

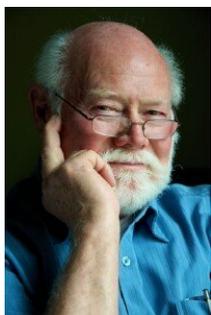


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From the Director's Desk



On the Power of Storytelling II

As a little boy I learned many lessons the hard way, as I'm sure many young children do even today. They say we are born into the world with absolutely nothing and that we spend the rest of our lives accumulating as much of the world's goods as we can. Sometimes we start the process before we have the means to do so (in an appropriate way). Learning the lessons of honesty can be both a little painful as well as embarrassing even for a small boy. Now, as a very old man, I have little interest in worldly goods. But my mind is still capable of bringing me back to the time that I was so enamored with a 'worldly good' that I accumulated it.

The story of my first accumulation goes something like this: When I was about four years old I was in a dime store (also referred to as 5 & 10 Cent stores) with my mother. They don't have them anymore but there was probably one in every town in the 1930's. We affectionately refer to that era as "the olden days". While my very sweet little, hard working mother was shopping for thread, needles and buttons (she was a seamstress). I too, was busy doing my own shopping in the toy department. Dime stores carried everything it seemed, and most things they carried cost a dime or less. It so happened that a brightly colored little toy car caught my eye. Because my "resister" hadn't been taught to

resist yet, the car went directly from point A to point B. Point B being my knickers pocket. Knickers won't mean anything to most people today. Knickers were knee length pants with button down straps going over the shoulders to hold them up. The straps seldom stayed on my shoulders and I was constantly putting them back on them. (Stories from long ago would always go faster if the story teller did not have to stop every so often to explain old words and/or practices) I had not yet been taught the concept of accumulation with obligation and its counterpart (stealing) and the associated punishment for doing it. But curiously, inside my little head or heart, I knew that I should not have taken that little car, there was something that did not feel exactly right about it. But, at that moment, my desire to accumulate was stronger than that feeling.

It wasn't very long after we arrived home that I was discovered playing with a new toy, a toy that had not been purchased by anyone in our family. That very afternoon when my Dad arrived home from work he took his little boy by the hand and with the stolen toy in the other hand returned to the dime store. He told the store manager that if he would not take the toy back that he would pay for it. Fortunately, the owner took it back with a few warning words for a scared little boy. I was so embarrassed and thought for sure something terrible would happen to me for what I had done. I had heard of jails and maybe even thought that

I might be put in one. This was one of those few times that I got a loving spanking on my little behind and a verbal lesson about honesty later that evening. The end of that story.

I don't believe that I was really much different than many other little boys while learning the art of acquisition and accumulation. All the Hanson kids were taught that accumulation of worldly goods came after hard and honest work. Although a couple of them had to go through the same embarrassing experience that I did. For example: My first born son came home from school with some apples, one day, and when queried as to where they came from he said that he had taken them from a nearby orchard. Though, now as a man, I still remembered exactly how my father dealt with a similar situation. I was a well trained father in these matters; I took him by the hand and went back to the orchard with the apples that were left and knocked on the door of the owner. It was a very similar experience for him and just as important a teaching experience as the one that I had as a boy. Father's taking their little ones by the hand, back to the store or to the orchard owner, is probably the best deterrent to a life of dishonest behavior.

The above stories or similar stories could, most likely, have been written by any other father. Can you see how powerful this story would be in the lives of youth, if read generation after generation to little boys and little girls, knowing that it happened first to their very own grandfather? Several of my grandchildren have expressed to me how important my stories have been in shaping their very own lives. I know and can testify of the power of storytelling as part of one's personal history.

– Emil O Hanson,
Dir. Ogden FamilySearch Library

Why Come to a Library or a Center

Today, with so much information online it may seem we don't need to leave home to do our family history work. However the regular visits to your FHC can still prove beneficial.

There are still other databases that are important and free at the center. Additionally, some of the things that we promote about our center are:

- 1) it is a "library" where they can spend quiet and focused time doing their family history, away from the distractions that happen at home,
- 2) they can get help from our trained staff with questions and issues that they encounter,
- 3) they can schedule a time when they know they can work on their family history, whether for an hour, 3 or more, and
- 4) Most of the time, they can count on a good computer with good internet access!

These are some of the things we promote, more than the free premium programs.

Reading Old Handwriting

- Branching Out

– *Twin Ports Genealogical Society Newsletter*

There are a number of Internet sites with tips and tutorials on reading old handwriting. One of them, Script Tutorials, at <http://script.byu.edu> not only provides tips for English handwriting but also German and French. You may also want to watch a video from Archives.com on You Tube (www.youtube.com): "Deciphering Chicken Scratch: Tips and Tricks for Reading Old Handwriting".

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Winter is the season in which people try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat.

- Author Unknown

Genealogy with Google Earth

– *Eastman's Newsletter, January 15, 2014*

What if you could visit that old homestead or scroll back in time when your neighborhood was an old farm field? Google Earth can do that.

Eric Stitt published an article that states, in part, "Using geographic information found in deeds and addresses from sources such as census data, property where ancestors and neighbors once lived may be marked on historical maps, which can then be overlaid on modern Google maps. Geographic features mentioned in property descriptions such as rivers and creeks will appear on topographical maps and in Google's satellite imagery. Using this information, it is possible to locate a family homestead on an historical map and compare the changes to those locations that have occurred over time as the area developed. In some instances, the old home may still be there or a family cemetery."

The article does not contain step-by-step instructions. Instead, it describes the results you can obtain but the instructions are available in the help files on Google Earth. You can read Eric's article at:

<http://genealogythroughgoogleearth.blogspot.nl/>.

The Last Will and Testament

– *"Ye Old Times" - Heart O' Lakes genealogical Society, 1st Quarter 2014*

During the age of the Tudors in England, (1485 - 1603) it was a common practice to give the same name to more than one child. To differentiate between them, the first child with the name was called "the Elder" and the second child was called "the Younger". This would lead to confusion when one of them died between the time that the will was filed and probated, as the term was dropped on the death of one of them.

It would be difficult then to determine which of the two had died.

The term "natural son" was used to distinguish a blood relation with a son-in-law who would be related by Marriage. In the 17th century and earlier, the term illegitimate was not a common usage and "my base son" or "my bastard son" was used to denote illegitimacy.

The term "my now wife" or "my present wife" does not necessarily mean that he had a former wife, but refers to his wife at the time that the will was written. The reason for this is that if his wife at the time should die and he remarried and died without a will, the new wife would inherit all the property and the children none. Usually the first wife was the one who was the mother of his children.

The term "junior" (Jr.) after a name often was used to denote a younger person in the community with the same name but not necessarily a relative.

– *Minnesota Genealogist*

We Are Here to Help You!

The Ogden FamilySearch library staff is here to help you with whatever family history problem you may have. If you are not acknowledged when you come to the center look for a person with a CONSULTANT badge, if that person cannot solve your problem or concern they will find a person on staff who can. Our class schedule is printed at the end of this newsletter each month; we have many classes starting every few days. You may subscribe to our newsletter on our website. The website address is ogdenfsl.org after you are on the website goes to the Newsletters tab and click on it and an option to subscribe will appear.

Ancestry.com Expands Groundbreaking Collaboration With FamilySearch

– *Eastman Newsletter- January 21, 2014*

[The following announcement was written by Ancestry.com, January 21, 2014]

Additional 1 Billion Global Records from 67 Countries to be Available on Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com announced today an extension of their collaborative efforts with FamilySearch International that will make more than 1 billion additional records from 67 countries available on Ancestry.com. These already digitized records, provided by FamilySearch, are in addition to the agreement the two largest providers of family history resources announced a few months ago that will help digitize, index and publish an expected 1 billion global historical records never before published online from the FamilySearch vault over the next five years.

These collections will provide Ancestry.com customers with rich details that will help them discover new information about their ancestors from around the world. FamilySearch also announced the agreement will eventually provide free Ancestry.com access to members of the LDS Church

The full story can be read at Eastman's Newsletter.

Ancestry.com State Research Guides

– *The Ancestry Insider*

New, free state research guides are available from Ancestry.com. The guides are PDF files which can be downloaded and kept on your own computer or mobile device.

According to Ancestry's web site, "Our state research guide series includes historical background, a chronology, helpful information on census and vital record availability, highlighted collection[s] for that place on

Ancestry.com, and links to important resources beyond Ancestry.com,".

We looked at the New York state guide. It does indeed contain the elements mentioned above. Besides links to all the New York collections on Ancestry.com, it contains links to other helpful websites such as the New, the New York State Library, and the Italian Genealogical Group's New York City Vital Records Indexes. Conspicuously absent were links to FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com's own wiki. While it had a link to the Library of Congress's Chronicling America online newspaper collection, I didn't see links to the larger New York newspaper collections on Olds and Northern New York Historical Newspapers websites.

Currently available guides are

- Alaska (02 January 2014)
- California (08 January 2014)
- Georgia (25 November 2013)
- Indiana (12 December 2013)
- New York (14 January 2014)
- Texas (25 November 2013)
- Virginia (9 December 2013)

Youth activities designed to interest youth in Family History

The following youth activities can be used as icons on your desktop to be opened whenever needed - They do not have to be downloaded to your own computer. Copy one of the URL addresses below and paste it into your address line and hit enter and they will take you to Family Search wiki showing many options for involving young people in Family History.

For Youth:

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family_History_Activities_for_Children:_12-%3F

For Children:

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family_History_Activities_for_Children:_3-11

Study: Teen's knowledge of family history a sign of social-emotional health

– Michael Alison Chandler, E-mail

The writer states that teenagers who know their family histories are more likely to show higher levels of social and emotional health, according to a rare study that looked at how storytelling helps families function.

Psychologists from Emory University recorded family dinner conversations to learn more about how (or how much) families shared their stories. Then they developed a "Do You Know" scale to assess how much teens knew about their family history. They found that greater knowledge of family history - and higher scores on the Do You Know scale - were associated with a host of positive outcomes for the teens, including better measures of self-esteem, a stronger belief in their capacity to control the future, lower levels of anxiety, fewer behavioral problems, more resilience in the event of hardship, better academic performance and better relationships with their parents.

"One of the big tasks of adolescence is [deciding] who you want to be in the world: occupation, religion, values, what kind of person do you want to be," said psychologist Robyn Fivush, who co-authored the study, which was published in 2009. "Family stories offer lessons that help teens shape their identities", she said.

So does that mean that studying up on family history will help your teen mature gracefully? The researchers said that it's likely that the knowledge itself does not cause these benefits, but the fact that it reflects a cohesive family structure and systems that benefit the teens.

Curious to test your own knowledge?

Here are the test questions used by the researchers:

1. Do you know how your parents met?
2. Do you know where your mother grew up?
3. Do you know where your father grew up?
4. Do you know where some of your grandparents grew up?
5. Do you know where some of your grandparents met?
6. Do you know where your parents were married?
7. Do you know what went on when you were being born?
8. Do you know the source of your name?
9. Do you know some things about what happened when your brothers or sisters were being born?
10. Do you know which person in your family you look most like?
11. Do you know which person in the family you act most like?
12. Do you know some of the illnesses and injuries that your parents experienced when they were younger?
13. Do you know some of the lessons that your parents learned from good or bad experiences?
14. Do you know some things that happened to your mom or dad when they were in school?
15. Do you know the national background of your family (such as English, German, Russian, etc)?
16. Do you know some of the jobs that your parents had when they were young?
17. Do you know some awards that your parents received when they were young?
18. Do you know the names of the schools that your mom went to?
19. Do you know the names of the schools that your dad went to?
20. Do you know about a relative whose face "froze" in a grumpy position because he or she did not smile enough?

Score: Total number answered "Yes"

[The last question is meant to show that the stories families tell are not always true, according to the study's co-author, Marshall Duke.]

Find our cousins,' Elder Neil L. Andersen urges youths at RootsTech conference Sunday, Feb. 9 2014

– R. Scott Lloyd, *Deseret News*

Capping RootsTech2014, which has rapidly become the largest family history conference in North America, an LDS apostle addressed a gathering of 4,000 youths Saturday afternoon at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

With more than 200 sessions to choose from, attendees from 49 states flocked to the Utah capital for the event put on by FamilySearch International, the genealogy service provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Much of the three-day conference was secular in nature, but Saturday's "Family Discovery Day" offered an assortment of sessions with an LDS appeal, and "Youth Family Discovery Day" was designed primarily for youth in the church.

The response was overwhelming. In addition to the 4,000 registrants, another 1,000 youths were turned away because they could not be accommodated. Elder Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles was the featured speaker at the youth devotional, telling attendees that while youths in the church today have become extremely devoted in performing proxy baptisms in LDS temples, "in the months and years ahead you will be just as outstanding in finding and bringing names to the temple with you." He asked those who had ever participated in a temple baptism to stand. Virtually everyone in the congregation did. He then asked them to stay standing if they had participated in a temple baptism for an ancestor, and finally, to remain standing if they had submitted more names of ancestors for baptisms than they had personally performed in the temple. Only a smattering remained standing after the last question. "I believe that in three years almost everyone will be standing," Elder Andersen said. "I want to

challenge each of you to set a personal goal to help prepare as many names for the temple as baptisms you perform in the temple."

Elder Andersen said there is joy and satisfaction that is only understood through spiritual feelings such as those that come when one helps a deceased person receive temple ordinances. He said that this past year for the first time he could see his ancestors in a fan chart online. His seven-generation fan chart was displayed on a large screen. "If your chart is not as complete as mine, your first responsibility is to fill it in as best you can," he said. "More information is becoming available each month. "If your chart is as complete as mine, there is still very important work for you to do. This work goes on and on. It will not be complete even when the Savior returns. When our chart appears complete, we help others find those in their lines, and we find those closely related to those on our family tree. We call it 'finding our cousins.' " Elder Andersen then introduced a new song called "Find Our Cousins," written by Ross Boothe expressly for the occasion and performed by two young soloists, Tia Thompson and Micah Rindlisbacher.

With the help of his grandson, Clayton Hadlock, Elder Andersen then demonstrated how to find cousins in one's ancestral pedigree by using an online tool at puzilla.org that allows a user to see hundreds of an ancestor's descendants from an aerial view with compact symbols revealing patterns of incomplete research. Working together on the same computer, each with his own mouse, Elder Andersen and Hadlock found an ancestor's name and a pattern showing their direct line as well as peripheral lines, which would be their cousins' lines. From Puzilla, they were able to access familysearch.org, which tells whether there have been vicarious temple ordinances performed for an individual. It also helps find documentation, such as birth or christening records that are essential in preparing names for temple work.

"Papi, by clicking on this record, you have found our cousin, and now we can offer her the ordinances of the temple," Hadlock said to his grandfather, Elder Andersen. He said, "Papi, even though our family has been in the church for many generations, there are numerous cousins to be found. I'll bet it is true for every family." "It is true, Clayton," Elder Anderson replied. "We all have cousins waiting for our work."

To the assembled youth, he said, "When we see ourselves in perspective of our family, those who came before us and those who came after us, we realize how we are part of a wonderful link that connects us all together. As we search them out and take their names to the temple, we bring to them something they cannot obtain without us. In doing so, we are connected to them, and the Lord through his Spirit confirms to our soul the eternal importance of what we are doing."

Thought

"...it would be desirable for each member of the Church to think about the work of proclaiming the gospel, perfecting the Saints, and redeeming the dead not only as an expression of the mission of the Church, but also as a personal assignment. Every member should have some ongoing activity in each of these three dimensions, with a total personal activity that does not exceed what is wise for his or her current circumstances and resources"

– Dallin H. Oaks in "Wisdom and Order",
Ensign, June 1989

OFSL Annual Conference News

Our 2014 Family History Conference at Weber State University is shaping up to be even better than previous years. It again will be held in the Shephard Union building on the beautiful Weber State University campus. The timing of the Saturday events will be the same as last year, with registration starting at 7:30AM, Keynote Speaker at 8:30 and one hour classes starting at 10:00 with 15 minute breaks between the class sessions. Our focus this year is involving youth and young adults in the rewards of finding the "Roots and Branches" of their own families. Go into our wiki site at https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ogden_FamilySearch_Library_2014_Conference or just follow the links from our ogdenfsl.org web site. Mark your calendars for September 13, 2014!

Family History Consultant Training

The Ogden FamilySearch Library holds a Family History Consultant Training Class at 6:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month. All Ward Family History Consultants and Priesthood leaders should take advantage of this class. The next scheduled class is March 6, 2014. There is a signup sheet at the receptionist desk in the west building. The address for the OFSL is 539 24th Street in Ogden; phone 801-626-1132.

Monthly Guest Speaker Series

Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 10:00 AM the Ogden FamilySearch Library will welcome our next guest speaker, our own Nadine Boudrero who is currently serving as an international delegate for the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She will provide us with a fun fact filled historical presentation. It will be held at the Ogden FamilySearch Library 539 24th Street in room 12.

MyHeritage Goes From Front-Room to Start-Up Giant

– January 21, 2014

Bloomberg Television's "The Pulse" has published a video interview with Gilad Japhet, CEO and Founder of MyHeritage. Japhet discusses the ability of MyHeritage to reconnect families and the company's efforts to help gain restitution of lost property for war survivors. He also briefly describes MyHeritage's myriad of other services, including DNA testing, 1.5 billion profiles that allow MyHeritage customers to find relatives online, one million new profiles being added daily, reuniting families, automatic lookups to find matches of customers' data in worldwide newspapers and vital records, and much more. He also admits he invested everything he had in starting the company, including mortgaging his house. You can view the video at:

<http://sg.news.yahoo.com/video/returning-property-holocaust-survivors-121232388.html>

szukajwarchiwach.pl - A Polish Website for Online Genealogy Research

– January 25, 2014

szukajwarchiwach.pl is listed as a site containing "Archival resources online" from Poland. The site has a few menu pages in English but most of it is in Polish. Obviously, all the images of original records are also in Polish. As a result, we're struggling a bit to understand what is available. However, the site looks valuable with more than 7 million scanned images of valuable genealogy records available online.

Many of the digital images are from the State Archives in Warsaw (including branches in Otwock and Grodzisk), Poznan, Lublin, Krakow,

Gdansk, Piotrkow (Branch Tomaszow), Przemysl, Czestochowa, Szczecin, Opole, Zamosc and Radom. All the images we looked at were images only with nothing transcribed. Admittedly, perhaps we missed some transcriptions because of our unfamiliarity with the language.

If you can read Polish, this site probably will be valuable for you. If not, use GoogleTranslate to help translate the various pages. You can find the web site at <http://szukajwarchiwach.pl>.

Our thanks to newsletter reader Matt Casey for telling us about this web site.

Ogden FSL Building's Remarkable Past

The East building of the Ogden FamilySearch Library complex has a long and interesting history. It was originally built as the Weber College Institute of Religion. Construction started prior to the Second World War, but it was not dedicated until March of 1942, three months after the war's outbreak.

After the college moved its campus to the present Harrison Boulevard location in the mid nineteen fifties it was used for other LDS Church educational activities. For a time it was the home of an extension campus of Brigham Young University. After setting unused for a number of years the neighboring Ogden Family History Library, needing additional space moved in

The building was dedicated in 1942 by David O. McKay, then a Councilor in the Church's First Presidency. His dedicatory address included the phrase, "we are here to dedicate a building to the holy purposes of love, brotherhood, kindness, and charity". Fitting then and especially fitting now given the building's present mission.

Family History Classes at the Ogden FamilySearch Library

An opportunity to expand your family history horizons. Pre-register in West building

Class Name	Day	Begins	Time	Room	Weeks	Cost	Instructor
Ancestral Quest Complete	Mon	17-Mar	1:00 PM	11	4	0.00	Dale McIntyre
Ancestral Quest Complete	Tue	18-Mar	1:00 PM	11	4	0.00	Dale McIntyre
Ancestral Quest Complete	Wed	19-Mar	1:00 PM	11	4	0.00	Dale McIntyre
Computers - Beginning	Sat	22-Feb	2:30 PM	26	7	5.00	Scott M. Berry
Computers - Favorite Websites	Sat	8-Mar	1:00 PM	26	1	0.00	Scott M. Berry
Computers - New Meta Search Engines	Sat	15-Mar	1:00 PM	26	1	0.00	Scott M. Berry
Computers New Safe Deep Web Search	Sat	22-Feb	1:00 PM	26	1	0.00	Scott M. Berry
Family History - Consultant Training	Thu	6-Mar	6:00 PM	11	1.	0.00	Nicole Hepler
Family History - Consultant Training	Thu	3-Apr	6:00 PM	11	1.	0.00	Nicole Hepler
Family History - Consultant Training	Thu	1-May	6:00 PM	11	1.	0.00	Nicole Hepler
Family History - Generations Beginning	Sat	15-Mar	10:00 AM	25	4	5.00	Joanne Hanson
Family History - Generations Beginning	Tue	18-Mar	9:00 AM	25	4	5.00	Joanne Hanson
Family History - Organize Your Papers	Tue	1-Apr	2:00 PM	25	5	5.00	Joanne Hanson
Family History - Writing Your Personal History	Tue	11-Mar	3:00 PM	12	1	0.00	Emil Hanson
Family Tree - Adding Stories	Sat	22-Feb	3:00 PM	11	1	0.00	Dan Stanger
Family Tree - Photos and Scanning	Wed	5-Mar	5:45 PM	11	1	0.00	Ed Williams
Family Tree - Photos and Scanning	Wed	26-Feb	5:45 PM	11	1	0.00	Larry Johnson
Family Tree - Spanish	Sat	29-Mar	11:00 AM	11	5	0.00	Juan Balderas
Family Tree Advanced	Wed	19-Mar	11:00 AM	11	4	0.00	Edith Reeves
Family Tree Basic **	Thu	20-Feb	1:00 PM	11	5	0.00	Blaine Borrowman
Family Tree Basic **	Sat	29-Mar	1:30 PM	11	5	0.00	Dan Stanger
Family Tree Basic **	Thu	3-Apr	9:30 AM	11	5	0.00	Eugene Draper
Family Tree Basic **	Fri	21-Feb	9:00 AM	11	5	0.00	Robert Draper
Family Tree Basic **	Wed	2-Apr	9:00 AM	11	5	0.00	Robert Draper
Family Tree Basic **	Wed	26-Feb	5:30 PM	13	5	0.00	Stephen Felt
FamilySearch Indexing	Thu	20-Feb	11:00 AM	26	1	0.00	D. Al Harris
FamilySearch Indexing	Thu	27-Feb	11:00 AM	26	1	0.00	D. Al Harris
FamilySearch Indexing	Thu	13-Mar	11:00 AM	26	1	0.00	D. Al Harris
Legacy Basic	Mon	24-Mar	11:00 AM	13	6	4.00	Sam Lower
Research - British Isles	Tue	11-Mar	4:00 PM	26	8	10.00	Fred Moore
Research - Descendant Relatives	Mon	17-Mar	9:00 AM	13	7	4.00	Sam Lower
Research - Evidences and Sources	Wed	5-Mar	9:30 AM	26	1	0.00	Karen White
Research - German Research in Family History	Thu	27-Mar	1:00 PM	25	8	10.00	Juergen Sass
Research - New Genealogy Directories Search	Sat	1-Mar	1:00 PM	26	1	0.00	Scott M. Berry
Roots Magic Basic	Thu	20-Mar	1:00 PM	13	4	0.00	Allen Hardison
Roots Magic Basic	Thu	20-Mar	6:00 PM	13	4	0.00	Allen Hardison
Roots Magic Basic	Fri	21-Mar	11:00 AM	13	4	0.00	Allen Hardison
Roots Magic Basic	Sat	22-Mar	9:00 AM	13	4	0.00	Allen Hardison
Roots Magic Basic	Wed	19-Mar	11:00 AM	15	4	0.00	Terry Allen
Roots Magic Basic	Tue	18-Mar	1:00 PM	13	4	0.00	William Lakey

** You will need LDS username, password and the name of a deceased relative for first class

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