



GENEALOGY NEWS



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October is Family History Month

Many genealogical organizations across America supported an Initiative to have a nationally recognized Family History Month for October each year.

Below is the press release from Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah issued on September 26, 2001.

SENATE PASSES HATCH BILL TO COMMEMORATE OCTOBER 2001 AS

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

WASHINGTON - By unanimous consent, the Senate today approved legislation introduced by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch to designate October as "Family History Month." "Millions of Americans are researching the history of their families," said the Utah Republican. "Experts say that in the United States, genealogy is now the second most popular hobby next to gardening. It is believed that more than 80 million Americans are currently actively searching for more information about their ancestors. "It is only natural that we want to find out more about our ancestors," Hatch continued. "What better way to bring families closer together than by discovering more about the story of their own family? Like it or not, who we are today is in large part, a product of our ancestors. Hatch's bill

(S.R. 160), which was co-sponsored by Robert Bennett (R-Utah), commemorates October as Family History Month and encourages President Bush to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the month of October with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

"With the advent of the Internet, there has been an explosion of interest in family history," Hatch continued. "Last month alone, more than 14 million Americans used the Internet to research their family history. Genealogy Internet sites are some of the most popular sites on the World Wide Web.

"Essentially, we are all immigrants to this country. Our ancestors came from different parts of the globe," Hatch said. "By searching for our roots, we come closer together as a human family. S.R. 160 had 84 co-sponsors and was approved by unanimous consent. "Researching ancestry is a very important component of identity. It can lead to long-sought-after family reunions or allow for life saving medical treatments that only genetic links will allow," Hatch said. "For all of these reasons, I encourage people across this nation to find out more about where they came from."

Activities for Family History Month – Plan some special events in your ward for that month: theme for sacrament meeting, a FH bulletin board, a table display with FH articles, a poster, a special invitation to the FH Center.

SYLVIA'S GENEALOGY CORNER

August was a remarkable month! Just when I thought life was back to normal – my computer crashed, and I am sad to say that I did not have your addresses backed up. For three weeks the PC was out of commission, and when all was said and done, it was a motherboard that needed to be replaced in a four-year-old ACER, which has been worked hard! But my prayers that I would not lose some important things that I had not backed up were answered. I had backed up about 75 per cent of my photos, but then there were all my materials for an August Genealogy News, my 13 years of Barefoot Family Reunion documentation, e-mails on Outlook Express....Thankfully, it is all intact, and all I want to say is that Dick Eastman of the famous genealogy blog has some fantastic advice, and here it is!

It is the First Day of the Month: Back Up Your Files!



It is the first day of the month. It's time to back up your genealogy files. Then test your backups! Actually, you can make backups at any time. However, it is easier and safer if you have a specific schedule. The first day of the month is easy to remember, so I would suggest you back up your genealogy files at least on the first of every month, if not more often. Eastman July 31, 1001

Following that admonition, I will relate just one genealogy story with a lesson:

Several years ago I posted a photo of my Barnhart family on oldfamilyphotos.com. Since then 3 distant cousins have contacted me concerning this photo (We represent 4 different siblings). Here is the latest letter:

Sylvia,
While searching for information for my family tree, I came across the picture of Michael Barnhart's family. It was wonderful to finally see a picture of my great grandfather, Henry Barnhart. Thanks for posting the photo.
Sally Heuer



Family of Michael Barnhart (1809-1889) and Elizabeth Sell (1813-1878), who lived in Roxbury (Johnstown), Pennsylvania. Both of them were born in Somerset, PA.

Front Row: Isaac D. Barnhart (1846-1915); Henry Barnhart (1839-1914); David Barnhart (1854-1918).

Back Row: Mary Barnhart Barclay (1834-1894); Elmira Barnhart Myers (1843-1922); Elizabeth Ann "Lizzie" Barnhart Hammer (1848-1923); Sarah Jane Barnhart Lohr Weaver Melander (1851-1925).

After communicating with Sally, she sent another photo to me with the sad comment that she knows it is a Barnhart Family, but she is not sure which family it is. She said that it could be her grandfather Henry's family. It has been nice to communicate with Sally and to learn that we were born in the same year in the same town, but my

family moved when I was one. If we had not moved, she and I probably would have been classmates. It's a small world!

The photo [below] is a lovely-looking family, but I do not recognize anyone in the group.



My second admonition to you is for you to write the names of your family on family history photos. This is a sad but common tale.

Overall, August could have been a better month. Besides a computer crash, we have also lived through intense rains, terrible flooding along the Susquehanna River and in the basements of many homes here is York, PA, an earthquake, hailstones, and winds that have whipped leaves off the trees and knocked limbs & branches down, but all is well at the moment. As a result of my computer problems, I am combining August and September newsletters, and we are looking forward to better days ahead.

Feature Changes in FamilySearch.org Release for 14 Sept 2011

Address: familysearch.org

Access these articles at that address at What's New?

September 14, 2011 - 1:04pm by

AndersonSF

As FamilySearch.org continues to change, we provide information about changes that have been made or will soon be made. Some of the most recent changes that are part of the next release of FamilySearch include:

The Removal of the Feedback Tab

The Feedback tab was originally part of the beta version of FamilySearch. It provided a visual reminder for testers to provide feedback on their testing experiences. Now that the beta test is over, we don't need to have the Feedback feature so prominently displayed.



You can still provide feedback by:

- Using the Feedback link located at the bottom right corner of the home page, or
- By click on the Help tab in the upper right corner of the home page. That will take you to the Help Center, where you can click the Feedback link.

A New Viewer for Images

Up to now, FamilySearch.org has required that you use Flash to view images of records. However, Flash does not work on many mobile devices. Images on FamilySearch.org are now displayed directly in your browser using HTML. This new viewer looks almost the same as the old Flash one. You don't need to do anything to

prepare your computer to use this new viewer.

The following two changes are the most noticeable:

- The Flash viewer let you indicate a specific section of a record to print. Now when you click the Print button, the system prints exactly what is shown on the screen.
- The thumbnail version of the image, which was located in the bottom left corner has been removed. Instead of using the thumbnail to move an image around on your screen, you can click anywhere on the image and drag it where you need it.

A New Layout for Search Results

Search results will now be viewed using a new format. The new format will make viewing search results easier to view by clustering information into similar groupings within columns. The first column contains the name of the individual, the name of the collection the person was found in, and the time period the record collection covers. The second column includes information about event dates and places. The third column includes relationship information, such as spouse, children, and other family relationships.

In this new layout, it is much easier to scan the results quickly for dates, places, and relationships.

Historical Records			
1-3 of 3 results for «Name: Robert Leichter, Event: Any, Place: Minnesota, Event Range: 1896-1899»			
Robert F Leichter Minnesota State Census, 1905	birth residence census	1897 Minnesota 1905 Laverne, Ward Number: South, Laverne township, Rock, Minnesota 1905 Laverne, Ward Number: South, Laverne township, Rock, Minnesota	
Robert Leichter Minnesota Births and Christenings, 1840-1980	birth residence	29 Aug 1896 LIVERNE, ROCK, MINNESOTA 1896 Rock, Minnesota, United States	parents: F. A. Leichter, Anna L. Leichter
Robert Leichter New York State Census, 1905	birth residence census	1896 United States 1905 Brooklyn, Kings, New York 1905 Brooklyn, A.D. 05, E.D. 04, Kings, New York	
R F Leichter United States Census, 1910	birth residence	1897 Minnesota 1910 Laverne South Ward, Rock, Minnesota	parents: F. A. Leichter, A L Leichter
Addeline R Leichter United States Census, 1910	birth residence	1899 Minnesota 1910 St Cloud Ward 3, Stearns, Minnesota	parents: Joseph H Leichter, Mary A Leichter

Notes

Notes that were part of original Pedigree Research File (PRF) submissions are now displayed on the results screen.

Ancestral File Number (AFN)

When you search Trees, you can now search by using the Ancestral File number (AFN). This number was once assigned to records in the Ancestral File. This is a fast way to find a specific person if you know his or her AFN.

Online Film Ordering System now Available in Selected Areas

August 23, 2011 - 2:24pm by AndersonSF

This announcement is to inform the public that the new FamilySearch Film Ordering System is now available to the U.S. Northwest/West Area. This area is in addition to other areas that currently have access to the FamilySearch Film Ordering System. [York does not have this yet.]

FamilySearch continues to make great strides in making family history research easier by making it possible for you to order microfilms from the comfort and convenience of your own home. No longer will you have to wait for your next trip to a family history center to order a film. Nor will you have to travel to a family history center, hoping they have the film you want, only to discover it's not there. Ordering microfilms is as easy as ever.

1. Go to familysearch.org/films and sign into FamilySearch using the Sign-In link located in the top right corner of the screen. If you do not have an account, clicking the Sign-In link will help you register.

2. Locate the microfilm number(s) you want in the [Family History Library Catalog](#), located on FamilySearch.org. **Note:** Before ordering any film, check to see if the Family History Library Catalog has a digital copy online.

3. Select your loan type, enter the microfilm number, and click Search. Repeat this step for each additional item.

HOW TO GENERATE LABELS FOR FILMS

The only answer for this right now is to use OpenOffice or Inventory Manager. After the rest of the United States is online, then when the techs get caught up, there is the possibility they will be able to add the label printing to Magento.

My email program/provider says that LDS-coordinators has been reported to them as a spammer. So they hold everything up and mail me the rejection. Now I find out it goes through anyhow. I reported the anti-spam site to Rootsweb. I also checked my list of senders that I've designated as spam and it wasn't there, just in case. Now, here are the concerns I've had with the online ordering

1. Many patrons expect to see an ordering button alongside the film they want in the catalog, like a commercial site or ordering a book placed on Hold on a regular library site.
- 2 Then on the second site they tend to go straight to ordering and not pause to set up their account first, which leads to all kinds of back trails.
- 3 Using two sites to coordinate their order is a bit confusing, compared to other online ordering. So I'll tell them to expect this. Forewarned is forearmed.
- 4 Sometimes patrons don't get a final notification email saying the order is in, even after they are notified it's being processed.
- 5 The film doesn't have their name on the box, or even what the contents are anymore, so they may need to bring their film number with them.

My plan of attack -er- lesson plan:

I'm delighted that the Help section is so thorough, but I've found it prints off in very fine print that's hard to read and harder to photocopy. So it's great that it remains online for people to read right there. These are guys, so first I'll make sure they look at the directions. So here is what I'm adding to my explanation: Patrons will need to use two different websites to order a fiche/film. One is for locating the fiche/film; the other, the newly added program, is for ordering.

First find your fiche/film and write down the number. Then go to ordering.

When in ordering, first set up your account: then place the order.

Watch for any notice that tells you the film is

a) already indexed and online

b) already in the local FHC (Question: do you have to have your ordering information already set up for the computer to *see* this one?)

Would it pay to have them set up to order first and then go back and find the film?

Pay attention to the emails that come during processing. If it's been over a couple of weeks, call your center and give them your film number to see if it has arrived anyhow. Bring that film number to the center when you plan to view the film because neither your name nor the film's contents will be displayed on the box.

I probably have missed something.

Thanks, Jerry Cowley

MORE ON ORDERING FILMS:

Check Knowledge Base Document # 112358I

There is also 111102 which teaches how to do the upload from Inventory Manager 112313 using CSV upload. 112918 explaining about how long Inventory Manager may take. There is 108917 for the patrons. There is 109132 for the price list of films and fiche. Each one of these can be saved to any computer for future reference. We would be more than happy to send these to you if you just ask by way of; support@familysearch.org/ This link is also on the Online Film Ordering website; <https://www.familysearch.org/films/>

If you look at the very bottom of this page you will see RESOURCES; just below this you will see Ask for Help and feedback. There is also; <http://fhc.familysearch.org/>, which is on all FHC computers, and this can be used at home except the Premium Family History Websites; there is much that can help patrons and consultants; there is support by way of Call us, Chat with us online and Send us a message. With these, anyone can contact Support for help anytime.

I do not know about Screen Shots but here is the recorded webinar URL; In case directors ask, here is the link to listen to the recording of last night's webinar: <http://ldschurch1.adobeconnect.com/p34rawoxtlv/>

Paul Walworth

BALTIMORE FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP OFFERS 50 COURSES

We are pleased to announce that **online registration is now open for the 2011 (13th Annual) Baltimore Family History Workshop!** The workshop is sponsored by the Baltimore Maryland Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held in Essex, Maryland, on Saturday, Oct. 15. Please visit our website:

www.baltimorefamilyhistoryworkshop.org to find out more and to register for up to 6 of our more than 50 exciting classes being offered this year.

Due to limited class space, **we will be closing the classes as they fill so be sure to complete the registration process early.** Please note that there are several classes that span more than one time slot. Class descriptions and instructor bios are available online to help with your selections.

As in previous years, **CD's will be for available for all of the class outlines/notes that instructors submit.** Orders for CD's at \$4 each will be taken online during the registration process. They can be paid for at the workshop, and exact change will make the pickup process much quicker.

New this year: In order to control costs, we will not be providing paper handouts in the classrooms but ask that you **please help by returning to the website after Oct. 1 to print out any handouts** from links on the Class Descriptions page for the classes you have registered for and bring them with you to the workshop.

Please read the instructions on the registration page about using the TAB and BACK buttons and your MOUSE

for ease in navigating the site. Use of the Enter key while registering will prematurely submit your registration before you are finished. If this happens, you might be able to use your BACK button to return to the registration page without losing the information you have entered. We have occasionally had some glitches with individual registrations over the years so **if you experience problems with registering, please let us know using the Contact Us link on the site or emailing bfhworkshop@gmail.com.**

Reminders:

- **Print the Registration Confirmation Form** which is generated after you hit the Submit button and bring it with you to the workshop along with your **printed handouts.**
- **Bring a bagged lunch** (bottled water will be provided) and please keep all food and other drinks in the gym area. Water is permitted in the classrooms. There are some places to eat close by if you would prefer to go out to eat.
- Bring **note-taking supplies.**
- The church building is **accessible** for persons with disabilities.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends at the workshop on Sat., Oct. 15, and happy researching!

Karen Perry

Director

2011 Baltimore Family History Workshop

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Nina Miles and Jack and Sylvia Sonneborn of York 1st Ward will be presenters at this workshop.

“Final” Resting Place for Your Documents & Heirlooms

by John D. Beatty

We all know the importance of keeping our family documents in acid-free file folders and boxes and our photographs in archival-quality plastic or Mylar sleeves. We have also discussed in this column the importance of labeling our photographs and cataloging and identifying our family heirlooms, such as that vase you inherited from your great-grandmother, and then maintaining an inventory of those items. We have also talked about keeping our genealogical records in good order and even publishing our family history in some form and leaving it in a genealogical library. But what happens to all of these precious items when you die? Have you made provision for your heirlooms in your will? Some people will have younger generations interested in genealogy who they know will gladly accept heirlooms and photo albums and agree to preserve them. If so, you should first be thankful, and then formalize in writing a bequest of these items to that heir in your will. Sadly, many have no such heirs and face the prospect of having their treasured heirlooms sold at an estate sale or even thrown into a dumpster. Don't let that happen to you. Consider the alternatives while you still can. If you have no interested heirs, see if there is a library or historical society in the area where your family lived - or even a state library or historical society - that would accept your family photos, Bibles, and letters. Make arrangements to donate them while you can, or make an appropriate provision in your will for your heirlooms to go there. Digitize your family photos and family Bible pages and create a family memory book - even if it is not a full-scale genealogy - and consider donating it to a library. The peace of mind is well worth it.

Tips for Finding Stubborn Ancestors

by Kimberly Powell

How many of you have ancestors that you just can't find in a census, newspaper, or other online database when you just know they must be there? Before you assume they were just missed somehow, try these tips for locating stubborn ancestors in a variety of online databases.

1. Don't Depend on Soundex
2. Search Surname Variants
3. Use Nicknames and Initials
4. Consider Alternate Surnames
5. Swap the First and Last Names
6. Use Wildcard Search
7. Combine Those Search Fields
8. Search the Bare Minimum
9. Search for Family Members
10. Search by Database

For details on each of these tips, read Kimberly's article at: [Stubborn Ancestors](#)
Source: About.Com: Genealogy, August 16, 2011

Does Your Heirloom Have a Story?

If you have a family heirloom or keepsake, try and determine who in the family first owned the item, how they obtained it, who made it, and how it has been passed down to the present day owner. Recording the history now is an excellent idea and searching for information about the heirloom may provide you with more genealogical information on your family. The item can be as commonplace as grandpa's horse collar (I have one) or as unique as a fancy piece of jewelry.

Source: Michael John Neil, Genealogy Tip of the Day, Posted: 05 Jul 2011 02:00 AM PDT

Genealogy "Tips of the Day"

by Michael John Neill

"Heirs and assigns forever" on an old deed. The intent of the phrase was to convey to the grantee a fee simple title, meaning that the grantee was to keep, mortgage, sell, or bequeath the land as he or she saw fit. This type of ownership was different from a life estate, which is where the grantee only has use of the property during his lifetime.

There May Be No Tombstone. Depending on the time period, the location, the number of nearby relatives and your ancestor's financial status, your ancestor might never have had a tombstone. Don't assume that every person buried in a cemetery had a stone.

Stepchild How? In the 1900 census, Tom is listed as Bob's stepchild and Bob is married to Mary. Don't assume that Tom is Mary's child and that she had a previous relationship. Bob could have had a wife previous to Mary who was Tom's mother and that's how Tom became Bob's stepchild.

Minors Choosing Guardians. In most US states, minors over the age of 14 could usually choose their guardian, subject to the approval of the court. If you see your ancestor choosing his guardian, it probably means he or she was over the age of 14, even if the record does not state that fact. You should check the contemporary state statute to be completely certain.

Check Every Court. Don't forget that records regarding your ancestor might have been created at several government levels: local--such as town, city, or township records, or county, state, and federal court records. Source: Genealogy Tip of the Day

<http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com/>

"Ask the Google Guru" Webinar

Lisa Louise Cooke of Genealogy Gems taught a free webinar on Google search tips. The webinar can be downloaded at this site:

<http://genealogygemspodcast.blogspot.com/2011/04/free-google-family-history-search.html>

Bounty Land v. Pensions - What's the Difference?

Pensions have been granted to veterans since the end of the Revolutionary War, at first just for disabilities suffered in the line of duty, but eventually as a general reward for military service during specific conflicts. However, From 1788 to 1855, the U.S. government also granted bounty land for military service. To understand more about bounty land grants and why recipients may or may not have taken ownership, read this informative article: Bounty Land. Source: NARations, August 12, 2011

<http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/?p=5702>

Familypedia

This is a place where you can create articles about your ancestors, and easily link them to other articles about where and when they lived. You can work wholly within the wiki, or link your articles to sites on the world wide web. And because this is a wiki format, you can work collaboratively with others to create a network of articles about your ancestors and about where they lived and worked. Try it at: [Familypedia](#)

1,000 Memories

1,000 Memories is a free website where you and relatives upload photos, audio and video, and written stories about ancestors-a way of sharing the photos that you inherited, and seeing the ones handed down through your cousin Edna's branch. Check it out at <http://1000memories.com/>

"The greatest responsibility in this world that God has laid upon us is to seek after our dead. Those saints who neglect it in behalf of Their deceased relatives, do it at the peril of their own salvation." Joseph Smith, Teachings of the Prophet, p. 193.

What is OUR Responsibility?

"Often Church members suffer from a lack of perspective, perhaps understandably, as to the vastness and intensity of the Lord's work in the spirit world. The scope is enormous! Demographers estimate that some sixty to seventy billion people have lived on this planet thus far. Without diminishing in any way the importance of the absolutely vital and tandem work on this side of the veil, we do need a better grasp of 'things as they really will be' (Jacob 4:13). Otherwise, we can so easily come to regard family history as a quaint hobby and its resulting temple work as something we will get around to later. "Not only does the word vastness characterize the work there, but so does intensity." **Source:** Neal A. Maxwell - book: The Promise of Discipleship (2001) - p. 105

NEW POSITION FOR REBECCA KOFORD, POPULAR FH PRESENTER

I may or may not have told you yet that I have recently been hired by an amazing new genealogical documentary firm, Reel Tributes (www.reeltributes.com). I am very, very excited about it. There was even a press release that you can read at <http://www.geneapress.com/2011/08/reel-tributes-welcomes-director-of.html>. Please visit the website; the film samples speak for themselves.

Of course, I will still be taking clients privately, that won't change. I really do like the idea behind Reel Tributes: I know I work very hard on my own and my clients' family histories, but I also know that communicating all that work to my family can be a bit dry. The marriage of sound genealogical research with a professionally edited film really answers my needs, as a professional, and how my family understands our shared history.

Thanks to all those who have been so supportive.

Rebecca Koford

"I'm stuck in my family tree and I can't get down!"

Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards as progress...

CEMETERY PHOTOS AND INDEXING

Subject: Harry Senft Cemetery Pictures
Disk #43 NOW ON-LINE, (10,378 Pictures)

<http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com/familyhart/pictures/HarrySenft/index.html#43>

<http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com/familyhart/pictures/HarrySenft/>

Harry Senft Cemetery Pictures Disk #43 is NOW ONLINE, which includes the following cemeteries:

1. Centre Presbyterian Cemetery
Fawn Township, York, Pennsylvania
2. Conewago Chapel Cemetery
Conewago Township, Adams, Pennsylvania
3. Lazarus Lutheran Cemetery
Lineboro, Carroll, Maryland
4. Mount Zion Cemetery
Peach Bottom Township, York, Pennsylvania
5. Wolf's Saint Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery (Redo)
West Manchester Township, York, Pennsylvania
6. Slate Ridge Cemetery

Peach Bottom Township, York,
Pennsylvania

7. Slateville United Presbyterian Cemetery
Peach Bottom Township, York,
Pennsylvania

Disk 39 Saint Peters Lischey's Cemetery,
North Cordrus Twp, York, PA, indexed by
Adrey Lerew, alerew1@comcast.net

To see pictures go to
[http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com/
familyhart/pictures/HarrySenft/](http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com/familyhart/pictures/HarrySenft/)

Disk 39 Saint Paul's Wolf's Cemetery, West
Manchester Twp, York, PA indexed by
Adrey Lerew, alerew1@comcast.net

To see pictures go to
[http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com/
familyhart/pictures/HarrySenft/](http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com/familyhart/pictures/HarrySenft/)

Disk 38 Stoverstown St. Pauls indexed by
Adrey Lerew,
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To see pictures go
to [http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.co
m/familyhart/pictures/HarrySenft/](http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com/familyhart/pictures/HarrySenft/)

St. Pauls Dubs (Old) Cemetery and new
indexed, attached

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Manchester Lutheran Cemetery Index

[http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com/familyhar
t/pictures/HarrySenft/index.html#7-2](http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com/familyhart/pictures/HarrySenft/index.html#7-2)

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A LETTER TO HARRY SENFT

I wanted to let you know that I found my
ggggrandfather and ggggrandmother's
burial site, thanks to you. I have been
searching for years to find out where they
died and where they were buried.

I found them on your Disk #38 St. Mary-
St. Patricks Cemetery.



I was so excited – I was jumping around for
hours.

I sat for hours looking through this file and
lo and behold – there they were. It is a
shame that the stones are in such disrepair.

Looks like the whole cemetery was
vandalized. The last time I was up there -
around 2004 – I have pictures but there
were very few stones that were knocked off
the pedestals, pictures missing etc.

(I was looking for other family members at
that time.)

Thank you for all our hard work. I truly
appreciate it. I wish I had a million dollars
because you are certainly worth every
penny!!!!

Beverly Weber

**Thanks to Harry and all others who
are working on getting these
cemeteries documented.**

TYNDAL SUFFERED FOR TRANSLATING THE BIBLE

400th anniversary: "On October 6, in the year 1536, a pitiful figure was led from a dungeon in Vilvoorde Castle near Brussels, Belgium. For nearly a year and a half, the man had suffered isolation in a dark, damp cell..... His name was William Tyndale, and his crime was to have translated and published the Bible in English." So begins this beautiful tribute from Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles on "[The Blessings of Scripture – 400th Anniversary of the KJV Bible](#)," the newest video-offering from Mormon Messages. Thanks to Harry Senft for submitting this.

"Anyone who thinks family history is boring clearly hasn't tried it. Every twist and turn leads us to new ancestors in different eras and sometimes an entirely different place. There's always something new to , and as we follow our ancestral trail, new skills develop, and our view of history evolves. Fortunately these days we have plenty of resources to turn to that can guide us as we explore the times and places where our ancestors lived, and the records they left behind."

Source: Juliana Smith, Ancestry.com Newsletter- July 2011

*A birth certificate shows
you were born.*

*A death certificate shows
you have died.*

*A photo album shows you
have lived.*

Contributor Cheryl Orrock

CHURCH LAUNCHES SITES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Visitors' Center now has a Facebook page. -- Washington DC Temple Visitors' Center -- which will be used to promote events and activities at the VC. Please visit the page and click "like" and let us know what you think. Thanks for your support.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-DC-Temple-Visitors-Center/228255190518950>

Check this article for other connections to the social media:

http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com/2011/08/beyond-walls-of-your-fhc.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+AncestryInsider+%28The+Ancestry+Insider%29

We're pleased to announce the launch of an updated [FamilySearch YouTube](#) channel, Thursday, Aug. 4th. Over the past few months, we have been creating video content to reach a variety of audiences throughout the genealogy world.

In preparation for the launch, we are giving a few influential genealogy enthusiasts a preview of the channel along with an invitation to break the news in your online communities through your blog, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media.

The playlists includes:

- [Genealogy in 5 Minutes](#) – a 24-episode series offering an overview of how-to's, best practices, and helpful hints for doing genealogy.
- [Woven Generations](#) – an inspirational series about the benefits and success stories of genealogy work.

- Genealogy Fun – a fun video series highlighting the lighter side of genealogy.
- Societies and Archives – a video series highlighting genealogical societies & archives.
- Genealogy News & Events – What's going on the genealogy world?
- Family History: Getting Started – a training video series for using FamilySearch.
- “How-to's” from the Experts – a series of interview clips with best practices for finding your ancestors.

PICTURES ON PAF

Pictures aren't actually contained within the PAF program. It simply links to the pictures somewhere else on your computer. You might need to re-set those links. There are several documents that can give you some help doing this. To find them, go to <https://www.familysearch.org> and click Help in the upper right corner. In the search box, you can type in "pictures in PAF" and click Search, which will bring up a gazillion documents to plow through. Or you can put in a document number to go directly to a particular document.

Some specific documents that might help you out are 387p_en, 5393p_en, 111539, and 5164p_en. If none of those give you the help you need, I'd suggest that you then click Contact Family Search while still in the Help Center (it's in the list on the right side of the page). From there you can get the phone number to call support or you can send an email or start a chat.

Nancy Tychonievich

Sending pictures over the internet is no problem at all if you use the right program. May I suggest you become familiar with www.dropbox.com (and make sure you put that I recommended it so I will get more storage space from them). I have given others access to files which have 800 or more pictures in them this way. It is easy and works very well. In addition my long histories and a book I have written with well over 5,000 pages has been shared over the internet using dropbox.

Stephen J. Kelsey

Shortly after we provided the AQ code to the Church, from which they made PAF, we added the ability to include pictures in a GEDCOM file. AQ's import/export has an extra checkbox to "Embed" the scrapbook items in the GEDCOM file.

1 From your old computer, export all your PAF data to a GEDCOM file, including pictures - using AQ.

2 Take the GEDCOM file to your new computer.

3 Import the GEDCOM file into a new database on the new computer, again using AQ.

AQ will create your pictures into the same folders, with the same names as you had on the old computer. Whether you then continue to use AQ or PAF on the new computer, your pictures will be there. If you want to keep your old RINs the same (these will change with a GEDCOM import), simply delete the new file that you created in step 3, and go back to using the original PAF file. The pictures will be there.

Gaylon Findlay

Dear Readers:

I converted to Windows 7 two years ago and my PAF files work great. My pictures are all linked just like they were before. From the HELP in PAF: "The .paf file does not store the multimedia file itself; it stores only the path where the file can be found". So it is all in where your pictures are stored and the path that PAF looks to find them. I'm not sure where you put your pictures when you transferred them from your old computer to the new computer, but as long as you put them in the same place on the new computer, PAF will be able to find them.

For example: If your pictures were in a folder called Family Photos which was in a folder called Genealogy which was in a folder called My Documents, then you should create a Genealogy folder in the My Documents folder on your new computer and put your Family Photos folder in it. PAF will then be able to find them.

There is help in PAF for this. Go to help and search under "managing multimedia files." Also check under: "sharing multimedia." Moving your files from one computer to another is just like sharing a Gedcom with someone. You can send them aG, but they won't get the photos. You have to give them a CD with all of the photos on them and they have to put those photos in the same folder on their computer as it was on your computer or PAF will not be able to find them.

Sandy Stewart

QUESTION

I recently got an ITC Incredible II and want to know if there is a good app out there for PAF data. I saw several apps out there -- some free, some not -- and wonder which one will work the best with my phone and data. I have about 8,500 names in my database.

The one I'm interested in learning more about is the GedStar Pro Genealogy Viewer, but although it says it is free, there is a \$20 Windows conversion program that is not free that goes along with it. Most of the reviews are positive.

Joan in NC

ANSWER

Satisfaction is often due to personal taste. If the app you are interested in is free and there is a free trial period for the accompanying Windows software, why not give it a try?

At the Android Market, there are other Android genealogy apps available too. <https://market.android.com/search?q=genealogy&so=1&c=apps>:

Bill Buchanan
website:

<http://billbuchanan.byethost17.com>

blog: <http://billbuchanan.blogspot.com>

"No work is more of a protection to this Church than temple work and the family history research that supports it. No work is more spiritually refining. No work we do gives us more power. No work requires a higher standard of righteousness."

--President Boyd K. Packer

SOME ADVICE ON GERMAN RESEARCH

I lived in Germany and our German friends told me that they would rather save their money and come to Salt Lake City than spend their money in the archives and churches there. It was less expensive for them to fly to Salt Lake City and stay in a hotel than to do research at home.

My apologies if my note sounds negative, but these are the lessons I learned.

As for family history centers, the hours are as frequent as what our FHC's have here in the USA. Our ward in Bonn was only open two evenings a week and no days.

In Germany, graves are only available to families for 30 years unless the family pays for renewal. It is space consideration but also it is economics.

We did see some old graveyards, but the more modern ones follow the above rules.

A German researcher should see now if she can find another German researcher in the area where she is interested in researching. She may have to pay a decent fee, but it would save her a lot of time.

One way to find these researchers is to contact the family history library in Salt Lake City. They keep a list of researchers. She could also talk to a research librarian in Salt Lake City and explain her situation.

The Family History Library website (www.familysearch.org) accepts emails with research questions or concerns. She might try writing them and see what they suggest. She should share the names, dates, and places that she already knows.

Does she know if the father-in-law is dead? Did he serve in the military?

Does she know if the father-in-law had siblings who are still alive?

Another thing she could do is go to the village where the father-in-law was born. Go to the post office, public library, and/or city hall and ask if there are people with that surname still in the village. She can also research the phone books of the area. Phone books are often kept in the post offices because that is also a connection for the telephone company.

The sister will also need to know that many businesses (including official offices like the city hall and post office) close over the lunch hours. This is not so true in larger cities, but it is true in the smaller towns.

She can do the same thing in the village or town where the husband's parents were married. She needs to find the original marriage certificate because it may provide her with more information.

I am sorry that this question was asked when she has only a little time before leaving for Germany. I wish she had thought to ask your advice months ago. I also hope she did research in Salt Lake City first.

Finally, Gay, put her name on the temple prayer roll and add your prayers to hers. Ask others in her family and/or ward to pray for her too. She may not know where the information is or how to obtain it, but the Lord knows the answers. The spirit can guide her to take the proper steps, meet the correct people, and where to go.

Mary Scott
Northville Ward
Westland Michigan Stake

Detroit Michigan Temple District

TIPS ON PRINTING NOTES FOR A BOOK USING PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE (PAF)

Norma McClain wrote:

When PAF creates a book, they capture the notes, etc., which are often repeated for family members. Is there a way to bypass that- or would one have to write a separate page?

I've used four approaches and don't like any of them, but in case you might here they are.

1) Put a ! in front of the note on ONLY the parent; then tell PAF to print only the notes with a ! tag.

2) GEDcom out everyone but NO NOTES; create a PAF database called McCLAIN BOOK.paf, print your book TO FILE, then copy and paste the notes from the real database at need.

3) Print your book from your real database with no notes.

4) Print your book with notes TO FILE then go in and manually delete the notes you don't want. (For a 30,000 name database, this process takes roughly 18 months, so I can't say I recommend it.)

Cheryl

One approach is to print your book to a file and edit it with a word processor to produce a final product. DL Melville

PHOTO RESTORATION LESSONS

Five lessons in photo restoration are available at: Restoring Old Photographs. Or <https://www.familysearch.org/techtips/series/digital-restoration-of-old-photographs>

"As President Boyd K. Packer has said, 'If you don't know where to start, start with yourself. If you don't know what records to get, and how to get them, start with what you have.' You will learn about the phenomenon that is you. It can be more fascinating than any movie you might see or any computer game you might play. You will need to find out who your grandparents and great-grandparents were and what temple work has been done for them. If you don't know how to get this information, ask people in your ward who do know how.

President James E. Faust, "*The Phenomenon That Is You*," LDS General Conference, October 2003.

GETTING HELP FOR OUR LEADERS

If the new High Council representative does not have much experience with family history, suggest he attend a family history class that hopefully is being taught in his ward. If he has the time, volunteer to work in the family history center.

First, he should go to the LDS.org website and find the Serving in the Church link:

<<http://lds.org/service/serving-in-the-church/temple-and-family-history?lang=eng>>

<http://lds.org/service/serving-in-the-church/temple-and-family-history?lang=eng>

This will explain to him exactly what he should do and what is required of him.

Then he can practice at this site:

<https://training.familysearch.org/training/>

Go here; this is the place where members can experiment on artificial data without messing-up real data.

Shanna Jones

I will put in a couple of thoughts:

As Shauna mentioned, go to the lds.org site for serving in the Church. On this site, you can download the new Leader's guide to Temple and Family History, To Turn the Hearts. The manual explains responsibilities of the Stake and Ward leaders in clear terms. Mention that this manual is additional support and guidance to Handbook 2, Section 5. Have him go to familysearch.org/consultant website to register and then view the training for his responsibilities. Do these training modules a little at a time.

He should be able to work well with people and be able to teach, as he should be instructing the High Priest Group Leaders. Of course, you don't want to overload him or scare him about his assignment.

Just a side note,

1. The To Turn the Hearts manual and DVD is being projected to be released by the end of the year. The DVD will be a great presentation on how family history and temple work can strengthen the Church. The manual has been approved and is ready for printing. The DVD is in the finals stages of approval.

2. **YOUTH:** There is a new website geared specifically to the youth, it is: familysearch.org/lds youth. It helps the youth get involved in family history work and then shows them how they can assist people who are nervous using computers.

3. Lastly, if you have not gone to the consultant website lately, there are some new training modules available. One is on family history and missionary work. There are some new things that are being required of and taught to new missionaries. There are some thoughts on how to use family history classes and family history centers in missionary efforts. It is very worthwhile to complete this training. Also, it appears that some of the older training modules may have been updated.

Len Ingermanson

**CONTACT YOUR SENATOR TO OPEN
BILL SB-361 TO OPEN UP VITAL
RECORDS TO THE PUBLIC IN PA**

The following letter arrived from Tim Gruber, who is spearheading the push to get Bill SB-361 passed in PA. STGC supports this bill, which would open up old vital records to the public.

It would be worth your time to personally contact your senator and help push this along.

Mark Gagermier, STGC V-P

THE LETTER FROM TIM GRUBER:

In reference to getting better access to older Pennsylvania state birth and death certificates, on September 19th, 2011 Vital Records Bill SB-361 unanimously passed the Senate Appropriations Committee and is now on the floor of the State Senate. We have heard the bill might come up for a vote by the entire Senate as early as the week of September 26th, but we cannot assume it will or that it will pass. We need to urge the senate leaders and the rest of the State Senators to make sure the bill doesn't get derailed or sidetracked (old railroading terms, isn't history wonderful) and to make sure the bill gets as many favorable votes as possible.

The bill is simple in that it just makes death certificates over 50 years old and birth certificates over 100 years old in Pennsylvania open records. It also requires the records be handed over to the Pennsylvania State Archives. Once the bill becomes law, it would be then possible to have the records online. Without this change in the law, the records will remain very restricted forever. This is discussed in detail in the September 20th & 21st, 2011 article under Latest News section of our

website:

<http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm> (includes a sample letter for this bill).

If you would please let everyone you can know about this (including out of state residents). Visits, phone calls, letters are the most effective, but even a one paragraph email sent to at least one state senator is better than nothing. Hearing from organizations, their constituents and others could prove decisive in getting the bill passed by the State Senate.

Thank you for your help,

Tim Gruber

UPDATE TO SSDI

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://hr-search-api:8080/searchapi/search/collection/1202535>

Also www.rootsweb.com has an even more current update for the Social Security Death Indexes.

The speed of the information is because the purpose of the Social Security Death Master File (what we call the Social Security Death Index) is for banks, financial institutions, and others with an immediate need to know of deaths of individuals. Most genealogical sources of the SSDI update sporadically, but the information is available immediately. GenealogyBank, owned by NewsBank rather than a genealogical company/site, keeps their file current.

Rebecca Christensen

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON DUTCH RECORDS ON ANCESTRY.COM

This morning I noted that three databases are being shared on Ancestry from the www.GenLias.nl website.

The titles for the marriage and death databases are labeled correctly.

However, I noticed the following database:

Web: Netherlands, Genlias Baptism Index, 1811-1902

(Web: Nederland, Genlias Doop Index, 1811-1902)

These are NOT baptism records. They are civil registration records for births. The word "geborten" is the Dutch word for birth and is found on the entries which come up in the database.

Civil registration of births began generally in the Netherlands in 1811 (when Napoleon and his authorities had taken over the Netherlands). This database has NOTHING to do with baptism/christening records and is misleading at best. The Dutch word "doop" refers to baptism, but these are births.

Please know that the name of baptism database is incorrect. It should be designated as a BIRTH record database.

While www.GenLias.nl has a few baptism records, the majority of these church records will be found in the databases for the particular provinces.

Dutch records are some of the best in the world! The www.GenLias.nl website is free to anyone and has a webpage in English. I have used this website for many years and love it!! If someone is trying to research his Dutch ancestry, without a doubt, this is the place to start. (I have been able to find many missing family members of my Dutch ancestors.)

In addition, once the index finds a person or family, many of the original microfilms are available on www.familysearch.org. The original certificates can be printed out or scanned to a researcher's computer folders. (A topic for another day!) The microfilm images are not always indexed, but they are available for browsing. I did contact www.Ancestry.com this morning on the incorrect title for the database but am not sure it will do much good. They are a very big company, and it might take a long time for any corrections to be made.

Mary Scott
Northville Ward
Westland, Michigan Stake

Detroit Michigan Temple District

WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

This is a photo of my great-great-grandfather (the man on the left). My husband and I had taken a ride up to Woodstock, Vermont and were wandering around an antique mall. I spotted a box of photographs of people from the late 1800s-early 1900s and picked out a random photo. Lo and behold, it was this picture of my great-great-grandfather and his twin brother. You could have knocked me over with a Feather. I'm convinced that I was "led" to this picture! It now holds a prominent place on a shelf with many other family pictures. I'll never know how a picture of my ancestor ended up in northern Vermont since my family lived in Rhode Island. Ancestry Patron



Article in the 28

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[Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com)),

GROUND BREAKING FOR THE PHILADELPHIA TEMPLE TAKES PLACE ON CONSTITUTION DAY



Artist's rendition of the Philadelphia Temple

Latter-day Saints from Eastern Pennsylvania were very excited when the President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced that the church would soon be building its first temple in Pennsylvania. At this time all saints must travel to the closest temple, which is Washington DC.



Isn't it appropriate that the ground breaking for Pennsylvania's first and only LDS Temple took place on Constitution Day in a city rich in heritage because of all the historical events that took place in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dignitaries present included Pres. Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency, with

his daughter and son, and Elder William R. Walker, Ex. Dir. of the Temple Dept.; speakers included – Pres. Vai Sihakema, Counselor in the Cherry Hill NJ Stake; Elder Robert Smith, Area Seventy; and Elder William R. Walker, Ex/ Dir of the Temple Department; and Pres. Jay E. Jensen, Pres. of the Seventy.



If you attended the ground breaking, you also were allowed to play in the dirt. Here Sue and Ray Ressler (below) of Lancaster break some ground for the new temple. We are excited to get our first temple in PA and look forward to the day when PA will be dotted with numerous temples.



PHILADELPHIA TEMPLE DEDICATION

High on the Mountain Top

High on the mountain top
A banner is unfurled
Ye nations, now look up
It waves to all the world.
In Devere's acres, peaceful land,
On Zion's mount behold it stand!

For God remembers still
His promise made of old,
That he on Zion's hill
Truth's standard would unfold!
Her light should there attract the gaze
Of all the world in latter days.

His house shall there be reared,
His glory to display,
And people shall be heard
In distant lands to say:
We'll now go up and serve the Lord,
Obey his truth, and learn his word.

For there we shall be taught
The law that will go forth,
With truth and wisdom taught,
To govern all the earth.
Forever there his ways we'll tread
And save ourselves with all our dead.



"Those who understand the eternal blessings which come from the temple know that no sacrifice is too great, no price too heavy, no struggle too difficult in order to receive those blessings. There are never too many miles to travel, too many obstacles to overcome, or too much discomfort to endure. They understand that the saving ordinances received in the temple that permit us someday to return to our Heavenly Father in an eternal family relationship and to be endowed with blessings and power from on high are worth every sacrifice and every effort."

~ President Thomas S. Monson
April 2011 General Conference

PHILADELPHIA TEMPLE GROUND BREAKING

Presiding President Henry B. Eyring
First Counselor in the First Presidency

Conducting Elder William R. Walker
Executive Director, Temple Department

Opening Hymn
#5 High on the Mountain Top

Opening Prayer President Ahmad Corbitt
President, Cherry Hill, NJ Stake

Speaker President Vai Silahama
Counselor, Cherry Hill, NJ Stake

Speaker Elder Robert B. Smith
Area Seventy

Speaker Elder William R. Walker
Multi-State Choir
How Firm a Foundation

Speaker President Jay E. Jensen
Presidency of the Seventy

Remarks & Dedicatory Prayer President Henry B. Eyring

Closing Hymn by Choir
I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Closing Prayer Sister Joan Young
Valley Forge, PA Stake

Groundbreaking Ceremony

ROOTSMAGIC OFFERINGS

From now through October 1, 2011, we are pleased to offer our users the **RootsMagic Learning Bundle** for only **\$20** (plus shipping & handling)! The Learning Bundle has everything you need to learn the ins-and-outs of RootsMagic at your own pace including: ["Getting the Most Out of RootsMagic" Book](#), [RootsMagic Webinars on CD: Volume 1](#), and [RootsMagic Webinars on CD: Volume 2](#). That's **336 pages of written instruction** and **24 hours of video training** at over **40% off** the regular price! Hurry, this is a limited time offer and will expire on October 1, 2011. You may **order online at:** <http://www.rootsmagic.com/learningbundle/> (you must order from that page to receive the special pricing) or call **1-800-766-8762** today and mention offer code "LEARNING2011."

What's New in Personal Historian 2

Personal Historian 2 is the latest version of the unique software to organize, write, and publish personal histories for yourself and other individuals. It takes this seemingly monumental task and breaks it into small, manageable pieces and then reconstructs it into a complete, publishable document. The included library of timelines and memory triggers give color and context to your writing. You can even add documents, journals,

photographs, and genealogy to give it a personal touch.

*Wednesday, September 28, 2011
6pm MDT [See In Your Time Zone](#)
90 minutes*

Creating a Shareable CD with RootsMagic

So you are the designated "family genealogist." How do you share your hard work and research with other family members? More importantly, how do you get them involved? That's where RootsMagic's unique "Shareable CD" features comes to the rescue. Learn how to make a CD or DVD that contains all your data, pictures, and even it's own copy of RootsMagic that will not only show everyone what you've discovered, but excite them as well.

*Tuesday, October 4, 2011
5pm MDT [See In Your Time Zone](#)
60 minutes *RootsMagic Newsletter**

ONLINE TRAINING FOR WIKI

FamilySearch is now hosting live online training for wiki contributors or for those who are interested in becoming wiki contributors.

Information about the Online Wiki Trainings

These web trainings are held online every Thursday at 2 p.m. mountain time and are recorded and posted on the [FamilySearch wiki](#) for those who can't attend the live session. Trainings will address common questions that contributors come up against, such as how to:

- Be a part of the wiki community.
- Create a sandbox to give you a place to practice.
- Easily copy and paste into the wiki.
- Make sense of the History page.
- Add your name and date to Discussion page comments.

To learn more about how you can participate in these live web trainings, visit the [online trainings wiki page](#).

With records being added so quickly, how can one know what has been added. FamilySearch has made this simple. If you would like to receive notice of what records have been added to FamilySearch each week, you can choose to follow them on twitter <http://twitter.com/#!/familysearch>

5 Tips for Locating Your Ancestor's Passenger Arrival

By Juliana Smith

26 August 2011

1. Estimate the Arrival Date

The date of immigration can be found in a number of records, including some census records (the U.S. Federal Censuses for 1900-1930 all ask for year of immigration), death records (often recorded "How long in the U.S.?" on death certificates), obituaries, and many other records and home sources. Often a combination of resources can help pin down the elusive dates. Using a combination of birth dates and birth locations, particularly among siblings in the family that immigrated, it is often possible to narrow the arrival date to within a few years. Include your estimated immigration date in your search on Ancestry.com to narrow your results to those that would

apply. You can add +/- 1, 2, 5, or 10 years to give yourself a little wiggle room for rough estimates.

2. Gather Identifiers Sometimes the challenge isn't so much finding your ancestor's name in the records, as determining if it really is your ancestor. It's helpful to compile a mini-profile of your ancestor based on the information you may find in the record.

How old was your ancestor? Census records are also a good source for estimating age at the time of immigration, as well as information from death records, tombstones, correspondence, marriage records, etc.

What did he or she do? Some passenger lists will list occupations. While this information typically isn't indexed in passenger arrival records, in some cases it can be helpful in "thinning the herd" to focus on the most promising individual(s).

Who might they have traveled with? Family structure can be helpful in locating families who traveled together, although it bears mentioning that it wasn't unusual for the head of the family or some family member to come over first and then send for the family later, once employment and a living space had been secured.

It can also be handy to have a list of other surnames that have appeared with your ancestor. Witnesses and sponsors, neighbors, collateral relatives, and anyone whose name keeps popping up in conjunction with your ancestor could turn up as travel companions who arrived with your ancestors.

3. Learn Ethnic Names
Our ancestor's may not have traveled with the Americanized version of their name that

we're familiar with. Look for your ancestor's given name in his native language. BehindtheName.com is helpful in finding some variants.

For surnames, look for information online and in print publications that can teach you the ins and outs of surnames in the land of your ancestors. For example, the website PolishRoots.org has several articles and helpful resources on Polish surnames.

Search the Internet for other similar sites for your ancestor's background (e.g., German given names, Hungarian surnames, etc.)

4. Check Multiple Ports
The story of ancestors arriving through Ellis Island is a popular one, and although New York was the port of choice for millions of immigrants, many traveled through Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, New Orleans, and other U.S. ports (all of which can be searched [here](#)). In addition, for many years travel to Canada from Europe was cheaper and you may find that your ancestor took that route to the United States. [Border Crossing records](#) from Canada to the U.S. are available for the years 1895-1956, and [Canadian Passenger Lists](#) are available for 1865-1935.

5. Don't Stop Looking
Don't overlook the possibility that your ancestor may have made more than one trip. Sometimes—particularly in later years when steamships made the trip easier and faster—immigrants made several trips before finally settling in.
> [Search Passenger Lists on Ancestry.com \(\\$\)](#)

Article in the 28 August 2011 Weekly
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ANCESTRY RELEASES YEARBOOKS

We've just released 24,000 more yearbooks with almost 4 million new images, and made searching them easier than ever. Which is a really great thing for some people. And a really, really embarrassing one for others.

So, whether they made the pep squad or the geek squad, you can see your relatives as you've never seen them before in this enhanced collection of 155 million records from 1884 to 2009.

Who will you find? And what on earth will their hair look like? [Search now](#) (\$)

Research Wiki Continues to Grow

The [FamilySearch Research Wiki](#) continues to grow and has surpassed 60,000 entries! Articles about [Pennsylvania Vital Records](#), [South Carolina in the Civil War](#), [Germans from Russia](#), and [Illinois Church Records](#) are just a few of the resources you and others can use to aid your family history research. FamilySearch Research Help Community Newsletter *Copyright © 2011 FamilySearch.org, All rights reserved.*

Missionary Training and Family History Centers

New lessons for teaching missionaries to use family history as a missionary tool have been released. Newly called missionaries are being asked to come to the MTC with their four generations in hand. Because of this Family History Centers may be seeing an increase in traffic from missionaries. If consultants and Family History Center Directors want to learn more about missionary work and family history the new lessons can be found at <http://familysearch.org/serve>.

UPDATED FAMILYSEARCH RELEASES

New on FamilySearch.org:

The July 2011 release of the FamilySearch.org website contains updated releases of two classic FamilySearch record collections: **Ancestral File** and **Pedigree Resource File**.

Ancestral File

on [Classic.FamilySearch.org](#) contained about 25 million records. The new release contains 40 million. The additional records come from Ancestral File submissions made before the program was shut down, but after the last release. The last version of PRF on Classic contained 120 million records. This latest release on FamilySearch.org contains 200 million records. This release was refreshed from the original submissions. [Generations Newsletter](#)

STORING INFORMATION ON FLASHDRIVES

The Susquehanna Trail Genealogy Club has been giving away 4 GB flash drives as door prizes for some time now. These are great for storing your data on or saving research from the internet or from the Family History Library to take home with you. But if you're like me, you need to have ALL your data from ALL your family lines plus ALL your photos and ALL your census, obit, draft card and old newspaper clipping scans with you at all times so you can do research anywhere anytime you have a PC available.

For that you will need a larger flash drive. Here is what I carry in my pocket everywhere I go.

<http://www.buy.com/prod/sandisk-32gb-cruzer-usb-flash-drive/q/loc/101/211338487.html>

I have all my research on this little baby. Of course I have it all backed up in at least two

different places also! I like the Sandisk models because there is no cap to deal with – just slide out the USB connector, plug it in and run. The first time you use the flashdrive on a PC, it will load the correct drivers from the drive – neat!

I paid about \$60 for mine when they first came out. This one is only \$38 with free shipping!

Enjoy,

Mark Gagermeier, VP and newsletter editor of Susquehanna Trail Genealogy Club

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Mormon Church plans storage center for genealogical data in Northland – Kansas City

By KEVIN COLLISON

The Kansas City Star

The Mormon Church plans to build an electronic safe house in the Northland for the billions of birth certificates and other genealogical records it has been compiling around the world for almost a century.

The 63,000-square-foot building is being designed to withstand the worst natural disasters and keep its computer servers cool and dry for several years should it lose outside power, all to ensure its trove of digital documents remains undamaged.

“Without question, we have the largest single repository of this type of information,” said Russell D. Stay, senior vice president of Family Search. “We’ve been pursuing this a long time.”

Construction is expected to begin by late fall in the Shoal Creek area, near Northeast Soccer Drive (roughly Northeast 76th Street) and Interstate 435. It is expected to be operational by early 2013.

It will be the third genealogical data center to be developed in the United States by Family Search, an entity created by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints based in Salt Lake City.

Read more:

<http://www.kansascity.com/2011/09/06/3125342/mormon-church-plans-storage-center.html#ixzz1XHH4QxVf>

China, Hungary, Mexico and U.S. Collections Each Add Over a Million Records

U.S. Records Include Illinois, Maryland, New York and Washington

14 September 2011

FamilySearch.org added millions of records this week including 11 new records collections. More than six million Hungary Catholic Church records were added, as well as four million Mexico civil registration records. Looking for records from China? Over a million new Chinese genealogies from 1500–1900 are now available for viewing. Begin searching for free at FamilySearch.org.

Searchable records on FamilySearch.org are made possible by thousands of volunteers from around the world who transcribe (index) the information from handwritten records to make it searchable by computer. More volunteers are needed to help accelerate this important work of preserving and freely publishing important genealogical records. To learn more about the FamilySearch indexing program, visit indexing.familysearch.org.

Research Wiki Continues to Grow

The [FamilySearch Research Wiki](#) continues to grow and has surpassed 60,000 entries! Articles about [Pennsylvania Vital Records](#), [South Carolina in the Civil War](#), [Germans from Russia](#), and [Illinois Church Records](#) are just a few of the resources you and others can use to aid your family history research.

Be a part of the growth by [becoming a wiki contributor](#) and sharing what you know with other family history researchers. It's easier than you think to become a wiki contributor—learn how at the [Research Wiki help page](#).

Make the Most of Your Wiki Experience

The [FamilySearch Research Wiki](#) is a big place with a lot of information, and it may seem difficult to know where to start at first. To help you get the most out of your time on the wiki, visit the [self-guided tour](#) to learn more about searching, sharing, and connecting on the wiki. Through the online tour you can learn how to find family history records, get information about sharing your family history knowledge, and discover the groups of community members who can answer your questions about searching and contributing on the wiki. Make the most of your wiki experience by [taking the tour](#) today.

TEACHING YOUTH TO TAKE PART IN FAMILY HISTORY

Suggestions for ward council members and youth leaders:

- Encourage youth to help others learn how to use familysearch.org for a Duty to God or a Personal Progress project.
- Encourage youth to make goals to find an ancestor's name and be baptized for that ancestor in the temple.
- Find ways to teach the doctrine of family history and temple work during youth and ward activities and conferences.
- Create activities, games, and projects designed to help youth learn about their ancestors.

- Assign responsible young men and young women to help others use family history technologies. For example, young men could assist those families they home teach and thereby magnify their calling to teach, expound, and exhort (see D&C 20:42).

From FamilySearch

MORTALITY SCHEDULES

Sometimes it's difficult for our families and friends to understand our fascination with cemeteries, obituaries, and other death-related records. So when you tell them you're busy exploring mortality schedules, expect that roll of the eyes.

[Mortality schedules](#) were special schedules that inquired about persons who had died in the twelve months preceding the census, so for example the schedules for the 1880 census would cover deaths that occurred between 1 June 1879 and 31 May 1880. They were included in U.S. federal censuses from 1850-1880, and in the special federal censuses of 1885, which were only taken in the states of Colorado, Florida, and Nebraska, and Dakota and New Mexico Territories.

Even if you don't have an ancestor who died within the census year, it's worth a peek. Look at the causes of death for the people in your ancestor's neighborhood. This portion of an [1880 schedule from Cottonwood Township, Brown County, Minnesota](#), shows a devastating diphtheria outbreak that took the lives of multiple children in several of the households.

Juliana Smith, author, (Copyright 2011, [Ancestry.com](#)), in *The Weekly Discovery*

TIDBITS OF WISDOM FROM DICK EASTMAN ON HIS DAILY BLOG

Each month I try to highlight some of the information that Dick Eastman presents on the genealogy blog he publishes daily.

The following was written by TheOriginalRecord.com: Starting today, Surname Source Books (Ebooks/DVDs) unique to Theoriginalrecord.com. Available for 13,830 different surnames. Full list of surnames available at <http://www.theoriginalrecord.com/databas/e/ebooks> with precise number of sources for each surname and Links through to see complete lists of contents for each surname with sample scans. Eastman – July 29, 2011

Windows Is Dying – Eastman predicts the cloud. Read article at http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2011/08/windows-is-dying-and-so-are-macintosh-and-linux.html 8/8/11



FamilyTreeDNA HOUSTON TX – AUGUST 5, 2011 - Family Tree DNA is pleased to announce the launch of a new feature: Y-DNA "Third Party" uploads. This will allow for the upload of 33 and 46-marker Y-DNA test results from Ancestry, GeneTree and Sorenson's SMGF. Eastman 8/5/11

I was going to write something until I found an excellent introduction to the subject on the International Society of Genetic Genealogy's web site. If you are new to the topic of DNA, you might want to read *Genetic Genealogy Q&A for Beginners* at <http://www.isogg.org/ggfaq.htm> Eastman 8/8/11

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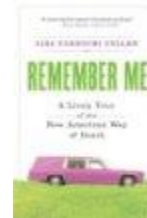
HOW TO READ UNREADABLE
TOMBSTONES – What to put on and not
put on tombstones:

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2011/08/controversy-how-to-read-unreadable-tombstones.html Eastman 8/12/11

The New Standalone Zotero



Leveraging the long tail of scholarship. All genealogists need a good citation manager to keep track of all the papers they have read and accumulated. For years, the most popular citation manager has been Zotero. In fact, I recently recorded a podcast with Connie Reik in which she describe some of Zotero's awesome capabilities. (You can listen to our conversation at <http://goo.gl/bgO7l>.) Eastman 8/12/11



I haven't read this book yet but the description sounds great. In *Remember Me: A Lively Tour of the New American Way of Death*, writer Lisa Takeuchi Cullen writes of her travels around the country to discover how Americans are reinventing the rites of dying. It seems that the funeral industry is changing rapidly, much of it to the dismay of funeral directors. Eastman 8/12/11



Offers Easy Access to FGS Services Including Radio, Blog and Webinars

August 15, 2011 – Austin, TX. The [Federation of Genealogical Societies](http://www.fgs.org) (FGS) announces the debut of its free mobile application for the iPhone®, iPod Touch®

and iPad®. With the new [FGS App](#), FGS resources and services such as FGS Radio, Voice – the FGS blog and webinars are now available to a wider audience. Eastman 8/16/11

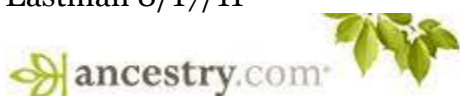


DRAPER, UT - Lingotek, the leader in collaborative translation solutions, has announced an exclusive, long-term relationship with FamilySearch. With this agreement, Lingotek will help FamilySearch, the largest genealogy organization in the world, translate historical documents Eastman 8/17/11

[New Genealogy Show Begins on Irish Television](#)

"The Genealogy Roadshow" is the new series for Irish television network RTÉ, which has been described as a cross between the hit programs "Antiques Roadshow" and "Who Do You Think You Are?" Unlike the earlier programs that featured family histories of celebrities, "The Genealogy Roadshow" focuses on the stories of every-day families.

Eastman 8/17/11



PROVO, UTAH (August 17, 2011) - [Ancestry.com](#), the world's largest online family history resource, today announced that both the images and indexes to the 1940 U.S. Federal Census will be made free to search, browse, and explore in the United States when this important collection commences streaming onto the website in mid-April 2012. Eastman



[Footnote.com Announces New Focus on Historical U.S. Military Records and Changes Name to Fold3](#)

I expected to see some changes after Footnote.com was acquired by Ancestry.com. The new emphasis on U.S. Military records certainly seems logical. I must admit, however, that the name change was unexpected. It strikes me as a more meaningful name for military records than does "Footnote." 8/18/11

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[Relative Finder Finds Relatives Among Your Mormon Facebook Friends](#)

A new application only works on the [new.FamilySearch.org](#) web site. Access at this time is restricted to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons) plus a very few others. However, access is expected to be open to everyone at some future, unspecified date. The application that searches back an average of nine or ten generations to find your relatives. It can even show you your relationship to famous historical figures, such as the signers of the Declaration of the Independence, apostles, and prophets from the early days of the restored church, American presidents and many more. More than a dozen undergraduate computer science students have been involved in developing Relative Finder. The [relativefinder.org](#) website, currently managed by undergraduate Willard Hagen, can be used without Facebook to determine how members of a ward or class are related to each other. You can learn more in an article in [physorg.com](#) at <http://goo.gl/C3odz>. *****

[Research Trip to Salt Lake City](#)

Feedback I have received from those on previous trips indicates this is a great experience. If you are interested in spending a week in Salt Lake City, accompanied by genealogy experts, you will be interested in this announcement from the National Genealogical Society: 16–23 October 2011

Space is limited to 30 attendees.
Registration Deadline: 1 October 2011

For further information, and to reserve a space, go to
www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/research_trips
[Eastman 8/26/11](#)



my HERITAGE NEW YORK, USA, LONDON, UK & TEL AVIV, Israel – August 26, 2011 - MyHeritage.com, the world's largest online family network, today announced its continued rapid growth and the beta release of its new Family Graph API platform. It is approaching 60 million registered users.
Eastman 8/27/11

Mexico Collections Account for 6 Million of 8 Million New Images

New Records From Belgium, England, Nicaragua, Peru, Russia

23 August 2011

Along with six million images added to Mexico collections at FamilySearch.org this week, additions were made to collections from six other countries. Browse through newly-added parish register records from Belgium and England, or the new collection of church book records from Russia. Additionally, new records from eight U.S. states: Maryland, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia, are now available at FamilySearch.org. Eastman 8/27/11

ANCESTRY.COM RELEASES THE 1930 MEXICO NATIONAL CENSUS TO OPEN GATEWAY FOR HISPANIC FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

Access is Free to Public for Most Comprehensive Mexican Census Published Online

PROVO, UTAH – (September 16, 2011) – Ancestry.com, the world's largest online [family history resource](#), today announced a significant addition to its growing collection of online Mexican and Hispanic historical records. With nearly 13 million records, the newly available 1930 Mexico National Census (El Quinto Censo General de Población y Vivienda 1930, México) is the most comprehensive historical Mexican census available online[1]. It is estimated that this census counted approximately 90 percent of the population, therefore for nearly 30 million Americans who can trace their families to Mexico, it provides a valuable gateway to begin researching Mexican family history, especially if family, vital or religious records are lost. http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1771&o_xid=49087&o_lid=49087&o_sch=Email (\$) *****

Vertical Horizon, the Belgian-based software company, has released Calendar Converter for iOS. The app is optimized for iPod Touch and iPhone, but also works on the iPad. Calendar Converter allows you to easily navigate to a date in the Gregorian, Julian, Hebrew, French Republican or Islamic calendar and get the corresponding dates in the other calendars. You can copy the date to the clipboard and then use the date in another app. Eastman 8/28/11

TIPS ON STORING PHOTOS ONLINE <https://www.familysearch.org/techtips/2011/07/online-family-photo-archive>

1940 Census will be released in 2012
<http://genealogygemspodcast.blogspot.com/2011/07/how-genealogists-can-prep-for-1940.html> Generations Newsletter

Photographs to be Taken of Every Arlington Grave



I have recently written about the poor record keeping at Arlington National Cemetery. (You can read my earlier articles <http://goo.gl/MCxlB>, <http://goo.gl/tJ8gf>, and at <http://goo.gl/1zDrJ>.) Cemetery officials have never computerized the records, instead relying on an ancient and inadequate pen-and-paper record keeping system. Even worse, many of the records have been lost. Some records are reportedly kept at the cemetery but can no longer be found. Other records have been discovered off... Eastman 8/28/11

BACKUP MY TREE

BackupMyTree is a great service that takes the worries of data loss away from individual genealogists. It is software that installs in your computer and automatically makes online backups of any data you add to your genealogy database. The backup process is automatic: after installation, no further user action is required. All the genealogy data is heavily encrypted within the PC for security reasons, then sent across

the Internet to servers operated by BackupMyTree. In case of a future data loss caused by hardware malfunctions or perhaps by human error, the preserved data can quickly and easily be retrieved at any time by entering the encryption password into the data recovery software.

I have written about BackupMyTree several times. About a year ago, I wrote at <http://goo.gl/XEoBt>: Eastman 2/28/2011

Find Dick Eastman's blog at these addresses: For the Plus Edition, go to <http://www.eogn.com/wp/>. (\$)

For the free edition, click on www.Eogn.com

For copies of Genealogy News, go to

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~payork/York2Ward/>

Thanks to Don and Jeanine Hartman of Utah for posting the newsletter online for us. <http://familyhart.info>

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That's all, Folks! See you next issue.
Jack & Sylvia