

Logan Utah Regional Family History Center

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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

Quarterly Family History Leader Training TONIGHT - Logan Utah Regional Family History Center will hold a training meeting for all Ward and Stake Family History

Personnel (Stake Presidency member over FH, High Councilman over FH, Bishopric member over FH, High Priest Group Leader, & Ward Family History Consultants) this evening, Wednesday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Logan Tabernacle.

Saturday at the FHC - Don't forget, our Center is now open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Upcoming class schedule - We're still anxious for suggestions to help us serve you better as we prepare the upcoming class schedule for the new year. Please take a minute to [send us your feedback](#).

Family History Tips



Personal History Questions: You know you should write a personal history but the task seems overwhelming. But it doesn't need to be. Let's break it down to one bite at a time, like eating an elephant. Let's follow President Kimball's example. Each month we will have a list of questions, one for each week, you can answer and use in compiling your personal history. By the end of the year you will have quite a history.

1st Month

- Week 1: What is your favorite scripture story? Write about it & tell why it's your favorite.
- Week 2: Did you go on a mission? Tell about it. If you're planning to go on a mission, tell how you're preparing for it. If you didn't go on a mission, talk about any missionary experiences you've had.
- Week 3: What do you like to do in your free time?
- Week 4: What can you do to be a better example to those around you?

2nd Month

- Week 1: What did you learn from Stake Conference?
- Week 2: Did you have a favorite subject in school? One you dreaded?
- Week 3: What would you like to do to improve the world?

- Week 4: Do you have a favorite author? Who? Why?

Keep it up. (Idea shared by Carole Peyus from LDSFHCConsultants Mailing list) Salt Lake Granger West Stake, Family History Center Bulletin, Vol 8, Issue 8, August 2007.

Vital Records - At BYU's recent conference, Mary E.V. Hill shared ideas for finding information about main events in the lives of our ancestors. She suggests that we start with the death record, as it's the most recent event. Many marriage records going back to early days have survived and birth records provide much information, but didn't start until the late 1800's. Research Outlines for each US state are online. Go to www.familysearch.org and click on "Search," then "Research Helps," then "Title," and finally, "State Research Online." Sister Hill suggests we also check the Family History Library Catalog (available online at FamilySearch), where vital records may be found on any level of jurisdiction. Wonder where to write for vital records? Try these sites:

- <http://www.vitalrec.com>
- <http://www.genealogy-links.org>

She reminds us that the FHL staff has created **Registers** to help us learn about various important record types. Substitutes for vital records include church records (christenings, marriages, and burials), cemetery and sexton records, funeral home records, obituaries, the Social Security Death Index (also online at FamilySearch), school records, and military records. ---Sharlene Hall Bartholomew, Marge Westra's Newsletter, 8/31/07

Questions/Answers



Question: I've used PAF Insight at the Family History Center to edit place names easily, search for ordinance information, compare databases, etc. I've been advised that I can purchase it and use at home, but is there any reason to do so if NewFamilySearch is coming soon? Won't PAF and PAF Insight no longer be needed?

Answer: NewFamilySearch is **NOT** meant to replace your current genealogy program. (It **IS** meant to replace TempleReady) It does not have all the features found in a good genealogy program. There are several companies (including those who design PAF Insight, Ancestral Quest, Legacy and Rootsweb) working closely with the Church to provide programs compatible with and which will enhance your experience with NewFamilySearch.

Question: I am participating in FamilySearch Indexing. I've heard others talk about various projects they have been working on, but all I ever get is the 1900 Census. Is there a way to work on different projects?

Answer: Instead of clicking on "**Download Indexing Batch**" click on "**Download From...**" You will get a screen listing all the current projects and you can choose which project you want to work on. Before working on a new project, **BE SURE** to study the specific project instructions.

Question: I would like to transfer information from cassettes and VHS's of my deceased mom onto CD's and DVD's to give to the grandchildren. How can I do that on the computer?

Answer: You will need a special cable to attach your recorder to your computer and software for performing the transfer. There are several available. If you go to Google.com and enter "cassette to computer" you'll get several to choose from and instructions to help you get started.

Favorite Websites



Georgia Death Index - FamilySearch and the Georgia Archives

announced that Georgia's death index from 1919 to 1927 can be accessed for free online. The online index is linked to digital images of the original death certificates and can be searched and viewed at GeorgiaArchives.org (Virtual Vault link) or search.labs.familysearch.org.

Surname Suggestion List - <http://home.triad.rr.com/combsfamily/sslmain.html>

A free computer program you can download to assist you in searching the web for information on your surnames. Enter a surname, then click the Search button, and it will create 3 lists of similar sounding surnames--Excellent, Close, and Longshot. You can then select a surname in the list and click the Google Search button. A new window will be opened up which will perform a genealogy search on Google for your surname. It's a great way to find spellings you may never imagine. ---submitted by Gladys Owens

Surname Queries



Is anybody working on the **Lillethun** line? They came from Norway in the second half of the 1800's, and settled in Fingal, North Dakota. They stayed in North Dakota for the first half or so of the 1900's. Contact joan_elder@comcast.net

New Acquisitions



None this week

Remember...



Life Is a Gift Author unknown

Today before you say an unkind word - Think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food - Think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife - Think of someone who's crying out to GOD for a companion.

Today before you complain about life - Think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before you complain about your children - Think of someone who desires children but they're barren.

Before you argue about your dirty house someone didn't clean or sweep - Think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance you drive - Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job - Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another - Remember that not one of us is without sin and we all answer to one MAKER.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down - Put a smile on your face and thank GOD you're alive and still around.



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