

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

Thanks Again! - Due to everyone's continued desire to contribute items to our Food Drive for the Logan Food Pantry, we received over 300 items which we delivered to

the Logan Food Pantry.

"History of Nibley", written, compiled, and edited by the City of Nibley History Committee. Left over copies are being given away at Nibley City Hall, 625 W 3200 S, Nibley, while the supply lasts.

Logan Family History Expo 2009 - Click [here](#) for more information about a great family history conference to be held at Eccles Conference Center in Logan, Utah on the campus of Utah State University, May 9 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Family History Tips



What can "I" do to help our stake and wards be more successful in Family History/Temple work?

- Youth:** A lovely young freshman, home for Christmas from BYU-Idaho, shared with us in R.S. how many students go to the temple early on a Saturday morning, waiting 3-4 hours to be called in turn to do baptisms for the dead. If there are too many students waiting, they may not get to do baptisms before the end of the 4 hour time period allotted.
- **Stake Indexing Director:** A counselor in the high priest's group in our ward asked me to teach a lesson on indexing last Sunday. Two of the brethren have registered so far since I taught the class. Each of these men has teens at home, so I'm hoping they will get their whole family involved in indexing. One of the men is a high councilor in our stake, so I also hope he will get the other high councilors "on board" and also enthuse the ward that he is assigned to. Now that I have a presentation ready, perhaps the Relief Society and YW/YM will invite me in to teach a lesson to their group next!
 - **Family History Consultant:** I feel that as consultants, we need to be prepared to help people in many different ways. For example, the Sunday evening before Christmas, a sister in our ward called me. She wanted to record interviews with relatives while they were together for the holidays. She asked if

I had a list of interview questions she could use. Over the phone, I taught her to do a google search on "family history interview questions" ---in quotation marks, so the search wouldn't bring up each separate word. (Teach a person to fish.....) We found many such lists, plus interview hints. As a follow-up, the next day I e-mailed her 8 good links with helpful information. She was so grateful for the help and it only took a few minutes of my time. I told her she could also do a similar search using the names of different ancestors, and taught her how to add a birth year or spouse name to narrow the search. Often a google search can find useful information, family contacts, and even histories and pictures of the person. There are so many helpful things we can be learning and teaching our patrons and ward members in order to further family history/temple work.

Source: Jan 1, 2009 Family History and Extraction/Indexing Newsletter, Westra [westra@xmission.com]

Do a surname search of the Family History Library Catalog. The Family History Library Catalog is designed to help you gain access to the over two billion records in the vaults of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. One search that is frequently overlooked but which can pay big dividends is a simple surname search that can be found on the FamilySearch menu. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has archived over 150,000 family histories submitted by members and non-members of the Church and these contain not only biographical material but multi-generation pedigrees of the families they cover. By typing into the computer the surname in which you are interested and doing the surname search you will be presented with a list of all of the family histories that include the search surname. It will be up to you to select the family histories that appear to be of interest and, when one is found that you believe includes your ancestors, to borrow the film and search filmed pages of the actual family history.

Source: "25 Tips for Researching at a Family History Center", by Ron Wild, <http://www.familychronicle.com/25fhc.html>

Questions/Answers



Question: I found the word "Lorimer" listed as an occupation. Can you tell me what it might be?

Answer: Lorimer was a bridle maker

Question: Is there a way, in PAF, to figure out the age in days/months/years if you know the birth and death dates?

Answer: Yes.

1. Click **Tools > Date Calculator**
2. Type the first date in the *Start Date* field
3. Type the second date in the *End Date* field
4. Click **calculate**. The age in days/months/years appears in the fields in the middle of the window.

Favorite Websites



Margies Messages - Web pages showing Conference talks on Family History, Ensign articles about Family History, and other Family History resources. margiesmessages.com/FamHisto.htm

Mormon Times Family History Page - This is a page on family history on the new *MormonTimes* web page created by *Deseret Morning News*. mormontimes.com/mormon_living/family_history/?

Surname Queries

I am trying to pin down a spouse for **Elizabeth Johnson**, born 25 July 1802 in Tennessee (probably Roane county) to **Calvin Johnson** (mother unknown). If anyone can help, please contact Sheri Lynn at sherilemon@comcast.net

New Acquisitions



None this week

Remember...



A Cowboy Rides the Internet

LeAnn Coshman, director of the Santa Maria California Family History Center, writes: "Like most family historians, I have a few great stories of serendipitous experiences and of lost families found. But one stands out to me.

"We had a booth at our county fair, and a large banner proclaimed our purpose: 'Family History Center, Families Are Forever.' A disheveled cowboy quietly stood looking at the items on the display table. I approached him and asked if I could help him look for one of his ancestors. His shyness, combined with a significant speech impediment, made it a little difficult to communicate. He indicated he didn't know anything about any of his ancestors and said, 'I don't even know if my mom and dad are alive.' With that declaration, he gained my full attention. He told me he had left home under bad circumstances as a teenager. He had been 'rodeoing' ever since, but he had now 'settled down some.' He was married and had two children.

"I invited him to sit with me at one of the computers. I explained that we normally didn't search for living people, but I offered to help him check the U.S. Social Security Death Index to see if his father had died. Since his father's name was quite unusual, I felt it would be easy to identify him. When we didn't find him, we were grateful because it meant he was probably still alive.

"After a bit of Internet sleuthing, I was able to obtain a little information about the cowboy's father, including a current address and phone number. As he stared at the computer screen, he repeated several times, 'I can't believe this. That's my dad.' I tried to encourage him to call his father, but he said, 'I can't do that. My dad will never talk to me-maybe my mom, but not my dad.' I printed out the information and handed it to him. I suggested that if he didn't feel comfortable calling, he could write a letter. I offered the idea that regardless of the circumstances surrounding his leaving, he should ask for his parents' forgiveness and tell them he missed them. I tried to encourage him by explaining that his parents would be anxious to learn about their grandchildren.

"As he walked away, I said a silent prayer for him. I had no expectation of ever learning the outcome; however, two days later the cowboy was back standing in the same spot. I hurried to him with my hand outstretched and said more than asked, 'You called!'

"He said, 'Yeah, and they showed up on my doorstep at 6:00 this morning!'

"He tried to express his gratitude but was having a hard time getting the words out. So I extended my hand once more and told him that he didn't need to say a word, that I understood completely. He clung to my hand, not wanting to let go, and I

moved forward to accept the hug I knew he wanted to give.

"I'm grateful to have played a part in helping this man find his parents. I have gained a fresh perspective of a familiar scripture: 'He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers' (Mal. 4:6)."

Source: "*Genealogy Inspirational Stories*" at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~us4allen/school/genlesson/inspiration_a.html

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).

- Thu, Feb 19, **Computer Skills-Basic-4**, 2 wk, 7 pm
- Fri, Feb 20, **Descendancy Research -"Low-lying Fruit"-40**, 4 wk, 3 pm
- Sat, Feb 21, **Family History Consultant Training-7**, 6 wk, 10 am
- Mon, Feb 23, **Creative Ideas to Spice Up Your Blog-44**, 1 wk, 10 am
- Tue, Feb 24, **Swiss Research-9**, 1 wk, 10 am
- Thu, Feb 26, **Family History Lessons for FHE-38**, 1 wk, 1 pm

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