

# 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

### Food Drive -January 14th to February 11th, 2009

The Logan Family History Center is holding a Food Drive to benefit the Utah Food Bank of Cache Valley. We encourage all staff

and patrons of the center to bring in Items for the drive. Donations will be delivered to the Food Pantry at 359 S. Main Street, Logan, Utah. All items should be commercially purchased and unopened. Suggested donations:

- All canned goods, especially canned fruit
- Boxed items such as cereals, snacks, mac and cheese, cake mixes, etc.
- All baking supplies, flour, oil, shortening, all kinds of sugar etc.
- Peanut butter, tomato products, pasta
- Toothpaste, bar soap, diapers

A box for donated items can be found in the Center, at the north end of the reception desk. Our hope is that the Spirit of Christmas and giving will be strong for another four weeks. Please give generously to help those in our community whose needs are greater than ours.

## Family History Tips



**Blogging Your Family History** - This can be an intimidating thought to many of us, but with the increasing use of the internet for genealogy purposes, it is becoming more and more valuable for finding family connections. With new options such as "ping" that are specifically targeted for finding blogs on the web,

people researching your surnames will have a better chance of connecting with you. [Blogs](#) are easy to set up. You can post pictures and images easily. It's also important to understand the various ways you can find and access blogs written by others.

Kimberly writes about this at: [Blogs 101](#)

**Source:** Generations Newsletter, 12 January 2009, Washington DC Family History Center [wdc.fhc@verizon.net]

**Multimedia Technology** - Robert Dunford has made available a wonderful, free e-book entitled "How to Use Technology to Strengthen Family Ties". You can learn more

about it and/or download it at [strengthenties.com/](http://strengthenties.com/)

## Questions/Answers



**Question:** My friend (who is in England so I can't run over and help her) is having problems creating a GEDCOM in PAF. She uses Vista. Is there a problem running PAF in Vista and, if so, is there a patch that can help?

**Answer:** I haven't had any problems running PAF with Vista. Under Program Support at FamilySearch.org it says: "We are currently not aware of any issues that would prevent PAF from functioning in Windows Vista."

## Favorite Websites



**Department of War Papers** - Fire destroyed the office of the War Department and all its files in 1800, and for decades historians believed that the collection, and the window it provided into the workings of the early federal government, was lost forever. Thanks to a decade-long effort to retrieve copies of the files scattered in archives across the country, the collection has been reconstituted and is now offered as a fully-searchable digital database.

<http://wardepartmentpapers.org/>

**Free Database of Slave Voyages** - "Voyages: The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database," the result of a two-year interactive project spearheaded by Emory University, documents the slave trade from Africa to the New World over three centuries, from the 1500s to the 1800s. Included on the free site is searchable information on nearly 35,000 slave trade voyages, covering more than 95 percent of all voyages that left ports from England -- the country with the second-largest slave trade -- and documenting two-thirds of all slave trade voyages between 1514 and 1866. The names of 70,000 human cargo are also documented, although these are the slaves' African names, making locating an ancestor by their Westernized name difficult. It is very rich in history and context. Search for yourself at [www.slavevoyages.com](http://www.slavevoyages.com).

**Source:** [Kimberly's Genealogy Blog](#), Sunday, Dec 7, 2008

## Surname Queries



Many of my distant cousins and I are researching the **Obray** family in Wales. We are fortunate to have several cousins living in England who are able to visit the archives for us in London and Wales; however, we have hit a brick wall. We have been researching for years to find documentation for the parents of **John Obray** and **Elenor Allen**, who lived at Pembroke Dock, Wales from 1812-1845. **John** and **Elenor** had nine children, four of whom emigrated to Utah and Cache Valley: **Thomas Lorenzo, George, Samuel, and Mariah**. We would like to find some **Obrays** from a straight male line who would be willing to submit their DNA to the Sorenson DNA project. My cousins and I communicate with many descendants of **John and Elenor**, but none are from a straight male line. If anyone can help, please contact Lynne at [lynne.ingalls@comcast.net](mailto:lynne.ingalls@comcast.net)

## New Acquisitions



**1928 Map** showing the movements of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, also the routes of the Mormon Battalion and Zion's Camp.

## Remember...



As an experiment, the Washington Post had Joshua Bell, a world

renowned violinist play one of the most intricate pieces every written , with a violin worth 3.5 million dollars, in a subway. (He had played 2 days before for a sellout crowd at \$100 a seat)

In the 45 minutes the he played, only 6 people stopped and stayed for a while. About 20 gave him money but continued to walk their normal pace. He collected \$32. When he finished playing and silence took over, no one noticed it. No one applauded, nor was there any recognition. [Read the full story.](#)

**Source:** "Pearls Before Breakfast", By Gene Weingarten, Washington Post Staff Writer, Sunday, April 8, 2007; Page W10

**Moral of the story:** If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world playing the best music ever written, how many other things are we missing?

**Moral of the story as it applies to family history:** If we do not have enough time to verify our records with reliable sources, how many other things are we missing, have incomplete or just plain wrong?

### Class Schedule for the Coming Week

Our class schedule through March 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, Jan 21, Connecting With Cousins-25, 1 wk, 7 pm
- Thu, Jan 22, PAF 5-Beginning-8, 4 wk, 7 pm
- Tue, Jan 27, U.S. Census Records-42, 1 wk, 7 pm
- Sat, Jan 31, Probate Records-30, 1 wk, 10 am

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