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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

Read Only Access Update -

Read only access accounts for members in the Wasatch Front has been rescinded (stopped). If you are unable to access the new FamilySearch, please

contact your Ward Consultant who has access and can help you verify whether or not your ancestors work has been done.

All members in the Logan Temple District are now able to register with full access.

Quarterly Family History Leader Training - Logan Utah Regional Family History Center will provide a training meeting 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) It will be held Wednesday, July 29 at the Logan Tabernacle. Please note the following FORMAT and TIMES:

- **At 6:30 p.m.** we will hold a training meeting for newly called leaders where we will explain your responsibilities and suggest ways to jumpstart family history in your wards/stakes. (Baptistry)
- **At 7:30 p.m.** we will have our regular, general meeting for ALL Family History leaders and consultants where we try to give training on new resources, methods, programs, goals, etc. to inspire you in your callings. (Chapel)

Please submit this announcement to your ward bulletins, newsletters, etc.

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. Call the Center (755-5594) for an appointment.

Family History Tips



Marriage Banns and Intentions - Church records often list the

date on which a couple makes the announcement that they intend to marry. These are called marriage banns. In addition, you can find marriage intentions, which were non-religious public announcements of the couple's intention to marry. Don't misinterpret the dates of marriage banns and marriage intentions as the actual wedding date.

Source: "Tips for Reading Old Records: Dangerous Dates and Word Meanings" by Genealogy.com. Read the full article at: http://www.genealogy.com/genealogy/75_read ing.html

Reading Old Handwriting - One of the most important fundamental principles in reading old handwriting is that it is always necessary to compare: compare and match unknown letters, characters, or doubtful words in the same document to determine if they are the same. Compare with words on the same page, and then look on the pages before and after the one in question. Compare with letters and words that are familiar to you.

Source: "Guidelines for Reading Old Documents" by Kip Sperry Read the full article at [genealogy.com/genealogy/68_sperry.html](http://www.genealogy.com/genealogy/68_sperry.html)

Questions/Answers



Question: Is the IGI still being updated?

Answer: No

Source: nFS Help Center Document ID: 101710

Question: Where should I go to get the most current ordinance information?

Answer: New FamilySearch has the most current ordinance information. Members who have access to new FamilySearch should use new FamilySearch . Members, in a temple district which does not have access yet, should meet with a family history consultant or visit a family history center to view and verify the latest ordinance information. Family history consultants and family history center staff have the information necessary to help members view completed ordinances using the new FamilySearch system.

Source: nFS Help Center Document ID: 107347

Question: Our stake recently gained access to the new FamilySearch. I have searched on it and found a lot of information regarding people on our line. When I search the IGI using Ancestral Quest it comes up with different information than other search sources. Searching the old Family Search.org is sometimes also different. I don't understand why they don't all match. You can't prove one over the other.

Answer: All of the databases you mention are compilations of patron submitted information. They are individuals' interpretations of the sources (or lack thereof). To "prove one over the other" you need to look for the original records created at the time of the event in the location where the event took place.

Question: A member asked if he should destroy the ordinance card printed through Temple Ready when he discovered in nFS that the temple work had already been done for that ancestor. Should the card be destroyed?

Answer: If you discover the ordinances have already been done AFTER a card is printed. Do NOT just destroy it. Take the card to the temple so they can scan and cancel the ordinances.

Source: Logan Temple Recorder

Favorite Websites



Hoopes Genealogy - I have put a lot of our genealogical information on a website, found at [hoopsgenealogy.com](http://www.hoopsgenealogy.com) Family names include: **Hoopes, Lamoreaux, Curtis, Russell, Nelson** (several from Franklin/Cache Valley), etc. --John L. Hoopes, Soda

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...



How I Fell Through the Ceiling and Found Aunt Bessie

By Linda Rakita

Most of us have heard the adage "The shoemaker's children go barefoot." As an investigative specialist and instructor, I take pride in serving as the bridge to reconnect long lost loved ones.

So why the shoemaker analogy? Because while I've been busy finding other people's missing puzzle pieces, one of my own was neglected and fell by the wayside.

Aunt Bessie was my mother's best friend. Although not biologically my aunt, I adored her. When I was a teenager, her daughter Teri married and moved out of state. Aunt Bessie soon followed the newlyweds. I often wondered what happened to her and vowed to find her someday. That 'someday' turned out to be a certain morning.

While in the attic putting a suitcase away, the floor gave way and I found myself hanging half-way through the ceiling of the garage below. What a sight I must have been with my feet dangling through. As I was attempting to hoist myself up, my eyes fell upon a box containing my deceased mother's belongings. After I extricated myself, I gingerly brought the box down the attic stairs. What a goldmine it turned out to be! I found Mom's address book, old pictures, letters and even a 1974 calendar, the year she died.

I spent the next few hours happily looking through everything in the box. Eureka! The wedding invitation for Aunt Bessie's daughter was there, providing Teri's husband's name, Richard Reynolds. The old calendar was fun to page through and I loved seeing Mom's handwriting once again. Almost each square was filled with an activity and it warmed me knowing she was active and social her last few months. Lost in reverie, I was startled back to the task at hand when I noticed "Bessie's Birthday" written in red ink on August 17th. Armed with her birthday and names to research, I practically ran to my computer. With fingers racing over the keyboard in anticipation, I soon realized no information was appearing for Aunt Bessie. I feared she was not alive and checked the social security death index. Not knowing the year of her birth, I used the advanced search option and entered her name and August 17th. She wasn't listed. Or was she? I omitted her last name and found 517 Bessies born on that day who had passed away. Perhaps she'd remarried and was listed as deceased under a different surname.

I returned to the living room and the array of paperwork on the floor. Picking up Mom's old address book and thumbing through until I found Aunt Bessie's listing, I

knew I could do online research to find the names of her neighbors from 1974. From there, it would be possible to follow their timelines up to 2009 in hopes that one of them has been keeping up with her. Instead I decided to find her daughter, Teri. Again and again, I hit dead ends. Where were these two women?

It was at this point that I reminded myself of the same advice I give to students - be determined and persevere, don't get discouraged, finding nothing only means you are getting closer to your goal - just cast your net wider.

Another option would be locating the son-in-law. "Richard" and "Reynolds" were common names, but luckily after a few hours of investigating, I found myself on the phone with the correct man. He remembered my mother and turned out to be the key to completing my search. He explained after he and Teri divorced, she had remarried. Bessie was living with her daughter and a different son-in-law! That's why the two women weren't readily showing up for me. He graciously gave me Teri's phone number.

I thanked Richard and immediately placed a call to Teri's home. After four rings and with mind racing, I was about to hang up. Didn't they have an answering machine? If they did, what would I say? Maybe this was a bad idea. I should hang up. Would she remember me?

When Auntie Bessie answered the phone, I was teary-eyed before I could get my 'Hello' out. All apprehension washed away when I introduced myself and heard her excitedly exclaim, "Oh honey, I always hoped you would find me." My previous memories of her hugs, kindness and unique laughter had remained for decades. I had forgotten the softness of her sweet voice.

I could tell she was getting emotional, too. We wonderfully connected during our hour long conversation and made plans to talk again tonight when Teri gets home from work. There may be a hole in my ceiling but there is no longer a hole in my heart.

And that's how I fell through the ceiling and found Aunt Bessie!

Source: "GenClass Newsletter" #24 for July/Aug 09, by Micha Reisel

Class Schedule for the Coming Week

The following "**New FamilySearch**" classes will be 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 on the site **BEFORE** you attend the class.)

- Jul 8, Wed, 10-11:30 a.m., taught by David Winkler
- Jun 8, Wed, 1-2:30 p.m., taught by David Winkler
- Jul 9, Thu, 10-11:30 a.m., taught by Derwin Merrill
- Jul 9, Thu, 1-2:30 p.m., taught by Derwin Merrill
- Jul 10, Fri, 10-11:30 a.m., taught by Derwin Merrill
- Jul 13, Mon, 1-2:30 p.m., taught by David Winkler
- Jul 16, Thu, 5-6:30 p.m., taught by Janet Dawson
- Aug 18, Tue, 10-11:30 a.m., taught by Ruth Castleton

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