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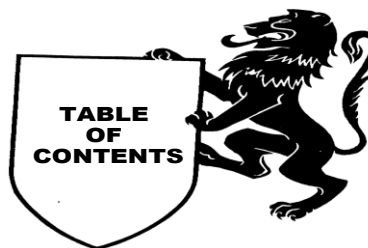
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We are always glad to hear from you! What materials  
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## MEETINGS

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## President Message

The State Genealogy Conference in September was educational and fun, and many members of Lewis and Clark County Genealogy Society were there to attend. The convention center at Fairmont Hot Springs is a beautiful facility with plenty of room for all the events. The food was fantastic as well. National speakers Judy Russell – The Legal Genealogist, and Rich Venezia from Rich Roots Genealogy presented seven lectures on topics ranging from court records to ship manifests and DNA. Each state society gave a report during the luncheons. Friday evening after-dinner entertainment was provided by Sean Eamon who sang “New Songs for the Butte Mining Camp.” The Book Frolic and society display tables kept us busy between programs. Here is a photo of the LCCGS members in attendance.



In October we created a membership survey to find out more about our membership and gather ideas for future programs. The results are included in this newsletter. The Board of Directors will use the information for future planning.

The society is conducting a free genealogy open house at the Lewis & Clark Library on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00 PM. Society members are invited to attend to help the public with genealogy research. The Board of Directors is also planning a free 4-session group of classes titled “Genealogy 101” at the beginning of 2023 at the public library.

We have created a new public Facebook page for the society. Please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/lewisandclarkcountygenealogicalsociety/>

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 back at the Covenant United Methodist Church, with some COVID rules being followed.

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](mailto:atdheffner98@aol.com).

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### 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.

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# Library Report

Margie Peterson is working on the digitized copies of the vertical file. Quickly before we left the library, we were able to make a digitized copy of the individual papers in the file cabinet. She is creating an excel spreadsheet of the obituaries that were in the file so that we can include it in our databases. She is also working on Find A Grave and contributing them to the website if they were not included.

Last week I visited with Pete and Maureen Strazdas. They are still digitizing at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. At this time, they are working on documents from the Grand Lodge of Masons Library on North Park Ave. Remember if you know of any collections that you feel should be digitized, let me know. It takes awhile for the paperwork to be approved by FamilySearch.

They have finished with digitizing records for St Paul's United Methodist Church.

Mary, Dennis and I met with Suzanne at the Lewis & Clark Library to test our computers for the upcoming Genealogy Open house. We learned that if you are in the library working and using their wireless network, one does not need a library card. This is a huge benefit as Ancestry Library is the world version. To sign on: \*hookup to the wireless account LCLpublic, do not connect automatic or it will not work. \*go to lclibrary.org. \*Pause over research and choose genealogy. \*Click on Ancestry. Happy researching.

Save the date Saturday May 20, 2023. Genealogy presentation from Family History Center. Classes, booths and other genealogists. More information to follow in next newsletter.

Karen Huck  
Librarian



## **Lewis and Clark County Genealogical Society Survey Results**

Thank you to everyone who completed the membership survey this fall. Here are the results!

### **How long have you been a member of Lewis and Clark County Genealogical Society (LCCGS)?**

0-5 years: 28.1%  
5-10 years: 25%  
10-15 years: 25%  
15-20 years: 6.3%  
20 years or more: 15.6%

### **How long have you been doing genealogy?**

0-5 years: 12.5%  
5-10 years: 12.5%  
10-15 years: 28.1%  
15-20 years: 12.5%  
20 years or more: 34.4%

### **What is your career status?**

Working full time: 9.4%  
Working part time: 0%  
Retired: 84.4%  
Other: 6.3%

### **What is your residency status?**

I live in Helena year-round: 81.3%  
I'm a snowbird: 12.5%  
I do not live in Helena: 6.3%

### **Do you use Facebook?**

Yes: 81.3%  
No: 18.8%

### **Do you like the current meeting day and time of the second Wednesday at 7:00 PM, or would you prefer a different day/time?**

Current day works for me: 74.2%  
Current time works for me: 48.4%  
Would prefer a different day: 12.9%  
Would prefer a different time: 9.7%  
Comments: I would prefer an earlier time; Would like to meet at 6 & possibly Saturdays in winter; it would be nice to start earlier, especially in the winter; no preference as I don't drive at night; daytime hours if I attend; I like the zoom meetings.

### **What meeting format do you prefer?**

In person only: 25%  
On Zoom only: 3.1%  
A mix of in person and zoom: 59.4%  
Only comfortable with zoom at this time: 9.4%  
Unable to Zoom: 3.1%

**What meeting days and times could you attend in person?**

Largest responses: Wednesday 5-7 PM, Wednesday 7-9 PM, Tuesday lunchtime 11 AM – 1 PM

**What meeting days and times could you attend on Zoom?**

Largest responses: Wednesday 7-9 PM, Tuesday or Monday lunchtime 11 AM – 1 PM, Wednesday 5-7 PM

**What is your comfort level with computer technology? (1 = I don't use computers to 5 = I am an IT Professional)**

1 – 0%

2 – 9.4%

3 – 31.3%

4 – 46.9%

5 – 12.5%

**What programs or software do you use to store your genealogy research?**

Only paper – 3.2%

Some paper, some electronic – 80.6%

Ancestry.com – 93.5%

MyHeritage.com – 25.8%

FamilySearch.com – 74.2%

Family Tree Maker – 58.1%

Legacy software – 3.2%

RootsMagic – 3.2%

Reunion software – 0%

AncestralQuest – 0%

Family Tree Builder software – 3.2%

Family Historian software – 0%

Other – 3.2%

**What level of researcher are you?**

Beginner: 12.5%

Intermediate: 71.9%

Advanced: 15.6%

**What are your genealogy research goals?**

- Submit a portfolio for certification, client work, writing
- I want to become proficient in genetic genealogy.
- I'm looking for when, where and why my family came to America.
- To carry on moving backwards
- To find my Great Grandfathers family.
- Specific brick walls that I have found
- Break through some brick walls, expand my ancestors back more generations, broaden my genealogy family (cousins)
- To keep going until I'm done! LOL
- Documenting maternal Irish and Welch line. Learning to access National Archives  
Learn to use Fold3



- Learn ways to enlarge my knowledge of where to look for information. Find out to my biological grandfather is.
- I want to write short biographies on my parents, grandparents etc.
- To learn more about my grandfather.
- Search both lines as far back as possible; get more details than names and dates
- Families (mine and husband's)
- My immediate goal is searching for photos of my ancestors and getting a meaningful photo of each into my tree. Otherwise I continue to try to break down some brick walls.
- To discover the story behind my paternal grandparents immigration journey
- Research one more generation; modify current material so can electronically share more easily w family; fill in current info with more validation documentation.
- to prove some lines where I have brick walls
- Family research and documentation, help others,
- Fill in gaps with documentation
- Most of my family is found and I'm just trying to find as much information on what there is available to find more things about them.
- Get all the answers to all my questions
- Complete family background, as far back as I can go.
- To find all my relationships
- Trace and document families to when a branch or surname arrived from across the pond.
- I have been doing genealogy off & on for about (20) years but consider myself a beginner in many ways & more "self-taught" than any method. I appreciate those who have helped me at the L&C Library on T, Th, and/or on Sat, but often wish I could take a class locally on the basics of genealogy & how to navigate resources more successfully.
- Verify the suggested clues with DNA, legal records, maps. Learn more about not-so-obvious data sets within MyHeritage, Ancestry, Family Search, etc

**What genealogy areas or topics are you good at, or have a particular expertise?**

- DNA, newspapers.com, writing
- I'm fine with regular genealogy. Special interest in connecting African American genealogy to slave holders and promote sharing of info i.e. records and DNA matching.
- like being met with a brick wall and working on answers. also, like helping others.
- Researching on Ancestry, Family Search. Also answering queries. I do have some County History books.
- Family Search, Family Treemaker
- I think it's a mixture of all kinds.
- Family Tree Maker FindaGrave and BillionGraves DNA matches Newspaper Research
- Detail oriented. Teach classes, oversee library. Like to help people with research.
- Not sure I have one. Love using Polk Directories, Newspapers.com, Ancestry, etc.
- I just enjoy discovering new information, especially if I can help someone else.

- New England, Colonial history; Immigration of German ancestors
- Can occasionally access info at institutional sites—old-school, paper, microfiche, etc.
- Family Tree Maker & Ancestry
- Anecdotes of ancestor stories
- Finding people
- Irish
- I enjoy very much doing research~type work. So genealogy fits the bill on many levels.
- Investigate and prove/disprove erroneous posted trees.

**What resources do you have access to that you would be willing to do lookups or share information with other LCCGS members?**

- Books, Newspapers.com, Fold3, GenealogyBank.com, British Newspaper Archive, Ancestry.com, AmericanAncestors.com
- Family Search
- Ancestry.com
- Ancestry subscription Newspapers.com subscription Fold3 subscription
- Newspapers.com, Ancestry, familysearch.
- Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com
- I utilize the library resources.
- Many books on New England history; Civil War
- Ancestry World Wide & Newspapers.com and I have many other areas I can search. I am happy to do lookups for anyone if I can. I belong to several Genealogy organizations.
- Ancestry, newspapers.com, family search,
- NEHGS member, so any of their resources
- Ancestry.com. Hometown Newspapers
- Beara County Cork books by O'Dwyer
- Family Search, My Heritage, Ancestry world

**What genealogy topics would you like to learn more about?**

- Land records, court records, Ireland research
- DNA matching, triangulation, identifying matches, also thru lines.
- Photo detective\preservation
- Researching Canada, and brickwall busting
- Records from European countries
- I wanted to learn more about timelines, but you did the topic during the first meeting
- National Archives Fold3 Military Records Preserving my research findings for future generations - perhaps FamilySearch is the tool for that but I am concerned that it is not permanent in that anyone can change or delete what I place there.
- How to.
- Using DNA, GEDmatch
- Tools like Ancestry
- Tricks on using Ancestry.com search engines
- DNA

- Use of genealogy websites; immigration to US and migration across US
- DNA and understanding it.
- Scanning and uploading current info onto a couple of places (Eg., maybe Dropbox and external drive); Adding storytelling aspects to a few family members data
- Researching Ireland and Norway resources online
- Scanning and converting pics; adding more storied in concise form to genealogical findings.
- Master Family Tree Maker
- DNA and proper notation
- What drew families or entire groups of families to move besides just saying new land. Also how states evolved from East to West where families never moved but the location changed.
- Just about all. 😊
- How to find (my) family history stories in public documents and photographs to enrich my tree. Methods, software to enhance my photos, most being small snapshots. I have lots of DNA results - what do I do now?

### **What brick walls are you trying to research? What is causing the barrier?**

- Parents of Samuel Walker born in New Jersey in 1749. Lack of vital records and online resources. Parents of Salome Sarah Buckley (1777-1859) of Philadelphia. Needs onsite research. Parents for Ellen Lynch of Saint Paul, MN (1839-1915) barriers are common name, lack of records, Irish research.
- Identifying where I connect with a DNA match, a black woman that I think descends from my great grandfather's family who were slave holders.
- Locating my Great Grandpa's family. I cannot find anything on my Great grandpa prior to 1911- 1914 even DNA hasn't helped.
- My maternal grandmother born in Czech Republic (have not found her parents or siblings)
- I can't find when one of my past forefathers came from Germany. I have a lot on him, but it only starts at a certain date - 1700's era.
- Maternal line. Barrier is caused by common names Mary Jones, William Jones, Tom Shields, Bridget Jones, Bridget Shields etc. and common locations and immigration history.
- DNA as want to tie to other family.
- Unable to find acceptable proof of my great grandparents to use for example to join DAR.
- Particular ancestors; other people on Ancestry have not researched these folks
- My grandfather was a chemist for the government during WWI and II. I would like to find out more about his service. Many military records burned in the records warehouse in St. Louis in 1973. I have found his draft cards, but nothing else related to his service.
- Time
- I have a line in Pennsylvania that just disappeared & a great great grandfather who disappeared also. Miami County, Ohio is a huge barrier.

- Need help navigating Newspaper.com more fully. I have a very old newspaper copy of an obituary of a grandfather from Kansas, and even though subscribed one year to "Extra" research detail on this site, I cannot find this.
- Breaks between some of the generations
- Where in Ireland my 3x's great grandparents were born, married. Where in Virginia a 2x's great grandfather was born.
- Female relatives living in 1800-1900
- Both of my Prussian and German lines are hard to break
- My 4th and 5th generations in Ireland
- Southeastern Kentucky my maternal family line.
- Many times the same names are used; i.e., my husband's Irish stream began with John & Mary Dever. Then they had a son named John, who had a son named John. Gets a bit confusing. Also, hit a brick wall in finding out dates of birth, death, marriage, etc. for the first John & Mary mentioned above. Can't seem to delve deeper.
- My great grandmother has been impossible. No family stories or documentation as to her parents, how she arrived in 1895 in Colorado. Old family group sheet (LDS) noted adopted. Ancestry Thru Lines suggests her mother's name - possibly an out of wedlock baby? That mother's name never married. Now to PROVE thru DNA?

**What foreign countries are you researching for your genealogy?** Largest responses:  
 England – 73.3%, Scotland – 70%, Germany 63.3%, Ireland – 56.7%, France – 33.3%,  
 Canada – 30%, Norway – 26.7%, Czech Republic & Slovakia – 20%

**What US States are you researching for your genealogy?** Largest responses:  
 Montana – 62.1%, Virginia – 51.7%, Pennsylvania – 48.3%, Iowa & Missouri – 37.9%,  
 Massachusetts, Nebraska & New York – 34.5%, Colorado, Illinois, & Ohio – 31%

**DNA testing you've done:**

Ancestry.com – 83.9%  
 23&Me – 38.7%  
 MyHeritage – 12.9%  
 LivingDNA – 3.2%  
 FTDNA – 25.8%  
 Y-DNA – 16.1%  
 X-DNA – 3.2%  
 mtDNA – 6.5%  
 Y-DNA surname project – 9.7%  
 No DNA testing – 6.5%

# 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 and Saturday 1 pm to 3pm. 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.

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