

# 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

### Oral History Class -

Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 10  
 am to 1 pm, Randy Williams,  
 Fife Folklore Archives Curator,  
 Specify Collections & Archive at  
 the USU Merrill-Cazier Library,

will be talking about how to do an oral history either for yourself or other family members. This will be held in a classroom in Old Main at USU. Call the USU Museum of Anthropology for more information 435-797-7545

**Temple Submission Process** - The Logan temple is in the process of changing over to the New FamilySearch system for preparing names for ordinances. Beginning immediately, we have been asked to help patrons convert their TempleReady submissions to Family Ordinance Request (FOR) forms **BEFORE** they are taken to the temple. **In order for us to complete this process you MUST know the last 5 digits of your LDS membership number.** Please double check this information with your ward clerk and bring it with you when you come to the Family History Center to create a Temple Submission.

**New FamilySearch Classes** - The following classes will be offered for those who have been able to register on New FamilySearch. Each class listed will be held once weekly for 4 weeks. The cost is \$2. **Please call the Center (755-5594) to register.**

- June 1, Monday, 10-11:30 a.m.
- June 2, Tuesday, 7-8:45 p.m. (3 wk)
- June 4, Thursday, 10-11:30 a.m.
- June 4, Thursday, 1-2:30 p.m.
- June 4, Thursday, 5-6:30 p.m.
- June 5, Friday, 10-11:30 a.m.
- June 10, Wednesday, 10-11:30 a.m.
- June 20, Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m.
- June 23, Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m.

## Family History Tips



**Don't Accept Family Legends As Fact** - Most families have stories and traditions which are handed down from generation to generation. These family legends can provide many clues to further your genealogy research, but you need to approach them with an open mind. Just because your Great-Grandma Mildred says that it happened that way, don't make it so! Stories about famous ancestors, war heroes, surname changes, and the family's nationality all probably have their roots in fact. Your job is to sort out these facts from the fiction which has likely grown as embellishments were added to stories over time. Approach family legends and traditions with an open mind, but be sure to carefully investigate the facts for yourself. If you are unable to prove or disprove a family legend you can still include it in a family history. Just be sure to explain what's true and what's false, and what's proven and what's unproven - and write down how you arrived at your conclusions.

**Source:** "Top 10 Genealogy Mistakes to Avoid", by Kimberly Powell, About.com

### International Tips

1. Always see what records are available in your country first, before checking the records of a foreign country.
2. Surnames change over time and this is especially true for ones which can be traced to Europe. For example the surname "Gilman" could also appear in records as Gillman, Gilmann, Gilmen, Gileman and so on.
3. Borders changed much over the years in Europe especially. Be aware of this when tracing your origins and determining which country it is you need to correspond with.
4. Be aware of and ready for linguistic differences. Our FREE international form letters are available to you in French, German and Spanish. We also suggest viewing our FREE translation guide of key words you may need when writing the letters.

**Source:** *Awesome Genealogical Tips*,  
<http://www.wesomegenealogy.com/awetips.shtml>

### Questions/Answers



**Question:** Both of my paternal great grandparents came from England and settled in Cleveland, Emery County, Utah. My wife's great grandparents settled in the Taylorsville area. I was wondering if it is possible to access the records of the wards/branches in those areas to see what church positions those folks held?

**Answer:** Yes, you can access LDS Ward/Branch Membership and Form E records, however, they did not typically include church positions the members held.

### Favorite Websites



**ProGenealogist's 50 Most Popular Genealogy Websites for 2009** - [progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2009.htm](http://progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2009.htm)

**Daddezio.com** - Website focused upon Italian research, with instruction, information and more.

### 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



"Redbook", Third Edition, edited by Alice Eichholz, Ph.D., C.G.

### Remember...



#### BY GEORGE!

by Charles S. Latham Sr.

I had planned to drive more than an hour to search for a lost cemetery and thought my 81-year-old mother would enjoy the autumn ride. I promised we would stop at a nursing home on the way back to visit her 84-year-old sister, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease. Mom was eager to go, but she warned that I should not expect much conversation from my aunt and possibly she would not even recognize me. My cemetery research was a futile effort, but the rest of the day was nothing short of amazing.

My aunt was exceptionally alert and responsive. I seized the opportunity to ask whether she remembered her grandfather's first name because her memory was the very last source for this information. Her response was "George." Mom just shook her head saying "I'm pretty sure that's not it. It just doesn't sound right." The conversation drifted off that subject for a few seconds and then, out of the blue, my aunt said "Victor." Mom's eyes got big and she said, "I think she's right. That sounds familiar to me." Needless to say, I was very anxious to get home to my computer and the Internet.

Victor SHORT of Brunswick County, Virginia married Lilla KEYES from Saratoga Springs, New York, and had a daughter named Jennie who married Berorth S. BULLARD of Saratoga Springs. They had four daughters, one of whom was Jennie, my aunt. But this story isn't finished until I tell you that Victor SHORT's father was named "George"!

**Source:** MISSING LINKS: Vol. 6, No. 10, 7 March 2001

### Class Schedule for the Coming Week

Our class schedule 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).

- Tue, May 19, **Google-31**, Warren, Louise, 1 wk, 7 PM
- Thu, May 21, **Write Your Personal History in 1 Hour!**-25, Ray, Byron, 1 wk, 7 PM
- Thu, May 21, **Family Insight**-18, Jensen, Robert, 2 wk, 10 AM
- Fri, May 22, **Preparing Your File for New FamilySearch**-33, Bradford, Joyce, 1 wk, 1 PM
- Sat, May 23, **Probate Records**-4, Bartholomew, Gail, 1 wk, 3 PM

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