

GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Falls Newsletter

OCTOBER 2019



NEW HOURS FOR THE GENEALOGY LIBRARY!!

The Great Falls Public Library is expanding its hours in October and will be open Monday through Saturday, closed on Sunday; our Library will be follow suit.

Beginning Monday, October 7th, the Genealogy Library will be open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer and its activities are behind us, but this fall already has a full schedule as well as challenges of its own. Many of you are aware that in October the Great Falls Public Library will be open Monday through Saturday. That means the Montana Room and our Great Falls Genealogy Society Library will be open as well. It's my understanding the new shifts are covered, but that has been done by present volunteers doing extra shifts. We really need people to step forward to be trained as volunteers in one or the other of these locations.

The big move this summer has been the purchase of a new computer and software called PastPerfect. This was made possible through the very generous donation of one of our members, specifically designating the funds for this purchase. The software has been installed and will gradually be used for many of our Society's administrative responsibilities, including inventory and membership. The software also makes it possible for our library holdings to be viewed by other libraries using the same program. Please be patient as the program's full range of possibilities are installed and learned.

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OCTOBER 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 3rd - Acquisition Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library.

Thursday, October 5th - Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library

Thursday, October 10th - GFGS General Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library.
Program: "How to Organize Your Online Life for Genealogy", a video presentation by Lisa Louise Cooke (see article p. 2)

Saturday, October 12th - Beginning Genealogy I, 10:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Great Falls Public Library, Cordingley Room (see article p. 2)

Sunday, October 27th - RootsMagic SIG 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m., Great Falls Public Library, Cordingley Room (see article p. 4)

Sunday, October 27th - DNA SIG, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Great Falls Public Library, Cordingley Room (see article p. 4)

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On Tuesday, September 24th, the GFGS Library was invaded by Norway! A bus load (well, 32) of Norwegian genealogists included us in their tour of the state, spending the morning at our library. I want to thank those who served as guides for this group. Several members of the tour found family in our Montana resources. They were like children in a candy store!

The seven GFGS members who attended the State Genealogical Conference in Helena had a tremendous time. If you had German ancestry a lot of helps were shared. We also gleaned many research ideas from the speaker on the Midwest. Thinking ahead to next year's conference, one of the speakers is a specialist on Canadian research.

With things back to a more usual schedule, drop by the Library to see what has taken place over the summer. You will also want to check this fall's class schedule.

*-Larry D. Spicer
GFGS President*

**NOMINATIONS FOR
GFGS BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following names for the 2020 Great Falls Genealogy Society Board of Directors:

President: Larry Spicer
Vice President: Jan Thomson
Secretary: Ann Dues
Treasurer: Cheryl Lucas
Trustee: Gary Campbell

Elections will be held at the GFGS Annual Meeting on Thursday, November, November 14th.

**October General
Meeting Program:
"How to Organize Your
Online Life"**

Our program this month is a 25 minute video presentation by Lisa Louise Cooke, "Organize Your Online Life". Recorded at the national genealogy conference Rootstech 2018 in Salt Lake City, Lisa shows you the tips and tricks to better get a handle on your organizational skills so that your time is better spent on your genealogy research.

Our general meeting will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, October 10th, 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!



Membership News



Welcome to our newest members:

Dennis Brown, Great Falls
Helen Coleman, Great Falls
Gabrielle Delaney, Great Falls
Scott & Beth Enloe, Great Falls
Mary Ann Freeman,
Sand Coulee
Troy Hallsell, Great Falls
Jack & Jean Jennelle,
Great Falls

**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.

Officers:

Larry D. Spicer, President
Jan Thomson, Vice President
Ann Dues, Secretary
Cheryl Lucas, Treasurer
Trustees: Carol Byerly,
Jerry Clarke, Linda Long

Committee Chairs:

Acquisitions: Larry Spicer
Membership: vacant
Publications: Jan Thomson
Projects: Carol Byerly
Research: Diane Green
Technology: Gary Goettel

Webmaster:

Merle Anne McLeish

Newsletter Editor:

Linda Long

Society Library Hours:

Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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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!
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NEW IN THE LIBRARY as of 12 September 2019:

Books:

Purchased from the Great Falls Public Library:

- 1000 Days of Rice
- A Day Late and a Dollar Short
- A Guide to Historic Hamilton
- A History of Montana, Vol. 3
- A Photo history of Aldridge, Coal Camp that Died A-bornin'
- A Woman's Way West
- Adventure Trails in Montana
- Big Hole Journal: Notes and Excerpts
- Black West, The
- Biscuits and Badmen: The Sanders Story in Their Own Words
- Champagne in a Tin Cup
- Contributions to the Historical Society of Montana, Vols. 1-8
- Coyote Death Wish
- Custer, Cavalry, & Crows
- Dusty Trails
- Eagle, The
- Echoes Along the Kootenai
- Early Libby and Troy Montana
- El Rancho Gumbo
- Fort Phil Kearny: An American Saga
- Frontier Days Along the Upper Missouri
- Frontier Years, The
- Full Circle: A Celebration of Billings Past and Present in Photographs
- Glacier National Park: The First 100 Years
- Gold Camp: Alder Gulch and Virginia City, Montana
- Good Old Days in Montana Territory
- Great North Trail, The
- Growing Up Western
- Growth and Decline of Chinese Communities in the Rocky Mountain Region, The
- Historical Information Concerning the Upper Flathead Country
- Historical Sketch of Deer Lodge Commemorating One Hundred Years of Progress, 1864-1964
- Historical Sketches: Montana Institute of Arts
- Homestead
- Kalispell, MT and the Upper Flathead Valley
- Kootenai, the International River of

Canada, Montana, Idaho, and Back into Canada

- Kootenai Valley Inundated
- Last American Frontier, The
- Last Cowboy, The
- Livingston Enterprise Souvenir, Park County
- Lizzie: The Letters of Elizabeth Chester Fisk, 1864-1893
- Looking Back From the Hill: Recollections of Butte People
- Mildred Memories on the O'Fallon
- Mining Frontiers of the Far West
- Montana - 1889
- Montana Years: Chouteau County, 1910-1926, The
- Mountain Men and the Fur Trade, Vols. 1-2
- Old Fort Benton
- One Hundred Years under the Big Sky in Montana, 1864-1964
- One Montana Homesteader
- Our Fort Benton
- Photo History from Yellowstone Park
- Plains Indians of the Twentieth Century, The
- Red Ribbons: A Story of Missoula and Its Newspaper
- Rimrock land, Our Homestead Site
- Stories From and Open Country: Essays on the Yellowstone River Valley
- Tales from Buffalo and: The Story of Fort Buford
- Tough, Willing, and Able
- Traces of Sage
- Tri-County Atlas: Meagher, Sweet Grass and Carbon Counties
- Yellowstone and the Great West
- Yellowstone River Country of ...Montana & Wyoming, The
- Yellowstone Story, The Vols. 1&2

Books:

- 1900 Scrip Index
- A Defining Moment: A WWII Story of the Civilian Public Service Camp #64 at Terry, MT
- A Guide to Civil War Washington, D.C.
- A Peculiar People: Iowa's Old Order Amish
- A Short Season
- Acadian Refugees in France, 1758-1785
- Becoming German: the 1709 Palatine Migration to New York
- Building of a City, The

- Celebrating One Hundred Years: The Montana Centennial Quilt
- Chief Loco
- Company Men, Vols. 22-25
- Divided Town
- Duncan and Stephens Co., OK
- Finding Your Australian Ancestors
- Fort Benton: World's Innermost Port
- Freeway West
- Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad
- Generations in America: An Otto-Schulz Family History 1828-1980
- Great Falls On Parade, 1884-1940
- Great Falls Public School District #1, 1911 School Census Index
- Growing in Spirit: Blessed Trinity Catholic School, 1988-1989
- History of Labette Co., KS: From the First Settlement to the Close of 1892 (1893)
- Jesuits in Montana
- Kempton, The: Adventures of a Montana Ranch Family 1880-1964
- Lac La Biche Alberta Register Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1853-1884
- Montana in the Good Old Days, No. 1 & 2
- More than a Dream: Eighty-five Years at the College of St. Catherine
- MSP #6235 Turkey Pete
- Navy Nurse Corps Association, 2006-2007
- Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag
- North American Indians, The Vols. 1 & 2
- Rattlesnake Valley Schools, The, 1891-1983
- Recall
- Richland MT 1926-1976
- Roundup Days are Here Again 1958-1978
- Sacred Heart Church, Miles City, MT 1881-1981
- Song of a Meadowlark, The
- Story of Dundas, The
- Taylor Family Album
- Under Eight Flags: Milk River and District, Vols. 1&2
- Vigilante Days and Ways
- Visiting Your Ancestral Tow
- Watford City, ND: Celebrating 100 Years, 1914-2014
- Weak Ones turned Back, The Cowboys Never Started, The

GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS START THIS MONTH!

It's that time of year again for our workshops and what better way to start than at the beginning:

Saturday, October 12, 10:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Beginning Genealogy I, Cordingley Room, Great Falls Public Library. Great Falls Genealogy Society Members \$5.00, Non-Members, \$10.00.

Learn ways of finding and recording family information, organizing your work, citing sources, and charting your progress. Presenters Jan Thomson and Linda Long will show inexpensive stand-alone genealogy databases which can be used.

This workshop will be followed by three more in November:

- **Saturday, November 2, 10:15 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Genealogy II. Methods, Tools, Timelining, Useful Databases.**
- **Saturday, November 9, 10:15 a.m. -1:00 p.m., Genealogy III: Using U.S. Censuses, 1790-1940 and Other Available Censuses.**
- **Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m., Genealogy IV Citizenship: Immigration and Naturalization.**

The cost there workshops is Great Falls Genealogy Society Members \$5.00, Non-Members, \$10.00.

If you are interested in attending any (or all!) of these workshops, please register in advance by calling the Genealogy Library at 727-3922 or sending an email to: gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org



Our Special Interest Groups Start This Month

The RootsMagic and DNA Special Interest Groups (SIGs) begin this month on Sunday, October 27th. Both will be held in the Cordingley Room of the Great Falls Public Library. The RootsMagic SIG will meet from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., followed by the DNA SIG, which will meet from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you are unfamiliar with the terms, a Special Interest Group, or SIG, provides a forum for a group to share information and study a particular area of genealogical interest. Beginner or expert, everyone is welcome.

Our RootsMagic SIG is for those who use or are interested in using this popular genealogy software. The DNA SIG focus is to provide information to assist genealogists in understanding the DNA test processes and interpret their test results.

If you are interested in one or both of these areas of genealogy, please sign up for them by stopping by at the Genealogy Library or calling 727-3922.



TREAT YOURSELF TO A GREAT REFERENCE AT CHRISTMAS - or, put them on your Christmas wish list!

Many of us buy our own copies of great reference books to aid our genealogy searches. I recommend you get yourself at least one of **these new 2019 resources** - you will use them constantly. Yes, we are getting copies of these for the Great Falls Genealogy Society Library, but there's just nothing like having your own copy - these are great strategy references.

The Census Book: Facts, Schedules and Worksheets for the U.S. Federal Censuses by Bill Dollarhide (2019). Get it at Familyrootspublishing.com (hard-back, softbound, electronic). Use this book to strategize how to get the most from lesser-known censuses - and a great reference for genealogy beginners and experts.

Family Tree Factbook: Key Genealogy Tips and Stats for the Busy Researcher by Diane Haddad (2018). Get it at Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble, and keep this book handy in your genealogy toolbox!

-Jan Thomson

New in the Library (Continued from page 3)

- Westward Vision: The Oregon Trail
- Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey

Yearbooks:

- Great Falls High School Class of 1946 40th Reunion
- Great Falls High School Class of 1947 50th Class Reunion
- State Normal College, The Chinoook, 1931

News You Can Use

How to Digitize and Archive Your Entire Family Photo Collection

[Dick Eastman](#) ·
[September 24, 2019](#)

From an article in the *reddit* web site:

“Four years ago I decided that I should try and digitally archive my family’s photo collection dating from mid-nineteenth century up to today. It was a painstaking process but I learnt a lot doing it which may be useful for anyone else looking to attempt something similar. I used an iMac for this process and IMO it is the best tool for the job, but I am sure something similar could be done on another system.

“The vast majority of photos between 1850 and 2000 were still in a physical format, either prints or slides. And the photos since 2000 are largely digital already. I decided to start with the digital photos as I could make a big impact relatively quickly. My original photos were in folders like “Helen wedding”, “Scotland Holiday 2010”. I thought long and hard about how to organize them coming up with all sorts of incredibly specific ways of doing it before hitting on the solution; put them all in one folder. All 26,000 of them. So I went from having photos in a couple of hundred different folders to just one.”

Another quote from later in the article:

“Once this was complete I had a

full record of 19,000 photos of my whole family for 150 years and right around the globe and by uploading them from Photos to iCloud they are all with me everywhere I go in a portable easily searchable format. The earliest photo on my phone is dated 1853.

“Archiving It is now essential that all this work is safely backed up.”

This lengthy article is full of ideas about organizing and storing digital copies of family photographs. If you have an interest in this topic, you will want to read *How to Digitize and Archive Your Entire Family Photo Collection* at: <https://tinyurl.com/eogn190924>.

-Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter



Mark Your Calendar!

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 at-

tendees 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>

May 20-23, 2020 - National Genealogical Society Family History Conference. “Echoes of Our Ancestors”, Salt Lake City, UT. The NGS Family History Conference 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. Hotel reservations can now be made; conference registration opens December 2nd. For more info, go to: <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>