



FAMILY TIES



SANDY GRANITE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER NEWSLETTER

Director's Message

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With the 2017 history, and 2018 now begun, I can't help but reflect on the tremendous blessing it is to have such a fine Family History Center facility right in our neighborhood. I also pause to review some of the wonderful accomplishments attained during the past year. We have the third busiest family history center in the valley and have experienced growing pains while some other centers have been closed.

During 2017:

- 11,454 visitors came to the center
- 1,225 first time visitors
- 132 dedicated/trained volunteers/staff served faithfully each week
- 498 activities/classes/meetings held on a wide range of topics
- Individuals from 95 different stakes visited the center
- Thousands of names sought out and prepared for temple work; a large percentage of these by our faithful youth, consultants, and their friends
- Over 100,000 documents and photos scanned
- A monthly e-mail newsletter received by over 1000 individuals.

- The Granite, Granite View, and Alta View Stakes welcomed in the Willow Creek Stake as a participating stake.
- Increased network capabilities and number of computers to allow for two fully functioning classrooms for instruction, meetings, and research.

What a glorious year it has been and such a blessing to so many. May I give a tremendous "THANK YOU" to our dedicated volunteer Temple and Family History Consultants and staff members who have made all this possible, along with the sustaining support and encouragement of the stake leadership from the four participating stakes.

President Boyd K. Packer stated:

"Family History work has the power to do something for the dead. It has equal power to do something for the living. Family History work of church members has a refining, spiritualizing, tempering influence on those who are engaged in it. They understand that they are tying their family together, their living family here with those who have gone before."

I recognize my life has been changed for good as I have been privileged to be a part of the day-to-day operation of this amazing center. May 2018 be another year filled with spiritual blessings.

RootsTech 2018

Are you preparing to attend RootsTech 2018? If you haven't considered attending, you might want re-think that decision. As of December 2017, all of the keynote speakers have been announced. Thursday's keynote speaker is Scott Hamilton of Olympic gold ice skating fame. Hamilton is known as the eternal optimist, having combated cancer after losing his mother to cancer.



Friday's keynote speaker is Brandon Stanton, creator of "Humans in New York," a popular weekly Facebook series. He has used the storytelling power of his site to raise money for several life-changing altruistic purposes. He is also the author of two #1 *New York Times* bestsellers.



Saturday's keynote speaker is Henry Louis Gates, Jr. He is one of America's top scholars of African-American literature and African diasporic studies. You may be more familiar with his PBS television series, "Finding Your Roots."

Also scheduled to speak on Saturday is Natalia Lafourcade, nationally recognized artist. She has won Grammy awards and MTV Latino awards. Most recently she teamed with Miguel to sing "Remember Me" from *Coco*.

Family Discovery Day's keynote speakers will be Elder and Sister Dallin H. Oaks.



Visit the RootsTech website to see just how affordable your experience can be. Passes start at just \$69, and there are tracks available for any level of family history expertise. Each day of the conference RootsTech will live-stream a select number of sessions online at rootstech.org. A full streaming schedule of events will be available in February 2018.

Family Discovery Day, sponsored by the Family History Department, begins at 1:00 p.m., March 3, 2018 and will be streamed live on the LDS.org homepage.

Tech News David Aird

Have you wondered just how much the scanning equipment gets used? Here are the totals for 2017, and they are impressive!

Slide scanner slides	25,488
Kodak picture scanners images	275,644
Book scanner	9062 pages
Color printer	150 pages
Lexmark printer printed sheets	14,839
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TOTAL scans/prints 2017:	325,180

In addition, the tech staff did copying, digitization, trans, etc., for hundreds of audio and video tapes.

Cousins Twice Removed? 6th Cousins?

We often hear “She’s my fifth cousin, twice removed,” or “He’s my second cousin, nine times removed.” Sounds confusing, doesn’t it? Trying to state the relationship between two related persons, not in the same generation or not sharing the same relationship with a shared ancestor can be confusing. And then there’s the part about how to figure it out. Diane Haddad in a recent article for *Family Tree Magazine* outlined how to calculate that relationship and even created a downloadable chart to make the figuring a bit easier to understand.

What makes us a cousin? The fact that we share an ancestor with another person. But your ancestors are only the people in your direct line. To determine your cousinship, you need to identify your ancestor that you share with that cousin and how many generations separate each of you from that ancestor.

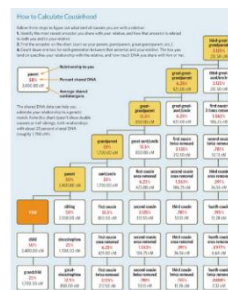
What is the relationship between your granddaughter and your sister’s grandson? They are second cousins since the shared ancestor is their great-grandparent, your parent. That one is pretty simple. But what happens when the number of generations separating the cousins and their common ancestor is different? This is when the term “removed” comes into play.

Compound this confusion by knowing that many of our ancestors married their cousins since mobility was limited, and their choice of possible mates was also

limited. So, you can be related to your ancestor in more than one way. It just keeps getting better, doesn’t it? I’ve found that especially confusing as I research my Southern ancestors. (In my family, five families in the same area intermarried and often used the same family names!)

Are you confused yet? Perhaps looking at and using the relationship chart will be helpful. You can go to <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/how-to-calculate-cousinhood/> and view the chart. Simply by clicking on the chart, you can pull up a printable PDF that you can use to determine your own relationships with shared cousins.

[Source: Dianne Haddad, *Family Tree Magazine*, May 20, 2017]



Is It Really a Burned County?

If you have ever heard that a county is burned from someone, you might want to reconsider that statement. Sometimes it’s easier for a clerk to tell you that when the truth is otherwise. If a county has been reported burned, perhaps not all the county was destroyed. Local researchers living in the area may be familiar with “workarounds” or even know of records whose existence is not “common knowledge.” Remember that some items may have been published in a newspaper, such as marriage, legal notices.

[Michael John Neill, 11 November 2018]

January Class Schedule

All Classes will be held in Room 102 (subject to change)

Tuesday, Jan 9, 2018

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Consultant Training: Laurie Beardall
(Invitation Only)**

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Beginning Genealogy: Larry Whitaker

This class is an introduction to why we do genealogy, and provides an organized process for

being most effective. Class members will also be told about the free LDS partner programs, and the three commercial programs for a backup database that will synchronize with FamilySearch.



Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The Family History Guide Intro: Bob Ives

The Family History Guide: Your free learning, research, and training center for genealogy. Come and learn how to use thefhguide.com website.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The Family History Guide Intro: Bob Ives

The same description as the morning class.

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Super Family History Day!

Great handouts, great help just for you! Extra consultants on hand to give you individual help

with whatever you need. Super Idea to help serve super YOU!

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Consultant Training: Gail Martinez (Invitation Only)

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Consultant Training: Gail Martinez (Invitation Only)

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. FamilySearch Family Tree: Larry Whitaker

The class is an overview of the functions in this wonderful but sometimes intimidating program.

Class members will be shown how to add and edit information about an ancestor, how to add

source documents from the Record Hints and Memories, such as photos and stories.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Ancestry.com Sifting for the Gold: Debbie Burnett

Ancestry.com has more than 6 billion records in more than 30,000 collections. But what's the best

way to find what you're looking for in all that information? Come and learn how to discover your ancestors' stories and so much more.

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The same description as the morning class.

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Making Family History with Ideas from the Family History Guide: Scott and Angelle Anderson

The class is an interactive, “hands-on” experience with the goal of using the FAMILY HISTORY

ACTIVITIES section of the Family History Guide to learn how to (1) make something new that

documents, creates, or contributes to your family history, and (2) make something of yourself

that enhances or contributes to your family legacy.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Consultant Training: Gail Martinez (Invitation Only)

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Consultant Training: Laurie Beardall (Invitation Only)

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Genealogy Record Searches: Larry Whitaker

Class members will be shown effective search strategies in FamilySearch, to find the records necessary to improve the accuracy of their tree, and find ancestors who are not already in their

tree. This will include a bit about the FamilySearch Research Wiki, which can provide excellent

instruction, and also find records from several programs in one search.

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Ancestry Syncing with Family Search: Christy Pugh

Learn how to transfer information, source, and people from your Ancestry tree to your FamilySearch tree, and vice versa. No need to retype anything!

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Ancestry Syncing with Family Search: Christy Pugh

The same description as the morning class.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Making Family History with Ideas from the Family History Guide:

Scott and Angelle Anderson

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documents, creates, or contributes to your family history, and (2) make something of yourself

that enhances or contributes to your family legacy.

7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. Consultant Training: Gail Martinez (Invitation Only)

Tuesday, Jan 30, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Consultant Training: Laurie Beardall (Invitation Only)

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Google Class Secrets for Genealogy: Jeff Morgan

Everyone knows that Google's search engine is the most powerful way to find information on the internet, but most people are still not using it to its full potential. In this class you will learn how to use Google's "secret" tools (and a few other free software gems) to find genealogical sources, evidence, and stories faster than you ever thought possible.

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. To Merge or Not to Merge: Debbie Burnett

Duplicate entries for ancestors have been added over time to Family Tree. To eliminate the duplicates, you can merge two similar entries for an ancestor, keeping the information in just one entry. Come and learn how to merge safely.

7:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. To Merge or Not to Merge: Debbie Burnett

The same description as the morning class.

Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Super Family History Day

Great handouts, great help just for you! Extra consultants on hand to give you individual help with whatever you need. Super Idea to help serve super YOU!!

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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If you are interested in seeing the classes being offered for February and March, click on the link: <https://www.granitefhc.com/class-schedule/>. Also available here is a downloadable PDF of each month's classes.

For this quarter, we are trying something new. For 3 Thursdays, 1 each month, we will have extra consultants on hand to give you individual help with whatever you need. Great handouts, great help just for you!! Mark your calendars for January 11, February 1, and March 8.

Visit our website for updates,
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