

FAMILY HISTORY

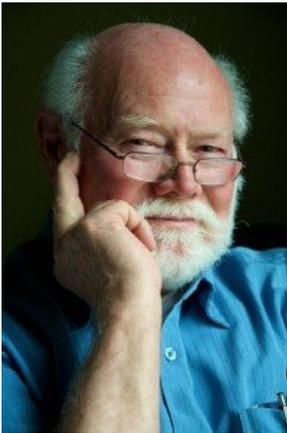
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NEWSLETTER

From The Director's Desk

May 2014



On Being Mindful

I remember when as a young professional, I started out my career as a high school counselor and very often just sat and listened to student's problems. My training had taught me the importance of concentrating on the student's words, thoughts, and behavior making sure that I was giving them my full attention. I soon learned that my training was right on! Students seemed most satisfied with our time together when I was able to give them my full attention. Sincerely listening to them, being mindful of their concerns was the most important thing that I could have done. The problems they usually discussed with me were not problems they felt comfortable in discussing with their parents or even with their friends. They weren't even problems that I necessarily had an answer to or, for that matter there may not have been an answer. The students, in general, perceived that they had personal, physical, mental or social deficiencies (as we all do) that bothered them. If these problems were shared with a friend they were afraid it could lead to their being teased or talked about. Even parents, often think the things that bother their children are silly and therefore won't take time to really listen and take them seriously. Whether our time together ever helped them strengthen their perceived weaknesses or not I don't know but I do believe that it made them feel better to be able to talk about them with someone who was impartial, non judgmental and seemed to care.

I am sure that there are people who go through life never having experienced being paid attention to. I mean really having someone sit with them and be willing to be quiet while letting them say anything that

is on their mind. Attention of that nature is seldom experienced in our society. Yes, we give most everyone a quick and easy answer to assure them we heard what they said. But to face someone, and look them directly in the eye, making sure that we understood their question so that we can give them a thoughtful answer, is not a common human behavior. We can all imagine how one must feel in terms of self concept to know that they are not important enough and valued highly enough to be given a sincere moment of another's time. Most of us have read the account of the 'Cypher in the Snow'. That young boy was one of many who have been victims, devalued human beings, devalued as a result of no one really being 'mindful' of him.

"One of the most precious gifts we can offer anyone is our undivided attention. When our mindfulness embraces those we love, they will bloom like flowers." -- *Thich Nhat Hanh*.

I agree with Hanh's assessment but not just loved ones, most everyone will bloom if even one other person is truly mindful of them. So, why am I writing about giving attention and being mindful in a family history newsletter. The answer is that our society is moving further and further away from personal communication and being mindful of others. I am sometimes asked why I did not respond to a message on my phone. I usually respond to that question by honestly saying that I never got your message. When did you call me? In those cases the answer that came back was "Well, I 'twittered' you." "You what me?" is my response. I have not learned to twitter and I do not intend to begin.

I am very much afraid that our youth, and society in general, are moving further and further away from real personal communication. Twittering, as a mode of communication, may be much faster and can be done

Ancestry.com To Retire Old Search

- The Ancestry Insider Posted: 17 Mar 2014 08:00 AM

more frequently but twitters are much less personal and much less meaningful. They are not a "mindful" way to communicate.

We are moving away from eye to eye and face to face communication where people are given a feeling of importance while in the presence of another human being.

May I propose that family history consultants, even though they have not had professional training as behavioral counselors, they can still learn to be 'mindful', to pay careful attention to those we serve. We should try very hard to understand exactly what their needs are, and what they would like to accomplish while with us. Their time is precious they may have had to give up family time or other important things. They are trying to fulfill their responsibility to their ancestors and to their God we should encourage them and make sure that we respect their time and their needs. "The most precious gift we can offer anyone is our mindful attention." Maybe we will even get to experience their joy when they begin to 'bloom like flowers' and even when they find family members that they can take to the Temple.

– Emil O. Hanson, Director,
Ogden FamilySearch Library

Stake Sponsored Family History Fairs

Many Stakes are responding to the invitation to host a Stake Family History Fair. They are lots of fun and greatly bless the participants. There are so many wonderful resources to be found on the LDS.org site. Just query "family history fair". In addition to those resources, the Ogden FamilySearch Library can be a resource for you. We can help you plan and prepare for the fair. We can help you train your family history consultants. We also have other resources. Give us a call at (801) 626 1132. We would also encourage you to consider holding a separate Youth Family History Day. On the LDS.org site just query "youth family history day" for lots of help on how to do this. We also stand ready to provide help in this endeavor.

"Over the years, we have been maintaining two separate search experiences - 'Old Search' and 'Primary Search.'" said Katharine Nester, director of product management at Ancestry.com. "We've consolidated the two systems.... This consolidated search brings forward and improves the best features of both search experiences."

Maintaining old search was problematic. Having two technologies increased the complexity of adding improvements. The technology used to support old search was outdated and fragile. (You've probably experienced this yourself. You find your computer so old that the manufacturer will no longer sell parts for it. Or you find Microsoft no longer provides support for your operating system, which by the way, is happening next month for Windows XP. If something breaks, you're toast. That means Ancestry.com can gracefully retire Old Search, or one day a blown transistor will catastrophically do it for them.)...

Microsoft Launches Free OneNote for Mac, Free and Paid versions of OneNote for Windows, and More

– Eastman's Newsletter, March 18

OneNote is a free-form information gathering and multi-user collaboration note taking program from Microsoft that has been available for some time. With OneNote, you can type, handwrite, or sketch your thoughts as well as clip links and webpages, insert photos and videos, embed tables, and attach files. It organizes your notes nicely. You can later search your notes and the files you've added to find anything, from a particular page in a presentation to a specific phrase or reference. All...

Read the rest of the story "

Ancestry.com Government Filing

Posted: 20 Mar 2014 09:00 AM PDT

Ancestry.com recently filed a form with the government that contained some interesting information.

Ancestry.com has 2.1 million subscribers on the Ancestry.com website as of the end of last year. That goes up by only 600,000 when including their other websites: Archives.com, Fold3.com and Newspapers.com. (Have you ever felt like they ignore Genealogy.com?)

They had over 12 billion records at the end of the year. (I went through their card catalog and could only account for 10 billion, but, hey, what's 2 billion among friends.) That's an increase of 1.2 billion records during last year.

Users have created 55 million trees containing more than 5 billion persons. (I just found the two billion records missing from the catalog!) Users have uploaded 207 million photographs, scanned documents, and written stories. Users accepted about 1.3 billion shaky leaf hints last year alone. About 65% of their subscribers have subscriptions of six months or longer.

Ancestry.com identified what they felt were their key business highlights for the year:

" added more than 1.2 billion records to their content collections;

" completed an agreement with FamilySearch, one of the largest genealogy organizations in the world, to make approximately 1 billion global records available online over the next five years;

" total subscribers to Ancestry.com branded websites increased to approximately 2.1 million or 6% compared to December 31, 2012;

" acquired Find A Grave, Inc., which provides a significant collection of burial information with more than 105 million records and 81 million photos;

" the AncestryDNA database more than doubled in size in 2013, and the Ancestry DNA test now maps a test taker's ethnic origins to 26 global regions, including expanded regions for people of European and West African descent;

" their mobile apps have now been downloaded more than 10 million times across the Android and iOS platforms; additionally, the redesigned iOS app includes new social and other features;

" launched the StoryView product experience that enables users to create a highly sharable narrative around a person in their family tree; and

" released a new version of Family Tree Maker software that includes updates on editing, sharing, tree viewing and TreeSync to make collaboration even easier.

Access to Genealogy Websites for LDS Church Members may come Sooner than Expected

– Eastman's On-line Newsletter -April 02, 2014

While we're on the Subject of Ancestry.com – Quoting from an article by Trent Toone published in the Deseret [News](#): “In February, FamilySearch.org, a nonprofit family history organization owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, announced that LDS Church members eventually will be granted free subscriptions to Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com and FindMyPast.com as part of an ongoing partnership in which the companies collaborate to obtain historical records and share resources. Originally, FamilySearch encouraged church members to be patient because this special access wouldn't be available until the end of 2014. But Thom Reed, Family Search's partner marketing manager, recently reported the project is ahead of schedule.”

[Emil's Comment: For those who serve in some Family History Libraries may find access a little sooner than members in general. Somebody has to serve as testers to make sure it is working properly before being available to the church membership in general. We are frequently asked to perform that function.]

Family History Summer Camps

Hurry, hurry, hurry – Pick up the phone! Dial 626-1132 and tell the receptionist you want to make a reservation for your group to attend a Family History Camp at the Ogden FamilySearch Library this summer. The calendar is filling fast thirty-eight groups have already reserved their time slots.

Camps are offered June 2 through August 16. Primary Camps are available for groups of children ages eight through eleven. More advanced Camps are available for Youth and Adult groups.

Hurry, call now

Involving Youth in Family History

– *Sonja Carlson, Church News staff writer,
March 22, 2014*

Lehi, Utah – Leaders in the Lehi Utah South Stake have discovered a way to get their youth more involved in family history by calling at least one youth from each ward to the stake's youth family history committee. However, it didn't originate as a committee.

In the fall of 2011, Randy Lefler, who was president of the Lehi Utah South Stake, called as stake indexing specialists Nathan Smith and Jacob Matteson, both 17 and from the Chapel Valley 1st Ward. He was inspired to call them after Elder Richard J. Maynes of the Presidency of the Seventy told him in a meeting he thought the youth were going to be the key to furthering family history work in the stake.

Family Tree and Couple relationship Problems

– *Emil O. Hanson*

[I don't know how many of you have been frustrated with the awkward way one has to modify couple relationships within Family Tree. Each time I have had to make corrections with spouse relationships, I thought, there has to be an easier way to do this. Ancestral Quest has apparently been able to find an easier way. (I for one will be trying this system out! If there are other programs that have this capability Please let me know and we will include the information in next month's newsletter.)]

– *Ancestral Quest - March 2014 Newsletter*

Delete Couple Relationships: This feature alone has caught the attention of many Family Tree users. Do you have someone listed in Family Tree as part of your family and they don't belong there. Maybe the father or mother. In Family Tree you must first dissolve the family and then reconnect each member to correct the problem. If the family is a large family this can take a great deal of time. You can now delete couple relationships in Family Tree. If children are involved, you will be asked whether to have the children remain linked with the father, with the mother, or with both individually. AQ is the only software, including Family Tree, that can split couple relationships when they have children. This will save you a great deal of time.

It Isn't Necessarily So

– *James W Anderson on FCHnet*

What is being said about family history in your stake conferences if you have had them yet? Every stake in the first half of this year will have this as the Saturday night theme. It will focus on missionary work, family history work, and temple work and attendance. What I'm getting from my stake and one other I crashed due to Elder Brimhall being there (he trained a young adult stake's leaders on 'Find Our Cousins', as it was mentioned in the adult session), and I went because I could take a bus or train to it and because both general authorities worked in family history at Church Headquarters, not much other news but one thing did come out that was interesting. A stake presidency member there thought he had it 'all done'. He thought he could not find any more. He went into the family history center and the consultant said 'We may be able to find more ancestors in 10 minutes', and that they did. There were more to do. Don't know if it was a result of the 'find our cousins' matter, but they did find more to add to the tree.

Emil's comment: Never come to the Ogden family history Library and tell a staff member that your families work is all done. We will find more names for you to take to the Temple in just a few short minutes. If you have more time we can show you how literally hundreds and maybe thousands of your relatives may be in the system without your knowing it.

Darned Online Trees

– *The Ancestry Insider via google.com*

Do you hate those online trees like I do? You too may be guilty of "source snobbery."

"Disdained sources may contain accurate information found nowhere else," Thomas W. Jones wrote in a recent article in Onboard, the newsletter of the BCG. "Some source types have higher error rates than others, but no type is error-free or worthless."

In the article, "Perils of Source Snobbery," Jones lists "undocumented and unverified databases, family and local histories, genealogical compendiums, heritage books, old lineage-society applications, [and] online family trees" as disdained source categories.

However, these sources might contain information from eye witnesses, or from destroyed, hard to find, or unknown records. I experienced this myself. Only by checking a compiled genealogy did I discover the existence of a journal containing the direct evidence I sought.

Jones gives examples of the contrary situation, preferred sources like government birth and death records that contain erroneous information. All would be worthy of spotlight in this column. Preferred sources are the mainstay of careful research, but their accuracy is not guaranteed.

"A source's accuracy is unknown until the researcher has accumulated enough evidence for tests of correlation-the comparison and contrasting of sources and information to reveal points of agreement and disagreement."

So if you too are guilty of "source snobbery," you may want to think again.

Of Roots and Branches – Ogden Family Search Library Conference

It is now time to reserve Saturday, 13 September 2014, for the Ogden FamilySearch Library Conference. Again it will be held in the Shepherd Union Building on Weber State University campus. A variety of classes, vendors, food and fun will be available. More information is available online at ogdenfsl.org.

One-on-One Circle of Service Available during Conference. Again, our One-on-one Circle of Research Service will consist of consultants, volunteers and missionaries who will be available to help you with your questions during the five sessions of our 2014 Conference held 13 September at Shepherd Union Building, Weber State University, Ogden Utah, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

We will be located in the Atrium on the second floor. We hope your experience will be similar to what is available at the Ogden FamilySearch Library and that you will continue your experience with us at our Library at 539 24th Street in Ogden during our working hours. Go to ogdenfsl.org for more information about us.

There will be some computers available but feel free to bring your laptop or tablet. If registered you will need your username and password to familysearch.org. To register or recover your sign-in ability, you will need your email information, also your membership number, if applicable. Research help questions for Swedish, Danish, German, Netherlands, British Isles and Spanish speaking countries will be available as well as general questions of your choice.

We realize some will need more than 20 minutes, more time can be given to your question if there are not people waiting. Follow-up can be scheduled individually with some helpers or just drop by the Ogden FamilySearch Library.

Tech Tip: Split Screen

Do you find yourself multi-tasking and switching between windows and different programs at once while doing your family history work? Wouldn't it be nice if there was a simple, easy way to split two windows evenly and then see both windows at one time? Well, such a solution does exist! Released in the Windows 7 Operating System (and all succeeding Windows operating systems) is a feature known as **"Snap"**. "Snap" allows any user to drag and then evenly split two windows so that the windows appear side-by-side. To perform the "Snap" function, **left-click** and **hold down** in the title bar of one of the windows you wish to split. (The title bar is the very top region of the window. In the provided picture, it is the



dark blue region.) Next, while holding down on the title bar, move your **mouse cursor (or arrow)** to one of the sides of the screen. **Your arrow MUST make contact with one of the edges of your computer screen.** When your mouse cursor touches the edge of the screen, a transparent box will appear giving you a preview of what an evenly split window will look like. Once that preview box appears, release your left-mouse button and your window should take the place of the transparent box. Perform the same action for your next window or program, moving your mouse cursor to the opposite side, and you will have two evenly split windows!

Class Schedule

Expend your Family History Horizons
Pre- Register with Cashier in West building 801-626-1132

Class Name	Day	Begins	Time	Room	Weeks	Cost	Instructor
Ancestral Quest Complete	Mon	21-Apr	1:00 PM	11	4	\$0.00	Dale McIntyre
Ancestral Quest Complete	Tue	22-Apr	1:00 PM	11	4	\$0.00	Dale McIntyre
Ancestral Quest Complete	Wed	23-Apr	1:00 PM	11	4	\$0.00	Dale McIntyre
Computers - Beginning	Sat	19-Apr	2:30 PM	26	7	\$5.00	Scott M. Berry
Computers - Dropbox & Google docs for FH	Wed	23-Apr	9:00 AM	26	1	\$0.00	Wayne Summers
Computers - Dropbox & Google docs for FH	Wed	14-May	9:00 AM	26	1	\$0.00	Wayne Summers
Computers - Favorite Websites	Sat	10-May	1:00 PM	26	1	\$0.00	Scott M. Berry
Computers - New Meta Search Engines	Sat	19-Apr	1:00 PM	26	1	\$0.00	Scott M. Berry
Computers New Safe Deep Web Search	Sat	26-Apr	1:00 PM	26	1	\$0.00	Scott M. Berry
Danish Research	Wed	23-Apr	3:00 PM	13	6	\$0.00	Annie Strawn
Family History - Consultant Training	Thu	1-May	6:00 PM	11	1.	\$0.00	Nicole Hepler
Family History - Consultant Training	Thu	5-Jun	6:00 PM	11	1.	\$0.00	Nicole Hepler
Family History - Generations Beginning	Tue	22-Apr	9:00 AM	25	5	\$5.00	Joanne Hanson
Family History - Generations Beginning	Sat	3-May	9:00 AM	25	5	\$5.00	Joanne Hanson
Family History - Generations Beginning	Fri	9-May	9:00 AM	25	5	\$5.00	Joanne Hanson
Family History - Organize Your Papers	Wed	14-May	9:00 AM	25	5	\$5.00	Joanne Hanson
Family History - Writing Your Personal History	Wed	23-Apr	3:00 PM	12	1	\$0.00	Emil Hanson
Family History - Writing Your Personal History	Tue	13-May	3:00 PM	12	1	\$0.00	Emil Hanson

More Family History Classes Topics for Everyone

Class Name	Day	Begins	Time	Room	Weeks	Cost	Instructor
Family Tree - Photos and Scanning	Wed	7-May	5:45 PM	11	1	\$0.00	Ed Williams
Family Tree - Spanish	Sat	17-May	11:00 AM	11	5	\$0.00	Juan Balderas
Family Tree Advanced	Wed	23-Apr	11:00 AM	11	4	\$0.00	Edith Reeves
Family Tree Advanced	Mon	12-May	1:00 PM	13	4	\$0.00	Edith Reeves
Family Tree Basic **	Wed	14-May	9:00 AM	11	5	\$0.00	Robert Draper
Family Tree Basic **	Thu	15-May	9:30 AM	11	5	\$0.00	Eugene Draper
Family Tree Basic **	Fri	16-May	9:00 AM	11	5	\$0.00	Robert Draper
Family Tree Basic **	Sat	17-May	1:30 PM	11	5	\$0.00	Dan Stanger
Family Tree Basic**	Thu	15-May	1:00 PM	11	5	\$0.00	Blaine Borrowman
Family Tree-Photos and Scanning	Wed	14-May	5:45 PM	11	1	\$0.00	Larry Johnson
FamilySearch Indexing	Thu	1-May	11:00 AM	26	1	\$0.00	D. Al Harris
Legacy Basic	Mon	12-May	11:00 AM	13	6	\$4.00	Sam Lower
Netherland Society	Wed	30-Apr	11:30 AM	13		\$0.00	Don Koldewyn
Research - British Isles	Tue	13-May	4:00 PM	26	8	\$10.00	Fred Moore
Research - Descendant Relatives	Mon	12-May	9:00 AM	13	7	\$4.00	Sam Lower
Research - Evidences and Sources	Wed	7-May	9:30 AM	26	1	\$0.00	Karen White
Research - German Research in FH	Thu	29-May	1:00 PM	25	8	\$10.00	Juergen Sass
Research - Irish Research on the Internet I	Wed	8-May	1:00 PM	26	1	\$0.00	Barbara Lewis
Research - New Genealogy Directories Search	Sat	3-May	1:00 PM	26	1	\$0.00	Scott M. Berry
Research - Scottish Research On the Internet	Thu	1-May	1:00 PM	26	1	\$0.00	Barbara Lewis
Research on the Internet - English	Thu	15-May	1:00 PM	26	1	\$0.00	Barbara Lewis
Roots Magic Basic	Tue	22-Apr	1:00 PM	13	4	\$0.00	William Lakey
Roots Magic Basic	Wed	23-Apr	11:00 AM	26	4	\$0.00	Terry Allen
Roots Magic Basic	Thu	24-Apr	6:00 PM	13	4	\$0.00	Allen Hardison
Roots Magic Basic	Thu	24-Apr	1:00 PM	13	4	\$0.00	Allen Hardison
Roots Magic Basic	Fri	25-Apr	11:00 AM	13	4	\$0.00	Allen Hardison
Roots Magic Basic	Sat	26-Apr	9:00 AM	13	4	\$0.00	Allen Hardison

**Need LDS Username, Password and name of a deceased relative for first class