

GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Falls Newsletter

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April General Meeting: Investigating Old "Frontier" Beer Bottles Found at Fort Shaw

Join us for an entertaining talk about old beer bottles found in the ruins of the Fort Shaw Army Post.

Jerry Clark, archaeologist and GFGS member, has spent months examining and classifying old beer bottles from the Army Post for the Sun River Valley Historical Society. Recently, in a records search at the Montana Historical Society in Helena, Jerry found some of the documents of the original frontier trader who was stationed at Fort Shaw. He is examining those records in an effort to find information about such bottles and other supplies in Fort Shaw's inventories.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring brings with it all the natural elements of new life and growth. Montana residents look forward to spring and the end of cold weather and all that is a part of that.

A few GFGS members fled the cold weather momentarily, heading to warmer spots on the globe. Others are waiting for better weather to get away. Whether we leave the state or not, spring holds the promise of more enjoyable weather. And for those who volunteer at the GFGS Library, we know that better weather means an increase in patrons!

Work with the George Co. and Chapel of Chimes mortuary records continues to add names and other details to our records. Our thanks to those who are involved with this project. Thanks, too, for the volunteers who have stepped forward, either to work in the Montana Room, GFGS Library, or to assist with this fall's conference. Your willingness to give of your time is greatly appreciated.

Again, keep in mind the September 21-22, 2018 Montana State Genealogical Conference at the Heritage Inn here in Great Falls. The conference theme is **Follow the Trail to Your Past**, with Richard and Pamela Sayre, NARA experts, as speakers. Check at the GFGS Library for a sign-up sheet if you wish to volunteer in any of several capacities. We will meet this month with the

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APRIL 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Thursday, April 5th - Acquisition Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library.

Saturday, April 7th - Board Meeting, 4:15 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library

Thursday, April 12th - General Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library. Guest Speaker: Jerry Clark (see article this page)

Sunday, April 29th - RootsMagic SIG, 1:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library

Sunday, April 29th - DNA SIG, 2:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library



NEW IN THE LIBRARY as of 1 February 2018:

Books:

- Cheyenne Trails - A History of Mennonites and Cheyenne in Montana
- Joseph Morris and the Saga of the Morrisites
- Meet the Āech Language in Nature, Family, and Our Heritage
- Montana in the Wars
- My Life among the Indians
- The Ox: Profile of a Legendary Montana Saloon
- Rising Wolf - The White Blackfoot
- They Came to Montana
- Town of Wilmington, Essex Co., New York

Yearbooks:

- Eastern Montana College, Rimrock, 1960
- Helena Senior High School, Vigilante, 1965-1966, 1968

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Our general meeting will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 12th, in the Genealogy Library and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Library at 727-3922. We look forward to seeing you there!



President's Corner (Continued from page 1)

State Conference organizer to be certain we are doing everything possible to make the conference run smoothly for everyone who comes to Great Falls in September

Thank you GFGS members and volunteers for your part in helping us to **spring ahead**.

- Larry D. Spicer
GFGS President

Keeping You in the Know

Using FamilySearch.org

FamilySearch.org should be one of the first places you go when you start your internet search for genealogical records. How ever you do your search, you will encounter several new icons that you need to be familiar with to help you understand how you can access the records you are interested in:

 Camera - browse images online. Clicking on this icon will take you to the digitized microfilm.

 Camera with key – film is viewable with additional restrictions -you will have to go to a Family History Center or go to a Family Search affiliated library to access the site.

 Film reel – microfilm available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

 Magnifying glass – search the index. This indicates the film has been indexed and clicking on this icon will take you to the index.

CANADIAN LOCAL HISTORIES DIGITAL COLLECTION

The University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, hosts an extraordinary digital collection of **full-text local Canadian history books** (1,822), which you can access by citing province or title (advanced search). It appears that all Canadian provinces are represented within the Collection, and the books quickly appear, making your search very worthwhile. Go to:

[https://
cdm22007.contentdm.oclc.org/
digital/collection/p22007coll8/search](https://cdm22007.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p22007coll8/search)

Extent of the local histories Collection currently available: **Alberta**, 188; **British Columbia**, 187; **Manitoba**, 223; **New Brunswick**, 41; **Newfoundland**, 7; **Nova Scotia**, 91; **Ontario**, 323; **Prince Edward Island**, 21; **Quebec**, 122; **Saskatchewan**, 364. In addition to local history books other topics are available (for example, Louis Riel, Acadians, Canadian Pacific Railroad Company, Red River Rebellion).

-Janet Thomson

NGS to Live Stream Ten Genealogy Lectures During the Family History Conference in May

[Dick Eastman](#) · [March 27, 2018](#)

The following announcement was written by the (U.S.) National Genealogical Society:

FALLS CHURCH, VA, 27 MARCH 2018 — The National Genealogical Society (NGS) will live stream ten lectures by nationally recognized speakers on some of the most popu-

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lar topics in the field of genealogy during its 2018 Family History Conference. These lectures will be among more than 175 offered at the conference, 2–5 May 2018, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. On 3 May, three live stream lectures will focus on DNA’s role in supplementing genealogical research. Two other talks will discuss African American and Loyalist research. The selections on 4 May feature lectures by the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) that emphasize research, analysis, and problem-solving skills. NGS members and non-members across the United States and overseas, who are unable to attend the conference in person, are invited to sign-up for these live stream broadcasts.

Registrants for live stream can sign up for a one-day or a two-day pass.

Details about the live stream program, plus additional conference recordings, can be found on the [PlaybackNGS Website](#).

Registration for the live stream will close at midnight on 2 May 2018, to watch the sessions in real time and as they happen. NGS will offer all ten lectures as video recordings after the conference. **Special value pricing for conference packages of video and audio recordings will be available for purchase only from 2-5 May.** After 5 May, normal pricing will resume for video and audio packages. Live stream, conference specials, and post conference packages are available to order on the [Conference Recordings](#) page of www.playbackngs.com.

-Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter
blog.eogn.com



Mark Your Calendar!

May 2-5, 2018 - National Genealogical Society 2018 Family History Conference, “Paths to Your Past”, Grand Rapids, Michigan at the DeVos Place Convention Center. Conference schedule is now online and hotel reservations are now being accepted. For more information go to: <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

May 31- Jun 2, 2018 - 49th Annual Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree, Los Angeles Marriott, Burbank Airport Hotel, Burbank, CA. For more information go to: <http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

August 22-25, 2018 - Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, Fort Wayne, IN. Hotels now accepting reservations. For more information, go to: <https://fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=136>

September 20-22, 2018 - Montana State Genealogical Society State Conference, “Follow the Trail to Your Past”, Heritage Inn, Great Falls, Montana. For more information, go to: <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>

June 15-17, 2019 - 2019 International German Genealogy Conference, Sacramento, CA, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Local host: Sacramento German Genealogy Society. Hotel now accepting reservations. For more information go to: <http://www.iggpartner.org>

MISSION OF THE GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The mission of the Great Falls Genealogy Society is to promote and encourage active interest in genealogy, compile accurate and complete genealogies and collect and preserve genealogical records. Additionally, the Society will foster education and training in genealogy through courses and instruction in genealogy, lectures, forums, seminars, and special work.

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