

# Logan Utah Regional Family History Center

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## Announcements



**Quarterly Family History Leader Training** - Don't forget the 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) will be held **this evening**, Wednesday, Sep 29 at the Logan Tabernacle at **6:30 p.m. for newly called leaders** and **7:30 p.m. for general session**.

**Family History Center Open House** - will be held 1 October 2010 in Salt Lake City, Utah at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, 15 E South Temple Street, in the Relief Society Room on the Mezzanine Level. Classes will be presented twice (same content)These classes are intended to provide training, information, and support for family history center directors and staff, and priesthood leaders with responsibility over family history. If you plan to attend, [please register](#).

- 8:00am & 1:00pm - Welcome
- 8:15am & 1:15pm - "Ask, Find, Teach"
- 9:00am & 2:00pm - "Community Involvement - Wiki, Forums, etc."
- 9:45am & 2:45pm - "Resources: FHC Equipment, FHC Online Tools, FHC Online Film Ordering"
- 10:45am & 3:45pm - Questions and Answer Panel

**The Legacy User Group will meet Tuesday, Oct 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center.** Everyone is invited. No charge. Suggestions for topics you would like to see discussed should be emailed to [sherilemon@comcast.net](mailto:sherilemon@comcast.net)

## Family History Tips



**Unfolding the Future of Online Family History Research** - At the Conference on Family History and Genealogy at BYU, Daniel C. Lawyer reported regarding FamilySearch, "someting big is coming soon". [Read about the future of FamilySearch](#).

**Ancestor Cards for Children** - Recently I've been mulling over how to present the genealogy I've done on our family so that it would grab my 9 year old grandson's attention. My good friend Illya of *Genealogy Today* suggested I use a baseball or hockey card format with one ancestor per card. Continue Reading: [Ancestor Cards for Children](#)

**Source:** Olive Tree Genealogy Blog, July 16, 2007

## Questions/Answers



**Question:** I ordered a film of German church records, found the name I was searching for and made a digital copy of the page to study at home. With the help of a German word list, I have deciphered most of the record but still have questions on a couple of the entries. Do you have someone at the Center who can transcribe it for me?

**Answer:** Yes we do if you come in on Wednesday or Thursday evening, but there is an even easier way! Go to the [FamilySearch forums](#) or the [Ancestry.com message boards](#) for Germany. You do have to register and sign in before sending messages, but it is free. Click on the "New Thread" or "New Post" button and enter a plea for transcription help and attach the digital copy of the page in question. I've used this method multiple times for help with Hungarian records and found excellent help within a few hours and you don't even have to leave home! (Although you are always welcome at the Center as well :)

## Favorite Websites



**The BYU Historic Journals database** - is currently beta testing their new technology for linking individuals in nFS directly to journals in their digital collection. This allows the user to tag names within the pages of the journals and cross reference them to the PID# of the individual in nFS. You will need your LDS account to register on the site. Go to <http://journals.byu.edu/> and watch a short video about finding journals by and about your ancestors.

**Nationwide Gravesite Locator** - This US Department of Veterans' Affairs site lists burials of military personnel and family members in US military cemeteries. Listings date from the Revolutionary War to the present and usually include name, rank, branch of service, and dates of birth and death.

[http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL\\_v1](http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1)

## 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



## Suggested Weekly Bulletin Thought



"In the work of redeeming the dead there are many tasks to be performed, and ... all members should participate by prayerfully selecting those ways that fit their personal circumstances at a particular time. ... Our effort is not to compel everyone to do everything, but to encourage everyone to do something"

Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve, "Family History: Wisdom and Order", Ensign, June 1989, pg 6.

### Remember...



The stories, passed down from generation to generation, are what bring family history to life. Be sure to record yours for posterity. Writing short stories for family blogs or websites is a good way to keep the stories alive for your descendants. For example, how fun would it be for family members to search for their ancestors online and find the following:

#### **Uncle Wendell Catches a Forty Pounder**

by David Wooddell, Sr. as related many times by my father, Luther H. Wooddell.

Ok no picture is needed here as you shall see. The year was around 1955. Grandaddy and Granny Wooddell, (aka Luther H. Wooddell, Sr. and Lenore (Shirey) Wooddell) along with Uncle Wendell (George) Perry and Aunt Myrtle (Wooddell - Grandaddy's sister) Perry had come to Bellville Illinois where we lived at the time for a visit. Dad (aka L.H. Wooddell, Jr.) was in the Air Force and stationed at Scott Air Force Base.

On with the story. The "menfolk" of course went fishing. This was normal. What was not normal was that it had been raining hard, and the creek where we went was running even with the top of the wooden bridge. Since the fishing was pretty much near impossible, after about 15 minutes, a 4 year old boy (aka David Wooddell) was walking around on a very wet bridge, stepping on the wooden planks to keep from getting "excessively wet".

On the upstream side of this very inundated bridge, was a log that had washed against the bridge, and was held there precariously by the raging current. Thus it looked like any other part of the bridge to a 4 year old. I recall stepping on it. Then I recall cold, brown water engulfing me (these memories etch indelibly) for but a few seconds. Then a hand grabbed my arm or collar and swung me up on the downstream side of the bridge.

In short order we packed up and went home. Upon our return, the "womenfolk" asked "Catch any?" To which my Dad replied, "just Uncle Wendell. He caught a 40 pounder!" Indeed he did. There I stood in damp hair, and someone's shirt. I was hustled inside to get dry clothes on. Thus you can understand this is but one reason why he was always one of my favorite uncles. That and he was a great person.

Upon his death in 1999, the realization hit me hard that perhaps, just perhaps, he as much as my father is responsible for my being here today. For had he not been a good Christian man, and in the good graces of God, and his one desperate reach into the murky water to save a boy being swept away by a raging current, there may not be this website, and my children today. The fact that I am here, is proof, that he really did "catch a 40 pounder that day."

This is the earliest "fish story" I can remember. Thank you for letting me share it.

by David A. Wooddell, Sr.

**Source:** <http://www.tx-wooddell.net/stories/40lbs.htm>

### 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).

- Tue, Oct 05, **New FamilySearch**-7, Castleton, Ruth, 3 wk, 1 PM
- Wed, Oct 06, **Using Digital Camera**-17, Curry, Bob, 1 wk, 7 PM
- Thu, Oct 07, **Family History for the "Very" Beginner**-29, Merrill, Luana, 2 wk, 1 PM
- Thu, Oct 07, **Syncing to nFS Using RootsMagic**-11, Barber, Norman, 3 wk, 7 PM

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