



FAMILY TIES



SANDY GRANITE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER NEWSLETTER

Director's Message David Castleton

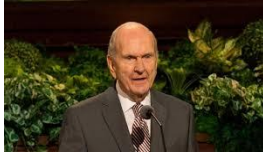


What a joy it has been for me to return to the Family History Center. I have such fond memories of its beginning over five years ago and marvel at its growth and influence. I am grateful to see the participation of the Granite, Alta View, Granite View, and Willow Creek stakes and look forward to getting to know more of you. My sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to all the directors, assistants, volunteers, consultants, ward and stake leaders, youth, and patrons who have helped create such a happy place where the spirit of Elijah dwells and where so many have come to discover, bless, and be blessed by their ancestors.

Over the past few weeks I have met with many of the dedicated people who have given of their time, talents, means, and love to building this center and helping the patrons have meaningful and rich experiences. I am overwhelmed with the talent, knowledge, dedication, sacrifice, and Christ-like service I have seen. In a world that has lost its way and spends so much time in pursuing entertainment and activities which lead us away from Christ, it is such a joy to be in a place that facilitates the work of saving souls on both sides of the veil. The peace and joy that comes from temple and family history work blesses us and those around us.

Having been involved in the original establishment of this Family History Center, I remember the promises made by prophets and apostles of the blessings that would come to our youth if they were engaged in temple and family history. Our Family History Center was designed to be a gathering place for the youth where they could connect with their ancestors and the Holy Spirit and be yoked with the Savior in bringing to pass the immortality and eternal life of Heavenly Father's children. I have seen a light in the eyes and countenances of the youth that come to the center and those that come to the temple to do baptisms. I have also seen the countenances of adults change as they have become involved in temple and family history. Words cannot express the joy that comes from this sacred work.

Finally, I must share with you my excitement, joy, and appreciation to be involved in this great work and to be able to work alongside so many faithful saints. I have greatly appreciated the time President Clint Ensign, Glen Steenblik, Laurie Beardall, Bob Ives, and Troy Runnells have taken to help me understand all that it takes to keep the Center running. They are all amazing, and I know they have such a love for this work and for the Savior. I look forward to sharing this great experience with all the volunteers, patrons, teachers, trainers, consultants, and the youth.



President Nelson recently reminded us: “Nothing opens the heavens quite like the combination of increased obedience, earnest seeking, daily feasting on the words of Christ in the Book of Mormon, and regular time committed to temple and family history work.” I know this is true. Let us open the heavens as we respond to this clarion call of our prophet.

Much Thanks and Welcome

It is with mixed emotions that we say thank you and good-bye to Glen Steenblik, our Center director. Glen and his wife Jayne have accepted a mission call to serve in Lyon, France, leaving in August 2018. We will miss Glen and have appreciated his guidance and direction over the past two years.

While we will miss Glen, we are excited to welcome David Castleton to the Directorship of the Granite Family History Center. President Castleton was the stake president in the Granite Stake when the Albion Middle School Seminary became available and the idea was put forth to turn the building into a family history center.

President Castleton’s leadership was felt as the idea became a reality. We are excited to have him at the helm of the Center and look forward to working with him.

“You hold in your hands the happiness of more people than you can now imagine.”

(Henry B. Eyring, “A Priceless Heritage of Hope,” *Ensign*, 22)

Excuse Our Mess

It is that time of year when orange cones dot the roads in Utah. Not to be outdone by that road work, over the next few weeks we will be



undergoing some changes at the Center. We are adding more features to the Center to enhance usability. Please excuse our construction dust, noise, and any other inconveniences. It will be well worth it!!

Family History Activities

Willowcreek Stake

Summer is the time for family reunions. Try using some of these activities for your reunion this summer.

- ① Do a driving tour with a map or list with your family of the homes and neighborhoods where you or your ancestors lived and tell your family stories about what happened at each home.
- ② Visit gravesites of some of your ancestors with your family and tell your family stories about them. Show them pictures of the ancestors. Go on FamilySearch.org on your Family Tree phone app and find more stories and pictures about them in the Memories section – the People category.
- ③ Create a scavenger hunt at a cemetery. Photograph items and gravestones and print them up. Have the family team members cross off each item as it is found. The first group to the last item (a headstone) is the winner. End up at an ancestor’s gravestone that you can tell a story about.
- ④ Go to a cemetery and do a treasure hunt for the headstones of all the ancestor names whom you belong to. Have a treasure “buried” at the last one. The treasure may be

a printed story or picture along with a treat and reward the winners.

⑤ Go to the cemetery of your ancestors, add the Billion Graves app to your phone, go to the Billion Graves site, photograph the ancestor headstones with your cell phones, then transcribe the information into Billion Graves site. It will become part of that ancestor in FamilySearch.

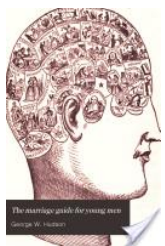


⑥ Create an event with your family where everyone wears clothes from the years that the mom and dad were dating and tell them the story of your courtship. Play the music that was playing at the time. Make food that you ate and have a “wedding cake” to celebrate your marriage and family.

⑦ On the first Sunday of the month, have every family member write down a personal history story of their own that will begin to create their personal history. Have an evening where some can share their stories.

Men’s Guide to Marriage

Liz Kennington



Around the turn of the 20th century, books designed to teach women how to make men happy were a big item. But advice books for men were rare.

In 1883, a Methodist minister named George W. Hudson wrote a book geared to helping young men pick the proper woman to marry and how to keep her happy. Hudson self-published the book because of the lack of interest in marriage manuals for men.

With Father’s Day being celebrated this month, I thought it would be a great idea to look at some of that advice and determine for yourself whether you made the correct choice in your companion, and if you are doing the right things to keep her happy.

One of the first things that Reverend advised young men was to **avoid marrying into a family of “hucksters.”** Apparently, a year before Hudson published his book, he was hosting a revival in Maine. At some point Hudson returned to his cabin to find his brother-in-law, John A. Gardner, holed up on the run from the law. The cabin was raided, and his brother-in-law was taken to prison. “If they are of such character as to shame you, it will be very unpleasant for you.”

So, if you don’t hook up with a family of hucksters, what are your choices? One strong piece of advice is to look for a **girl who can haul things.** Yup, that’s right! And she should also have large hands. “Choose for your wife a woman with... good round limbs, as well as a large well-proportioned head—one who can run and walk and lift a good load. Brain is a good thing,” says Hudson, “but without body it is a useless engine.”

While Hudson dives into various aspects of a couple’s intimate life, he also advises how to make the marriage successful beyond that. Divorce in the 19th century was a public ordeal of shame and misery. The Reverend suggested that a man should **stay married and pretend to be happy** even if the marriage was not ideal.

“Command your affections steadfastly to their lawful object; you can if you will, no matter how unfortunate your married life may prove. Better that you do so, and live in a perfect

purgatory, than that you incur the awful disgrace and ruin resulting from the desertion of your wife.”

Here’s a bit of advice that may seem odd but was important enough to make the book. **Don’t marry someone just because she’s nice.** Apparently, Hudson felt that compatibility was important as well as charm and abilities. However, “many good people have very little force of character, very little ability. After all, sometimes ‘goodness’ is only another name for imbecility.”

If you can’t marry someone who is nice, then how about someone who isn’t? Well, apparently that is also a no-no! “Shun as you would shun the death **the woman who never agrees with anybody, and who never has a good word for anybody**...True, you cannot always tell by appearances, for Satan often ‘appears as an angel of light,’ but with a little care you can usually determine pretty accurately. Beware of a young woman of perverse disposition.”



This leads to another area of concern to Hudson. “Why should men with good mental endowment, good physique, good lungs and sound in every part, marry poor, sickly, weak-minded, consumptive, scrofulous [tuberculosis of the lymph nodes] women, and bring into the world families of children doomed either to sink into premature graves or drag out a sickly, whining existence.” Bottom line: **Don’t marry a woman of degenerate stock!**

Here’s a piece of advice that could still be important today: **Make sure she can cook before you propose.** “You want, first of all,

a woman who knows how to manage a household,” Hudson wrote. “This is almost indispensable to your personal comfort and happiness.” This might seem an obvious thing to ask for considering the time.

“You will find many who say they can learn; you may be inclined to try one of them. But suppose she should not learn! It is running considerable risk. Think of that fearful period of learning, during which your stomach must be made the receptacle for all sorts of messes, and your home remain in a chaotic state! You may die of dyspepsia or go mad before she succeeds.”

Want to read the entire book and find other great tidbits of wisdom for your children or grandchildren?

Download the entire eBook for free at https://books.google.com/books/about/The_Marriage_Guide_for_Young_Men.html?id=voa4ZuBrZoMC.

Summer 2018 Class Schedule Sandy Granite Family History Center



801.943.3005, 2720 Newcastle Dr., Sandy, Utah
Open: Tues, Wed. and Thurs. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.,
Sun. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
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(We announced in the last newsletter that there would be no classes held this summer. After further consideration, we are offering a very limited class schedule through July. No classes will be held in August.)

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Campaigns and Labels on Family Tree:

Cathy Anderegg

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and repeated

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Let FamilySearch dish up activities and groups your ancestors were involved in. This is one of the easiest and most fun ways to do research. The whole family can get involved in learning about ancestors and then sourcing the activity to the ancestor's Person Page on Family Tree.

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

PC Computer Tips:

Debbie Brady

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and repeated

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ever wonder where undo is in FamilySearch? How can I open another tab so I don't lose information on the current page? How can I split my screen to see both my person page in FamilySearch and information in Ancestry or move quickly from the bottom to top of the page without scrolling? Come learn some basic keyboard shortcuts to help you in your family search.

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Summer Family Gathering? You Need

This Memories App: Debbie Burnett

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and repeated 7:00 -

8:00 p.m.

Bring your smart phones, iPhones, and iPads to learn how to easily capture the photos and stories that will be all around you at your family gathering. Record grandpa's voice as he shares his memories. So easy even kids and grandpa and grandma can do this!

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Beginning Web Indexing:

Jeannette Hewlett

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and repeated

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

If you haven't discovered the new Web Indexing on FamilySearch this is a class for you! Indexing is a vital ingredient to help Genealogy Work roll forward. Come learn and practice Indexing a record with me! It's easier than you think!

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Journaling your Personal History:

Shelly Adam

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and repeated

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Is writing about yourself overwhelming? Come find out a fun, easy way to write about who you are so your descendants can learn about who you were.

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

You've Taken (or want to take) a DNA Test, Now What?

Debbie Weaver (Repeat Class)

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and repeated

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This class will cover the very beginning basics of DNA testing. You will learn basic terminology and how you can use your DNA results for genealogical research.

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Fitting Family History into Your Life:

Janet Helland (Repeat Class)

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

You see people around you devoting many hours to their family history work and feel like you just don't have the time to get involved. This class will be designed to help you find ways to fit the blessing of Family History work into your life in 5, 20, 30 minutes a week to a couple of hours each week.

Tuesday, July 31, 2018
“All the Stories” App using FamilySearch:
Janice Kanaley
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and repeated
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Finally, a way to browse the stories of your ancestors without having to hunt around your tree. Learn of this new tool whereby you can view your family tree and see at a glance which families have stories attached and which do not. Such a great way to connect to your ancestors and learning of their personal stories.

HELP WANTED



We want you!! We are still looking for anyone who might have expertise in languages besides English. We are often faced with patrons who need help reading records in another language. We are trying to compile a list of possible helpers. You don't need to be well versed in doing family history work, just a language.

If you are willing to be used as a resource person or know of someone, please contact Laurie Beardall, 801.859.6606 or email her at lauriekaye16@gmail.com.

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