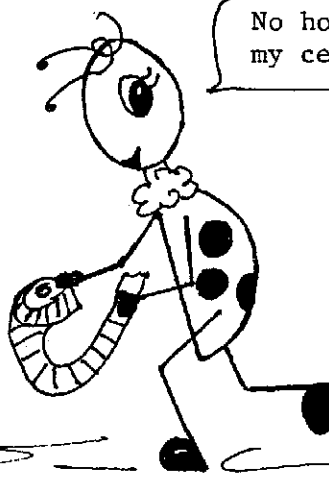


WITH THE COMING OF THE
1930 CENSUS

Did you lose
your senses?



No honey, I found
my census!



NEWSLETTER FOR THE YELLOWSTONE GENEALOGY FORUM BILLINGS, MONTANA APRIL 2002

GEN-ROOM'S FUTURE?

Every YGF member and genealogy researcher should be concerned about the future of the Genealogy Room at Parnly Billings Library. Not too long ago it was learned that the proposed new library did not have any space allocated for the Genealogy Room. At the March 21st YGF Board meeting, Bill Cochran, Director of Parnly Billings Library, and Don Allen, Chairman of the Library Board, came and expressed their concerns regarding letters written to local newspapers about the library, and the Gen Room in particular. They requested a letter stating our relationship to the library. They also wanted a list of whom to contact within the Forum. A motion was made asking the present and past YGF presidents to compose a reply as well as supply a list of officers and committee persons so the library would know whom to contact. It was delivered to Mr. Cochran's office on March 27th.

Since then, our Forum president received a letter from Don Allen asking three questions and inviting representatives to the Library Board meeting on April 12th. Two committee meetings were held in preparation.

Four YGF members--P.J. Smith, Sue-Ann Jacobson, Athna May Porter and Louise LaRue attended and responded to the questions. The first 3 members agreed to meet in the future when an ad-hoc committee is formed to discuss the future of the Gen Room and the Montana Room. Our representatives are moving cautiously and responsibly. It is hoped our members will be patient while the negotiations are in progress.

SEPT. 20 & 21 CONFERENCE PLANS

YGF members will be pleased to learn that plans for our hosting of the Montana State Genealogical Society 2002 Conference are progressing well.



"CELEBRATE--EDUCATE" has been chosen as the theme for this upcoming conference. "Celebrate" for YGF's 25th anniversary since organizing on May 26, 1977 and "Educate" for on-going learning we all need to pursue our research with expertise.

John Colletta, our chosen speaker, reviewed our top selections (5 classes plus 1 banquet speech). One of these had been two U.S. Passenger Records presentations that we asked him to combine giving us both traditional and new electronic materials into one which he agreed could be done. Many of our members will be pleased to know that "Writing Your Family History I: Assembling Materials Into an Appropriate Format" was top choice on our survey. Please see the early flyer in this newsletter for the topics Mr. Colletta will be presenting.

In addition, there will be a computer based presentation and some others are in the works. Our plans and choices are subject to review at the May 4th MT State Board meeting at Helena at the public library.

(Conference, continued)

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

As many of you know, we are at a place of frustration regarding the Gen Room housed at Parmly Library. It appears as though we are expanding our collection with little hope of expanding our 'walls'. Ideally, we could move out on our own or be housed with an organization of 'like research'. We can also hope that the library will be able to build in a new location and take us along. With all of this comes extreme need by YGF. Whether we go or whether we stay where we are, we need to create a plan for our future.

We have been at Parmly since 1977. During all these years we have never had to pay for a place to shelve our collection. Times are changing and as we 'burst into our new year', we need to change too.

It is no longer possible to deny our need for more funding. It is no longer possible to deny our need to volunteer. It is no longer possible to support ourselves on the premise 'we are the YGF and we contribute to this community'. Fact is....we are just another organization.

I am asking each person who receives this newsletter to bring a friend or neighbor to the next meeting. I am asking each person to raise their hand as volunteers are asked to step forward to help us with our future endeavor. Plans will soon be underway to 'grow our group' and "many hands make for light work". There will be new positions opening up as well as the need to find others to help with existing positions. Be ready and be willing so as we 'burst into our new year, the new year does not burst us!' I can't help but think our ancestors would be saying the same.

Your President,
Suzanne McPherson

Annual Meeting

The May 28th meeting is our Annual Meeting and time for election of officers.

The vacant positions are:

- #1 2nd Vice President
- #2 Treasurer
- #3 Program Chairman
- #4 Historian
- #5 Lending Library
- #6 GenBug..Louise is looking for some help.



Conference, con't.

The early flyer is being sent to the Montana societies and libraries on our usual mailing list. We ask that they copy, inform their groups and post anywhere genealogy groups gather. You may use our YGF web site (www.rootsweb.com/~mtgygf) and the MT State Genealogical Society web site for additional information as it becomes available. These sites are listed on the flyer as well as Verba Valentine and Louise LaRue's information should you want more data.

The MSGS Conference will be held on September 20 and 21st, 2002, at the Sheraton Billings Hotel, downtown Billings. The two-day conference will include 2 luncheons and a Friday night banquet and promises to be an event every genealogist will want to attend. Please mark your calendars and keep these dates open. The "Celebrate--Educate" Conference promises to be an event every genealogist should save for and plan to attend. Complete data will be mailed out and made available in late July.

YOUR Recipes Are Needed

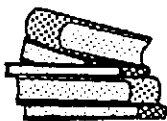
A cookbook needing your recipes has been chosen by the Montana State Genealogical Society as a fund raiser. ALL members are asked to submit recipes. The only criteria to be met is that every recipe be at least one generation old. This will give the project a genealogical touch.

No special form is required but recipe cards are preferred. Recipes can be hand written (must be legible), typed or submitted by e-mail. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Proofread your recipes before sending them. Recipes will **NOT** be edited.

Along with your recipe, you may include serving suggestions or a BRIEF history about the recipe. Please include your name and the society to which you belong. Every contributor will be recognized in the book. **DEADLINE** for submitting recipes is MAY 22nd. Please do not wait until the last minute.

Send to: MT State Genealogical Society, % Sandra Guynn, P.O. Box 7047, Great Falls, MT 59406 or E-mail to Guynn6@attbi.com or bgskygen@mt.net.

Forum members are asked to bring their recipes to the April 23rd meeting so they may be hand delivered to Sandy on May 4th at the Bd. Meeting. Yum--I'm getting hungry already!



LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS
by Ellen Cushing

1. Norwegian Research Guide
2. Missouri Birth and Death Records, v. 2,3,4
3. Alaska Sources
4. Passengers and Ships Prior to 1684: Penn's Colony
5. The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index, v. 5,6,7
6. Index to the 1800 Census of Massachusetts
7. Lancaster County, PA. Church Records of the 18th Century
8. The Pension List of 1820
9. A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Irish Ancestors
10. Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1790
11. The People of the Red Barns
12. General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland
13. Heads of Families at the First Census of the U.S., 1790, Pennsylvania
14. Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: v. 16 1, John Alden; v. 17, Isaac Allerton; v. 18 1, 2, Richard Warren; v. 19, Thomas Rogers; v. 20 1, Henry Sampson
Donated by Sue Picard:
15. Descendants of Benjamin Butterfield, 2nd ed.
Donated by Al Deines:
16. The Deines Cousins Family Reunion, 1999.
17. Deines Family and Home
Donated by Montana Yellowstone Valley AHSGR Chapter American Historical Society of Germans from Russia:
18. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Billings, MT) Register, 1923-1992

BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASSES

Jason Herman and Judy Cohen in conjunction with the YGF held Beginning Genealogy Classes on Saturday afternoons at the Wicks LDS Church Family History Center on March 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 1-4 p.m. Classes were \$20/singles and \$30/couple. The costs were for copies, supplies, etc. and included a free year membership to the YGF.

The topics covered were: March 3, "Getting Started--Filling out forms, Shopping lists, Computer programs" taught by Judy Cohen and Jason Herman. Suzanne McPherson presented "Using Home Resources/What you need in your home Library and Why" and Athna May Porter explained the "SSDI (Social Security Death Index)". On March 9th Evagene Emmett taught "Vital Records--Birth, Marriage, Death, and Obits" followed by Myrle Theimer on "Using Census Records". Third class on March 16th covered "Cemetery Research/Funeral Records" by Maggie Miller. Next was Louise LaRue presenting "Letter Writing, Correspondence and Documentation". Handouts on the "Internet" by Athna May Porter were distributed. The final Saturday class consisted of a handout on "Resources in Billings", followed by Athna May Porter addressing "How to Organize" followed by Questions and Answers, a Survey Form and Tour of the Family History Center led by Donna Jones, Librarian.

The people who attended the classes or received the Beginning Genealogy Notebooks that contained all the handouts from the classes were members of the Forum or Newbies eager to begin their Genealogy.

Those taking the class were: Virginia Alderman, Becky Applegarth, Ellen Booth, Sheila Christopherson, Tom Drummond, Evagene Emmett, Gerry and Joan Evans, Sydney Gable, Harold Habein, Harold Hergenrider, Rick Hutchinson, Scotty Jones, Sharon Kennedy, Kathy Kerestes, Katherine Kucera, Mary Ladas, Linda Lange, Dotty Lowman, Gerry Mangis, Kay Martin, JoAnne Miller, Bill Moore, Jane Myhre, Ruth Normand, Sharon Oakland, Lorraine Ondov, Dorothy Porter, Pat Reed, Susan Rose, Mae Seyler, Mardi Steinbacher, Marien Stolzenburg, Dona Sweeney, Rose Sylling, Marion Taylor, Clarence Trushenski and Gloria Zieler.

Jason and Judy say they had an excellent turnout and are planning to have Genealogy Classes in the fall during the month of October. The next set of classes will be a little bit more advanced. So mark your calendars for the October classes. They will release the topics when it gets closer to having the classes.

"Judy and I would like to thank all who attended the classes and a special Thank You to the Forum Members who taught the classes and last but not least, Donna Jones, for letting us hold the classes at the Wicks FHC."

Jason Herman

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For corrections or additions

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MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

The membership listing on the left hand side of this page contains additional new members resulting from the recent March Genealogy Class. Please add this to your membership list you received in January.

In addition, please note the following changes and/or corrections.

Email Address Changes:

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- Herman, Jason - 806 South Heights Lane, Billings, MT 59105
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- Mangis, Gerry - 1726 Parkhill Dr., Billings, MT 59102
- Oakland, Sharon - Add #5
Phone Number Change
- Jones, Mary P. "Scotty" - 256-5689



Charles Michael Weinschrott

At the age of 79, Charles Weinschrott died at his home in Billings on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002. Charles was born Sept. 21, 1922, in Baker, the son of



MR.
WEINSCHROTT

John and Frances (Herald) Weinschrott, and graduated from Plevna High School. After attending MSU in Bozeman with a major in engineering, Charles returned to the family farm following the death of his father, and then began his career in sales.

Charles lived in Plevna, Bozeman, Baker, Great Falls and Billings, and for a time, lived in the Seattle-Tacoma area before returning to Billings, where he has resided since. He is a lifelong member of the BPOE Elks, past president of the Billings Kiwanis Club, lifelong member of the AGR House Fraternity and an active member of the Yellowstone Corral of the Westerners. Charles loved the history of the Custer Battlefield and was an active member of the CBHMA.

Charles leaves behind his son Bob and wife Michele; daughter Heidi and husband Dan Yantz, both of Milwaukee, Wis., and Michaela Oldfield of New York City. Other survivors include his grandchildren, John and Krista Oldfield of New York City and Jacob and Nicholas Weinschrott of Milwaukee. He also leaves behind his two loving sisters, Mary and Agnes; and his dear friend, Mary Whittington. His parents preceded him in death.

A vigil will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at St. Thomas The Apostle Church. Charles will be buried in the Plevna Cemetery on Friday at 3:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the MSU Foundation, Weinschrott Family Scholarship Fund.

At the left is YGF member, Charles Weinschrott's obituary. Many of us remember when he took our beginning class and pursued his family history taking a trip to Eastern Europe to visit ancestral sites. We shall miss his friendly presence.

More recently, we note the death of Curtis S. Howard who wasn't a current member but used to belong. "Curty" and wife, Dot Howard, joined the research group going to Salt Lake City several times. He passed away on April 2, 2002, aged 90.

LATEST PERIODICALS FOR THE GEN-ROOM

January 2002--April 2002

If you have unwanted periodicals that you would like to donate or would like to donate a subscription to a periodical, call Athna May Porter 259-2552 or e-mail porter@imt.net

1. NGS Newsmagazine - Jan/Feb 2002; Mar/Apr 2002
2. Forum - FGS Society Quarterly - Spring 2001; Winter 2001
3. Heritage Quest - Jan/Feb 2002; March/Apr 2002
4. Family Tree Magazine - April 2002
5. History Magazine - Feb/Mar 2002; Apr/May 2002
6. New England ancestors - Winter 2002; Spring 2002
7. Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Winter 2001
8. American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Newsletter Winter 2001
9. Germans from Russia Historical Society Heritage Review Mar 2002
10. GRHS Newsletter - Mar 2002
11. New England Historical & Gen. Register - Jan 2002 #156
12. Family Chronicle - Mar/Apr 2002
13. Heritage Quest Update Newsletter - Feb 2002
14. National Genealogical Society Quarterly - Dec 2001

Three family newsletters that we receive regularly:

Bunnell/Bonnell Newsletter

Gest - Guest Quarterly

The Chandler Family Association Newsletter



HOW I SOLVED IT

If anyone had told me 12 years ago that I would be researching my relatives in Vermont and Massachusetts, I would have told them that would be impossible. All my family came from South Dakota and Minnesocoooota. Who would have thought, they had come from the EAST COAST?

When I started my research, all I had was a picture of my Great Grandfather's headstone. He was a Civil War veteran and was buried somewhere in South Dakota. After getting his pension records, I found out he was born in Vermont. He was not truthful about his age upon entering the service and did not list any hometown. Through researching at the Family History Library and reading many census records, I found him and his family living in Preston, Fillmore Co., Minnesota in 1860. His father's name was Lewis and his mother's was Abigail. Of his 9 siblings, two had very common names(?). His oldest sister's name was Mahitable and the third oldest was Uranaha. It seemed they just appeared on this earth on that day in Minnesota, as I had not been able to find them before that.

Now you tell me, is this pure coincidence, or am I the best investigative genealogist you have ever heard of?

I contacted an Internet research volunteer in Groton, Vermont and asked him to see if any records were available for this family. To my surprise, he had all the information on this family, and to top it off, my fifth cousin, Ben Page, works with him. With his information I was able to link my family to John Page (1614-1687) of Haverhill, Massachusetts. He was an early settler of this area and was from England.. Several books have been written on this side of my family and I hope one more will be written. Never give up.

by Al Page



#9 Envelopes

For correspondence, a #9 envelope makes a great SASE as it fits inside a business size envelope. Dotty Lowman has them for sale at the bargain price of 2 cents each in packaged lots of 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25. Call her at 656-5808 after 9:30 am or e-mail meandz@peoplepc.com and put "envelopes" in the subject line.

TATERS

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Speck Taters".

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters".

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their hands. They are called "Dick Taters".

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called "Agie Taters".

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing what they promised. They are called "Hezzie Taters".

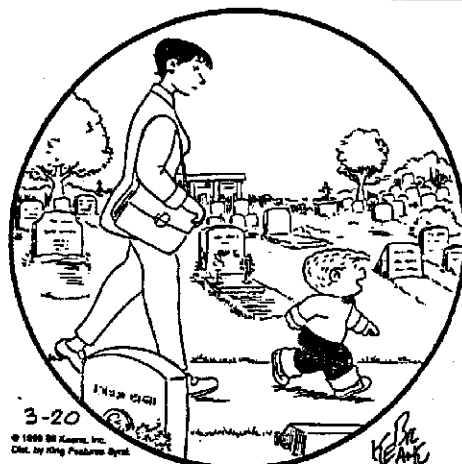
Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Emma Taters".

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine with the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Taters".

-----Borrowed from The Tree Branch, Glendive, MT.

What we need is more "Sweet Taters"!

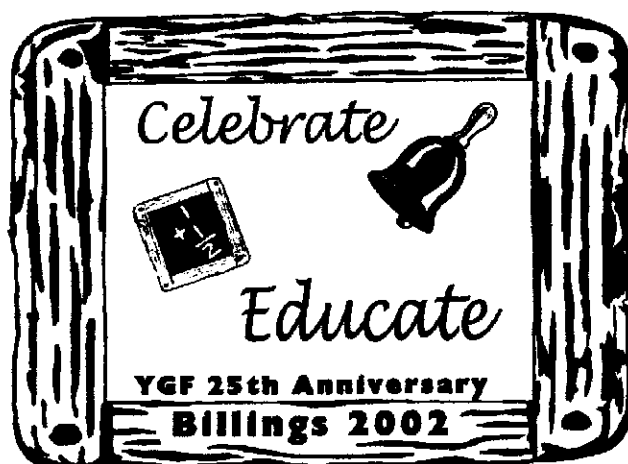
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**13th Annual
Montana State Genealogical Society Conference
Hosted by the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum of Billings, Montana**



**September
20 & 21, 2002**

**Sheraton Billings
Hotel
27 North 27th Street
Billings Montana**

Featuring: John Phillip Colletta Ph.D.

Washington-based genealogist John Phillip Colletta teaches at the National Archives, Smithsonian Institution and area universities, lectures nationally, and is the author of several genealogical publications. Additional biographical information may be accessed at his web site: www.genealogyjohn.com

He will be presenting six lectures during the Conference:

- "US Passenger Arrival Records, 1820-1957: Traditional Methods and New Technologies for Finding an Ancestor's Ship"
- "Using Newspapers for Family History Research"
- "How to Prepare for Successful Research in European Records"
- "Only a Few Bones: How to Turn a Juicy Family Story into a Book and a Career"
- "Writing Your Family History I: Assembling Materials into an Appropriate Format"
- "Writing Your Family History II: Narrating Real Life Stories in Historical Context"

Lectures by local authorities will also be presented.

**After May 20th Registration Forms will be available on the
Montana State Genealogical Society web site: www.rootsweb.com/~mtmsg**

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GEN-BUG NEWS

COMING EVENTS

- April 23, 2002 6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm Regular YGF meeting at LDS Church, 6th St. West and Ave. D, Cultural Hall. Program: "Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate" by Bernie Mason, Yellowstone County Agent. Each member is requested to bring an heirloom or photo of one and tell about it.
- May 4, 2002 MSGS Board Meeting, 10 am at public library, Helena, MT. Bring a sack lunch.
- May 15-18, 2002 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States, Milwaukee, WI For info <<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/2002cover.htm>>
- May 18, 2002 Montana Big Sky PAF Users Group meets 10:00 am to 12:00 at LDS Church, 1000 Wicks Lane. Program to be announced. Last meeting before summer break.
- May 28, 2002 6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm Regular YGF meeting at LDS Church, 6th St. West and Ave. D, Cultural Hall. Program: Dr. Keith Edgerton, History professor, MSU-B on "William Clark's Return in 1806" plus Librarian telling "What's Available at MSU-B's Library". Annual meeting and election of officers.
- June 9, 2002 Cultural Fair, Sunday, 10 am to 5:00.
- June 25, 2002 6:30 Social, 7:00 Regular YGF meeting at 6th St. West and Ave. D, Cultural Hall. Program to be announced.
- Sept. 20 & 21, 2002 MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE, BILLINGS Sheraton Hotel, downtown Billings, featured speaker, JOHN COLLETTA. See early flyer and story inside.