

# GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

## The Falls Newsletter

AUGUST 2018



### PRESIDENT'S CORNER



#### JOIN US AT THE FARMER'S MARKET!!

The Great Falls Genealogy Society will be at the Great Falls Farmer's Market in Whittier Park on Saturday, August 18th. If you can help us by working a two hour shift (or more!), call the Library at 727-3922 and leave a message for Larry Spicer or send an email to: [ldspicer@mail.com](mailto:ldspicer@mail.com)

It's a great way to meet people and let them know about the Society and our library.

As I sit down to write this I suddenly realize it is August 1<sup>st</sup>. For the last little while I have just been aware of the heat, not thinking of how quickly summer is passing. If it is any consolation, cooler days are ahead – and we'll complain about them, too.

Some of our Great Falls Genealogy Society members have plans to get out of town this month. I'm hearing about planned trips, some to go to a national genealogy conference. Others are heading across the country, or even out of the country. Wherever you go, find a cool spot.

I'm wondering if I opened a floodgate mentioning the gift of books the Knudson family made to the GFGS Library. The Acquisition Committee worked through that collection and have them in place. Another two totes of books were given to us by one of our members since then, as well as a sizeable financial donation. Across the years it has been donations that have given us the library we enjoy today and we are grateful.

Registration forms are out for the September 20-22, 2018 Montana State Genealogical Conference at the Heritage Inn. The conference theme is *Follow the Trail to Your Past*. Richard and Pamela Sayre from Utah are the speakers. I hope many of you will take advantage of this genealogy conference opportunity right here in the Electric City. An email went out last month and I believe all remaining volunteer posi-

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### AUGUST 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Thursday, August 2nd - Acquisition Meeting**, 1:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library.

**Saturday, August 11th - Board Meeting**, 9:00 a.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library

**Saturday, August 18th - Farmer's Market**, 7:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Whittier Park, Great Falls.



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

### From the Estate of Ruthann Knudson:

- A Missouri River Odyssey - 1939 Fort Benton to New Orleans
- A Pretty Village - Documents of Worship and Culture Change, St. Ignatius Mission, Montana 1880-1889
- After the Buffalo were Gone
- Following the Nez Perc Trail
- Hau Kola, Plains Indian Collection
- John Mullan, The Tumultuous Life of a Western Road Builder
- The Montana Cree, A Study in Religious Persistence
- Upper Mississippi River History
- Visions of the People

### Books:

- Away Off Shore: Nantucket Island and Its People, 1602-1890
- Flames and Courage: Saga of the 1910 Fires (Sanders Co., MT)
- Ghost Towns of the Montana Prairie
- Ghost Trails Country (Deer Lodge, MT)
- Golden Anniversary, June 18, 1961, Froid Lutheran Church (Roosevelt Co., MT)
- Home Away from Home: Life in the Dorm (Sanders Co., MT)
- Hometown Jamaica: A Pictorial History of a Vermont Village
- Horse Plains, Montana Territory, Vol. III (Sanders Co., MT)
- The Horse Soldier, 1776-1943, Vols. 1-4
- Imprisoned in Paradise: Japanese Internee Road Workers at the World War II Kooskia Internment Camp (ID)
- Men Do Your Duty: Memories of Flathead National Guardsmen from their Pacific Campaigns of World War II
- Montana's Dimple Knees Sex

## Membership News



Welcome to our newest members:

Del Darko, Belt, MT  
Mickey Stott, Fairfield, MT

### Scandal

- Ribbon of Blue: The Life & Lore of the "Old Pro" Pat Barnes
- Sanders County CCC: A Legacy of Firefighters, Roadbuilders, and Foresters (MT)
- "Some Gave All" A Memorial Book (Sanders Co., MT)
- This I Remember, including Breniman and Gaumer Genealogy Notes

### Directories:

- Holy Family Parish, Great Falls, MT, 1985
- Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Great Falls, MT, 2003
- Montana State University - Billings (formerly Eastern Montana College) 1995 Alumni Directory

### *President's Corner (Continued from page 1)*

tions have been filled. We will be looking for additional people to be in the GFGS Library September 20<sup>th</sup>, as we host researchers and an Open House at our Library ahead of the conference.

Enjoy your summer research! Our genealogy tourists certainly are. Again 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*

## CANDIDATES WANTED!

Have you've thought about becoming more active in your Society? If so, now is the time to step forward and run for a position on the Board of Directors.

The elected positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Trustee.

If you'd like to run for one of these offices or if you'd like to nominate someone, contact Dennis Sugden at the Library either by phone at 406-727-3922 or by email: [gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org](mailto:gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org)

## News You Can Use

### South Carolina Department of Archives and History Announces Digitization Of Over 11,000 Revolutionary War Records

[Dick Eastman](#) · July 24, 2018

The following announcement was written by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH):

**Columbia, S.C.** – The South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH) is pleased to announce that the records series "Accounts Audited of Claims Growing out of the Revolution in South Carolina 1775-1856" is now active and images are available on the Online Records Index. This record consists of 11,170 documents pre-

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## Revolutionary War Records

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sented by citizens to the treasury in support of claims for military service, supplies, and other contributions rendered during the latter part of the Revolutionary War. Most of the files contain an auditor's cover paper, which includes the name of claimant, a brief description of their service provided, and the amount of their claim and its adjusted value. Additionally, if an indent was issued, its number and the claimant's signature verifying its receipt were also included as well as receipts and affidavits to the validity of the claim....

To view the record series, please visit the Online Records Index (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>). After opting to enter the Index, use the Advanced Search option, choose the Record Group "Combined Index to Records Series, 1675-1929" and the Series "S108092: Accounts Audited of Claims Growing Out of the Revolution." For questions about this series, please contact us at 803-896-0339 or [info@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:info@scdah.sc.gov).

-Eastman Online Genealogy  
Newsletter <https://blog.eogn.com/>

## National Records Center USCIS Genealogy Program

In January of 2018 the National Records Center in Lee's Summit, Missouri, assumed responsibility for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Genealogy Program. Thanks to several workplace efficiencies, requestors now receive higher quality record scans, along with improved service. Index searches are now completed in an average of 20 days. Record requests are completed in 30 days, on average, and inquiries sent through the Genealogy Program mailbox ([Genealogy.USCIS@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:Genealogy.USCIS@uscis.dhs.gov)) receive a response within five business days.

More information is available at [www.uscis.gov/genealogy](http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy).

## 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!

**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>

**December 2-8, 2018 - 2018 Salt Lake Christmas Tour**, Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT. The Christmas Tour is now accepting reservations. Work side-by-side with a dozen professional genealogists, attend workshops, walk to the Family History Library next door! For detailed information, [see the SaltLakeChristmasTour.com website](http://see-the-SaltLakeChristmasTour.com).

**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>

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