

VOLUME 41
NUMBER 2
June 2024

FADED GENES

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

HELENA, MONTANA

**FADED GENES
IS PUBLISHED FOUR
TIMES A YEAR;
MARCH, JUNE,
SEPTEMBER &
DECEMBER
BY THE
LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Please direct all queries to: Queries Committee Chairperson P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604. Queries submitted by members to the FADED GENES for publication are free. Non-member queries are charged \$10.00 new rate effective 12/1/2019.

Direct all other correspondence to the Lewis & Clark County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604. Please enclose a LSASE with the correspondence if you anticipate a response.

This publication is indexed in the PERiodical Source Index published by the Allen Public County Library Foundation. c/o Allen County Public Library, P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN.

ADVERTISING RATES

The advertising rate schedule for the FADED GENES is as follows:

1/8 page	3 1/2"x 2 1/2"	\$5.00
1/4 page	3 1/2"x 5"	\$9.00
1/2 page	3 1/2" x 10" or 7"x5"	\$16.00
Full page	7"x 10"	\$30.00

Please send appropriate copy to: Lewis & Clark County Genealogical Society, c/o editor, P.O. Box 5313. Helena, MT 59604.

LIBRARIES

Genealogy Library, Helena. Located in the Lewis and Clark Public Library. Staffed Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm. Books are available to peruse anytime the library is open.

Family History Center, Helena. 1610 East 6th Avenue. Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Entrance at the back of the LDS Church on west end toward the Capital. Telephone no. 406-443-0716

Lewis & Clark Public Library, Helena, 120 S. Last Chance Gulch. Hours: Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm (Hours subject to change).

Montana Historical Society Research Center, Helena, Memorial Building, Roberts & 6th Avenue. Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday-Friday (except holidays). Temporarily closed begin Jan 1, 2023 due to construction of new building.

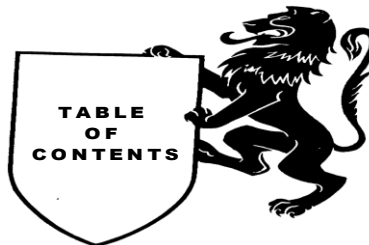
Montana State Library, Helena, 6th Avenue & Sanders. Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday (except holidays).

Suggestions?

We are always glad to hear from you! What materials do you want included in the newsletter? Do you have any family stories you wish to publish? Any and all suggestions and additions for this newsletter are appreciated. Send your suggestions to the Editor or any of the Officers.

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Julie Walker	207-0755
Vice President		
Treasurer	Sandi Olsen	443-5743
Secretary	Dianne Klinski	722-0849
Board Member	Dodie Heffner (24-26)	
Board Member	Barbara Benish (23-25)	442-3452
Editor	Terry Atwood	443-4907
Librarian	Karen Huck	227-5155
Past President	Mary Pitch	443-3452



COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Library Coordinator Mary Pitch 443-3452

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues are: \$20.00 per individual or \$25.00 per family. Dues are payable by February 1st of each year. Payment of dues prior to the third quarterly newsletter will ensure you copies of all current year newsletters. Organization subscription with no exchange is \$10.00 per year. Due to limited space the Society cannot accept newsletters with other societies but we are willing to still provide you our copy at no charge.

MEETINGS

Society General meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month at Lewis & Clark Public Library, 120 S Last Chance Gulch at 6pm.

- 14 President Message
- 15 Calendar of Events; Living History Day; Deaths of LCCGS Charter members
- 16-17 Family information from Denise Martin
- 18 My path to Membership in SAR – Terry Atwood
- 19 LCCGS Membership Application

Lewis & Clark County Genealogical Society
email address: lccgen1@gmail.com

You may contact any officer through this address or if you have any research needs for Helena and the local area.

You may also see more information about our society at our **NEW** website: www.lccgsmt.org

Follow us on FACEBOOK - Lewis & Clark County Genealogy Society

Montana State Genealogical Society (MSGs)
Website: montanamsgs.org

MSGs Library Catalog:
mymontanalibrary.com

President Message

It's a beautiful time of year as winter (slowly) departs and the land turns green with longer days and new beginnings!

February was an exciting month for me personally, as I was awarded the Certified Genealogist® credential from the Board for Certification of Genealogists in Washington, D.C. To earn the credential, applicants must submit a portfolio of four written genealogical work products that are evaluated against genealogical standards for research, analysis, kinship determination, and reporting skills. The evaluation can take up to six months. Earning this credential makes me the only Certified Genealogist in Montana, and one of only about 250 in the world. One other U.S.-based genealogical credentialing organization, the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists, awards an Accredited Genealogist® credential. Montana has one Accredited Genealogist, Barbara Schenck in Bozeman, a member of the Gallatin County Genealogical Society.

For our March program we did a RootsTech recap. I shared my RootsTech experience after attending in person, and Dennis Heffner shared some gems he gleaned from the online conference. Highlights included reviewing the new FamilySearch experiment with full-text search using AI, and the other big announcements from Ancestry and MyHeritage.

In April we were excited to have staff from the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives visit to present information about the archives and the types of information that can be found there. We had a lengthy Q&A session afterward, and everyone was invited to visit the archives and do some research or take a tour. The program was recorded and can be viewed here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Lph5rr60BaUQuMu86BI0ZRp4D2uDgEVrwgrbtKc_Au5JOE5Ok55sC FfnGhZjnwIU.K7HzLQVTTJNPrIbf Passcode: BmNi!^n2

In May we learned "Who is an American Indian?" Mike Jetty led the group through a class course on the various ways American Indians identify within their tribal and state communities. He also gave information on how our group could trace American Indian ancestry. This program was also recorded and can be viewed here: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/uH6NHXIStMjTKontnU8MgZmsu6roldO4Taa-Koagw6dPNa1Mu_bYiR-D2VaJ3BVv.n7GvyfSz57DKUixR Passcode: FR\$S0@0+

In society news, a committee has been working on updating the By-laws and should have a draft for members to review by July.

Our First Friday work group will be on hiatus over the summer, but will be back in September.

There will not be an annual state conference this year, but members are encouraged to attend the Montana History Conference taking place in Great Falls September 26-28th. More details can be found on their website: <https://mths.mt.gov/education/index3> The state society is planning exciting conferences in 2025 and 2026 after going through a strategic planning process.

Julie Walker,
President

Calendar of Events

Here are our program topics for the next few months:
June 2024 – Oct 2024

- June: Maps (using several map websites to do research & view & create maps) --> Dennis Heffner
 - July: Home of Peace Cemetery, Jewish Cemetery Visit --> Patty Dean
 - Aug: Annual Potluck Picnic
 - Sept: Researching for Family Book --> Christy Leskovar
 - Oct: Navigating the Records from the War of 1812 --> Brian Rhinehart
-

LIVING HISTORY DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

At The Bear Dance Ranch
HELENA, MONTANA

SPONSORED BY THE MONTANA LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM

Deaths of Charter Members of LCCGS

Patricia Brown Darling (C02) died May 13, 2024 in Dillon, MT. She was a professional genealogist and her interest in genealogy got many people interested in their own family histories and the local genealogy society. After moving from Helena, she was involved heavily with the Beaver Head Hunters Genealogy Society in Dillon and the Montana State Genealogical Society.

Thomas Kockler (C04) died May 15, 2024 in Lake Havasu City, AZ. Along with his wife, Eloyce, (C03), they were very active members of the society before moving to AZ for health reasons.

Found on Pintrest

I sent that 'Ancestry' site some information on my Family Tree.
They sent me back a pack of Seeds, and suggested that I just start Over.

People with siblings have
better survival skills because
they've had experience in
physical combat, psychological
warfare, and sensing
suspicious activity.

Hi,

I'm a new member and I enjoyed the presentations at the last two meetings. I have been in Helena since 1990 and am originally from Missouri where I grew up on a farm. Others have researched many of my relatives and shared the information in Family Search. As you can see on the next page, there are two branches on my family tree for which there is little information – the Wilson branch and the Muhlfeld (Milfelt) branches, and those are where I am currently focused. While I was able to determine my great grandfather Wilson's parents, the common name of his father (James Wilson) and conflicting record information currently has me stumped (the proverbial brick wall!). Therefore, I'm going to try my luck on the Muhlfeld side.

New discovery: I thought I was the only member of my family that had ever lived in Montana, and I was recently surprised to stumble across a Cascade County, Montana voter registration record from 1910 showing one of my great granduncles was registered to vote. I am trying to piece together what great granduncle Leo was doing here at the time (I've not been able to locate him anywhere in the U.S. during the 1910 census yet), and plan to look at the 1910 Cascade County census to see if I can determine the general location of the voting precinct at that time. You'll see the place of residence indicates he lived in a log house in precinct number 33. I also did a little research into the only other man to register to vote in Cascade County on the same day as Leo, thinking perhaps they may have known each other. The 1910 census shows the other gentleman was from Barker and his occupation was silver and lead mining. Maybe great granduncle Leo was hoping to strike it rich! Leo ultimately married a woman from South Dakota (where he worked on a farm) and they returned to Missouri where he worked as decorator in the St. Louis area. I wish I knew what brought him to Montana and the story that took him from farmer to decorator.

Denise Martin

OFFICIAL REGISTER, Election District No. _____					CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA.						
REGISTRY NUMBER	DATE OF REGISTRY			NAME OF ELECTOR (With Given Name in Full)	AGE OF ELECTOR	WHERE BORN	Number of Ward or Name of Election Precinct	DESCRIPTION OF RESIDENCE	Certificate of Naturalization Exhibited or Certificate of Declaration of Intention to become a Citizen or a Certified Oath Taken	CANCELLED	
	Month	Day	Year							When	Why
25	Oct	16	1896	Gustafson Charles	34	Sweden	37	Log house	No. 2356 Ord. Falls		
64	X Oct	22	1896	Gylla Gust	30	Germany	37	Log house		Cancelled	subject to challenge
74	Oct	22	1896	Gonsior Sylvester	26	Latona Minnesota	37	Tram			
77	Nov	22	1896	Giesey John	46	Germany St. Paul	33	Tram		Issued 1898	subject to challenge
78		22	1896	Gonsior John	62	Germany	37	Tram			subject to challenge
112	Oct	14	1898	Gahan William	33	Wisconsin	37	2 nd Hyain House			Cancelled
158	Oct	20	1910	Griffen George	26	Missouri	33	Log house			
159	Oct	20	1910	Gremaud Leo	32	Perry Co Missouri	33	Log house			
170	Oct	22	1910	G... William B	36	Iowa	37	Tram			

My Path to Membership in Sons of American Revolution (SAR)

By editor Terry Atwood

I have recently been accepted into the SAR and thought it would be of interest to know why and how I made this decision.

I have been doing my genealogy since the late 1970's when I was given a packet of family group sheets from one of my dad's half siblings. There were a lot of names and dates but very little information about the families. I then began my research to add to this information. While researching at the Montana Historical Society or the Lewis & Clark County Genealogical Society library (the books from the state were eventually given to the Montana Society Genealogical Society), I discovered the DAR lineage books and other military sources, from which I found several connections to my family. I knew I could join SAR because my 6th Great Grandfather Hezekiah Atwood, who was in his 50's; was in two 3 month services in 1777 and 1781. I also knew that I did not feel I could spend a lot of the time with the local organization so I did nothing to pursue this process.

Jump forward to May 2023. At a weekend conference hosted by the Church of Latter Day Saints, the Montana Society of SAR had a speaker talking about the organization. They provided us a sample application and information about the organization and what it does and how to research online. This peaked my interest and I began to research how much work I would need to do. I discovered on their website that I had a half second cousin who already been accepted for the same ancestor. This really simplified my documentation needs that I had to gather since we shared the same 2nd Great Grandfather (different wives'). His application was made in 2009. Although I knew my ancestry was good, you forget what documents you have actually gathered over time. Birth certificates, marriages, death certificates, obituaries and census records were gathered. Once I felt I had everything I thought would work, I finally contacted the State Society to start the process. By November I had completed an application and submitted it to the state registrar. Shortly after that, I was informed that due to SAR policy, my cousin's application was not adequate for my use. I knew that there were several DAR applications that were connected to the same ancestor, but had assumed that the SAR application would suffice. I was then required to pay for a copy of one of the DAR applications (odd thing is that the application was actually older) – but each society had their own requirements for documentation and I guess that the SAR requirements were not as strong until mid 2010's. After some minor tweaks to my application, it was submitted to the National Society shortly before the new year.

On April 12, 2024 I was officially informed of my applications acceptance and given a number for both the National Society and the Montana Society. I also was lucky enough to find out that the State annual meeting was in Helena the last Saturday of April, so I spent a few hours meeting some of the state officers and learning more about the Society. In May I received my official certificate, which I will proudly display in my office. They also provided a copy of my application with some additional notes and signatures from National and Montana officials. I later find out that I am one of about 105 men from Montana who belong to MTSSAR. I also plan on submitting a secondary application for another 6th Great Grandfather Solomon Heath (father-in-law to my Hezekiah's son). I participated in my first event for MTSSAR, the East Helena Memorial Day Parade after my wife made an authentic revolutionary war timeframe outfit and will participate in as many events that I can.

Lewis & Clark
County
Genealogical
Society



P.O. Box 5313 Helena, Montana 59604

Membership Application

SOCIETY INFORMATION

1. The Society meetings are usually held the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the large meeting room at the Lewis & Clark Library, 120 S. Last Chance Gulch.
2. The Society has a library located at the Lewis & Clark Library which is open any time the library is open. Volunteers from the society are there Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM to help if needed.
3. Members can at no cost have Queries published in the society's quarterly newsletter.
4. The membership dues are \$20.00 individual and \$25.00 family per year. Membership starts in March and payments received after August will begin the next year. Make checks payable to Lewis and Clark County Genealogical Society, or LCCGS.

Date: _____

Membership type: Individual Family

Name: _____

If Family membership, names of other members: _____

Email address(es): _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ landline cell phone

Newsletter preference: email paper/mail

Mail form and dues to:

LCCGS
P.O. Box 5313
Helena, MT 59604

Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 5313
Helena, MT 59604

FIRST CLASS

FORWARD AND RETURN
POSTAGE
GUARANTEED
ADDRESS CORRECTION
REQUESTED

TO:

SWAP AND SELL

This section in the newsletter is for the listing of genealogical items such as city directories, school annuals, any books, newsletters, etc. that are no longer needed or that you might have duplicates of, either to trade for similar items or sell. We reserve this privilege for our membership and those societies that we exchange newsletters with at no cost of listing. We need to receive the information you wish to have published at least one month prior to our publishing date.