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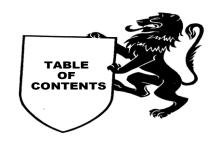
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# **MEETINGS**

Society General meetings are generally held the second Wednesday of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 2330 E. Broadway at 7pm. Due to COVID restrictions these have been on Zoom meetings. Hopefully by this fall we will be back to in person meetings again.

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MSGS Library Catalog: mymontanalibrary.com

# **President Message**

Happy Summer!! I wonder what everyone has been doing since our last issue at Christmas! Hopefully, those who were able, have now received their COVID vaccines and are beginning to venture out into public. And those who contracted the virus are well on their way back to good health!

Some of us learned new technology over the last year i.e. using Zoom! (At least it was new to me!) Not only has it been fun to be able to SEE you on Zoom, but also to have programs and discussions! We've been very fortunate to not only have our own genealogy meetings by Zoom since about November, but we have also benefited from the generosity of both the Gallatin County Genealogical Society sharing their meetings with us and Jan Thomson in Great Falls, including our society members in her biweekly hour-long programs. There was RootsTech in February and other societies and organizations with invitations to join their meetings, webinars etc. during this pandemic and they continue as we go forward. And many are free!

If you know of any webinars, etc. coming up over the summer & would like to share the information, please feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:lccgen1@gmail.com">lccgen1@gmail.com</a> and I will pass the information on to our members. Some of you are already in the habit of doing so and I thank you! The Family History Library is having classes and webinars throughout the summer. Check them out at:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\_History\_Library\_Classes\_and \_Webinars

I think all of us are anxious to get together in person and get back to our regular meetings come September. To get reacquainted in person, we are planning to have a picnic August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds 5pm to 8ish. As the time gets closer, I'll be sending out more information, but for now, mark your calendars!!

In the meantime, enjoy our summer weather and activities. (It looks like I will be entertaining family from far and wide the whole month of July! Good thing I like to cook! (a)

Mary Pitch

# Calendar of Events

Future Programs of the LCCGS and other important dates to note. Some of the programs are tentative so wait for the Calling Committee notification. If you have an Email address, please give it to Mary Pitch and she will send you a meeting reminder electronically. This should help in speeding up the calling process.

All future meetings have been cancelled due to COVID restrictions. Announcements will be made via email or our website once we are able to have meetings. Currently we are doing Zoom meetings, if interested in joining contact Mary Pitch with your email information.

We need input from all members as to what kind of future events your society should be having for their monthly meetings. Without your help, our Society cannot grow or continue to provide wonderful meetings.

## MT DEATH INDEX CD - UPDATE-2008-2012

The Montana State Genealogical Society has created a 3rd Montana State Death Index CD that covers deaths in the State from 2008 to 2012. This update is available for a price of \$10. The 2nd CD for years 2003-2007 is still available for \$10. This will be a great addition to the original CD, which covers all the deaths reported to the State from the 1800s through 2002. Most of the records give the person's age and the county where they died. The data is in Microsoft ACCESS format in 10 year searchable increments if you don't know exact information. Included on the CD is a current list of Montana Counties, their numbers, and addresses. There is a helpful "read-me" file that explains some of the intricacies of the database. The original CD is still being offered for \$20.00, which includes postage and handling. Send your order to MSGS, PO Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604.

The LCCGS library within the Lewis & Clark County Library is now open but we are still working on new procedures for our librarians. Since our books are part of the main library, they are accessible even when no librarian is there to help. Come in and see the new location and we will update everyone in the next newsletter as to any new information and procedures.

# **Library Report**

Finally the genealogy library is coming out of both the library remodel and the pandemic. June 16, Mary and I met at the library with John Finn, Lisa Skelton and Matt Beckstrom. We talked over more logistics of being back in the library and our new operating procedures.

They are still setting up the laptop computer for us and should have it ready by next week. Our goal is to have librarians back in the library to help people after July 4th. Watch your emails for more information.

They have given us a new telephone # for messages. It is 406-447-6540. We can call in from home and pick up the messages from it.

We will have a cart that is kept in the back room. On it will be our computer, standard forms and some instructions and anything else that we need at the library. When a librarian goes in for a shift, they can ask the front desk for the "Genealogy cart". This will be brought out. When done, it can be taken back to the front desk and they will store it for us until we need it again.

At the end of our book shelves the library will put up signs that say Genealogy. At the beginning of our collection, the end shelf has slots so they are looking for plastic holders to put there so we can have brochures about our society and basic forms. They will also have a link within their computers that patrons use to search their catalog to be able to click and also search ours. We are now both on Montana Shared Catalog. Our books are arranged the same as they were upstairs....the city directories, yearbooks, (HS and college) how to books, society books, family histories and then by state. Remember that Montana is filed down to county level.

At this time, they are refilling our books for us. If you are working as a librarian, you may watch for misfiles.

They will set our computer up so that it prints to their big printer. We will not have to pay for our printing but will have our patrons pay us 10 cents a copy and then give it to the front desk and tell them it is for copies.

We asked about our members from Jefferson and Broadwater counties that belong to our society. They said that you can come in and use their computers without having to have a library card. You just ask for a guest pass. That allows you 1 hr of use. (PS if you are a librarian, you could use the genealogy computer during your shift if no one is there asking for help, or stay after and use it until the library closes)

Tables are setup in the back of our section. They say patrons are enjoying using them. If we need to, we can always reserve one of the study rooms to use to help patrons.

Their hours at this time are Monday thru Friday 10 to 6pm and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5pm. Masks are requested and all staff were wearing masks today. They may have changes July 1, but they are like the rest of us and cannot predict the future.

While we were there today, we had a patron come in from Spokane and enjoyed our visit with her. Watch your email and the newsletter for more updates. Karen Huck, Librarian

## Woman on Meagher Ranch Tends Trap Lines For Husband

-Special to the Great Falls Tribune, Nov 27, 1928

MARTINSDALE. Nov 26--Mrs. Oliver Feeback again proves that a Montana woman can in some instances take the place of her husband in ranch work. Mr. Feeback is one of the most experienced and successful trappers in this county. His ranch work interfered with his regular trappings this fall so his wife rode the trap lines. One day she found three coyotes, which she shot and removed from the traps. The following day another coyote was in a trap.

Mrs. John Duncan, one of the few expert women riders left in the county, accompanied Mrs. Feeback on one trip to the traps. They were somewhat chagrined to find a skunk prisoner in one of the traps. Not knowing what method to use with the visitor. Mrs. Feeback shot the animal and left it for Mr. Feeback to take charge of.

(This was an aunt of Karen Huck. She lived to be 99.5 yrs)

#### PINTEREST FINDINGS

Genealogy is like a jigsaw puzzle. You're always looking for the missing piece. Familytreee.com

Genealogy is like a scavenger hunt and a jigsaw puzzle all rolled into one! Delores J Rush

A Family Reunion is a time to remember, a time to laugh, a time to celebrate... and make new

memories.

A time to see each other in the faces all around us and find reflections of ourselves in hearts both young and old.

A reunion is a coming together that strengthens the bonds of family and reminds us of the gift of belonging.

A chance to share our history. A reason to celebrate our past. A time to welcome our future... as a family. Unknown author

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#### Cousin survival kit

Button-Button your lips 'cause secrets between cousins stays between cousins

Band-aid-To help mend any hurt feelings

Gum-To remind you as a family we "stick" together

Paperclip-To help you hold it all "together"

Happy Face-To remind you of all the fun we've had together

Puzzle Piece-You are an important part of this family

Mint-You are "Worth a Mint"

Rubber band-To remind you to always "be flexible"

Lifesaver-To remind you of all the times we've been a lifesaver to each other

Toothpick-To remind you to always pick out the good in others

Unknown author

#### LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY CEMETERY NEWS

On an outing to take photographs to upload to "Billion Graves", in May 2021, I discovered a very large, marble "headstone" at the head of a normal looking grave. On the stone were over 100 names, but no dates. I called the County Coroner's office to see if they could answer some questions about this. I was told that before moving out of the old Coroner's Office on Breckenridge St, found in the basement were row, upon row, of unclaimed and abandoned cremains, each identified and in little black boxes. It was definitely felt by them that these were people who should be remembered, and not forgotten. Thus, all the cremains were self-contained and carefully placed into one vault, and buried beneath that large headstone, at the Lewis and Clark County Cemetery on 20 Nov 2018.

Perhaps you'll recognize one of these names. They were all deaths that occurred in Lewis and Clark County, and all we know is they died before 2018. More research indicated. For more information, contact the Coroner's Office in Helena. Al Stoner

ANDERSON	Blanche
ANDERSON	Olaf
AYON	Armand
BANKS	Albert
BENSON	Anna
BETTS	Kenneth
BILLINGTON	Judith
BILLINGTON	(Unknown)
BOUNKIND	May
BREWER	Ruth Maria
BUCKUS	Paul Joseph
CANNAN	Robert
CHAMBERLAIN	Ray Robert
CHESS	David
CHURCHILL	Elleanora Kathleen
CLAUSEN	Melba
COLEMAN	Barbara
COLLINS	Marguerite
COWGER	Jerry
COWGER	Thorald
DAWSON	Melvin
DEAN	Marilyn
DOUGLAS	Joseph
DUGAS	Edward

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ELLEFSON	Eleanor
ERICKSON	Helen
FINSTAD	Anthony
FLYNN	Lucretia
GOETZ	William F.
GOGGINS	Ruby A
GOLAS	Denise
GOODE	Pamela Stein
GREENE	Gregory
HARTSHORN	Charles A.
HAWTHORNE	Zilnhan
HENNIGH	Marian M.
HIESTAND	Barbara
HIGGINS	Anne
HOLLAND	Grace W
HUTCHINSON	James Richard
IRELAN	Nell
JACOBSON	John
JENSEN	Leo
JOHNSON	Waldemar
JOHNSON	Jo Ann
KAISER	Edwin
KALOGEVAS	Nicholas
KLEIN	Ma

Virginia
Nellie Olive
Dina
Edward Holen
Peter
William F.
Annie
Eloise
Cora C
Earl
Fred
Mary Elizabeth
Lloyd D
Ruth M
Daniel E.
Regina
Ethel
Stuart
Kimron
Baby Luke
John
Emil
Frank
George E
Maude B
Elizabeth I.
Jacque
Ben

Blanche
William Edward
Peter Francis
Grant
Anna
Sam
Warren Delose
Duane
Beatrice
Roland Thomas
Ronald
Mary
Kathryn
Fred
John
Mable
Andrea
Gerald Kenneth
Michelle
Adult
Baby
Baby
Guy H
Ruth Wood
Edith
Russell Edward
Clara E

## Going out on a limb with my family tree

By Frank Anderson

Long Beach CA, Press-Telegram newspaper - Nov 19, 1982 Provided by Earline Oset

A Woman reader, who means well, has for some time been trying to persuade me to have my family tree "done" (her word, not mine). I have resisted, for I gather that her interest in genealogy owes more to latent snobbery than to a passion for historical research.

"It might be well worth your while to trace your ancestry back several hundred years," she nudged. "What if you found nobility among your forebears, people of quality?

"I'd be quite surprised," I said. "And cetain I was barking up the wrong tree."

"You're not being serious. Don't you want to be somebody? Aren't you interested in social position?"

"But I am somebody. I'm a middle-aged Scots-Irish-American, first generation middle class, no better or worse than my neighbors, who'd throw me off the block if I started putting on airs and taking credit for things my ancestors did."

"Well, if you find distinction in your ancestry, you're entitled to feel somewhat superior and treat yourself to a family coat of arms."

"Well, genuflect and kiss my royal ring! I need a coat of arms like I need another disease. Besides, if someone like me starts to feel superior, society's really in trouble. The country already has a surplus of upstarts, charlatans and freeloaders."

"Really, Mr. Anderson, I thought you'd be more reasonable. Are you afraid to look up your origins? Afraid of what you might find?"

Yeah, I don't want to disturb the orangutans, the horse thieves and cut purses and bootleggers who have made their home in my family tree. Let sleeping dogs lie, I say, and their fleas with them."

I think you're exaggerating. Surely there must be some bright spots among your ancestors. By reason of the law of averages, if for nothing else."

"There probably are, as in most families. But that is to their credit, not mine. I have to ride on my own record."

"I still think you're missing a fine opportunity. Having your family tree 'done' could be the greatest gift you could pass on to your children. It would tell them who they are."

"They know who they are. They're simple human beings with a capacity for hard work, descendants of a long line of farmers, tinkers, serving maids, ox herders, lackeys, soldiers, sailors and marines, printers, priests, saints and sinners, one judge, a couple of disbarred lawyers, a stagecoach bandit or tow. They know where they came from, know they can't do anything about their antecedents but can shape their own futures."

"That's logic of a sort, I suppose. But, unlike you, I derive great comfort and inspiration from my family tree. Seeded in the long past, it endures to give shade to my present and future."

It also gives you shade to your ego, too. But we won't go into that. Look, I really have against family tress, if that's your thing. Just make them out of bounds to Interior Secretary James Watt."

"Interior Secretary Watt? What's he got to do with it?"

"Ask the Sierra Club. Watt is death on trees of any kind. They get in the way of strip mines."

Thoroughly befuddled by my thinking, the family tree lady hung up and took her snob pitch elsewhere. In the silence, I could hear Davies Anderson, my 19<sup>th</sup> century relative, who reached the end of his rope when the posse caught him riding a stolen horse.

So much for family trees.

### A True Researcher

A genealogist must have:

The patience of a Job

The curiosity of a cat

The stubbornness of a mule

The eyesight of an eagle

The luck of the Irish

And the ability and stamina of a camel

To go long hours without food or drink.

## WHO ARE EXEMPT (Civil War?)

Taken from the Civil War Times Sep/Oct 1993

As the hour of drafting draws nigh the public anxiety grows more intense and everybody wants to know who is exempt and who is not. This List of exempts hitherto published are not explicit enough, and being overwhelmed with communications on the subject, we have, after consultation with the Secretary of War and Provost Marshall Kennedy, prepared a full and complete list of all the exempts, enumerated as follows:

All infants at the breast

All females between the ages of eighteen and forty-five

All females under age of eighteen

All females over forty-five

All Negroes, mulattoes, and Ministers of the Gospel

**Quadroons and Quakers** 

Octoroons and Idiots

All colored females

**Lunatics and Custom House Officers** 

Exempt firemen

Men with wood legs

Cripples

Blind Men

Seamen and Habitual Drunkards

Telegraph Operators and Mariners

**Teachers in Public Schools** 

Old Maids

Bachelors over forty-five

Married men over forty-five; whose wives won't let them go

Newsboys under 18

Bootblacks do

Organ grinders who have not been naturalized, including their monkeys

**British Subjects and Shakers** 

Young Ladies at Boarding School

Wet nurses

Veterans of War of 1812

The Oldest Inhabitant

Directors of the Academy of Music, over 45 years of age

## **Illegitimate Ancestors?**

Sooner or later, most genealogists stumble across an illegitimate ancestor. Old parish registers often reveal this information, but there were various ways of expressing illegitimacy, some of them in Latin.

In Latin "ignotus" means unknown. So records sometimes say "nomine ignoto" meaning the father's name was unknown.

"Filius Populi" means son of the people. This reference in English records often covers cases where the father was known to be a local man, but might be one of two men. It also can mean that the father can be anybody's guess.

"Filius nullius" means son of none. This terminology was used in cases where the father was a stranger (in that parish) or the mother couldn't or wouldn't say who he was.

There are other tiny clues to be found in the parish records, so it's important to copy the references exactly. For example, if you find a record that reads something like "Johannes filius Mariae Jones er reputat (ur) de Johanni Smith", it translates to John, son of Mary Jones and by repute John Smith. What this means is that the father either admitted paternity or that paternity had been proved.

But if the record read "Johannes filius Mariae Jones et imputat de Johanni Smith" it means that the mother claimed the father was John Smith, but wouldn't admit it or else the case hadn't been settled. Other terms you may run into are "ut fertur" meaning as it is said (or believe it if you like), and "dictus" or "p(rea) dictus", meaning the said, aforesaid (man). "Voctus" means called or known as.

A common way of showing illegitimate paternity in English records was to give a child his father's full name and his mother's surname. The idea was that if the couple married later, the mother's surname would be dropped.

Knowing about the use of double surnames for illegitimate children is very useful to genealogists, but in genealogy, there are always exceptions. In London, Lancashire, Yorkshire and among nonconformists, the use of a complimentary second surname for the mother's family, the pastor or rich uncle, came into vogue in the early 1800's and again later in the Victorian period.

If you discover a reference to John Jones Smith, and it occurs anywhere but in a recognized gentry family before 1840 in England, it should alert you to the possibility of illegitimacy, but remember the exceptions. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century the English sometimes used a hyphenated surname such as Armstrong-Jones, but for reasons of ancestral snobbery, not illegitimacy. So when researching English records, remember this popularity of double surnames in particular localities and time periods for other reasons than the marital status of a child's parents before assuming an ancestor was illegitimate.

(found in various society newsletters in the 1997-1998 timeframe)

# Lewis & Clark County Genealogical Society

Membership Application

#### SOCIETY INFORMATION

- 1. The Society meetings are generally held the second Wednesday of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 2330 E. Broadway, at 7:00 pm., although summer meetings may be held at other locations.
- 2. The Society has a library located in the Lewis & Clark County Public Library on the upper level. Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 1-3 pm and 7-9 pm; and Saturday 10 am to noon. Members can use any time the main library is open.
- 3. Members can at no cost have Queries published in the Societies Quarterly Newsletter. The Newsletter is exchanged with other Societies both in and out of state.
- 4. The Membership Dues are: Individual \$16.00 and Family \$21.00. Membership starts in March and payments received after August will begin the next year.

## PLEASE COMPLETE THE QUESTIONS LISTED BELOW:

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