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Announcements



Logan FHC Hours:

Mon & Fri - 9:30-5:00
 Tu/W/Th - 9:30-9:00
 Saturday - 9:30-2:00

JUST WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

A one-day EXPO designed to supercharge your ancestral quest.

WHAT: The Logan Family History EXPO

WHERE: Eccles Conference Center, 5005 Old Main Hill, USU, Logan, Utah.

WHEN: 8 am to 6 pm ~ March 22, 2008 Saturday

THEME: Families by the Dozen - 10 jam- packed hours of genealogy!

KEYNOTE: This year's keynote speaker is Timothy G. Cross, the Product Manager for New FamilySearch. The theme "Families by the Dozen" is all about finding the tie that binds families together forever. Come learn about New FamilySearch and how to find entire families, not just one ancestor.

CLASSES: MyAncestorsFound.com has gathered the Cream of the Crop when it comes to knowledgeable and creative family history instructors. With this amazing group of teachers lined up you will have more than 36 fantastic classes to choose from including the latest about New FamilySearch, Welsh research, DNA, Hispanic research, Scottish research, immigrant and US ancestry, and what to do about digital copies of documents in your library and on the net at FamilySearch, WorldVitalRecords.com, DearMYRTLE.com, Generation Maps, RootsMagic and more. Find out how to write personal histories, document your sources, get organized, surf the web, and use the latest genealogy software programs. Learn about the records centers in our region that are chock full of information to help genealogists climb their family trees.

THE EXHIBIT HALL: Jam-packed with over 20 displays and vendors.

- Test drive software programs
- Browse books
- Bargain hunt among preservation treasures
- Demo the latest internet technologies
- Have Pedigree Wall Charts printed onsite (Bring your digital file)

PRIZES: Thousands of dollars in fabulous prizes will be given out both days to registered attendees! Some of the prizes that will be given out are:

- My Ancestors Found FHL Research Retreat (Value \$299)
- Decorative Generation Map Chart (Value \$59.95) from Generation Maps
- Family History Software (Value \$29.95) from RootsMagic

And the list goes on and on including software, books, family history supplies and more.

Q & A BOOTH: Be prepared for a select group of instructors who will be on hand to answer your personal research questions. The value of a one-on-one consultation with a professional genealogist far exceeds the cost of admittance to this event. Professional answers will open your mind to new research strategies.

GENEALOGY Rx: DearMYRTLE is so excited to help attendees discover missing ancestors and honorable pioneers on their pedigree charts and says, "I'm bringing my clipboard so that I can focus on writing out actual genealogy prescriptions for what to do next!"

YOUR ANCESTORS ARE JUST WAITING TO BE RE-DISCOVERED! No need to put it off any longer! Spring is almost here, so focus on your genealogy and family history with help from Professionals who are teaching at this super great genealogy conference.

MORE INFO: Register online at MyAncestorsFound.com
Or call 801.829.3295

Family History Tips



Look for the Neighbors - I had trouble finding my great-grandparents in the 1920 census. They were listed in the same house in 1910 and in 1930, so instead of searching for them, I entered their neighbors' names. There they were, right where they should have been only with a completely different spelling.

The enumerator's handwriting was such that when someone read it, it went from Thacker to Thoeper. ---Linda Creeden, "Your Quick Tips", 25 Feb 2008, 24-7 Family History Circle

Join your local genealogical or historical society: Even if you are not really looking for relatives in your immediate area, the local society is a great place to

learn, to network, and to give back to society. You will meet wonderful people with vast amounts of experience who can mentor you and make you a better genealogist - and a better person. --- Gene Hall, "Finding Your Family - Getting Started in Genealogy", 8/30/2005

Questions/Answers



Question: How do I convert from old GSF numbers to the way that same record is referenced today? (Example, GSF#027,285, p.49)

Answer: The DOS version of FamilySearch at your local family history center will help you convert the numbers. Select F. Family History Library Catalog, then D. Fiche/Film Number Search Type in C and a form will appear for you to enter the old GS Film and Part #, then press F12 to search.

Question: I am trying to research my ancestors in Scotland. What are the best web sites to go to on this project.

Answer: I would suggest the following starting places which will give you links to additional resources:

- GENUKI - genuki.org.uk/big/sct/
- Scotland GenWeb - scotlandgenweb.org/news.php
- General Register Office - gro-scotland.gov.uk
- Scottish Record Office - nas.gov.uk
- Scotland Genealogy Links - genealogylinks.net/uk/scotland/index.html
- George & Paul's Scottish Link - georgeandpaula.com/scotland.htm
- Scotland's People - scotlandsp eople.gov.uk

Favorite Websites



Linkpendium - The definitive directory of genealogy sites.
<http://www.linkpendium.com/>

Utah Digital Newspapers - This is a great site to search old newspapers. Check it out at <http://www.lib.utah.edu/digital/unews/>

Surname Queries



None submitted this week. Don't miss out on this opportunity to coordinate your research efforts with others who may be working on one of your lines. [Submit a query...](#)

New Acquisitions



"National Genealogical Society News Magazine", Jan- Mar 2008, Vol 34, No. 1

Remember...



The Cab Ride

When I arrived at 2:30 a.m., the building was dark except for a single

light in a ground floor window. Under these circumstances, many drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a minute, and then drive away.

But I had seen too many impoverished people who depended on taxis as their only means of transportation. Unless a situation smelled of danger, I always went to the door. This passenger might be someone who needs my assistance, I reasoned to myself.

So I walked to the door and knocked. "Just a minute", answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor.

After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940s movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

"Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. "It's nothing", I told her. "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated".

"Oh, you're such a good boy", she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, and then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?"

"It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly. "Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice".

I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued. "The doctor says I don't have very long." I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now". We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico.

Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

"How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse.

"Nothing," I said

"You have to make a living," she answered.

"There are other passengers," I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave

her a hug. She held onto me tightly. "You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said. "Thank you."

I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift?

What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away? On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments.

But great moments often catch us unaware-beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said; but, they will always remember how you made them feel.

Class Schedule for the Coming Week

Our class schedule through June is 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](#). The cost for each class is \$2 or the cost of materials (whichever is greater).

- Wed, Mar 19, 10 AM, #80-TempleReady Preparation/Submission (2 wks)
- Wed, Mar 19, 5 PM, #30-Deciphering Early American Handwriting
- Thu, Mar 20, 5 PM, #6-Blogging
- Thu, Mar 20, 7 PM, #50-Meeting Temple Submission Challenge (2 wks)
- Fri, Mar 22, 10 AM, #59-Swedish Research (2 wks)
- Mon, Mar 24, 10 AM, #17-Legacy - Publishing Center
- Tue, Mar 25, 5 PM, #57-PAF 5 - Getting Started
- Tue, Mar 25, 7 PM, #68-Documentation! Documentation
- Wed, Mar 26, 5 PM, #21-PAF 5 - Multimedia
- Sat, Mar 29, 10 AM, #72-Writing & Publishing Your Family Book

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