

# 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

**Ogden Family History Conference** - The Ogden, Utah LDS Family History Center is sponsoring a free area family history conference on Saturday, September 12,

2009. The theme of the conference is - "The Most Beautiful Tree in the Forest of Creation - Our Family Tree". The keynote speaker will be Ron Tanner, project manager for the family history department of the LDS church. Sixty different classes will be held throughout the day, many by noted speakers in the field. Classes will also be taught by the affiliates who sync with NFS. It will be held at the University Stake Center, 1465 East 4600 South, Ogden, Utah. Registration will be held at 8:00 AM that morning. Everyone invited.

### Quarterly Family History Leader Training Meeting

- Logan Utah Regional Family History Center will provide a training meeting for all Ward and Stake Family History Personnel (Stake Presidency, High Council and Bishopric members over Family History, High Priest Group Leader, & Ward Family History Consultants) It will be held Wednesday, Sep 30 at the Logan Tabernacle. Please note the following FORMAT and TIMES:

- **At 6:30 p.m.** we will hold a training meeting for newly called leaders where we will explain your responsibilities and suggest ways to jumpstart family history in your wards/stakes. (Baptistry)
- **At 7:30 p.m.** we will have our regular, general meeting for ALL Family History leaders and consultants where we try to give training on new resources, methods, programs, goals, etc. to inspire you in your callings. (Chapel)

**Please submit this announcement to your ward bulletins, newsletters, etc.**

**Family History Conference** - Logan Utah Regional Family History Center will be sponsoring a FREE family history conference, "Tracing Tangled 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/conference1.html>

## Family History Tips



**Family History Instruction** - For those of you who are family history consultants in your wards, the new Sunday School manual for Family History is available. It can be ordered online at [ldscatalog.com](http://ldscatalog.com). It is item # 35804000, "Instructor's Guide to Temple and Family History Work", \$5.50.

**How did your ancestors celebrate Christmas?** Wouldn't it be fun to bring some of those traditions to your own family? Did they go to the woods to cut a Christmas tree? Did they hitch up the buggy to go to Christmas mass? Did they go caroling? Did they play Secret Santa? Call or write home to find out if someone in your family knows specifically how YOUR family celebrated Christmas. It could help your family identify with their heritage to make or buy Christmas tree ornaments from your countries of origin. You could learn a Christmas or winter song from there. A lot of Latin-American countries don't have a Christmas tree; instead they make a very realistic nativity scene in their living rooms. That would be a lovely thing to add to your family's Christmas traditions. You may want to check out these websites to see how people from your ethnic heritage celebrate Christmas.

- <http://gourmet.sympatico.ca/holidays/christmas/christmas.htm>
- <http://www.portharbor.com/santa/xsaratrad.php>
- [http://www.amishnews.com/feature\\_articles/germanchristmas.htm](http://www.amishnews.com/feature_articles/germanchristmas.htm)
- <http://gosouthamerica.about.com/od/christmas/>

Or, just type "ethnic Christmas traditions" into your favorite search engine. You could probably get a fun Family Home Evening out of this, too.

**Source:** Ohana Software, Tips of the Week, 1/7/05, Contributed by Jacque Whitehorn

## Questions/Answers



**Question:** I work with a colleague who is trying to figure out her great-great-grandfather's death date. He was in Salt Lake and it was about 1874. The 1870 census said he was in the 13th ward. Would she look in the LDS membership records for the 13th ward or is there another way to determine which ward he lived in?

**Source:** LDS-Ward-Consultant Mailing List, 8/29/09

**Answer** (Submitted by Jill Crandell): There is a Salt Lake death register that started in 1848 and runs through 1950. Go to the FHLC under Salt Lake City, vital records and you'll see it. Also, it's important to understand that there is a difference between the "ward" designation used in the census and LDS church wards. In order to convert the civil ward into the church ward, you would need to use a census ward map to determine the area covered by the census. Then, use Andrew Jenson's Encyclopedic History of the Church to determine which church wards covered the same area.

In addition to the SLC death register, there is also an obituary card index on microfilm that indexes obituaries in the Deseret News and Salt Lake Tribune from

1851 to 1963. Go in the FHLC to Utah, obituaries, and it's called "Obituary index records compiled from the Deseret News and Tribune, 1851 to June 1963."

**Answer** (Submitted by David Samuelson): It is not too early. Salt Lake City Deaths go back to 1848. Early ones are on a register ledger type book. They are microfilmed and available through Family History Centers. Another is <http://history.utah.gov/apps/burials/execute/searchburials> since he is likely buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. Burials go back to 1849.

### Favorite Websites



**StateGenSites** - the SGS database started as an in-depth study of Alabama and Pennsylvania. It has since become one of the most popular directories for U.S. genealogy, categorizing links by state within 27 categories.

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/genealogy/states/>

**Tombstone Birthday Calculator** - Many older tombstones list age and date of death. This tool calculates birthdate from the age of death and the date of death on the tombstone, death certificate or obituary. Results are given in a year-month-day format <http://www.searchforancestors.com/utility/birthday.html>

### 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...



#### Just Folks

I am like him, so they say,  
Who was dead before I came.  
Cheeks and mouth and eyes of gray  
Have been fashioned much the same.

I am like her, so they say,  
Who was dead ere I was born,  
And I walk the self-same way  
On the paths her feet have worn.

There is that within my face  
And the way I hold my head  
Which seems strangely to replace  
Those who long have joined the dead.

Thus across the distance far  
In the body housing me  
Both my great-grandparents are  
Kept alive in memory.

Edgar A. Guest, 1934

### Class Schedule for the next 2 weeks

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).

- 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, **RootsMagic's Sync with nFS**- #16, Lemon, Sheri Lynn, 1 wk, 10 am
- Sep 15, Tue, **Ancestral Quest's Sync with nFS**-#17, Gerber, Robert, 2 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, **Setting Up A Family Blog**- #14, Lemon, Sheri Lynn, 1 wk, 10 am
- Sep 22, Tue, **Ancestry.com**-#27, Selvage, Dede, 2 wk, 10 am
- Sep 24, Thu, **Write Your Personal History in 1 hour**-39, Ray, Byron, 1 wk, 5 pm

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