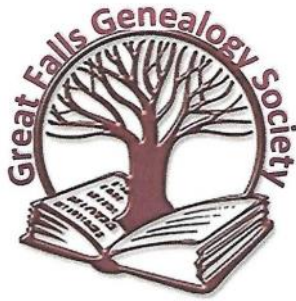


GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY



The Falls Newsletter



MAY 2023

Established 1975

Society Business

May 11, 2023 General Meeting Presentation

Tracing migrating ancestors: Who, what, where, when, why and how

We're all descended from migrants – it's a fact of history. But who left Europe when? Where did our earliest known ancestors come from? How can we use what we know about family to understand where to look for records? What if we have almost nothing at all? Join MyHeritage's Director of Content in Europe, Myko Clelland, as we delve into centuries of travel from the old world to the new, getting to grips with the historical rules and patterns that give us the context to better tell our ancestors stories and lead us to new discoveries.

For the consideration of others, when on Zoom please remember to mute your computer/phone during the presentations and classes.

MAY 2023 Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 4th—Acquisitions Meeting, 3 pm

Thursday, May 4th—Board Meeting, 4 pm

Wednesday, May 10th—Wednesdays at 11—Zoom —Military Scrip Land —Janet Thomson, Facilitator; 11 am

Thursday, May 11th—General Meeting—Tracing Migrating Ancestors: Who, What, Where, When, Why and How—Business Meeting starts about 6:50 pm—6:55 pm—Final meeting until September!

Sunday, May 21st—Beginning Genealogy—Free Class—Cascade Senior Citizen Center, 1 pm—Stacey Corcino and Janet Thomson, Instructors

Wednesday, May 24th—Wednesdays at 11—Zoom —Places to Find Information about Your CCC Ancestors—Janet Thomson, Facilitator; 11 am—Last session until September!

Monday, May 29th—Library Closed for Memorial Day

Did you know? - Memorial Day, initially referred to as Decoration Day, was observed by many communities after the Civil War, when the nation suffered more than 620,000 military deaths, roughly 2 percent of the total population at the time.

Acquisitions Committee is Accepting Recommendations

The Acquisitions Committee is always accepting recommendations for materials that will help you in your research. The library does have material from all over the world. If there is a book or map that you think would help you or others in research let us know and we will see if we can purchase the material. Not all material is available on the internet so the printed material is also important to research for information. Email the society and put acquisition request in the subject line if you would like to request or recommend material. You can also send the request to the Acquisitions Committee by writing to the street address. Please specify a specific area (such as a county in a state and not just a state) to help us narrow down what to look for.

2023 Conferences

National Genealogical Society—The upcoming NGS 2023 Family History Conference, **Virginia: The Deep Roots of a Nation**, will be held in Richmond, Virginia, 31 May–3 June 2023, and On-Demand July through December 2023. Attendees will have an opportunity to choose from new lectures for family history researchers at all levels by the nation's premier genealogical speakers. No registration page yet.

Mullan Road 2023 Conference—Plans are moving ahead for the 2023 Mullan Road Conference in Missoula on the second weekend of June (June 9-11). We'll be at the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History for the Friday night reception and across the Fort Missoula campus at Heritage Hall all day Saturday. <https://www.facebook.com/MullanRoad2023/>

Conference dates for FEEFHS (Foundation for East European Family History Studies) 2023—The first week of August, starting on Tuesday August 1. The format will be Hybrid, with some content only available in Salt Lake City (Utah), some content will be live-virtual, and some content by play on demand. We will offer workshops and regular classes. <https://feefhs.org/>

Montana State Genealogical Society—September 21–23, 2023 Bozeman, Montana. No registration page yet.

2023 Planned Schedule for Meetings

For planning purposes, here are the remaining 2023 scheduled dates and times for Committees, Board, and General meetings:

Acquisitions 3:00 pm Board 4:00 pm

4 May	4 May
1 June	1 June
6 July	6 July
3 August	3 August
7 September	7 September
5 October	5 October
2 November	2 November
7 December	7 December

General 6:00 pm

11 May
14 September
12 October
9 November
14 December

Dates and times may be changed if needed through the year. Currently, meetings are hybrid format. The program will be at the beginning of the meeting and the business meeting will be after the program. The length of the program will be announced so Zoom participants can attend only the General Meeting if they desire.

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Wanted: Parish Member Directories

Great Falls Genealogy Society and Library are collecting local Parish Member Directories from all churches. These directories are sometimes the only evidence that some families were in the area if they were between censuses. If you have any of these parish member directories that you no longer need or want please bring them in to the library for donation.

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:

Stacey Corcino, President
Janet D. Thomson, Vice President
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Diana Kirol, Merle Anne McLeish

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Projects: Vacant
Research: Diane Green
Technology: Linda Long

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Janet D. Thomson

Society Library Hours:

Monday—Saturday
12:00 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 gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org.

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Society Business

New in The Library As of April, 2023

- * Plano, Texas, The Early Years
- * Great Falls High School Yearbook Roundup 1969
- * In Search of Gold (Alaska)
- * Mouth Full of Toes (Montana)
- * Under the Mountain Wall (New Guinea)
- * From the Cradle to the Grave (Minnesota)
- * Hospitality Time (Montana)
- * McLeod Centennial North Dakota 1886-1986
- * New Historical Atlas of Religion in America
- * Mountain Bell Company Directories 1984
- * Canadian Nazarene College Yearbook, Portal 1995 (Manitoba)
- * The Germanna Record Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia No. 6
- * The Germanna Record Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia No. 11
- * Lethbridge Collegiate Institute (High School) Yearbook Spotlight 1996
- * Getting the Most Out of RootsMagic 9
- * In Their Own Words—Letters from Norwegian Immigrants
- * Montana Highway Tales
- * Norwegian Newspapers in America Connecting Norway and the New Land
- * A Route for the Overland Stage
- * West of the great Divide Norwegian Migration to the Pacific Coast, 1847-1893
- * Telephone Directory Great Falls Belt Cascade Dutton January 1948
- * Telephone Directory Helena 1909
- * Telephone Directory Helena about 1912—1914
- * New England Marriages Prior to 1700 Volume 1-3
- * The Road to Garnet's Gold A Brief History of Montana's Gold Rush
- * Western Massachusetts Families in 1790 volume 5
- * The Genealogist's Guide to Researching Tax Records
- * In Search of A Dream (Eastern Montana autobiography)
- * Melstone The Town and Its Times
- * Bethel Lutheran Church Community Directory 2014 volume 4 (Great Falls)
- * Highland Cemetery 2012-2022

Spotlight: Montana Newspapers by Valerie Beaudrault

The Montana Historical Society offers a full-text searchable database of Montana newspapers on its website, comprising more than 820,000 pages from 140 town, county, school, and tribal newspapers published between 1873 and 2018. You may browse newspapers by title, location, or date, or search across all titles by keyword. Searches can also be limited by location. Click the thumbnail image in the search results to see the full page. [Search Now](#)

This article was in *The Weekly Genealogist* by American Ancestors. Don't forget about this important website especially while our State History Museum is closed for a couple of years for remodeling.

Subscription Sites for Use at the Library

GFGS subscribes to several websites for use at the library. These include:

- ⇒ American Ancestors (New England Historical Genealogical Society)
- ⇒ Ancestry.com
- ⇒ Newspapers.com
- ⇒ MyHeritage
- ⇒ FindMyPast
- ⇒ Fold 3
- ⇒ Genealogy Bank (Newspapers)

If you cannot make it into the library but you would like something researched for you on one of the sites, please visit our website gfgenealogy.org for our research policy and fees.

Free Sites Bookmarked at the Library

GFGS bookmarks several free websites for use at the library. You can also use these websites at home. These include:

- ⇒ Family Search
- ⇒ Find A Grave
- ⇒ Billion Graves
- ⇒ Chronicling America
- ⇒ National Archives
- ⇒ Montana Memory Project

If you cannot make it into the library but you would like something researched for you on one of the sites, please visit our website gfgenealogy.org for our research policy and fees.

Wanted: Homestead or Ownership Maps

GFGS will take any Homestead or Ownership Maps that you no longer want or need. Preferably areas in Montana but if you have one from another state that would be welcome also.

News You Can Use

LIST OF CEMETERIES IN CASCADE COUNTY

(Taken from Find A Grave and BillionGraves)

Allison Family Cemetery	Hillside Cemetery
Ballard Family Cemetery	Hilltop Colony Cemetery
Barker Cemetery	Holy Spirit Catholic Church Columbarium
Belt Cemetery	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Cemetery
Big Stone Colony Cemetery	Kibbey Cemetery
Big Willow Cemetery	Kvislen Family Cemetery
Black Eagle Cemetery	Lower Belt Cemetery
Calvary Cemetery	Manchester Cemetery
Cameron Hill Cemetery	Monarch Cemetery
Castner Falls Cemetery	Mount Olivet Cemetery
Chesnut Valley Cemetery	Neihart Pinehill Cemetery
Clarke Cemetery	Our Saviors Lutheran Church Columbarium
Cottonwood Bench Cemetery	Pleasant Valley Colony Cemetery
Dengel Family Cemetery	Pleasant View Cemetery
DeRoche Family Cemetery	Red Butte Cemetery
Elam Family Burial Grounds	Saint Peter Mission Cemetery
Elmwood Estates Cemetery	Sand Coulee Cemetery
Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Columbarium	Skoog Family Ranch Cemetery
Fair Haven Colony Cemetery	Stockett Cemetery
First Congregational UCC Columbarium	Sun River Cemetery
First Presbyterian Church Columbarium	Sunrise Presbyterian Church Columbarium
Fort Shaw Cemetery	Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery
Fort Shaw Military Cemetery	Tiger Butte Cemetery
Gerandy Tolman Cemetery	Tracy Cemetery
Goodman Ranch Cemetery	Ulm Cemetery
Graveyard Gulch Cemetery	Vaughn Cemetery
Gruel Family Cemetery	Venetz Family Ranch Cemetery
Hebrew Cemetery	Yearout Family Cemetery
Highland Cemetery	Memory Gardens Pet Cemetery
Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Mausoleum	



2023 National Archives Genealogy Series

By Claire Kluskens

[NARA's 2023 National Archives Genealogy Series](https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-series/2023), <https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-series/2023>, which begins on YouTube on May 3 and continues through June 14, will focus this year on military and civilian public service. The following presentations are scheduled to premiere:

May 3 at 1 pm ET	Welcome and Introductions
May 3 at 1:05 pm ET	Civilians at War: Records of Participation in U.S. Military Conflicts—Claire Kluskens
May 10 at 1 pm ET	Basic Military Records at the National Archives: Revolutionary War to 1917—John Deeben
May 17 at 1 pm ET	National Archives at St. Louis: Understanding the 1973 Fire and Its Impact on Genealogical Research—Eric Kilgore
May 31 at 1 pm ET	Civilian Conservation Corps Indian Division on the Reservation—Cody White
June 7 at 1 pm ET	Accessing and Understanding Korean War Army Unit Records—Rachel Salyer
June 14 at 1 pm ET	Planning, Techniques, and Strategies for Preserving Family Collections and Stories—Sara Holmes
June 14 at 1:55 pm ET	Closing Remarks

The presentations will be pre-recorded but the speakers will answer questions in the chat for 10 minutes at the end of the premiere. The videos will remain online on YouTube afterwards. Links to the videos and associated handouts are at [NARA's 2023 National Archives Genealogy Series](https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-series/2023).