GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Falls Newsletter

DECEMBER 2025

Established 1975

WE ARE 50 YEARS STRONG! CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY WITH US!

Your 2026 Officers

Vice President—Jan Thomson, President—Stacey Corcino,

Secretary—Pegi Palmes, Treasurer—Cheryl Lucas

(Not pictured Trustee—Donna White)

December 2025 Calendar of Events

Thursday, December 4th—Acquisitions Meeting, 3 pm
Thursday, December 4th —Board Meeting, 4 pm
Thursday, December 11th—Christmas Party 6 pm

Upcoming Conferences

September 10—12, 2026 Montana Genealogical Society Conference—Montana Heritage Center, Helena. No Registration Page Yet.

Interested in other conferences? Check out Conference Keeper. Conference Keeper was created as a single go-to website for finding information about genealogy and family history conferences. They list both virtual, hybrid, or in-person events. You can find a conference on almost any topic.

We are an affiliated library with

FamilySearch

Check us out on Facebook!

New posts appearing frequently. When you look at our page, please take the time to comment on the posts so that we know you have looked at it. Lots of information, hints, and jokes appearing. Have fun with it.

Don't forget to like and subscribe to us on YouTube. It helps get our content out to the masses. Thank you for all your support!

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.

2025 and 2026 Planned Schedule for Meetings

For planning purposes, here are the 2025 scheduled dates and times for Committees, Board, and General meetings:

Acquisitions 3:00 pm	**Board 4:00 pm**
4 December 2025	4 December
? January 2026	? January 2026
5 February	5 February
5 March	5 March
2 April	2 April
7 May	7 May
4 June	4 June
2 July	2 July
6 August	6 August
3 September	3 September
1 October	1 October
5 November	5 November
3 December	3 December
General 6:00 pm	
11 December 2025	8 January 2026
12 February	12 March
9 April	14 May
10 September	8 October
12 November 2026	10 December 2026

Dates and times may be changed if needed through the year. Currently, meetings are hybrid format. The program will be before the meeting and the business meeting will be after the program. The length of the program will be announced if possible 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 presentations and classes.

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 (2023-2026)
Janet Thomson, Vice President (2018-2026)
Pegi Palmes, Secretary (2025-2026)
Cheryl Lucas, Treasurer (2014-2026)
Trustees: Donna Winters (2026-2028)
Diana Kirol (2021-2026)
Merle Anne McLeish (2023-2027)

Committee Chairs:
Acquisitions: Larry Spicer
Membership: Stacey Corcino
Publications: Cheryl Lucas
Projects: Janet D. Thomson
Research: Diane Green
Technology: Cheryl Lucas

Webmaster: Merle Anne McLeish
Newsletter Editor: Cheryl Lucas,

Society Library Hours:
Monday—Saturday
12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Sunday
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 info@gfgenealogy.org.

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Society Business

New in The Library As of November 2025

* Guide to the Montana House of Representatives Staff 2005 Legislative Session
* Lawmakers of Montana Legislative Session of 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005
*Lobbyists of the 2001 Montana State Legislature
* Montana Legislative Guide 1995, 1997, 1999-2000, 2001-2002, 2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2007-2008, 2009-2010, 2017-2018
* St. Lawrence County Center for History & Culture Quarterly Volume 69 No. 3 2025 (New York)
* Montana Association of the Deaf 75th Anniversary 1912-1987
* Montana Association of the Deaf 100th Anniversary 1912-2012
* Montana School for the Deaf and The Blind Student Handbook 1983
* Montana State School for the Deaf and the Blind Centennial 1893-1993
* Montana State School for the Deaf and the Blind Yearbooks 1973, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000
* Getting the Most Out of Roots Magic 7
* Getting the Most Out of Roots Magic 11
* A View of the Methow From Moccasin Lake Ranch (Washington)
* CMR Class of 1975 20th Reunion
* Descendants of Peter Hockenberry and His Son, John 1975
* Fort Benton Visitor Guide & Business Directory June 2025—June 2026
* Cut Bank High School Yearbooks 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959
* West Junior High School Yearbook Longhorns 1975-1976
* A Sandhill Century Books 1 and 2 (Nebraska)
* Butte Centennial Recollections
* Cascade High School Yearbook Ketochi 1990
* Potluck Papers Cherry County Heritage Book (Nebraska)
* Sod and Stubble (Kansas)
* The Treasure of Homestake Gold (South Dakota)
* Air Command and Staff College Yearbook Comstaff '75
* Frank Slide (Alberta)
* Grasshopper Fox C. P. Memories of the 28th Infantry in World War II As Recalled by a Foot Soldier From Montana
* North Dakota Detailed Topographical Maps
* The Old Ones of New Mexico
* Typhoon Trackers VW-1 AEWRON One 1967-1968
* The Women Who Wrote the War
* Annals of Beara Volume 1 (Ireland)
* Fire From Heaven Life in an English Town in the Seventeenth Century
* First Telegraph Line Across the Continent Charles Brown's 1861 Diary
* Homeland An Archaeologist's View of Yellowstone County's Past
* New Interpretation
* Day by Day With the Utah Pioneers 1847
* A Cold War Legacy A Tribute to Strategic Air Command—1946-1992
* A Northern Cheyenne Album
* Chief Joseph Country Land of the Nez Perce
* Children of the Dust Bowl (California)
* Courting Truth Montana Courthouse Tales
* Gifts of Water and Mountains
* Land of the Burnt Thigh (South Dakota)
* The Lion of the North One Thousand Years of Scottish History
*Main Street, North Dakota Volume 2
* Montana Passage A Homesteader's Heritage
* Outlaw Tales of Montana
* Outlaws & Lawmen of Western Canada Volume 3
* Pacifists in Chains The Persecution of Hutterites During the Great War
* Register of Alumni The United States Naval Academy Alumni Assoc. 2008 & 2013
* Survival or Gradual Extinction The Small Towns in the Great Plains of Eastern Montana
* Washita The US Army and the Southern Cheyenne 1867-1869
* Billings Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing 1927-1957
* The Bitter & The Sweet
* Come With Me to Yesterday Tales Retold of Pioneer Days in East Kootenay Including Fort Steele (British Columbia)
* Lavina All-School Reunion 1917-1980
* Legacy of the Tetons
* 1927-1957 School of Nursing Reunion Update and Directory
* Melstone the Town and Its Times
* Montana State University Class of 1950 Diamond Reunion
* Montana State University Class of 1950 Golden Reunion
* The Soldiers' Side of the Nez Perce War
* Beyond Belief: True Stories of Montana Heroes that Defy Comprehension

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New in The Library As of November 2025—Continued

* The CCC Chronicles: Camp Newspapers of the Civilian Conservation Corps, 1933-1942
* Civilian Conservation Corps Enrollees in Idaho: A List of 7,458 Names from 1935 and 1936 Annals Including Nearby Wyoming, Montana and Utah
* The Harvey Girls: Women Who Civilized the West
* The Harvey Girls: Women Who Opened the West
* That Splendid Little War: A Comprehensive Guide to Spanish-American War Research
* Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patent Grants Volume 5
* Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patent Grants Volume 6
* Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patent Grants Volume 7
* Charlotte County, Virginia Marriage Bonds and Ministers' Returns 1764-1815
* Inheritance in Colonial Virginia 2nd Edition
* Middlesex County, Virginia Marriage Bonds and Minister Returns 1740-1852
* Death Notices from Richmond, Virginia Newspapers 1841-1853
* Marriage Notices From Richmond Virginia Newspapers 1841-1853
* Warriors at the Little Bighorn 1876
* Cowboy in the Wheat, Montana Boyhood
* Charlo's People the Flathead Tribe. Adolf Hungry Wolf. A Tribal Handbook
* Elmo Montana Hog Heaven Ranch Stories by Margaret Keagle, Henry Bruns & Family
* The Montana Gold Rush Diary of Kate Dunlap
* North Dakota—Montana History A Long March, Lives of Frank and Alice Baldwin 1989
* The Blues of Summer (Montana)
* Historical Sketch of the Flathead Indian Nation

Treasurer's Account

Our 2026 Adopted Budget:

Income	
Donations	$3,373
Fund Raising	350
Interest Earned	60
Membership	5,000
Research	200
Total	$9,023

Expense	
Advertising	$ 600
Computer Software Transfer	500
Copy Machine Expense	650
Equipment Fund Transfer	300
Book Repair Transfer	200
Insurance	525
Library Supplies	1,000
Miscellaneous	25
Parking	748
Postage	750
Research Expense	25
Subscriptions	1,850
State Society Dues	90
Telephone/Internet	1,260
TSL	50
Web Site	450
Total	$9,023

Starting Year End Income Tax Planning?

Don't forget that GFGS is a 501(c)3 entity.

All donations to the Society are tax deductible.

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Treasurer's Account (cont.)

Activity of Designated Funds in 2025 (as of 10/31)

Our Designated Funds are not budgeted because they rely mostly on specified donations and are not part of the general operations of the Society or Library.

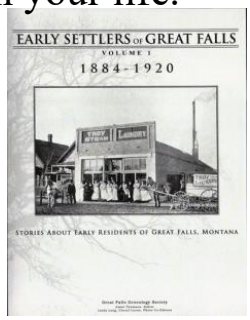
Fund	Beginning	Income	Expense	Ending
United States Acquisitions	2,472.23	2,578.83	(1,795.42)	3,255.64
Foreign Acquisitions	230.27	50.00	(147.32)	132.95
Indigenous Acquisitions	27.03	100.00	-0-	127.03
Montana Acquisitions	-0-	250.00	-0-	250.00
Book Repair	1,216.39	200.00	(10.50)	1405.89
Computer Software/Equipment Fund	370.07	500.00	-0-	870.07
Equipment (Not Computer) Fund	1,838.76	300.00	-0-	2,138.76
GF Early Settlers Book	150.00	218.45	(296.81)	71.64
Capital Account	1,362.70	-0-	(1,072.20)	290.50
Special Projects	1,897.32	-0-	(1,208.87)	688.45

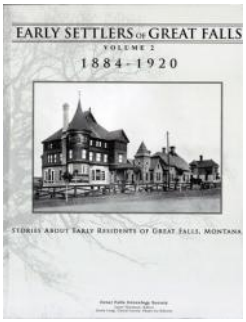
Have a Great and Wonderful Holiday Season!

Society Business

Need Present Ideas?

Consider the following items for the special people in your life.

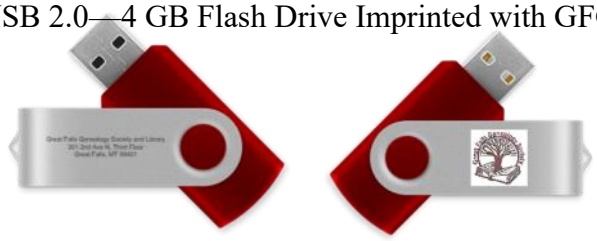




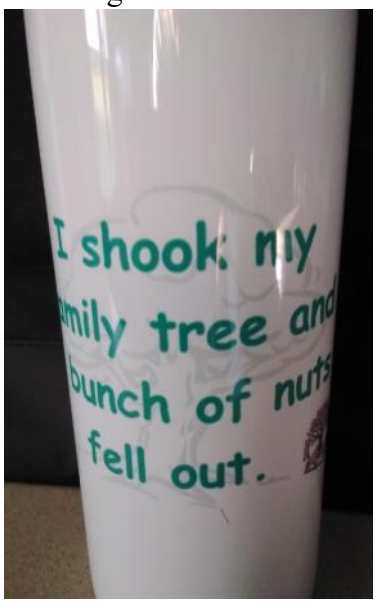
Published by the Great Falls Genealogy Society, this two volume set chronicles stories about early residents of Great Falls 1884 – 1920. This 9 x 12, 2 Volume set has over 900 pages and includes Family Stories and Photos Submitted by Individuals Information on Early Residents, Compiled from Numerous Sources Comprehensive Histories of the City, Early Neighborhoods, Police and Fire Departments and Schools Photo Section Cost of the 2 Volume, Soft-Cover Book $ 39.95 plus $10.00 shipping

Journal Jar—Each day remove one slip of paper from the jar. Answer the question by writing you answer on a single piece of paper or by entering it in your computer. At the end, sort your answers and you will have the story of your life. You can then have your document printed and share your history with others. Cost $5.00

USB 2.0—4 GB Flash Drive Imprinted with GFGS logo and address. Cost $10.00



Tumblers that say "I shook my family tree and a bunch of nuts fell out." with the GFGS logo. These tumblers come with a metal straw and straw brush. Cost $20.00



Tote bags for $5.00

Notebooks for $5.00