

Logan Utah Regional Family History Center

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Announcements



Logan FHC Hours:

Mon & Fri - 9:30-5:00
Tu/W/Th - 9:30-9:00
Saturday - 9:30-3:00

Free Access to

Ancestry.com - Our Family History Center now has **free** access again to Ancestry.com's 24,000+ searchable databases including the complete, fully

indexed U.S. Census and a huge collection of U.S. Ship Passenger lists, as well as vital, military, church and other records.

The Legacy User Group will meet Tuesday, Jan 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center. Everyone is invited. No charge. Please bring any questions you have.

Quarterly Family History Leader Training - Logan Utah Regional Family History Center will provide a training meeting for all Ward and Stake Family History Personnel (Stake Presidency member over FH, High Councilman over FH, Bishopric member over FH, High Priest Group Leader, & Ward Family History Consultants) It will be held Wednesday, Jan 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Logan Tabernacle. Please submit this announcement to your ward bulletins, newsletters, etc.

Family History Tips



Widowed May Not Mean Widowed - Don't assume that "wd" means widowed in the census. There were many more divorces in the nineteenth and early twentieth century than one would guess. However, many women listed themselves as "widowed" rather than divorced; and men would list themselves as "single."

The women would typically have children with them, so could not easily state that they were "single." Many times the men did not have the children, so they could more easily call themselves "single" without much question. Do not count the former spouse dead until you find a death record. I have found this situation several times in my family lines. ---Tom Humphrey, Jacksonville, Alabama, "Your Quick Tips", 24-7 Family History Circle, Ancestry.com, 12/10/07

10 Major Don'ts of Family Tree Research

Genealogy can be a very fascinating and addictive hobby. Each step that you take in researching your family's history can lead you to new ancestors, delightful stories and a real sense of your place in history. If you are new to genealogy research, however, there are ten key genealogy mistakes that you will want to avoid in order to make

your search a successful and pleasant experience.

1. Don't Overlook Your Living Relatives
2. Don't Trust Everything You See in Print
3. We're Related To... Someone Famous
4. Genealogy is More Than Just Names & Dates
5. Beware Generic Family Histories
6. Don't Accept Family Legends As Fact
7. Don't Limit Yourself to Just One Spelling
8. Don't Neglect to Document Your Sources
9. Don't Jump Straight to the Country of Origin
10. Don't Misspell the Word Genealogy

For more details, [read the entire article](#). ---Kimberly Powell, About.com, 12/31/07

Questions/Answers



Question: A lady in my ward's sister was cremated in 2000. Her husband has the ashes in a vase at their home. The question is what do you put in PAF for burial date, since it has never been buried? Do you just make a note - Bob has the remains at his home. They do have a marker in the cemetery and her mother wishes the remains would be buried there. If they do bury them there I would think they would put that as the burial. But would they put the burial date the day they put them in the ground or the day she actually died?

Answer: In PAF, I would just explain the situation in the notes. (In Legacy, select the "+" at the right of the burial field and select "cremated". You can then enter the actual date and place when the urn is buried.

Question: I have heard that PAF will not update its program, so I was looking for a new Family History Program to start the new year. I googled: Family History programs for LDS members, and About.com: Genealogy, came up with these Guide Picks. Top 5 Genealogy Programs for LDS members. Here are the picks in order: Family Origins 10.0 ; AncestralQuest 3.0; Legacy 3.0; PAF 5.1; and Reunion for Macintosh users came in 5th. Roots Magic was not in top 5, but I have heard good things about this program. I would like a program that is user friendly, but that will make record keeping easy and will advance as my knowledge and involvement grows in Family History. It must be compatible with the new Temple Ready and other programs that the Church is coming out with. How do I choose? What are your suggestions?

Answer: The website you found was very old, since the program versions you mentioned have been updated several times. For a more current list, try [Genealogy Software Review 2008](#) (top 4: Legacy, Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic, Ancestral Quest) Of those 4, Legacy, RootsMagic and Ancestral Quest WILL be compatible with the new church programs.

Favorite Websites



Archaic Medical Terms - A good site for figuring out the meaning of confusing medical terms is [Rudy's List of Archaic Medical Terms](#)

FamilySearch Labs has just released their updated Records Search website. There are more records available for searching. Check it out at: <http://labs.familysearch.org/> You can also get a sneak peak at future components of the new FamilySearch. To help add records to this search engine, you can volunteer at [FamilySearchIndexing.org](#)

Surname Queries



Does anyone have ANY info on these families - **Bigelow, Beers, Holt?** They were from Millville and Logan, Utah area. Please

contact Kent Bigelow, from AZ. k4tonyb@aol.com

My name is Peggy and I reside in San Diego, CA. I descend, through my mothers side to the **Petersen's** of Hyde Park area.(and **Fallows** who were from Hyrum area) Though I have a lot of information on my family line, especially the **Petersen's**, I am wondering if there is still a living **Petersen** of this line, in the Logan/Hyde Park area, who may be a historian of our family? The line is **Lars Christian Petersen** who was married to **Johanna Mette Christoffersen, Johanna Marie Mouritsen** and **Tomea Katrina** (her last name escapes me at the moment--she and Lars did not have any children so no descendants there). I do have the names of all the children of the two wives. Please contact Peggy at KCLind@aol.com

New Acquisitions



None this week

Remember...



One of our staff members at the FHC told me a story what one of his patrons told him. She is not a member of the church and has no real idea why she is doing this work.


She came in to read a film and with tears in her eyes she told the story after she made her exciting find. She said for decades she had been looking for birth and parent information on an ancestor. She had searched all the places she could possibly think of to find clues on the origin of this ancestor--all with negative results. One night her ancestor came to her in a dream and told her his birthday and place of birth. She found the film needed on the catalog that would cover this place and time. She found it as soon as she started looking at the film.

Needless to say that all who heard her story had Goosebumps and a lump in their throats. Don't ever give up looking for them--they are waiting and they will help you. ---Leslie Vaughn, FHCNET Mailing list, 12/3/2007

Next Week's Classes

Our class schedule for January through March is now available at the Center and online. Please pre-register for the classes you wish to attend by calling the Center (755-5594), registering [online](#) or by [email](#). Upcoming classes for next week are:

- Mon, Jan 07, 3 PM, #49, PAF Submission & TempleReady, by Ray Thornley (2 wks)
- Tue, Jan 08, 7 PM, #75 Windows Basics, by David Winkler
- Tue, Jan 08, 5 PM, #10, FamilySearch Indexing, by Sheri Lynn Lemon
- Wed, Jan 09, 7 PM, #29, Navigating English Genealogy Websites, by Carol Nyman
- Wed, Jan 09, 5 PM, #42, Utah Pioneer Research, Ted Davidson
- Wed, Jan 09, 10 AM, #77, PAF 5 - Getting Started, David Winkler
- Thu, Jan 10, 5 PM, #45, PAF 5 - Beginning, Janet Dawson (4 wks)
- Thu, Jan 10, 7 PM, #33, Is Self-Publication Right For You?, Gay Jorgensen (5 wks)
- Thu, Jan 10, 10 AM, #35, Research Help, Mollyanne Hopkins
- Sat, Jan 12, 3 PM, #20, PAF 5 - Beginning, Gladys Owens (6 wks)



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