

GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY
The Falls Newsletter

JANUARY 2020

Established 1975



*The Library
will be closed
on Wednesday,
1 January, for
New Year's Day,
Wednesday, 8
January for a
GFPL Staff
Training Day
and Monday,
20 January for
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day.*

Celebrating 45 Years!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this, I'm aware that in just a couple days we will end another year. 2020 is just a page turn of the calendar away! And with the start of the year 2020, we begin the 45th anniversary year of the Great Falls Genealogy Society and Library.

I don't know what our Society's charter members envisioned as they formed our Society. Our constitution and bylaws indicate well laid groundwork, but was "45- years down the road" ever part of the conversation? We have some celebration plans in place for April and we can perhaps ask that question of our remaining charter members, Barb Mittal and Marian Wiley, at that time.

Along with celebrating our past, I believe we need to be looking toward our future as a Society as well. At the December meetings of our board and membership I asked, "What do we need to do or get to better serve our society em-

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**JANUARY 2020
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Thursday, January 2nd - Acquisition Meeting, 1:00 p.m.,
Great Falls Genealogy Society Library

Saturday, January 4th - Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Li-
brary

Thursday, January 9th - GFGS General Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library.
Guest speaker: Lisa Kunz, Great Falls City Clerk (see article p. 2)

Sunday, January 26th - RootsMagic SIG, 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library,
(see article p. 2)

Sunday, January 26th - DNA SIG, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Society Library, (see
article p. 2)



January General Meeting: City Records

It's the new year and we're starting off with an exciting presentation – City Clerk Lisa Kunz will be our guest speaker and discuss the records that the city is required to keep and those that are available for genealogists and historians. This will be useful not only to those researching in Great Falls, but it will give you insight into the type of records you should be able to find in any city or town.

Our general meeting will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, January 9th, 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!



NEW IN THE LIBRARY as of 7 December 2019

Books:

- 1956 Great Falls Sanborn Fire Maps, Vols. 1 & 2
- A Centennial Celebration
- Austin's Old Three Hundred: The First Anglo Colony on Texas
- Austrian Family History Research Sources and Methodologies
- Best Gift, The: Montana's Carnegie Libraries
- Blue Book of the Texas Panhandle
- Butte's Memory Book (MT)
- Cascade County, MT Criminal Docket Book, 1888-1916

- Cayuse Prairie School, 1900-1976
- Directory of MT Schools 1983-93, 2001-2002
- Early Bailey County History (TX)
- Feudal Fire: A Case Study of a Northern Norwegian Immigrant Community in MN
- Fred Nault: Montana Metis as told by himself
- Lawmakers of MT, 1969, 1971, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983-84, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993
- Marriage Records of Early Texas 1834-1846
- Memories of a Country Doctor: St. Mary's County Patients are Special Folks (MD)
- Montana Educational Directory 1919-21, 1923-33, 1936-39, 1941-45, 1946-70, 1971-73, 1974-83
- Montana Flood 1964
- Montana Legislative Guide, 1991-1992, 1995-1996, 1997-1998
- Montana Sweet Grass Country: From Melville to the Boulder River Valley
- Pennsylvania Births, Montgomery County, 1682-1800
- Only One Man Died: The Medical Aspects of the Lewis and Clark Expedition
- Portrait of Progress: Great Falls Diamond Jubilee 1884-1959
- Study of Hingham: Past to Present, A
- Sweepers, Snags, and Steam: The Steamboat Era on Montana's Missouri River
- This Last West: Miles City, Montana Territory and Environs, 1876-1886
- Women's Club of Great Falls, MT: The Program 1916-17

Yearbooks:

- Great Falls High School Class of 1961 40th Reunion, 50th Reunion
- University of Providence, *Caritas*, 1957, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1986, 1987, 1988
- Whitefish High School, *Bulldog Special*, 1956, 1957; Mastiff, 1958, 1959
- Wolf Point High School Class of 1958, 30 Year Reunion
- Wolf Point, MT, *Fang*, 1958

Directories:

- Absarokee-Nye-Belfry-BigTimber-

- Broadview-Clark-Melville-Molt-Rapelje-Reed Point Phonebook, 1975-76, 1979-80, 1980-81
- Big Timber, MT Telephone Directory, 1952
- Gateways to the Montana Wilderness Phone Book
- Great Falls and North Central MT Telephone directory 1964
- Hot Springs, MT Telephone Directory 1975-76, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84
- Livingston-Clyde Park-Cooke City-Gardiner-White Sulphur Springs-Wilsall Telephone Directory, 1948, 1960, 1961
- Mid-River Telephone Cooperative, 1975-76
- Nemont Telephone Cooperative, 1978
- Northeastern MT Telephone Directory, 1979
- Northern Telephone Cooperative, 1975
- Old Faithful Regional Phone Directory, 1987-88
- Whitehall, MT Telephone Directory 1954-55

RootsMagic and DNA Special Interest Groups will meet on Sunday, January 26th

Our two SIGs will begin the new year on Sunday, January 26th, in the Great Falls Genealogy Library. The RootsMagic SIG will be at 1:15 p.m., the DNA SIG at 2:30 p.m. Meet at the front door of the Great Falls Public Library at 1:00 p.m. to be let in for the RootsMagic SIG, 2:15 p.m. for the DNA SIG.

If you are interested in either of these topics, you are encouraged to attend one or both of the SIGs. They are less formal than a workshop, but they are designed to instruct and share information among a group of like-minded individuals. Whether a novice in the topic or an expert., everyone is welcome.

2020 Schedule for Meetings

For planning purpose, here are the 2020 schedules for the Acquisition Meetings, Board Meetings, and General Meetings:

<u>Acquisitions:</u>	<u>Board Meetings</u>
2 January	4 January
6 February	8 February
5 March	7 March
2 April	4 April
7 May	9 May
4 June	6 June
2 July	11 July
6 August	8 August
3 September	5 September
1 October	3 October
5 November	7 November
3 December	5 December

General Meetings:

9 January
13 February
12 March
9 April
14 May
10 September
8 October
12 November
10 December

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bers and patrons?" I was given some good initial responses, but I will continue to ask that question. As things come to mind, please share your thoughts with me or any of our GFGS Board members.

I have been contacting our many volunteers, asking if they will continue to serve GFGS with me in 2020. Seeing me in the grocery store one evening, Linda Colenso asked, "Do I still have a job?" I assured her that she did and I appreciate the many affirmative replies to my question of people's willingness to serve.

As a society we remain focused on the objectives established by our

founding members. Together we can make our 45th year as a society one of the best years yet for GFGS.

*-Larry D. Spicer
GFGS President*

ACQUISITIONS WISH LIST

Our Great Falls Genealogy Society Library does not have the following CMR High School Yearbooks. If you have one of these, or come across one in your travels, would you please think of donating it to our GFGS Library? **The years needed are: 1968, 1973, 1975, 1978, 1982, 1983, 1993, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.**

OTHER BOOKS on our WISH LIST: We have been concentrating on Montana books. However many of our members have New England/England ancestry and there are new books being released. The New England Historical and Genealogical Society has recently published the following books which would be great to have for our Library (these will not appear online anytime soon-their copyright prevents that).

If you would like to donate your personal copy, or funds to purchase a particular copy...these are the books. Contact Larry Spicer ldspicer@mail.com to donate any of these!

-THE EARLY NEW ENGLAND FAMILIES STUDY PROJECT

Alicia Crane Williams, Director, Author. Two books are available now there will be more later:

- **Early New England Families, 1641-1700, Vol. 1 (2015).** Compiled, authoritative, well-

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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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documented sketches. 500 pp. About \$40. (pbk)

- **Early New England Families, 1641-1700, Volume 2 (2019).** Focused on those who emigrated 1641 or later. Sketches grouped by year of marriage, continuing on to treat more than 35,000 marriages. 500 pp. Probably will be about \$45. (pbk)

-EARLY VERMONT SETTLERS STUDY PROJECT

Bartley uses Smith's thesis "Legacy of Dissent ...Rev. Vermont, 1749 to 1784" as "map" to write biographical sketches of settlers in several counties - Windsor, Windham, Cumberland, and more.

- **Early Vermont Settlers to 1771 Vol. 1, Southern Windsor County.** 578 pp. 2017. \$50. Series author: Scott Andrew Barley

-WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS FAMILIES PROJECT

Organized around the 1790 census - so far there's 4 volumes of

Spring 2019. Edited by Helen Schatvet Ulmann. Well-written, well-documented families, important as county residents of the time are thoroughly researched - many of these families headed west to New York or north to Vermont - but the available records and sources are written into family sketches.

- **Western Massachusetts Families in 1790 Vol. 1. 2012.** 326 pp. Sketches of 50 families. \$30, pbk.
- **Western Massachusetts Families in 1790, Vol. 2.** 2016. 564 pp. Sketches of 75 families \$35, pbk.
- **Western Massachusetts Families in 1790, Vol. 3.** 2017. 621 pp. Sketches of 75 families. \$35, pbk.

-GREAT MIGRATION STUDY PROJECT (14 volumes).

Managed, written, by Robert Charles Anderson. We have some of these in our library - if you would like to gift our GFGS Library with a volume in this series, please ask for a list of those we do not have. First books appeared in 1988 and we do not

have the latest volume produced in 2019. Thank you.

Larry D. Spicer
Chairman, Acquisitions Committee

Wanted: Librarians!

Over the past several months, a number of our librarians, both for the Montana Room and the Genealogy Library, have had to remove themselves from our active librarian list. We now find ourselves short-handed and in need of librarians. If you've ever thought about contributing to the Genealogy Society, here is a great opportunity.

What does it take to be a librarian for GFGS? Primarily, and most importantly, is a cheerful attitude and a willingness to help others with their research; you don't have to be a genealogy expert! Your willingness to help others to the best of your ability is the most important asset you can bring. And, of course, you won't be on your own - training will be provided.

If this sounds like something you might like to do, contact the Library at 727-3922 or by email at gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org for more information and ask for Larry Spicer.



Mark Your Calendar!

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/>**

August 12-15, 2020 - The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society 7th annual Genealogy Conference, "A World of Discoveries", at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center and the Arlington High School facilities, Arlington, Washington. The focus will be on Colonial America and the Great Migration as well as technology and techniques. Details to follow.

September 2-5, 2020 - Federation of Genealogical Societies 2020 Family History Conference, "Blazing Trails in the Heart of America", Kansas City, MO. Details to follow.

September 24-26, 2020 - Montana State Genealogical Society 31st Annual State Genealogy Society Conference, "Shining a Light on Our Past", at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, Fairmont, Montana. Scheduled speakers: Blaine Bettinger, The Genetic Genealogist, and Catherine Lake Hogan, who specializes in finding Canadian ancestors. For more info go to: montanamsgs.org/conferences.html