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Announcements



New FamilySearch Classes -

Due to the overwhelming response to the 10 classes we offered on New Family Search, we have added 5 additional classes:

1. Wed, June 10 at 1 p.m. (TODAY)
2. Mon, June 15 at 1 p.m.
3. Tue, June 16 at 10 a.m.
4. Wed. June 17 at 7 p.m.
5. Thu, Jun 25 at 7 p.m.

Please check the full schedule information at the end of this newsletter for more details and how to register.

English Research Help - Maureen Nield, a specialist in English research will be available at the Center every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. through the summer to help patrons with English research problems.

Family History Tips



Keep History Accessible: In our home, we've set aside an entire bookcase for family and history stuff. Books on local history are stored along with the working scrapbooks and today's photo albums. Several shelves are devoted to a collection of videotapes and CDs in addition to scrapbooks with family photos

dating back several generations. --- Dennis N. Randall, "Family History Tips and Tricks", <http://crafts.kaboose.com/scrapbooking/family-history-tips.html>

#1 Tip in Family History - Start with what you know and work backwards. Talk to your relatives (particularly elderly ones) and find out what they know and write it down, even if it seems a bit muddled. It may make more sense later. --Armand DeFilippo, Shropshire Archives "Top Ten Tips for Success".

Questions/Answers



Question: I am looking for the contact person who can give info for burials in regard to the Lewiston Utah cemetery.

Answer: The Lewiston Utah cemetery Sextant is Mark Blair. You can contact him at 435-258-5191 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Favorite Websites



NewFamilyHistory (Norway) -
newfamilyhistory.googlepages.com/norwayresources Links to online resources for Norway.

NewFamilyHistory (England) -
newfamilyhistoryengland.googlepages.com/home With links to online family history sites. A web page for every county in England.

Surname Queries



None submitted this week. Don't miss out on this opportunity to coordinate your research efforts with others who may be working on one of your lines. [Submit a query...](#)

New Acquisitions



None this week

Remember...



Known But To God

By James W. Petty, AG®, CG

Peter Barton followed his guide into the basement archives of the International Committee of the Red Cross Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Commissioned by the Australian government, this British historian was on assignment to uncover information about 400 World War I Allied soldiers recently re-discovered in 2008, in a mass grave in the village of Fromelles, France. He had no idea of what records existed for these fallen heroes. He was not prepared for what he was about to find.

The room he was led to was filled with card and document files, virtually untouched since they were put there over 80 years ago. They didn't pertain to just one battle, but to many; and not just to one army, but to all of the armies involved in that great conflict. Peter didn't find records about just 400 soldiers, he found records for 20,000,000 individuals.

These records in the basement of the Geneva Red Cross Archives contained information prepared by the German Army during World War I, primarily of Allied soldiers who had been wounded, captured, imprisoned, or killed during the war, as well as some German and Axis soldiers who had died, but whose families had never been determined to inform them about their lost soldier sons. The Allied soldiers, found in this collection, had originally been identified by their papers and dogtags, or by their own admission. When the information was recorded, it was sent to the Allied Red Cross by the German officials, so the proper leaders and the soldiers' families could be notified. For many soldiers that is where the information stopped.

Peter Barton was amazed by the extent of the records. He recognized the historical significance of the information, and that it could change the way we look at the history of World War I and the men who fought. He also realized that for tens of thousands of families who never knew what happened to their soldier son, or father, or husband, answers might be forth coming. For those soldiers who had died and were buried in Europe, specific co-ordinates of their burial sites were given in the

newly discovered records. Based on this detailed data, he learned, "you could pace out the instructions and find their graves." Men were buried individually or in mass graves, and the information was there. In nearly every European World War I cemetery, there is a site for the "Unknown Soldier." Peter Barton asked the archivists again and again whether other researchers had studied these collections, and again and again they replied that no one had even asked about the files. In so many cases, these soldiers have long been forgotten, and their whereabouts "known but to God."

The data in these Red Cross records tells of men from Australia, Great Britain, America, Canada, France, Greece, Germany, Russia, and dozens more countries. Efforts have already begun, to digitize this collection, which they hope to complete in 2014 by the 100 th year anniversary of the beginning of The Great Conflict. But, "The work of compiling and understanding the stories of these soldiers will take several lifetimes," Mr. Barton said. "I'm going to need to apply for another myself."

How does this information pertain to us? [Read the full article.](#)

Class Schedule for the Coming Week

The following "New FamilySearch" classes are being offered for those who have been given access to the web site. The registration fee is \$2. Please **pre- register** for the class you wish to attend by calling the Center (755-5594) Each class will be held weekly for 4 weeks. (**You MUST be registered for the NewFamilySearch site BEFORE you attend the class.**)

- Jun 10, Wed, 10-11:30 a.m., taught by Dave Winkler
- Jun 10, Wed, 1-2:30 p.m., taught by Dave Winkler
- Jun 15, Mon, 1-2:30 p.m., taught by Dave Winkler
- Jun 16, Tue, 10-11:30 a.m., taught by Ruth Castleton
- Jun 17, Wed, 7-8:30 p.m., taught by Dave Winkler
- Jun 20, Sat, 10-11:30 a.m., taught by Gladys Owens
- Jun 23, Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., taught by Louise Warren
- Jun 25, Thu, 7-8:30 p.m., taught by Norm Barber

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