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NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012
Missoula Public Library

Large Downstairs Meeting Room — 7:00 pm.

"And the Wind Blew Them West . Homesteading"

Why did the immigrants leave their homes to live in place they knew very little about? What was their new life like? How does one trace family homestead history? The focus of the presentation will be on genealogical records relating to homesteading and homesteaders. The program is a segment of the Missoula Public Library's "Big Read." The presenter will be Paulette K. Parpart.

Family Search Indexing Update

The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:
2 November 2012

U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Community Project Half-way to 2012 Goal of 30 Million Records

In August of this year, FamilySearch announced its next major U.S. community project—U.S. Immigration and Naturalization. The project will create an extensive, free, online collection of U.S. passenger lists, border crossing records, naturalization records, and more-invaluable to genealogy researchers. The online volunteer community is two months into the project and aiming to index 30 million records by the end of the year. Thanks to the contributions of over 85,000 volunteers, more than 15 million records have been completed already. See what U.S. Immigration and Naturalization projects are currently underway, or check on their status at FamilySearch.org/immigration.

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FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

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

The library has new directors, Gene and Carol Kammerman,

COMPUTER RESERVATIONS

(1 hour session) Call 543-6148

**** NEW**** FHL HOURS

Tue. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM & 6:30-8:30 PM

Thurs. 10:00 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.

Missoula Public Library

I received a message from Paulette Parpart that the library has purchased the first season of "Finding your roots" with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

DVD 929.1072 FINDING

This is a PBS show.

In The Mail

Family Chronicle Nov/Dec 2012. Articles include:

- Your Ancestors' Holidays - A look at forgotten or changes holiday traditions
- Revolutionary War Pension Application Files
- Genealogy Bucket List
- Cousins Explained
- 1790-1840 Population Schedules
- Railroad Magazine Sources
- Reconnection a Family—how taking out an ad in a newspaper far away can bring favorable results

Internet Genealogy Oct/Nov 2012. Articles include:

- 1940 Census: Deciphering Your Ancestors' Data in Context
- School Yearbooks & Newspapers
- Researching English Ancestors in Quebec
- 25 Sources for Locating Death Information
- Google Maps; Seeing Where They Lived

National Genealogical Society Quarterly

Sept 2012. The "Editor's Corner" list a genealogist's four essentials as Accuracy, Biography, Documentation, and Explanation. Read the 2011 Winner: Family History Writing Contest article "Without Land, Occupation, Rights, or Marriage Privilege: The Buttner Family from Bavaria to New York" for an article with lots of biography and emotion.

NGS Magazine Oct/Dec 2012. This issue includes articles:

- Tracking generations with German *familienbuch* and *sellenbuch*
- The Sicilians of south Louisiana
- Lost causes as genealogical opportunities
- If living were a crime...evidence your ancestor left at the scene—go through these fact-finding steps like a crime fighter.

Cemetery photos: permission required?

[Posted on October 22, 2012 by Judy G. Russell on <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2012/10/22/cemetery-photos-permission-required/> and on 25 Oct. 2012 in Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter.]

Reader Timothy Campbell in Elmira, Ontario, Canada, and a cousin of his in Grand Rapids, Michigan, have encountered some problems in taking gravestone photographs. "As an active genealogist I have taken part in transcribing and photographing headstones in cemeteries," Tim writes. "I was recently told that I could not photograph headstones in our municipal cemetery without permission from the municipality. ... The same scenario happened to my cousin in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in May. ... What law does this fall under?"

The answer to this question is really basic, but it's one that just about every genealogist — including *The Legal Genealogist* — tends to forget. It's the law of **property rights**.

Now it may seem strange to think of cemeteries as property, particularly when they're owned by a governmental entity, but any landowner — public or private — has certain rights to control what happens on that land. Even when the land is publicly owned and dedicated to a public purpose, such as a park, the landowner is absolutely entitled to impose time, place and manner restrictions as to what can and can't be done on the land.

In both the United States and Canada, property laws — and particularly laws regulating cemeteries — are local laws. In the United States, it's commonly a matter of state law, and state laws may well delegate decision making authority to municipalities or counties. ..

So what's important to remember here is that every cemetery — even a public cemetery — has the right to set its own rules and those rules will be upheld by the courts as

long as they're reasonable. If you don't obey the rules, you can be asked to leave and charged with trespassing if you refuse.

What does that mean for photography in cemeteries? The fact is that restrictions on photography in cemeteries are extremely common. They don't usually tend to be very onerous — often, it's nothing more than a limit on the type of equipment used or on taking photos of funerals or persons mourning without permission...

Now not every cemetery has restrictions on photography. Many small cemeteries don't have those kinds of rules; many smaller cemeteries and cemeteries that no longer accept burials don't even have an active management to contact to ask for permission. I certainly wouldn't hesitate to take a photograph in a cemetery where there was no office and no staff on site to ask.

But the standard suggestion for photography in any cemetery is good advice regardless: get the rules of the road in advance — know if you need permission, whether there's a fee, and what the hours are so you don't accidentally get locked inside the gates.

To read the full article go to the link above.

Bits & Bytes



ArkivDigital - Swedish Church Records

ArkivDigital is the largest private provider of Swedish Church Records and other Historical Records online! All images are newly photographed images of the original document. Today we have about 38 millions color images covering various kinds of historical documents such as church records, court records and inventory of estates. Subscriptions start at about \$11.25 per week.

<http://arkivdigital.net/>

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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 records to be sure your dues are paid for this year.**

*****Mailing labels were not updated and may not reflect your current status.**

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