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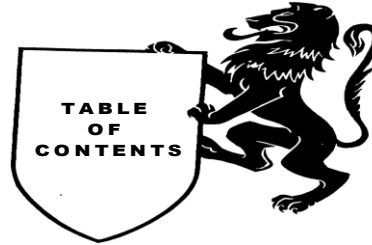
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MEETINGS

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**Montana State Genealogical Society (MSGGS)
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President Message

As summer is winding down with its busy-ness of outdoor activities and travel or hosting guests, fall is a great time to get back to usual routines. The society had a quiet summer with only two gatherings: a meeting in June and a summer potluck in August. The potluck was a fun gathering with great food and shared stories of genealogy research trips and interesting finds. This fall we look forward to our state conference in September at Fairmont Hot Springs, and the program committee is gearing up for some great presentations in 2022-2023.

Personally, I was saddened to hear of the loss of a genealogy Pen Pal in Norway. I connected with Magnar Hjelmeland of Uskedal, Kvinnherad, Norway through a DNA match. Magnar had co-written a book about Norwegians from Kvinnherad who had immigrated to the United States. My maternal line is from that area, and Magnar and I exchanged many emails in collaboration about my family and others. I have been planning a trip to Norway and was looking forward to meeting Magnar in person. When I hadn't heard from him in months, we reached out to another contact there and learned of his passing. That is one of the joys and losses in genealogy research – connecting with others. Even though many messages through our genealogy platforms go unanswered, the messages that are returned and the relationships that can form are worth the effort to reach out. I encourage everyone to reach out to others who have the same ancestors, or match through DNA. The people you can meet and the information you can learn can be a true joy.

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.

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

I have worked with both library personnel and Montana Shared Catalog and our catalog is now available on the Lewis and Clark Library search page. At this time, we still have issues with the search engine, but at least the books are showing up so if someone is in the library, they will also see books in the genealogy library. Montana Shared Catalog is working on more refinement.

If you want to just look up the books within the genealogy library, you can go to the main Lewis and Clark Library page, click on Research, click Genealogy and on their webpage it has links to the Montana State Genealogical Catalog, the Lewis and Clark Genealogical Society and the Montana State Genealogical Society.

I think this will be a big help to researchers with the Montana Historical Society shut down for 2 years beginning in January 2023.

Karen Huck
Librarian

Unexpected Souvenir

By Gary Wulf

In June, 2022 I visited the Stevens County Museum in Morris, MN, desiring to have a picture taken of me with the name panel from my great-great grandfather's metal grave monument. On a genealogy trip of June-July, 2010, I learned a lot but I was disappointed in not finding my main priority items -- my great grandfather Peter's and great-great grandfather Casper Wulf's burial sites. At the supposed location of a cemetery north of Johnson, MN, all I could find was one tombstone in the open and what appeared to be one surrounded by 1-inch diameter lilacs growing about 4-6 inches apart in a patch 50-100 feet in diameter. Heat, bugs and uncertainty that I was in the right place made me continue the trip without further searching.

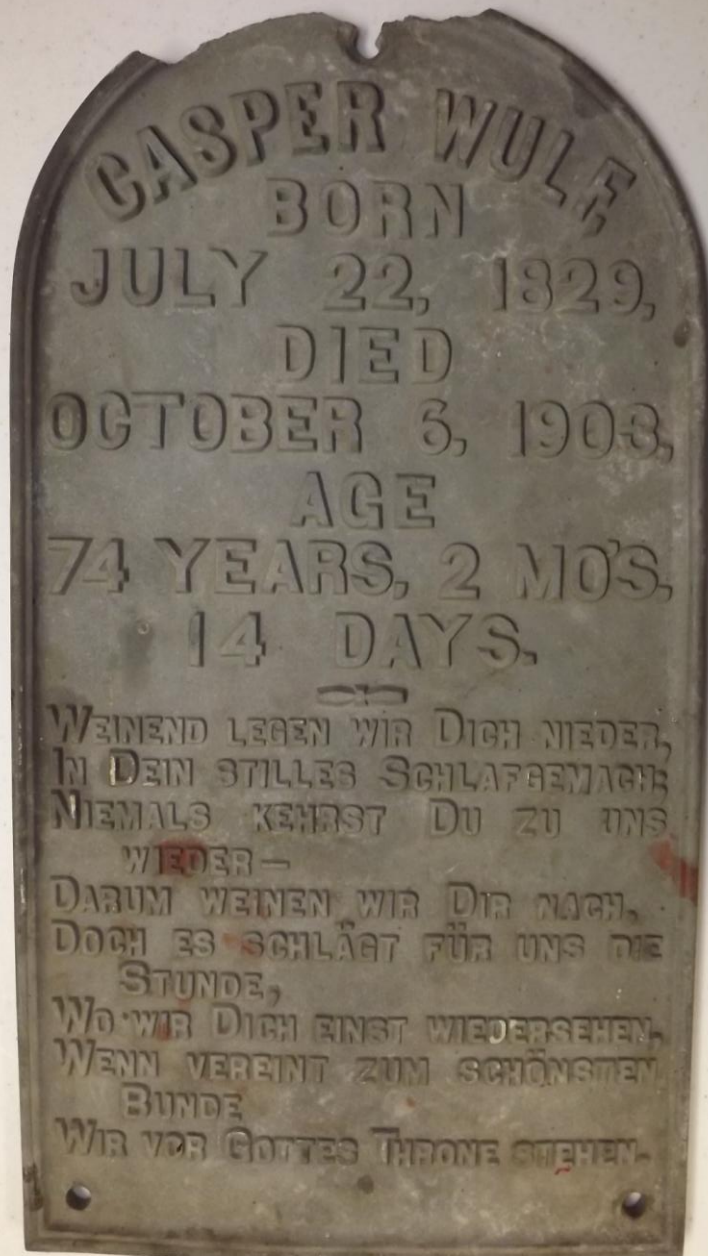
Little did I know I would be handed this info on the proverbial silver platter!

Returning home from an early September sightseeing trip to the west coast, I found an email waiting for me. The correspondent had seen the picture of granduncle Fred that I'd posted on FindAGrave immediately after my return from Minnesota and asked how I was related. She and a fellow staff member of the Morris, Stevens County, MN museum had talked with people in the Chokio newspaper office and got interested in documenting the abandoned cemetery I'd found but not explored. She had found Wulf relatives that included the great and great-great grandfathers I'd been seeking and the sister of the granduncle I'd posted. Her crew spent 2 ½ hours hacking into the lilac thicket I'd found too daunting, then 5 hours documenting and erecting fallen tombstones. In addition to four with the surname Wulf, five Westphal's (my great grandmother Augusta's maiden name) and a Ludwig (the son of Augusta and her second husband Amandus Ludwig) were found. Of the 20 monuments found, 10 are my relatives! The cemetery and all occupants are now listed on FindAGrave as the German Methodist Cemetery of Traverse County, MN.

In a further stroke of luck, a monument made of metal but missing the identification panel turned out to be my great-great grandfather Casper's. After the cemetery was vandalized 25 years earlier, the piece with his name and a German inscription had been found in a ditch and turned in to the museum. As far as I know, none of the staff is related to anyone in the cemetery. They were doing the work out of personal curiosity. They even found someone to translate the German inscriptions! I have since received from them a binder with pictures of all the monuments and the text found on them.

On a trip to the museum in 2010, I got side-tracked by some historical exhibits and forgot to ask about the panel and get my picture taken with it. When I went to the museum this time and asked to see the panel, the curator disappeared for a while and brought the panel to me. Before I could pose for a picture with it, he asked me if I wanted it. A bit of paperwork later and I walked out the door with it in my hands! Evidently a small county museum is not interested in storing items of historic significance only to another county.





GASPER WULF

BORN

JULY 22, 1829,

DIED

OCTOBER 6, 1903,

AGE

74 YEARS, 2 MO'S.

14 DAYS.

WEINEND LEGEN WIR DICH NIEDER,
IN DEIN STILLES SCHLAFBEMACHT
NIEMALS KEHRST DU ZU UNS
WIEDER—

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SOCIETY INFORMATION

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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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SURNAME_____ FIRST NAME_____ MIDDLE NAME_____

DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH_____ DAY_____ YEAR_____

APPLICANTS PLACE OF BIRTH: CITY_____ COUNTY_____

STATE_____ COUNTRY_____ MAIDEN NAME_____

SPOUSE'S NAME: SURNAME_____ FIRST_____ MIDDLE_____

DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH_____ DAY_____ YEAR_____

SPOUSE'S PLACE OF BIRTH: CITY_____ COUNTY_____

STATE_____ COUNTRY_____ MAIDEN NAME_____

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