GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Falls Newsletter

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Established 1975

Future Happenings in 2026

⇒ **September 3rd, 2026** Acquisitions meeting 3 PM Board Meeting 4 PM

⇒ **September 10TH, 11TH, 12TH 2026** Montana State Genealogical Society Conference, Helena Montana

⇒ **October 1st, 2026** Acquisitions meeting 3 PM Board Meeting 4 PM

⇒ **October 8th, 2026** 6:00 PM GFGS Library ***"What has been your most interesting genealogy find?"***

⇒ **October 17th, 2026** 10:00 AM —12:00 PM Third Saturday Program ***"These Riches We Contend For": Montana and the Fur Trade*** with Austin Haney

⇒ **November 5th, 2026** Acquisitions meeting 3 PM Board Meeting 4 PM

⇒ **November 12th, 2026** 6:00 PM GFGS Library—Annual Meeting and Potluck

⇒ **December 3rd, 2026** Acquisitions meeting 3 PM Board Meeting 4 PM

⇒ **December 10th, 2026** 6:00 PM GFGS Library—Christmas Party

September 2026 Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 3rd — Acquisitions Meeting, 3 PM Board Meeting 4 PM

Thursday, Friday, Saturday September 10th, 11th, 12th — Montana State Genealogical Society Conference, Helena Montana

Upcoming Conferences

September 10—12, 2026 Montana Genealogical Society Conference—Montana Heritage Center, Helena Registration https://montanamsgs.org/conference/

September 24—26, 2026 Montana History Conference—DoubleTree by Hilton, Billings. 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.

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.

Membership News

Welcome to Our Newest members:

Patricia Asiskoff, Great Falls

Check us out on

2026 Planned Schedule for Meetings

For planning purposes, here are the 2026 scheduled dates and times for Committees, Board, and General meetings:

Acquisitions 3:00 pm	**Board 4:00 pm**
3 September	3 September
1 October	1 October
5 November	5 November
3 December	3 December
General 6:00 pm	
September No Meeting State Conference	8 October
12 November	10 December

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.

Watch us on YouTube

We are an affiliated library with FamilySearch

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
Publicity: 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.

New in the library as of August, 2026

- Creighton University 1994 Alumni Directory
- University of Hawaii 1966 yearbook Ka Palapala
- Western Washington State College 1964 yearbook Klipsun
- An Index To Some of the Family Records of the Southern States
- Lewis & Clark Elementary School picture Kindergarten class 1988
- Sunnyside Elementary School pictures Grade 3 – 2007-2008,2008-2009
- Sunnyside Elementary School yearbooks 1986-1987, 2005-2006, 2009
- Montana Column
- A Governor's Wife on the Mining Frontier
- German-Bohemians The Quiet Immigrants
- History of Dubois County, Indiana 1910
- In Their Words A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin and Russian Documents Vol IV: German
- Malmstrom AFB, Montana 2004 & 2007 Base Map
- USS Acadia (AD-42) Westpac '83
- USS Jason (AR-8) Western Pacific Indian Ocean Deployment 1989
- **T**he settlement of Immigrants of German Origin in Southern Alberta Between the 1880s and 1910s: A Fact Book
- Alberta A History in Photographs
- Behind the Red Curtain (Ukraine)
- Beneath My Feet The Memoirs of George Mercer Dawson (Canada)
- Boy in the Blitz (England)
- Brooks Between the Red Deer and the Bow (Alberta)
- Company of Adventurers (Canada)
- The Company Store J.B. McLachlan and the Cape Breton Coal Miners 1900-1925 (Nova Scotia)
- Coyote Flats Historical Review 1905-1965 (Alberta)
- The Do-Gooders A History of the Calgary Local Council of Women 1895-1975 (Alberta)
- Eyewitness to History (Canada)
- Fifty Mighty Men (Canada)
- The Gieck Family in Canada The Histories and Stories of Johannes, Christina and Rudolf Gieck
- Gold Diggers Striking It Rich in the Klondike
- History of Iceland A Captivating Guide to the History of the Land of Fire & Ice, From the Viking Age to the Present
- Human Interest Story of the Monkman Pass
- The Hutterites Lives and Images of a Communal People (Canada)
- I Remember Korea Veterans Tell Their Stories of the Korean War, 1950-1953 (Canada)
- Kent Churches (England)
- People of the Mines – Their Stories (Alberta)
- Pleasant Places (Ontario)
- Rebel Women of the Gold Rush (Yukon)
- Reinlander (Old Colony) Gemeinde Buch 1880-1903
- Rogues and Heroes (Newfoundland)
- Testaments of Honour Personal Histories of Canada's War Veterans
- A Train in Winter An Extraordinary Story of Women, Friendship and Survival in WWII (France)
- A Treasury of Tales From the Kingdom of Bohemia
- The Book of Ulster Surnames
- Images of Montana Pondera County
- The Challenge of the Prairie
- Death Valley Scotty Told Me
- The Eagles of Heart Mountain A True Story of Football, Incarceration, & Resistance in WWII America
- Images of America Lake Wales
- Images of America Lost Galveston
- Images of America Sanibel Island
- Tales Behind the Tombstones
- Willow Creek High School yearbook Bronc 1959
- Always on Strike: Frank Little and the Western Wobblies
- Black Cowboys of the Old West
- Bleeding Spirits: A Combat Soldier's Memoir of the Vietnam War
- Bloodhounds of the Bitterroot
- The Bloody Deed: The Magruder Incident
- A Darkness Lit By Heroes: The Granite Mountain – Speculator Mine Disaster
- Disturbing the Sleeping Buffalo
- Grace Stone Coates: Her Life in Letters
- The Guns, They Hear Me
- The Lady Rode Bucking Horses: The Story of Fannie Sperry Steele
- The Mystery of E Troop
- The Negro Cowboys
- We Pointed Them North
- Where the Wind Never Sleeps

Society Business

President's Nook

Hello Fall!

I hope everyone has made it through summer unscathed LOL. My husband and I drove to Ohio to visit his family and on the way back we stopped in Milwaukee to "see" my family. We went to four different cemeteries! I am so glad I had most locations of all graves and only had to stop at two offices to get a more precise location since they are really big cemeteries. After six hours of tromping through wet grass, we found everyone, including two babies that died in 1884/1886 and either never had a headstone or they have been taken by the earth. It was very rewarding to "find" them. Now to see about getting a headstone for them.

Have you already registered for the MSGS Conference in Helena in September? If not, you really need to take the 90-mile drive south and attend! And you don't have to come to the entire weekend. You can pick either Friday or Saturday. Be sure to head to the MSGS Website and see which sessions interest you and come on down. We will have three speakers teaching us about DNA, AI and Lineage Societies. Thursday evening during our dessert social you can take a tour of the MSGS Library located at the Lewis & Clark Library. Also, on Thursday afternoon we will have two workshops and a chance to see behind the scenes at the Montana Heritage Center. There are only 10 spots available at each of two times. Please look for the email from Desiree to sign up for them.

Now for our Society. Because about half our Board will be in Helena at the Conference we will NOT be having our September General Meeting. We will meet in October where all are encouraged to come with a story of research that has gone well (or maybe not well but you learned from the experience).

Be sure to put October 17 at 10am on your calendar. We will have Austin Haney speaking in the Montana Room about the Fur Trade in Montana. He is the Education and Programming person at C.M Russell Museum. This will be a great opportunity to learn how this impacted our state.

Happy Hunting,

Stacey

NOMINEES FOR SOCIETY OFFICES

President—Stacey Corcino

Vice-President—Jan Thomson

Secretary—Pegi Palmes

Treasurer—Cheryl Lucas

Trustee—Dave Feist

Write-in nominations may be made by the general membership, provided each nominee has given written consent to serve if elected. Write-in nominations, with written consent of nominees, may be mailed in, or brought to the October meeting.

If, after the October meeting, there is only one candidate for each position, then no ballots will be necessary and the list of nominees will be considered elected by acclamation at the November meeting. If any position requires an election, ballots will be distributed to members.