

GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Falls Newsletter

MAY 2019



NOTE: The May General Meeting will be held on **THURSDAY, MAY 16TH**, one week later than usual.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

May Program: The Belgian Homesteaders of Valier

You won't want to miss this program!

Chris Christiaens brings his knowledge of the Belgian Community that settled near Valier Montana. Chris has much to offer in his overview and memorial to these Montana pioneers. This group of Belgian homesteaders travelled together as they came to Montana to homestead. Along with their com

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Holding, honoring, and sharing genealogy resources is as much about foresight as it is about the past. With a keen interest in their ancestry, founding members of Great Falls Genealogy Society not only founded a society, but had the foresight to begin a library as well. Did they envision what the Great Falls Genealogy Society and Library would be today? In all probability, they did not.

We are appreciative and grateful for their work, but cannot merely hold in stewardship the resources they amassed. To truly honor them, we continue to add to the resources they collected and make them easily available to the researchers who come our way. We consistently receive praise for our resources from those who use our library.

Mortuary and cemetery records are still being updated. Bev Eayrs volunteered to collect the columbarium records for Holy Spirit Catholic Church. We are still looking for people with connections to other churches with a columbarium. Those records will aid in updating our index of Cascade County burials.

As the weather gets better, people are making their plans to be out-of-town for periods of time. If you could help us by substituting for one of our librarians while they are gone, please get in touch with Dennis Sugden. Genealogy

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MAY 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 9th - Acquisition Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library.

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

Thursday, May 16th - GFGS General Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library. Guest speaker: Chris Christiaens (see article this page)

Sunday, May 19th - RootsMagic SIG, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library

Sunday, May 19th - DNA SIG, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library



NEW IN THE LIBRARY as of 11 April 2019:

Books:

- A Schoolmaster with the Blackfoot Indians
- American Slave Coast, The
- Anaconda, Montana Goosetown and West of Main, 1945-2020
- Beartooth Highway, The (MT)
- Black Faces of War
- Bound in Wedlock: Slave and Free Black Marriage in the Nineteenth Century
- Chequemegon, The
- Descendants of Sara dite Cathrine Enneson or Hanson and Jean-Baptiste Sabourin
- Enchanting Montana, 1925-1937
- Floor of Heaven, The: A True Tale of the Last Frontier and the Yukon Gold Rush
- Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, 1928-1929
- Frontier Editor
- Gallatin County's Heritage: A Report of Progress 1805-1976 (MT)
- Heritage of the High Country: A History of Del Bonita and Surrounding Districts
- Log of a Cowboy, The: A Narrative of the Old Trail Days
- In the Shadow of the Mountain: The Spirit of the CCC
- Montana: A State Guide Book
- North with Peace River Jim
- Peddlers and Post Traders: The Army Sutler on the Frontier
- Pikani Blackfeet, The: A Culture Under Siege
- Plow a New Furrow
- Rise and Fall of Rochester, Ghost Town of Madison County, MT
- Substitutes for the Lost 1890 U.S. Federal Census
- Tall Timber Pilots
- Troopers with Custer
- Undying West, The: A Chronicle of Montana's Camas Prairie
- Whispers on the Wind: Stories of Women from Montana's History

Theses & Dissertations:

- Enlightened Selfishness: The Sun River Project
- The Coming Man from Canton: Chinese Experience in Montana (1862-1943)

Membership News



*Welcome to our newest member:
Shanelle Holt, Great Falls*

Yearbooks:

- Anaconda Central High School, *Rockalite*, 1963-1966
- Powell County High School, *The Powell*, 1928-1930
- Western Montana College, *Chinook*, 1969

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

tourist season is fast approaching and we want to be staffed for their time at GFGS Library.

And this reminder - as you are out and about this spring and summer, keep an eye out for Montana resources. A quick call to the Library will let you know if we have it or not.

*-Larry D. Spicer
GFGS President*

May General Meeting

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munity-building talents they brought unique cultural perspectives and ways of doing things.

Our general meeting will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 16th, 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!

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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Members and the public are encouraged to submit material for publications. Articles should be sent electronically if possible. Deadline for submission is the fifteenth of the month. Neither Great Falls Genealogy Society nor the editor assumes responsibility for errors of fact or opinions expressed by the contributor. The editor reserves the right to edit material prior to publication. Send articles to the office at the above address or electronically to gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org

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We're on the Web!
gfgenealogy.org

*The Library
will be closed
on Saturday,
25 May 2019,
for the
Memorial Day
holiday.*

Volunteers Needed!!



The Society is in need of volunteers for the Montana Room Tuesday morning shift, 10:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.

If you are interested in this position, please stop by the library or leave a message for me at 727-3922 or gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org

-Dennis Sugden,
Volunteer Coordinator.

In The Genealogy Library

One of the benefits of belonging to the Genealogy Society is the ability to come down to the Library and access the many online databases that we subscribe to.

One database that may not be familiar is AmericanAncestors.org, the website of the New England Historic Genealogical Society

(NEHGS). If you have ancestors from New England, this is a site you should explore.

Here is a recent database that they've added to their site:

[Early Vermont Settlers Index Cards, 1750-1784](#). This database is a companion to our Early Vermont Settlers study project, managed by Scott Andrew Bartley. It contains index cards prepared by Donald Alan Smith for his thesis, "Legacy of Dissent: Religion and Politics in Revolutionary Vermont, 1749 to 1784" (Clark Univ., PhD., 1980). This information is one of the key resources for the Early Vermont Settlers study project. For more information on this update and how to read the index cards, check out our [Database News post](#).

If this intrigues you, stop by the Library and see what else you might find on this excellent web site.

News You Can Use

National Genealogical Society Family History Conference Offers 10 live stream Sessions

Can't make it to the 2019 NGS Conference?

Want to experience sessions from the comfort of your home or view sessions again? You can now **live stream select video sessions from the Conference**—and watch them again and again for twelve months from the end of the Conference (until 11 May 2020). On 9 May, choose a one-day pass with 3 DNA sessions plus 2 ethnic sessions. On 10 May choose 5 sessions on BCG Skill building. Or select the two-day pass (10 sessions). Session speakers being live streamed include Eliza-

beth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA; Blaine T. Bettinger, JD, PhD; Thomas W. Jones, CG, CGL, PhD, FASG, FUGA, FNGS; and Warren Bittner, CG.

What is a live stream?

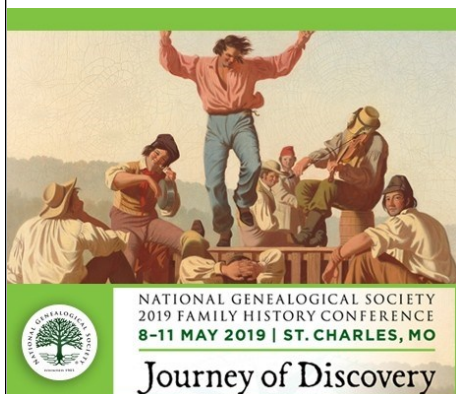
When you purchase a live stream package you will receive a link where, at the prescribed time, you can log-in to view the sessions—LIVE and as they happen. These video sessions will stream to your computer, tablet, or smartphone. (High-speed internet connection required) About 48 hours after the conclusion of the live stream, the video sessions will be available for streaming on-demand—just log-in and watch!

Important Live Stream Registration Dates

Registration for the live stream will close at midnight, 8 May 2019, to watch the sessions LIVE and as they happen. The live stream special-value package discount pricing will continue to be available for purchase until midnight, 11 May 2019 and will provide video streamed on-demand. After 11 May, the ten video sessions are available to order with the [Video Pass](#) package on the Conference Recording page.

To get the full schedule of the sessions, pricing information, and to register, go to:

<https://www.playbackngs.com/7790-1>



Historical Canada 1926 Census of the Prairie Provinces Now Online

[Dick Eastman](#) ·
[February 26, 2019](#)

The following announcement was written by FamilySearch International:

[FamilySearch International](#) and [Library and Archives Canada](#) (LAC)

have partnered to publish online the 1926 Canadian census of the Prairie provinces. The free database provides a searchable index of 2 million names linked to 45,000 digital pages of the historical regional Canadian census. Search the census now at [FamilySearch.org](#).

LAC provided the digitized images, and FamilySearch created the index. People with Canadian roots can now easily find information about their ancestors who might have lived in the provinces of Manitoba (639,056), Saskatchewan, (820,738) and Alberta

(607,599).

About the 1926 Census of the Prairie Provinces

Since 1871, a Canada-wide census has been held every 10 years. However, during the early part of the 20th century, the population of the Prairie provinces expanded rapidly, so there was a need for more frequent population counts in those provinces. It was decided to conduct a census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta in June 1906 (between the Canada-wide censuses), and every 10 years thereafter.

Census Databases

FamilySearch has a large, growing collection of free, historical Canada records. [Search all Canada records](#).

[-Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#)



*In remembrance,
Memorial Day
27 May 2019*



Mark Your Calendar!

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>

September 28-29, 2019 - Discover Your Swedish Roots: Genealogy Workshops Using ArkivDigital, Old Mill Museum, Lindsborg, KS "Little Sweden, USA". Attend 1 or 2 days, with sessions for beginners and experienced researchers. For more information go to: <https://www.mcphersoncountyks.us/DocumentCenter/View/5635/2019-Fall-Download>