

GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Falls Newsletter

AUGUST 2019



JOIN US AT THE FARMER'S MARKET!

The Great Falls Genealogy Society will be at Great Falls Farmer's Market in Whittier Park this month, on Saturday, August 17th. .

This is our penultimate appearance - the last one will be on September 14th. Consider volunteering to work a two hour shift (or more!) at our table - it's a great way to meet people and let them know about the Society and our library

If you'd like to help at the Market, call the Library at 727-3922 and leave a message for Larry Spicer or send an email to: ldspicer@mail.com

AUGUST 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No meetings this month

**Saturday, August 17th -
GFGS at the Great Falls
Farmers' Market, 7:45 a.m. -
12:00 p.m., Whittier Park,
Great Falls**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Great Falls Genealogy Society has made two appearances at the Farmer's Market so far this summer. I wish more of our members would volunteer, even briefly, on the days we are at the Farmer's Market. I think you would be shocked at how few people know of the existence of our Society, but also the amount of misinformation there is concerning GFGS. Being able to answer people's questions is well worth that once a month presence at the Market.

Thanks to a couple of our members, two new GFGS projects are underway. O'Conner Funeral Home records are being copied a few years at a time. The Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum cremation records are also being worked on. Once completed, this will give us the majority of the "end of life" records for Great Falls.

The "harvesting" I spoke of in an earlier newsletter continues. Two years ago, letters were sent to the town high schools in Cascade County asking about yearbooks for our library. Last month we "harvested" 22 yearbooks from Simms High School! Bev Eayrs also brought in a collection of Catholic Church directories for the east side of Great Falls. More recently, the Great Falls Public Library decided to remove Montana resources from the second floor and gave us first chance to go through the books they withdrew. We acquired a large number of books, some being duplicates we can sell or use for trade.

And I want to remind you again - as you are out and about this summer, whether traveling or at garage sales, keep an eye out for Montana resources. A quick call to the GFGS Library will tell you if the books you see are in our Montana collection.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer. I'm off to Alberta!

*-Larry D. Spicer
GFGS President*

NEW IN THE LIBRARY as of 10 July 2019:

Books:

- A Traveler's Companion to Montana History
- Alaska Yukon Place Names
- An Ornerly Bunch (MT)
- Autobiography of Melvin A. Cook, Vol. 1
- Bitter Root Memories (MT)
- Brothers Down: Pearl Harbor and the Fate of the Man Brothers Aboard the USS Arizona
- Builders of Good Citizenship and Other Essays (MT)
- Company Men, Vol. 9
- Dawn of Detroit, The
- Desert Immigrants: The Mexicans of El Paso, 1880-1920
- Early Settlers on the Upper Elwha
- Eastside Catholic Community, Great Falls, MT
- First Presbyterian Church of Butte, MT, 1878-1978
- Freedom's Lawmakers: A Directory of Black Officeholders during Reconstruction
- Gabriel's Children
- Golden Jubilee: Wolf Point, MT 1915-1965
- Grime, Grit, & Gumption (MT)
- Holy Family Parish, Great Falls, MT
- Holy Spirit Catholic Parish and School 2010 (Great Falls, MT)
- Idaho Road & Recreation Atlas
- Just Reminiscing
- King William County, VA from Old Newspapers & Files
- Kinship, Environment & the Forest Service: Homesteading in Oregon's Coast Range
- Las Villas del Norte: The 1757 Censuses of Laredo, Dolores, Revilla, Mier, Camargo, and Reynosa
- Mining Cultures: Men, Women, and Leisure in Butte, 1914-41
- Montana Frontier Lawyer, A Memoir
- Montana's Flood 1964
- Montana High School Sports Record Book, 1995 Edition
- Montana's Trolleys - III
- On the Artic Frontier
- Pages of Times: A History of Petroleum County, MT
- Pictorial History of the World War
- Plainsmen of the Yellowstone, The

- Plentywood Centennial: Our Story Told (MT)
- Plentywood Golden Years 1912-1962 (MT)
- Postoffices and Postmarks of Dakota Territory
- Rails to Gold and Silver; Lines o Montana's Mining Camps - Vol. 1: 1883-1887 & Vol. 2: 1888-1898
- River of the West, The Adventures of Joe Meek
- River Pioneers, The Early Days on Grays Harbor (WA)
- Roadside History of Oregon
- Sea is My Country, The (WA)
- Settlers by the Long Grey Trail: Some Pioneers to Od Augusta County, VA
- Skagit Settlers: Trials and Triumphs, 1890-1920 (WA)
- Steamboats West: The 1859 American Fur Company Missouri River Expedition
- Steele County, 1883-1983 (ND)
- Surviving Mother Nature's Test
- Texas & Northeastern Mexico, 1630-1690
- These My Children
- Vigilante Victims: Montana's 1864 Hanging Spree
- Wagon Road North: Historic Photos of the Cariboo Gold Rush (British Columbia)
- Washington State Place Names from Alki to Yelm

Theses & Dissertations:

- Depression-Era Coloma: A World-Systems Study of Mining and Dail Life Experiences in a Reoccupied Montana Ghost Town

Yearbooks:

- Brady High School, The Spotlight, 1932, 1954-1959, 1965
- Choteau High School, Bulldog, 1967
- Custer County High School, The Branding Iron, 1937
- Dutton High School, Cardinal, 1967
- East Jr. High School, The Ram, 1959
- Flathead County High School, The Flathead, 1914, 1916, 1918-19
- Great Falls High School Class of 1937, 40th, 45th, 50th Reunion
- Simms High School, Tiger, 1971, 1974-76, 1981, 1993-95, 1997, 1999, 2000-05, 2008-09. 2011-13, 2017

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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WANTED: NOMINATIONS FOR GFGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elections for the Society's officers occurs at our annual meeting in November and we are actively seeking candidates. Elective positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee.

This is an excellent opportunity to sit on the Society's Board and participate in directing the Society into the future. If you are interested in serving or would like to nominate someone, contact the Society at 727-3922 or gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org



National Genealogical Society Family History Conference "Echoes of Our Ancestors" 20-23 May 2020 Salt Lake City, Utah

If you have ever wanted to go to one of the large genealogy conferences, here is a *great* opportunity! The NGS Family History Conference, 20–23 May 2020 is being held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City. There will be more than 150 lectures presented by many nationally recognized speakers, an exhibit hall filled with more than 80 exhibitors to explore, and an opportunity to network with more than 2,000 genealogists. Not to mention, you will be just a few blocks from the Family History Library, too!

Registration opens on 15 August at all official NGS Conference Hotels. There are three hotels available, with a variety of room rates - the Hilton Salt Lake City, the Radisson Hotel SLC Downtown, and the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square. While it may seem early, if you think you'd like to attend, it is not too soon to think about hotel reservations; they go quickly. Conference registration opens 2 December 2019.

For more information, go to : <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>
You can also sign up for the [NGS conference blog](#) and receive notification of new information as it is posted.



Mark Your Calendar!

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 experi-

enced researchers. For more information go to: <https://www.mcphersoncountyks.us/DocumentCenter/View/5635/2019-Fall-Download>

December 8-14, 2019 - 35th Annual Salt Lake City Christmas Tour, Salt Lake City, UT. There are numerous trips to The Family History Library, sponsored by genealogical societies and commercial firms. However, The *Salt Lake Christmas Tour* has been highly successful because they have the highest ratio of professional researchers to attendees of any genealogy research tour using the Family History Library. *The Salt Lake Christmas Tour* is known for the quality of the professional that work with the attendees on a daily basis, Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. until near the time the library closes. Some of the professionals who will be there this year include Lisa Alzo, Arlene Eakle, Holly Hansen, and Thomas MacEntee, among many more. For more information, go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/saltlakechristmastour>