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NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, March 12, 2013

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Large Downstairs Meeting Room — 7:00 pm.

OVERCOMING “BRICK WALL” ISSUES IN FAMILY HISTORY RE- SEARCH

Please join us for a discussion of “brick wall” research issues that confound and frustrate family history researchers.

Individuals will make brief oral presentations of the research issue and relevant facts; the group will offer a discussion and suggestions to assist in further research and solving the problem. You need not be a member of WMGS to present your brick wall issues.

“Who Do You Think You Are?” Picked up for 4th Season by TLC Network

There is no word on when the new season of ‘Who Do You Think You Are?’ will air. The series was first broadcasted on NBC from 2010-12, but has been picked up by TLC for its fourth season. Singer Kelly Clarkson was reported to have filmed a segment at Andersonville National Historic Site, the home of a confederate military prison where 45,000 soldiers were held during the Civil War. Clarkson reportedly has strong Texas roots.

(From Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter, 25 Feb., 2013)

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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.

National Geographic Traveler

The current volume of National Geographic Traveler, April 2013, Vol. 20, No. 2 has an article on "Going Home", pp 80-92, where five travelers explore their ancestry while traveling their ancestral homelands of Northern Ireland, Taipei, Sicily, Poland, and Angola. There is also a short inset article on "The Route to Your Roots" which is a very brief genealogy 101 article with hints and tips on using such resources as the web, local archives and churches, telephone books, tourism offices, and even hotel resources as you go about tracking your ancestors in a foreign country.

This magazine can be found in the Missoula Public Library Magazine/Periodical section when not checked out.

In The Mail



Family Chronicle Mar/Apr 2013.

www.familychronicle.com

Articles include:

- Establishing a Timeline in Six Easy Steps
- On the Other Han—equivocates on Ancestry.com's trembling leaves
- How Did "Vincenzo" Become "James" - Italian naming traditions
- Crossing Without Bridges—a look at fords and ferries
- All You Need to Know About Research Logs
- Researching the British Army Abroad
- Searching for the Golden Nut—tips on how to find those interesting ancestors

Internet Genealogy Feb/Mar 2013.

www.internet-genealogy.com

Articles include:

- The Historic New Orleans Collection
- WWI Enemy Alien Registration Records
- "What Was For Dinner?" -online historic menu collections
- Are Your British Deceased Online?
- NetNotes—websites and related news

NGS Magazine—Jan/Mar 2013.

Articles include:

- Why Genealogists Blog (or why they should)
- Organizing Your Genealogy Records
- Kentucky Tax Lists
- A Window into the Lives of Black and White Ancestors: Freedmen's Bureau field office records
- The Perfect Puzzle
- The Frugal Genealogist—photography and genealogy

National Genealogical Society Quarterly—Dec 2013

Articles Include:

- 2011 Winner: Family History Writing Contest
- Resolving Duplicate Roman Catholic Parish Register Entries
- Black Slavery Emancipation Research in the Northern States

Big Sky Roundup - Jan 2013

Reports that the Montana State Death Index 1868-2002 which is posted on Ancestry.com will be corrected by April. Also, see Bits & Bytes for interesting web site that will give you a US county name.

Minnesota Newspapers Online

Every newspaper in the state of Minnesota is sent to the Minnesota Historical Society, in accordance with state statutes. For decades, every newspaper (at last count about 425, mostly weeklies) was made accessible to the public via microfilm. However in the midst of a budget crunch, on June 30, 2009, the state closed its microfilm lab.

Now the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) has created a new, and probably better, plan: a digital newspaper database for researchers, called *Minnesota Newspapers Online*. It should launch within two years.

Minnesota Newspapers Online is beginning as a pilot project with 12 members of the Minnesota Newspaper Association — a trade organization of over 360 state newspapers.

Instead of mailing newspapers to MHS, publishers will now upload digital copies of their print editions to an MHS database. This database of recent newspapers will join a patchwork of older digitized newspapers.

This should greatly improve the ease of use for everyone. Instead of spending hours cranking through reel after reel of microfilm, searching for a name, genealogists will now type in a name, and all of the stories containing that name should pop up within two or three seconds.

[From Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter
3 March 2013]

Book Review: Secrets of Tracing Your Ancestors

The following book review was written by Bobbi King and

Secrets of Tracing Your Ancestors. Fifth edition. by W. Daniel Quillen. Published by Cold Spring Press, Cold Spring Harbor, NY. 2011. 223 pages.

Secrets of Tracing Your Ancestors would be a good book for the curious genealogist who has an interest in the history of the family, but just does not have the time nor the money yet to go out and do it. I think

Welcome New Members

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Bits & Bytes



The New York Times: Mapping the 2010 U.S.

Browse population growth and decline, changes in racial and ethnic concentrations and patterns of housing development.

This map allows you to view the changes in population since 2000 and zoom into any state to see its population and ethnic distribution. <http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/map>

Thank you Al Stoner & the Big Sky Roundup for this info.

Discover Ireland - is the official Irish tourism site. There is a section on its website devoted to helping Americans trace their heritage., as well as a toll free number that helps connect callers with ancestral towns. They are sponsoring the Gathering 2013, a series of events throughout the country intended to capitalize on the roots travel trend. discoverireland.com

[From the National Geographic Traveler]

this book would be great incentive to get the inquisitive beginner thinking about the close-to-home work we all wish we had done when we were younger, in the days before the old folks died.

Tracing Your Ancestors is not a large reference volume, but rather an easy-to-carry-around beginner's guide, easy to read, and inspirational to the early starter who is still tied close to home.

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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