



FAMILY TIES



SANDY GRANITE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER NEWSLETTER

Director's Message

David Castleton



As we complete another summer and move to our fall season, I am overwhelmed with the joy I feel in my life because of temple and family history. Spending time at the

FHC, expanding on the things I learn there in my home, and then connecting with ancestors in the temple, has led to an inspiring summer. President Russell M. Nelson promised joy through temple and family history in an Ensign article last October 2017 where he stated:

“We can be inspired all day long about temple and family history experiences others have had. **But we must do something to actually experience the joy ourselves.** . . . I invite you to prayerfully consider what kind of sacrifices--preferably a sacrifice of time--you can make to do more temple work and family history work.”

In the time spent at the FHC this past summer, I have been taught by so many. Whether it's the instructors, the consultants, the youth, the staff, or the patrons, I have learned so much and have felt such great joy. I have found the temple and the FHC to be happy places where the spirit is felt and the veil is thin. I have also learned much about my ancestors which has given me strength, inspired me to do more, and helped me to feel

closer to family and God. In the last General Conference, Elder Renlund promised that engaging in family history and temple work will bring increased joy through an increased ability to feel the love of the Lord. I know this is true as I see it in the lives of those engaged in this great work and have felt it in my own life.

If you have not visited the FHC website recently (granitefhc.com), you will be pleasantly surprised with all the new content. The fall class schedule is now listed with many new classes. You will also see a variety of activities as we have primary, youth, young single adults, mutual groups, Elders Quorums, Relief Society groups, single adults, missionaries, and families using the FHC to discover, gather, and connect. The FHC website will also be adding resources that will be available during the coming fall season, like webcasts, handouts from classes, on-line registration for classes, consultant resources, and many more. We have so many talented and dedicated people serving at the FHC on our communications, curriculum, and technology committees. They are working night and day to make your experience with family history even more accessible and meaningful.

The fall class schedule is robust with many offerings which will be available both live and on-line thanks to our amazing curriculum committee. You will find something there for all levels of experience. If you want to just

have a little one on one help, you are in luck as our patron services committee is continually training and developing new consultants and insuring they are at the FHC to serve you during regular patron hours.

In response to President Nelson’s invitation to the youth to enlist in Zion’s Army, our youth committees have developed exciting and meaningful activities for the youth. They are also training scores of new youth temple and family history consultants. Our 3-5 p.m. hours dedicated to youth on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, will be a blessing in the lives of our youth and help them prepare for and be protected in the battles ahead. If you are concerned about the rising generation, drop by the FHC after school and witness the light in the eyes and the joy in the countenances of these youth recruits. It will give you faith and hope for the future!

If you haven’t felt the excitement yet for the opportunities awaiting you at the FHC, please drop by in the next month and let us show you around. We look forward to participating with you in this great work and look forward to seeing a smile on your face.

Technology News

Bob Ives

The use of technology in family history is changing almost on a daily basis. The use of technology in the Granite Family History Center is no different. In order to better serve the increasing number of patrons and events at the FHC, we have undertaken some major changes to both teaching spaces and the auxiliary spaces.

During the months of August and September renovations

have been going on in Room 101 and the book scanner room.

Upscale rolling tables

that match the decorating scheme in Room 102 have been added. These tables allow for re-purposing the room to accommodate various event needs and provide flexibility for setup. We will be receiving 19 new all-in-one computers (wireless) that will increase the number of patrons the room can accommodate. In addition, the youth section (couches) had been relocated to the back of the room and equipped with a multi-use TV for the facilitation of youth meetings that use mobile devices for presentations.



The book scanner room is being remodeled to



accommodate the book scanner and provide 3 additional computers for use by walk-in patrons as an overflow area

when both classrooms are in use for events/classes.

The instructor stations are being equipped with the ability to present live streams over the internet for patrons who want to “attend” a class remotely. Classes will also be recorded and available 24/7 on the FHC website for viewing any time. We are also working on an internet-based class registration program to make registering for classes possible.

FamilySearch Helps to Preserve the World's Archives

We all know the value of finding obscure records that may help us fill out our family trees. But records are lost every year because of five threats to historical records. FamilySearch is saving memories, historical records, that may be the only remaining witness to an individual's existence. These irreplaceable documents include birth, christening, marriage, death, immigration, military, legal and census records to name a few. What are those threats that will destroy records?



Sarajevo archive, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Perhaps the greatest threat to records are **poor archival storage conditions**. Records are often stored haphazardly with no consideration to humidity, heat/cold, sunlight, and insects. All of these conditions can cause mold, mildew, and insect infestation. Without proper storage conditions, records are likely to become homes to termites and other insects which can destroy those records.

Another menace to records is **political instability**. When a nation continues to experience political turmoil, rioters will torch government buildings and other buildings that may store records. Even if the records are not burned, smoke damage can still destroy them.

Even if these two conditions don't exist, records can still be lost if the country **schedules record destruction**. Records in the National Archives of Ghana in Africa are

purposely destroyed every decade. Census records are used for military conscription. After a decade the records are destroyed because the information has been gleaned and doesn't serve any other purpose, including genealogical.

Similar practices occurred in the British India records. After taking a nominal census (a census that names every individual in the household), they destroyed the records every decade. Surrounding countries also followed suit. Once India gained its independence, it continued this practice.

One crucial threat is the **death of oral genealogical informants**. Genealogical information is not only stored in archives but also in



the memories of individuals. In African tribes it is common for an elder in the village to be able to recite five generations or more from memory. As these villages lose population and the youth move to the cities, there is not always someone who can replace the oral genealogists. Trying to record these memories is part of the work of FamilySearch.

The last threat to records is the **substantial risk of natural disaster**. Floods, hurricanes, typhoons, fires, earthquakes, etc., are the kinds of natural disasters which compromise or completely ruin historical and genealogical records. Consider the fire which destroyed the 1890 U.S. census records. That gap between 1880 and 1900 is often the place where family makeup breaks down.

FamilySearch continues to locate and film records all over the world. Over 40 million

digital images of historical records are captured each year with up to 330 cameras in about 50 countries around the world. Those digital images contain 3 to 4 billion names of individuals which are indexed by online volunteers and will eventually make their way into FamilySearch’s online database of 6 billion searchable names.

[Source: FamilySearch blogpost, 16 August 2018]

What’s New at FamilySearch

It was announced in early August that the complete archive of Ellis Island Records is now online for free at FamilySearch. Ellis Island was the entry point for millions of immigrants to the U.S. The Ellis Island Immigration Station has millions of passenger arrival records. A complete collection of these passenger lists is now available and searchable at FamilySearch.

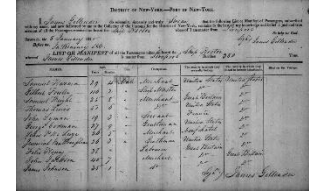
These records cover more than half of the nation’s history, spanning the “Great Wave” of immigration (1880s to early 1920s). The records also include a variety of transportation types, including cargo ships and airlines.



Early records include a full name, age, gender, occupation, nationality, intended destination, name of ship, and date of arrival. Later records also name traveling companions and relatives “back home” or in the United States. You may also learn a relative’s marital status, physical description, last permanent residence, or birthplace.

This searchable index contains over 25 million names of immigrants and

international passengers who arrived at Ellis Island from 1892 to 1924. Once you find a name of interest, you can click through to view individual record images at FamilySearch.



Not only does the index contain the records from 1892 to 1924, but it also contains New York passenger and crew lists from 1925 to 1957. In this index there are nearly 29 million indexed names and over 5 million record images for these post-Ellis Island-era arrivals.

If you are not sure when your immigrant ancestors arrived in the U.S., try using this tip: If they were alive between 1900 and 1930, look them up in the 1900, 1910, 1920, or 1930 U.S. censuses. In any of those records there is a column indicating their year of arrival.

[Source: FamilySearch, What’s New]

Youth Responding to Challenge Liz Kennington

I have been interested in knowing how the youth of our church have responded to the challenge put out by President Russell M. Nelson at RootsTech 2017. His challenge? “I invite you to prayerfully consider what kind of sacrifices you can make to do more temple work and family history work.”

Although I have heard about various youth giving up their cell phones for a week (President Nelson’s latest challenge), I hadn’t really heard much about the sacrifices made to do more temple and family history work



until I attended the missionary farewell talk of my grandson, Josh. Josh was called to the Peru Lima Central mission and left at the first of August for the Mexico City MTC. His talk in sacrament meeting was inspiring to me as I listened to him relate his experiences in the temple since receiving his endowment in early July.

The Saint George Temple, as do other temples, encourages the missionaries that have calls and been endowed to spend time working in the temple before they leave on their missions. Josh chose to do that and worked in the baptistry. His talk centered around many of the experiences he had while serving in the temple. One experience that had an impact on him happened as he was working one day as the recorder in the baptistry. He noticed a young man coming into the baptistry, beaming and excited. When he stepped into the font, his expression changed to one of worry. After the baptism was performed, the young man's expression once again turned into a big grin.

One of the other workers stopped the young man after he performed the baptism and asked him who he was being baptized for. His answer: "My father." Josh was touched by the experience and many others while he served in the temple. His desire to serve a mission has been greatly enhanced by his temple experience.

Just this past week we had a young man come to our home to receive his patriarchal blessing. Scott Williams of the Quail Hollow Ward, Granite Stake, has been working at the FHC after school over the last year. He talked about his preparations for receiving his

blessing, a big part of which involved both family history and the temple. While fasting in preparation for his blessing, he also attended the temple and did baptisms and confirmations for 10 names he had researched. Hearing him talk about family history work (he's been called to the Granite Stake Temple and Family History Youth Council,) it was evident that his focus on family history work has influenced and blessed his life.

Have you seen any of the youth you're acquainted with accept the challenge? How have they found the experience? Would you like to share those experiences with the readers of this newsletter? If so, please contact me at whiz53@hotmail.com.

Filling the 1890 Census Gap

Most genealogists know about the missing 1890 U.S. census. If you are new and don't know what happened: On January 20, 1921, there was a fire in the Commerce Building which damaged many of the records, including the 1890 census. Not everything was destroyed in that fire, but the remains of the records were later destroyed in 1935. So, there is a 20-year gap in census information which is vital to filling out family groups. How then can we put together the family without census records? There are at least eight different sources we can turn to for information in completing our families.

The first source would be **city/county/farm directories**. Directories can be like mini censuses. They list the head of household and often include the spouse as well. Occupation and place of



residence are also listed. If you are lucky you might find a directory that also gives more detail such as place of work and number of children. A directory may also list race, which might help you distinguish between more than one John Smith. While the people listed in the directory at that address may or may not be related, it is a clue to follow up.

Many states also conducted **state censuses** at the same time as the federal censuses. They may not have been taken in 1890 but they can help fill in the 1890-1900 gap. Not all states took their own censuses either. The FamilySearch Research Wiki is a great place to start to see what state censuses do exist. If you are seeking a state census from Ohio, it doesn't exist.

Another great source for information would be **tax lists**. Because governments have an interest in having tax records complete, this is a great source for research. But a word of caution: Just because a person owned a piece of property doesn't mean he actually lived at that address; he or she was taxed where the land existed.

Voter lists are also a source for consideration. These, however, may only list a person's name and party affiliation. Be prepared to never find a woman's name on these lists during this timeframe.



If you haven't already discovered the valuable tool that **newspapers** can be, now is the time. Obituaries can offer valuable information, but that's not the only part of the newspaper that has value. Society and gossip pages listed who was visiting whom and the relationship of those people. Hometowns were often listed as well.

Don't overlook the legal notices, especially if you suspect that your ancestors were divorced or spent time in jail.

Churches also kept records of their members. **Church rosters and church membership directories** have valuable information. Births, deaths, move in and out—the kinds of information found in church records can certainly help fill in gaps in your families.

Land records give information that is also found in census records. Residence and sometimes relationships are listed in these records. Deeds can be a source of names. Often family members bought and sold property to each other. Always consider all the names listed on deed transactions. They may be possible relations or neighbors.



Remember that there are surviving fragments of the 1890 census. Although the fire and the later disposal of what was left destroyed 99% of the records, there is still that 1% left. You might be lucky enough to find your family on the approximately 6100 records that survived. You can view these records on both FamilySearch and Ancestry.com.

Another schedule from the 1890 federal census is **The Special Schedule of Union Veterans and Their Widows**. Not all of this schedule survived but there is much more of it than the population census. The Union Veterans Schedule survives for half of Kentucky through Wyoming, plus the District of Columbia. This collection is also available at FamilySearch and Ancestry.com.

[Source: Amy Johnson Crow, "8 Sources to Fill the 1890 Census Gap," July 13, 2018.]

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.

***Tues. Sept 11, 11 a.m. - "Introduction to The Family History Guide": Bob Ives**

The Family History Guide website (www.thefhguide.com) is a valuable tool for beginners and all researchers. The scope is broad, but its focus is narrow enough to help you step by step. Come and learn how to use this website, which has been approved as a training resource for FamilySearch.

***Tues. Sept 11, 7 p.m. "How Do I Start Organizing All of This Stuff?": Lani Abercrombie**

This class will explore how to gather, organize, and upload your photos and documents to FamilySearch.

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***Thurs. Sept 13, 7 p.m. "Introduction to The Family History Guide": Bob Ives**
(Repeat class, see Sept. 11, 11 a.m. for details)

***Tues. Sept 18, 11 a.m. "Family Tree Navigation": Laurie Beardall**

This is a beginning class that will help you get comfortable with navigating your family tree using The Family History Guide,

www.thefhguide. You will learn the following:
1. Navigate Family Tree; 2. View details of ancestors; 3. View the children, parents and spouses of ancestors; 4. Use the Find menu or Go To feature to locate ancestors in your family tree; 5. Learn about the alternate views (Portrait, Fan, Descendancy, Virtual Pedigree, etc.) to see your ancestors. You will discover what amazing people they are!

***Tues. Sept 18, 7 p.m. "Finding and Preparing Temple Names": Janice Kanaley**

Find family members hoping for their temple work to be completed. Come discover names through Depth Search and Descendancy Research. Hopefully, we may even be able to print a temple-ready card for your ancestor.

***Wed. Sept 19, 11 a.m. "Finding and Preparing Temple Names": Janice Kanaley**

(Repeat class, see Sept 18 for details)

***Thurs. Sept 20, 7 p.m. "Family Tree Navigation": Laurie Beardall**
(Repeat class, see Sept 18 for details)

***Tues. Sept 25, 11 a.m. "Changing Vital Information in Family Tree": Debbie Weaver**

Making corrections helps you and others see the most complete and accurate information in Family Tree. You will learn how to standardize dates and places which helps to clarify information and allows the FamilySearch system to locate people using the Find feature.

***Tues. Sept 25, 7 p.m. "Memories and Mobile Devices": Debbie Burnett**

Bring your smart phones, iPhones, iPads and family to learn how to easily add photos and documents to Family Tree. Bring a photo (digital or print) of a relative and if possible a document (death certificate or obituary) of a deceased relative. Come and create some memories, yours and theirs! All ages welcome.

***Wed. Sept 26, 11 a.m. "Memories and Mobile Devices": Debbie Burnett**
(Repeat class, see Sept 25 for details)

***Thurs. Sept 27, 7 p.m. "Changing Vital Information in Family Tree": Debbie Weaver**

(Repeat class, see Sept 25 for details)

No classes, General Conference week

***Tues. Oct 9, 11 a.m. "Web Indexing, Part 1": Jeanette Hewlett**

This is a beginner class that provides an overview of the new web indexing program on FamilySearch. Learn to navigate this great new program. Practice time will be provided.

***Tues. Oct 9, 7 p.m. "Adding Sources from FamilySearch": Janice Kanaley**

Sore spot or spot source? Is sourcing your information in Family Tree a sore spot? Come learn how to *spot sources* in Family Tree using the Family Tree tools, shown under Research Help and Search Records, waiting for you to complete the tasks.

***Wed. Oct 10, 11 a.m. "Adding Sources from FamilySearch": Janice Kanaley**
(Repeat class; see Oct 9 for details)

***Thurs. Oct 11, 7 p.m. "Web Indexing, Part 1": Jeanette Hewlett**
(Repeat class; see Oct 9 for details)

***Tues. Oct 16, 7 p.m. "Making Family History Activities": Scott & Angelle Anderson**

The class is an interactive, "hands-on" experience with the goal of using the Activities section of The Family History Guide website 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.

***Wed. Oct 17, 11 a.m. "Family History Activities": Scott & Angelle Anderson**
(Repeat class, see Oct for details)

***Thurs. Oct 18, 7 p.m. "Web Indexing, Part 2": Karen Andrews**

Come learn how to select and manage batches, data entry methods, project instructions, field helps and submitting batches.

***Tues. Oct 23, 11 a.m. "Standardizing Records": Debbie Weaver**

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

***Tues. Oct 23, 7 p.m. "Introduction to The Family History Guide": Sue Maxwell**

The Family History Guide website (www.thefhguide.com) is a valuable tool for beginners and all researchers. The scope is broad, but its focus is narrow enough to help you step by step. Come and learn how to use this website, which has been approved as a training resource for FamilySearch.

***Wed. Oct 24, 11 a.m. "Introduction to The Family History Guide": Sue Maxwell**
(Repeat class; see Oct 23 for details)

***Thurs. Oct 25, 7 p.m. "Standardizing Records": Debbie Weaver**
(Repeat class; see Oct 23 for details)

***Tues. Oct 30, 11 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.

***Tues. Oct 30, 7 p.m. "Family Tree Navigation": Laurie Beardall**

This is a beginning class that will help you get comfortable with navigating your family tree using The Family History Guide, www.thefhguide.com. You will learn the following:
1. Navigate Family Tree; 2. View details of

ancestors; 3. View the children, parents and spouses of ancestors; 4. Use the Find menu or Go To feature to locate ancestors in your family tree; 5. Learn about the alternate views (Portrait, Fan, Descendancy, Virtual Pedigree, etc.) to see your ancestors. You will discover what amazing people they are!

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

(Repeat class; see Oct 30 for details)

***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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