

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 Wednesday, Feb 10, at 9:00 a.m. 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 topics for this month are the updated staff training certification and problem solving in New FamilySearch.

Three New Upcoming TV Programs featuring people learning about their ancestors.

1. **Faces of America**, Wednesday, 10 February 2010 on PBS. Hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "this is a 4-part miniseries featuring twelve celebrities. To view a trailer, click here: [Faces of America](#)
2. **The Generations Project**, Monday nights, BYU TV or online at [BYU Broadcasting](#). This series features the ancestry of ordinary people rather than celebrities. To view a trailer, click here: [Generations Project](#)
3. Who Do You Think You Are? Friday, 5 March 2010 from 8 to 9 pm ET on NBC. This is the American version of the popular BBC television series where celebrities trace their family trees. Information about the upcoming NBC show is at: [Who Do You Think You Are](#)

Source: Ancestry Insider, January 15, 2010

Upcoming Conferences

- **South Davis Regional Family History Fair** at Bountiful High School, Saturday, March 6, 2010. For more information, go to [familyhistoryfair.com](#)
- **Conference on Computerized Family History and Genealogy** at BYU, April 26-27, 2010 (Note the date change). For more information, go to

<http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwcompu/>

- **National Genealogical Society Conference** at the Salt Palace, in Salt Lake City, April 28-May 1. For more information, go to http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info/

Family History Tips



Blogging - Consider some of these tips and tricks:

- **Where Are You?** Not knowing where a blogger is based or the geographical area of their genealogy research can cause confusion for new visitors or force them to disregard your site as unimportant to their own research. Create a simple text widget or add a map for your side bar.
- **Add a Search Engine.** Many blog visitors won't take the time to go through your entire blog to look for information. Add a [search engine widget](#) similar to the one here on GeneaBloggers. For instructions on setting up Google Search and using the link on your blog, see this post on [Bootcamp for GeneaBloggers](#).
- **What Are Your Surnames?** Sure Google and other search engines will pick up your blog posts with the surname in them, but having them on the front page of your blog gives them greater page ranking abilities for your site. Again, a small sidebar widget perhaps linking to the tab or label for that surname would be useful for visitors.
- **A Simple Welcome.** Here's a great example of a welcome mat at [Everything's Relative - Researching Your Family History](#): Cindy has created a graphic for her sidebar which reads "Did you land on my blog because you searched for a name that's here? If so please contact me at CindysOffice@aol.com. I'm always looking for cousins and exploring possible family connections!"

Source: GeneaBloggers, "[Your Blog's Welcome Mat](#)", 6/Oct/2009

Questions/Answers



Question: If I've had a DNA test performed elsewhere, can I post my results on Ancestry?

Answer: If you've tested with Family Tree DNA or the National Geographic Genographic Project, you can add your DNA information to the Ancestry.com database. Simply go to dna.ancestry.com and click the link that says, "Enter your Y results or mtDNA results from Family Tree DNA and others." You will be able to add results from other companies in the near future. There are also other public databases you can check to find more DNA matches: www.ybase.org, www.ysearch.org, and www.smgf.org.

Question: Our Family History Coordinator mentioned Elder Packer's suggestion - something about going 5 generations back and then going back over the same territory checking for ordinances of children's spouse and children, seeing if they are done or not; the advantage being that more information is apt to be available and more incomplete ordinances for more people to be done, or something like that. Do you know the article? Reading it will help me to understand when direct-line takes precedence over side-lines.

Answer: The statement is a good one, but I can't find a specific article by President Packer talking about it. There is a good article by him talking about records becoming available when we need them, "[Your Family History: Getting Started](#)", Liahona, August 2003. by President Boyd K Packer.

He also wrote on July 14, 1994: "Members of the Church as individuals and families are responsible to identify their own direct-line ancestral families and see that temple ordinances are performed for them. They may also do family history research and temple work for their deceased relatives who are collaterally related (not their direct

lines).→ "Letter to General Authorities; Regional Representatives [now Area Authorities; Temple Presidents; Stake, Mission, and District Presidents; Bishops; and Branch Presidents.

Another good article is "*Branching Out on Your Family Tree*", By George D. Durrant, Ensign, April 2007

Last Week's Question: Temple ordinances (except sealing to spouse) which I completed in 2007 and 2008 for an ancestor are not showing in nFS. When I check that person on New Family Search, it says: "Temple Ordinance: Ready. You can prepare to take this ordinance to the temple." What does it all mean?

Patron Submitted Answer: I recently had this problem. All of the ordinances we did on a particular temple ready prior to NFS were done except initiatory. After searching through NFS for duplicates, I contacted them with the information. They had me scan the temple cards and send them in and they added the information. Evidently the cards were not properly scanned into the computer the day we did that batch of women in initiatory. The men we did that day showed up. --submitted by Irene Jeppsen

Patron Submitted Answer: Most of the time it is simply a case of combining records, but occasionally I have found that the ordinance dates are completely missing. During one of the updates on NFS some of the ordinance dates were lost. They did not transfer from the old version to the new. To correct this, you can go to labs.familysearch.org and go to Family Tree. If you search for the individual whose ordinance dates are missing and click on his name and go to open folder, you can then click on enter dates manually and it will open the boxes by the ordinances so you can fill in the missing dates. In NFS the ordinances will then show "Completed". At some point in the future, the dates will also transfer, but for now it is just showing completed. One note to insert the dates, the ordinances in NFS need to show "Ready" if they have been reserved by another person, you cannot insert the dates in Family Tree. -- submitted by Kathy Palmer

Favorite Websites



AnceStories Blog - <http://ancestories1.blogspot.com/> Consider bookmarking AnceStories. Blogger Miriam has begun a series, "52 Weeks of Online American Digital Archives and Databases." Each week, blogger Miriam will post links to a specific state. This week features Arkansas. Another helpful item is her "Frugal Genealogist" column with tips on saving money. This week's tip: It is generally less expensive to order an individual vital record from the county

clerk's office instead of the state's vital record department. Example: \$26 to order a birth record from the State of Michigan vs. \$15 from the Muskegon County Clerk.

Source: Generations Newsletter, February 2010, Washington DC Family History Center [info@wdcfhc.org]

Cousin Chart - Keeping track of family relationships can be complicated and it's sometimes hard to figure out how one person is related to another, especially when you come upon second, third or fourth cousins. This site will explain the relationship and how to determine it. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycattar/chart.html>

Surname Queries



I am looking for a picture of my GG grandmother, **Jane Taylor Nelson** (wife of **Edmond Nelson**) who lived and died in Franklin Idaho. Please contact John Hoopes at jlhoopes@gmail.com

New Acquisitions



"**Hyrum Stake of Zion. The First One Hundred Years**", April 28, 1901-December 8, 2002, by the Hyrum Stake History Committee, a gift from Maurine C. Ward. You can find it on the shelf by the call No. - US Utah Cache Hyrum K2h

Remember...



"I have learned that a person has the right and obligation to look down at another person ONLY when that person needs help to get up from the ground."

by Galoriel Garcia Marguez

Class Schedule for the Upcoming 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](#). If you include your phone number, a staff member will be happy to call and remind you a day or two prior to the class. The cost for each class is \$2 or the cost of materials (whichever is greater).

- Wed, Feb 03, **Using Blogs to Share Family History**-10, Davidson, Ted, 1 wk, 5:00 PM
- Thu, Feb 04, **Scottish & Irish Research**- 58, Hart, Emalu, 5 wk, 1:00 PM
- Sat, Feb 06, **How to Source**-60, Bartholomew, Gail, 1 wk, 3:00 PM
- Mon, Feb 08, **FamilySearch Indexing**-24, Lemon, Sheri Lynn, 2 wk, 10:00 AM
- Mon, Feb 08, **New FamilySearch**-44, Winkler, David, 3 wk, 3:00 PM
- Wed, Feb 10, **Searching Obituaries**-43, Winkler, David, 1 wk, 10:00 AM
- Wed, Feb 10, **Reading German Gothic Script**-20, Howard, Collette, 4 wk, 7:00 PM
- Fri, Feb 12, **Research for Beginners**-2, Bradford, Joyce, 4 wk, 10:00 AM

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