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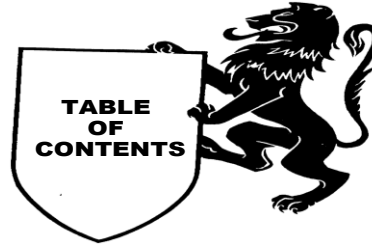
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We are always glad to hear from you! What materials do you want included in the newsletter? Do you have any family stories you wish to publish? Any and all suggestions and additions for this newsletter are appreciated. Send your suggestions to the Editor or any of the Officers.

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## MEETINGS

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You may contact any officer through this address or if you have any research needs for Helena and the local area.

You may also see more information about our society at our **NEW** website: [www.lccgsmt.org](http://www.lccgsmt.org)

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Website: [montanamsgs.org](http://montanamsgs.org)

MSGs Library Catalog:  
[mymontanalibrary.com](http://mymontanalibrary.com)

## Past President Message

After so many years as your president and for health reason, it was time for me to step down in January. It's been quite a ride. I have so many people to thank for the support you have given me through the years. I'm not going to name names as I am fearful that I might miss one of you, but you know who you are! AND you aren't rid of me yet! As past president I am still on the board & willing to continue as librarian coordinator and keep the membership current. I'm sure there will be other things that I can do as time goes on.

AND you now have a wonderful, energetic, extremely knowledgeable NEW president, Julie Walker. Julie became a member of our society in 2019 and then the pandemic hit so she hasn't had the opportunity to meet very many of you. SO if you haven't had the pleasure of meeting her, please introduce yourselves.

It's only been 7 years since Julie started delving into her own family genealogy. She had so much fun with it, she decided to become a professional genealogist! The past two years she has been very busy taking education classes to become certified. She now has 3 different websites. How do I know? I GOOGLED her! I typed in

Julie Walker genealogist montana

and up popped the 3. Check them out! And meet Julie!! You are really going to enjoy her!

Mary Pitch  
LCCGS Past President

## President Message

Hello to all members of the society! Although it's intimidating to follow in the footsteps of Mary Pitch, I am honored to serve as your new society president. I look to, and rely on, Mary, the other officers, and all members of the society for guidance as we move forward.

I've just returned from a week in Sacramento, California at the National Genealogical Society's (NGS) Family History Conference: Our American Mosaic. The conference was the first large in-person genealogy event I've attended since 2020. It was wonderful to see people I've only previously met online, and attend educational sessions in person. The hour-long teaching lectures covered every genealogy topic you can imagine, from beginner to advanced levels. I attended sessions on writing, Irish research, using timelines, using maps, analyzing evidence, and more. Every session provides new ideas and a renewed energy for busting brick walls and improving your personal research. In addition to the educational lectures, highlights of the conference included a screening of the documentary film "Far East Deep South," about a San Francisco family of Chinese descent's journey to find out more about their grandfather and great grandfather who died in Mississippi. A presentation from Family Search's David Ouimette about the company's quest and respectful efforts to digitize records around the world; in some cases, helping with cultural preservation in endangered communities. And a keynote banquet presentation from NGS board member Andre Kearns about his personal genealogy journey, and NGS' initiative for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

In Montana, we are lucky to have two top speakers from the NGS conference coming to speak at our Montana State Genealogy Conference in September at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL is one of the most well-known genealogist lecturers in the U.S., specializing in law, legal records, methodology, DNA, and more. Rich Venezia is an expert in researching immigrant ancestors, dual citizenship for Ireland and Italy, and federal and naturalization records. I highly encourage you to plan to attend this conference! Besides learning genealogy research methods and tips, it's a fun opportunity to meet and connect with other genealogists in Montana. The location at Fairmont makes it much more affordable than traveling to an out-of-state conference. Fairmont is offering group rates of \$139 – 169 per night for single to quadruple occupancy. There is also a campground near Fairmont for those who have RVs and would like to save money. Watch the Montana State Genealogical Society website for full registration details in July: <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>. I look forward to seeing you there!

Julie Walker

## 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

I attended the Montana Shared Catalog Spring meeting by Zoom on May 26th. Every 5 years, the state agencies have to renew contract. MSC has renewed their contract with Syrsi Dynix. New program coming online this summer will be cloud based and no longer a download program to computers.

Remember that the library is staffed by Volunteers Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 1-3. Invite your friends in to have the staff help them find their family in the 1950 census. We now have a laser printer dedicated to our computer and it is on the cart that you use during library hours.

The books that we digitized are getting over 800 hits per month on the FamilySearch.org website each month. Although it was a long complicated process, being able to share these with the world is rewarding to all that helped.

Karen Huck  
Librarian

## Lewis and Clark County Repositories and Their Holdings

Repository	Holdings
<p><b>Montana Historical Society</b>            Research Center            225 N Roberts St.            Helena, MT 59620            (406) 444-2694  <a href="https://mhs.mt.gov/">https://mhs.mt.gov/</a>            Open Tuesday – Friday 9 AM – noon; 1:00 – 4:00 PM. <b>Will be closed for construction January 1, 2023 for one year or more.</b></p> <p>Appointments are recommended. Walk-in research is subject to space availability. Contact <a href="mailto:mhslibrary@mt.gov">mhslibrary@mt.gov</a> at least 24 hours in advance to make an appointment.</p> <p><a href="https://mhs.mt.gov/research/services/requests/genealogy">Genealogy research requests</a> (<a href="https://mhs.mt.gov/research/services/requests/genealogy">https://mhs.mt.gov/research/services/requests/genealogy</a>) are available for \$10-\$25 and can be submitted online.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archival collections: manuscript collections, government records, oral histories (<a href="https://mhs.mt.gov/research/collections">source: https://mhs.mt.gov/research/collections</a>).</li> <li>• Books, periodicals, pamphlets, ephemera and subject files</li> <li>• Maps, including initial township plats and homesteads of the US. Surveyor General, Sanborn Fire Insurance, and mining maps.</li> <li>• Newspapers: 95% of newspapers published in Montana are available on microfilm. Available on interlibrary loan. Many are also <a href="https://mhs.mt.gov/research/collections/newspapers/mtnews">digitized and online</a>. (<a href="https://mhs.mt.gov/research/collections/newspapers/mtnews">https://mhs.mt.gov/research/collections/newspapers/mtnews</a>) There is a specific list for <a href="http://mthistory.pbworks.com/w/page/98466556/Indexes%3A%20Newspaper%20on%20Microfilm%3A%20Lake-Lincoln%3A%20LewisandClarkCounty">Lewis and Clark County</a>. (<a href="http://mthistory.pbworks.com/w/page/98466556/Indexes%3A%20Newspaper%20on%20Microfilm%3A%20Lake-Lincoln%3A%20LewisandClarkCounty">http://mthistory.pbworks.com/w/page/98466556/Indexes%3A%20Newspaper%20on%20Microfilm%3A%20Lake-Lincoln%3A%20LewisandClarkCounty</a>)</li> <li>• Photographs and moving images</li> <li>• State and Federal Publications</li> </ul>
<p><b>Montana Memory Project</b>            Online repository of digitized historic and contemporary resources  <a href="https://mtmemory.org/">https://mtmemory.org/</a></p>	<p>Collections include a variety of print, photo, county histories, yearbooks, photos, and artwork from many subjects including history, records, journals, mining, and more (<a href="https://mtmemory.org/digital/custom/collections">source: https://mtmemory.org/digital/custom/collections</a>). The <a href="http://montananewspapers.org/">Montana Newspapers</a> site (<a href="http://montananewspapers.org/">http://montananewspapers.org/</a>) is particularly useful for genealogy.</p>
<p><b>Lewis and Clark County Courthouse</b>            316 N. Park Ave.            Helena, Montana, 59623            (406) 447-8306            M-F 8 AM to 5 PM  <a href="https://www.lccountymt.gov/car/records.html">https://www.lccountymt.gov/car/records.html</a></p>	<p>Birth, death, land, mining claims, tax, and other public records. Most of the historic birth and death records are online. They also maintain a “miscellaneous” file by surname. (Sometimes called vertical files.)</p>



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<p><b>Lewis and Clark County District Court</b>            228 Broadway, Room 104            Helena, MT 59601            (406) 447-8216            M-F 8 AM – 5 PM  <a href="mailto:clerkofcourt@lccountymt.gov">clerkofcourt@lccountymt.gov</a>  <a href="https://www.lccountymt.gov/cdc.html">https://www.lccountymt.gov/cdc.html</a></p>	<p>Marriage, divorce, probate, naturalization records. See below for information about online records.</p> <p><a href="#">Copy requests and search requests</a> can be done by email.            (https://www.lccountymt.gov/cdc/copies-and-search-requests.html)</p>
<p><b>Montana State Genealogical Society Library</b>            Located at the Lewis &amp; Clark Public Library Main Branch            120 S. Last Chance Gulch St.            Helena, MT 59601            (406) 447-1690            Library hours: Mon – Fri 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM; and Sat &amp; Sun 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM.            Genealogy volunteers usually available Tues, Thurs, &amp; Sat 1:00-3:00 pm.  <a href="https://www.lccgsmt.org/library_research.html">https://www.lccgsmt.org/library_research.html</a></p>	<p>Books include family genealogies from across the US, reference books include ethnic-specific, atlases, genealogy journals, military, Native American, immigration, geographical, church, government, Mayflower, cemetery, city directories, Montana, yearbooks, and more. Be sure to check the <a href="#">vertical files</a> index by surname.            (http://montanamsgs.org/VerticalFileNov2018.pdf)</p> <p><a href="#">MSGs Online databases</a>            (http://montanamsgs.org/onlinedata.html)</p> <p>Many of the books and resources were scanned by FamilySearch in 2019, and will be available on that site. Some are already available, but not yet indexed.</p>
<p><b>Lewis and Clark County Genealogical Society</b>            Meets monthly, see website for details.  <a href="https://www.lccgsmt.org/lccgen1@gmail.com">https://www.lccgsmt.org/lccgen1@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>This society’s searchable PDF <a href="#">online indexes</a> are worth exploring.            (https://www.lccgsmt.org/databases.html)</p> <p>Of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Probate Record Index 1865-1979</li> <li>• County Birth Index 1867-1950</li> <li>• County Death Book Index 1876-1950 (Only a handful of deaths prior to 1886 were recorded.)</li> <li>• County Naturalization Record Index 1866-1941</li> <li>• 1930 US Census Index of those in the county by surname</li> <li>• School census index and school enrollment cards index</li> </ul>

Repository	Holdings
<p><b>The East Helena Historical Society</b>            Box 103            East Helena, MT 59635            (406) 227-6811  <a href="#">Facebook Page</a>            (https://www.facebook.com/East-Helena-Historical-Society-425242801367272/)</p>	<p>This is a newer organization; they are raising funds to restore the historic train depot into a museum. They have historical photographs and help support East Helena's Cemetery.</p>
<p><b>Upper Blackfoot Valley Historical Museum</b>            3955 Lincoln Gulch Rd.            Lincoln, MT 59639            (406) 362-4099  <a href="#">Museum Website</a>            (https://ubvhs59639.wixsite.com/ubvhs)</p>	<p>Genealogical resources include memorabilia, photos, registers, and documents.</p>
<p><b>Augusta Area Historical Society &amp; Museum</b>            135 Fleming St.            Augusta, MT 59410  <a href="#">Website</a>            (https://augustamontana.com/historical)            Hours vary per season - call ahead to president: Carrie Bouchard (406) 562-3520  <a href="#">Facebook Page</a>            (https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057386832287)</p>	<p>Many resources include documents, registers, medical records of Dr. Oscar Kenck, donations from area families, obituaries, archival collections from prominent area figures, correspondence, photographs, and more. Two area history books have been published: <i>In the Shadow of the Rockies</i>, and <i>Beyond the Shadow of the Rockies</i>.</p>

## **My Cousin Wasn't a Good Public Speaker**

By Gary Wulf

While searching *Chronicling America* for relatives, I enjoyed reading a couple articles for more than just mention of kinfolk. Some aspects of the stories may be viewed as sensationalism or politics as usual that haven't changed in 130 years.

An article in the *Morris (Minnesota) Tribune* of October 7, 1896 was about addresses given to the Silver Club by a political office-seeker with no tact and my cousin, several times removed, who was not much of an orator.

My relative, G.A. Westphal, "opened the ceremonies with an address, which did not amount to much, as he is neither a speech maker nor a plain talker and failed to make an impression. He claimed to not be posted on the financial question, and before he got through talking, his audience found out that he was not very well posted on anything else."

The person for whom Westphal opened, a Mr. Dobbyn "is rated among our leading orators, but despite his stirring eloquence and his artistic postures, he is found wanting to a large degree in the knack of vote getting. Instead of holding his audience and interesting them, he disgusts them with his uncalled-for abuse on his opponents and more than half leave before he has finished speaking. He made no argument, brought out no points, nor neither did he attempt to. His sole object appeared to be to heap abuse upon the heads of the opposing party, and in fact on everybody who were so unfortunate as not to be burdened with his own individual way of thinking."

Evidently the Silver Club was as unimpressed as the reporter as "The club took up a collection to defray the expenses of a noted speaker to be here next month."

## **My Grandfather the Sheriff**

By Gary Wulf

My third great-grandfather, Nels Paulsrud, was Polk County, MN sheriff for several years until his death in May of 1890. As the county had no jail of its own, he traveled often to transport lawbreakers from and to the county seat of Crookston and places that had room to incarcerate them.

As reported in the St. Paul Globe, one of his trips was to Duluth.

“Elopers Clutched by the Law”

Duluth, Minn, May 2. -- Agnes Gabon, aged thirty, and Frank Perie, about twenty-one years of age, an eloping couple from Crookston, were arrested yesterday in a room back of Kent's liquor store. The woman was charged with deserting her family, and Perie was arrested charged with stealing goods and money to the value of \$175. They were taken back to Crookston by Sheriff Paulsrud of Polk County.

Grandpa Paulsrud was one of the witnesses of a hanging in Otter Tail County that was reported in great (excruciating?) detail in the St. Paul Daily Globe of April 14, 1890. The murderer sentenced to death “...Killed a Girl of Sixteen and Fed Her Body to the Hogs.”

The article devotes several columns to the construction of “THE SCAFFOLD. Where the Murderer Yielded Up His Life”, including scale drawings with labeling letters that further explained the components, including “H: position of sheriff when he adjusted the knot and pulled the lever.” One paragraph heading was “SHERIFF BRANDENBURG. The Man Whose Iron Hand Sprung the Trap.” Another heading was “BY STRANGULATION. The Long Drop Fails to Break the Prisoner's Neck.”

Ghoulish rubbernecking is not just a modern TV phenomenon. “Sheriff Brandenburg has been beset for tickets for the last week from all sorts of people. They have begged for them, teased for them, and bullied for them. The finest opera on earth could not have called out such a perfect furor of anxiety to get places to see it. Letters by the score from all over the state have been received, mostly with no stamps enclosed, pleading for tickets to the hanging. In spite of all the pressure brought to bear, the sheriff has steadily adhered to his determination not to make a show of the affair...”

# 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. 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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STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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