

GALLATIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Saturday, February 8, 2014 @ 11:00 AM

Business Meeting

The February meeting of the Gallatin County Genealogical Society was held at the Bozeman Public Library in the large conference room with 20 members and 3 guests present. Carol Elliott welcomed guests and new members and had them introduce themselves to the group. Carol passed around the registration materials for the National Genealogical Society Conference, which will be held in Richmond, Virginia from May 7-10, 2014. She plans to attend the conference and was excited about the numerous lectures and seminars available to attendees. Tricia Thompson made a motion to approve the January 11, 2014, GCGS Minutes submitted earlier by Bonnie Jackson via email. Jody Boland seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved as written. Norma Ardeson read the Treasurer's Report indicating there is \$506.40 in the checking account. There are currently 44 paid members according to Bonnie Jackson, who has been maintaining a membership database. Tricia Thompson gave a database update on the society's indexing efforts. There are now over 50,000 records indexed, with some records that need to be uploaded to the website. Members are currently working on Voter Registrations for Gallatin County at the Pioneer Museum. Tricia Thompson, who is in charge of our indexing efforts, would like members to continue indexing the records whenever they have a free hour to do so. Carol Elliott, who was recently given materials for the 1979-1985 Gallatin County Genealogical Society, gave a status report on her organizational efforts. She found some records that need to be indexed and uploaded to the GCGS website. Other materials that are not items the society is indexing have been placed in file folders for interested members to look at. These files will be available at the next meeting to peruse.

Program

Terri Dood, the department head for Reference & Adult Services at the Bozeman Public Library, gave the group a tour and talk about the genealogical materials available at the library. Some of the materials she highlighted were:

- Polk City Directories for Bozeman, Montana (1892-2013)
- MSU Yearbooks
- Bozeman Daily Chronicle on microfilm (April 1891-present)
- Sanborn Maps on microfilm
- Books such as *Madison County Cemeteries*, *Histories of Montana*, *Dictionary of American Biographies*, *American National Biography*, *The American Genealogist*, *Mayflower Families for Five Generations*, etc.
- Historic Preservation Applications
- Clipping file that hasn't been indexed yet
- Reference & Research Databases such as *Ancestry Library*, *Heritage Quest*, *PERSI Archive*, and *EBSCO Biography Reference Center*
- Bozeman Public Library website, which has numerous links to materials such as: *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, *Avant Courier*, Gallatin County Genealogical Society, Montana Historical Society, Montana State Death Index, Sunset Hills Cemetery, Dokken-Nelson Mortuary Records, Old Tombstone Records, etc.

She also had several brochures available for members to take including:

- "Genealogical Resources Available at the Bozeman Public Library"
- "Researching the History of Your Home"

- “Computer Use at Bozeman Public Library”
- “Interlibrary Loan Services”

There are many other genealogical research items available at the library, so if you are looking for something and don't know how to find it, the upstairs Reference Desk is there to help. The computer lab is available to everyone, including non-members, and is a great place to start researching your ancestors. The Montana Room materials are only available for use at the library.

During the question and answer session at the end of the presentation, an attendee asked about the Bozeman Family History Center at the Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS). Tricia Thompson told the group about the materials available at the center including a fabulous donated collection of books from Pennsylvania. Microfilm found on FamilySearch.org can be ordered and viewed at the center, but may have a shipping and handling cost. Call the center directly at (406) 586-9830 for hours they are open for research. Their address is 2915 Colter Avenue, Bozeman, MT.

The next GCGS meeting is Saturday, March 8, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Bozeman Public Library in the large conference room. The program speaker will be Jenn Vieth, the GCGS Webmaster. She will be presenting how to use the GCGS website and indexes for genealogical research in Gallatin County.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Jackson
GCGS Secretary