

GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Falls Newsletter

DECEMBER 2020

Celebrating 45 Years - 1975-2020



The Genealogy Library will be closed Through December

Given the increasing number of COVID cases in Cascade County, the GFGS Board feels that we owe it to our volunteers, community, and our health workers to be cautious. For that reason, the GFGS Library will be closed through 31 December 2020.

GFGS Genealogy Hour Wednesdays at 11 a.m. (MST) via ZOOM, beginning 2 DECEMBER 2020.

The Great Falls Genealogy Society has its own ZOOM platform for its monthly General Meetings and it is also available for us to use to communicate with members.

“Wednesdays at 11AM” offers members the chance to participate in a **brief overview of new sources/resources**, and “What’s New in the Library and Online” (books acquired, those available to check out, new resources at our web page). **Participants can also make queries concerning their personal genealogies and talk about their latest finds.**

Join Jan Thomson, Moderator, by answering the ZOOM invitation mailed to you; you must answer the invitation at the time specified. Jan will have our ZOOM site open from 10:55AM through 11:05AM on the Wednesdays specified.

For more information, email Jan at: jannyt2162@bresnan.net; or 406-788-2162 (please text).

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

COVID cases in Cascade County continue to climb, necessitating that the Great Falls Genealogy Society Library remain closed at least through to the end of December, 2020. We will reassess the local situation then and let you know our plans for the future.

The November GFGS Annual Meeting certainly did not resemble previous ones. I don't think I am the only one who missed our usual Potluck. Zoom made it possible for us to take care of Annual Meeting business, but it doesn't allow the interaction we so enjoy. I want to personally thank Ann Dues, our 2020 Volunteer of the Year, for her dedication to the transferring of our records to Past Perfect. I appreciate your work on this, Ann, and so much more. Ann is my “go to” person with computer questions at the Library.

You will see information regarding our December meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. Please join us as we install our officers for 2021. Here, too, I want to thank our Board members and volunteers for their work during 2020. Your commitment to your roles within GFGS makes my responsibilities as president so much easier.

Please, each of you, continue to do all you possibly can to remain safe and healthy. We plan to reopen the GFGS Library as it is judged safe for us to do so. We look forward to that possibility and seeing you sometime in 2021.

*-Larry D. Spicer
GFGS President*

DECEMBER 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, December 3rd - Acquisition Meeting, 1:00 p.m., via Zoom

Saturday, December 5th - Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., via Zoom

Thursday, December 10th - GFGS General Meeting, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom.



**NEW IN THE
LIBRARY
as of
12 November 2020**

Books:

- 1995 Geologic Map of Montana
- Cascade County, MT Known Deaths 1903 Index & Records Found
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- Froid Diamond Jubilee presents Pioneers 'n Progress: A History of Frodi and Its People 1910-1985
- Great Falls Public Schools District #1 1898 School Census Index
- Great Falls Public Schools District #1 1899 School Census Index
- Homecoming 2000, 75 Years, Westby, MT
- Register of Graduates and Former Cadets of the United States Military Academy West Point, NY, 1970, 1999, 2000

Yearbooks:

- C.M. Russell High School, *Russellog*, 1993
- Montana Wilderness School of the Bible yearbook, 1993, 1994-1995, 1996-1997, 1998
- Northern Montana College, *Northerner*, 1978
- Whittier School, 1989-1990

Directories:

- Butte City Directory, 1975

**2020
Volunteer of the Year:
Ann Dues**

As with so many of our members, our 2020 Volunteer of the Year came to us as a result of retirement. A background in nursing lends to attention to details that has made our Volunteer the asset to our Society that she is.

Ann Dues joined the Great Falls Genealogy Society in February 2016. Since that time, she has served as librarian and on the Technology Committee. For the last 2-years, Ann has done an excellent job as secretary of the GFGS Board. Earlier this year we decided to move our Society records to the Past Perfect computer program and Ann's willingness to use her computer expertise has made this happen.

As a Society we are indebted to Ann Dues and can best express our gratitude as we name her our 2020 Volunteer of the Year.

*-Larry D. Spicer
GFGS President*



News You Can Use

**THERE'S GREAT FREE
NEWSPAPER ACCESS AT THE
HAVRE-HILL COUNTY
LIBRARY WEBSITE!**

The Havre-Hill County Library Website was favorably reviewed by AmericanAncestors.org in a recent blog. **Go to the site below to find FREE Havre newspapers (scanned, OCRd) from 1929 forward.** I've found bunches about my grandparents, grand aunts and uncles, and cousins! I've been cutting and pasting to make a remembrance for my relatives for Christmas

Go To the digital archives: <https://havrehilllibrary.org/>

-Jan Thomson

LAST CALL!

*It's membership
renewal time.*

If you haven't renewed your membership, please take a moment to do so. Membership dues are the primary source of our operating funds. Your continued support as a member is the fuel that keeps us going.

THANK YOU!

**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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Larry D. Spicer, President
Jan Thomson, Vice President
Ann Dues, Secretary
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Linda Long, Gary Campbell

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