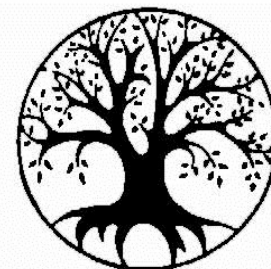
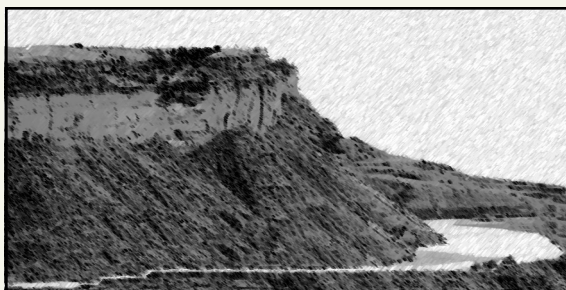


YELLOWSTONE GENEALOGY FORUM



News from the President

The evenings this time of year seem so dark and long. But the darkness keeps me inside and working. I subscribed to Ancestry last month so have been searching its database. The LDS website, Familysearch, is still one of my favorites and gives me lots of information. I've also been looking for relatives on Facebook. I found my first cousin Eddie, although he is a little slow at responding.

The MT State Genealogy Conference was great as usual. We have Shawna and Verba to thank for the wonderful guest speaker, the menu, and the accommodations. Although my direct ancestors did not come through Kansas, I learned a lot about the history of the mid-west and can apply it to my family. Speaker Mary Clement Douglass was very knowledgeable on the Civil War, historic trails, maps, and deeds. I encourage all of you to attend state conferences.

The Gen Room received a sizeable donation of books from the library in Sheridan, Wyoming. The subjects of a number of books are North & South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Tennessee. A book on Bozeman, Montana, has been donated by Jason. A CD with the Montana State Death Index for 2003-2007 is now in the Gen Room. These years are not yet available on-line.

I am looking forward to the November meeting when we have our "history mystery". What character do you plan to be? Judy needs to know at the October meeting. These are NOT memorized parts. Everyone will be in the same boat - we are not actors - but for a little fun, we can each play a part. When was the last time you got to play "Dress Up" and carry a 6-shooter?

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Members of the YGF Forum we would like to hear from you. We would like to find out what periodicals you subscribe to, family newsletters or other Societies' newsletters. Do you subscribe to e-magazine or e-newsletter? Let us know there just might be an article that you could share with everyone through the GENBUG. I do get stuff from our members to put in the Genbug and I still have those articles. In one case I have a bookmark that is of a show that will be on PBS about the Monarchy The Royal Family at work. It will start on Wednesday November 12, 2010 8pm ET?/PT.

Always be on the look out you never know when you will find something historical and genealogical on shows that come on TV. Bring your ideas to the programs, email them, call one of the members, or just write it down and mail it. Any way we get it will be sure to help others learn more when they are researching their family's and where they came from.

October 2010 Membership Report

Please take a moment to double check your mailing label. If it states your dues have EXPIRED, this will be your last GenBug UNLESS you renew. We don't want to lose you, so please take a moment and send in your renewal today. Dues are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Donations of any amount may also be made to the YGF Book Fund to purchase books for the GenRoom; to the YGF Library Fund to cover all other needs of our GenRoom; the YGF General Fund; or to the Stern/NARA Gift Fund that makes more documents of the National Archives available to everyone.

Checks should be made payable to YGF and mailed to Shawna Valentine, YGF Membership, 3420 Granger So # 20, Billings MT 59102. If your dues have expired, a pre-addressed envelope is enclosed with this issue for your convenience.

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

Since my last report, I am happy to welcome three new members:

Barbara Bergum 2158 Eldorado Dr, Billings MT 59102 barbara10@bresnan.net 656-5017

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Deanna Michels 606 - 88th St SW, Billings MT 59106

Shawna Valentine, Membership Chairman

Obit Indexing Project:

Shawna is seeking volunteers to index the obituaries found in the Billings Gazette for a month in 2011. The following months have already been claimed January, February, March, April, August, October, and November but as you can see there is still some left so hurry up and claim yours before we need to start on 2012.

All you need is access to the paper version of the Billings Gazette and some type of spreadsheet software (Excel or Works). It is not a large commitment of time, but it is an extremely valuable contribution for those researching in this area. If you are willing to help, or just have questions, please contact Shawna at smv2222@bresnan.net. 2011 will be the 7th Year of this project.

Thank you all you help with this project we really appreciate the service you give to YGF!

State Conference 2010

The Montana State Genealogical Society 2010 Conference in Lewistown is now history. We had 70 full registrations and lots and lots of books for the Book Frolic. The speakers were well received by those attending. The program "Trails Across Kansas" by Mary Clement Douglass received the most accolades.

The talk by John Foster about the mines at Kendall was very interesting as were the programs by Tom Wojtowick and Shirley Barrick. The census talk by Ellen Booth, Judy Cohen and Jason Herman provided a lot of data and history of the Federal Census process. I want to thank each and every one of them for coming forward and sharing their information with everyone there.

The Central Montana Society members and their president, Marilyn Lewis did a great job in helping in so many ways to keep things going so smoothly and their baking skills are the very best. Thanks again for providing so many wonderful cookies. Thanks also to Broken Mountain Society for their unique table decorations on Saturday.

There were 14 members from YGF in attendance and I really appreciate their loyalty in attending the conferences. We are the largest group in the state both with our membership and by our attendance at state.

2011 Conference will be in Kalispell at the Hilton Garden Inn, September 22, 23, 24, 2011. The theme will be "Gathering Lost Leaves". More to come!

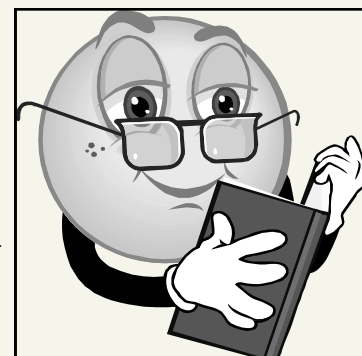
Verba Valentine
MSGGS 1st Vice President

Useful Websites from Irish Roots Magazine

- British Library: online catalogue includes books, serials, maps, and newspapers www.bl.uk
- Eneclann: Ireland's leading historical electronic publishing company www.eneclann.ie
- FamilySearch, LDS Church www.familysearch.org
- FindMyPast: Death Duty Indexes 1796–1903, Army lists, Army pensioners et. www.findmypast.co.uk
- GENUKI: UK & Ireland Genealogy www.genuki.org.uk
- Irish Origins: Includes Griffiths' Valuation, Dublin City Census 1851, Census of Elphin 1749, William Smith O'Brien Petition, Index of Irish Wills, Militia Attestations Index www.irishorigins.com
- Moving Here: Irish, Caribbean, Asian and Jewish immigrants, 1800–2000. www.movinghere.org.uk
- The National Archives (British): Online catalogue and research guides, digitalized images (Documents Online) www.nationalarchives.gov.uk
- National Archives of Ireland: www.naitonalarchives.ie
- National Library of Ireland: Online searchable catalogue includes, books, periodicals, Photographs, Prints and Drawings, Manuscripts and Newspapers www.nli.ie
- Public Record Office of Northern Ireland: www.proni.gov.uk
- Royal Navy Biographical Database, since 1660. www.navylist.org

New Books in the GenRoom

Donated by Sheridan, Wyoming Library:



- Index to The Headright and Bounty Grants of Georgia, 1756–1909
King's Mountain Men (York Co., South Carolina)
- King's Mountain and Its Heroes: History of the Battle of King's Mountain, Oct 7, 1760
- American Marriage Records Before 1699
- Marriage Notices, 1785–1794 For the Whole United States
- History of Tennessee: Sumner, Smith, Macon and Trousdale Counties
- 1770–1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements: Davidson, Sumner & Tennessee Counties
- Dutch Colonists in the Americas, 1615–1815
- Pioneer History of Custer County, Nebraska: With Which is Combined Sod Houses of the Great American Plains
- The Scotch Irish: A Social History
- The History of Woburn, Middlesex County, Mass: From the Grant of Its Territory of Charlestown, in 1640
- Rainey Times, Vol. 4A
- Seventeenth Century Colonial Ancestors of Members of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, 1915–1975
- The Scotch-Irish and Their First Settlements on the Tyger River and Other Neighboring Precincts in South Carolina
- Supplement of South Carolina Marriages, 1688–1820
- South Carolinians in the Revolution
- Carolina Cradle: Settlement of the Northwest Carolina Frontier, 1747–1762
- Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution
- Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement of Virginia
- The Peckham Family
- A Reminiscent History of the Ozark Region
- Robert and Patrick Peebles From Ulster, 1718, Co-Founders of Pelham, Mass, 1738
- Die Ahnenlisten-Kartei v.7
- Deutsches Namenlexikon (Dictionary of German Surnames)
- Mayflower Deeds & Probates
- The Hereditary Register of the United States of America, 1975, 1976

The books in the Gen Room are cataloged as they are in the Family History Center in Salt Lake City. If you find one listed on their website, look on our shelves (using the same call number) to see if we also have it.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

November 12–13, 2010	Atlanta Family History Expo	www.familyhistoryexpos.com
November 20, 2010	Nashville, TN Annual All-Day Seminar	www.mtgs.org
January 21, 2011	Family History Expo Mesa, Arizona	www.familyhistoryexpos.com
January 29, 2011	The Whittier Area Genealogical Society	www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags
February 25, 2011	St. George Family History Expo	www.familyhistoryexpos.com
March 20–26, 2011	Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) week program at the Family History Library at Salt Lake City	www.roadscholar.org
May 11, 2011	NGS Conference Charleston, SC	www.ngsgenealogy.org
May 13, 2011	Golden Anniversary Conference Hamilton, Ontario	www.ogs.on.ca

Scots Breakthrough in Helping Families Go Back to Their Roots

The Herald reports that Scottish scientists have found a way to identify a person's family roots to within a few miles, raising the possibility that city dwellers could soon trace their descendants back to their ancestral village.

Edinburgh University experts used volunteers from small communities in the north of Scotland, Italy and Croatia to quickly scan half a million DNA letters – the chemical combinations that make up our genes – and pinpointed in some cases 100% accurately where their distant relatives lived.

Within five years they believe the technique could be developed sufficiently so that a person who lives in a city could trace their ancestors from other towns or countries.

Dr Jim Wilson, a Royal Society research fellow who led the university's study, said: "This holds out the hope that, with more information, we might one day be able to determine the ancestry of city dwellers.

"There is a vast amount of untapped information residing in our DNA. This is not going to happen tomorrow, but within the next five years, if a database of samples from villages across Scotland is built up, we may be able to achieve this."

You can read more in the Herald web site at <http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/scots-breakthrough-in-helping-families-go-back-to-their-roots-1.1039443>

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In the Windows environment, the umbrella program that runs everything on your computer, there are several ways to:

- COPY highlighted text from one source (internet, email, word processing, etc.)and
- PASTE the text in another place (email, message board, word processing, genealogy program, etc.)

Because of this delightfully useful COPY/PASTE facility, YOU CAN EVEN copy notes from one individual to another individual's notes in your genealogy program. This is particularly useful when it comes to a census extraction, which should be cross-posted to notes for each member of the family enumerated in the original census record. You won't have to type the info for the spouse and each child. WHAT A TIME SAVER!

SELECTING THE TEXT YOU WANT

Selected text is commonly referred to as "highlighted" text, meaning that it is in reverse mode (dark background, light letters) from the other text on the page. You must first select text so that Windows knows what text you wish to copy.

Using your mouse, click at the beginning (or end) of the text in question, KEEPING THE MOUSE BUTTON DOWN, and drag to the opposite end of the text. LET GO OF THE MOUSE BUTTON only when all the text you desire is now in the reverse text mode.

You may not start selecting text in the middle of the desired paragraph, because you can only drag up or down through the text. You cannot drag in both directions to select an entire paragraph from the middle.

-COPY THE TEXT TO WINDOWS CLIPBOARD

There's more than one correct way, though all options may not be available at all times. For instance there may not be an EDIT on the menu bar, so you'd have to resort to another method. CTRL+C works in nearly all instances.

WAYS TO COPY SELECTED TEXT TO WINDOWS CLIPBOARD:

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- Press CTRL + C

Or

- Click EDIT, then COPY

Or

- Right-click on the selected text and pick COPY from the pop-up menu

Windows clipboard now has your desired text, until you:

- copy something else to the clipboard
- log off (switch users)
- turn off the computer

-It is important for you to know this, because the text will remain in the clipboard even if you close the program you were using to view the original text. This means if you found the original text in your email program, once the text is copied to the clipboard, you can go to any other program in the Windows environment to paste the text instead of typing the text.

PASTE THE TEXT IN THE NEW LOCATION

Minimize or close the window where you highlighted/copied the text, and click where you want the text to appear in the notes portion of your genealogy software for the ancestor in question. Then merely:

- Press CTRL + V (works in most instances)
- Or
- Click EDIT, then PASTE
- Or
- Right-click and select PASTE from the pop-up menu

CAVEATS

Some websites have blocked the ability to copy text. When you attempt to select text and go through the copy process, a little copyright statement will pop up explaining that the text cannot be copied.

Portions of .pdf documents such as some online newsletters, read by Acrobat Reader, cannot be copied and pasted in this manner.

Other times, the text you are reading is really the scanned image (graphic) of a page of text. In that case you'll need to "save the picture" on your hard drive, and attach it as a multi-media file to the ancestor in question. (That is another option of genealogy software programs. Click HELP on your program's menu bar to find out how.) - Alternately, you may print out the page, and manually type the text into notes for your ancestor.

CITE YOUR SOURCE

Regardless of the method you use to copy/paste text in notes in your genealogy software, YOU MUST TAKE CARE TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WHERE YOU OBTAINED THE INFO.

Remember:

- Author
- Title of publication
- Page numbers (or web address)
- Publisher (or web address)
- Date of publication (or date of viewing if a web page)

New NEHGS Scanning Service

This is a great idea! Perhaps more genealogy societies should purchase these commercial-grade large scanners and make them available to members? The following was written by the New England Historic Genealogical Society:

In response to the popularity of the document scanner at the Family History Day in Boston last week, the New England Historic Genealogical Society is implementing a new scanning service. Visitors may bring in documents, including oversized books and manuscripts, to be scanned and saved as a digital file on a USB drive. An NEHGS staff person will scan the materials.

The service will be available on Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Thirty minute appointments will be available starting on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Access to the document scanner is free. Visitors must supply their own USB drives. NEHGS has drives for sale on the fourth floor. To make an appointment, please contact David Dearborn at dcdearborn@nehgs.org or by telephone at 617-536-5740 x234.

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Confederate Records Found

A muster roll from the Thomson Guards, a McDuffie County company that had been part of the 10th Regiment of Georgia Volunteers of the Confederate Army, has been found. This document apparently had been in a box at the Augusta Genealogical Society and seems to not have been opened for many years. The list of names is a human snapshot of local Confederate soldiers.

Other documents in the box include member applications for the now defunct Ida Evans Eve United Daughters of the Confederacy chapter in Thomson, which formed three decades after the Civil War. Also included are old UDC charters and scrapbooks of the group's activities during the early 1900s.

The Ida Evans Eve application records are interesting for genealogical reasons, but the records' age also places them a handshake away from history. Many applicants proved their heritage with letters from soldiers who had served with their relatives. The letters sometimes turned personal.

You can read more in an article by Carole Hawkins in the Augusta Chronicle at <http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/metro/2010-10-26/confederate-records-found?v=1288079242>

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2010 - 2011 Programs & Events

January 26th	Popcorn and a Movie (A Celebration of Family History)
February 23rd	
March 23rd	
April 20th	
May 24th	
June 22nd	
July 27th	Ice Cream Social
August 24th	
September 24th & 25th	MSGs State Convention, Kalispell, MT
September 28th	
October 26th	Glenda Bell presents Calamity Jane
November 23	Murder Mystery/Pot Luck
December 28th	No Meeting

Please remember, these are subject to change!