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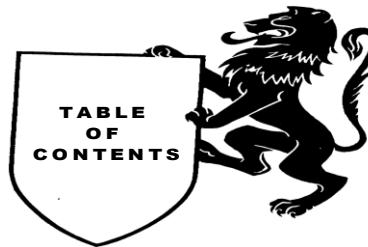
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Suggestions?

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.

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President Message

Hello LCCGS Members!

It's been a nice year with some great programs and we are looking forward to 2026. Next year will be a transition as I move to Missoula and we will need others to step into leadership roles in our group.

Please consider sharing your time and energy to keep LCCGS fun and moving forward. We will be hosting the state conference in September of 2026 and need everyone to pitch in to ensure a wonderful experience! And we get to use the brand new Montana Heritage Center that opened this week for our conference! It's a beautiful facility!

If you are able to share your time and energy in any of our leadership roles next year, let me know! Wishing everyone a wonderful and calm holiday season.

Julie Walker
President

Library Report

Karen Huck, Librarian

I attended the Montana Shared Catalog meeting by zoom on Oct 23. Most of the meeting dealt with setting up patrons. I am glad that we do not check out our books.

Statistics for the usage of the book for July thru October we digitized for FamilySearch was received. Average books viewed per month was 105 and pages viewed was 341. If you have not used FamilySearch for viewing digital books, be sure and use it as one of your many tools to look up information. Once you have clicked to open the book, you can click on the magnifying icon and put in your surname. It will then bring up a listing of every page that your surname is used. Allen County Public Library has digitized many books and has the link within their website to go to the book on FamilySearch. You do not need a username or password to search their catalog. Also look at any other digital library. There is so much that you can read from home including yearbooks

Charles and Rosalia Keller

Member Dianne Klinski submitted this information that her cousin Jeanine Beuttner put together about their common ancestor. You can go to the following links and find more information

westvalleynaturalists.org/history/the-keller-homestead/#comment-28

westvalleynaturalists.org/history/flathead-pioneer-f-x-grosswiler/

My great grandfather Charles Keller was born in Miltonburg, Ohio on July 13, 1868, My great grandmother Rosalia Keller was born in Stutten, Germany, October 10, 1869. They were married in 1892 in Nebraska, where they lived until the late 1800's when they settled on a homestead at Lothair, Montana. In order to prove up on the property Rosalie stayed on this place and Charles came to Kalispell and homesteaded 160 acres on West Spring Creek Road in 1900. They also homesteaded 80 acres on what is now known as the Grosswiler dairy on West Valley Drive, 80 acres on Browns Road where they wintered the horses, and also a wood lot up Rhodes Draw. They farmed all of these pieces of property.

Charles and Rosalia were parents to 10 children, 6 sons and 4 daughters, my grandfather Herman being the third son. In later years the boys split up and lived on all the homesteads. The Lothair property is still in the family.



House and buggy.



Original house and garage on Spring Creek Road.

In this picture the garage closest to the house had a front door and a back door.

Charles eventually got a car but could not back it up so the need of a front and back door. My dad used to tell the story of a large hole being next to the house. They would dump carbide powder into it with water and mix it with long polls. This then became the gas that powdered their gas lighting in the house.

The pump house next to the house had a large tank in the ceiling. It was filled with water and it gravity fed the house and for all the livestock in the corrals down below. (The tank was still in the pump house when they tore it down). Charles and Rosalia eventually moved to Kalispell and took their milk cow with them. You still see some of the older homes in Kalispell with a barn in the back. Room for the milk cow.

Charles passed away in 1953 and Rosalia in 1957. The house was burned down by an arsonist in 2012.



Charles Heinrich Keller



Rosalia Keller

American Revolution Patriots

Continuing the series of members who have American Revolution Patriots.

From Terry Atwood – 6th Great Grandfathers – these records are derived from the DAR Patriot Index Centennial Edition published in 1990 (found in our library). I would probably have a hard time getting the documentation to trace back to these people but am confident they are my ancestors.

Roeloff /Ralph VanVoorhees/Voorhees – born abt 1742 in New Jersey; died post 1800; married Elizabeth Nevius; Private and Patriotic Service out of Pennsylvania.

John Leek – born abt 1739; died 5-18-1790; married Martha Rose; Captain and Recruiting Officer out of New Jersey.

Ebenezer Petty – born 1737 New Jersey; died 3-4-1814 Kentucky; married unknown; Patriotic Service out of Virginia.

John Mathews/Mathies – born about 1690 England; died before 10-13-1779 New Jersey; married Alice (Andrews) Higbee.

Thomas Stevenson – born 11-17-1740 Connecticut; died 10-8-1776; married Hannah Taylor; Lieutenant out of Connecticut

Bit of information from member Elizabeth Guevin

I have a funny, that I thought some members might find interesting. I saw it on TV. There is a book, ***To Die For: A Cookbook of Gravestone Recipes*** by Rosie Grant.

This woman was doing a project in a cemetery and came across a gravestone that had a recipe for some sugar cookies. It got her thinking about if other people had left a recipe of their family's favorite dish on their headstone. She did travels around the US and found more. The recipes seem to be just a US phenomenon. The recipes starting occurring around the 1950's and 1960's. So, the book is a history book and a recipe book.

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3. Members can at no cost have Queries published in the society's quarterly newsletter.
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