

# 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

### LFHC Monthly Staff Training Meeting

- Logan Regional Family History Center will be holding their monthly staff training meeting Wednesday, August 12, at 9:00 a.m. in the

chapel at the Logan Tabernacle. **We invite any ward family history consultants or staff from other family history centers who may want to join us.**

Our topic this month is "Resolving Questions/Problems Patrons Encounter in New FamilySearch."

**New FamilySearch Update** - If you haven't used [New FamilySearch](#) in the last couple of days, check it out. You'll be pleasantly surprised with the new temple submission and tracking process.

**Family History Conference** - Logan Utah Regional Family History Center will be sponsoring a FREE family history conference, "Untangling Your Roots", **Saturday, October 10, 2009** at the USU 5th Stake Center, 1230 N 600 E, Logan, Utah. The keynote speaker at 9 a.m. will be Randy Williams, Fife Folklore Archives Curator with Special Collections and Archives at USU Library. 30 additional classes to choose from.

**Optional:** syllabus (\$5) and lunch (\$7) will be available but MUST be ordered and paid for before Oct 2.

For more details, class schedule, etc. go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~utcfhc/html/conferece1.html>

## Family History Tips



**Personal histories are do-able!** You can work on a "time-line" history a few minutes per day or 1 hr. per week. A time-line history takes your life year by year and includes a simple one-sentence statement of a major event along with the date of the event. It will serve to be a reminder when you get around to enlarging on the event in a longer history or - at the very least - it creates an outline history for your descendants even if nothing else ever gets written! Check out the following fun website which allows you to patch your own life's adventures into the happenings of the world around you. Go to <http://ourtimelines.com> and play around. You might just find yourself actually starting a personal history!

**Source:** Ohana Software, "[Family History Tip of the Week](#)", 7/5/9, Contributed by Adele Austin, Family History Consultant, Las Vegas Beverly Glen Ward,

**Taking a Step Back to Review** - In a world where we can click and add a record to our tree, it's easy to lose track of all the details we find in a record. As we continue to gather records, a lot of clues get lost along the way. Periodically it's important to go back and do a comprehensive review of what we have accumulated. If we look at the big picture, we're going to spot a lot more opportunities for further research and we may find that the clue you've been searching for has been sitting in your files all along. Read the whole article by clicking the link below to learn more tips for reviewing what has been found for an ancestor.

**Source:** [24-7 Family History Circle Blog](#), 23 Jan 2990, by Juliana Smith

### Questions/Answers



**Question:** I have a member in our Ward who is Navajo. She is having a very difficult time finding information about her family. Do you have any suggestions of where to search or who to contact?

**Answer:** There are 2 excellent informational resources available at [wiki.familysearch.org](http://wiki.familysearch.org):

1. United States Native Races Part 5 - Where Do I Find Records?
2. Ramah Navajo Indian Agency (New Mexico)

Some good links to online records are:

1. "Online Native American Indian Genealogy Records & Databases"  
[http://www.genealogybranches.com/native\\_americans.html](http://www.genealogybranches.com/native_americans.html)
2. Navaho Links Page <http://www.geocities.com/soho/museum/9083/navaho.html>

She may also want to subscribe to the NA-NAVAJO- TRIBE-L mailing list where she can ask questions and get help. To subscribe, send an email to [NA-NAVAJO-TRIBE-D-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:NA-NAVAJO-TRIBE-D-request@rootsweb.com). with the word subscribe in the subject and body.

### Favorite Websites



**Maine State Archives** - In addition to how-tos on Maine genealogy, this archives site serves up a searchable marriage index (1892 to 1996, with a gap from 1967 to 1976) and death index (1960 to 1996). [http://www.maine.gov/portal/facts\\_history/genealogy.html](http://www.maine.gov/portal/facts_history/genealogy.html)

**Minnesota Historical Society** - Make a splash finding your ancestors in the Land of 10,000 Lakes with the indexes to birth records (1900 to 1934, plus selected pre-1900 records) and records from death cards (1904 to 1907) and death certificates (1908 to 2001). <http://www.mnhs.org/genealogy/>

### 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



None this week

## Remember...



### Coincidental Meeting Holds Key to Important Information

My (great) Aunt Maude was an avid genealogist and devoted one day a week for research at the genealogy library. One Tuesday a lady approached her for help. She had asked several librarians for a specific book and none could help her. Somehow she felt impressed to approach my aunt out of the hundreds of other visitors in the library that day.

She was looking for a book that had been referred to her from a letter she had in her hand. It was called Charles Smith's Diary. My aunt told her it was not in the library, but by coincidence she had it at home, as Charles Smith was her grandfather. This lady wanted information on her great grandfather, who was Captain Jacob Secrist, another captain of a wagon train in 1855. He had died on the trail and she wanted to go back along the trail to locate his grave.

My aunt invited her to her home, and they found in the diary that Charles Smith was the clerk of the very same wagon train and he had kept a day-to-day account, including the date of Captain Secrist's death and where he was buried. The lady went back and found the place of burial, located an historian and placed a marker at that spot. The historian then wrote about the event in the newspaper, and many more people made inquiries, were able to find more genealogical information, and add more markers along the trail.


To make this story even more amazing, Aunt Maude always went to the library on Mondays, never Tuesday, because she babysat on Tuesdays. The lady never went on Tuesday because that was the day she worked at the Children's Hospital. But on that particular week each had their plans changed and the only day they could go was on Tuesday.

**Source:** "Strange But True Genealogy Stories - Coincidence. . .or not."  
<http://www.squidoo.com/genealogycoincidence>

## Fall 2009 Class Schedule

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 most classes is \$2.

- Sep 10, Thu, **New FamilySearch & Family Tree**-#1, Barber, Norman, 4 wk, 7 pm
- Sep 12, Sat, **New FamilySearch**-#23, Owens, Gladys, 3 wk, 10 am
- Sep 14, Mon, **Setting Up A Family Blog**- #14, Lemon, Sheri Lynn, 1 wk, 10 am
- Sep 15, Tue, **Using the FHC Scanning Center**-#30, Hopkins, Mollyanne, 2 wk, 1 pm
- Sep 15, Tue, **New FamilySearch**-#5, Clark, John, 3 wk, 7 pm
- Sep 16, Wed, **Searching the Census**-#36, Winkler, David, 1 wk, 10 am
- Sep 16, Wed, **Family History Consultant Training**- #24, Owens, Gladys, 6 wk, 7 pm
- Sep 17, Thu, **Helping Hispanic Researchers in Your Ward**-#32, Walker, Jon, 1 wk, 7 pm
- Sep 21, Mon, **Creative Ideas to Spice Up Your Blog**- #13, Lemon, Sheri Lynn, 1 wk, 10 am
- Sep 22, Tue, **Ancestry.com**-#27, Selvage, Dede, 2 wk, 10 am
- Sep 29, Tue, **New FamilySearch**-#35, Castleton, Ruth, 3 wk, 1 pm
- Sep 30, Wed, **Land Records**-#2, Bray, Verne, 2 wk, 10 am
- Oct 01, Thu, **Hispanic Research in English**-#33, Walker, Jon, 3 wk, 7 pm
- Oct 05, Mon, **RootsMagic's Sync with nFS**- #16, Lemon, Sheri Lynn, 1 wk,

- 10 am
- Oct 06, Tue, **Ancestral Quest's Sync with nFS-#17**, Gerber, Robert, 1 wk, 10 am
  - Oct 08, Thu, **Oral History Center-#26**, Ray, Byron, 1 wk, 7 pm
  - Oct 09, Fri, **Family Insight-Synchronization- #19**, Merrill, Derwin, 2 wk, 10 am
  - Oct 12, Mon, **New FamilySearch-#12**, Lemon, Sheri Lynn, 3 wk, 10 am
  - Oct 13, Tue, **New FamilySearch-#29**, Warren, Louise, 3 wk, 7 pm
  - Oct 14, Wed, **Computer Basics-#37**, Winkler, David, 2 wk, 10 am
  - Oct 15, Thu, **New FamilySearch-#18**, Merrill, Derwin, 4 wk, 10 am
  - Oct 15, Thu, **RootsMagic-#28**, Taylor, Wally, 6 wk, 7 pm
  - Oct 20, Tue, **Internet Research-#31**, Hopkins, Mollyanne, 1 wk, 10 am
  - Oct 23, Fri, **Descendancy Research-nFS- Family Insight-#20**, Merrill, Derwin, 4 wk, 1 pm
  - Oct 27, Tue, **Untangling Your Ancestors- #10**, Gerber, Robert, 1 wk, 10 am
  - Oct 28, Wed, **Maps & Timelines-#3**, Bray, Verne, 1 wk, 10 am
  - Oct 28, Wed, **Discovering Our Female Ancestors- #7**, Curry, Yvonne, 1 wk, 7 pm
  - Oct 29, Thu, **Blogging-#25**, Ray, Byron, 1 wk, 5 pm
  - Oct 29, Thu, **New FamilySearch in Spanish-#34**, Walker, Jon, 3 wk, 7 pm
  - Oct 30, Fri, **A "Very" Beginner Family History Course-#21**, Merrill, Luana, 2 wk, 10 am
  - Nov 03, Tue, **How to Write Your Personal History- #4**, Clark, John, 1 wk, 7 pm
  - Nov 04, Wed, **Digital Research-#38**, Winkler, David, 1 wk, 10 am
  - Nov 07, Sat, **New FamilySearch-#11**, Humpherys, Shauna, 3 wk, 10 am
  - Nov 09, Mon, **Advanced New FamilySearch-#15**, Lemon, Sheri Lynn, 2 wk, 10 am
  - Nov 10, Tue, **Swiss Research-#9**, Gerber, Robert, 1 wk, 10 am
  - Nov 10, Tue, **What Now?-#8**, Curry, Yvonne, 1 wk, 7 pm
  - Nov 11, Wed, **Creative Ways to Share Family History-#22**, Merrill, Luana, 1 wk, 7 pm
  - Nov 17, Tue, **Theology of Family History- #6**, Clark, John, 1 wk, 7 pm
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