

GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY
The Falls Newsletter
DECEMBER 2018



*The
Library will be
closed on
Tuesday,
December 25th
to celebrate
Christmas*

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As Christmas comes ever closer, things like Black Friday and TV commercials remind us that giving has come to have a huge place in the season.

Giving takes many forms at Great Falls Genealogy Society and Library. Volunteers are the backbone of our existence and operation and at our recent Annual Meeting, I presented certificates of appreciation to those of our GFGS volunteers who were present. I will do the same for others of you as I see you. Thank you for giving of your time as librarians, project assistants, and the variety of ways you lend a hand.

This year the Acquisition Committee has been inundated with donations to the GFGS Library. In two instances we were given over one hundred books. There have, as well, been many donations of smaller numbers of books. The committee's report shows only the volumes that are recommended for acceptance. They also work to find "homes" for donated items that do not fit in our collection. Thank you for the donated items you give.

The Society is also indebted to members who see our Society as worthy of

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DECEMBER 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, December 6th - Acquisition Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library.

Saturday, December 8th - Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library

Thursday, December 13th - GFGS General Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library. **Guest speaker: Eric Sprague** (see article, p. 3)

Saturday, December 15th - Workshop, "Beginning Genealogy", 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m., Cordingley Room, Great Falls Public Library (see article, p. 3)

Sunday, December 16th - RootsMagic SIG, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library

Sunday, December 16th - DNA SIG, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library



NEW IN THE LIBRARY as of 1 Nov 2018:

Books:

- 100th Anniversary, Golden West Lutheran Church (MT)
- 1835 Tax List, Sangamon Co., IL
- 1850 Census, Bath Co., KY
- 1864 State Census, Gasconade Co., MO
- 1880 Census of Rowen Co., KY
- A Reminiscent History of the Ozark Region
- America's Hidden History: Untold Tales of the First Pilgrims
- America at the Crossroads
- Atlas of Bourbon, Clark, Fayette Jessamine, and Woodford Counties, KY
- Basics of Genealogy Reference: A Librarian's Guide
- Biographical Cyclopeda of the Commonwealth of KY
- Biographical Encyclopedia of KY
- Birth Index of Macon Co., IL 1850-1900
- Bond Co., IL History
- Bond Co., IL Marriage Records 1851-1877
- Border Warfare in Southeastern KS
- Cecil Co., MD Marriage Licenses 1777-1840
- Celebrating Our Future: Golden West Lutheran Church & Pondera Valley Lutheran Church (MT)
- Cemeteries of Marion Co., IA
- Cemetery Names and Locations in Sangamon Co., IL
- Church Records of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Illiopolis, Sangamon Co., IL 1875-1907
- Conestoga Wagon 750-1850
- Course of Irish History, The
- Cross Index History of Ohio, 2 vol.
- DAWES Commission and the Allotment of the Five Civilized Tribes, The
- Draper Collection, The Kentucky Papers Calendar Series, Vol. 2
- Early Missourians and Kin
- East Tennessee History
- Eastern Kentucky References
- Edwardian Riggses of America: Elder Bethuel Riggs (757-1835) of Morris Co., IL
- Ellis Islands Interviews

- Fayette Co., IL Cemetery Inscriptions
- Fayette Co., IL 1840 Federal Census
- Fayette Co., IL Marriage Index 1821-1874
- Federal Census 1860 of Sangamon Co., IL
- Fifty Golden Years: St. Michel's Church, Conrad, MT 1909-1959
- Finding Your Irish Ancestors in New York City
- Frontier Family Life: A Photographic Chronicle of the Old West
- Gasconade Co. Cemetery Survey (MO)
- Genealogical Gazetteer of England
- Genealogical Sources
- Genealogy Online
- German Element of the Shenandoah Valley, The
- Glimpses of Historic Madison Co., KY
- Golden Jubilee of Golden West Lutheran Church, 1910-1960, The
- Great Falls, A Pictorial History
- Grubbs Family, The
- Guide to FamilySearch Online, The
- Halbert-Holbert History, Vol. 1
- Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution
- History of Albemarle Co., VA
- History of Bath Co., KY
- History of Bond and Montgomery Counties, IL 1882
- History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison and Nichols Counties, KY
- History of Fayette Co., IL 1878
- History of KY, Illustrated, Ed. 8-B
- History of KY, Illustrated, Ed. 8-B New and Corrected Index
- History of Maries Co., MO
- History of Macon Co., IL 1880
- History of Sangamon Co., IL 1881
- History of Shelby Co., KY
- How to Do Everything Genealogy, 3rd Edition
- Illustrated Encyclopedia of Ellis Island, The
- Immigrant Ancestors: A List of 2,500 Immigrants to America before 1750
- In the Shadow of the Cabinets: Early Kootenai Country (MT)
- In Search of Your British & Irish Roots, 4th Edition
- Indiana Stonecarver
- Indiana Years 1903-1941, The
- Indiana Way, The
- Irish Americans: The Immigrant Experience, The
- Irish Records: Sources for Family and Local History
- Kentuckians in Missouri
- Kentucky Confederate Veteran and Widows Pension Index

- Kentucky Court and Other Records
- Kentucky Family Roots with a Mini-History of Kentucky
- Kentucky Gazette 1787-1800, The
- Kentucky Gazette 1801-1820, The
- Kentucky in Retrospect
- Listing of Persons Mentioned in Townships of the Shelby Co., IL 1910 History
- Macon Co. Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol. 10, Greenwood Cemetery (IL)
- Macon Co, IL Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol. III
- Macon Co., IL Index to Probate Records, Vol. 8, S-Z
- Malachy McCourt's History of Ireland
- Marriage Bond of Bedford Co., VA 1755-1800
- Marriage Records, Crawford Co., MO Book A, 1829-1855
- Marriage Records of Marion Co., IA 1845-1915
- Marriage Records, Sangamon Co., IL 1841-1850
- May the Road Rise Up to Meet You
- Memorial Record of Western KY
- New England Historic Genealogical Society : Classic Reprints
- Old Forts of the Far West
- Old Forts of the Northwest
- Old Forts of the Southwest
- Oxford Guide to Family History, The
- Oxford history of Ireland, The
- Pondera Valley Lutheran Church Golden Anniversary, 1914-1964 (MT)
- Pondera Valley Lutheran Church 75th Anniversary, 1914-1989 (MT)
- Saints of Ireland, The
- Surnames of Ireland
- Stories in Place II: Our Sun River Valley Heritage (MT)
- Stories in Place VIII: Our Sun River Valley Heritage (MT)
- Story of Conrad in the Whoop-Up Country, The
- Tenderfoot in Montana, A
- Tracing Your Irish Ancestors
- Walt Whitman's New York: From Manhattan to Montauk
- Who Were the Celts?
- World War I Montana: The Treasure State Prepares

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from page 1)*

financial gifts. Some funds came as donations while others were designated for specific purposes. In another instance, a Society member learned of grants available through their employer. Thank you for your financial support and gifts of items needed by the Society.

And then there are all those things given to the Society. Some of those are your skills, all the way from carpentry to computer help. There are also the snacks, water and pop brought in to the library. The list goes on and on. Thank you for being mindful of those things that make our Library run better and make it a facility people enjoy being at.

So while the expression feels inadequate, thank you...for everything done for GFGS, its members and Library. We are in your debt. And may what you give and receive during this Christmas season bring you the delight intended.

*-Larry D. Spicer
GFGS President*

RootsMagic and DNA Special Interest Groups Start This Month!

Our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) will begin meeting on Sunday, December 16th, in the Genealogy Library.

The RootsMagic SIG will meet at 1:15 p.m., followed by the DNA SIG at 2:30 p.m.

The Special Interest Groups provide a forum for the group to share information and study a particular area of genealogical interest. If you are interested in one or both of these topics, please join us!

Membership News



Welcome to our newest members:

Amanda Cleveland, Great Falls
Janice Farkell, Brady
Billie Stack, Great Falls

December General Meeting: Guest Speaker: Eric Sprague, Sexton, Calvary Cemetery

Join us this month for what should be a very interesting presentation when our guest speaker, Eric Sprague, presents a short history of the Calvary Cemetery and discusses the current program to update the records and walk the cemetery.

Our general meeting will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, December 13th, 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!

December Workshop: 'Beginning Genealogy' Saturday, December 15th, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., in the Cordingley Room of the Great Falls Public Library, Jan Thomson instructing.

This workshop includes learning the essential "get back" strategy, using timelines, sources, citing sources, and charting progress. We will also briefly address examination techniques, maps, and county-level resources. The cost for this workshop is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Seating is limited for this workshops, so please sign up in advance by stopping by the Genealogy Library, calling 727-3922, or sending an e-mail to gfgenealogy@genlibrary.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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for \$5.

**The 1926 Canadian
Census of the Prairie Provinces is to Be
Released by March 2019**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [November 6, 2018](#)

According to the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) web site, the 1926 Census of the Canadian Prairie Provinces, which contains over 45,000 pages, will be available by 2019. Statistics Canada transferred the 1926 Census of the Prairie Provinces to LAC earlier this year. LAC now owns the data and it was LAC that concluded the agreement with FamilySearch to index the thousands of census entries so Canadians can find the material on the LAC website easily. Details may be found at: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2018/1926-Census-announcement.aspx>.

FamilySearch has completed the indexing and is now proceeding with quality control. On December 1, FamilySearch will send the proposed index to LAC to start building a new database. The Census database will consist of a **free** searchable index as well as the digitized images from the 1926 Census of Prairie Provinces.

Library and Archives Canada expects to have an online database by March 2019.

*-Eastman's Online Genealogy
Newsletter*



Mark Your Calendar!

February 27 - March 2, 2019 - ROOTS TECH 2019, Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Three hotels are taking reservations now - the Hilton Salt Lake City Center, the Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown, and the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel. The Marriott is already sold out! To make hotel reservations go to: [Roots](#)

[Tech Reservations](#) Registrations for Roots Tech 2019 open September 20th. For more information, go to: <https://www.rootstech.org>

May 8-11, 2019 - National Genealogical Society 2019 Family History Conference, "Journey of Discovery", St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO. Hotel registration now open. Conference registration opens December 1st. For more information, go to: <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

May 30 - June 2, 2019 - Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree 2019, 50th Birthday Bash, Los Angeles Marriott, Burbank Airport Hotel, Burbank, CA. This conference combines the 7th Annual Genetic Genealogy Conference on May 30th and the 50th Annual Genealogy Jamboree Conference, May 31st-June 2nd. There will be 100's of genealogy classes, 8 DNA workshops, 80 exhibitors, and much more. For more information go to: www.genealogyjamboree.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>