

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 - 9:30-5:00

Thanks so much! - The Logan Family History Center would like to thank the patrons and staff who have contributed items to our Food Drive for the Logan Food Pantry. We

received over 200 items which we delivered to the Logan Food Pantry.

England Barn Raising - If you have any experience with research in England, check out the fun "barn raising" going on at the FamilySearch Wiki. To learn more about how you can help, go to https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/England_Barn_Raising_Tasks

Free Access to Subscription Websites - Logan Family History Center has access to the following subscription websites. Come try them out to jumpstart your research:

- Alexander Street Civil War Records
- Ancestry.com
- Footnote.com
- Genline (Swedish parish records)
- Godfrey Memorial Library
- Heritage Quest Online
- New England Historical & Genealogical Society
- World Vital Records

Family History Tips



What Can I Do?

Family History Consultant: I put a little family history announcement in our Sunday bulletin asking our ward members to check their family records for family members who died in Utah between 1905 and 1956 and bring the names to me (or our other consultants) and we would help them check the Utah Death Index (<http://archives.utah.gov/research/indexes/index.html>) and would print off a copy of the death certificate for them to include in their records. You often find very helpful and interesting information on the death certificates. Many people were interested since it is such a quick and easy thing to do. It got them thinking about family history and looking at their records and many returned

for further help from us. Once you teach ward members to use this website, it is one that they can use at home.

- **Family History Consultant:** During Relief Society, I presented a "Family History Minute" on setting up a photo slideshow as a screensaver on their computer. I passed out an instruction sheet. I volunteered to come to their home and help them set it up.

Source: *Family History and Extraction/Indexing Newsletter*, by Marge Westra, Dec 2008

Descendancy Research - What is it? - "The goal of descendancy research is to find all the descendants of an ancestral couple. While ancestral research starts with you and goes back in time, descendancy research starts with an ancestral couple you have identified and comes forward to the present time." [See familysearch.org > Family History Lesson Series > provides useful guides (left side of pg) > Lesson 1: Perform Descendancy Research, p. 1.]

Why do Descendancy Research? "One great advantage of descendancy research is the number of names you can find. For example, if you search from you to your grandparents and then to your great-grandparents (doing ancestral research), the number of direct-line ancestors you can find is 14 people. However, if you begin your research with your great-grandparents and locate all their descendants (doing descendancy research), the number of people you can find can be in the hundreds. The results of descendancy research can be amazing.

Descendancy research can lead you to important clues, contacts, or records you might not find if you researched only direct ancestors. These clues and contacts can often help you get past dead ends in your ancestral research." Ibid.

"President Boyd K. Packer, Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, wrote on July 14, 1994: 'Members of the Church as individuals and families are responsible to identify their own direct-line ancestral families and see that temple ordinances are performed for them. They may also do family history research and temple work for their deceased relatives who are collaterally related (not their direct lines).' " (Emphasis added). George D. Durrant, "Branching Out on Your Family Tree," Ensign, Apr 2007, 44-47

Source: submitted by Derwin Merrill

Editor's note: If you would like to learn more about Decendancy Research, Brother Merrill will be teaching : "Descendancy Research - "Low-lying Fruit", beginning Fri, Feb 20 at 3 p.m. The class continues each Friday for 4 weeks. Call the Center (755-5594) to register.

Questions/Answers



Question: How do I attach pictures to a PAF file?

Answer: First you must scan your pictures and store the digital file on your computer. (Keep in mind, PAF does NOT add your pictures to your PAF file. PAF only creates links to where your pictures are stored on your computer). To attach a picture in PAF:

1. From the individual screen, click Options > Multimedia. OR From the Family, Pedigree or Individual View, select the individual, then Edit > Multimedia. OR Right-click on an individual and select Multimedia.
2. Click Add and select the item type (photo).
3. Click Browse and find the picture file.
4. Enter a caption and/or description if you wish.
5. Click OK, then Save.

Question: I have been given a previously unopened copy of the CD, Marriage Records -Early to 1850 (for a few states); Early to 1890 (for some states). I can not open the CD using Microsoft Windows XP. Does an older program have to be used to open and use it. This CD has a copyright 1993 by Progeniteur or Orem, Utah. This company is not listed in the Orem telephone directory nor can I find a website for it.

Answer: I am not familiar with this company. Readers, can any of you help? If so, please [email me](#).

Question: Some time ago, I purchased Insights from Ohana. Recently I received an email from them saying that FamilySearch asked them to contact all their customers and ask them to update their FamilyInsight to the latest version (2009.1.23.0 or later). It then gives instructions as to how to do this. I have tried it, but can't get it to work. Do you have any smarts on this, and is it legitimate or a way to get us to pay again for the service?

Answer: The new version of PAFInsight is now called FamilyInsight. Ohana puts out several updates, but only asks you to repay every 2 years, regardless of the number of updates or version updates they make. It is a fair service. The reason for the email asking you to update is there was a problem with it's interaction with newFamilySearch (which is not usable in our temple district yet). So, if you do NOT have access to nFS and are NOT using FamilyInsight to sync or interact with nFS, the request to update is not absolutely necessary at this point (especially if you are still using PAFInsight and have not updated to FamilyInsight at all yet. If you do want to update and are still having problems, contact support@ohanasoftware.com. They are very good to walk through it with you and get you up and running.

Question: I was told that every FHC had access to FindMyPast.com. Does Logan FHC?

Answer: No

Favorite Websites



Ireland Civil Registration Indexes 1845-1958 now online -

FamilySearch published a new database containing an index of Ireland civil registration including:

- Births (1864-1958)
- Marriages (1845-1958)
- Deaths (1864-1958)

Searching the database is simple. Just enter the name, select the life event (birth/christening, marriage, death/burial), enter a year and place and click the Search button. While the results are not linked to actual images of the certificates, they do provide clues (such as estimated birth year, age at death for a death record index) so you can order the actual certificate. Once you have obtained the index information from the database, you will want to look at the original record. FamilySearch's new Research Wiki explains how to do this. Click here for the [article](#).

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



"From Maryland to California, The Cecil Family of Long Beach, CA 1696-1996", by Penny Cecil Bloodhart

"Everton's Genealogical Helper", January/February 2009, Vol 63,

Remember...**Genealogical Success with the Living**

When I think of genealogical and family history success, I think of times when I have solved a brick wall problem, or when I find the missing piece to a genealogy puzzle.

This morning I experienced a different kind of success story. It happened with a living relative - my 3-year-old son.

Back in November, I published an article about how to create a Family Tree Bookmark. Using Legacy Charting I created picture- descendency bookmarks for my extended family. My hope was that the bookmark would help my nieces and nephews remember each other better, as we do not live nearby.

So, this morning I found my 3-year-old sitting in the middle of the floor in his bedroom. He was looking at the bookmark. When he noticed that I entered the room, he said, "Daddy, these are my cousins. I see them at Grandma's house!" Of course, my heart melted and I experienced another Genealogy Happy Dance. I can't wait for him to be just as excited about our trips to the cemetery.

Source: [Legacy News](#), 26 Jan 2009

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, Feb 11, Sharing Family History on the Internet-33, 4 wk, 10 am
- Wed, Feb 11, Danish Research-23, 8 wk, 1 pm
- Wed, Feb 11, Working With Files In Windows-41, 1 wk, 5 pm
- Wed, Feb 11, Danish Research-24, 8 wk, 6 pm
- Thu, Feb 12, Sharing Family Histories With Blogs-27, 1 wk, 10 am
- Thu, Feb 12, Hispanic Research in English-1, 3 wk, 7 pm
- Thu, Feb 19, Computer Skills-Basic-4, 2 wk, 7 pm
- Fri, Feb 20, Descendency Research -"Low-lying Fruit"-40, 4 wk, 3 pm
- Sat, Feb 21, Family History Consultant Training-7, 6 wk, 10 am

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