



FAMILY TIES



SANDY GRANITE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER NEWSLETTER

Director's Message

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Recently I came across a quote from some Family Search material, which stated, "Because family history and temple service focuses on families, it is often accomplished most joyfully by families. Follow the steps under *Find and Take* as a family whenever possible. Share your experiences with other family members and friends. Families who teach one another and serve together will be blessed to form eternal family bonds spanning the past, present and future."

This past month we invited two of my younger siblings to our home for Sunday dinner. We always enjoy this family time to catch up on comings and goings, special happenings, and events. Near the end of the evening I asked if they had 10-15 more minutes, because I wanted to share with them the FamilySearch web site, especially the Memories/Gallery section. They loved seeing pictures included there of our parents, grandparents, and other fondly remembered relatives.

A little spark was ignited since only a few short days passed before we received an invite to my brother's home for the following Monday to look over family group sheets/genealogy records. These records had been in his basement over 20

years and included research he and our mom had done in Switzerland over 30 years ago. As I perused the family group sheets at his dining room table, I knew that some of the information he presented to us was absent from Family Search.

Within a few short days, I identified and input some of the missing information. Just this past week I attended the Draper Temple with our son, grandson, and granddaughter as we were blessed to perform the sacred ordinances for some of these loved ones dating back to the 1600s. This is the first occasion I've had to take grandkids to the temple. Even though they had each previously done baptisms for the dead, they reported how "different" it was to be doing work for "our" family.

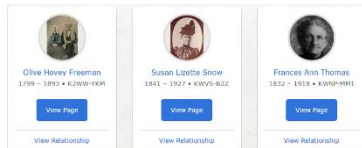
Recognizing that I mixed things up a bit by doing *Teach, Find, Take*, the end result was overwhelmingly positive and a wonderful blessing. We were most "joyfully" able to "serve together" and "strengthen family bonds spanning past, present and future."

Let us each continue to look for opportunities to teach others, family, friends, and neighbors about FamilySearch/Family History opportunities. Promised blessings will follow and great shall be your rewards.

Discover Your Early Relief Society Ancestors: Relief Society Celebrates 175 Years

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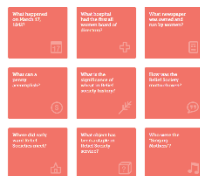
March 17, 2017 marked the 175th anniversary of the founding of Relief Society. FamilySearch.org has created a page within the website to help patrons learn more about how their ancestors were part of Relief Society over the years. The information on this page is a combined effort between FamilySearch and the Church History Library. To gain access to this page, click on this link https://familysearch.org/campaign/reliefsociety?et_cid=52244379&et_rid=762250400&link_id=relationship&cid=em-RS-5832.



I became aware of this site after receiving an email inviting me to find my own female

ancestors who were part of the beginnings of Relief Society. Once I clicked on the link, I was able to log in to FamilySearch, and up came the names and pictures of four of my ancestors who were part of the early beginnings of Relief Society. Interestingly, all four women are part of the same branch of my family tree.

The page also has several facts about Relief Society's early years. One of those facts that I remembered from my youth was the Singing Mothers group. As a young girl I



watched my mother dressing in a white blouse and black skirt, and singing at various church meetings. They were an

Who were the "Singing Mothers"?



Wards and branches worldwide organized "Singing Mothers," bringing comfort and unity to those struggling to find relief during the Great Depression and WWII. Some groups sang with one another over the radio.

awesome group of women. I would wager a guess that many in the choirs across the Church at that time were not confident

singers, but they participated anyway.

The page also has Instagram posts that various users have posted about the women in their lives who have had an influence over them. Many of these posts include short bios of the women and the ways in which they have impacted lives. To join the Relief Society Instagram conversations, use hashtag #FamilySearch (See story on page 3 to learn more about FamilySearch's Instagram account.)

If you think you may have had early female ancestors involved in the early days of Relief Society or just have an interest in learning more about Relief Society, try the link above.

Proceed with Caution



If you've been at the FHC during youth hours, you may have seen this sign. Proceed with caution upon entering!

Instagram 101

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I have to admit that I am not big on social media. But I find that Instagram gives me just enough connection to those I love and the many interests that I have. It's quick and easy to view and add content to. One of the most recent accounts that I have begun following is @FamilySearch. This has been a great daily boost not only to keep me focused on family history work but to gain ideas about how easily I can contribute to that cause.

Sometimes the post is a writing prompt that can be used to help you write your own history. Other posts are old pictures from FamilySearch and brief stories about the picture. Still other posts are quotes about family history work such as this one from Linda Burton. This post encouraged several young moms to create a family history/babysitting day for themselves. Two of the moms watch all the kids at one house while the other three moms meet at another house to work on family history for two hours. Their plan is to do this every other Friday.

The fun posts that I enjoy most are the old pictures and stories that have been posted to FamilySearch. I have been surprised to see the kinds of posts that I



remember from my own childhood. They get me thinking and remembering events in my own life that might be of interest to my posterity.

FS Instagram posts are regular, oftentimes daily. Accounts are free and easy to create. If you are unsure of how to do this, ask any youth in your ward or at the Center to help you.

Once you have created a “name” for your account, then look for @FamilySearch. You may also want to see what Instagram posts are appearing on the Relief Society’s [page 2] on FamilySearch which can inspire you to focus on your own Relief Society women in your life, https://familysearch.org/campaign/relief_society?et_cid=52244379&et_rid=762250400&linkid=relationship&cid=em-RS-5832.

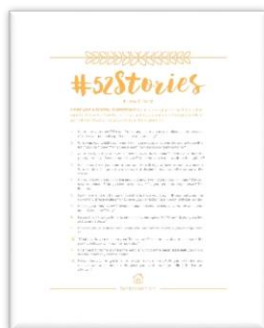
BSA Merit Badge Training

The BSA merit badge training class that was originally held on the third Saturday of the month is now being held on Tuesday nights from 5-7 pm. Dennis Wilkinson, who has been teaching the course, will continue to do so.

If you are interested in attending the course, contact Dennis at denniswilkinson@me.com. All classed are held at the Granite Family History Center, 2720 E Newcastle Drive.

Home and Hearth

52Stories for April



Here are the questions for April for the 52Stories. Download a free, printable page with all the questions at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/52stories-printables/>.

① Where are your roots? Do you feel strong ties to a particular place, either because of your own personal experiences or your ancestry?

② What was your childhood home like? If you moved a lot, was there one house that felt most like “home”? What made each new residence feel like home?

③ As a child, did you have a “home away from home”? Perhaps a friend’s, grandparents’, or favorite aunt’s house? What did you love most about being there?

I’m Still Lost!

If you scanned pictures at the Granite Family History Center over the last year or so, you may have left pictures behind. Please make it a point to come by the Center and look through the pictures we have accumulated in our lost and found. It would be a shame to discover that the priceless picture you scanned to share with others is sitting at the Center waiting to go back home!!

④ In childhood, did you share a bedroom with siblings or have a room to yourself? What kinds of things did you collect and display in your own little corner of the world?

⑤ Where did you go the very first time you moved out of your parents’ home? Did you have roommates? Did you live on your own? Did you get married right away? Tell the story.

⑥ How many different homes or apartments have you live in throughout your life? How many different cities? What have you gained (or lost) in each of those moves?

⑦ What is your “third place”? Besides home and work or school, where do you spend most of your time? Why?

⑧ Do you have a refuge from the stresses of your regular life? Where do you go to find peace and solace?

⑨ What do you love most about where you live? What would you change about it?

⑩ What city do you consider your “hometown”? Is it the city of your childhood, the place you live now, or somewhere else?

⑪ If it’s true that “home is where the heart is,” what are the barest essentials you would need to make any place a home?

⑫ Do you know where you’d like to be laid to rest one day? Will you be buried near relatives and ancestors, or in the place you lived most of your life (if the two are different)?

Hopefully, you have been having fun writing the bits and pieces of your life story.

The Five Generation Exercise

Recently, the Ogden FamilySearch Library newsletter reported about an activity that they have been using at their center which has greatly helped their patrons work in Family Tree. You might want to give this exercise a try in getting your part of Family Tree in order.

Here's how the exercise works. Print a four-generation pedigree chart for your father and one for your mother to use as a checklist. Counting yourself as the first generation, you now have five generations to work on. Systematically check and fix each item of information on each person in your family tree. You may be amazed at what you find.

Standardize: Start on your father's Person Page and standardize all the dates and places. Don't overlook the marriage information.

Resolve Hints: While on your father's Person Page, look at the Research Help box in the top right hand corner and attach any source hints that apply to your ancestor's record.

Resolve Duplicates: Now go to the Tools box and search for Possible Duplicates. If there is a duplicate, do the proper research to accurately combine records. Seek additional training if needed. (Consultants at the FHC can help you quickly learn how to combine duplicates.)

Check the Ordinances: See that all ordinances have been performed for your

ancestor. Often in combining duplicates, you will "find" the missing ordinances that you are seeking. It is important to resolve duplicates before checking ordinances.

Put the Sources in Order: Go to the Sources on your ancestor's Person Page, and then arrange the sources as outlined by FamilySearch: birth and christening sources together at the top, records before marriage in date order, marriage records, records after marriage in date order, death records, and sources with children in order of birth. If you think a source is missing, find and add it.

When you have completed these five steps for your father, go to your mother and complete the same five steps. Once you have the technique down, expand it and work on others in your family tree.

While performing ordinances is always the end goal of family history work, keeping order in the records is paramount to finding and completing those ordinances. Remember that we are contributing to "a book containing the records of our dead, which shall be worthy of all acceptance." (D&C 128:24)

[Source: Elder and Sister Erickson, Ogden FamilySearch Library Newsletter, April 2017]

**Just a reminder that the Center
will be closed on Sunday, 16 April
for Easter.**



Spring 2017 Class Schedule

Sandy Granite Family History Center



There are still plenty of classes available at the Center in the next two months. Look through the schedule and see if there is something that peaks your interest. All classes are one hour. Because of the interest in classes, you may want to arrive early to insure a seat.

Standardizing Records and Sourcing Records

Tue, Apr 11 11:00 am

Sat, Apr 15 10:00 am

This is a beginning class learning how to standardize dates and places, helping to clarify information you enter, and helping the system locate people with the Find feature. We will learn how to add sources to an ancestor's entry, helping others see the evidence for the dates or other information that exist there.

Puzzilla Search Hints Tool: Find New Relatives Fast!

Wed, Apr 12 11:00 am

Thu, April 13 8:00 pm

Come and learn how to quickly find new names to add to FamilyTree by using the new Puzzilla "Search 10 Hints."

Merging Records

Tue, Apr 18 11:00 am

Sat, Apr 2 10:00 am

Learn how to solve duplicate entries by merging records for ancestors who have been added over time to Family Tree.

Family Stories in the Newspaper

Wed, Apr 19 11:00 am

Thur, Apr 20 8:00 pm

There are free and paid websites that have images of old newspapers about our ancestors. Come and discover how fun it can be to find your family's story in print!

Find and Prepare Temple Names

Tue, Apr 25 11:00 am

Sat, Apr 29 10:00 am

This is a beginning class exploring how to find and prepare temple names.

Creating Memories Made Easy

Wed, Apr, 26 11:00 am

Thur, Apr 27 8:00 pm

We will use smartphones, iPhones, and iPads in this class to demonstrate how EASY taking photos, writing stories and recording stories can be. The app is called "Memories" created by FamilySearch. Come with a photo of a deceased relative and, of course, your smartphone, iPhone, or iPad.

Making Memories

Tue, May 2 11:00 am

Sat, May 6 10:00 am

This class will explore how to gather your memories, organize your photos and documents that you will upload to FamilySearch. Learn skills for interviewing living relatives to add their memories to yours.

DNA Class

Wed, May 3 11:00 am

Thur, May 4 8:00 pm

Get an introduction to the science of genetics and how it forms the basis for DNA research for family history. Learn how DNA tests are conducted and how you can find take one yourself.

Uploading Memories

Tue, May 9 11:am

Sat, May 13 10:10 am

This class will provide instruction of how to tag and upload digital photos to FamilySearch so they can be shared with others. We will also learn how to upload digital documents and stories about ancestors.

Beginning Research in the US

Wed, May 10 11:00 am

Thur, May 11 8:00 pm

Learn about the basic types of U.S. records and how to use location, geography, and timelines as cornerstones of your research efforts. Learn the basics of conducting state-by-state U.S. research.

Beginning Digital Preservation

Tue, May 16 11:00 am

Sat, May 20 10:00 am

Learn about basic digital formats – how, where, and why they are used to preserve your family history. If you don't know what a jpg., MP3, or megabyte is, this class is for you.

US Vital Records

Wed, may 17 11:00 am

Thur, May 18 8:00 pm

Learn about the various types of vital records (birth, marriage, and death), where to find them, and how to use them for research.

Descendancy Research

Tue, May 23 11:00 am

Thur, May 25 8:00 pm

Learn how to trace descendants of your ancestor from several generations back. Get familiar with useful tools that help you visualize your descendant family lines, as well as finding your relationships to famous figures in history. Learn how to use Puzzilla and Find-a-Record.

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