



Montana State Genealogical Society
and the Butte-Silver Bow Genealogy Society
host the

31st ANNUAL MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

September 29, 30, October 1, 2022

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
in Fairmont, Montana

LOCATION & ACCOMMODATIONS: The Conference will be held at the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, 1500 Fairmont Road, Fairmont, MT. King or Double Queen Rooms: rate is \$139.00 for a 1-2 people occupancy; \$154.00 3 people; or \$169.00 4 people, plus tax. Call 800-332-3272 or online at www.fairmontmontana.com. Mention Group ID: 22969. **Deadline is 1 September 2022.**

OUR SPEAKERS:

The Legal Genealogist, Judy G. Russell, is a genealogist with a law degree who writes and lectures on topics ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. On the faculty of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, from which she holds credentials as a Certified GenealogistSM and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM. Her award-winning blog is at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com>

Rich Venezia is a New Jersey native who now calls Philadelphia home. He founded Rich Roots Genealogy in 2013. He was a member of the research team of *Genealogy Roadshow* (PBS) for two seasons, and also consulted on *Follow Your Past* (Travel Channel). He is an expert in the research of 20th-century immigrant ancestors, especially underutilized record sources and federal records. He also specializes in Italian and Irish research. Additionally, he assists clients with dual citizenship applications for Ireland and Italy and is a proud Italian dual citizen. He holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University. He lectures nationwide, has been on the faculty of SLIG, GRIP, and IGHR, and spoke about "How to Grow Empathy from Uncovering Your Roots" at TEDx Pittsburgh 2017.

Singer, guitarist, songwriter, Anaconda native, **Sean Eamon**, will present his research on Butte labor history and entertain us with some old and new songs of that period. Sean's work was supported by "The Historic Clark Chateau" through a grant in part from the National Endowment for the Arts. This grant enabled The Historic Clark Chateau to sponsor musical artists to come to Butte, immerse themselves in the history of the labor stories and then create "New Songs for the Butte Mining Camp".

EXHIBIT AREA: Various MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES & genealogy related organizations will be represented. Don't forget the BOOK FROLIC - The MSGS Fund Raiser! Check your bookcases for annuals, histories, family histories, genealogy books, tapes & videos. Bring them to conference **Thursday** to be sold by silent auction. **Please – only genealogy or family history related materials. Do not bring quarterlies or outdated material. The Book Frolic area will not be open on Thursday for browsing.**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

3:00 P.M. Book Frolic Drop Off
3:00 – 5:30 P.M. REGISTRATION DESK OPEN, Fairmont Conference Center
3:30 – 4:45 P.M. MSGS Board Meeting
6:30 – 8:00 P.M. Free Reception. **Need ticket to attend.**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

7:30 – 9:00 Registration Desk Open – Conference Center Lobby

8:45 – 10:00 A.M. Announcements - President Shawna Valentine, and Opening Session: **"No Person Shall ... Gallop Horses In the Streets" – Using Court Records to tell the Story of our Ancestors' Lives** - Judy G. Russell. Early court records give color and meaning to the lives and times of our ancestors. County courts often functioned as both judiciary and legislature, and appeals courts published fact-filled opinions. While the records often establish relationships to help build a family tree, they offer so much richness and depth to help tell a family's story.

10:30 – 11:30 A.M. **Discovering Your Immigrant's Origins: Exhausting Every Resource** - Rich Venezia. Pin down your elusive immigrant ancestor's place of origin using some well-known – and lesser-known – record sets, ideas, and techniques.

11:50 – 1:00 P.M. **Lunch & Society Reports:** Menu: Baked Potato & Caesar Salad Bar – Fresh Baked Potatoes, Romain Lettuce, Bacon Bits, Cheddar Cheese, Diced Tomatoes, Green Onion, Croutons, Parmesan Cheese, Caesar Dressing & Sour Cream, Coffee, Iced Tea, or Lemonade.

1:30 – 2:30 P.M. **Ship Manifests: An In-Depth Look** - Rich Venezia. Ship manifests are the "go-to" record to find immigrant arrivals in the 1800s and 1900s. Discover all the different information they can tell us.

3:00 – 4:00 P.M. **Putting Those Records to Work** - Judy G. Russell. Every document we locate in genealogical research has its clear use: a census record will help us identify family members and trace them over time; a court record will tell us what was happening with that person at that time; a will or probate record will help recreate a family at a specific point in time. But every document we locate can be mined—directly or in combination with other records—for more: a deeper richer context for our family members and their place and time.

4:30 – 5:30 P.M. **Alien Registrations in America** - Rich Venezia. Learn about various alien registrations instituted in the USA as early as 1798, the records they created, and where to find immigrant ancestors within.

6:30 P.M. **BANQUET BUFFET** Western Style BBQ – Buffet Pork Ribs and Chicken including Tossed Green Salad, Dressings, Pasta Salad, Watermelon, Baked Beans, Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade & a Light Dessert. Presentation of Awards, Program: **"Sean Eamon - New Songs for the Butte Mining Camp"**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

7:30 – 9:00 A.M. Registration Desk Open – Conference Center Lobby

7:45 – 8:45 A.M. **MSGS Annual Meeting**, Everyone welcome

9:00 – 10:00 A.M. **DNA and the Hidden Half of the Family** - Judy G. Russell. As 21st century genealogists, we have a tool for identifying and confirming relationships not available to earlier generations: DNA testing. Its use in identifying male family members, through YDNA testing, is fairly well understood. The use of mitochondrial and autosomal DNA to identify women and link children to parents is not as well understood. Yet these are powerful tools particularly when used in a targeted fashion to test particular theories.

10:30 – 11:30 A.M. **After the Courthouse Burns: Rekindling Family History through DNA** - Judy G. Russell. Catastrophic records loss due to fires and disasters at courthouses is a fact of life for genealogists. When a disaster takes out birth, marriage, death, court, land and probate records all in one fell swoop, it may still be possible to light our family's research fires — to rekindle our interest in our ancestral roots — using DNA evidence.

11:50 – 1:00 P.M. **Lunch & Society Reports.** Menu: Deli Buffet – Deli Meats & Cheeses, Breads, Tossed Green Salad with Dressings, Cole Slaw and all the Condiments, Coffee, Iced Tea, or Lemonade.

1:30 P.M. **Book Frolic Closes, Raffle Drawings**

1:45 – 2:45 P. M. **Naturalization Know-How: The Laws and Records of U. S. Citizenship** - Rich Venezia. Many records were created when immigrant ancestors became American citizens. Learn what they are and how to find them.

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REGISTRATION FORM – Additional Forms available on <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>

NAME _____ **MAIDEN NAME** _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

2 Surnames you are currently researching _____

2 Locations Researching _____

1st MSGS Conference

Full 2-day Conference Registration with Banquet & 2 luncheons \$162.00 \$ _____

I plan on attending the Thursday evening reception Yes No
 No additional charge but MUST sign up in advance for a ticket

Full 2-day Conference Registration (NO MEALS) \$ 90.00 \$ _____

1 Day FRIDAY ONLY Conference Registration (NO MEALS) \$ 55.00 \$ _____

1 Day SATURDAY ONLY Conference Registration (NO MEALS) \$ 40.00 \$ _____

Do you have **food allergies** or special needs for meals? If so, please specify: _____

MEALS: To guarantee meals, registration must be received **by Monday, September 19, 2022**. One of each of the three meals is included with the \$162.00 level. If you want to select only one or two of the meals for yourself, select the \$90 level above and then add the individual meals below. If you want to purchase additional meals for spouses, etc., please add these meals below:

Friday Lunch	_____	@ \$ 21.00	\$ _____
Friday Banquet	_____	@ \$ 30.00	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	_____	@ \$ 21.00	\$ _____

Conference Pins:

Butte 2022 @ \$6 each _____ Starter Bar @ \$5 each _____ \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

To pay by check:

Send this form with payment to:

MSGS c/o Mary Pitch
 700 Grant Avenue
 Helena MT 59601

msgstr registrar@gmail.com

You can now register and pay for the conference ONLINE! This is our first year offering this option, so please be patient and forgive any bugs as we work them out. If you have any questions or problems ordering, contact Jenn Vieth at mtjengen@gmail.com. You do not have to order online; this is an option we're offering for your convenience. Please be aware, there are additional convenience fees from the company we're using. These fees are your responsibility and non-refundable. Register via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/31st-annual-montana-state-genealogical-conference-tickets-382640135947>

Pre-registration must be received by August 25, 2022, to qualify for the "Early Bird" drawing for a refund of the Conference Fee (\$90.00 Maximum). Cancellation Policy: Full refund of all meal functions and registration fee (less a \$15.00 cancellation fee) will be issued if request is received by Friday, September 9, 2022. For cancellation notifications received after September 9, 2022, or for non-attendance, no refund will be given.

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