

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 - 9:30-2:00

The Legacy User Group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center. Everyone is invited. No charge.

Suggestions for topics you would like to see discussed

should be emailed to sherilemon@comcast.net

Lodging while at FHL in Salt Lake - Sister Lindorf, a service missionary at the Family History Library in Salt Lake, has extra rooms in her home for visitors (single sisters or married couple) who want to stay in Salt Lake overnight while using the Family History Library. There is no charge. Her home is about 3 miles from the Library, but there is bus service available, if needed. You can contact her at justLouise1@live.com or (801) 419-0801.

Help with FamilySearch Wiki - We want you to be aware of a project being developed by the FamilySearch Wiki community: the Maryland Barn Raising. A wiki barn raising is a short, focused community effort to create or revise content relating to a single topic such as "genealogical research in Maryland." During this barn raising, they will revise the Maryland Portal and all the Topics pages it links to. At the end of the barn raising, the wiki will contain information about all the latest and best records to use to find Maryland ancestors. The wiki community needs your help to make this effort a success! We'd love it if you would pitch in and contribute a few edits to the Maryland pages. You don't need to be a Maryland expert to contribute, but experts are certainly welcome! To see a list of pages they plan to update and also a list of simple tasks that non-experts can do, take a look at the Maryland Barn Raising Tasks page at https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Maryland_Barn_Raising_Tasks

Food Drive -January 14th to February 11th, 2009 - The Logan Family History Center would like to thank the patrons and staff who have contributed items to our Food Drive. All items are delivered to the Food Pantry at

359 S. Main Street, Logan, Utah. Last week we collected 39 items and this week we have collected 85. The drive will continue for 2 more weeks, ending on February 11. We invite everyone to participate. 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 two weeks. Please give generously to help those in our community whose needs are greater than ours.

Family History Tips



Family History Goals for 2009 - Whether your goal is to finally find great-grandpa in the 1900 census, to file that stack of papers, label those photographs, or master a new skill-make a list of things you'd like to accomplish this year. Put it on your desktop where you can review it regularly. Then take each item

and set up a plan to make it happen. For example, you could set aside a certain amount of time each day to browse through the census for great-grandpa, even if it's just ten minutes over that morning cup of coffee. Keep track of where you left off for the next day. File or label photos for fifteen minutes a day. Investigate webinars, classes, or publications that can help you further your research and grow your skills. Let's make this a great year for your family history!

Source: Weekly Planner: Set Family History Goals, 24- 7 Family History Circle

Social Network Sites Expand Research Sources - One of the most popular features of the social networking site, Facebook.com, is "We're Related," a platform designed to connect members with extended families. "We're Related" was launched in October 2007 and now has more than 16.5 million users. Familylink.com also recently became one of the Top 500 Web companies in the world. Connecting families is also important to the top three family sites on the Internet, which include Geni.com, myheritage.com, and MyFamily.com. In addition to the 5.8 million monthly visitors using "We're Related" on Facebook, these three websites attract an additional 2.6 million monthly visitors who connect with their families online. To read more, click on: WorldVitalRecords.com

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

Questions/Answers



Question: In the October 2008 Ensign, page 80, "Family History Notes," it says in one section that through FamilySearch.org access to census images provided by Ancestry.com and Findmypast.com will be available free to Church members in 2009 when Family Search will enable a member validation system for registered users on its Web

site. Is this available yet?

Answer: No

Question: Also in the fourth little section: "Census records from 1841 and 1861 [England and Wales] are currently accessible at FamilySearch.org." I can only find the 1881 Census for those countries.

Answer: Under **Search Records**, select **Record Search Pilot**.

Question: My relative has emailed me Family Group Sheets which involve almost 100 pages if I print them. I have Family Tree Maker 5. Is there a way I can merge this information into my FTM program? I believe I have some of the information recorded but probably not all.

Answer: I do not know of any way to merge family group sheets into a genealogy program. I would contact her and ask her to send you the same information in GEDCOM format, which you could then import into your FTM program.

Last Week's 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 from Patron: Regarding the woman in the United Kingdom who was having trouble with Vista and GEDCOM, she can call toll-free support staffed by missionaries in the United Kingdom at the following telephone number: 00- 800-1830-1830 - answer submitted by Darwin Richardson, Family History Missionary

Favorite Websites



Civilian Conservation Corps - The CCC was established March 21, 1933, as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal legislation. By the time the CCC disbanded in 1942, when Congress ceased its funding, more than 2.5 million workers had participated.

It was a multi-agency effort, with the Army running CCC camps and various federal agencies sponsoring them. Over 4,500 camps were established in all states. African- Americans were segregated in "colored" camps. Each enrollee earned at least \$30 per month, and had to send \$25 of it home to family.

It'll help your search if you know your ancestor's camp and the dates he worked, so ask your family members and pore over your research for clues.

The [Colorado state archives](#) has a statewide CCC enrollment index, which gives the enrollee's name, county, birth date and camp.

Employment records of CCC workers are in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. You can fill out a research request, providing as much information as possible, and send either a written OK from the person in the record or proof of the person's death.

Most administrative and other records-project reports, correspondence, the CCC's Happy Days weekly newspaper, publicity materials, meeting minutes, photographs, accident and death reports-are part of [Record Group 35](#) at NARA's College Park, MD, facility. Records of the separate Indian Division of the CCC are with Bureau of Indian Affairs records in NARA's Seattle and Denver regional facilities. The CCC records aren't indexed and few are microfilmed, so you'd need to travel to NARA or hire a researcher there to use them. The finding aid *Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Civilian Conservation Corps* by Douglas Helms should help.

Some of the camps had newspapers, you can learn their titles using the [Center for Research Libraries online search](#). Learn more about the CCC on these sites:

[The National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni site](#) has historical information and listing of states and camps.

NARA's online article tells you about the formation [and operation of the CCC](#).

The Past is Prologue blogger writes about the [CCC's anniversary and suggests resources](#).

---Submitted by Barbara DeHart, Family History volunteer at LFHC

Surname Queries



New blog post about dedication of new monument at **Chauncey W. West** gravesite. See at [chaunceywwestmonument.blogspot.com](#). Please let everyone you know who is related know about it. Thank you. Norma Buchanan

New Acquisitions



None this week

Remember...



"Do I really have to find sources for these genealogies that have already been done multiple times?"

Tell them what I call "*The Parable of the Good Foundation*". It goes like this:

Let's pretend you are looking at new homes to buy. You find one you really fall in love with. It has a great floor plan, it is decorated exactly to your style, the yard is all landscaped beautifully, it is in a great location, and has an unbelievably low price. Then as you look at it, you notice that there are large cracks running down the bricks from the top of one wall to the bottom of the other side of that wall. Then you notice that inside, there are large cracks from the corners of the windows to the ceilings, and that the doors and windows will not close. Would you buy the house? Of course, the answer is no. Why? The house does not have a good foundation!


As you look at family history that has already been done, look at its foundation. If there are good, reliable primary and secondary sources for the entries that are quoted, and if it makes sense--people not being married before they are born, having children years after they died, etc.; you do not have to look up the sources yourself. But if all the information came from "family records" then you can not tell what kind of a foundation it has.

They really seem to get the point.
Doris Bateman, Ogden Temple District

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).

- Sat, Jan 31, Probate Records-30, 1 wk, 10 am
- Tue, Feb 03, Using the FHC Scanning Center-19, 2 wk, 1 pm
- Wed, Feb 04, German Research-18, 5 wk, 7 pm
- Thu, Feb 05, FamilySearch Indexing-46, 2 wk, 5 pm
- Fri, Feb 06, FH Beginner Course-28, 2 wk, 3 pm



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