

Western Montana Genealogical Society



January 2013

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, Jan 8, 2013
Missoula Public Library

Large Downstairs Meeting Room — 7:00 pm.

FORT MISSOULA

Please join us for an interesting and entertaining presentation. The focus of the presentation will be on Fort Missoula and genealogical records.

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British Soldiers, American Revolution

Anyone interested in American history might enjoy Don N. Hagist's online blog, entitled *British Soldiers, American Revolution*. It details the experiences of many of the enlisted men who were part of the British government's effort to hold onto those thirteen rebellious North American colonies.

The British military record keeping of the eighteenth century often captured the reports and stories of officers but rarely did so for enlisted men. Hagist searches for records wherever he can find them.

Many of the men described in this blog eventually became Americans. Some deserted, others were captured as prisoners of war and then escaped, eventually disappearing into the American countryside where they were assimilated into American society. Some remained in British garrisons and continued serving as soldiers of the King.

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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 Co. Records Center

The Missoula County Public Records Center and Research Room opened to the public on Oct 15th, 2012. It is located at 2147 Ernest Avenue, Missoula MT. (This is a block south of Bob Wards in Southgate Mall). It is open Mon-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. . The County's records are centralized and the public will have increased access the same records; created and maintained by the offices of their county government. Call (406) 258-3457 for more information. Marcia Porter

In The Mail



Family Chronicle Dec/Jan 2013.

www.familychronicle.com

Articles include:

- Benefits of Researching with a Group
- Baker's Dozen (Mystery of a family history hoax)
- Ten Common Genealogy Mistakes
- The Quack's Daughter (a publicity notorious g-g-grandmother)
- Law Books and Your Genealogy (UM has a great collection)
- US Federal Population Schedules, 1850-1940
- Destination Fort Wayne (Genealogy Center at Allen County Public Library)
- Finding My Galway Quinns, Protect Your Intellectual Property (genealogy information we post online)
- Websites Worth Surfing

Internet Genealogy Jan/Feb 2013.

www.internet-genealogy.com

Articles include:

- Genealogy On-the-Go With the iPad
- Saving Memories Forever
- Digitized Newspapers Online
- Croatian and Serbian Genealogy
- Genealogy Software Update (Tony Bandy explores six different genealogy software programs and offers his thoughts on their features)
- The USA Manual (information that helps you add context to your family history)
- Gale (Library Subscription Service) and MyGenSource.com (available to individuals with a 7-day free trial). Both focus on the "how-to" aspect of genealogical research
- Selkirk Settlers (mass migration of displaced Scots highlanders to Canada)
- The Future of Backups (what the future holds for backing up our data)

Eneclann and Ancestor Network

The following announcement was written by Eneclann and the Ancestor Network:

In August 2012, the NLI hosted the "20x20" lunchtime series of talks on Irish family history.

Organized by Eneclann and Ancestor Network, the assembled experts included genealogists and broadcasters, librarians and archivists, writers and publishers, academics and a medical geneticist. The wide range of expertise on show every day was a show-case of Irish genealogy at its best.

Each expert held the floor for 20 minutes, and spoke about an aspect of their own work and its relevance for Irish family history. Each talk was followed by a Q&A session, which gave the audience direct access to the speaker.

As the month progressed, it became clear that the lunchtime talks drew a regular home (Irish) audience in attendance every day, as well as overseas visitors attending two or more of the lectures while they stayed in Dublin.

The response from the audience at the end of the series in August was overwhelming, and the most frequently asked question was whether the speakers would provide notes on their talks, or otherwise make them available.

In response to the feedback that we received in August, we are now making available the overheads of each of the talks or a synopsis, available online at the National Library's webpage, and also on www.eneclann.ie/20x20

We hope that this will become an online resource for all those involved in Irish family history, and will promote knowledge and use of the main collections of historical records for research.

One story I found interesting was that of Alexander Robinson of the 57th Regiment of Foot. He deserted the Regiment in 1770 while stationed in Dublin, Ireland. He was captured and tried as a deserter seven years later north of Albany, New York, as one of a group of 300 American prisoners of war. How he traveled from Ireland to America apparently was not documented.

Those who remained in America often married and raised families. It is possible you could find an ancestor listed in the *British Soldiers, American Revolution*. Regardless of whether or not your own ancestor is listed, reading the articles will provide great insight into the harsh conditions these men endured and will give a greater appreciation of the lives they led.

British Soldiers, American Revolution can be found at <http://redcoat76.blogspot.com/>.

Bits & Bytes



State Archives Collections Online - www.statearchivists.org/arc/education/online_coll.htm

This page is provided by the Council of State Archivists, with links to digital collections of 37 states. Collections vary, but, with luck, you may find digital documents, photos, and maps., state pension and military record files, digitized newspapers, and state census rolls.

The Irish in Europe Project - www.irishineurope.ie/vre/search/index

Presented by the Department of History of the National University of Ireland, this project has several databases including "Irish Military in France" (those serving the French king in the 18th century), "Irish Military and Community in Spain" 1580-1818, and for Irish Theology students in "Students in L" and "Students in Paris and Toulouse."

This is from Websites Worth Surfing, Family Chronicle Jan/Feb 2013, p 50-51, by David A. Norris.

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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 mailing label. If it does not have a "13" after your name, you have not renewed your membership and this will be your last newsletter.

Upcoming Conferences

**National Genealogical Society 2013 Family History Conference
Las Vegas, Nevada, 8-11 May 2013**

The NGS 2013 Family History Conference will be held at The LVH-Las Vegas Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

For information on this conference you can download a PDF Brochure, visit their website at:

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/>

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