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From the Editor:

This is the first issue of the new year and we have several new people serving on the board and various committees. Please refer to page 2 of this newsletter for a listing. We thank all those who willingly volunteered their time and service to making our library grow last year, and are confident that this year's volunteers will continue those efforts to provide our community with genealogical resources.

This issue features several articles on preparing and taking a trip to the Salt Lake City Family History Library. There still may be a slot available for someone interested in joining members of our society to this wonderful genealogy resource! Check with Nancy Hancock.

Enjoy!



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We specialize in helping add branches to family trees!

MEETINGS: Meetings are held at **1:30 p.m.**, the first **Thursday** of the month (unless a holiday) at the Genealogy Library. Visitors are always welcome!

CORRESPONDENCE: Please address all correspondence to **NGCGS Library** and include a long self-addressed, stamped envelope for inquiries.

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Up-coming Events- Mark Your Calendar NOW:

February 1

- **General Meeting-** Peggy Grey will be talking about “**A Box, A Blanket, and a Bible!**”

March 1

- **General Meeting** - Bill Windsor will be talking about “**Getting prepared for Research at Salt Lake Family History Library**”

March 12 to 17th

- **Group Trip to Salt Lake City Family History Center:** Nancy Hancock, one of our members, has researched airfare plus Plaza Hotel accommodations through Expedia.com. The Plaza Hotel is right NEXT to the Family History Center. The price for BOTH comes to \$463.59 per person based on double occupancy with two queen beds. Sign up sheet for those interested is on the library bulletin board. Don't forget to update your Research Journal before you go so you'll be prepared to know what to research!!

April 5-

General Meeting- Lois Sabatka will be talking about “**The Battle of Saratoga**”.

May 3-

General Meeting - Sue Owens will be talking about “**The Leverett Family History**”



A child is born in Boston, Mass., to parents who were both born in Boston, Mass. This child is not an American citizen. How could this be possible? Answer: page 9.



Exciting News from the Family History Library

By Bill Windsor, Director of the Payson Family History Center
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The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, is making it easier to research our ancestors. I would like to report on three exciting projects that are currently underway.

The most exciting project, called “**Scanstone**,” is the digitizing of its vast collection of microfilms housed in its granite mountain vault. This collection is

the result of approximately 80 years of microfilming records in many nations of the world. It contains almost three million rolls of microfilm. Within ten years most of these films will be available to be searched by anyone connected to the internet.

The Scanstone project will use 25 scanning stations capable of digitizing 370,000 rolls of film per year. The indexing of the films will be the bottleneck, but work towards this is progressing via the internet by volunteers – both individuals and organizations. Examples of organizations involved in this indexing are the following:

*The Ohio Genealogical Society is indexing the tax lists for the state of Ohio.

*The New England Historic and Genealogical Society is indexing the 1855 Boston City Census.

*Indiana Genealogical Society is spearheading the indexing of Indiana marriages.

When completed, the digitized images will be available on the familysearch.org website free of charge. To keep abreast of the Scanstone project go to Google and type in “scanstone”. You can view the links there.

Another project that is currently underway is the scanning of **biographical books** in the collection at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. These books have a call number of 929. The Library has 70,000 of these books. Already there are 5,000+ biographical books that are digitized and are available on the internet in their on-line library collection. They are adding about 100 books per week. These books can be found by going to the familysearch.org website and clicking on the “Library” tab. Next, click on “Family History Library Catalog” and select a “Title” search. If a title is unknown, try a “Surname” search. If a book is available on-line, the message “a digital image of this book is available.” Click on the link and the book appears on screen and can be read page by page, printed, or saved.

The **1900 US Census** is currently being indexed and will eventually be available free of charge on the www.familysearch.org website. Even though this census is currently available on-line, it isn't free. Since it is considered a key US record source, the work will be done to make it available to all.



Top 10 Tips for Your Research Trip to the Family History Library

From Kimberly Powell, http://genealogy.about.com/od/libraries/tp/fhl_tips.htm

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City encompasses 142,000 square feet on five floors, making it the largest library of its kind in the world. With almost instant access to

millions of genealogy records and resources in one place, you will likely be able to accomplish in a week at the Family History Library what might otherwise take months or years of ordering microfilms. The key is to properly prepare for your visit so you don't waste a minute once you're there!

1. Gather Together Your Family Information

Begin by gathering all the background information on your family beforehand, and familiarize yourself with the records you want to search. Check the [Family History Library holiday schedule](#) to make sure it will be open.

2. Visit Your Local Family History Center

Visit your local Family History Center to familiarize yourself with the available printed materials and microfiche as well as to get some practice with using the microfilm readers and computer tools. This can simplify your research and save time when you get to the Family History Library. [Find a Family History Center near you.](#)

3. Make a List of the Records You Want to Search

Use the online Family History Library Catalog to select the records you wish to view when you get to the library and to determine if they are immediately available in the library. Films listed in the catalog as "Vault" films will need to be requested in advance (usually 2-3 days). You can do this by email fhl@ldschurch.org or fax prior to your visit.

- U.S. and Canada microfilms, fax: (801) 240-1924
- British microfilms, fax: (801) 240-1928
- International microfilms, fax: (801) 240-1929

4. Plan What You Want to Bring With You

Unlike many research facilities, the Family History Library invites you to bring all your "stuff." All computers in the Family History Library have a USB connection, so you can bring a Flash Drive to download and save information. Laptop computers are also welcome with Internet and electric plugs throughout the five floors of the library. The FHL is a public place, so you may want to bring along a cable lock or plan not to let your laptop out of your sight.

5. Pocket Change Not Required

The library has installed copy card readers on the majority of its photocopiers, and microfilm and microfiche printers, allowing you to purchase a copy card (bills accepted) in the amount that you need. Alternatively, bill changers are also available in the library. There is no charge to use the microfilm scanners to burn images on CD, however blank CD's may be purchased from Library Access Services for \$0.75 each. The vending machines in the break room also accept bills or change.

6. Familiarize Yourself With the Area

Familiarize yourself with the parking and transportation options near the Family History Library. Many people find it easiest to stay in one of the nearby hotels and walk back and

forth to the Family History Library. City blocks in Salt Lake City are double the length of the average city block (almost a 1/4 mile), so keep that in mind when choosing your hotel!

7. Welcome the Free Orientation

If this is your first visit to the library, considering beginning at the Orientation Room where you can attend an 8 minute presentation of the library's collections and services. If you have time you may also want to take advantage of one of the many free genealogy classes offered by the library.

8. Plan Your Meals

No food or drink is allowed in the library except in the snack room on the main floor. Several restaurants are available nearby. The cafeteria in the Church Office Building (two blocks east) is available for library patrons for lunch from 11:30 to 1:30 P.M. Lunch passes are required and are available at the information desk in the main foyer of the library.

9. Search the Family History Books First

Search the family history books first, as they are not available on loan at your local Family History Center!

10. Write Your Name on Your Copy Card

Almost everyone who has visited the Family History Library has walked off without retrieving their copy card from the machine at least once. I know I have! Write your name on your copy card as soon as you purchase, and you'll most likely find it returned to you when you leave it behind.

Related Articles-Access these through our website and they will link you to the article.

[Family History Library - A Visitor's Guide to the FHL i...](#)
[Genealogy Glossary - FHCThe Free Services of FamilySearch Internet Genealogy an...](#)
[Visiting a Family History Center - Mormon Genealogy Rec...](#)
[About Genealogy Guide to the Family History Library Sys...](#)

More Hints:

Don't forget to take backup program disks and the Family Tree Maker CD with Genealogical How-To-Guide — So far we haven't had to reinstall any of the programs, but we do carry backup disks for the most important ones just in case something happens while we're on the road. Most of the programs are on CD and take a very small amount of storage space. In addition to serving as a

backup for our genealogy program, the Family Tree Maker CD is also used to quickly find the location and addresses of genealogical societies, libraries, and courthouses in the areas where we're traveling and saves us from having to carry a hard-copy book with the addresses listed or stop at a phone booth to look them up.

Cobbler's Apron — A friend insisted that I borrow her cobbler's apron the first time I visited the genealogical library at Salt Lake. The multiple pockets across the front of the apron proved to be invaluable for providing storage and immediate access to pens, pencils, a small stack of 3x5 cards, a roll of lifesavers, and coins for the photocopy machines and convinced me that I needed to purchase one for myself, however Dennis refuses to wear one :-).

Labeling Cords and Adapters and Other Items

The electronic equipment I carry all requires cords and power adapters that can create a tangled mess and cause confusion when attempting to decide which cord goes with which device. I prepared stick-on labels for each item

with the name of the device it goes with as well as my name and home address so that they are more likely to be returned if I misplace them.

Preparing for Flight

My computer and printer equipment has passed through airport security many times without injury and I no longer worry about the x-ray machines or the hassle of security procedures. I have, however, learned to avoid stress by arriving at the airport two hours before the plane is scheduled to take off. I also carry the equipment on board with me and send the rest of my luggage to the baggage compartment so that I don't have to worry about lost equipment. It's possible that some day I may arrive with just my hardware and software but that's a chance I'm willing to take.



Quick Tips for Passengers at US Airports

Passengers may bring to the checkpoint:

- Travel-size toiletries (3 ounces or less) that fit comfortably in ONE quart-size, clear plastic, zip-top bag.
- Prescription liquid medications, baby formula and diabetic glucose treatments in excess of 3 ounces if these items are declared to Transportation Security Officers at the security checkpoint.

And beyond the checkpoint:

- Beverages and other items purchased in the secure boarding area may be brought onto the aircraft.

Check www.tsa.gov or contact your air carrier for more specific information.



A Few Tips for your Visit to the FHL

by the New England Historical and Genealogy Society

http://www.newenglandancestors.org/education/articles/research/special_topics/hot_topics/a_research_trip_to_the_family_history_library_twe_659_306.asp

- Review the FHL catalog online before your trip. The catalog will give you the call numbers for items to check at the library and will aid in determining what information to bring along.
- If you find there are only a few records microfilmed for one ancestral locality you may need an alternate research plan. Do check the IGI and Ancestral File for clues, but the real research is in using microfilmed church records, deeds, probate records and many other types of records.
- If the readers are busy on one floor, you may take your films to a different floor, but remember to return them to the cabinets on the proper floor when you are finished.
- Mornings and evenings are the less busy times in the library. Go to your hotel for an afternoon nap or review and reorganize your materials to avoid the crowded afternoons.



Try this!


This link is an interactive map that allows you to Visit Temple Square. Clicking on (or type in to your web browser) <http://www.visittemplesquare.com/home.asp> and then click on any of the buildings.

<http://www.mapofutah.net/pdf/downtown.pdf> gives you a map of Salt Lake City and shows the main buildings as well as free trolley line.

A block away from the Family History Library is The Joseph Smith Memorial Building (JSMB), formerly the Hotel Utah, and current home of the FamilySearch Center. Here you will find 100 computers for searching the FHL catalog and the Internet in a space that has less hustle and bustle than the main library. Two restaurants, The Garden and The Roof, are in the JSMB and the views of the city from them are spectacular. **The JSMB is open on Monday evenings when the FHL is closed.**

Researchers are allowed to bring into the Family History Library almost anything that helps with the research process. You might add these items to your packing list: research logs, pens and pencils, magnifying glass, stapler, staples, highlighters, notebook, file folders, clipboard, comfortable shoes, picture identification (for obtaining restricted films), laptop computer and cable lock, and maps of ancestral areas for reference. You can probably think of many other items. Food and beverage items must be consumed only in the snack room. The library has an electronic security system to make sure no one removes library material.

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Genealogy Website Review

<http://www.rootsweb.com/%7Eusgenweb/special/ppcs/ppcs.html> This rootsweb site shows penny postcards organized by state. The dates of the pictures vary from the late 1890's through the 1940's. Very interesting!

If you know of any websites that may be of interest to our readers, please send the website address and a one-line description to Val Sullivan, vsull9173@aol.com.

Tricky Mind-Teaser

Answer to Question on Page 3:

The child was born before the Revolutionary War and is therefore a British subject.

Northern Gila County Genealogical Society Use Statistics					
Volunteer Hours:			# of Patrons:		
January to December 2006			January to December 2006		
Total	Volunteer Hours:	1142.5	Total	Patrons:	664
	Monthly Average:	95.2		Monthly Average:	55.3

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The Society's Goals for 2007

1. Continue efforts to expand the Genealogy Library's holdings.
2. Increase the visibility of the Society within the Payson Community.
3. Participate in Payson's 125th Birthday Celebration.
4. Continue to update and expand data available on our Society website.
5. Conduct a successful yard sale.
6. Hold all the Society's meetings at our library.
7. Hold at least 3 Saturday afternoon meetings to accommodate our working members.
8. Hold at least two Society-sponsored field trips.
9. Hold at least two workshops open to the general public.

Kudos to ex-Mayor Barbara Brewer

Ex-Mayor Barbara Brewer recently closed out her November 2006 campaign fund with a little over \$300 left. As a result of the November *Gila Heritage* Newsletter, which discussed ways to donate to our Society, she chose the Northern Gila County Genealogical Society to receive this money. Can you imagine the surprise of this editor when she answered the door bell recently to have the Mayor hand me a check and say, "I want the Society to have this money to spend where ever it is needed most!" Thanks so much, Barb!

In similar news, the Home Depot has donated \$50 in merchandise cards to the Society.

WHAT IS A BILLION?

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases:

A billion seconds ago it was 1959.

A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.

A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.

A billion days ago no one walked on the Earth on two feet.

A billion DOLLARS ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes,

at the rate our government spends it.

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