

# 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 - 9:30-3:00

**Family History Conference** - Logan Utah Regional Family History Center will be sponsoring a FREE family history conference, "Tracing Tangled Roots", **Saturday,**

**October 10, 2009** at the USU 5th Stake Center, 1230 N 600 E, Logan, Utah. The keynote speaker at 9 a.m. will be Randy Williams, Fife Folklore Archives Curator with Special Collections and Archives at USU Library. 30 additional classes to choose from.

For more conference details, class schedule, etc. go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~utcfhc/html/conference1.html>

**LFHC Monthly Staff Training Meeting** - Logan Regional Family History Center will be holding their monthly staff training meeting Wednesday, Oct 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel at the Logan Tabernacle. **We invite any ward family history consultants or staff from other family history centers who may want to join us.** Our topic this month is "Using Our New Oral History Room".

## Family History Tips



**Locating Vital Records** - If you need to know the year the county where your ancestor lived started keeping birth, marriage, death, land, court, probate, etc. records, consult the "REDBOOK", which has a red cover and is kept with the resource books in most FHCs. If you contact the clerk/recorder/courthouse

to ask for a copy of the record you're seeking and are told your ancestor's name appears on an index but for some reason the record is missing, don't give up yet. Some loose records have been filed incorrectly and some records, even ledgers/registers, sprout legs and walk away. The Salt Lake FHL may have copied the record you need long before it went missing. Always check the Library Catalog to learn if what you need might be on a microfilm or fiche. --Barbara DeHart

**Can't Find Your Ancestor?** If you're looking at an online index for your ancestor's name and it doesn't appear when you're almost positive it should be there, think how it might have been misread by the person who did the indexing. Or how an immigrant to the US might have pronounced their name or how it sounded to someone who didn't speak the foreigner's language. I was helping a patron find her mother and the

mother's sister on a passenger list. We found their brother, who sailed a couple years earlier by himself, on Ancestry.com but we couldn't find the sisters who, according to family information, had traveled together. He was also on the Ellis Island website but the sisters weren't. As I stared at the surname Geiselhart, I realized the way it was written the G appeared to be a B. I tried Beiselhart and much to my delight there were the sisters on the index arriving in New York in 1925 from Bremen. I first assumed the person making the index had misread the surname but when I looked at the original document I saw it was typed and the surname was spelled with a B. If you look at a computer or typewriter keyboard you'll notice the G key is above the B key. I believe it was a typo, especially after I noticed the girls' father's name was also on the passenger list and his surname was Veiselhart, the V key being next to the B key. So, while you're trying to figure out why the surname you're searching for isn't on a typed index, try the letters on the keyboard around the letter it should have been. --Barbara DeHart

## Questions/Answers



**Question:** What would be meant by a "natural born child" in 1797?

**Answer:** "Natural born child" most likely refers to a child born out of wedlock.

## Favorite Websites



**Midwestern Genealogist** - Blog focusing on research topics, facilities, and records of the Midwest.

**The Genetic Genealogist** - Blaine Bettinger helps you add DNA to your genealogy toolkit with his insightful posts on the current and future status of genetic genealogy. His easy-to-read blog, updated

almost daily, highlights various genetic testing companies and projects, current news and research, and various tips and resources for people interested in genetic genealogy testing and/or disease gene analysis.

**Source:** "10 Genealogy Blogs Worth Reading" By Kimberly Powell, [About.com](#)

**Online Digitized Books** at the SLC Family History Library have a red notation when the reference info is opened in the catalog. The book can be read online by simply clicking on the red notation. While some books, especially those at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, have been digitized, it would be worthwhile to check with BYU digitized books at [lib.byu.edu/online.html](http://lib.byu.edu/online.html). They have digitized many more books than the Salt Lake Family History Library. - George L. Casselman, Family History Consultant, Wellsville 5th Ward, Wellsville Stake

## 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...

## **I Choose To Stay**

(Poem for Emeline, my 2nd Great Grandmother)  
by George Geder

From where I cook, I can see the Willows  
The warmth  
The smell of the sweet cakes in the air

From the stable I can see the pastures  
The sunlight  
The smell of the junipers in the air

From the veranda I can see the creek  
The sounds  
The bullfrogs jumping in the air

From the slave quarters I can see my children  
My husband  
The rope hanging in the air

**Source:** George Geder Blog, <http://george-geder.blogspot.com/2009/04/genealogy-poetry-slam.html>

**Editor's note:** What a great way to share the history of an ancestor! If you are a "would-be-poet", why not capture the history of one of your ancestors and share it with our readers.

### **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).

- Oct 08, Thu, **Oral History Center**-#26, Ray, Byron, 1 wk, 7 pm
- Oct 09, Fri, **Family Insight-Synchronization**- #19, Merrill, Derwin, 2 wk, 10 am
- Oct 12, Mon, **New FamilySearch**-#12, Lemon, Sheri Lynn, 3 wk, 10 am
- Oct 14, Wed, **Computer Basics**-#37, Winkler, David, 2 wk, 10 am
- Oct 15, Thu, **New FamilySearch**-#18, Merrill, Derwin, 4 wk, 10 am
- Oct 15, Thu, **RootsMagic**-#28, Taylor, Wally, 6 wk, 7 pm

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