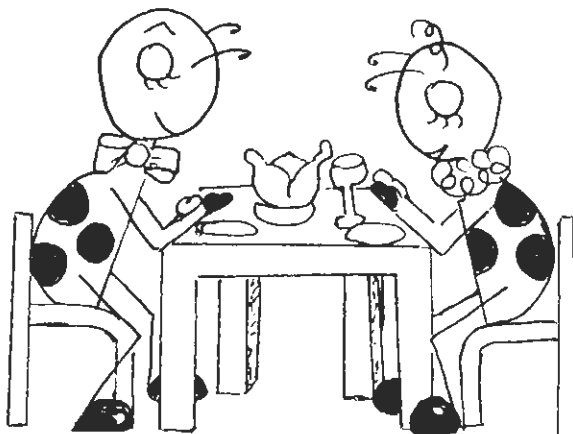


Father, we thank thee.



NEWSLETTER FOR THE YELLOWSTONE GENEALOGY FORUM BILLINGS, MT OCTOBER 2006

2006 GARDINER CONFERENCE

We had so much enthusiasm and interest shown by the speakers and attendees at Gardiner. It was a wonderful weekend in a wonderful town. Park County Genealogy Society along with Carol Woodley and Loretta Chapman all worked so hard to produce a quality conference and to prove to everyone that it can be done in a small venue. I think them all so very much for all their efforts.

We reached our goal of over 60 registrations, 17 of which were YGF members. The weather was okay and everyone was able to come and go without trouble. The speakers were extraordinary and perfect for the setting. Pat Stamm was well received with her rivers and railroads topics as well as the advice to check out Government files. Lee Whittlesey stole the show with his information on the newspaper site and Mattie Culver (Nan Webber) was a hit with her life story. Bob Cummings provided "wonderful computer information" for everyone.

Those who didn't make the conference missed a wonderful learning experience as well as two days packed with excitement and information.

Verba Valentine
MSGs 1st Vice President

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ANITA SMITH RECEIVES AWARD



Our Co-President, Anita Smith, was awarded the Anna Mae Hanson Award at the Friday evening banquet at the Conference in Gardiner. This award was established by MSGS honoring founding member, Anna Mae Hanson. She died of pancreatic cancer in 1996.

You might be interested in who has received this award in the past.

- 2005 Del Harris & Patricia Darling
- 2004 Al Stoner, Lewis & Clark GS
- 2003 Nancy Alley, JCGS
- 2002 Ellen Rae Thiel, JCGS
- 2001 Betty Marshall BMGS
- 1999 Darlene Hildreth, BHHS
- 1998 Louise LaRue, YGF
- 1997 Anna Mae Hanson (Posthumous)

The First Anna Mae Hanson award was announced at the 1997 Montana State Genealogical Society Annual Conference in Glendive, MT. This is an award for dedicated service in the genealogical community. (continued on page 5)

FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENT:

Another September is here and winter coming soon. Possibly you need a new project or new idXea for research to further develop your family history.

Start or continue to use the Gen Room with all the many books and periodicals that will help in your research or give you inspiration that may help in breaking those 'brick walls'.

We hope you may have attended the classes held in October to give you new clues and added incentive to research and keep learning about your ancestors.

I received a number of good ideas from the speaker at the MSGS conference recently held in Gardiner. I'm sure all who attended will benefit from all that was discussed to continue our own searches. Any conference, class and/or our YGF meetings will give each of us some new thought to pursue.

Our club will be hosting the 2007 Montana State conference in October 2007. You will be hearing much more about it in the coming months. The speakers have been selected, but our program coordinators will need help in many areas. Be ready to volunteer so we will have a successful conference.

The Yellowstone Genealogy Forum's purpose is to help all members. Please give us your ideas to improve the club and your volunteer help in any area possible is always appreciated.

Anita Smith

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Is there an envelope included with your copy of this Gen-Bug? If so, your dues are now past due. Please take a moment to renew at only \$10.00 a year for individuals and \$15.00 a year for families so you won't miss out on all the future news of our club. Donations of any amount may also be made to the YGF Book Fund to purchase extra books for the Gen-Room; to the YGF Library Fund to cover all other needs of our Gen-Room; and/or to the Stern/NARA Gift Fund which makes more National Archives documents available to genealogists. Checks should be made payable to YGF and mailed to Shawna Valentine, YGF Membership, 3420 Granger So #20, Billings MT 59102.

Also, if you have a new address, phone number, or e-mail address, please let me know at: smv2222@bresnan.net. The year's roster will be printed for our next issue and I need your help in making sure all your information is current.

Thanks!

At this time, I would like to welcome 5 new members. They are:

Davis, Kathleen 2016 Pryor Lane, Billings MT 59102-1629, Phone 248-5632 davmad@bresnan.net

Miller, Wilma 1333 Clark Ave, Billings MT 59102-4238, Phone 259-5461

Nelson, Irene 1183 Toole Court, Billings MT 59105, Phone 248-5765 lnelson@180com.net
(Louise – note the email starts with an L (not an I which is what would be expected due to her 1st name)

Osborne, Dixie 5945 E Shepherd Rd, Shepherd MT 59079, Phone 373-5750 osborne_family@juno.com

Ottman, Gayle 1787 Golden Blvd, Billings MT 59102, Phone 652-7360

We also have 1 returning member:

Kurth, Sue 2203 Losekamp, Billings MT 59102, Phone 259-7922

Other updates to the roster are an address Change:
Cowger, Agnes 51 Cowger Rd, Red Lodge MT 59068-9508, Phone 446-2747 cowger@att.net

And Email Changes:

Alderman, Virginia ginnya50@earthlink.net

Heald, Carol caheald@gmail.com

Schutt, Fred myrtd2@bresnan.net

Thanks so much Louise,

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NEW BOOKS IN THE GEN ROOM

August 2006

ELLEN CUSHING, LIBRARIAN

[The Handybook for Genealogists](#), 11th edition

[Census of the Blackfeet, Montana, 1897-1898](#)

[Jamestowne Ancestors, 1607-1699: Commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the Landing at James towne, 1607-2007](#)

Donated:

The Bechtel Family Encyclopedia, Vol. 1

Donated by Mary L. Burnett:

[Matthew James of New Hampshire and His Known Descendants](#)

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EXPERIMENT

Font Arial Unicode MS is being tried this issue as an experiment to see if it is more readable, especially when scanned and put onto our Website. What do you think?

Cleve Kimmel, our Webmaster, re-installed our computer on October 5, 2006. We are fortunate to have his expertise and would like to offer our THANKS.

Hardware added/modified:

13 GB hard drive (Drive D)
512MB Video card (256 colors)
Doubled the existing RAM
Updated driver for Video Display (Can only increase to Win 98 - Win 2000 driver not available)
HP CD Writer
Re-arranged the CD-RW/ROM drives: CD-RW is E, CD ROM is F. Labeled front of computer with letters.
Added note to computer: (About shutdown) Am testing two automatic shutdown systems. One on trial for a week (three hours per session - doesn't appear to work). Other shuts down PC at 9:45 pm. If started, PC can remain ON. After 30 minutes of inactivity, the hard drives will be powered down. Moving the mouse will re-activate the unit. It shutdown using the ON Button, the computer appears to restart okay, but takes about one minute longer; and it's angry that it wasn't shut off properly.

Repaired the Lexmark Printer and it has full cartridges. (Added note to call me if ink level drops) Printer tells you when it prints, and displays the ink levels when asked to print.

The HP cartridges were damaged by users.

Software Added (With new color display board, images can be created and viewed):

Adobe Reader
Adobe Photoshop
Partition Magic
MS Powerpoint
LDS Resource Viewer (From Athna May), along with CD's for Birth, Death, and marriages throughout the USA.
Over 1 GB of Yellowstone County files and information (Access by using the browser):
General Maps, Sanborn Billings Maps (Sample on table), bios, and more:

Updated the Welcome screen and links (Added new Smith Record file)

I placed the Welcome Screen in the center: the Windows Commander (Browser) to left and below, the LDS Resource Viewer below & to the right. All other icons, excepting Waste Basket and Computer are removed. All programs are listed in the Start-Program Index.

From the browser window (Drive C and D displayed as two indexes on one screen) simply scroll to the file or folder/file desired, and double click to view.

The system now has about \$2k of stuff in it.

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REFERENCES

<http://www.rotsweb.com/~mt.vgl/>

LDS: <http://www.familysearch.org>

The 2007 Conference will be in Billings at the Grand Montana Holiday Inn on October 5, 6, 2007. The keynote speaker, Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, FUGA, is a true professional with a relaxed, easy stage presence. Her audiences at 1,000 plus national lectures describe her as "Knowledgeable, versatile, humorous, and organized". She conveys the most complex strategies and concepts in a clear, concise, and interesting manner.

Since 1979, Mrs. Leubking has taught at Samford University's Institute of Genealogy and Historical rResearch (IGHR), Birmingham, Alabama. In 1990, she became course 1 coordinator for IGHR. Mrs. Luebking is editor of FORUM, the national magazine for genealogists and historians published by the Federation of Genealogical Societies. She co-edited two award-winning books: The Archives: A Guide to the National Archives Field Branches and the 2006 revision of The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy.

Another national speaker will be Birdie Monk Holsclaw who is a genealogical researcher, writer, lecturer, and editor; winner of 2003 NGS Family History Writing Contest; current major research project is compiling family histories for earliest students at the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind, all children of Colorado pioneer families; member of GENTECH's Lexicon Working Group (1996-1999); contributing author, Professional Genealogy; has served as a board member or committee chair for the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), and indexer of the National Genealogical Society (NGHS) Quarterly; lecturer at numerous NGS and FGS conferences since 1990.

There will be a multitude of speakers, including a number of local, regional and governmental experts. We are planning 3 different speakers per session so you will have a choice of what you want to hear.

Watch for more information in future newsletters.

VERBA VALENTINE

2007 Conference Chair

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<http://www.billings.lib.mt.us>

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6th Street W and Ave. D

BOB LYON

Bob Lyon died on September 15, 2006. He was a current YGF member and an avid genealogist. He was often seen at Forum meetings, the PAF Users Group and the LDS Library. Our sympathy to his wife, Alice, and family.

Robert H. 'Bob' Lyon

Bob Lyon, Democrat, died peacefully on Friday, Sept. 15, 2006, at the Billings Clinic, held lovingly by his wife, son, and daughter-in-law. Given a possible 18 months to live after surgery for metastasized colon cancer in 2002, his strength, courage — and stubbornness — carried him well past that.



BOB LYON

Bob was born in Hastings, Neb., on May 23, 1922, the first child of Harold and Iris (Wilson) Lyon. He served in the army during World War II and was honorably discharged at the end of the war. Taking advantage of the GI Bill, he received and undergraduate degree at Hastings College, where he began honing his writing skills, and went on to obtain graduate degrees at Denver University.

Bob moved to Billings in 1951 where he met Alice Perrin, a new music teacher in town. They were married on June 20, 1954, in Alice's home church in St. Paul, Minn.

Bob began his live-long calling as a speech professor, first at EMC (now MSU-B) and then at Rocky Mountain College, where he retired after 35 years of service. During that time, he re-activated the Rocky Mountain Speech and Debate team, taking it to remarkable heights for a then very small school. He received a life-long achievement award from Rocky last year, and has a scholarship in his name.

Following retirement, Bob gave his full energies to tracing his genealogy, and to helping elect local, state and national Democratic candidates.

In 2004, Bob and Alice celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary — a goal they had not expected to reach after his cancer diagnosis. In addition to his wife Alice, Bob is survived by their son Jason, and Jason's wife, Melissa. Also surviving are his brother Wayne of Sarnia, Ontario, and sisters Charlotte Mullinson of Wray, Colo., and Patricia Hanson of Omaha, Neb. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and by a sister, Mary Graber.

Bob's final years were enhanced by the great skills of the Billings Clinic oncology physicians, especially Dr. Donald Twito, and the incredibly caring nurses of the Infusion Center. His life was also lengthened by the prayers of family and friends around the world, and by the nutritional support of USANA Health Sciences.

A Service of Celebration of Bob's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, at First United Methodist Church, Fourth and Broadway. A reception will follow with a chance to share "Bob Stories."

Memorials may be sent to the Robert Lyon Speech Team Memorial, c/o, Vickie Christie, Rocky Mountain College, 1511 Poly Dr. Billings, MT 59102, or the charity of your choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

If Bob could have left a message for all who survive him, it would have been, "VOTE! Nov. 7, for the best Democratic candidates!" *Sept. 17, 2006
Billings Gazette*

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LATEST PERIODICALS FOR THE GEN-ROOM

July 2006 - October 2006

Athna May Porter 259-2552

or e-mail porter@imt.net

Ancestry - Jul/Aug 2006 - What an every name index can do for you; Consider where

the Source came from; 5 steps beyond Census records; 10 years of Genealogy advances; The Rain Goat Sept/Oct 2006 When the good die young; Ouija board; Serendipity; DNA's Fated Twist; Power Point tips; 6 Feet Under

Everton's Genealogical Helper - Jul/Aug 2006 Cracking the Cousin Code; Magic of Mind mapping; State Census & Substitutes Sept/Oct 2006 Civil War in TX; Documentary Evidence; Professional Genealogists; Finding Residents & Civil War Soldiers

Family Chronicle - Oct 2006 Researching Private Archives; Civil War's last line of defense; 20th Century Desperate Housewives; Jamestown, VA history; Ancestor's ships; Revenue Stamps; DNA Family Tree Magazine - Oct 2006 Adventures in Genetic Genealogy; Preserve your old movies; Tx & RI Research Guides; Athletic ancestors; Swedish roots; Masons Forum - FGS Society Quarterly - Summer 2006 Ozarks 1835-1839 Part 2; Orphan Trains; Mugbooks; Speech recognition programs

GC - Genealogical Computing Jul/Aug/Sept 2006 LAST ISSUE Cutting edge technology; Choosing the right camera; Digitizing local history for the web; Citation 9 Program; Clooz 2.0 Program; Canadian Civil Service Lists

Germans from Russia Historical Society Heritage Review - Sept 2006 A tale of two castles - Chillon & Trachselwald; 1921-23 Famine in Ukraine; Passenger List of S.S. Silesia GRHS Newsletter Sept 2006 History Magazine - Sept 2006 - The 1560's; Mid 19th Century roads in USA; Life on the Homefront WWII; Battle of San Jacinto; Aluminum; Early astronomy Nov 2006 The 1890's; Building Mount Rushmore; Slums of 19th Century NY; Diabetes; Lost Village of Forvie Scotland; 1st printed books

Internet Genealogy - Sept 2006 - ONLINE Irish Research; Starting a family website; Library Catalogs; Societies; CA vital records; British & Irish Military Records; Designing websites

Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Summer 2006; American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Newsletter Summer 2006

National Genealogical Society Quarterly -

Sept 2006 - Robert Dunn of VA; Philip Hart of NH; Sorting slaves with common names; Bray/Lillicrap of Eng; Tom Caldwell of VA

NGS Newsmagazine - Jul/Aug/Sept 2006 Coal

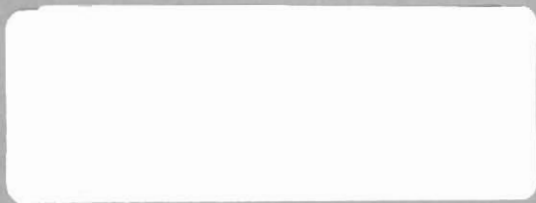
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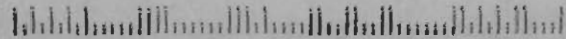


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GEN-BUG NEWS

Coming Events

- October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2006 10 a.m to 12 noon, LDS Church, Cultural Hall, "Discover Your Family Tree", YGF Genealogy Classes for Beginners or as a Review. Cost: \$20.00. Call JoAnne Miller at 259-9946 or Ann Ferguson at 248-4082.
- October 21, 2006 Montana Big Sky PAF User's Group meeting 10:00 am to 12:00, LDS Church, 6th St. W & Ave. D, Program by Richard Davis on "Family History Library Favorites".
- October 24, 2006 6:30 social, 7:00 pm Regular YGF meeting at LDS Church, 6th St. W & Ave. D, Cultural Hall. "How to Research the Family History Center" by Donna Jones, and "An Overview of the Website, www.Familysearch.org" by Rick Davis.
- November 18, 2006 Montana Big Sky PAF User's Group meeting 10:00 am to 12:00, LDS Church, 6th St. W & Ave. D. Program: "Map My Family Tree" by Richard Davis.
- November 28, 2006 6:30 social, 7:00 pm Regular YGF meeting at LDS Church, 6th St. W & Ave. D. Sidney Gabel on "Different Computer Programs", "Introduction to PAF" by Richard Davis and "How to Document Vital Records and Censuses" by Athna May Porter.
- December: No programs. Season's Greetings to one and all!!!
- October 5 and 6, 2007 MSGS Conference at Billings, Holiday Inn Grand.

Periodicals, continued

Miners; Transcribing VS Abstracting; Scotland Places; Working with German Names; Disaster Plans for genealogists; Multiple copies of the federal censuses with different information

New England ancestors - Fall 2006 Seamen Impression records 1789-1815; Tompkins of NY; Ezekiel Warner of MA; Capt. Job Bradford of Boston; Heritage of Albany Co. NY; Prenderast letters; Kennedy's New England Historical & Gen. Register Jul 2006 Peacock/Alger/Eliot of Eng-MA; Edmund Marshall of MA; William Chittenden of CT; Thurston/Turner of RI; Pearce/Mathewson/Coggeshall of RI Part 2 Daughters of American Revolution American Spirit - Owned by Parmly - Sept/Oct 2006 Jamestown VA; Rosie the Riveter; Erie Canal; Occoquan VA; Violins Three family newsletters that we receive regularly: Bunnell / Bonnell Newsletter Gest - Guest Quarterly The Chandler Family Association Newsletter

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WELCOME HOME

Our Lives are ever changing,
Whether living close or miles apart.
With friends and family rearranging,
Home is where you
Hang Your Heart!

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I BEG YOUR PARDON

This issue of the Gen-Bug is late because your Editor went to Kansas City to attend a niece's wedding. She had a wonderful time attending the wedding festivities and visiting numerous relatives and friends in her home town area.

It was 24 years ago in September 1982 that she felt a newsletter would help keep us informed about YGF. She still feels that way today. Your Editor,

Louise LaRue

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ANITA AND ANNA MAE HANSON AWARD

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We will accept nominations from any member of the Montana State Genealogical Society. A committee of three district representatives will be appointed by the president each year to select the person to receive the award. We will give the award each year at our annual conference.

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A railroad vignette has a humorous ending. Elsie on her 90th birthday went to turn in her driver's license because she thought she was a hazard to other people. The official told her not to as she needed it to go to the doctor and to shop. But she insisted, "No....My husband will take me wherever I need to go. He's a wonderful driver!"

"How old is he?"

"He's only ninety-four."

-----Root Diggers, Glasgow

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By THE KEANS

