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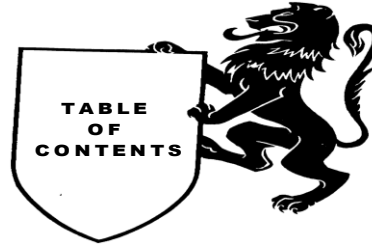
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MEETINGS

Society General meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month at Lewis & Clark Public Library, 120 S Last Chance Gulch at 6pm.

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President Message

The society had a busy winter! Our board of directors and program committee were busy planning for 2023, with an overall goal of re-energizing the society following the Covid pandemic.

Our December meeting included a holiday party with members bringing treats to share. The program was an open forum to share a story, document, or memorabilia about a favorite ancestor. The group enjoyed a fun interactive session with some great finds.

At our January meeting Todd Knowles from FamilySearch International presented "What's New at FamilySearch.org for 2023" via Zoom.

In February we conducted a series of four "Genealogy 101" classes in conjunction with Lewis & Clark Library. The classes were held each Saturday in February from 1:00-3:00 PM and the topics included an Overview of Genealogy, Ancestry.com and Newsbank, FamilySearch.org and other newspaper sites, and using DNA in genealogy research. The classes were recorded by Helena Civic TV and are available on their website at www.helenacivictv.org - go to "ON Demand" and then **Education**. We had a great turnout of about fifty people each Saturday and we've had many of them either return to our society meetings or come for the first time.



Dodie Heffner, Mary Pitch, and Paula Naccarato greet attendees at the Genealogy 101 Series

For our February meeting and programs, Mark T. Johnson, author of *The Middle Kingdom Under the Big Sky: A History of the Chinese Experience in Montana* spoke at our meeting and presented information he discovered while researching and writing the book. He discovered a collection at the Montana Historical Society that was letters from China to a Chinese immigrant in Butte. As an English teacher in China, he applied for a grant to bring some of his students to Montana to translate the letters. They found they could not translate them because many of the characters pre-dated the modern language and dialects varied from region to region. He ended up finding a variety of translators from various age ranges and regions to create a team to translate the letters. The letters were from family members to a man in Butte with updates about the family, but primarily asking him to send money. Mark talked about the economic and cultural conditions in both China and Montana that families on both sides of the world faced. He talked about the difficulties identifying the Chinese in Montana because of language barriers, immigration barriers, and discrimination. The presentation was customized toward a genealogy audience, and it was fantastic.

Also in February, to celebrate the Chinese New year, we held a public film screening of the award-winning documentary "Far East Deep South." We rented the Helena Avenue Theatre for the screening. The film is about a Chinese family in San Francisco who find out their grandfather and great-grandfather are buried in Mississippi. They go on a journey to learn how and why, taking them into the history of the Chinese exclusion act, and Chinese immigrants in the Mississippi delta. The society purchased the DVD of the film, and it is now available at the Lewis & Clark Library for check out.

At our March meeting members voted to move our monthly meetings to the newly remodeled Lewis & Clark Library in their large meeting room. To make the move we had to change the meetings from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday and the time from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Our March program included past president Mary Pitch telling us about her grandfather Ed Mulroney who came from Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Missoula, Montana, and was a lawyer and community leader. Then members Allen and Cindy Christophersen shared the process they went through to submit ancestors to the First Families and Early Settlers of Montana book series. Copies of the various editions of the book were on hand for members to view.

In April we learned about records available at the National Archives and how to navigate the website. The closest NARA locations to Montana are in Seattle and Denver. All locations do not have all records, so research where records are stored before going onsite. Dennis showed videos by Lisa Louise Cooke and the National Archives regarding how to find records.

Military records and the information they can provide was the focus of our May meeting and program. Dennis Heffner presented information about record categories, criteria, and types. Non-digitized records are at the National Archives in Washington D.C. and St. Louis, Missouri. The National Records Center fire in St. Louis in 1973 destroyed the majority of records for veterans in the Army between 1 November 1912 and 1 January 1960. But you can still submit a request and they'll let you know if they were destroyed or not. Al Christophersen shared additional information about finding records, and shared the story of his journey to obtain his father's World War II records and re-issuance of his medals.

Also in May, members who had worked on the book scanning project were invited to attend a tour of the new Helena Montana Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

It is a beautiful new building that was constructed in less than two years using a modular construction method.



The group that toured the Temple

Julie Walker
President

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.

At this time we are going to start meeting at the Public Library on the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting at 6pm. This change will help us be closer to our library books as well as better internet access.

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. To make a recommendation, email Dennis Heffner atdheffner98@aol.com.

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.

Library Report

Paula Naccarato and I worked one Sunday morning and cataloged the books that have been donated to the library. Paula has worked in libraries before and used the current computer library program while doing metadata for the digitization project. We were glad to get caught up, the spine labels on the books and filed. Some of the books had been given to us before the library shutdown. We will continue working together to have a second person trained on the library programs.

I attended the History Fair "A Stitch in Time". It was interesting to listen to David Gardener explain the digitizing that Family Search is doing for the Grand Lodge of Montana Museum and Library. Within the genealogy library we have Proceeding books from 1919-1922, 1927, 1930 and 1931-1933 and 1935. These are from their state wide meetings and list all the member of the different lodges. David said they will be very busy June with the annual gathering and then July with a remodel but this fall, would be available for queries. They do have membership record cards for most lodges. I got one for Dennis' uncle. From this you can get a birthdate, Lodge #, occupation, degrees received and death date. Although these are not indexed yet on FamilySearch.org, they may be found under images.

Karen Huck
Librarian

After our May meeting about what was available at the National Archives for military records, I decided to see what was available for my dad's records. I already knew his enlistment date, his discharge date and when he came home from Germany (1953) – ship record - several years after his discharge. It took about 5 days for me to get an email back from National Personnel Records Center with the response I was afraid of – his records were not available because they were destroyed in the St Louis fire in 1973. They did get me a copy of his Final Pay Voucher, which normally is only available for a fee. After he left the Army, I know he worked for a private company that worked closely with the Army but I only have pictures of him in Germany. Someday I hope to maybe find out what his work was during this time. Terry Atwood

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						Lester C. Atwood			

The Spring 2023 edition of the Minnesota Genealogist had a couple articles that caught my attention.

The first, entitled “A Short Migration Essay: The Ikea Effect” asked questions I’ve often asked myself. “Genealogists often ask why their immigrant ancestors left their homeland. They less often ask why they went where they went. The answer to both questions is often the same: they followed a close relation or neighbor who had gone before them. They were a link in a migration chain.” (Note: Ikea in the title is not a Scandinavian furniture company, but the name of one of the migrants in the article.)

My Westphal ancestors left Prussia in 1864 and settled in Corcoran township northwest of Minneapolis. In 1867, the Wulfs crossed the Atlantic and settled in central Minnesota. In 1877, while on a cattle-buying trip to the Corcoran area, Peter F. Wulf, my great-grandfather, married Augusta Westphal. Later, Peter & Augusta and his father Casper took homesteads farther west, in Leonardsville township in Traverse County, as did some of the Westphals.

Another article, about “Bertha Von Ende Bursch (1878-1924)”, had a table that made more sense out of census information than anything I’d been able to do.

Putting the censuses in chronological order across the top and persons’ names in descending order of age, (as normally found in a census) revealed in easy-to-understand fashion how a family grew over the years. When someone no longer appeared in a census, the author made a note about what had happened to the person.

Submitted by Gary Wulf

Bertha Von Ende Bursch (1878-1924)

1863 with her parents, Phillip and Anna (Mendel) Jager and three younger siblings.¹⁰ The Jager family settled on a farm in Watertown, Carver County, Minnesota. William and Dorothea married 13 June 1870, when William was 38 and Dorothea was 19.¹¹ After their marriage, Dorothea joined her husband and his parents at William's farm in Hassan.¹²

Dorothea's parents and siblings remained in the Watertown area where they farmed.

Bertha's Early Years on Von Ende Farm

When Bertha was born in 1878, her parents, four older siblings (William, Amelia, Albert, Edward) and her grandmother

Table 2

William Ende Household, 1875-1905					
1875 Minnesota census ^a	1880 U.S. census ^b	1885 Minnesota census ^c	1895 Minnesota census ^d	1900 U.S. census ^e	1905 Minnesota census ^f
	Hannah, 89				
Wm Ende, 40	William Ente, 48	Wm Ende, 53	William Ende, 65	William Ende, 68	William Ende, 73
Dorothy, 23	Dora, 29	Dorothy, 34	Dorothy, 44	Dora, 48	Dora, 53
F. W., 4	William, 9	Wm, 14	William 24	William, 29	William, 34
Ann, 2	Amelia, 7	Amelia, 12	Amelia, 22	<i>Amelia, 27, had married Adolph Bursch</i>	
A. J., 0	Albert, 6	Albert, 10	Albert, 22	Albert, 25	
	Betty, 1	Bertha, 6	Bertha, 17	<i>Bertha Ende, 20, was living in Minneapolis</i>	William Bursch, 27 Bertha Bursch, 26 Roy Kernell, 4 Esther Bursch, 1 Mable Bursch, mo.
		Charlie, 4	Charles, 14	Charles, 19	Charley, 24
		August, 2	August, 12	August, 17	August, 22
			Julius, 10	Julius, 14	Julius, 19
			Emily, 2	Mollie, 10	Mollie, 15
			George, 5	George, 8	George, 13

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397	Bidmead	Matt	528	Morse	Kandice
422	Brooks	Charlotte	529	Weber	Joe
423	Brooks	Phil	383	Murray	Mary Jo
444	Christophersen	Allen	524	Naccarato	Paula
445	Christophersen	Cindy	380	Oliveira	Dorothy
479	Crogan	Karen	387	Oliveira	George
480	Crogan	Michael	473	Olsen	Sandra
538	Danhof	Patsy	323	Oset	Earline
484	Davis	Karen	381	Oset	Lawrence
543	Dever	Chet	549	Pembroke	Kristi
544	Dever	Colleen	48	Pitch	Mary
88	Downs	Pat	539	Sillick	Jeffery
341	Gibson	Rita	482	Siroky	Marilyn
409	Guevin	Elizabeth (Liza)	338	Smith	Barbara
536	Hall	Michael	548	Shoquist-Powell	Jane
440	Heffner	Dennis	461	Solwey	Pamella
443	Heffner	Dodie	471	Stier	Jerry
410	Hinman	Audrey	472	Stier	Marji
366	Hoffman	Helen	C01	Stoner	Al
550	Howerton	Adell	547	Van Syckle	Jennifer
364	Huck	Dennis	527	Walker	Julie
			540	Whearty	Nikki

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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.

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