treaty negotiations, speeches given by Crow leaders and lifestyle differences between the Crow and newcomers to the region. The descriptions of Indian Agents posted on the Crow Reservation from 1869-1875 provide a rich contrast between federal leadership styles and cultural concerns.
- 11:50 – 1:00 P.M. LUNCH: Deli Sandwich Buffet
- 1:30 – 2:30 P.M. **LOCATING YOUR ANCESTORS UNDERGROUND** – *Robert (Bob) Larson*. Bob discusses locating lost or known graves, the Colorado Cemetery Location project, the art of grave dowsing using two coat hangers, and communicating with your ancestors. A simple dowsing demonstration is presented for the audience to try the technique. He also discusses spiritual communications including Thomas Edison's little known spiritual machine, using mediums or dowsing rods. Bob shows how grave and spiritual dowsing helped to resolve a century old suicide/murder case about his Great Aunt. An optional grave dowsing demonstration at a local cemetery will be presented after conference Saturday.
- 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. **ONLINE RESOURCES FOR COLONIAL AMERICA** – *D. Joshua Taylor*. Discover web sites, online databases, university projects, online archives, and other resources for researching your Colonial American ancestors—online. Learn how to use AmericanAncestors.org
- 4:30 – 5:30 P.M. **SOCIETY ROUNDTABLE** – *Shawna Valentine*. Bring questions or topics of concern for your society and together we will try to find the answers.
- 6:30 P.M. **BANQUET** Steak & Chicken BBQ with trimmings - The program: **PIECES AND PLACES OF BILLINGS HISTORY** - *Joyce Jensen*. Joyce identifies and describes many of the landmarks, markers, monuments and historic sites in the Billings area.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

- 7:30 – 9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION DESK OPEN, Convention Center Lobby
- 7:45 – 8:45 A.M. MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING, Everyone welcome.
- 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. **SUCCESSFUL SEARCHING ONLINE: CLUSTERING FOR GENEALOGISTS** – *D. Joshua Taylor*. Effective Internet searching cannot be complete without clustering. Learn how to limit your search engine results to websites that will be beneficial to you without having to scroll through thousands of results! Strong emphasis is put on learning and using "Yippy" and other search engines.
- 10:30 – 11:30 A.M. **ARE YOU MY GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER? DNA AND YOUR GENEALOGY** - *Robert (Bob) Larson*. DNA has been used for several decades in fighting crime and researching diseases and heredity, but now can be used to verify relationships. Also discussed are the basics of DNA research including the easy to understand terminology associated with DNA results. Different DNA tests, major testing labs, and his personal involvement with DNA results are included in correlating his great grandfather with associated relatives. The international Genographic Project results show how our Most Recent Common Ancestor evolved from Africa about 200,000 years ago and the migration paths of our ancestors throughout the world.
- 11:50 – 1:00 P.M. LUNCH Taco Salad Bar
- 1:15 P.M. BOOK FROLIC CLOSES
- 1:20 – 2:20 P.M. **NEW TOOLS AND IDEAS IN RESEARCH** – *D. Joshua Taylor*. The field of genealogy is constantly changing and evolving. Each day new techniques, resources, and tools are developed to assist in the quest for one's ancestors. Learn technological developments (including gadgets and gizmos); newly discovered resources for genealogical research, and more.
- 3:00 P.M. – **DOWSING FOR SPIRITS CEMETERY TOUR** with *Bob Larson*.

23rd Annual Montana State Genealogical Society Conference
Big Horn Resort, 1801 Majestic Lane, Billings, MT
SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22, 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ MAIDEN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Thursday BLM Public Room Tours. Choose one time: 1 p.m. _____ 3 p.m. _____
Thursday Reception (No charge) I plan to attend: yes _____ no _____
Dowsing for Spirits Cemetery Tour Saturday, 3 P.M. I plan to attend: yes _____ no _____
(Will be cancelled if not enough participants sign up) (No charge)

Full 2 day Conference Registration with all 3 meals for 1 person \$95.00 \$ _____
BBQ featuring steak & chicken & 2 luncheons

Full 2 day Conference Registration (NO Meals) \$45.00 \$ _____

1 Day FRIDAY ONLY Conference Registration (NO MEALS) \$35.00 \$ _____

1 Day SATURDAY ONLY Conference Registration (NO MEALS) \$25.00 \$ _____

Conference Pins: Billings 2012 _____ @ \$5 each \$ _____

T SHIRTS (Yellow): Please specify size (must be ordered by Sept 10th)
Small _____ Med _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ XX-Large _____ @ \$12.00 each \$ _____

VESTS (Charcoal with red MSGS Logo) Please specify size (must be ordered by Sept 6)
Sml _____ Med _____ Lrg _____ X-Lrg _____ XX-Lrg _____ XXX-Lrg _____ XXXX-Lrg _____ @ \$40.00 each \$ _____

MEALS: To guarantee meals, registration must be received **by Monday, September 10, 2012**. One of each of the three meals is included with the \$95.00 level. If you want to select only one or two of the meals for yourself, select the \$45 level above and then add the individual meals below. If you want to purchase additional meals for spouses, etc., please add these meals below:

Friday Lunch _____ @ \$13.50 \$ _____
Friday Banquet _____ @ \$23.00 \$ _____
Saturday Lunch _____ @ \$13.50 \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Send this form with payment to:
MSGS c/o Mary Pitch
700 Grant Avenue
Helena MT 59601

Pre-registration must be postmarked by September 1, 2012 to qualify for the "Early Bird" drawing for a refund of the Conference Fee (\$45.00 Maximum)
Cancellation Policy: Full refund of all meal functions and registration fee (less a \$15.00 cancellation fee) will be issued if request is received by Friday, September 7, 2012. For cancellation notifications received after September 7, 2012, or for non-attendance, no refund will be given.
We cannot guarantee that tote bags will be available to participants that register at the door.

WESTERN MONTANA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 2714
Missoula, MT 59806-2714



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

Missoula Public Library
301 East Main St.
Missoula, MT 59802



598024739 C014



Dues Are Now Due For 2013 *****

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 '13 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

Upcoming Conferences

**Montana State Genealogical Society
23rd Annual Conference "Digging Up
Roots"- - Sept 20-22, 2012, Big Horn
Resort, Billings, MT.**

Welcome New Member:

Nancy J. Engebortson
29777 Southside Rd.
Alberton, MT 59820