

# 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

**LFHC Monthly Staff Training Meeting** - Logan Regional Family History Center will be holding their monthly staff training meeting, **this morning**, Wednesday, Nov 11,

at 9:00 a.m. Due to construction going on at the Tabernacle, we will meet in the Logan 11th ward chapel at 195 S 100 E. **We invite any ward family history consultants or staff from other family history centers who may want to join us.** Our topics this month are the "England 1851 Jurisdictions in the FamilySearch Labs" and "How can Ancestral Quest, Family Insight or RootsMagic make my work with nFS easier?".

**Creative Ways to Share Your Family History** - This class, scheduled for Thursday, November 12, was incorrectly printed as 7:00 p.m. **It should have read 10 a.m.** There are still seats available. We would love to have you join us. Please call the Center (755-5594) to register for the class.

## Family History Tips



**Task: Combine Records**-This is first step to clean up the records for your first four generations in New FamilySearch (nFS)

The **Question** is often posed: Where should I start? The traditional answer, "always start with yourself and work back to past generations" is correct if your first four generations are not yet in New FamilySearch. However, if your first four generations are already in New FamilySearch there needs to be a paradigm shift in the traditional answer. Now the correct answer is: "Start with your 4th generation and work forward towards yourself". This is necessary because the first step in cleaning up your records in nFS is to combine duplicate records for all of the individuals in your four generations.

**Problem:** If you start with yourself and work back, you combine duplicate records for children before parents. When you combine in this order there will sometimes be duplicate children added back into the family when you combine the duplicate records of each parent. When this occurs you have to go back and combine duplicate records for the children a second time.

**Solution:** Working your pedigree chart from right to left avoids this repetition. Be sure and do all families in the fourth generation, then all in the third, then second -- in that order. You will need to stop the combining process when you come to living individuals since the records for living individuals cannot be combined.

The additional duplicate children situation often arises from extracted records where the computer programmers could not achieve the impossible task of programming the computer to decide where on the family tree to put individuals whose names, for example, were extracted from a London parish record indicating: 25 January 1840, a son John born to John and Mary Smith. This child has been sealed to his parents through the extraction program but the Family History Department wants us to decide if this John son of John and Mary Smith belongs in our portion of the world's family tree. If John is ours and we combine the record we will not need to re-do the ordinance of sealing him to his parents.

**Submitted by Derwin Merrill**

#### Questions/Answers



**Question:** Is there a "Germans from Russia" group in Logan? I would be interested in visiting with someone who is in that group. Are there any good web sites for Odessa area Germans from Russia

**Answer:** The "American Historical Society of Germans from Russia" has only one group in Utah:

Utah Chapter  
Mr. Phillip E. Boltz, Chapter President  
259 East 500 North  
Lehi, UT 84043-1638  
801/731-3054

For more information, go to their website at <http://www.ahsgr.org/>

The best way to find good sites for Odessa area Germans from Russia is to put those search terms in Google. I got lots of hits doing that. I can't give any good recommendations, as I have not used them, but if you try some you really like, please submit them for other readers who may be interested.

**Question:** We had a baby born prematurely; he lived 12 hours. Do we need to do temple work for him?

**Answer:** The only ordinance needed is sealing to parent if he was not born in the covenant.

#### Favorite Websites



**CuriousFox.com** - the village by village contact site for anybody researching family history, genealogy and local history in the UK and Ireland. Every UK county, town and village has a page for family history, local history, surname and genealogy enquiries. Use the search box to find your village or town. <http://curiousfox.com/>

**Genealogical Journal Online** - The New England Historic Genealogical Society announces the creation of a new web page on their [Newenglandancestors.org](http://Newenglandancestors.org) site entitled *Genealogical Journal Online: A National Collection*: ". . . connecting members to a number of the country's premier scholarly journals, giving them access to some of the most important research conducted during the past 150 years. New journals now available online include:

- **The Connecticut Nutmegger:** Published since 1968, the Nutmegger is the 'journal of record' for the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, and includes vital records, probate records, bible records, headstone records, memorials and

other useful research for families with Connecticut ties.

- **New Netherland Connections:** Published since 1996 by Dorothy A. Koenig, this journal focuses on the Dutch colonial period (1624-1664) in New York and New Jersey. Each issue has feature articles, replies to queries, and items of Dutch colonial interest. Particular attention is paid to identifying the European origins of New Netherland settlers.
- **The American Genealogist (TAG):** Published since 1923, TAG represents an important body of scholarly research covering the breadth of the United States, with an early preference for New England.
- **The Virginia Genealogist:** Published from 1957 to 2006, this journal includes compiled genealogies, personal property tax lists, court orders, deeds, wills, marriage registers, and other county sources from Virginia.

For more information, visit the NEHGS Website, [www.NewEnglandAncestors.org](http://www.NewEnglandAncestors.org), free at our Center.

### Surname Queries



I recently read a history of my husband's great great grandmother who was divorced by her husband to satisfy the government right after the Edmund's Tucker Act was passed. It was very similar to a history on my side of the family during that same time period. The similarities made me curious as to what happened to those second and third wives during that time frame of around 1887. I am interested in collaborating with others who have histories of polygamous wives during this time frame. I want to know, what happened to these wives? How did they survive when the government refused to even let the men send money to their wives or the men would be put in prison? If anyone is interested in helping me, they can contact Nancy at this e-mail [fullerfarms@yahoo.com](mailto:fullerfarms@yahoo.com) and put Edmund's Tucker Act in the subject line.

### New Acquisitions



None this week

### Remember...



#### How many of you see yourselves in this spoof on 1 Nephi 3?

7. And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto my father: I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, except Family History and Temple Work, for I know that the Lord giveth no commendments, except Family History and Temple Work, unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them.
- 8. And it came to pass that when my father had heard these words he was not exceeding glad, for he believed that Family History and Temple Work should not be excluded, and he said unto me: Nephi, why dost thou not do thy Family History?
  - 9. And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto my father: I have a huge boat to build, crops to plan, crops to harvest, meat to hunt for, a bow to repair, a family to care for, and a move to make to a new land. I don't have time. Cousin Laban has all our genealogy and Family History on the brass plates. He has a lot of money, servants and time. Therefore, we should let Cousin Laban do it, or you.
  - 10. And it came to pass that Lehi said: I cannot. I have Laman and Lemuel and all of their problems, my entire family, and I have to interpret the Liahona.

- 11. And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said: It is better that one man should work himself to death doing the Family History for us all, that that a family and nation organize and all contribute to the Family History.
- 12. And it came to pass that my father Lehi said: Are you sure? Something seems to be amiss. Nephi, go to Jerusalem and get a copy of our Family History from Cousin Laban.
- 13. And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did go to Jerusalem and found that Cousin Laban and lost his head and worked himself to death doing his Family History. Therefore, I took all the Family History to my father, Lehi, in the wilderness.

**Do these situations every apply to you:**

- The commandment to do temple and family history work does not apply to me.
- To many other things occupy your time.
- Some other family member is doing it.
- Others have more resources.

**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).

- Nov 12, Thu, **Creative Ways to Share Family History**-#22, Merrill, Luana, 1 wk, 10 am
- Nov 17, Tue, **Theology of Family History**- #6, Clark, John, 1 wk, 7 pm

**Our class schedule for the new year should be available just after Thanksgiving.**

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