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First Time Visit to Salt Lake City, Utah and the LDS Library

By Betty and John Franklin

While planning a trip to visit family in California in April of 2014, we decided that we would stop over for a couple of days in Salt Lake City, Utah and do some research at the LDS Family History Library. We have been told by others who have gone and by reading, that when going, we should plan ahead. So first we booked a room for two nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel on Temple Square as it was close to the library. Any closer and we would have been in the Library! It was right next-door.

Next, I went online at Family Search to find out more about what the Family History Library offered. The site gave tips as what to do before going and when you arrive at the library.

Before going: organize your material, check and see what's already been done, decide what you want to learn, what ancestor or family you want to learn more about, and then identify available records to search for online. Be sure to research their catalog files, as many of the books and printed materials are not digitized. Also, if you know in advance what microfilms you'll need at the library, you can order them before your visit or at least you will know where the information will be available in the library. Find out what special classes the library will be having when you are there. They publish a monthly list of classes they have each week.

While at the Library be sure to bring copies of your information that you desire to research.

They recommend visiting with a Reference Consultant on each floor who is a certified genealogist. There are many volunteers that can help, too. They also strongly suggest you record what you find and make sure to cite your sources.

With these guidelines, Betty and I set out what we would research during this trip. I found that that a class on Welsh Probate Records was going to be given on the first day we were there, and so we planned to attend and bring some of my Welsh records that we could research. Betty brought information on her English ancestors, too. I found in the library catalog list a book on the Case Family History that I had seen listed online, but never found a copy that was available for a library loan.

When we first arrive at the welcome desk, we told the attendant that this was our first time at the library and she gave us nametags that said "1st Time Visitor." We were then directed to the Visitor's Room to see a video about the library and instructed that a volunteer would tell us more. It was a good overview of the library. After that Betty and I went to the 3rd floor with the printed U.S. books to see what they had, until the class on Welsh Probate Records started. What we found was a huge collection of books. I asked a reference consultant where I might find books on early Detroit. I was lucky and found some information on my Lyon and Smyth lines.

When it came time to go the class we headed down to the classroom. Raymond, a professional research consultant, who shared his enthusiasm about Welsh research, gave the hour course. Afterward, he asked the class to go out into the library and work on what was learned in class with our own research problem. Betty and I went back to the computers to search for the microfilm to take back to the readers. Some of the records are on the Family Search website. Little did I know what a challenge we had ahead of us! Some of the information we could find, but not all of what I was looking for. I needed to ask for help from a reference consultant.

She too could not find some of what we were looking for. She left and guess who she brought back to help me? Raymond, who gave the class worked with me for quite a while. Betty was still searching for other material. He started over and could not get past my challenge and found it would take more time. I realized that this ancestor had two wives and they both had the same name. He left for his break and told me to continue working on it. Betty and I took a break for a late lunch in the vending machine room with hot and cold food and drinks. Our eyes finally started to focus again so back upstairs we went in search of the unknown. We did more research on a different line until we decided to quit for the day.

We walked across the street to the mall and across from Temple Square to have a delicious dinner and walk around the area. It had been a long but good first day at the library.

The next day we were back at the library to work on more research of both of our ancestors.

It was helpful to have information that was on my iPhone and iPad because when Betty and I were working on different lines, we had the needed chart in front of each of us.

This was when Betty started to bring piles of family histories in books to me. I was delighted when I picked up the *William Case Family History from Rhode Island and Descendants*. Betty wondered what was the matter. I told her that I have been trying to get my hands on this book for years and never could find it. A few years back, I found it online at Allen County Library.

Betty copied the section that I needed and the copies were only five cents a page. She was busy at the machine for over an hour, but well worth it. We ended with doing a little more online research and finally called it a day.

It was now 7:00 p.m. and we had skipped lunch. We asked if there was a good place for dinner nearby

and we were told there was a nice cafeteria, Lion's Gate, in Temple Square. What a beautiful walk we had! The Temple grounds were in full bloom with colorful flowers and ornamental trees. We enjoyed seeing the Temple and other buildings up close. What a relaxing dinner!

The next morning we had a short ride to the airport and were ready to go home. The stop was successful and we both agree that we will plan to go again, but spend more time at the library and try to see the area around Salt Lake City.



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President's Message

Though we are coming to the end of our programming year, that doesn't mean that our events are slowing down! We have an outstanding Annual meeting with a speaker who experienced the Russian version of "Who do You Think You Are?". It's a fascinating story starting with a letter written to the grandfather's home village and was responded to 20 years later by the Russian television program who tries to find lost family connections. This is a unique program and one that should not be missed!

Also, it is at the Annual Meeting that I will come to the end of my term as co-president of the Hudson Genealogical Study Group with Lynda Brodine; and it has been both a privilege and a learning experience. Previously, I was fortunate to be co-president with Nancy Brock, who helped me to learn the ropes, and I was blessed with a board and officers who were willing to give their time and talents to our group. I am particularly grateful for Lynda and Helen Soblosky, and their willingness to rearrange their schedules to fill in when needed. Of course, John Franklin deserves credit for putting together *The Green* and trying to keep the rest of us on task. Both Ted and Dick have been a tremendous help for many years. A new board will begin their task under the continued leadership of Lynda, my current co-president, who is both enthusiastic and full of ideas. I also would like to thank Denny, our student who films our programs for the local cable channel and has done an outstanding job.

Beyond the Board, we have members who help in both large and small ways, such as individuals who are willing to set up or take down chairs for our meetings, be on committees, tutor, write articles, and share their knowledge by giving programs. If you are interested in participating in any of these areas, feel free to learn more! HGSG is a very active group with a published quarterly newsletter and provides around 14 programs or field trips in a calendar year. To do so is a huge task, which could not be accomplished without Gwen Mayer, the library's archivist and an annual program presenter. Many hands make light work, so to all those who have helped, will help, or just came to our programs, I say thank you.

Mary Hughes

Area Genealogical Activities

(From Cleveland District Round Table)

Monday, 2 June 2014, 7:00 p.m. Potluck! "The Doctor's Black Bag, Home Remedies and Folklore," with Summit County Historical Society, East Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society, Ross C. DeJohn Community Center, Marsol Road, Mayfield Hts., OH

Monday, 9 June 2014, 7:00 p.m. Lorain County Chapter OGS, "Genealogical Research in Kentucky" presented by Tom Neel, OGS Library Director, North Ridgeville Public Library, 35700 Bainbridge Rd., North Ridgeville

Saturday, 21 June 2014, 9:00 a.m. CAGG General Meeting with general program/speaker. Breakout sessions for the major genealogy software programs start at 11:00 a.m., brown bag lunch, computer fundamentals from 1-2 p.m., Fairview Park Library, 21255 Lorain Road.

Saturday, 21 June 2014, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. All-day conference on Italian genealogy with eight sessions for beginners and experienced researchers. Sponsored by the Cleveland Italian Ancestry Organization (CIAO) and the Western Reserve Historical Society. \$45 registration covers continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and copies of handouts for all classes. Contact Pamela Dean at WRHS pdean@wrhs or (216) 721-5722 x1523

Saturday, 28 June 2014, 9:30 a.m. African American Genealogical Society meets at Shaker Heights Main Library, "Researching using *FamilySearch* and *Ancestry.com*." *FamilySearch* is a readily available database that can be accessed on the web and *Ancestry.com Library Edition* can be accessed on library computers. The member workshop will include hands-on participation.

Monday, 7 July 2014 7:00 p.m. Carla Cegielski will present "What Happens to My Stuff When I Die? Your Genealogical Estate," East Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society, Ross C. DeJohn Community Center, Marsol Road, Mayfield Hts., OH.

Saturday, 12 July 2014 9:00 a.m. NEOCAG will have Gary Smith talk on "Genealogy Cruises," Mayfield Library, 500 SOM Center Rd.

Saturday, 12 July 2014 2:00 p.m. Medina County Genealogical Society presents "Newspaper Research" by Deborah Abbott, PhD., Medina County District Library, 210 S. Broadway, Medina.

Monday, 14 July 2014 5:30 p.m. Lorain County Chapter - OGS- Annual Picnic with the Black River Genealogists, the Wellington Genealogical Group and the Lorain County Chapter, location TBA.

Wednesday, 16 July 2014 6:30-8:45 p.m. Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS "Researching Your Pre-1850 Ancestors" with Margaret Cheney, in the Porter Room, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd. Westlake

Saturday, 19 July 2014 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society "Field Trip to Woodland Cemetery." Meet at parking lot of Fairview Park branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library

Saturday, 19 July 2014 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CIAO - Cleveland Italian Ancestry Organization meets for an Open Forum at Independence Public Library

Thursday, 24 July 2014 5:30 p.m. Lake County Genealogical Society will host a pioneer supper at the Lake County History Center, 415 Riverside Drive, Painesville Township. We'll meet in the barn unless there is tornado type weather, in which case we will be inside the main building. Chris Staats will present "Where Does It Say That? Learning to Love that Doggone Indirect Evidence." Pioneer dress optional. Recipes for the "pot luck" at our web site

Saturday, 26 July 2014 9:30 a.m. African American Genealogical Society meets at Shaker Heights Main Library, Barbara Flewellyn, AAGS member and author, will present steps to "Writing a Living History." She and Helen Turner-Thompson will discuss the collaboration required between the writer and oral historian for a successful product, using the recently published book *In His Presence: A Memoir in Traditional Gospel Music*.

Monday, 4 August 2014 7:00 p.m. Marge Waterfield will present "WPA Records: A Genealogical Gold Mine," East Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society, Ross C. DeJohn Community Center, Marsol Road, Mayfield Hts., OH

Saturday, August 9 2014 2:00 p.m. Medina County Genealogical Society presents, "German Research is like Strudel: It Unfolds One Layer at a Time," by Betty Franklin, Medina County District Library, 210 S. Broadway, Medina

Monday-Friday 18-22 August 2014 Lake County Genealogical Society hosts a trip to Either Albany, New York or Boston, Massachusetts, a "choose your own research adventure." Escorted by Cynthia Turk, these trips are always enjoyed. See the brochure at their website

Out-of-Style

Book review

by Betty Kreisel Shubert

I can't remember where I read about this book, but I was immediately intrigued by the title: *Out-of-Style*. Most women have hanging in their closets several items that they wonder if they have the nerve to wear again – dearly loved jackets that have served them well, but are of a cut no longer being worn, or dresses in which they once felt glamorous but don't quite make it on today's fashion scene. I was further interested when I read that it would be helpful to genealogists in dating those pictures in old albums that many of us inherit without names, dates, or any notion of who those people were. So I requested it from the Bethlehem Public Library and got it on Interlibrary Loan.

It's fun to read. The author, an artist and long-time costume designer, worked among Hollywood stars and starlets, and made costumes for many movie and TV personalities, as well as costuming casts for Broadway shows in New York. She draws her own illustrations; her book is filled with them. She addresses how clothes over the years evolved into different styles, from when women wore wire cages to hold out their voluminous skirts, to when the first bra was invented and made available to the public. She shows not only women's clothes, but those of men and children, both boys' and girls' clothes and how they changed over the years from the early 1800s up to the present. And she writes with humor, making it an amusing read. Ms. Shubert's book is of value, not only to genealogists trying to date photos, but to social historians, vintage clothing collectors--in short, to anyone interested in fashion, which includes most women and quite a few men.

This author was recognized as an outstanding artist and clothing designer when she was a student in Beverly Hills High School, where she made costumes for all theatrical productions. She won a prestigious award there for being Outstanding Art Student. Having sold her first design at the age of 13, she eventually opened her own shop and employed seamstresses to work on her creations, closing the shop after some years when she started a family.

She began early to save pictures of clothing from antiquity onward, and books on clothing construction, which have burgeoned into a valuable research library of her own.

This book is available on Amazon.com in new and slightly used editions, and from those public libraries that have purchased it.

Elsie Thomas



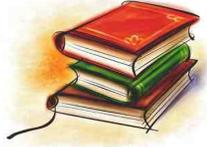
A New Way to Preserve Family History

Gwen Mayer, Hudson Library Archivist, saw a new Internet service that was written up in *The New York Times*. The article was *Preserving Family History, One Memory at a Time*, by Claire Martin, March 15, 2014. StoryWorth is a new weekly online service asking questions of family members about the history and favorite stories of their lives to be saved and shared with the family. Nick Baum founded this service in late 2012, a San Francisco based software engineer and product manager who left his job at Google in 2011 to pursue an entrepreneurial path. The idea began with a simple experiment. Mr. Baum built a service called Dear Robot that sent a daily text message to his smart phone asking how his day was going. His replies created what became a mini-diary. This evolved into a service that provides a selection of questions, chosen by an individual to send to their parents to answer each week. When they reply, their answers go to a website where their views can be read privately by their family members. StoryWorth subscribers have generated over 10,000 stories. The annual fee is \$49, which covers up to six family members and includes an unlimited amount of data storage. Users can also upload their own audio files and photographs. StoryWorth is one of a handful of new companies focused on a new way for people to collect their family histories. The link to the story is <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/16/business/preserving-family-history-one-memory-at-a-time.html? r=0>

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Recent Acquisitions to the Archives

By Gwen Mayer



The Pirates of the New England Coast 1630-1730 by George Francis Dow and John Henry Edmonds

To the Outskirts of Habitable Creation Americans and Canadians Transported to Tasmania in the 1840s by Stuart D. Scott

Meteor of War: The John Brown Story by Zoe Trodd and John Stauffer, editors

Finding your Famous (& Infamous) Ancestors by Rhonda R. McClure

The Georgia Frontier, Vol. 1: Colonial Families to the Revolutionary War Period by Jeannette Holland Austin

The Georgia Frontier, Vol. 2: Revolutionary War Families to the Mid-1800s by Jeannette Holland Austin

The Georgia Frontier, Vol. 3: Descendants of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina Families by Jeannette Holland Austin

Marching on! John Brown's Ghost from the Civil War to Civil Rights by Robert Willis Allen

The Appomattox Paroles April 9-15, 1865 by William G. Nine and Ronald Wilson

History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, Vol. 1-10, index Vol. 1-4, complete set by Samuel P. Bates

Polish Surnames: Origins & Meanings, Third Edition, Vol. 1 and 2 by William F. Hoffman

German Church Records of Rockingham County, Virginia, Vol. 1 by Brigitte Burkett

Washington County, Pennsylvania, Quarter Sessions Court Records August 1781-March 1795, by Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society

The Adventures of Lai-Lai & Chub-Chub: Lai-Lai meets Chub-Chub by Dr. Aaron Chokan

Next Stop Sylvania, Ohio: A History of the First Train Line West of the Allegheny Mountains and its Journey through Sylvania by Gaye E. Gindy

Fatal and Nonfatal Accidents in the Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal Districts 1898-1901, Vol. II by Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society

Emigration from the United Kingdom to America, edited by Ira A. Glazier

History of Scranton, Pennsylvania by David Craft, William A. Wilcox, Alfred Hand, and J. Woodridge

Fantastic Shadows Upon the Ground by Greg Fugitt

Quaker Marriage Certificates, compiled by Gwen Boyer Bjorkman

The People of the Lowland Perthshire by David Dobson

Irish Quaker Records 1654-1860 by Olive C. Goodbody

The Rhode Island 1777 Military Census, transcribed by Mildred M. Chamberlain

Genealogy Standards by the Board for Certification of Genealogists

The Old Man and Me by R.C. Larlham

A Grassroots History of the American Civil War, Vol. II by Richard J. Staats

Scots in Canada by Jenni Calder

History of Chautauqua County, New York, Vol. I-II by Andrew W. Young

Finding Your Italian Ancestors by Suzanne Russo, AG

Runaway Women, compiled by Judith Ann Highley Meier

Remember for a Lifetime by Richard H. Payson

A List of People who Have Been Members of, or Connected with Centre Presbyterian Church, New Park, PA from 1780-1980, compiled by Mary Helen Emery

The Printed Birth and Baptismal Certificates of the German Americans, Vol. VII by Earnest & Stopp

Building a Firm Foundation by Susan Paolano McKiernan and Joann Garwood King

The Stone on John Brown's Grave by Clarence S. Gee

Polish Genealogy by Stephen Szabados

A Volcano Beneath the Snow: John Brown's War Against Slavery by Albert Marrin

The Buckeye Vanguard by Richard F. Mann

Duty Well Performed by Bradley Quinlin and Joshua Haugh

The History and Genealogy of the Dague Family by Carrie M. Dague

Beyond the Family Tree

by Jennifer Worick

Have you ever said "I wish I had asked my family about themselves" or "I wish I had listened better"?

Here are some tips from Worick's book: she gives 21st Century ideas on planning for a family member interview using video and audio techniques. Also she describes how to set up for location, lighting and sound. She includes thirteen topics of questions from Youth, Hopes, and Dreams to Deep Thoughts.

She continues with Facebook presentations, as well as using Skype, etc.

Make sure you go to the interview with a list of questions you want to ask, along with pencil and paper. You cannot possibly remember all that is said. Her list of questions is thoughtful, and often overlooked.

Don't procrastinate and let time run out. I have found my family members were glad to talk about the past family events. Your family will be glad you passed on the family stories.

Nancy Brock

THE PB & J PROJECT

HGSG is embarking on a yearlong project called PB&J, named after the founders of the project. PB&J are three volunteers who are willing to meet with HGSG volunteer mentors. Each has a line of genealogical research with a specific goal in mind. The mentors will develop a research plan, assign tasks, and suggest resources. The participants and mentors will meet quarterly to access their progress and determine the next steps to proceed. Updates on the PB&J project will be reported quarterly in *The Green*.

Please send in your dues by September 15!

HUDSON GENEALOGICAL STUDY GROUP

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(Please Print)

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City _____ State _____ Zip (+ 4 if known) _____ - _____

Current e-mail address _____ Phone Number _____

Genealogy Software used _____

Surnames you are researching _____

Geographic area of interest _____

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Programs you would like to hear in the future _____

The membership year runs from September 1 to August 31 the following year. Please complete and include this form with your check by September 15, to ensure accurate information for our membership booklet. HGSG dues are \$15 per year (or any portion of the year) for couples and individuals.

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SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

Our speaker will be Chris Driver, a founding member of the Hudson Genealogical Study Group and a 36 year Hudson resident. She will speak on “Wait for Me: Finding our Russian Family”. Chris’s family had the unique experience of being contacted by a Russian television show. The popular show connects individuals looking for Russian relatives. The result has been filling in the blanks in her genealogy, a visit to Russia, and reconnecting with family.

Please join us for an interesting and educational program and the election of officers on Saturday, 7 June.

The slate of officers for 2014- 2015

President: Lynda Brodine
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NEXT MEETINGS

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting
Speaker: Chris Driver
The Russian Connection of
“Who Do You Think You Are?”

Saturday, September 6, 10:00 a.m.

First program in the fall of 2014
Speaker: Helen Soblesky
Searching for Census Records on
Ancestry.com