

GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY
The Falls Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2021

Established 1975



*The Library
will be closed
on Thursday,
11 November,
for Veteran's
Day and on
Thursday and
Friday, 25-26
November
2021
for
Thanksgiving*

*Volunteer Recognition
and
Annual Meeting*

*Thursday, November 11th,
6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom!!*

The evening starts at 6:00 p.m., with Volunteer Recognition and the presentation of the Volunteer of the Year award, followed by our annual meeting, which will include the election of the GFGS Board members.

*Everyone is strongly
encouraged to attend!*

**NOVEMBER 2021
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Wednesday, November 3rd - Wednesdays At 11AM, Zoom Session, Jan Thomson, moderator. Topic: U.S. Census Non-Population Schedules

Thursday, November 4th - Acquisition Meeting, 1:00 p.m., GFGS Library

Thursday, November 4th - Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., GFGS Library

Thursday, November 11th - GFGS Annual Meeting via Zoom, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 17th - Wednesdays At 11AM, Zoom Session, Jan Thomson, moderator.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Since the conclusion of "Genealogy tourist" season, we have not had a lot of patrons at the Great Falls Genealogy Society Library. Those who have come to use our resources have had success, however. A lady who spent the better part of two days in the Library was in tears at one point, overwhelmed by all the information librarians helped her find.

Librarians and other volunteers have been working on a variety of projects. Work on the O'Conner Funeral Home records continues. Glenn Jeffrey's work on the Mausoleum's cremation records is ready to shelve. Diane Kiroi has begun indexing the School Census records and Cheryl Lucas is working to inventory and organize our collection of maps. Working on a research request, Diane Green has uncovered quite a story that will, most likely, be shared in one of our future meetings.

We have been asked by the Public Library director to trade some space with them. What we refer to as our "office", will be used by a group needing office space. In turn we will have use of another location, offering us the same amount of storage space. The end result will work well for everyone involved.

There has been a good response to the membership renewal notice that was sent out. We have had several people renew their memberships who had not done so last year. Thank you **everyone** who has committed to being a member of GFGS in 2022.

Given the recent spike in Covid cases in Cascade County, the GFGS board has made the decision that our November 2021 Annual Meeting will be held virtually. Holding this meeting virtually is not ideal, but we want to honor those who have kept the Great Falls Genealogy Society moving forward, even during a pandemic. Plus, we do have business needing to be done. I hope you will

be able to join us on November 11th for this meeting. And we'll hope for an in person Annual Meeting in 2022.

In spite of continued restrictions on meeting together at the GFGS Library, the work of our Society goes on. Several of our members have been ill with Covid and we remain committed to the health and safety of our members and the patrons of our Library. Drop by the Library to see what is taking place, but please be mindful of Covid guidelines.

*-Larry D. Spicer
GFGS President*



NEW IN THE LIBRARY as of 2 September 2021

Books:

- Autobiography of William Allen White, The
- Company Men Volume 35 Jacques Hamelin
- Condemned: The Transported Men, Women, and Children who Built Britain's Empire
- First 100 Years I Codington County, South Dakota, The
- German Settlers of Iowa: Their Descendants, and European Ancestors
- Discovering Irish Origins, Using the Records of Ireland
- Emigrants from Scotland to America 1774-1775
- Golden Kilowatts: Water Power and the Early Growth of Montana
- Historical Atlas of New York City, The
- Huguenots and the Revocations of the Edict of Nantes, The, Vols. 1&2
- Indian Tribes of Oklahoma - A Guide
- Journal of John Harrower, The
- Korea Veterans, The Graybeards
- Life & Times of Tucker Doyne, The (VA)
- Life of Emma Magee in the Rocky Mountain West, The, 1866-1950
- Lost Colony and Hatteras Island, The (NC)

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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.

Officers:

Larry D. Spicer, President
Jan Thomson, Vice President
Ann Dues, Secretary
Cheryl Lucas, Treasurer
Trustees: Linda Long,
Gary Campbell, Diane Kiroi

Committee Chairs:

Acquisitions: Larry Spicer
Membership: Ann Dues
Publications: Jan Thomson
Projects: Carol Byerly
Research: Diane Green
Technology: Linda Long

Webmaster:

Merle Anne McLeish

Newsletter Editor:

Linda Long

Society Library Hours:

Monday – Saturday
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 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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- Mainers West
- Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California 2015
- Maryland Manual: A Guide to Maryland Government Maryland State Archives 2001
- Mennonite Family History, Vol. 39 #1-4 & Index
- Missoula-Hellgate Centennial
- Montana's DAR Markers: Honoring Where History was Made
- My Memories
- Norwegian English-English Norwegian Dictionary
- O.C. Seltzer, Montana's Second Genius
- Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage Vol. 43 #1-4
- Russia, A History
- Russian-English Dictionary
- The Eagle Calls: History of Eagle Hill (AB)
- They Came I Ships to Terre Nova
- "Westward I Go Free" The Story of J.F.K. in Montana
- Wyoming: Land of Echoing Canyons

Yearbooks/Reunions:

- Brady High School, 1959
- C.M. Russell High School, *Russellog*, 1973
- Conrad High School, *Whoop-Up Trail*, 1921, 1922, 1956, 1957, 1960-1962, 1966, 1975, 1977, 1999-2002, 2006, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017
- Frenchtown High School, *Broncos*, 1954
- Great Falls High School Class of 1968 20 Year Reunion
- Great Falls High School Class of '26 36th Year Reunion
- Northern Montana College Commencement of 1959
- South Carolina State University Alumni Directory 2007
- Teton County High School and Choteau High School All Class Address Book Reunion 2000
- Teton County High School Class Reunion '32-'36
- Teton County High School Class Reunion Class of 1935, Reunion 1985
- Teton County High School Class Reunion (1935-1938) Reunion 1987
- Teton County High School, *The Growl*, 1941-42

Exciting Changes and Updates At the Library!

Come in and see all the changes and updates that have been accomplished - we have been busy making our library even better!

Collections of books such as the NEHGS journals and the Pennsylvania Archive Series 1-9 have been placed in archivally-safe boxes largely completed by Janet Thomson. These boxes are space savers (making more room for more materials) and protect the condition of these rare books.

Two new desks and a small file cabinet take up less space and yet provide for better supply organization and access to our computerized inventory program (PastPerfect software, gifted to us by member Carol Byerly). The desks were purchased from Special Projects funds and the file cabinet was gifted in memory of Donna Wahlberg.

Inventory volunteer Linda Colenso has nearly completed the 2021 inventory; this year, our new computer inventory program enabled us to also record actual book locations on shelves - a huge improvement for our library volunteers and patrons. Ann Dues, Cheryl Lucas, and Linda Colenso largely completed this Acquisition Committee project. Each book and its location are now recorded in our PastPerfect software program, making for easier access as patrons request a particular book.

Cheryl Lucas continues a new project (now possible because of PastPerfect's software capabilities) to inventory approximately 300 maps and place these in archivally-safe boxes. Our out-sized maps are also being placed in these boxes so that they are protected and can easily be located for patrons.

The Cascade County archival materials that are in our care (for example, annual school censuses, coroner records) are being inventoried and entered into a separate collection in the PastPerfect software, making them easier to locate and access for citizens.

In cooperation with the Great Falls Public Library, we have moved our stored items to a protected, easily accessed space on the third floor just across from the Montana Room. We also have scanner space there.

-Jan Thomson
-Cheryl Lucas

News You Can Use

ROOTSMAGIC DATABASE USERS

Yes, **RootMagic 8** is finally here and it is excellent - remember, this is the database made to use with Macs and PCs! I have been using this finalized version for the last month and I am quickly adjusting to its new features.

But don't take my word for it. **PLEASE take time to go to www.rootsmagic.com** and click on the "Learn" button in the banner at the top to get a dropdown menu. This gives you options to go to WEBINARS (live events by date that you can register for and links to past webinars) or VIDEOS, which is a link to the RootsMagic YouTube Channel, where not only will you find the current webinars (*look at all the streamed information for now-time learning: "Editing People and Events in ...8"; "People and Families in ...8"; "Working with Files in ...8"; "What's New in RootsMagic 8"; AND THERE ARE NEW TOPICS EACH WEEK!*), but other videos addressing many questions you may have about using RootsMagic under these topic headings: *Popular Uploads, Using RootsMagic with Familysearch Family Tree, Installing, Updating, and Running RootsMagic, and Importing Data into*

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RootsMagic.

NOW WE HAVE INFORMATION ON DEMAND ... right when we need it! I have been watching all of these and they are a treat. Yes, I have occasionally had to go back to listen again - but that's a real advantage! At the RootsMagic YouTube channel you can subscribe (simply hit that link and you are subscribed).

BOOKMARK this link to the ROOTSMAGIC YOU TUBE CHANNEL:
[/www.youtube.com/channel/UCIAeFYGdN0CRVehqGjDDTgg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIAeFYGdN0CRVehqGjDDTgg)

Here's The Path:

www.rootsmagic.com/

Next: select "Learn" in the banner at the top of the page (or scroll down to the bottom of the page and to the "Learn" column)

Next: select "Webinars": www.rootsmagic.com/Webinars/

Next: scroll down and select View Past Webinars (**and, SUBSCRIBE** like over 11,000 others have)

Next: Select webinar you need...look at the options and stay updated.

I am happy to help you on your laptop in small sessions at the Great Falls Genealogy Society Library (we are limited to 10 total in our library at this time). Contact me at: jannyt2162@bresnan.net, or phone the library (406-727-3922) to make an appointment. I am there on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

-Jan Thomson

PS...at the RootsMagic site you can also link up with their printable ROOTSMAGIC MAGIC GUIDES: **step-by-step instructions for those who just want the directions! You will see me use them in RootsMagic classes...they are uncomplicated and superb!** Just click on the "Learn" button and go to "Printable Guides" at the bottom of the dropdown menu. *JDT*



*Remember ... Veteran's Day
11 November 2019*

The Twelve Key Website

If you are eagerly awaiting the 1950 Census (less than 150 days away!), here is an interesting website/blog that you may not have heard of, but should definitely check out, [The Twelve Key](#). It is the personal website of Claire Kluskens, the designated census/genealogy subject matter expert and senior digital projects archivist, for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, D.C. She has an entire page of her website dedicated to information about the 1950 census - "[1950 Census & More](#)". There are currently 34 articles specifically about the 1950 census, with topics such as "[1950 Census: How the Census Forms and Procedures Were Developed](#)", "[1950 Census: 'Usual Place of Residence'](#)", "[1950 Census: Form P1, Population and Housing Schedule 'Heading Items.'](#)", and "[1950 Census: Dr. Shryock's Insights on the Differences Between the 1940 and 1950 Censuses](#)" to name a few.

Another section on this page is titled "Census Records - Various Years" and has articles with a wide range of topics, such as "[Census Fun Fact #3 - Do You Own a Radio Set?](#)", "[20 Tips for Census Research Success](#)", and "[An 1890 Census Fragment for Alaska is Rediscovered](#)". If you are like me and use the U.S. censuses extensively, I think you will find all these articles fascinating.

In addition, be sure to check out Claire's homepage, [The Twelve Key](#). Her latest post will be first, but scroll down and you will find many older posts. Or, on the right side of the page, scroll down to "Categories" and click on a title to find posts categorized by their content. Two examples I found interesting under the category "Modern Military Records": the post "Death and Burial Practices in World War I and World War II" has a link to an hour and a half webinar by Rick Sayre on this topic; and the post, "The 1973 Fire: New Hope in Recovering Burned and Brittle Records" has a link to a 33 minute webinar by Preservation Specialist Ashley Cox at the NARA St. Louis site regarding the efforts make all damaged records available to researchers.

This website is a terrific resource. I hope you will have the opportunity to take advantage of it.

-Linda Long

Proposed Budget 2022

GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY		
BUDGET 2022		
INCOME ITEMS		
Donations		\$ 1,897.00
Fund Raising		\$ 100.00
Interest Earned		\$ 1.00
Internal Transfer from Early Settlers		\$ 25.00
Membership		\$ 4,750.00
Research		\$ 500.00
Total Income		\$ 7,273.00
EXPENSE ITEMS		
Advertising		\$ 125.00
Computer Software Transfer		\$ 300.00
Copy Machine Expense		\$ 200.00
Equipment Fund Transfer		\$ 500.00
Book Repair Transfer		\$ 200.00
Insurance		\$ 660.00
Library Supplies		\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 25.00
Parking		\$ 748.00
Postage		\$ 500.00
Research Expense		\$ 25.00
Subscriptions		\$ 1,200.00
State Society Dues		\$ 90.00
Telephone/Internet		\$ 1,250.00
TSL		\$ 100.00
Web Site		\$ 350.00
Total Expenses		\$ 7,273.00
Cheryl Lucas - Treasurer		
Donations for designated funds are not reflected on this report		