

GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Falls Newsletter

MARCH 2019



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

March Program: "How the Funeral Industry is Changing"

Join us this month as our guest speaker, Steve Schnider, owner of Schnider Funeral Home, speaks to us about the modern funeral industry.

Our general meeting will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 14th, 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!

Welcome to Southern Alberta! And I'm not just talking about the cold and snow that is coming south across the border. The petition to sell Montana to Canada apparently continues to gain signatures. The Montana legislature is reacting and, according to a *Great Falls Tribune* story, hopes to vote on an opposing bill on April 1st.

Freezing cold temperatures and unplowed streets have kept most people home recently – volunteers and patrons. Those who have come to the library have been helping to wrap up some projects. You may also detect Ramona Boyton-Logan's training as a librarian making an appearance around the library. It's amazing how just little things meet the needs of our patrons and add to the user friendliness of our library.

The Great Falls Genealogy Society is looking for volunteers. Pat Wardinsky, our Membership Secretary, would like an assistant she can train to handle our membership process. Julie Pepos has asked to be replaced as Supply Purchaser. Please talk to me if you would be willing to investigate either of these positions.

We continue to look for ways to make our society and library known to the community. If you hear of an event we might participate in or know of a group that may be interested in a presentation, please let me or one of our

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MARCH 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

Sunday, March 10th - Workshop: Using Directories - Beyond Basic Information, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library (see article page 3).

Thursday, March 14th - GFGS General Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library.
Guest speaker: Steve Schnider (see article this page)

Sunday, March 17th - Workshop: Using the FamilySearch.org Catalog, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library (see article page 3).

Sunday, March 31st - RootsMagic SIG, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library

Sunday, March 31st - DNA SIG, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library

NEW IN THE LIBRARY as of 7 February 2019:

Books:

- 50th Anniversary, American Lutheran Church, Winifred MT 1929-1959
- A Cowboy's Life is very Dangerous Work
- A Decent and Orderly Lynching
- America's Women in the Revolutionary Era 1760-1790: A History through Bibliography, Vol. 2
- Castle Genie, The Newsletter of Passaic Co. Historical Soc., Patterson, NJ, Vols. 1-5, Vols. 6-10
- Centennial Grass Range, MT 1883-1983
- Coffee Creek, MT Births, Marriages, Deaths 1915-1923
- Collection of Stories of Central MT Pioneer Families 1899-1999, A
- Cowboy Ways On and About the E-Y of Chinook, T
- Denton, MT Births, Marriages, Deaths 1913-1951
- Dictionary of Canadian Biography, Vol. 7
- Family Chronicles of the Paterson Intelligencer Newspaper Marriages & Deaths, 1925-1856 (NJ)
- Fergus County Cemeteries, 1887-2001 (MT)
- Fergus County, MT Divorces 1887-1916
- Fiftieth Anniversary, First Presbyterian Church, Lewistown, MT 1890-1940
- Finding your New Zealand Ancestors
- Fred Jenni Family, Montana Roots, 1882-1982
- Frontiersmen in the War of 1812
- Ghost Towns of Golden Valley County, MT
- Glacial Lake Missoula and its Humongous Floods
- Grass Range, MT Births, Marriages, Deaths 1917-1942
- Great Bridge, The: The Epic Story of the Building of the Brooklyn Bridge
- Guarding the Carroll Trail: Camp Lewis 1874-1875 (MT)
- Hard Road West: History and Geology along the Gold Rush Trail
- History of Ogle County, IL, The
- In Remembrance and Rededication on 100th Anniversary 1886-1986, United Methodist Church, Lewistown (MT)
- Judith Gap, MT Births, Marriages, Deaths 1908-1924
- Kendall, MT Birth, Marriages, Deaths 1902-1911
- L.A. Sanders Company, Franklin, MT 1914-1935
- Lumbee Indian Tribe's Long Struggle

Membership News



Welcome to our newest member:

Betty Ellis, Spokane, WA

- for Full Recognition, The (VA)
- Montana Legislators, 1864-1979: Profiles and Biographical Directory
 - Moore, MT Birth, Marriages, Deaths 1905-1931
 - Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, 1916
 - Naturalization Records, 1887-1910, Fergus County, MT
 - New York Census 1663-1772
 - Pompton Plains Reformed Church Cemetery, Pompton Plains, NJ
 - Puritan Pedigrees: The Deep Roots of the Great Migration to New England
 - Rangers, Trappers, and Trailblazer
 - Retracing Kipp Trails (MT)
 - Roll Call of the Grim Reaper in Pater-son and Vicinity, 1898-1919
 - Schools of Golden Valley County, MT, The
 - Slayton Mercantile Company, Lavina, MT 1908-2003
 - Stanford, MT Births, Marriages, Deaths 1909-1920
 - Union Cavalryman, 1861-1865
 - Wandersong
 - Wholesome Ways of Our Golden Days, The
 - Written in Stone: Gravestone Inscrip-tions, Passaic County, NJ
 - Wolfhounds and Polar Bears: The American Expeditionary Force in Sibe-ria, 1918-1920

Directories:

- Buffalo, MT 1937 Telephone Directory
- Central MT Business and Professional Directory, January 1, 1948
- Central MT Farm Directory, 1948
- Lewistown and vicinity Telephone Di-rectory, Spring, 1937

MISSION OF THE GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The mission of the Great Falls Genealogy Society is to promote and encourage ac-tive interest in genealogy, compile accu-rate and complete genealogies and collect and preserve genealogical records. Addi-tionally, 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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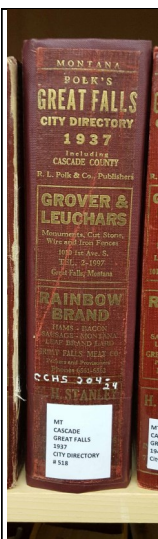
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board members know. I heard one of our newer members say recently, "I wish I found (GFGS) sooner."

And in conclusion, let me assure you there will be life after snow! Growing up in Alberta I can practically guarantee that.

-Larry D. Spicer
GFGS President

MARCH WORKSHOPS



Sunday, March 10th: ADVANCED: Using Directories-Beyond Basic Information, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library. Free for Society members. Directories are a fantastic source of information, but many people con-

centrate on city directories for names and addresses, not realizing there are many other categories of information within. There are also special directories from churches, ethnic associations, fraternal organizations and government offices, to name just a few.

This workshop introduces the reader to other types of information in directories, and the strategies you can employ to take your search in new directions. Jan Thomson, instructor.

Rescheduled from February.

Sunday, March 17th: Using the FamilySearch.org Catalog, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library. Free for Society members. The FamilySearch.org website contains a wealth of information and, best of all, it is free! But like all large database sites, it can be tricky to navigate. This workshop will give you tips and tricks on how

to dig deeper into this site's treasures by going beyond the basic search in historical records and digging down into the FamilySearch Catalog, where you will be able to search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch online and in libraries and centers worldwide. Jan Thomson, instructor.



Mark Your Calendar!

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. Registration now open. Go to: <https://iggpartner.org/aem.php?eid=4>

August 21-24, 2019 - 2019 FGS Family History Conference, Washington, D.C., Omni Shoreham Hotel. Hotel now accepting reservations. For more information go to: <https://fgs.org/conference-lodging/>

September 19-21, 2019 - 30th Annual Montana State Genealogy Conference, "Genealogy - Preserving the Past" Helena, MT, Delta Hotels by Marriott Helena Colonial. Hosted by the Montana State Genealogical Society and the Lewis and Clark County Genealogical Society. Scheduled guest speakers are James M. Beidler and Kris Rzepczynski. For more information go to: <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>