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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

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>

Volunteer Help with Upcoming Conference - The Logan Family History Center is in need of 1 more person to assist with food preparation and serving at the October 10 Conference. For those willing to serve, lunch will be paid for. In you are able to assist, please contact the Center at 755-5594 and have your name added to

the Conference Volunteer list.

Lost & Found at FHC - Please take time to check the lost and found box at our FHC for notebooks, keys, disks, glasses, etc. There are many "valuable" items waiting to be claimed.

Family History Tips



Trash to Treasure - I made a storage space from an old entertainment center I found in the trash. By putting a shelf in the TV section I now have a place for all my notebooks, books, and folders. The glass side holds paper, empty folders, pencils and anything else I may need. The top holds my in and out

baskets and maps. --Sally Jaquet, Georgia, "[Your Quick Tips](#)", 13 October 2008, [Ancestry.com](#)

Facial Recognition Programs - "Have you ever gone through an old box of photos and wondered who those people were? How did you solve this mystery? Many times we bring the photos to another relative hoping they remember who they are. Sometimes we find one photo with a name on it and try to match the others to it. Other times we just close the box and put it on the top shelf hoping to one day take up the task again. Some of us might scan them and keep large folders of unknown pictures on our computer." Check out [Miles' Genealogy Tips](#) and learn about 3 programs that can help you solve this mystery.

1. [MyHeritage.com](#)
2. Picasaweb photo albums at Google (<http://picasaweb.google.com>).
3. Picasa, a downloadable program at <http://picasa.google.com/>

Questions/Answers



Question: What is a GEDCOM?

Answer: The acronym for **GE**nealogical **D**ata **COM**munications. GEDCOM is a data structure created by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for storing and exchanging genealogical information so that many different computer programs can use it. It is identified by the file type ".ged".

GEDcom files are text files that contain the information and linkages necessary to exchange genealogical data between two entities. The entities may use the same software application or differ in software application. Examples of these exchanges would include:

- Between two users of the same application - One family member sending new information from PAF to another family member using PAF.
- Between users of differing applications - A PAF genealogist receiving information from someone using Ancestral Quest.
- From an Internet site to a local application - Downloading information from www.FamilySearch.org to your PAF.
- From your application to an Internet site - Uploading information to www.FamilySearch.org for inclusion in the [Pedigree Resource File](#).

As a text-based file, it is easily transmitted as an attachment to e-mails or downloaded from web sites. The recipient then uses the "Import" function of their application to include the GEDcom file contents in their genealogy. Also, applications may be found on the web to print or manipulate individual GEDcom files without importing them into applications.

Source: [FamilySearch Wiki](#)

Favorite Websites



Dear Myrtle - Practical, down-to-earth advice for family historians since 1995, online since 1984. <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/>

Creative Genealogy Blog - This blog suggests creative ways of sharing our ancestors with the world. The primary focus is searching out and highlighting great family history oriented kits for digital scrapbooking, but she also discusses photo editing and other creative pursuits. <http://creativegenealogy.blogspot.com/>

Surname Queries



Descendants of Chauncey Walker West, 1827 - 1870, are looking for descendants of **Lorin Farr**, 1820 - 1908, and **Ezra T. Benson**, 1811 - 1869 of Ogden, Utah. These three men formed a company and supplied Mormon laborers for the building of the Transcontinental Railroad, culminating in the driving of the Golden Spike on May 10, 1869 at Promontory Point, Utah. The Union Pacific Railroad Station in Ogden Utah has a Museum dedicated to the History of the Railroad. However, there is currently no mention of the work of **Farr, Benson and West**. The **West** descendants would like to have members of the **Farr** and **Benson** families join us in an effort to have these men honored and remembered in this Museum. If you are interested, please contact Linda Clark at jclark4L@yahoo.com or Norma Buchanan at norma.buchanan@hotmail.com.

New Acquisitions



None this week

Remember...



A True Story About My Family ... I Couldn't Believe It!

A decade ago, I came across an individual with my same last name of Boyter. Boyter isn't that common of a name, as you know.

I was 30 years old and, up to that point in my life, I had never crossed paths with a person with my surname and not known immediately who they were and how we were related. I was puzzled and intrigued!

On a side note, this man lived only two hours north of where I grew up and my grandparents didn't know who he was either.

We sat and talked for several hours that day, swapping family information, stories and looking at family photographs. As we talked I couldn't help but notice how his general look and mannerisms reminded me of my grandpa Boyter.

He told a story of his ancestor James Boyter who, in the 1870s, traversed the Atlantic Ocean from Scotland with his older brother Alexander.

According to family "legend" one or both of the brothers had gotten into trouble for hunting on royal property. The story went on that these two, in an attempt to escape the law, fled to the United States. They eventually went back and brought their mother to the U.S. and became quite skilled masons and built many homes in the southern Utah town in which they settled and became prominent residents. Alexander ended up in Utah after the U.S. Army assigned him there.

I sat and listened as this man told me this story. I kept silent and held my excitement inside until he finished telling the story. I had heard that exact same story countless times at family gatherings since my childhood. Now here was a complete "stranger" telling me the same story.

I immediately knew how we were related!

He was excited when I told him that I was a descendant of the older brother Alexander; my great- great grandfather Boyter.

If that story had been lost to my family over the years, I would have regained a knowledge of my great-great grandfather Boyter that day thanks to the diligence of life story preservation of the long line of descendants of James Boyter.

In this case both sides of the family held on and perpetuated the story down through the years. This is what I meant when I said that we should not forget to include stories of our siblings and other close family members into our own journals, diaries autobiographies and life stories.

That which we include in the account of our life story, may make all the difference in the world to your brother or sister's descendants generations from now ... all because you recorded it in your own history!

Source: [Family History Products.com](http://FamilyHistoryProducts.com)

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 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 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

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