

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 9, 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 "New Changes to the 'Old' FamilySearch site".

Super Indexing Sunday - Over 2 million records were indexed and arbitrated on Super Indexing Sunday. So many of you joined in on the fun of indexing that the system had a hard time keeping up! FamilySearch indicated it was the type of problem they love to have. For more information check out the [FamilySearch Indexing facebook wall](#).

Quarterly Family History Leader Training Meeting

- Logan Utah Regional Family History Center will provide a training meeting for all Ward and Stake Family History Personnel (Stake Presidency, High Council and Bishopric members over Family History, High Priest Group Leaders, Ward Family History Consultants; in short, everyone interested in family history are invited) It will be held **Wednesday, March 30** at the Logan Tabernacle. Both meetings will be held upstairs in the Chapel. Please note the following FORMAT and TIMES:

- **At 6:30-7:20 p.m.** we will hold a training meeting for newly called leaders where we will explain your responsibilities and suggest ways to jumpstart family history in your wards/stakes.
- **At 7:30-8:30 p.m.** we will have our regular, general meeting for everyone, geared towards training on new resources, methods, programs, goals, etc.

Please submit the above announcement to your

ward bulletins, newsletters, etc. so we can get the word out to everyone involved.

Upcoming Conferences:

- **2011 Preston, Idaho Tri-Stake Family History Seminar**, Saturday, February 19, 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.
- **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.
- **St. George Family History Expo**, Feb 25-26, 2011, at the Dixie Center. For more information, go to fhexpos.com/expos.
- **South Davis Family History Fair**, March 5, 2011, at the Bountiful High School. You can pre-register at familyhistoryfair.com where you can also check out the class schedule and get more details
- **Ogden FHC Conference**, Sep 17, 2011, at Weber State University.
- **Logan FH Conference, *With Help, I Can Find Them***, Oct 15, 2011, at Bridgerland (BATC).

Family History Tips



Ancestry.com Free Databases - Are you aware that there are some databases at Ancestry.com that you can access at home for free? Of their nearly 30,000 databases, less than 400 are free, but one of them may just be the answer to one of your genealogical brick walls. Interestingly, databases free at Ancestry.com are not available in the FHC edition of Ancestry.com. Access the free databases at home and the free FHC edition databases at our FHC. For a list of those free at home, click on help (upper right) and search for "Free databases." The help article explains how to use the old card catalog to see a list of databases. Those that are free are marked FREE. You can also see a list of the Free databases at AncestryInsider.

Source: Ancestry.com FHC Edition, Ancestry Insider blog, Monday, Jan 31, 2011

Remove Child from Family in New FamilySearch - I read an article in your January 26, 2011 Newsletter concerning "Removing children who do not belong to your new FamilySearch family and you are not a contributor." If these children were added only by the Extraction Program, you can remove them. Here's how:

- Go to the "View relationship" field from the "Spouses and Children" view.
- Click on "Edit" for each child to find the Contributor.

If the only contributor is the Family Extraction Program, you can remove those names in the following manner:

- Return to the "Spouses and Children" field, then click on each incorrect child and record their PID number.
- Go to the Combined Record for the Father.
- Scroll down to view the PID numbers of the Contributors.
- Scroll through the numbers until you come to a PID number with the same first five digits as one of the incorrect children. This is the contribution that placed them in the family.
- Scroll up to the Contributor's box and click on the little white square. Follow the same procedure for any additional incorrect children.
- When you have completed that, separate the records. This will separate them from the father only. If the mother is not involved, the Family and Spouse field will not show the children. If she is part of the contribution, go to the Mother's Combined Record and repeat the above procedure.

Family Support gave me this information and it works beautifully--but only if Extraction is the only contributor.

Submitted by Monte Merrill, East Wenatchee, WA, Email: drdadfish@gmail.com

Questions/Answers



Question: Many years ago I read a quote and didn't write it down. I was wondering if you have heard of it or know anyone who might have. I believe it was in a magazine, Genealogical Helper. It started out: Genealogy begins as an interest, ? and becomes an incurable disease. Any help will be appreciated.

Answer: "Genealogy begins as an interest, becomes a hobby, continues as an avocation, takes over as an obsession, and in its last stage, is an incurable disease."

Question: Church and family records say Alsen Haynes Hamblin died while crossing the plains, yet he lived in Tooele, St. George and Santa Clara. Records show he died in Santa Clara. Why does it say he died while crossing the plains, it discourages people from researching his information.

Answer: By "it" do you mean NewFamilySearch? If so, it is because, as you say, someone did not do complete research and submitted inaccurate information. As the database stands now, you cannot change someone else's information, just submit your own opinions. The best solution would be to contact the submitter, show him/her your evidence and ask him to remove the incorrect information. If his/her contact information is not available, you could start a "discussion" so others who view the record would be aware of the situation.

Question: In the Family History search under library catalog and place search I get the statement (place unknown). I am searching for Pen-Y-Van England. I have also used Wales. Monmouthshire, and Gwent all to no avail. Pen-Y-Van is a small village between Llandogo and Trelleck. It has a Cemetery and some of my ancestors are buried there. At one time Pen-Y-Van was listed as a chapelry of Llandogo, now I cannot find any reference to Pen-Y-Van.

Answer: The Family History Library Catalog search will only list places for which it has books, fiche, film or other resources for. Apparently there are none available for that area. You might try the next larger jurisdiction.

Favorite Websites



Pennsylvania Genealogy Links - This link is a treasure-trove for those searching Pennsylvania families. Included are links to online marriage & death records, newspapers, county archives. [Read more.](#)
Source: Kimberly Powell, About: Genealogy, Feb 1, 2011

Ohio Obituary Index - www.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/ This is an index to over 1,600,000 obituaries, death and marriage notices, etc. from Ohio from the 1810s to the present day. Copies of any obituaries found in the index can be obtained for a nominal charge. If you have Ohio ancestors, check the index for them. Obituaries can be a great source of information about an ancestor.
Source: Diane L. Richard, Internet Genealogy, Oct/Nov 2010

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



"Ordinances and covenants become our credentials for admission into His presence. To worthily receive them is the quest of a lifetime; to keep them thereafter is the challenge of mortality. Once we have received them for ourselves and for our families, we are obligated to provide these ordinances vicariously for our kindred dead, indeed for the whole human family. Now, there are those who scoff at the idea of vicarious ordinances performed for the salvation of souls. They think it all to be very strange. No thinking Christian should be surprised at such a doctrine. Was not the sacrifice of Christ a vicarious offering for and in behalf of all mankind? The very Atonement was wrought vicariously. The Lord did for us what we could not do for ourselves. Is it not Christ like for us to perform in the temples ordinances for and in behalf of those who cannot do them for themselves?"

Source: Boyd K. Packer, "Covenants," Ensign, May 1987, 22.

Remember...



I was the 108th direct descendant of the Prophet Joseph Smith to be baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (the Mormons). I was the 2nd direct descendant of Joseph to be endowed in the new Nauvoo Temple. I think it is time to share my story with a larger audience.

I was raised in the Reorganized LDS church, now known as the Community of Christ. All of my life I had been taught to distrust and fear the Mormon church which is headquartered in Utah. My journey to become a Mormon started in the summer of 2005 when I ran across a web site: JosephSmithJr.com. I spent several hours reading what was there. I e-mailed the site and explained who I was. I was contacted the next day and was invited to visit Utah in August for a Joseph Smith Family Reunion. I was fearful to go, and was actually concerned for my safety and well being. I left thinking I was like a sheep being led to the slaughter and I might be going out on a nice plane, but I was coming back in a pine box! But contrary to my beliefs, it actually was a delightful experience. My niece Kim Larson and I were picked up at the airport by John and Gwen Smith, the great-grandson of Hyrum Smith, Joseph's brother. They were our hosts for the next 3 days.

Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve, a Smith cousin as a descendant

of Joseph's brother Hyrum, addressed us. About 200 descendants attended the gathering. Most, like me, were not members of the Mormon church. We were also hosted by descendants of Samuel Smith, another of Joseph's brothers. Our reception was totally awesome. The warmth shared will last a lifetime. The last night we went to a play at the Marriott Center at BYU celebrating Joseph's 200th birthday. I will never again in my life have the feeling of total emotion I felt as I stood in the middle of the stadium with my family as we received a standing ovation from 23,000 people. We were also guests of honor at the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's weekly broadcast, during which music director Craig Jessop welcomed us and paid tribute to Joseph's wife, Emma, for her collection of hymns. The choir sang hymns centered on Joseph, "Oh, How Lovely Was the Morning," and "Praise to the Man." When they sang "Joseph's First Prayer," I wept openly for the first time in 50 years. This had never happened to me before, not even at the deaths of my parents, wife or son. We were also shown displays of Joseph and Emma Smith in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building as the Church celebrated the 200th anniversary of Joseph's birth. Under the direction of descendants Michael Kennedy and his wife, Darcy, and Gracia Jones - the first Smith descendant to join the Church - we held a family dinner in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building in Salt Lake City. The art department at BYU presented me with a beautiful book about my Great Great Grandfather Joseph Smith. I was also presented with an LDS Hymn Book in memory of Emma's contributions to Church music. After I returned home to Nebraska, I placed both of these new books in my living room. At this point I was a total emotional wreck, but I knew what I needed to do. For the next few months I did much research and soul searching. I looked back to the Reorganized church only to find out they had changed the church name, denounced the Book of Mormon, and denounced Joseph Smith as the prophet--all of which I was very opposed to. I felt that the original Church was the one to pursue.

In January of 2006, two young Mormon Missionaries came knocking on my door, Elder Batin and Elder Williams. When I invited the elders to come inside, they immediately noticed the LDS hymnal and the art book about Joseph Smith on my table. Needless to say, when the missionaries discovered I was NOT a Mormon, they stayed in my living room teaching me for most of that day. Our discussion was fascinating for them and for me because I already knew so much about their church history which intertwined with RLDS history; however, many of the gospel principles were different. Over the following weeks I took all the missionary lessons and struggled with the huge disparity between what the elders were teaching me and what my RLDS friends and family had taught me my entire life.

The conflict within my heart and soul grew to the point that I finally told the missionaries that even though I believed their message and all their LDS doctrines, I could not join the Mormon Church until I could find out for myself why Brigham Young had left Emma behind in Nauvoo with five children to raise. I was conflicted and could not come to a resolution that would comfort me. It did not make sense to me that Emma had been left to fend for herself, after being so instrumental in the Restoration. I also spent several evenings in the home of David and Jodi Edwards who were LDS friends of mine, and where Elder Sandhu and Elder Johnson taught me further doctrines.

In April of 2006, I was driving down the highway to work and singing along loudly to a Southern gospel radio station. I still remember the song I was listening to was titled: "Joy, Joy Wonderful Joy" by the gospel group Bill and Gloria Gaithers. Suddenly, to my dismay, the radio went completely silent. I was a bit irritated at this since the car I was driving was almost new. How could the radio break so soon? I hit the dash and fiddled with the radio dials, but finally gave up and just drove along the road alone and in complete silence. In the quiet I started to ponder about my dilemma. Should I join the Mormon church as I wanted and enjoy fellowship with the Saints? Would this upset my family and the many generations of Smiths who were angry that Emma had not been taken West along with the Saints? Suddenly, to my surprise, I clearly and distinctly heard a women's voice speaking to me. It was as clear as if it had come through the radio speakers. The voice said: "Robert, Follow

your heart. I stayed in Nauvoo because I was tired and could travel no further."

I knew instantly that the voice belonged to Emma Smith, my Great, Great Grandmother. It was made clear to me at that moment that Emma had just given me her permission to be baptized into the Mormon Church! My ancestors would not be angry with my decision to join my new found faith. My last remaining concern and stumbling block had just been miraculously removed. I was baptized on May 13th by my cousin Michael Kennedy, the President of the Joseph Smith Family organization, and the first descendant of Joseph to receive the Melchizedic Priesthood. I was confirmed by my good friend and stake president David Edwards . Also baptized at the same baptismal service by Michael was Caleb, the son my good friends David and Rebecca Denning. David is the son of my second cousin Gracia Jones and is stationed here in Omaha. I was overwhelmed with emotion that the great-great grandson and the great-great-great-great grandson of Joseph were to be baptized during the same service! It was a joyful occasion. Caleb's and my baptism was the first time that a descendant of Joseph and Hyrum had worked together in the baptism of a family member. I could only imagine the rejoicing and tears that were shed by the two brothers on the other side of the veil. Their families were being united again after 150 years. The beautiful dedicatory prayer at the Kirtland Temple offered by Joseph, especially D&C 109:70, is continuing to unfold, that the prejudices of Joseph's posterity "may be broken up and swept away as with a flood." Among Joseph and Emma's posterity are now some 125 living adult descendants who are members of the Church, and of them, at least seven have served full-time missions. Our prejudices have indeed been swept away as if by a flood! Thanks for your efforts to spread the light of truth!

Warm Regards, Bob Smith, Omaha, Nebraska

Source: *Missionary Moment - Emma: I was Too Tired to Go West*, by Mark Albright, Meridian Magazine, 1/25/2011

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. Handouts may be downloaded from our [website](#) before coming to the class.**

- Thu, Feb 10, **Recording Source Citations**, Curry, Robert, 1 wk, 7 PM
- Wed, Feb 16, **Understanding the Benefit of IGI Batch Numbers**, Nyman, Carol, 1 wk, 5 PM
- Thu, Feb 17, **For "Fee" Web Sites that are "Free" at our Center**, Merrill, Luana, 1 wk, 10 AM
- Thu, Feb 17, **Discovering Your Female Ancestors**, Curry, Yvonne, 1 wk, 7 PM

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