



# FAMILY TIES



## SANDY GRANITE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER NEWSLETTER

### Director's Message

#### David Castleton



The past couple of months have been exciting at the Granite FHC. Last month I shared with you the response of many young men and young women to President Nelson's invitation to join the battalion to participate in **"the greatest challenge, the greatest cause, and the greatest work on the earth today."** The response continues to be overwhelming, as each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday dozens of our youth have been coming to the FHC to participate in family history activities. As you can expect, these youth are fast learners and are already demonstrating exceptional skills in family history work. Not only are they experiencing the joy of family history for themselves, they are finding joy in helping others participate in the blessings that come from engaging in temple and family history.

Besides the youth activities, there have been numerous training sessions, classes, as well as activities for YM/YW groups, YSA groups, Elders quorums, Relief Society groups, Sunday Schools, and families. We have also hosted many indexing missionaries who have used the FHC while their facility is undergoing renovation.

Speaking of renovation, much has been done in the past two months to upgrade our facility and make it even more user friendly. Here are just a few of the changes:

1. All the computers in Rooms 101 and 102 are brand new computers with touchscreens. Counting the new laptops we have acquired for overflow and for check out for offsite family history activities, we have over 50 new computers to serve you.
2. The old office used primarily for book scanning has been remodeled to be a patron overflow room. It now has four new computers along with the book scanner computer.
3. All computers are now linked to the Lexmark printer.
4. Room 101 has all new computer tables on wheels. This has allowed us to change the table configuration for better teaching and consulting experiences with the youth.
5. Both the instructor computers have Join.me (for broadcasting and recording classes) and Reflector 3 (for mirroring iPads, laptops, Androids, phones, etc.) installed.

If you haven't visited the [granitefhc.org](http://granitefhc.org) website recently, you have missed out. Every week new information, ideas, inspirational thoughts, and calendar items are added to assist you. One of the great advancements this fall has been the broadcasting and recording of some of our family history classes. We have amazing instructors who have done an excellent job teaching us about all kinds of topics related to family history.

Because it is hard for many to attend the class when offered, you are now able to watch the class live from your home or office, or you can access it at a more convenient time for you by just downloading it from the FHC website.

The more time I spend at the Granite FHC, the greater my appreciation for the many faithful and dedicated saints who work so hard to make the FHC a happy, helpful, and inspiring place to be. I am overwhelmed with the talent, skills and knowledge of so many who devote many hours each week in the Lord's service. My heart is full of gratitude to all those who serve, the patrons who visit, those on the other side of the veil who prompt and assist, and our Heavenly Father who guides this work.

## Hidden Gems in the US Census

We have discussed the value of census records before. But were you aware that there are at least 5 hidden clues in the US Census? Here are the 5 things you might want to look for.

① **1940 Census: The X in the circle.** One of the challenges with the US census is that we don't always know the source of the information. Did the informant know what they were talking about? In the 1940 census, the enumerators were instructed to mark the name of informant with an X that was circled. This clue can help you decide if the information given is accurate. But just a word of caution: Even if the informant is a member of the family, it doesn't mean that the information is accurate. My aunt was the informant in the 1940 census for her family.

She didn't, however, know the correct age of her mother. If we were to believe the information given, then my other aunt would have been too old to be a daughter, more like a sister.

### ② **1910 Census: Civil War Service.**

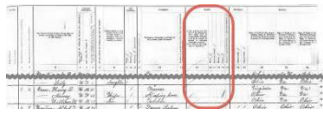
We almost always concentrate on the left-hand side of the census record. That's where the names, ages, and other vital information. But if you will move to the far right of the entries, you will discover column 30: "Whether a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy." If that column has letters in it, you might want to know what they stand for: UA of Union Army. UN for Union Navy, CA for Confederate Army, and CN for Confederate Navy.

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Marital Status	Occupation	Military Service
...	...	...	...	...	...	UN

③ **1840 Census: Military Pensioners.** It's easy to ignore the pre-1850 census records because they only list the name of head of household. On the right-hand side of the 1840 census there's a column for "Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services, Included in the Foregoing." The column next to it is for the person's age.

But this column is not just limited to the head of household! Anyone in the household who was a pensioner could be identified here. The key here is that you always look across the entire page for information. You never know what you can find!

④ **1880 Census: Disabilities.** In the 1880 Census, questions 16-20 ask if the person was blind, "deaf and dumb," idiotic, insane, or "maimed, crippled, bedridden or otherwise disabled." If you find any of these columns



checked, then you can look for the **Special Schedule**

**of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes.** Once at this schedule, you can look for your ancestor. If listed, there may be other clues to help you find out about that ancestor such as the level of disability, possible school where the person might be lodged, etc.

⑤ **1850-1870 Census: Agriculture and Manufacturers.** These three censuses had additional schedules for agriculture and industry. Look to see if your ancestor is listed as a farmer or an occupation where he or she was manufacturing something. Then you can go to these schedules to get more information about them. Keep in mind that if your ancestor was a farmer he may also have had a second means of producing income like tannery or sawmill. Both of these schedules can be found on Ancestry and FamilySearch.

[Source: Amy Johnson Crow, "5 Hidden Clues in the US Census," 6 April 2018]

Year	Agric	DDD	Indian	Industry	Mortal	Slave	Social	Veter
1810				✓				
1820				✓				
1850	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
1860	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
1870	✓			✓	✓		✓	
1880	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
1890			✓					✓
1895	✓			✓	✓		✓	
1900			✓					
1910			✓					

Lisa Louise Cooke included this chart in an article about the special schedules.  
 [Source: Lisa Louise Cooke, 15 February 2016.]

## Looking Back: How Family History Benefits Families

### Liz Kennington

We have heard the saying, "If we don't learn from history, we are doomed to repeat it." Of course, that was originally applied to the destiny of civilizations. But it can just as easily apply to our own personal lives. While we learn the skills necessary for doing family history, we should also look at the lives of our ancestors and even our own lives in order to prevent ourselves from repeating what was most disastrous in our ancestors' lives. Darla Isackson, in a recent edition of *Utah's Senior Review*, outlined several points that should reaffirm for us the reasons why we do family history.

**Looking back can give us a reality check on our memories.** Have you ever reread your own journals or the writings of your ancestors? Then you probably have been surprised to find that your memories of an event are often different from the recordings you made or even your ancestors made. It is good for us to check ourselves for our memories and even research further to make sure that what we thought happened really did.

**Collecting and sharing family stories can be of great value.** According to Eric Barker in an article for [www.theweek.com](http://www.theweek.com), one predictor of a child's emotional well-being is whether or not she knows her family's history. Reading about our ancestors' challenges and the ways in which they overcame the obstacles in their lives can give us the emotional strength to forge forward and meet our own challenges. These kinds of stories can

and should be passed down to future generations.

I love reading about the obstacles that faced my ancestors, particularly my 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather, Winslow Farr, Sr. He joined the church in Vermont in 1832. At the time of his baptism, he was serving as a judge and member of the local school board. Like so many like him, he left behind wealth and position to follow what he believed was right. How can I do any less?

**Looking back lets us see God's hands in our lives and the lives of our ancestors.** If you are like me, I have sometimes wondered where God was when I faced challenges. It has only been when I look back that I can see how He has guided my life and the lives of my ancestors. I find comfort and hope when I look at the life of my 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandfather, Robert Dockery Covington.



He joined the church while running a plantation in Mississippi in 1843. After being disowned by his father, he moved to Nauvoo and was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> wagon train to enter the Salt Lake Valley. His trek west included the birth of a baby, death of that baby and another child. Soon after arriving in the valley, his wife who had not fared well traveling west, died in December 1847. I can look at his life and know that I can handle anything.

**Looking back can make us laugh.** How fun it is to look back and see how our ancestors lived life. I remember the blue, Sylvania flashbulbs my grandfather used on



his camera. How funny those same bulbs looked after flashing. We had a running joke in the family about Grandpa and his picture taking. I'm sure glad that he was such an avid photographer, however!

How can you use this looking back to your advantage this year? With the holidays approaching and the opportunities for family togetherness, why not write a short version of your life history to give to your children, particularly those who are married with children of their own. Give them the opportunity to look back and connect with you.

## What's New at FamilySearch Ordinances Ready: FamilySearch App Feature

[Source: FamilySearch Blogpost,  
17 September 2018]

If you haven't already seen the new feature in your smart phone FamilySearch app, you might want to take a look. The new Ordinances Ready feature can help you identify ancestors who need work done, especially if you are having trouble finding people.

Ordinances Ready searches FamilySearch Family Tree, as well as temple reservation and shared lists, to find available ordinances for people you are related to. It verifies that person in four ways: (1) Person is related to you; (2) Was born at 110 years ago; (3) Has chronologically consistent birth and death date as compared with family relationships; and (4) Is not a duplicate, based on information available in the tree.



Consultants can also use Ordinances Ready for the members they work with to find temple ordinances for ancestors.

Download the Family Tree app, and sign in. On the bottom of the home screen tap the **Temple** icon. Ordinances already reserved will appear as a list on the **Temple** screen. If you don't have ordinances reserved, you'll see: "You have no reserved family names. We will find some names for you." If you want the app to look for ordinances for you, tap on the green Ordinances Ready button. Then pick which ordinances you would like to search for. Print the cards. Remember to only print on one side!



Does the app work? I tried it and saw the few ordinances I had reserved and given to my granddaughter. I clicked on the green ordinance button, and the app found four more names for me. Took about two minutes at most!

**Keep in mind:** The Ordinances Ready feature will help generate just a few reservations at a time to make them easier to sort through and use for each temple trip. If you are wanting more names, you might want to encourage others to do the same search on their smart phones and generate more names for a fun family history experience.

**The Granite Family History  
Center will be closed  
Wednesday, November 21  
through Sunday,  
November 25.**

## Fall 2018 Class Schedule Sandy Granite Family History Center



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Tues, Wed. and Thurs. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.,

Sun. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Youth Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**All classes taught in Classroom 102 unless  
otherwise noted.**

**Just a reminder: The Center will be  
closing early on Wednesday, 31 October.**

**\*Thurs. Nov. 1, 7 p.m. "To Merge or Not to Merge": Debbie Burnett**

(Repeat class; 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.

**\*Tues. Nov 6, 11 a.m. "Beginning United States Research": Bob Taylor**

Get started with U.S. research, using The Family History Guide as your companion. Learn how to use a variety of resources to uncover clues about your ancestors, including vital records, census records, immigration records, and more.

**\*Wed. Nov 7, 11 a.m. "Descendancy Research": Christy Pugh**

Learn how to trace descendants of your ancestors 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.



**\*Thurs. Nov 8, 7 p.m. "Beginning United States Research": Bob Taylor**  
(Repeat class; see Nov 6 for details)

**\*Tues. Nov 13, 11 a.m. "Social Media and Family History": Sue Maxwell**

**\*Wed. Nov. 14, 11 a.m. "Syncing FamilySearch and Ancestry Trees":  
Christy Pugh**

Learn how to transfer information, sources and people from your FamilySearch tree to your Ancestry tree and vice versa. No need to retype anything! Understand the value of having another tree to preserve information that could be changed on FamilySearch.

**\*Thurs. Nov 15, 7 p.m. "Social Media and Family History": Sue Maxwell**

## No classes Thanksgiving week

**\*Tues. Nov 27, 11 a.m. "Beginning British Isles Research": Bob Taylor**

Get started with research in the British Isles, including England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, using *The Family History Guide* as your companion. Learn how to use a variety of resources to uncover clues about your ancestors, including civil registration, census records, church and parish records, and more.

**\*Tues. Nov 28, 7 p.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 find what you're looking for in all that information? Come and learn how to discover their stories and so much more.

**\*Wed. Nov 28, 11 a.m. "Ancestry.com – Sifting for the Gold": Debbie Burnett**  
(Repeat class, see Nov 28 for details)

**\*Thurs. Nov 29, 7 p.m. "Beginning British Isles Research": Bob Taylor**  
(Repeat classes; see Nov 27 for details)

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