

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

Volunteer Help with Upcoming Conference - The Logan Family History Center is in need of 5 more persons to assist with food preparation and serving at the October 10

Conference. For those willing to serve, lunch will be paid for.

- **9:30 - noon shift** - 4 more persons needed
- **Noon - 1:30 shift** - 1 more person needed

In you are able to assist, please contact the Center at 755-5594 and have your name added to the Conference Volunteer list.

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)

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



Cemetery Photos - When I take photographs of cemetery stones, I also take one long shot of the general area to help others find this plot. ---Shirley White, New Hampshire, "Your Quick Tips", 3 Nov 2008, Ancestry.com

If you are wondering where to get started in your family history research, the following articles will help you with this decision:

[How to Guess Where to Start](#)

- [Guessing a Name Variation](#)
- [Guessing a Date](#)
- [Guessing a Place](#)
- [Guessing the Easiest to Research Person and Event](#)
- [Guessing a Record Type to Use](#)

Questions/Answers



Question: In looking at Polish/Ukrainian Greek Catholic birth records, written in Latin, late 1700s, I've discovered something I need help with. Why would a child's surname be listed as her mother's surname? For example, the child is "Parascevia Wolanihawna." Father is "Basilius Skoropad" and mother is "Pelagia Wolanihawna." This has happened several times. Someone suggested it might have something to do with a land dowry. Is this correct? What is a land dowry? Did it phase out in the mid-1800s? (Haven't seen this surname situation in the later records).

Answer: In some parts of Europe, land dowries were common. Parents who had no sons might give a land dowry to their new son-in-law. It was commonly given with the condition that he take the surname of his bride, in order to continue the family name.

Source: [Wikipedia](#)

Question: Is there a way to keep the same RIN's when importing to RootsMagic?

Answer: I experimented with importing a PAF file into a new database and importing a GEDCOM into a new database. In both instances, the RIN's remained the same. Importing a GEDCOM into an existing database, however, obviously changes RINs since many may already be in use.

Question: If you find a divorce has occurred in a family do we still seal the couple or not? Are the children born to them sealed to the two of them?

Answer: Deceased couples who were divorced may be sealed. This may provide the only way for their children to be sealed. However, if they were sealed in life and the sealing was cancelled, First Presidency approval is required for them to be sealed again.

Source: NewFamilySearch Help Center, Document ID 067faq0443

Favorite Websites



Italy Research Sites - Interested in available websites for Italian research? Check the FamilySearch Wiki.

https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Italy_Websites You might also try

searching for other countries the same way. In the search box, enter the country you are interested in plus the word websites.

Treasure Maps Genealogy - Free genealogy and family tree search tips, how to articles and on-line genealogy tutorials. <http://amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/>

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...



I AM A McCORNACK

During a recent business trip to Europe, I ended up with my friend, Tom ADAMS, in Manchester, England. We had a free weekend, so we decided to rent a BMW and drove up to the Newton Stewart area of Scotland to make a first-time visit to my ancestral homes.

The trip was a great success, we spent Saturday roaming around the country and were lucky enough to find homes, named Annabaglish and Barwinnock, where my McCORNACK ancestors lived before they came to Illinois in the 1830's. Everywhere we went we asked: "Do you know or have you known a McCORNACK?" The answer was always the same - "No!". By noon Sunday, we decided it was time to return to England.

Tom drove the BMW and I settled down to reflect on my rewarding experiences in "McCORNACK" country. In my possession were about 150 pictures and four hours of tape recordings documenting my trip, little did I know the best was yet to come.

As we traveled for about 100 miles through various town, we noticed that most of the stores were closed because it was Sunday. Tom expressed concern that the trip was nearing the end, and he had not bought his wife a gift. As we approached one of the last towns in Scotland, Tom suddenly pulled the BMW to a stop beside a store which was open.

We were greeted by a young sales lady. Before long Tom was selecting a hand knit sweater. After looking at the quality of the sweaters, I decided that my wife should also have one. We made our purchases and were about to leave when Tom noticed his sweater did not have a label. He asked the sales lady, "How am I going to convince anyone this is a hand knit sweater from Scotland?" By this time the clerk's mother had come out of a back room and said, "No problem, we will sew a label in the sweater". She took both sweaters to a back room and shortly returned with labels in the sweaters.

I AM A McCORNACK !!

Continuing the conversation, Tom mentioned that we had been over in the Newton Stewart area doing genealogy research on the McCORNACKs. She stopped and said,

"I am a McCORNACK!" I tried to reassure her that she may be a McCORMACK or McCORMICK but she was not a McCORNACK because we spelled our name differently. She said, "No! I am a McCORNACK!" and ran to the back room to pick up her purse. From her purse she pulled a well worn letter. It was a letter written to her mother, Agnes FRASER, dated 1946 by Richard McCORNACK (who died in 1954). During World War 11, Richard had made written contact with what is now believed to be the last McCORNACK family in Scotland. The families in Scotland had a rough time during the war. Richard and his family had provided needed food and clothing parcels. Her mother had given her the letter and had told her to: "Keep this letter and some day a McCORNACK will come to see you."

It was on this late Sunday afternoon that a descendant of Andrew McCORNACK who left Scotland in 1839 made the first known personal contact with a member of the McCORNACK family that stayed in Scotland. There is no way the odds could be figured on this chance occurrence which happened over eighty miles from the ancestral area. It is an example of what makes the search for our ancestors such a rewarding experience.

Source: THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER, Relatively Speaking section, pg 24, Nov-Dec 1990.

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).

- Sep 24, Thu, **Write Your Personal History in 1 hour**-39, Ray, Byron, 1 wk, 5 pm
- Sep 28, Mon, **Creative Ideas to Spice Up Your Blog**- #13, Lemon, Sheri Lynn, 1 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

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