

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

The Legacy User Group will meet Tuesday, Nov 2, 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

Would You Like to Serve a Mission From Home?

The Family and Church History Department is looking for Family History Support missionaries. You would use Internet based resources to provide support to help others learn to use computer resources to do family history and provide ordinances for ancestors. These assignments require basic computer and family history skills and can be done via internet from your home. You can get more information online at www.lds.org Select *Serving in the Church*, then Mission and Service Opportunities. then *Worldwide Support Services*.

Family History Tips



Using Abstracts, Extracts, and Transcriptions - Records copied and published by others are often fraught with problems. Transcription and handwriting interpretation errors are common. More than that, however, are the problems resulting from someone else's interpretation of a document. One will abstract I

recently encountered contained spelling errors of surnames, omissions of some other heirs' names (including those of slaves), and included no description of the division of property. I strongly urge you to follow up on your find of abstracts and transcriptions with a look at a copy of the original documents. While many abstractors and transcribers do excellent work, you can often find additional important information (and errors) when you examine the documents yourself.

SOURCE: "[Along Those Lines - Common Research Wrong Turns](#)", Ancestry.com Archive, 9/17/1999

Learn about the records you will research. - Do not research in ignorance. Learning will invariably save you time and money. There are numerous printed guides to genealogical research available for purchase or through your local library. Additionally, there are online sites such as the Family History Library Web Site and

Genealogy.com that contain information about research and records in a wide variety of areas. You might also consider attending one of the many genealogical workshops and institutes offered around the country.

Source: "[Time-Saving Tips for Genealogists](#)", by Michael John Neill, Genealogy.com

Questions/Answers



Question: I registered as a ward Family History Consultant over a year ago and have received emails periodically from FamilySearch Support that are very helpful. My email has since changed. How do I let them know so I can continue to receive the information?

Answer: Just go to consultant.familysearch.org and re-register as a consultant.

Apology: To the patron who had this question, I appologize. I totally misunderstood the question being asked by our staff member.

Favorite Websites



LDS.org - Visit the LDS Church's new, upgraded website at new.lds.org. The graphical structure links to the teachings of prophets and apostles (both living and dead), guides you to the scriptures and other media, links to family history resources and offers tools for online gospel study.

Genealogy Links - This site consists of 3500 pages of more than 30,000 genealogy links from Eastern European countries.

<http://www.genealogylinks.net/europe/index.html>

Surname Queries



I am searching for **James Alexander Withrow** from Nova Scotia 1855 to Oswego, NY. If you can help please contact me at kathleen3@hughes.net

New Acquisitions



None this week

Suggested Weekly Bulletin Thought



"It was hard for me to get excited about genealogy work, with its many rules and regulations about commas, periods, and capitalization. The new family history service is quite another matter. It deals with loving, caring, feeling ancestors beyond the veil. Now, Richard Talbot, John Dunkerson, and Abraham Salee are not just names on a slip of paper for me to receive their temple ordinances. These are ancestors I love through temple work. They, in turn, have influenced my life. I find traits displayed in their purposeful lives woven into the fabric of my own character. Begin this work, and you will know why the Lord said, 'The hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers.'" (D&C 2:2.)

Source: Richard G. Scott, "*Redemption: The Harvest of Love*," Ensign, Nov. 1990, pg 5.

Remember...

Success Stories - Finding Cordelia

I grew up knowing that a distant branch of my family was Cherokee, but as with American Indian history in general, my Cherokee history had all but been lost. I knew a few facts: my Cherokee ancestry descended from my father's side; my father's side was from West Virginia; it was my grandmother's grandmother who was Cherokee; her name was Carissa, and she was often described in tones of brown - brown skin, eyes, and long black hair. With such little information, I began my work, hoping to find the genesis of my ancestry.

I started writing about Carissa in 2004. I wrote my first essay about her in a writing/research class. It was then that I discovered her name. My work waxed and waned over the next few years as I finished my undergraduate degree and began my graduate work.

According to my family, including my grandmother, Clarissa's mother was Electra Banks. According to records, she would have been thirteen when she gave birth to my great-grandmother, while her husband, Hamilton Dennis Ronk, was in his early twenties. This age difference was troubling to me, but my father chalked it up to the fact that our ancestors were "West Virginians". So I accepted Clarissa's parentage until I discovered a census record in the late 1800s that named Electra as Hamilton's second wife, and what's more, the record indicated she married him five years after my great-grandmother, Clarissa, was born. So I began looking for Clarissa's biological mother who, I believed was the missing link to our Cherokee roots.

I called genealogical centers in West Virginia, spent hours tabbing down through census records, nearly pulled my hair out strand by strand. I told my mother one evening on the phone that "if I ever find Clarissa's mother's name, I'll name my next daughter after her."

A few days later I had a dream: I was holding a beautiful baby girl. I told someone, as if in answer to their question, that the baby's name was Cordelia." The next morning I told my husband about the dream.

"Isn't that a strange name?" I asked.

"I've never heard of it," he answered. I'd heard of it but never considered it.

A week later I was in FamilySearch. For some reason, I hadn't checked the church site yet. I entered Clarissa into the search engine. Her name appeared, along with her place of birth: Garret's Bend. I noticed that Clarissa's work had already been completed in 2004. I paused, remembering that it was in 2004 that I wrote my first essay about her. It was 2004 that I found myself suddenly fascinated by her. Her name had been submitted by extractors, not by a family member submitting a family file. I felt grateful for those who dedicated so much time to extracting names and preparing them for temple work.

It was then I clicked on an underlined icon, Parents. There, clearly, was listed Clarissa's father, Hamilton, and her mother, Cordelia Pauley. I think I skipped a few breaths before I allowed the weight of her name to rest squarely on my shoulders - Cordelia.

I went on to find a well-documented family history online that named Cordelia as Clarissa's mother again, corroborating the validity of what we had already found. I'm still working to find if Cordelia was the key to our Cherokee ancestry since Clarissa was supposedly half Cherokee, and her father was French/German. I have not proven this yet, but I am tirelessly working to do so.

With a Family History Consultant's help, I brought Cordelia's name to the temple. This woman, the biological mother of my great-great-grandmother, was unknown to

her posterity. My grandmother had not even known about her. I completed her work last month, and I hold true to my promise: my next daughter, if we are so blessed, will have her name. In the meantime, I hope Cordelia can help me, from the other side of the veil, to find more family members who will lead me to our personal family history, our Cherokee ancestry. I believe she will, as I have seen miracles unfold as the work for my family is completed in the Holy Temple.

Source: Mandy Park of Somersville (NH) Ward, Published in "The Consultant", *Newsletter for Family History Consultants in Northern New England*, Sep 2010, by Ralph and Linda Miler, Family History Area Advisors

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, Oct 20, **Plan for Success**-15, Curry, Yvonne, 1 wk, 7 PM
- Wed, Oct 27, **RootsMagic** -35, Winkler, Dave, 4 wk, 7 PM
- Wed, Oct 27, **Basic Computers** -34, Taylor, DeRoy, 1 wk, 7 PM
- Thu, Oct 28, **Using Family Insight with nFS**-13, Thornley, Ray, 1 wk, 7 PM
- Fri, Oct 29, **MobileTree on iPod Touch**-21, Merrill, Derwin, 1 wk, 10 AM

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