

# GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

# The Falls Newsletter

MAY 2018



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*The  
Library will be  
closed on  
Saturday,  
May 26th  
for the  
Memorial Day  
holiday*

The spring weather we looked forward to has arrived! Unfortunately for our Hi-Line neighbors that has brought flooding as record snowfall melts and overflows stream banks.

It's not a flood just yet, but genealogy tourists making use of the GFGS Library has begun. Recently a man from Alberta spent part of two days doing research. Improved area driving conditions is bringing local researchers to our library as well. Keep in mind that starting May 27th, the Great Falls Public Library will no longer be open on Sundays.

GFGS Library patrons will notice a couple changes when you next come in. Thanks to the craftsmanship of member Al Recke new end cap shelving has replaced several book cases we had been using. This has not only helped our Library look better, but has added some shelf space. Bob Miller, Public Library custodian, has also located unused shelving that he will install for our Montana collection. That should complete **for now**, except for some rearranging of books, the physical changes in our Library.

As a Society we are indebted to new volunteers working in our Library.

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### May General Meeting: What's New at FamilySearch.org

FamilySearch.org is one of the most valuable resources a genealogist has and it is undergoing many changes right now. Join us this month when Colene Yates will bring us up to date on what is new and exciting at FamilySearch.

Our general meeting will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 10th, 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!

### MAY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Thursday, May 3rd - Acquisition Meeting**, 1:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library.

**Thursday, May 3rd - Board Meeting**, 4:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library

**Thursday, May 10th - General Meeting**, 6:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library. Guest Speaker: Colene Yates (see article this page)

**Sunday, May 13th - Workshop: Using Directories**, 1:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library (see article, page 2)

**Sunday, May 20th - RootsMagic SIG**, 1:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library

**Sunday, May 20th - DNA SIG**, 2:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library



## NEW IN THE LIBRARY as of 5 April 2018:

### Books:

- Adventure Along the Fort Steele Trail - From Missoula to British Columbia, Canada
- Amish Mennonite Directory 2000, United States & Canada
- An Indian School Diary (MT)
- Captain Charles Rawn and the Frontier Infantry in Montana
- Dictionary of Canadian Biography, Vol. 1
- Duncan McDonald, Flathead Indian Reservation Leader and Cultural Broker
- Genealogy at a Glance, War of 1812 Research
- History of Adams County, Washington, The
- History of Glacier County, MT
- History of Wheeler County, Oregon, The
- Indiana Amish Directory, LaGrange and Elkhart Counties
- Kern Genealogy
- Marriage Law for Genealogists
- Montana Mining Ghost Towns
- Ohio Amish Directory, Holmes County and Vicinity
- Scots-Irish in Early America
- Scrapbook, Great Falls Junior College
- Seventy-five Years of Continuous Banking Service, 1877-1952 (First National Bank of Butte)
- They Thought the Land was Free!

### Yearbooks:

- Great Falls High School, *Roundup*, 1972, 1974-76, 1980, 1991

## Membership News



Welcome to our newest members:

Dan Dailey, Great Falls  
Janice & Larry Dobb, Great Falls

## May Workshop: Using Directories

**Sunday, May 13th: Using Directories, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library. Free for Society members.** Directories

can be a fantastic source of information, but many people concentrate on city directories for names and addresses, not realizing there are also many other categories of directories available to search - special directories from churches, ethnic associations, fraternal organizations and government offices to name just a few.

This workshop will introduce you to the wide variety of information you'll find in directories if you know how to look for it. Jan Thomson, instructor.

Due to limited space, please sign up in advance for this workshop by stopping by the Genealogy Library, calling 727-3922, or sending an email to:

[gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org](mailto:gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org)

## Special Interest Groups Meet For Last Time before Summer Break

Our two Special Interest Groups, the RootsMagic SIG and the DNA SIG, will have one more meeting this spring, on Sunday, May 20th, then adjourn for the summer. Meetings will resume on in October.

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Lance and Ramona Logan and John Spencer, your willingness to give of your time is immensely appreciated.

The September 21-22, 2018 Montana State Genealogical Conference at the Heritage Inn here in Great Falls is fast approaching. The conference theme is *Follow the Trail to Your Past*, and Richard and Pamela Sayre from Utah are the speakers. Check at the GFGS Library for a sign-up sheet if you want to volunteer to help in any of several capacities during the conference. We want to do everything in our power to make the conference a positive experience for everyone who attends.

*-Larry D. Spicer  
GFGS president*

## Keeping You in the Know ....

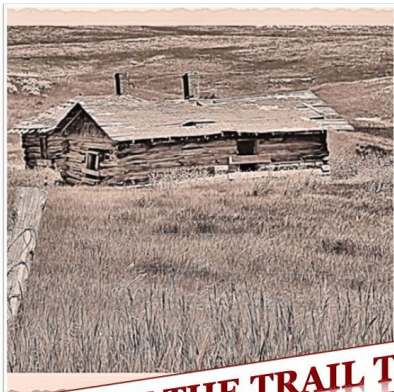
While researching his family, Society member Greg Lucotch found this book on his Slovak Facebook page and wanted to share it with others who might be researching in this area of the world:

[Germans & Hungarians : 1828 land census, Vol. 24](#)

As it turns out, this volume is from a set of 25 written by Martha Remer Connor that translates the entire 1828 census for Hungary and is available on FamilySearch.org for free.

To see any of the 25 volumes, go to [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org), sign in, then click on the Search tab and click on Books. In the search box, type in the author's name, Martha Remer Connor, click Search, and her land census books will be the first ones to come up. They are not in numerical order, but all 25 are there, so you can search all the counties.

Thanks for the tip, Greg!



**Montana State  
Genealogical  
Society 2018 State  
Conference**

**Great Falls,  
Montana**

**FOLLOW THE TRAIL TO YOUR PAST**

**2018 State Genealogy Conference  
In Great Falls, 20-22 September**

Time to start planning to attend the State Conference! The Conference will be held at the Heritage Inn, 1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls, MT. The room rate for a King or Double Queen Room is \$94.00. Rooms are limited – so if you are planning on staying at the hotel reserve early! For reservations, call 406-761-1900 and mention MT State Genealogical Society before August 29, 2018.

Full 2-day registration will be \$60.00 without meals, \$120.00 with 3 meals. The complete schedule and registration form will be available in late July.

Featured speakers this year are Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, FUGA and Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA. The topics they will be presenting on Thursday and Friday of the conference plus other details of the conference can be seen at the Montana State Genealogy Society website: <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>



**Mark Your  
Calendar!**

**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 15-18, 2018 - 2018 Northwest Genealogy Conference, "Beyond Your Family Tree"**, Byrnes Performing Arts Center, Arlington, WA. Hosted by the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society. Speakers include Beth Foulk, CeCe Moore, Peggy Lauritzen, Lisa Alzo, and many more. Now accepting reservations. For more information, go to: [www.nwgc.org](http://www.nwgc.org)

**August 22-25, 2018 - Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference**, Fort Wayne, IN. Hotels now accepting reservations. For more information, go to: <https://fqs.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>

**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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