

GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Falls Newsletter

JUNE 2018



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ANOTHER SUMMER AT THE FARMER'S MARKET!!

The Great Falls Genealogy Society will again have a table at the Great Falls Farmer's Market in Whittier Park this summer, starting this month. It's a great way to meet people and let them know about the Society and our library.

We will be at the Market on the following Saturdays: June 16th, July 14th, August 18th, and September 8th.

If you'd like to help at the Market this summer by working a two hour shift (or more!) one day, call the Library at 727-3922 and leave a message for Larry Spicer or send an email to: ldspicer@mail.com

The beautiful weather we are enjoying indicates that summer will shortly be here. With that comes change. As of May 27th the Great Falls Public Library (and therefore the Great Falls Genealogy Society Library) will be closed on Sundays until fall. Also, in June, GFGS will return to the Farmer's Market once each month to increase our visibility to the community.

About the completion of the physical changes in our Library, I was wrong! The shelving from the Public Library is in place and our Montana collection shifted into that space. But GFGS Trustee Carol Byerly had a vision for improved shelving for our Cascade County cemetery books and donated the money to pay for the lumber. Working from Carol's idea, member Al Recke created shelving that now has those books housed on top of the Public Library's vertical files. Thanks again Al!

On Thursday, May 31st, our State Conference Committee will have met with Montana State Genealogical Society 1st Vice President and conference coordinator, Verba Valentine, to start putting the finishing touches on plans for the conference. The September 20-22, 2018 State Conference will be at the Heritage Inn here in Great Falls. The conference theme is Follow the Trail to Your Past, with Richard and Pamela Sayre from Utah as speakers. We look forward to the opportunity to host the State Conference and welcome fellow genealogists to the Electric City. As we get closer to the conference date we will alert you about volunteer positions still needing to be filled.

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JUNE 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Happy
FATHER'S
DAY

Thursday, June 7th - Acquisition Meeting, 1:00 p.m.,
Great Falls Genealogy Library.

Saturday, June 9th - Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library

Saturday, June 16th - Farmer's Market, 7:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Whittier Park, Great Falls.

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NEW IN THE LIBRARY as of —May 2018:

Books:

- Becoming an Excellent Genealogist
- First Church of the Nazarene, 2001 Directory (Great Falls, MT)
- Feud, The Hatfields & McCoys, The True Story, The
- From Sagebrush to Ivy, The Story of Northwest Nazarene College 1913-1988
- Killers of the Flower Moon
- Marriages of Jefferson County, TN
- Montana's Gallatin Canyon (Gallatin Co., MT)
- Pictorial History Marrickville (Australia)
- Pictorial History Newtown (Australia)
- Scotch-Irish Migration to South Carolina, 1772
- Seminole Wars, The
- Swedish Minnesota
- Swiss Pioneers of Southeastern Ohio
- Vermont Newspaper Abstracts, 1783-1816
- Westby Golden Jubilee 1916-1966 (Sheridan Co., MT)

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Enjoy your summer. Volunteer librarians, be sure to notify Dennis if you are going to be out of town. And as you travel, watch for possible resources for the GFGS Library.

Larry D. Spicer
GFGS President

Membership News



Welcome to our newest members:

Debra & Edward Leefland,
Salt Lake City, UT
Helen & Abraham Salcido,
Great Falls, MT

News You Can Use

FamilySearch's 2 Billion Digitized Records

May 25, 2018 by [Laurie Bradshaw](#)
from the FamilySearch Blog
<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en>

FamilySearch recently published [its 2 billionth digital image of historical records](#). Yes, that's billion with a "B."

These digital images of records are an invaluable source for discovering new details about your family's story. Access to the 2 billion images is organized in three main places on the site—the FamilySearch [historical records collection](#), [catalog](#), and [online books](#). We've prepared a [free guide that explains how to perform searches in these areas](#).

Give me a hint. The indexed portion of this massive record collection is also used by the site to automatically search for your ancestors. These searches result in "hints" that appear in the pedigree and person page views of Family Tree. They also appear in the [Family Tree mobile app](#). Hints help you add ancestors to the tree and make connections that would have taken much longer if you were doing the searches manually. [Learn more about Record Hints.](#)

All digital, all the time. For more than 80 years, FamilySearch micro-filmed historical records for use in family history research. These micro-filmed records require an extra step—scanning—to make them accessible online. Starting in 2017, [FamilySearch discontinued micro-film in favor of digitizing records using cameras.](#)

This all-digital workflow has increased efficiency at a crucial time. Preserving physical copies of genealogy records in archives is, in many cases, a race against the clock. Poor storage conditions, world conflict, scheduled destruction, and natural disasters are just some of the threats that physical records face. Digital preservation ensures that more records can be saved as quickly, and as accurately, as possible (see [FamilySearch's Strategy to Help Preserve the World's Archives](#)).

The role of indexing. It's important to note the difference between digital record images and indexed records. A large portion of the digital images on FamilySearch are unindexed. They can be viewed using an image viewer, but can't be searched by name and other search variables like a fully indexed collection would be.

Anyone can help in the process of indexing record images like these after they are digitized. [Learn more about how indexing works, and give it a try.](#)



How to Get Scotch Tape Off of a Work of Art or a Family Document

[Dick Eastman](#) · [May 23, 2018](#)

Do you have an old document or family heirloom that has Scotch Tape applied? According to an article by Sarah Zhang in The Atlantic web site, "Sticky tape was first invented in the mid-19th century, and it's been making conservators' lives hell ever since."

"Tape is the bane of the conservator's existence," says Margaret Holben Ellis, a professor of paper conservation at New York University. The problem is simply that tape works too well. Removing it can easily take off a layer of paper, and adhesives from old tape can sink into paper, staining it an unsightly yellow or brown.

The article then goes on to describe how the experts remove old tape from documents. It isn't a step-by-step tutorial but rather is more of an introduction to the subject. It will get you started. You can find the article at: <https://theatlantic.com/2018/05/23/scotch-tape-removal/>.

*-Eastman's Online
Genealogy Newsletter*

A New Database with Pictures of 18th & 19th Century Ireland is Launched

[Dick Eastman](#) · [May 25, 2018](#)

From an article by Micheál Ó Maoileoin in the *Galway Daily*:

"How was Ireland depicted in illustrations produced by travellers from 1680 to 1860? A new database of images drawn from travel accounts answers this question."

"Based on years of research by a group of investigators at NUI Galway led by Professor Jane Conroy, Ireland Illustrated is now available to view online."

"Ireland Illustrated, 1680-1860, is a database of over 500 images of Ireland – woodcuts, water colours, engravings and other illustrations – with related text, drawn from more than 50 manuscript and printed works, and highlighting several neglected or rarely accessible sources.

"Many of the pictures in the database, woodcuts, water colours, engravings and other illustrations, have rarely, if ever, been seen by the public."

You can read the full story and view a number of the images at: <http://bit.ly/2kpfPkt>. The database is available at: <https://ttce.nuigalway.ie/irelandillustrated/>.

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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Mark Your Calendar!

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

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>

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gfgenealogy.org