

# DUBUQUE

# Family History

# CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 29, 2011  
8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.  
LDS Church, 685 Fremont, Dubuque, IA

**“THE THREADS OF  
OUR ANCESTRAL  
PAST WEAVE THE  
CLOTH OF OUR  
VERY BEING”**



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT!  
YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ARE ALSO WELCOME.**

**VARIETY OF CLASS OPTIONS:** Participants will be able to choose from a variety of class options ranging from beginner level classes to more advanced instruction. **See Page Two for a Description of Each Class.**

**FAMILY HISTORY HELP CENTERS:** A variety of Family History Help Centers will be available by appointment, ½ hour reservations may be made for any of the help centers. **See Page Two for a Description of Each Help Center.**

**REGISTRATION IS FREE – NO REGISTRATION FEES TO ATTEND.** Pre-Registration is Preferred (Participants Must Pre-Register to Select Class Options) Please Complete the Registration form on Page Three and Send to the Dubuque Family History Center.

**Light refreshments will be provided; however, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.**

**For more information, please contact [DBQFamHx@aol.com](mailto:DBQFamHx@aol.com) or you may stop by the Dubuque Family History Center.**

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## CLASS OPTIONS:

- 1. Getting Started With Your Family History:** Participants will learn basic principles and processes to help them get started on their family history and organize the information they gather. Class members will be surprised to discover how easy it really is to get your family history started and to build a valuable family heirloom that can bring joy to generations of family members. It is not necessary to be an expert genealogist in order to succeed at developing your family history.
- 2. EVALUATING THE ACCURACY OF SOURCES IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH & FROM FAMILYSEARCH WEBSITES:** With so much information available on the Internet and from other researchers, how can you know what is really fact and what is not? This class will discuss how to evaluate genealogical records to help you understand which are the best sources and which are not. The resources available on both the older classic FamilySearch.org website and the new updated version of the FamilySearch.org website will be particularly examined so you can know which sources you can trust and which you should question.
- 3. USE OF FORUMS & WIKI:** Participants will learn how to use the Forums and Wiki features in FamilySearch.org. Forums permits the researcher to communicate specific questions regarding their research to experts from across the globe while the Wiki feature provides the researcher with valuable information on how to find what they are looking for in a particular part of the world.
- 4. ANALYZING INFORMATION--LOOKING AT THE WHOLE PICTURE:** Have you gathered enough evidence to make sure of your decision? Is it the right kind of evidence? Why was this record made? How reliable is it? Is there personal prejudice evident in the information? How badly do you want to believe this evidence? Wrong conclusions can be drawn if we don't critically analyze the quality, quantity, and weight of our evidence. Analyzing the reliability and motive of our sources of information is crucial in making correct decisions about which fork we'll travel on the road to historical fact.
- 5. CREATING A RESEARCH PLAN:** Participants will learn how to create a research plan to assist them in organizing and prioritizing their family history research.
- 6. WRITING YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY:** Participants will learn techniques & procedures to gather information & how to write imaginatively, increasing your creativity. You will learn how to enhance your personal history in telling "your story" and develop your own style.
- 7. PRESERVING YOUR VALUABLE DOCUMENTS:** Participants will learn basic principles and processes to help them preserve valuable family history documents through the use of digital technology and through the application of practical archival methods.
- 8. Enhancing Your Personal History:** Participants will learn techniques for using Microsoft Word to help record your personal history. The class will improve your editing, creativity, and composition skills as well as using "media tools" that can enhance your creativity by inserting Pictures, Text Wrapping, Embellishments, Etc.
- 9. TIPS FOR USING THE SEARCH FEATURE ON FAMILYSEARCH.ORG:** FamilySearch.org has recently been expanded to contain over a billion images of primary source records of value to genealogists, as well as hundreds of thousands of searchable extracted and digitized records. The vast holdings of the Family History Library are becoming available to researchers online in your own home, instead of by rented microfilms. The "Search" function can help you find your ancestors in several unique ways. This class will explore the "Search" function and help you learn how to use it more effectively.
- 10. Interfacing your Genealogy Program With "New" Family Search:** Participants will learn how to interface Family Search and New FamilySearch with Genealogy Programs such as Roots Magic or Ancestral Quest.

## HELP CENTERS: (BY APPOINTMENT—RESERVE APPOINTMENTS AT REGISTRATION DESK)

- 1. RESEARCH HELP CENTER:** Getting back across the pond -- brick wall ancestors that keep us from getting to Europe, especially England and Germany—Southern States research—What's in the federal archives (NARA) that might help me—English research.
- 2. PC ASSISTANCE:** Participants may ask questions about PC hardware, operating systems, networks, storage and backup methods; and some family history software at this one-on-one help center.
- 3. REGISTERING FOR FAMILY SEARCH OR ASSISTANCE WITH NEW FAMILYSEARCH:** Participants may receive assistance in registering on FamilySearch and LDS members will be able to receive one-on-one assistance with the use of the features in New FamilySearch.
- 4. ASSISTANCE WITH ANCESTRY:** Participants may receive one-on-one assistance with the use of Ancestry.com

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## REGISTRATION

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### CLASS OPTIONS:

Please Choose ONE Class Each Hour by Checking the box behind the Class You Wish to attend that hour:

#### FIRST HOUR (AM) CHOOSE ONE (1, 2, OR 3)

1. GETTING STARTED       2. EVALUATING SOURCES       3. USE OF FORUMS & WIKI

#### SECOND HOUR (AM) CHOOSE ONE (4, 5, OR 6)

4. ANALYZING INFO       5. CREATING A RESEARCH PLAN       6. WRITING YOUR PERSONAL HX

#### THIRD HOUR (PM) CHOOSE ONE (7 OR 8)

7. PRESERVING YOUR VALUABLE DOCS       8. ENHANCING YOUR PERSONAL HX

#### FOURTH HOUR (PM) CHOOSE ONE (9 OR 10)

9. SEARCH ENGINE TIPS IN FAMILYSEARCH       10. INTERFACING WITH NEW FAMILYSEARCH

### HELP CENTERS:

Please indicate if you desire to Utilize any of the following Help Centers:

**Help Center Reservations Can be made During Check In at 8:00 AM**

**Please Mail Completed Registration Form to: Dubuque Family History Center, 4911 North Range Court, Dubuque, IA 52002. Registration will not be processed until form is received. Questions: contact [DBQFamHx@aol.com](mailto:DBQFamHx@aol.com)**