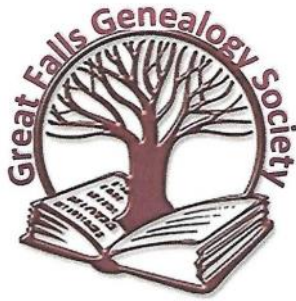


GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY



The Falls Newsletter



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President's Nook

Happy end of summer! Who is happy that fall is coming? I know I am! We will be starting to meet again this month! It will be great to get back together.

Thank you everyone that came to our Social Potluck in August. The temperature was perfect with a slight breeze. Couldn't have asked for better weather. We had lots of food and conversation!!

Coming up at the end of the month will be our State Genealogy Conference in Bozeman. It will be my first one and I am looking forward to attending!

Starting in mid-August we have a gal working here at the Library doing several projects. Her name is Linda and she is coming to us via Senior Community Services Employment Program. It will be great having her here!

We of course will be having our General Meeting in November. We will be having it at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. We will have further details the closer we get to the date! It will be a potluck so be thinking of that yummy food item you will want to bring and share!

Happy Hunting!

September 2023 Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 7th —Acquisitions Meeting, 3 pm

Thursday, September 7th—Board Meeting, 4 pm

Wednesday, September 13th —Wednesdays at 11—Inquests and Coroner Records—Janet Thomson, Facilitator; 11:-00 am

Thursday, September 14th—General Meeting—Topic—Alisa Herodes, First Metis Cemetery in Lewistown—Starts at 6 pm Business Meeting starts at 6:45 pm

Wednesday, September 27th—Wednesdays at 11 —To Be Announced—Janet Thomson, Facilitator; 11:-00 am

We have a new email address: info@gfgenealogy.org

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.

September 14 Meeting Program—Starts at 6 PM

Alisa Herodes talks about the first Metis Cemetery in Lewistown, the burial there of the original 1879 Metis settlers including Gabriel Dumont's (Loius Riel's commander) wife Madeline (Wilkie), and the how, when, where, and why of the relocation of the interred to two unmarked mass graves at Calvary Cemetery.

2023 Conferences

Alberta Wall Breaker Conference 2023 on Zoom September 9—11, 2023. A three day intensive all on zoom that covers the dark histories and sad truths found in Genealogy. For further details please come explore www.wall-breaker.com/wall-breaker-conference. Cost \$60 Canadian.

Montana State Genealogical Society—September 21—23, 2023 Bozeman, Montana. No registration page yet. Best Western Plus GranTree Inn for accommodation.

Montana State Historical Society—September 28—30, 2023 Helena, Montana. No registration page yet. Delta Hotels Colonial for accommodation.

Indigenous Celebration: Gathering of Families October 8—14, 2023 Great Falls, Montana. GFGS will host a seminar of Native American Resources: Genealogy Research on October 11. <https://www.gatheringoffamilies.com/>

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

7 September	7 September
5 October	5 October
2 November	2 November
7 December	7 December

General 6:00 pm

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.

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

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Wanted: School Yearbooks

Great Falls Genealogy Society and Library are collecting local schools yearbooks from Cascade County and the counties that are contiguous. If you have any of these school yearbooks that you no longer need or want please bring them in to the library for donation. We especially would like yearbooks from Simms, Cascade, Sun River Valley etc.

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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Society Library Hours:

Monday—Saturday
12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

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Society Business

New in The Library

As of August, 2023

- * Great Falls Central High School Class of 1957—20th, 30th, 40th Reunions
- * Wisdom Telephone Directory, Fall 1931
- * Wyoming in the Eye of Man
- * A Bibliography of American County Histories
- * 80th Anniversary of the Free Evangelical Lutheran Cross Church 1892-1972 (CA)
- * The Cross Church Centennial 1892-1992 (California)
- * USS Antietam (CV-36) Cruise Book 1951-1952
- * USS Yorktown ATG-4 “The Fighting Lady” 1956
- * Great Falls High School Yearbooks Roundup 1940, 1942, 1948, 1951, 1952
- * Centerville High School Yearbooks Miner 1954, 1999
- * Butte High School Yearbook 1931
- * Out of the North A Brief Historical Sketch of the Blackfeet Indian Tribe
- * Saco High School Yearbooks Panther 1955, 1962-1964
- * Lakota Noon The Indian Narrative of Custer’s Defeat
- * Heritage ‘76 Then and Now Pembina County North Dakota
- * Methodism 1878-1978 Drayton, North Dakota
- * Napoleon North Dakota Centennial 1884-1984
- * The Oregon Country Under the Union Jack
- * Buying a Bride: An Engaging History of the Mail-Order Matches
- * Hearts West: True Stories of Mail-Order Brides on the Frontier
- * Reproduction of the Reservation: Pregnancy, Childbirth and Colonialism in the Long 20th Century

Slate of Officers running for 2024

President—Stacey Corcino

Vice-President—Janet Thomson

Secretary—Linda Long

Treasurer—Cheryl Lucas

Trustee— (3 year term)

If there are no other nominations, these people will be elected by acclamation as the officers for 2024. The other trustees whose terms are not up are Merle Anne McLeish (1 more year) and Gary Campbell (2 more years).

POTTER’S FIELD AT HIGHLAND CEMETERY LOCATED! - Correction

With the assistance of GFGS members, Highland Cemetery has located the Potter’s Field that has over 1,100 graves. Unfortunately, there are no headstones to indicate who is buried where. They have mowed the area and found some dips. They also plan to use ground-penetrating radar to locate more. A plaque will be installed to indicate the area in the future. Potter’s Field is a place of burial for unknown, unclaimed or indigent people. Cascade County purchased the land for the field but the exact location had been forgotten over the years. **I stated last month that they had over 11,000 graves but it is only 1,100. I guess it was wishful thinking on my part that I added the extra zero. Either that or I had a fat finger attack.**

Society Business

Fun
Times at
the
Summer
Pot Luck!

