

Family History Centers

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Learn about local Family History Centers and what they offer to help you in researching your Family History. We will discuss where they are located, who works in them, and what makes them unique.

FHC are branches of the Family History Library, they are open to everyone!

Family History Library founded in 1894, largest Library of it's kind.

Over 2.2 million rolls microfilm, 742,000 microfiche, 300,000 books, 4,500 periodicals.

FHC have access to most of the Microfilms and Microfiche.

Over 110 Countries have had records microfilmed

Ancestral File 35.6 million names

IGI 600 million names

Pedigree Resource File 150 million names

In 1964 a system of Family History Centers was established to give more people access to the Family History Library's resources.

- Over 4,000 family history centers operate in more than 88 countries.
- About 100,000 rolls of microfilm are circulated to FHC each month.
- To locate Family History Centers in the United States and Canada call 866-406-1830.

65 FHC's, in Oregon located in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Check phone book or familysearch.org and call before you go for a schedule of hours.

FHC rules may vary by locality.

\$\$\$ Fees \$\$\$ - Costs differ at each FHC

❖ Computer print-outs	\$0.05
❖ Microfilm roll	\$5.50
❖ Microfiche	\$0.15
❖ Photo Copies	\$0.10
❖ Film/fiche copies	\$0.25

What should I bring with me?

- ❖ Ancestor name
- ❖ Approximate date(s) of birth or death
- ❖ Locations where ancestor lived
- ❖ Flash drive of files

Do I do My Own Research? Yes, with assistance as needed.

What skills must I have to come to the FHC?

- ❖ Desire
- ❖ Willingness to learn
- ❖ Patience

Will the Family History Center help me find someone who is living?

No, the FHC are there to help find the deceased.

How Long Does it Take for my Microfilm or Microfiche order to come?

About two weeks, if back ordered patron will be notified.

Most FHC notify when they have arrived.

How Long Does Microfilm stay at the FHC?

- ❖ One month loan
- ❖ Two month loan
- ❖ Indefinite Loan

How Long Does Microfiche stay at the FHC?

- ❖ Indefinite Loan

Can I use the microfilm/microfiche outside of the center?

- ❖ No, it is only available at the center.

Are there Classes or Seminars offered?

- ❖ Varies by FHC

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