

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 - for all Ward and Stake Family History Personnel (Stake Presidency, High Council and Bishopric members over Family History,

High Priest Group Leader, & Ward Family History Consultants) will be held **Wednesday, April 29** at the Logan Tabernacle at **6:30 p.m.** for newly called leaders and **7:30 p.m.** for general session.

Logan Family History Expo 2009 - This is a great, local family history conference you won't want to miss. It will be held at Eccles Conference Center on the campus of Utah State University, May 9 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can get more information and register online at fhexpos.com

Legacy User Group - Due to changing needs, we will discontinue formal Legacy User Group meetings. However, Sister Lemon WILL continue to be available for consultation if needed.

Family History Tips



Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900.

www.ilsos.gov/GenealogyMWeb/marrsrch.html Read all the information carefully about how to obtain copies of original marriage records. The Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) system does not hold marriage records for all of the

counties and date spans shown in the county list. There are 7 IRAD Depositories, each covering different counties. Obtaining a marriage record from a county clerk is much more expensive than obtaining it from an IRAD so be sure to check first to learn if the county where the marriage took place is covered by IRAD. IRAD marriage record searches are free, but a small copy fee will be billed for records found. Presently it's 25 cents a page with a \$1.00 minimum.

When you request a marriage record, which is copies of two pages from a register, also request copies of the marriage application, which is two more register pages and contains added information including places of birth, names of parents, number of marriages, where and when married, witnesses, etc. I'm not sure if all counties kept application registers but the counties where I needed marriage information did. IRAD usually doesn't include it if you don't specifically ask for the additional application information.

Source: Submitted by Barbara DeHart, Logan Regional Family History Center

Questions/Answers



Question: Why doesn't Utah have genealogy death certificates before 1905 to view? So many of my ancestors died before 1905 and I would like to see the reason for their deaths. Are there records for births during the 1800's to view?

Answer: State registration of births and deaths was not required until 1905. For more information on the availability of earlier county and territorial records, go to the FamilySearch Wiki at wiki.familysearch.org/en/Utah_Vital_Records

Question: I have taught PAF classes at our FHC for several years. I am a little discouraged and wondering about what is going to become of PAF. Some on our staff are switching over to different software. I would like to stick with PAF as would most of our staff. Are you still teaching PAF classes? What should we be doing. I have people who are wanting to take classes on Multi Media and Sources and Notes and I would love to teach them. I just don't want to teach them something that is going to be out dated in the next few months. Is PAF going to survive? Will the church make it compatible with the new family search?

Answer: PAF is NOT going to die anytime soon. It will NOT be updated to sync with nFS, but FamilyInsight (updated version of PAFInsight) WILL provide that capability, just like PAFInsight provides the IGI search and other additional utilities for PAF now. Yes, we are still teaching PAF and are planning to continue, but we are also going to teach Legacy, RootsMagic and possibly Ancestral Quest as we are getting more and more patrons using those programs as well.

Favorite Websites



Arizona Vital Records - Located at <http://genealogy.az.gov> is a great resource for those looking for family ancestors who might have lived in the state from the 1800s up to the present era. Quick, free and easy to use, this information is easily searchable, returning clear PDF copies of public birth and death certificates!

Linkpendium has links to over 7 million websites to help you in your research. Go to www.linkpendium.com/ It is divided into locality links (USA) and surname (worldwide) links. For a locality, simply click on a state, then select a county. The links are grouped by the topics of the websites. For surname links, select a letter of the alphabet, then the beginning letters of your surname. The links are then grouped by topics.

Surname Queries



The descendants of **Chauncey Walker West**, 1827 - 1870, a early Mormon Pioneer, Churchman and Businessman, will be dedicating a new cemetery monument for Chauncey and his family on May 9th, at 11:00 A. M. The dedication will be held at the family plot in the Ogden City Cemetery. There will be a West family gathering in the City of Farr West immediately afterward.

The reunion will include lunch and a program focusing on Chauncey's incredible life. All descendants of Chauncey and related family members are invited to attend. For further information, visit the blog at <http://chaunceywestmonument.blogspot.com/> Please RSVP Norma Buchanan if you are coming so we can have an accurate lunch count, at norma.buchanan@hotmail.com.

New Acquisitions



None this week

Remember...



The Story of Sharon Jones

For the past year Sharon Jones has been doing family history work. She began her quest to find her ancestry by recording personal information about herself and her parents. She also talked to several family members who knew a bit about their family heritage. By doing these things and by searching other resources, she was able to find and record information about herself, her parents, her grandparents, and her great-grandparents. After she researched for awhile, she had more difficulty in locating information. Although she searched diligently, she could not find information about her great-great-grandparents on her father's side. After many hours of searching, she became frustrated.

Sharon changed her strategy. Instead of trying to go back in time, she decided to come forward. From her pedigree chart, she picked her great-grandfather and great-grandmother (the son and daughter-in-law of the missing great-great-grandfather). She then searched for information on all the children and grandchildren of this couple. She traced these descendants all the way to the present day. In doing so she found over 300 new people who were all part of her extended family. The research helped her find clues about the origins of her family and helped her contact a distant cousin who had valuable information about her unknown great-great-grandparents on her father's side. Sharon was no longer at a dead end.

Source: "Perform Descendancy Research", FamilySearch Family History Lesson Series, pg 11. www.familysearch.org/eng/lessons/L1_Descendancy_Research.pdf

Class Schedule for the Coming Week

Our class schedule is available at the Center and [online](#). Please pre-register for the classes you wish to attend by calling the Center (755-5594), registering [online](#) or by [email](#). The cost for each class is \$2 or the cost of materials (whichever is greater).

- Wed, Apr 22, Searching Obituaries, 36, Winkler, David-1 wk, 10 AM
- Wed, Apr 22, Family History Research on a Budget- 11, Curry, Yvonne, 1 wk, 7 PM
- Sat, Apr 25, Family Search Indexing, 5, Bartholomew, Gail-1 wk, 3 PM
- Mon, Apr 27, Family History Consultant Training- 34, Winkler, David, 4 wk, 3 PM
- Tue, Apr 28, PAF 5 - Focus/Filter, 12, Gerber, Robert-1 wk, 10 AM
- Wed, Apr 29, Land Records, 7, Bray, Verne,-2 wk, 10 AM
- Thu, Apr 30, Blogging, 26, Ray, Byron-1 wk, 7 PM
- Fri, May 01, British Research Online-6, Bradford, Joyce, 1 wk, 10 AM

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