



# FAMILY TIES



## SANDY GRANITE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER NEWSLETTER

### Director's Message

#### Glen Steenblik



At the end of each school year a phrase often expressed among friends is, "Have a great summer!" My invitation to you this month is "Have a sensational summer"; that is, a Sensational Family History summer.

"Sensation" is defined as "the action of the senses; power to see, hear, feel, taste, or smell; a particular mental condition produced by the stimulation of a sense organ, or the arousal of strong excited feelings."

A sensational family history summer could be realized in many ways, from very simple to the fantastic:

- Drive to the community or neighborhood where you, your parents or grandparents lived – stopping the car, getting out to walk the streets – see the sites, touch the ground, etc.
- Go to a park where you picnicked or played as a child, sharing stories, pictures, experiences with family members.
- Organize a family reunion or simple gathering to share stories, possibly having children or grandchildren act out

significant family history experiences. Our family recently did this, and our grandchildren enjoyed portraying ancestors fighting off persecuting mobsters at the cottage where missionaries were teaching the restored gospel and other scenes of dramatic hardship and sacrifice.

- Have a dinner where individuals prepare food dishes from your country of origin using secret family recipes.
- Find family names and take them to the temple to perform saving ordinances for your own family.

The possibilities are endless. Allow the Spirit to guide you.

In recent years we have been fortunate and blessed to visit the small Swiss village of Kappelen, spend time on the Isle of Man, walk the short mile stretch of road in Ammendrup, Denmark, visit the Steenblik farm in Geesteren, Netherlands, (which still bears the Steenblik name above the doorway), pause and ponder while walking the lane of the ancestral family farm in Harwarden, Wales. As we have visited these significant locations, birthplaces of grand or great grandparents, we have seen what is or was there, breathed in the air, felt connected with the same ground, smelled the smells, gazed at the

same horizon as did our ancestors. Deep feelings were stirred and personal connections were strengthened to those who have gone before.

William R Walker of the Seventy stated, "Each of us will be greatly blessed if we know the stories of faith and sacrifice that led our forefathers to join the Lord's church." I know that my life has been blessed, as have the lives of my children and grandchildren as we have all come to learn more about our family.

It is certainly not too late to do something truly sensational this summer. May you be blessed in all your family history efforts, great and small.

## Microfilm Distribution to Be Discontinued

We all know the value of genealogical records. They are the valuable resources that help us learn about our ancestors and paint the pictures of our past.



FamilySearch has made significant progress in the digitizing of its vast collection of microfilm, making access to those records easier than ever. Because of this, and also changes in the microfilm industry, it has become necessary to discontinue microfilm distribution services. These services discontinue on 1 September 2017. The last date that microfilm can be requested is 31 August 2017.

Most of the microfilm collection at FamilySearch has been digitized, with

the remaining microfilms expected to be digitized by 2020. Currently, over 1.5 billion images are available online.

Digital images can be accessed in three places under the Search tab on FamilySearch.org: Records, Books, and Catalog.

[Source: FamilySearch Blog, 27 June 2017]

## #52Stories

### Events and Milestones



Another month is upon us, and we are officially halfway through the questions for the #52Stories project. It is not too late to backtrack and begin

working on your own story. Or jump in with the July questions and work on the previous questions as you can.

- ① What do you know about the day you were born? What stories have you been told about your birth?
- ② Do you remember when any of your siblings were born? What stories have you been told about their births?
- ③ Which of your birthdays were especially significant for you? When you turned 8, 12, 15, 16, 18, or maybe 21? What do you remember about those special days?
- ④ What are some of the most momentous events in your life that have shaped you into the person you are today?
- ⑤ When you first left your parents' home, was it to attend college, pursue a job, or embark on military or

humanitarian service? What was it like to be out on your own for the first time?

⑥ What major crossroads have you face in your life where you had to choose among competing paths or opportunities? Who or what helped you make the right decision?

⑦ What are your most treasured memories from your wedding day? If you're unmarried, what are your dreams and aspirations for your marriage celebration?

⑧ Of all the times you've moved to a new house, neighborhood, city, state, or country, which have had the biggest impact on the rest of your life? In what ways?

⑨ If you're a parent, what can you remember about the very first moment you laid eyes on each of your children—what it felt like to see their faces for the very first time?

⑩ What life lessons have you learned from the unexpected events in your life, whether they were welcome or unwelcome at the time? How did these experiences help you grow?

⑪ If you're past your child-rearing years, how have you adjusted to life as an empty nester? What advice do you have for others who are entering this stage in their lives?

⑫ What events and milestones are you still anticipating and looking forward to? What surprises do you think the future has in store for you?

## HAPPY PIONEER DAY

### What's in Your Genes?

If you have small children still in the home or plan on entertaining grandchildren this summer, Familylocket.com may just have an idea that could convert those little ones to family history work! In a blog post, 5 April 2017, Nicole Dyer (daughter part of the mother/daughter team) shared an great experience you had teaching a cub scouts group about genealogy. She used the book, *The One and Only Me: A Book About Genes* by Ariana Killoran, a 23andMe book. (The book is available



from the Salt Lake County library system.)

The story is about a girl named Poppy who has red hair, freckles, blue eyes, and likes making pizza. Her two siblings look alike and asks, “why do I look so different?” the book goes into cells, genes, DNA, recessive and dominant, and which traits are inherited and which aren't.

The page about the history of our genes says, “Your genes have quite a history! They tell a story about all the people in your family who came before you, from all over the world, back through the ages. Who knows whose genes the three of you might share!”

Dyer reports that the cub scouts were riveted while they talked about the book. After reading the book, she gave them a family traits worksheet that they could use to collect data about their family.





We are experiencing an overload of left items at the FHC. If you have used the Center at any time, please check your materials.

We have photos, thumb drives, printed ordinances, histories, and other printed paper stuff. If you are considering the FHC as a “safe” place to store your materials, you may want to re-think that.

Please help us by checking your own materials, especially photos, to see if by chance you have left anything at the Center. Or drop by the Center and check the left items.

## Come, Come Ye Saints Liz Kennington

July is a great month particularly for Utah Latter-day Saints. We begin the month celebrating Independence Day, the birth of our nation, and end the month honoring our pioneer ancestors. For me July also represents a reminder of some of my ancestors who have made a lasting impact on the Church in general. This is because two of my ancestors were musically inclined and shared that talent with those around them.

William H. Clayton was born on July 17, 1814 in Penwortham, Lancashire, England. In 1836, he began investigating the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. By October 1837 he was baptized, and in April 1838 he was ordained a high priest. He quit his job as a factory clerk to devote himself full time to missionary service. He served in the presidency of the British mission with Joseph Fielding and Willard F. Richards.

In September 1840, Clayton led a group of Saints to America and settled in Iowa Territory, and later in Nauvoo. He became the clerk and scribe to Joseph Smith. While serving as a scribe for Joseph Smith, he recorded the revelation on plural marriage. Because the practice of polygamy was initially secret, Clayton had to deal with the rumors about the practice both in the church and community.

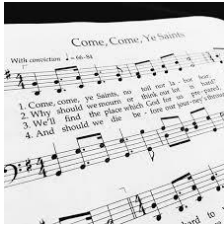
In 1846, Clayton left Nauvoo with the first Latter-day Saint group under the direction of Brigham Young, serving as Brigham Young's recording scribe. Clayton



left behind his third plural wife, Diantha Farr Clayton, who was pregnant with their first child. Diantha was William Clayton's first American born wife. She remained in Nauvoo with her parents, Winslow and Olive Farr, my 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandparents.

In April 1846, while camped near Locust Creek, Iowa, he received word of the birth of his son, William Adriel Benoni Clayton. To the tune of “All is Well” a





traditional English song, Clayton wrote the words of the hymn that has become known as “Come, Come Ye

Saints.” In Clayton’s own words: “I feel to thank my heavenly father for my boy and pray that he will spare and preserve his life and that of his mother and so order it so that we may soon meet again.”

Another ancestor of mine is William Clayton, born in Wilby,

Northamptonshire, England on February 9, 1840. While working on a threshing machine in 1850, William’s left foot was caught in the cylinders and was so mangled that



about one half of his foot had to be amputated. When he recovered, he apprenticed to learn the shoemaking trade. It was also about this time that he learned how to play the flute.

It was during the time that William worked in the shoe shop in nearby Willingborough that he heard of the Mormons and their religion. While his family attended the Established (Episcopal) Church, they had not given much serious thought to religious matters. After hearing the elders, William and his sister Emma were converted and baptized. Their parents, however, were not thrilled with their choice. “If they felt they must be

baptized, she wished they would be baptized into a decent Church.”

After courting and becoming betrothed to Susan Moulton, Clayton sailed for the US and traveled West with a company in 1861, arriving in September in the Salt Lake Valley. While traveling west, William played his flute as fellow emigrants danced in the evenings. He eventually settled in Payson, Utah where he worked in the George W. Hancock Shoe Shop. In 1863, he sent for Susan Moulton, and they were married in December 1863, and remarried in the Endowment House in 1866.

In the 1860s, he organized an orchestra used for dances and theaters until 1883. During the 1870s Joseph L. Townsend came to Payson, and the two men were called to serve in the Payson Sunday School presidency. By the late 70s Townsend brought the words to songs that he had written to Clayton so he could put the words to music. Many of these songs were used in the local Sunday School and later became part of our hymnbook. Their songs include: “The Iron Rod”, “Hope of Israel”, and “O Thou Rock of Our Salvation” to name just a few.

July is a great month for us all to reflect on those who have come before us and the efforts they made in accepting the gospel and then acting upon their covenants. Whether our ancestors were some of the first who joined the Church in the early days or just a few short years ago, we should be striving to make the same kinds of efforts they did when they first heard the Gospel.

## Summer 2017 Class Schedule Family History Center Hours Sandy Granite Family History Center

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### Genetic Genealogy - What is it?

Cathy Anderegg

Wednesday, July 12, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.

Trapped within your DNA, are the stories of your ancestors. Modern genetic testing has allowed us to extract those stories and begin to add them to the rich genealogical tapestry of our pedigrees. Come and learn how long-forgotten stories are waiting to be unlocked from within a series of A's, T's, C's, and G's.

### Memories - How to Make Your Ancestors Become Real

Lani Abercrombie

Wednesday, July 19, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 20, 7:00 p.m.

Come and learn how to upload, title and tag photos, documents, stories and audio. Breathe new life into your family tree and "turn your hearts" to your ancestors. If possible, bring a photo on a USB thumb drive.

### Leaving Breadcrumbs: Find Your Way Back

Debbie Burnett

Wednesday, July 26, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.

Do you have memory loss? I do when it comes to keeping track of what I am doing with hundreds of ancestors. Come and learn how to create a digital research tracking method that will be valuable to you and others.

The Sandy Family History Center is open for research and individual help on:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

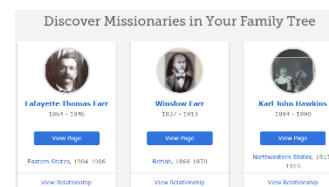


We extend a warm welcome to the Willow Creek Stake which has joined us here in the Granite Family History Center. Their family history and temple consultants will be serving with us along with other members of their stake. Please extend a hearty welcome to them as you meet and work with them.

## Missionary Heritage

Recently I logged into my personalized page in FamilySearch.org and found that another feature had been added to that page, **Celebrate Your Missionary Heritage**. It listed several of my ancestors who had served missions during the 1830-1930 timeframe.

One fun activity on the webpage is an interactive map showing where my ancestors served their missions. If you



click on the blue pins, you can see additional details about both the mission and the ancestor.

There are also stories of members sharing missionary experiences and stories about their ancestors and how these stories have enriched their lives.

I found the information very interesting, especially since I am old enough to have known several of those ancestors personally, including two aunts and an uncle. There are even early pictures of these ancestors. It was interesting to note that many of the missionaries listed were called to serve in their 40s which meant that they were leaving families behind. Another curious detail was that many members of my family listed served in the Eastern States mission which is where my parents served and met.



There is a fun section of activities that can be used in families, which includes ideas for all ages. Other items

on the main page include database research tips to find the information about your ancestors who may have served missions. You can also read about how to help preserve the journals and letters written by missionary ancestors.

You can tap into this fun resource by logging into your FamilySearch account and finding the link in the upper left-hand corner of your personalized FamilySearch page.

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