

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

Family History Presentation

- Is your ward, stake or community organization interested in Family History? We have staff members who would be willing to present firesides, "5th Sunday" sessions, or other presentations on subjects such as FamilySearch Indexing, New FamilySearch, New Technology for Family History, Getting Started, FamilySearch Research Wiki, Oral History, etc. Please contact our Public Relations Director, Derwin Merrill (760-8887) or at the Center (755-5595) on Thursdays to schedule a presentation.

Share Your Knowledge and Skills - Many of you who receive this newsletter are experienced family historians and researchers. Please consider sharing your knowledge and skills by serving as a volunteer or part-time missionary here at the Logan Utah Regional Family History Center. Our patrons need your expertise and you need the blessings that come only through service to others. Contact Brother Byron Ray (563-6796) or at the Center (755-5594) on Thursday evenings for an appointment to learn more about serving here. We especially need those who can serve on Saturday 9-5

LFHC Monthly Staff Training Meeting - Logan Regional Family History Center will be holding their monthly staff training meeting, Dec 8, 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 topic this month will be "Updates on New FamilySearch".

Family History Tips



Rename your Thumbdrive - Ever leave your thumbdrive at the Family History Center? Did you know you can rename your thumb drive? Open Windows Explorer, right click on the thumb drive and select "Rename." Type your name in the box and hit Enter. Now all the staff member has to do is insert it into the computer and they know immediately that it is yours and return it. It also makes it easier to spot when you want to save a file to your thumb drive. You don't have to

look for a drive letter.

Special Censuses Counted More Than People - How much corn, potatoes, flax, sugar and honey did your great-great grandfather farmer produce in 1860? How successful was your great grandfather's small manufacturing business in 1880? How many men and women did he employ and what did he pay them? Where would a researcher find such revealing information about their ancestors? In the census - but not the one we usually refer to as "the census." Sharon Tate Moody has written a great introduction to U.S. Special Censuses. You can find her article in the Tampa Bay Online [web site](#)

Source: [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#), posted Jan 1, 2011.

Questions/Answers



Question: How can I find for my ancestor's birth records. In one census it lists Ohio and another lists Indiana. Where do I start?

Answer: Depending on who gives the information to the census taker, the information can sometimes be conflicting. Many sources will give a birthplace, so try bibles, passports, baptismal records, naturalizations, death records, newspaper birth announcements or obituaries, etc. A good place to start is at the [FamilySearch Wiki record selection table](#). It has 3 columns - what you are looking for, where to look and where to look if you don't find it in the most likely sources.

Question: How do you find a grave site when the cemetery doesn't know where the stone is?

Answer: Try looking in the cemetery for plots of relatives and those of the same last name, since family members are often buried together. Also search for burial indexes, many of which were created years ago-perhaps before the cemetery lost track of the burial record or the stone was overgrown. In the 1930s and early '40s, the Works Progress Administration indexed cemeteries in many communities; you'll find a free [WPA cemetery database at Access Genealogy](#) and printed indexes at public libraries and the [Family History Library](#). The [Daughters of the American Revolution](#) also has collected cemetery and other records for years.

Source: [GenealogyInsider](#) by Diane Haddad

Favorite Websites



Online Death Indexes - Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records at <http://deathindexes.com/> is a great source for finding death records in individual states. But did you know there is much more available? In the lower right corner of the homepage, click "Genealogy Records & Resources". Now you get links to online census, military, immigration, vital records and more!

Contributed by Barbara DeHart, LFHC staff

Turn Your Family Tree Into a Personalized Memory Game - Online family tree builder and genealogy website [MyHeritage.com](#) has created a virtual family history memory game. No, it isn't a pop quiz on your family tree, but a matching competition similar to concentration. To create the game, you must register for a free account and upload a GEDCOM file to the site. Users can then automatically generate personalized picture cards of close relatives and ancestors based on their family tree. Following the same rules as a typical memory game, users can play online against other family members or solo against the clock. With a webcam option, players can even include a live picture of themselves in one pair of the cards.

Source: [Genealogy Insider Blog](#), Post by Jamie, Wednesday, Dec 29, 2010

Surname Queries



Guarded Extension Post Binder - About 5 years ago I purchased a [guarded extension post binder](#). I thought I bought it

at Deseret Book but when I went to get my husband one - no one seems to think they even exist. I have talked to Stephens Genealogy, also. I have done some research on the internet and have e-mailed Wilson Jones and can not find one. Does anyone out there have one of these books that they are looking to get rid of. It wouldn't even need to have the Genealogical Record on the front if it as long as it was the right size. It has two posts and it holds 8 1/2" X 11" pages. If you know of a company that makes them, please pass on the information to Lareen fox at bookie@xmission.com

New Acquisitions



None this week

Suggested Weekly Bulletin Thought



"Do what you can in this respect [Temple & Family History Work], so that when you pass to the other side of the veil your fathers, mothers, relatives, and friends will bless you for what you have done and in as much as you have been instruments in the hands of God in procuring their redemption, you will be recognized as Saviors upon Mount Zion in fulfillment of prophecy."

Source: "*The Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Wilford Woodruff*", pg 185

Remember...



Stop. Look. You May Discover Something

Deseret News, Monday, Nov. 29, 2010
By Cynthia Kimball Humphries

Every 1 Counts

Recently, I sat next to an African-American man named Herman in an East Coast airport. He was wearing a red U.S. Marine Corp baseball hat.

"Are you a veteran?"

"Yes, I am," he said. "Vietnam."

"Thank you for serving, sir."

"Thank you for saying that," he smiled and nodded.

"Of course."

"We didn't get that kind of response when we came home."

"I've heard. That's awful. I'm sorry for that." Again, he thanked me for thanking him for serving.

He then proceeded to tell me about a prolific career in law enforcement after his military service. And although he's now retired, he shared with me that he'd just come from conducting security training to a class of university law enforcement officers.

"I sat under a tree and acted like I was homeless," he told me, explaining that his findings to this experiment would be used for his training ice breaker.

"Really?"

"Yes," he laughed. "Let me show you," he said as he thumbed through his cell phone looking for pictures.

"Who took these?"

"I did," he chuckled.

He had put on a fake mustache, wore a beanie cap, added makeup to his face to look like bruises, made sure his clothing was disheveled and unkempt, his posture, slouched, and his bag of things, a mess. Then, he waited for his law-enforcement trainees to walk by.

"Only one asked, 'How you doing, sir?' he said. "And one woman even went out of her way to avoid me," he added.

"Did you later tell her that?"

"I sure did," he grinned.

Here's how Herman opened his training: "Do any of you know me?"

"Your face looks real familiar," the captain - who had spoken to Herman disguised as a homeless person - said. No one else claimed to know him.

"I was that homeless person sitting under that tree outside," Herman told them.

"Oh, my goodness," said the captain in disbelief. The others were in disbelief, too, and said so through the rolling of their eyes, the "wows," the whispers, the chuckles and by the shaking of their heads.

The goal of Herman's "homeless" experiment was to teach his trainees that you can't not know your community. And in the case of law enforcement on a university campus, even a homeless person could be your best friend.

"They see everything," Herman told me and his class.

"And to a university cop that could be huge," I said.

"You're exactly right."

Now I have been conducting training and development for well over a decade, but I've never conducted an ice breaker like Herman's.

Yet, truly, isn't Herman's experiment one that we can all learn from?

Look for Herman's; after all, they might just be the answer you were looking for.

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), or registering by [email](#). Please include your phone number and a staff member will be happy to call and remind you a day or two prior to the class. **All classes are FREE. Handouts may be downloaded from our [website](#) before coming to the class.**

- Wed, Jan 05, **New FamilySearch**, Winkler, David, 3 wk, 10 AM
- Wed, Jan 05, **Helping Hispanic Researchers**, Walker, Jonathan, 1 wk, 7 PM

- Thu, Jan 06, **Using a Digital Camera In Family History Work**, Curry, Robert, 1 wk, 7 PM
- Fri, Jan 07, **Taking the Frustration Obstacles Out of Genealogy**, Richards, Rodrick, 6 wk, 10 AM
- Mon, Jan 10, **Legacy - Getting Started**, Lemon, Sheri Lynn, 6 wk, 10 AM
- Tue, Jan 11, **Learning Ancestral Quest**, Gerber, Robert, 1 wk, 1 PM
- Wed, Jan 12, **Danish Research**, Niederhauser, Ida, 8 wk, 1 PM
- Wed, Jan 12, **Danish Research**, Niederhauser, Ida, 8 wk, 6 PM
- Wed, Jan 12, **Discovering Your Immigrant Ancestor Origins**, Curry, Yvonne, 1 wk, 7 PM
- Wed, Jan 12, **Hispanic Research**, Walker, Jonathan, 3 wk, 7 PM
- Thu, Jan 13, **Descendancy Research**, Merrill, Derwin, 2 wk, 7 PM

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