

# GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

## The Falls Newsletter

JUNE 2019



### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

#### SUMMER IS HERE - TIME FOR THE FARMER'S MARKET!

The Great Falls Genealogy Society will 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 15th, July 13th, August 17th, and September 14th.

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](mailto:ldspicer@mail.com)

It's begun! Genealogy tourism is underway as people not only come to use our library, but Great Falls Genealogy Society members are heading out-of-town. If you could help by substituting for one of our librarians while they are gone, please let us know. And librarians, of course, let us know if you will be away. We want our Library to be staffed at all times.

Along that line, we recently hosted an in-service training for Great Falls Public Library staff. It was reiterated there that our first priority as a society is to see that the Montana Room is staffed. If for whatever reason only one librarian reports for duty, then the GFGS Library **must** be closed and the Montana Room staffed. That would be the case until a second librarian arrives. Staffing the Montana Room for the GFPL is what gives us use of the space we so enjoy for our Society Library.

Former director of the then Cascade County Historical Society, Cindy Kittridge, used to host gatherings in locations around the county for what she called "harvesting." It was an opportunity for people to donate items to the Society or have materials copied or photos scanned. We recently "harvested" 16 Brady High School yearbooks, as well as 4 from Kalispell for the mid-teens. Thank you to the contributors of those items.

Again this reminder - as you are out and about this summer, keep an eye out for Montana resources. A quick call to the Library from Alberton by Carol Byerly gleaned four books for our Montana collection!

*-Larry D. Spicer  
GFGS President*

### JUNE 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

**Saturday, June 15th - GFGS at the Great Falls Farmers' Market**, 7:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Whittier Park, Great Falls



*June 16th*

## NEW IN THE LIBRARY as of 11 May 2019:

### Books:

- 100 Montanans
- Another Montana Pioneer
- Bad Boys of the Black Hills...And Some Wild Women, Too
- Beulah, North Dakota Golden Anniversary 1914-1964
- Company Men, Vols. 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10-19, 21
- Country Wives, Vols. 1, 2, 4
- Crow and the Eagle, The
- Dad Munn and Family: A Homesteader and Stage Driver of Baker Co., OR
- Dream Chasers of the West: A Homestead Family of Glacier Park
- First Metis Families of Quebec, Vols. 4&7
- Fur Trade, The Vols. 1&2
- Glimpses of Greybull's Past
- Golden Era of the Little Rockies, The
- Grizzly Gridiron, The
- Hand Raised: he Barns of Montana
- Historical Map Index of Choteau Co., MT
- History of Albany Co., WY to 1880, The
- History of Seattle Waterfront Workers, 1884-1934 (WA)
- History of the Great Northern Railway 1845-1922, The
- Looking Back
- March of the Montana Column, The
- Memoirs of Montana, 1882
- Montana Battlefields 1806-1877: Native Americans and the US Army at War
- Montana Memories, Vol. 4
- Mormon Handcart Migration, The
- Old North Trail (Cree Trail), The: 15,000 Years of Indian History, Parts 1-3
- Overland in 1846: Diaries and Letters of the California-Oregon Trail, Vols. 1&2
- Perilous Passage: A Narrative of the Montana Gold Rush 1862-1863
- Pioneering Tales of Montana
- Project Overflight: One Family Looks Back at the Early Times on the Huntley Project
- Red River Settlement (Manitoba) Census 1827-1835, 1838, 1840, and 1843
- Reflections of the Past

## Membership News



*Welcome to our newest members:*

Chris Christiaens, Great Falls  
Antoinette Dempsey, Great Falls  
Duane Olson, Great Falls

- Rise and Fall of the Slave Power in America Vols. 1&3
- Roadside History of Montana
- Saints on the Seas: A Maritime History of Mormon Migration 1830-1890
- Santa Fe Trail, The
- South Pass, 1868: James Chisholm's Journal of the Wyoming Gold Rush
- Southeast Alaska: A Pictorial History
- Stampede to Timberline
- Stories of Montana: Southern Baptists 1952-1993
- US Army in Frontier Montana, The
- Unknown Internment, The
- We Came North: Centennial Story of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth

### Directories:

- Great Falls, MT Telephone Directories, 1956, 1959, 1965

### The Enloe Estate:

- Fayette Co., IL 1855 & 1865 State Census Enumerations with Indexes
- Madison Co., KY 1820 Census
- Over the Mountain Men: Their Early Court Records in Southwest VA
- Patron Index - Landowners: Fayette Co., IL Plat Book 1891

### Theses & Dissertations:

- Land, Life and *Feme Sole*: Women Homesteaders in the Yellowstone River Valley, 1909-1934

### Yearbooks:

- College of Great Falls, *Caritas*, 1960
- East Jr. High School, *Rampage*, 1986-1987
- The University of Montana Alumni Association Directory 2001

## 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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## News You Can Use

### How to Find Some of the More Obscure Collections of Genealogy Records

[Dick Eastman](#) · [March 22, 2019](#)

Google, DuckDuckGo, Bing, and other search engines are great for finding online databases that are useful to genealogists. However, smaller collections and even obscure ones are not prominently listed in the big search engines. Yet there are a few online listings that can point the way to finding what you seek.

The **Genealogy Roots Blog** at <https://genrootsblog.blogspot.com> contains pointers to many online genealogy databases, records and resources. The focus is on vital records (birth, marriage and death records), obituaries, census records, naturalization records, military rec-

ords and ship passenger lists. Although the blog is based in the USA, online European, Canadian, and other records sources are sometimes included. You may also occasionally see a fun post or genealogy news. Joe Beine does a great job of adding more and more links as time goes by.

Another huge resource is **Cyndi's List**, available at: <https://www.cyndislist.com>. The site contains roughly 336,000 links to genealogy-related web pages in more than 200 categories. The various categories include many sources, online records, as well as pointers to newsletters, religious groups, historical information, geography, and much, much more.

Cyndi's List is free for everyone to use and is meant to be your starting point when researching online for information in the United States and also in many other countries. Indeed, Cyndi Ingle has labored many thousands of hours since 1996 to produce this huge online resource at <https://www.cyndislist.com>.

I would suggest you check out both the **Genealogy Roots Blog** and

**Cyndi's List** to see if they contain information that may help you in your family history searches.

*-Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*



*Celebrate Flag Day  
14 June 2019*



## Mark Your Calendar!

**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>

**December, 2019 - Salt Lake City Christmas Tour,**