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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, Apr. 7, 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

Logan Family History Expo 2009 - This is a great, local family history conference you won't want to miss. It will be held at Eccles Conference Center on the campus of Utah State University, May 9 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can get more information and register online at fhexpos.com/

Family History Tips



Strategies for Finding Problem Ancestors - At one time or another, we all run into certain ancestors who cause us genealogical grief. When you encounter one of these problematic people, use our cheat sheet of suggested sources to kick-start your search.

Black Sheep - The proverbial skeleton in the closet-a convict, outlaw, madam, pirate or other "colorful" character.

- coroner and funeral home records
- court records
- FBI, prison and institutional records
- marriage and divorce records
- message boards
- newspapers and obituaries

Census evader - This individual or family makes an appearance in certain federal enumerations but not others.

- city directories
- Soundex indexes to 1880 and later censuses
- state and territorial censuses

- tax lists

Drifter - Moves around more than a band of gypsies. Shows up in different states and localities; never seems to stay put for an extended period.

- censuses (check birthplace fields)
- city directories
- deeds and land records
- migration and boundary-change maps
- social histories

Fleeting female - She might be the mother whose maiden name eludes you, or the daughter whose marriage you can't pin down.

- court records
- convent records
- marriage and divorce records
- military pension files
- naturalization papers
- newspaper society pages
- records of her husband and siblings

Mystery immigrant - Your missing link to the old country. You might know approximately when he came, but can't retrace his journey or pinpoint his town of origin.

- alien registrations
- censuses (check birthplace and language fields)
- church records
- emigration lists
- ethnic newspapers
- naturalization papers
- newspapers' ship arrival notices
- passenger arrival lists

Orphan or adoptee - Seemingly, the ultimate brick wall, since the parents' identities may be unknown or purposely concealed.

- amended or delayed birth certificates
- apprenticeships
- censuses
- family interviews
- guardianships and orphans court records
- message boards and support groups
- newspaper adoption notices
- orphan train records
- orphanage records

Source: [FamilyTree Magazine](#), Lisa A. Alzo, February 18, 2009

Questions/Answers



Question: Should we still encourage patrons to submit their family records to the Pedigree Resource File?" The reason we ask is that we understand that large gedcom submissions are causing much duplication in the NFS and so the size of gedcoms has been limited. With that in mind, won't current submissions to PRF eventually find their way to the NFS anyway -- thereby adding to the duplication problem?

Answer: We were told at the Genealogy/Technology Conference at BYU Mar 13/14

that the rest of the PRF CD's are NOT going to be added to NewFamilySearch. If I remember correctly, only CDs 1-85 were added to begin with. There reasoning is exactly what you described.

Question: If a patron wants to make sure his family records are stored in the granite vaults, would he still want to go ahead and make a submission to the PRF? Or will the NFS/Family Tree eventually take care of that concern?

Answer: If he wants "his" records, sources, ideas, etc. preserved as is and available for other researchers (not everyone has access to nFS), he could still submit it to PRF. nFS will be a "collaboration effort" and hopefully will become the "correct" data, but will indeed be a combination of lots of people's opinions. PRF is an option of preservation if that is their goal. There are so many copies, backups, fail safe's, etc. built into nFS that you can be assured the data there is being preserved as well.

Favorite Websites



New York Times Immigration Explorer - The New York Times has added a fantastic new interactive map which displays historic U.S. immigration patterns since 1880; what countries the immigrants came from and how much of the population (per county) that they represent. It's a great tool to watch the migration of specific ethnic groups across the United States over time.

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/10/us/20090310-immigration-explorer.html>

Source: [Kimberly's Genealogy Blog](#), About.com:Genealogy, Friday, March 13, 2009

Michigan Death Certificates 1897-1920 Going Online - The Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan are uploading about one million death records from 1897-1920 to their "Seeking Michigan" website. Currently about 250,000 death certificates have been made available on the website with more being added in the next few weeks. You can download copies of the currently available death certificates for free at: [Michigan Death Records 1897-1920](#)

Source: [Genealogy Roots Blog](#), Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Surname Queries



There is an apprenticeship record for a **John Aubrey** (ca 1780), shipwright of Neath, Glamorganshire, Wales that is often cited by members of the **Obray** family of Cache Valley. Someone in the family supposedly has the original. As there is a discrepancy in dates, several **Obray** researchers would like to see a copy of the original to resolve the discrepancy. Would any of readers of this

journal know the location of the original? Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Lynne.Ingalls@comcast.net

Here are the names that I have and am trying to extend from: **Sylvester**

Sappington born abt 1763 in Clark County, Kentucky died abt 1853. He was married to unknown in Illinois est 1795 that was born est 1775 also in Illinois. I know of only one child named **Margaret M Sappington** born 28 Feb 1797 in Clark County, Kentucky and died 26 Oct 1880 in Scott County, Illinois and buried in Winchester, Scott County, Illinois. She married **William S. Hamilton** 29 Sep 1812 in Clark County, Kentucky. (All of her ordinance work is already done) **William** was born abt 1789 in Tennessee and died est 1843. I have only one child for them too named **Appalone Hamilton** born 1 Sep 1840 in Winchester, Scott County, Illinois and died 19 Nov 1908 in Hadley, Pike, Illinois. (William & Appalone's ordinance work is also done) Appalone married **Charles Dillard Hazelrigg** 3 Jan 1856 introducing Hazelrigg as my wife's mother's maiden name. William is my wife's 3GG- Father. I have William's mother as Rachel and father only as est born 1765 in Tennessee. We are trying to extend the **Sappington** line beyond the only two names (**Sylvester & Margaret**) that we have and also the **Hamilton** line beyond **Appalone & William**. I

have the **Alexander Hamilton** book by Ron Chernow without any luck and have searched the "**Sappington's** of America" reference only to find names related to Nathaniel Sappington but never mentioning the names I have. I hope I haven't given too much detail here just to get started. If anyone has any information that would be of help please contact me and my wife here at toml@clements.us

New Acquisitions



None this week

Remember...



My Genealogy is All Done....

How many of you have heard that line before? "So- and-So" has done it all. Real genealogists roll their eyes or just smile a fake smile. There's an article in the July 2007 Ensign titled, It's All Been Done. Loretta Evans lists some questions to think about if this is how you

feel.

- Have you made records of your own life?
- Do you have accurate records of your immediate family?
- Do you have copies of your ancestors' records?
- Have you checked your genealogy for completeness and accuracy?
- Have you found your ancestors in original documents?
- Do you have a family organization?
- Have you considered descendancy research?
- What do you know about your ancestors' lives?
- Do you have family photographs or documents?
- Do you own family heirlooms?
- Do you have time to serve others in family history

Source: [Bogat Chat blog](#), 31 July 2007

"It's All Been Done", by Loretta Evans, *Ensign Jul 2007*, pgs 28-31

Class Schedule for the Coming Week

Our class schedule through May 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, Mar 26, PAF 5-Getting Started-20, 1 wk, 7 pm
- Mon, Apr 06, Family History Spring Cleaning Tips- 21, Lemon, Sheri Lynn, 1 wk, 10 AM
- Tue, Apr 07, Using the FHC Scanning Center-13, Hopkins, Mollyanne, 1 wk, 10 AM
- Wed, Apr 08, Maps & Timelines, 8, Bray, Verne,-1 wk, 10 AM
- Thu, Apr 09, Sharing Family History on MyFamily.com-3, Barber, Norman, 1 wk, 7 PM
- Fri, Apr 10, Descendancy Research -"Low-hanging fruit"-23, Merrill, Derwin, 1 wk, 1 PM

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