

Logan Utah Regional Family History Center

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Announcements



Logan FHC Hours:

Món & Fri - 9:30-5:00
Tu/W/Th - 9:30-9:00
Saturday - 9:30-5:00

Customized Classes - Our classrooms are available for special groups. We have 2 classrooms, 1 with 20 computers and 1 with 10.

- If you have a group that would like instruction on a particular topic, we will schedule a time for your group and provide an instructor.
- Family history consultants could schedule a classroom for hands-on experience to practice what you teach in your weekly Sunday School class. We would be happy to provide staff members to help if needed.
- Schedule a Young Men or Young Women group to learn how to get started doing FamilySearch Indexing.
- Select a topic from our current class list or suggest another topic you need help with. We will try to find an instructor.
- Call our Public Relations Director, Derwin Merrill at 760-8887 or at the Center (755-5594) on Thursdays to schedule a customized class.

Upcoming Conferences:

- **2011 Preston, Idaho Tri-Stake Family History Seminar**, February 14, at the Preston Idaho South Stake Center, 55 E 1st S., 9 am to 1 pm. Includes a keynote speaker, Jim Greene, production manager for New FamilySearch and 3 workshops: 1. Jim Greene - Evolving Technology and Teamwork; 2. Jason Mendenall - USGenWeb & Free Online Genealogy websites; 3. Q/A Jim & Jason. For more information and to pre-register, call Preston FHC 208-852-0710.
- **2011 Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy**, January 10-14, at the Radisson Hotel in Salt Lake City, sponsored by UGA. Enjoy a premier genealogical event learning with some of the best genealogists in the country. Choose one of eleven

courses of study for a comprehensive learning experience and spend time at the Family History Library.

- **RootsTech Conference** - A new family history and technology conference to define the future of genealogy. February 10-12 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hosted by FamilySearch, Ancestry.com, Microsoft, BYU and more. Explore new technologies to improve and simplify your family history activities. Register today at rootstech.org.

Family History Tips



Scanning in documents for your family history project? If so, remember that for most ordinary documents, black and white plain text is the fastest and most space-saving approach. Save the color or gray scale scans for your black and white photos or awards or special family documents. In the long run, this will

save you hard-drive space and make the scans easier to share with your family and friends.

Source: Tony Bandy, *Internet Genealogy Newsletter* Vol 1 Num 4 , Moorshead Magazines Ltd. [general@internet-genealogy.com], 1/13/2011

FamilySearch Podcasts - Brief, informative podcasts (audio or video programs) mainly for beginning genealogists to learn about FamilySearch.org, the Wiki, Forums and local family history centers can be viewed on [FamilySearch Facebook](#). Just click the Video tab to see what is available. (You do NOT need to sign up in Facebook.)

Questions/Answers



Last Week's Question: Recently I have indexed baptism records from Manchester, UK. In many cases there is a side note saying that the baptism was a "private baptism," or similar term. What does that mean?

Answer from Reader: Years ago while I was doing research, I contacted a lady in Bucklebury, Berkshire England . She had access to a Vicar's diary. The Vicar had gone to my ancestor's house and half-baptized a child. The child was too sick to be taken to the Church. I assume that would be the same as a private baptism. The sad part was that the baptism was never recorded in the Church records, only a burial comment a year later. If they hadn't looked at the diary, I would have never known about the child. ~Collette Howard, LFHC missionary

Question: How does one verify births, deaths, and marriages in Utah from 1850 thru 1900. Death certificates were not issued until 1904 so where do I look for death records. And is there a record of births and marriages during that time period.

Answer: Sources available for locating Utah vital records during that time period is available at the [FamilySearch Wiki](#).

Favorite Websites



Atlanta Historic Newspaper Archive -

<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/atlnewspapers> This database consists of more than 67,000 newspaper pages, spanning the years 1857-1922 and provides historical images that are both full-text searchable and can be browsed by date. Another great newspaper resource for those with ancestors from Atlanta.

Source: Diane L. Richard, *Internet Genealogy*, Oct/Nov 2010

Swedish Church Records - [Ancestry.com](#) now has the [Swedish church records](#) from [Genline](#), (also still available on Genline). The collection includes births, baptisms,

marriages, deaths, burials, household examinations (akin to censuses), parish books, moving-ins and moving-outs from 1500-1937.

Surname Queries



I am looking for any information or histories on **Sarah Ann Obroy**, (1859-1941) who was a plural wife of **Orson G. Smith**. The family is planning a reunion 30 July 2011 in Salt Lake City. Please contact Karma Albiston, 752-2903 or KarmaAlbiston@aol.com.

The family history book, "**The James Olsen Family (1839-1924)**" is going to be reprinted. James' father was **Christen J. Olsen** (1803-1869), who homesteaded in the College-Young Ward area of Cache Valley. There are many descendants still living in the valley. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact Karma Albiston at 752-2903 or karmaalbiston@aol.com.

New Acquisitions



"**Historical Sketches of the Wabash Valley**", by J. Wesley Whicker, Call No. US Indiana H2w

"**Utah Historical Quarterly**", Spring 1983 Vol 51 #2

"**Blaisdell Papers**", Vol 15, Dec 2007 #4; Jun 2008 #5; Dec 2008 #6; Dec 2009 #8; Jun 2010 #9, Call No. FH Blaisdell (Undersize drawer)

"**Indiana Obituaries**", compiled by Jonette K. Johnson, Call No: US Indiana, Jackson, V28j

"**Histories of My Early Ashcroft Ancestors in America 1662-1967**", by Katheryn B. Vernon, Call No: FH Ashcroft

"**Cheshire County, Early Maps (New Hampshire) with a Narrative History of the Town Grants**" Map drawer: New Hampshire

Suggested Weekly Bulletin Thought



"No work is more of a protection to this church than temple work and the genealogical research that supports it. No work is more spiritually refining. No work we do gives us more power"
~President Boyd K. Packer, "The Holy Temple", *Ensign*, Feb. 1995, pg 36

Remember...



Righteous Heritage

Whether a story of faith comes from the Old Testament, an early pioneer or a modern-day woman, the examples of faith strengthen and fortify testimonies of women today affecting generations years after a woman has lived.

It was the help of a longtime visiting teacher, Muriel Menssen, that gave Kathy Sorensen's family a gift that will bless generations for years to come - a personal history.

"What she put together, to me, is priceless," said Kathy's son, Gregg Sorensen. "It isn't only a priceless treasure for me, but for my children as well. I have three young children, and to be able to read the book will be a great benefit for them."

Sister Menssen gave the book as a present to the Sorensen family, only a few months after Sister Sorensen passed away.

"I had been her visiting teacher for about 15 years," Sister Menssen said of Sister Sorensen. "We were friends before this time, but I didn't know her well and she didn't know me well."

After years of visits Sister Sorensen became ill, making it difficult to work or even leave her home. During her time of illness, the women started to visit more frequently, meeting once a week for a few hours. During those visits they would sit and talk together, sharing stories and experiences of Sister Sorensen's earlier life and family. Sister Menssen said it was talking about these things that always made Sister Sorensen happy, no matter how ill she was.

After one of the visits, Sister Menssen decided to take a notebook and pencil in order to write notes as Sister Sorensen spoke. As they talked, Sister Sorensen would share about her growing up years - childhood memories of summers spent in Arkansas and memories of her mother. Then Sister Menssen would go home and piece the stories together. Eventually, she had enough content to divide her friend's life into sections - childhood, school years, her love story, illnesses and family. Next, Sister Menssen drew pictures to accompany the stories.

"Things that she has written down are stories that I have heard my mom tell when I was growing up," Brother Sorensen said of the book. "Some of them ... I have never heard before. Growing up you don't catch all of the little details."

For Sister Menssen, it was a way to connect with a woman through visiting teaching, but for the Sorensen family, it was a legacy put into writing, linking a mother and grandmother with generations she will never meet in a mortal existence.

"[They] started out as visiting teachers and became true friends," Brother Sorensen said. "It wasn't a duty to her, it was an act of love. She wanted to do it, and now we have a treasure for our family to look at for years to come. We all [received] a copy and what she has done is truly remarkable."

"As we value our history, we can better share our spiritual heritage,"

Source: by Marianne Holman, *Righteous Heritage*, Church News, Jan 2011

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. If handouts are available for the classes, they may be downloaded from our [website](#) before coming to the class.**

- Wed, Jan 19, **Danish Research**, Niederhauser, Ida, 8 wk, 1 PM
- Wed, Jan 19, **Danish Research**, Niederhauser, Ida, 8 wk, 6 PM
- Wed, Jan 19, **Scottish Research Series**, Nyman, Carol, 2 wk, 7 PM
- Thu, Jan 20, **Preparing an Acceptable Record and Submitting it**, Thornley, Ray, 2 wk, 5 PM
- Tue, Jan 25, **Ancestry.com**, Selvage, Dede, 2 wk, 10 AM
- Thu, Jan 27, **MobileTree on your iPod Touch or iPhone**, Merrill, Derwin, 1 wk, 7 PM

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