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Announcements



Logan FHC Hours:

Mon & Fri - 9:30-5:00
Tu/W/Th - 9:30-9:00
Saturday - 9:30-2:00

Would you like to serve at the Logan Family History Center?

We are in need of volunteers and part-time Church Service Missionaries. If you would like to help in this

important work, please call the Center, 435- 755-5595, and ask to speak with Brother Ray who will share with you what is involved in serving at the Center.

With our excellent training program, you will be trained in the use of computers, PAF, TempleReady, internet use, basic and advanced family research as well as other areas that will enable you to serve at the Center. We have 9 different shifts, Monday through Saturday, on which you may serve.

When you are not busy assisting patrons, we encourage you to work on your own family history. This is an excellent way to serve and to learn more about your own family history.

Logan Utah Genealogy & Family Heritage

Jamboree - March 24, 2007 at the Eccles Conference Center in Logan, Utah on the campus of Utah State University. Sponsored by The Logan Utah Family History Center and My Ancestors Found. This event will feature 36 terrific classes to choose from, vendors and exhibitors, and the latest genealogy products and technology. Free drawings and prizes during the day! Pre- register for classes at the low admission price of \$37, which includes box lunch. (\$42 at the door) To register, go to <http://www.myancestorsfound.com/Logan/jamboreeLogan.htm>

Family History Tips



Orem Digital Processing - The goal of this mission zone is to scan, digitize and place onto the internet all the family history

books in the Family History Library, BYU, and Allen County Public Library. They contain stories, genealogies, pictures, and histories of families that have been lovingly researched, but the books do not circulate outside the Family History Library. They are still acquiring technology and staff, but the core of missionaries are hard workers and spiritually united. You can see initial efforts at <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/> ---"The Journal", Family and Church History, Church-Service Missionaries, Vol 3, Issue 1, No 10, Feb 2007

"The future of family history researching may be closer than you think," said Rich Running at a lecture held on January 9, 2007, as part of the annual Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy sponsored by the Utah Genealogical Association. Nearly 200 people attended the lecture, "Opening the Granite Mountain Vault," where production management leaders of the Church and Family History Department of the Church explained technological advances in two facets of genealogical research—scanning and indexing. Click this link to read the complete article "[Lecture Looks at Future of Family History Online](#)" (Ids.org news - February 20, 2007)

Questions/Answers



QUESTION: On the study guide for the DVD "Ancestors" that is aired on BYUTV, it lists a website: that is supposed to have a format of a letter, and help, to request vital records/and or information from a state or county. This website no longer exists and I cannot find anything similar on familysearch.org. Do you have any suggestions

where this information might be found.

ANSWER: I believe the information is still there, though possibly in a different format. Click on the Search tab, then select the Research Helps tab. On the left, click Sorted by Document Type and choose Step- by-step Guides. Scroll down to United States, Birth and Death Records Created by Town, County or State Governments. Explore all the tabs.

QUESTION: My great, great, grandmother came to America from Wales in 1879. She became a member of the Church of Latter-day Saints while still in Wales. How and where can I find her date and place of baptism?

ANSWER: If she is deceased, I would first try the IGI online at FamilySearch.org. If you don't find here, I would next try the ward membership records. You can find the film number in the Family History Library Catalog online at FamilySearch.org then go to your nearest Family History Center and order it on temporary loan for \$5.50. Click the library tab, then the library catalog tab. Using the keyword search, enter words such as LDS, membership, wales, and the county or branch. Or do a place search, then search the Church Records category for LDS Membership records.

QUESTION: I have a number of individuals in my file whom I wish to have sealed to their parents. I know who their parents are from the Scottish BMDs. I have found the various sets of parents in the IGI with their date and place of marriage as taken from official sources like the Parish Registers, and the parents have been sealed to each other, but no other information about them (such as date or place of birth) is shown. Is that enough information about the parents to have their children sealed to them?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: Somehow, an ancestor in my PAF file comes up with two marriages, one to her regular husband and the other to her grandson. I have deleted said marriage at least five times, re-entered the grandson's true marriage to his true wife with the date, place, etc. But, alas the deleted marriage still sticks to my ancestor. It only appears for her. When her grandson is the highlighted individual, he shows only one marriage, his correct one. What am I doing wrong.

ANSWER: You're probably not doing anything wrong. Try running PAF's data

check/repair feature. Select File > Check/Repair. That is a pointer error that PAF should be able to correct.

Favorite Websites



Ancient Faces - One of the largest visual genealogy presences on the Internet by providing a free location for the exchange of photos. Scanned photos are uploaded by their owners. Others researching family trees can place faces with the names of their ancestors.
<http://www.ancientfaces.com/>

TimeandDate.com is perfect to find the exact date of an event. For example, an obit says a person died the Wednesday before and you do not have a calendar for which to assign the date. <http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/genera te.html>

Surname Queries



CORRECTION: I am trying to find the parents and siblings of Elizabeth **Stokes**. She was born 27 June 1827 in Pennsylvania (I think). She was married to George Washington **Kearns** on 21 Jan 1847 in , Muskingam, Ohio. I am also trying to find the parents of John Peter **Kassener** who was born abt 1674 in Germany. He married Magdalena Maria **Nussbaum** 2 April 1694 in New York.

Any help on these two ancestors of mine would be wonderful ! Thanks,
judyatbearlake@yahoo.com.

My husband's ancestors lived in Sneed Hollow, Tennessee. We know it was in McMinn County but I have not been able to find this place. We would like to visit there. Does anyone have an idea how to locate it? Please contact Barbara at barbokie@hotmail.com

I am looking for information on my 4th great grandfather, John McGough born 1784 in Ireland. He is the son of Arthur and Susan McGough. He became the 1st High Sheriff of Cambria county Pennsylvania on July 6, 1821. He was killed on June 24, 1856, in an accident on the Portage railroad in Cambria County, PA. His wife was Sarah Glass. If you can help, please email Daniel at sthiespoar@gmail.com

New Acquisitions



1. "A Goodly Heritage: Earliest Wills of an American Frontier" (Allegheny Pennsylvania), by Ella Chalfant. Call# US PA Allegheny S2c
2. "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register", Vol. 161, No. 641, January 2007

Remember...



The Value of Keeping Records by Leslee S. Boss, R. Wayne Boss,

The phone rang at 7:20 on Sunday morning. I picked it up and heard the pleasant voice of the first counselor in our bishopric. "Hi Carol. This is Bill Simpson. Is Alex there?"

"Yes, but he's still in bed. Would you like me to wake him?"

"How soon will he be getting up?" he asked.

"He said he'd set his alarm for 7:45, but sometimes that doesn't mean a whole lot."

"I know what you mean. Why don't you ask him to give me a call as soon as he gets up. As you're probably aware, he's scheduled to speak in sacrament meeting this morning. The other youth speaker is sick, so if he'd like to take a few minutes longer than usual, he's welcome to do so."

"This morning!" I gasped. "I didn't know anything about it. But I haven't seen him for more than ten minutes at a time since last Wednesday night."

"Would you please ask him to give me a call when he gets up?"

I agreed, said good-bye, and hung up the phone. I knew Alex wasn't prepared. He told us last Sunday that he was scheduled to speak in sacrament meeting, but I had the impression that his assignment was still two weeks away! At 7:24 I was standing next to my son's bed. "I just got an interesting call from Brother Simpson."

With his eyes still closed, he groaned, "What did he want?"

"He tells me you'll be speaking in sacrament meeting this morning."

Alex's eyes popped open, and I knew I had his attention. Ninety seconds later he was on the phone with Brother Simpson.

"Sure, I'd be happy to. Thanks for the opportunity." He then hung up the phone, walked over to the kitchen cupboard, opened up the cabinet door, and dropped two slices of bread into the toaster.

"Well, what are you going to do?"

He looked at me, smiled, and said, "I'm going to be the two youth speakers in sacrament meeting this morning. I have ten minutes."

"Can I be of any help?"

"Nope. But thanks anyway."

I felt sick to my stomach. I couldn't give a decent ten-minute talk if I had a week to prepare, and my sixteen-year-old son thinks he can give one two hours from now? Alex took the longest shower of his life, dressed, and left at 8:15 for his priests quorum presidency meeting. As he walked out the door, I asked, "Are you ready for sacrament meeting?"

He again grinned and said, "I hope so."

I again felt that empty feeling in the pit of my stomach. Several years ago he had suffered from low self-esteem, and I wasn't sure how he would react if he fell on his face, so to speak. I didn't see how he could help but embarrass himself--just as I do whenever I stand at the pulpit. And I had years of experience.

The opening activities of sacrament meeting that day were the shortest in the history of the Church: no announcements, no business, short hymns. Then my son stood at the pulpit and started to speak: In First Nephi, chapter three, verse seven, the prophet Nephi said, "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he

shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them." From my own experience, I can bear witness that the Lord does prepare the way for us to accomplish what he asks us to do. Alex then shared a personal experience from two years earlier, when the Lord had helped him do something he thought was impossible and had blessed him for his obedience.

It was a touching experience. The Spirit of the Lord was present as he spoke. He closed by bearing his testimony that the gospel was true. I couldn't believe what I had heard. It was truly a wonderful talk. As he joined the family after the closing prayer, I said, "Son, that was great. How did you do it?"

"Simple. I just read part of my journal."



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