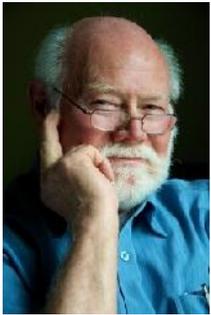


FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER



From the Director's Desk

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On 'Wake Up Calls'

Even though it has been 61 years since I was an army M.P. (Military Policeman), I still remember many things about our training as if it were yesterday. A new recruit endures eight weeks of basic training and in most cases another several weeks of specialized training. In my case it was another 8 weeks of M.P. training. During those training periods, reveille (actually the French word for "wake up") was not a favorite sound. Especially not the sound we wanted to hear if we had a very hard day of training the day before, such as a forced march with full combat gear (about 50 pounds, as I remember). By the time we got back to the barracks (our housing) we were dead tired. We would be given a few minutes to wash-up and then wait in-line for chow. Before we could hit the sack (bed) we had to clean our weapons, polish our boots, etc... When it was army time for bed, a bugle would be heard across the post playing Taps. To us that meant 'lights out', bedtime, the end of the day. Taps is a rather solemn bugle sound; it is often played at military funerals. It seemed like I would barely get into bed and close my eyes when reveille was played.

Reveille was a fast paced sound, also played with a bugle. It, too, was heard all across the post about sunrise, usually around 5:00am. At the sound of reveille we were given only a few minutes to get up, wash up, shave, dress, make

our beds and be out in front of the barracks standing at attention for roll call. Even though I never hear an actual reveille played any more the sound can still be heard in my head when I have a thought about my time in the army or when it is time to get up and I would like a few more minutes of sleep. Reveille or wake-up isn't always a pleasant time for many people.

I was reading an article not long ago that was describing various occupations that are now obsolete. One of which was the occupation of waking people up; a person so employed was called a "Knocker-up. The 'knocker-up' (usually an elderly person) performed their duties as a human alarm clock until the 1920s. Using a truncheon or a stick to knock on doors or windows, the job was to wake people up so that they would get up in time to make it to work. I can just see people late for work and blaming the 'knocker-up'. The knocker-up was another form of reveille without a bugle.

On the top of most of our temples stands a statue of the Angel Moroni. He has a horn in his hand that could be interpreted as an ancient trumpet or possibly even a bugle. After the first vision, where Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ appeared to the young prophet Joseph Smith, Moroni, an ancient prophet, was the very next heavenly messenger to appear to him. He spoke to Joseph saying: "Behold, I will reveal unto you the Priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall plant in the hearts of the

children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers. If it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted at his coming." (*D & C 2:1-3*) A short time later, just as Moroni had stated, the prophet Elijah appeared to Joseph, giving him the keys of the priesthood and the authority to redeem our dead, meaning those who had passed on without having had an opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ during their time on earth. It is as if Reveille (Wake-up) was being played by Moroni at the dawn of this dispensation. The wake-up call has now been heard by millions and is continually being played for those who will listen through our army of missionaries.

Young men and women serve throughout the whole world, in nearly every village, town and great city, every nation, tongue and people of this beautiful planet. We were awakened by Moroni but the instructions for Latter Day Saints were actually given by Elijah, and his message was loud and clear. The Savior's redeeming work is for all men and all men are alive unto Him, even those who have passed on without ever knowing or having the blessings of a relationship with Him while alive. The reveille call, however, is for all the living, you and me because we can't be saved without them, for they are ours, our family (our ancestors). May God bless us to hear Moroni's reveille.

*Emil O. Hanson, Director
Ogden FamilySearch Library*

Ogden FamilySearch Library Needs Your Help!

"The Lord declared, "I will hasten my work in its time" (*D&C 88:73*). We are witnesses of His hastening of His work.

Enabling the exaltation of the living and the dead is the Lord's purpose for building temples

and performing vicarious ordinances. We seek to fulfill the divinely appointed responsibility to offer the ordinances of salvation and exaltation to the entire human family. Planting in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, even Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; turning the hearts of the children to their own fathers; and performing family history research and vicarious ordinances in the temple are labors that bless individuals in the spirit world not yet under covenant.

The spirit of Elijah is "a manifestation of the Holy Ghost bearing witness of the divine nature of the family." This distinctive influence of the Holy Ghost bears powerful witness of the Father's plan of happiness and draws people to search out and cherish their ancestors and family members-both past and present. The spirit of Elijah affects people both inside and outside of the Church and causes hearts to turn to the fathers." [*From an address given at the seminar for new mission presidents on June 25, 2013. BY ELDER DAVID A. BEDNAR Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*]

At OFSL we are in need of additional staff to enable this necessary work to accelerate. The staff at OFSL is made up entirely of volunteers and church service missionaries, so if any of our newsletter readers are inclined toward Hastening the Work of Salvation by contributing some time to this worthy effort please let us know. Anyone with a little experience using computer programs would surely be appreciated. Classes are available ranging from basic computer skill training to advanced research techniques and advanced family tree instruction. Class schedules are available at the Library or on our website at ogdenfsl.org For additional information call OFSL at 801-626-1132 or stop by 539 24th Street, Ogden and look the place over.

Merry Christmas to All !!

Consultant's Training Resources

The Ogden FamilySearch Library conducts a monthly Seminar for new Consultants and High Priest Group Leaders (See our class schedule at ogdenfsl.org) The next class is scheduled for 4 December, the instructor is Nicole Hepler For those who may not be able to attend one of these monthly sessions you can find excellent instructions by going to the following church sites:

High Priests Group Leaders - FAMILY HISTORY CALLINGS - LEADER RESOURCE

Online resources to help you fulfill you're calling

1: Understand Your Calling

Learn about your calling and how family history is central to the work of salvation.

" Overview Video: High Priests Group Leader

" The Responsibilities of Your Calling

" The Doctrine of Temple and Family History Work

2: Coordinate the Ward Council's Efforts

Learn how to coordinate the ward council's efforts to encourage temple and family history work in the ward.

" Meeting the Needs of Ward Members

" Coordinating the Work in Ward Council

3: Direct the Work of Consultants

Learn how to effectively direct the work of family history consultants in the ward.

" Recommend Individuals to be Called

" NEW - Help Consultants Get Trained

" Direct the Work of Consultants

Additional Training and Resources

" Handbook 2, section 5.4 Read the section from Handbook 2 that outlines the duties associated with temple and family history work.

" Leaders' Secrets of Success Learn ten key principles that will help you be successful in

planning, organizing, and implementing temple and family history work.

" Letter from the First Presidency, October 8, 2012 Read a letter from the First Presidency encouraging members to bring the names of their own ancestors to the temple.

" Prophets and Apostles Speak Watch messages from General Authorities of the Church on the importance of temple and family history work.

" Principles for Successful Family History Classes View a video with tips for conducting successful classes.

" Temple and Family History Course Materials Access materials for a beginning level class designed to help Church members start their family history research and perform temple ordinances for their ancestors.

" To Turn the Hearts Leader's guide to temple and family history work.

Consultants Using a Creative Approach

– From the Cache Valley Newsletter

As our calling takes us to a variety of wards in the stakes served by the Logan FamilySearch Library, I am continually impressed with the creative approach used by the Family History Consultants. This week's award goes to Melece Salisbury, Newton 2nd Ward. She has created a "High Five October" requesting ward members to add 5 memories to FamilySearch during October, as a family. It can be photos, documents, certificates, photos of headstones, photos of grandma's house, or stories. Then on Sunday when you come to Sacrament Meeting, give the Bishop a high five!

Military Records

– Mesa AZ FamilySearch Library Newsletter

Welcome to the November issue of the Mesa AZ FamilySearch Library Newsletter. In honor of Veterans Day, we are focusing this edition on military records and how valuable they are as we research our family history. Many of our ancestors have served in the military, so it is logical to include in our family research a review of military records. Many excellent websites allow us to expand our family knowledge via military documents.

Almost 18 million records were destroyed by a terrible fire at the St. Louis National Personnel Records Center in 1973. Those records destroyed covered many Army records between 1912 and 1960 and Air Force records between 1947 and 1964. Don't let that slow you down! Military records may tell the story of where your ancestor lived at a specific point in time; where and when their military service occurred; were they injured during their service; did they lose their life serving. Parents may be identified. If great-great grandma applied for a military pension for her deceased husband who served, that pension record will identify her. Her application may also provide information about her; for instance, if she signs the pension application with an 'X', you learn that she could not read or write. The witnesses to her signing may also be identified and you learn of the two sons who accompanied her to complete the application. These veterans have earned our absolute best efforts to find and revere them and to link them to their other family members. Make November a month to honor and celebrate those who gave unselfishly for all that we hold so dear. They're out there. Now go find them!!

– Elder Adrian Kuzdas, Assistant Director
Mesa AZ FamilySearch Library

Ancestry.com Adds 3.2 Million American Indian Records

– Dick Eastman's Newsletter - November 3, 2014

Utah-based genealogy website Ancestry.com has partnered with the Oklahoma Historical Society to add more than 3.2 million American Indian historical records and images to its website. The new addition will bring the total number of American Indian historical records to more than 10 million. The website will contain records of more than 570 tribes, including those from which most Americans with Indian blood descend. Census counts, treaties, land allotments, marriage certificates and citizenship documents are all included in the new data set.

The new data set of 3.2 million records contains:

- " Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Dawes Census Cards for Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914.
- " Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Censuses and Rolls, 1851-1959.
- " Ratified Indian Treaties and Chiefs, 1722-1869.
- " Oklahoma, Indian Land Allotment Sales, 1908-1927.
- " Records Related to Enrollment of Eastern Cherokee by Guion Miller, 1908-1910.

Laura Martin, deputy director of the research division at the Oklahoma Historical Society, said the collected data gives users the immediacy of having millions of American Indian records available with just a few keystrokes a major advancement from when people had to crisscross the country seeking documents. "I think what we are most excited about is that this is the first time that basically, these records will be contained in one particular place," Martin said.

Free Ancestry.com Genealogy Toolkit Posted

This last week, Ancestry.com released a free genealogy toolkit. It is simply a PDF file containing a list of (and links to) free resources offered by Ancestry.com. I'm all over free. Some may lead to free resources that lead to Ancestry.com subscription resources, such as state resource guides. But that should be surprising to no one. Any credible guide to genealogy today is going to end up, sooner or later, pointing you to resources on Ancestry.com's subscription website. Here's a sampling of the available offerings listed in the toolkit:

- " Free Charts & Forms
- " Ancestry Red Book: American State, County & Town Sources (Online reference)
- " Irish Research in the U.S. and Ireland (Free downloadable PDF guide)
- " 5-minute Finds (Short videos)
- " County Look-up

Download your free Ancestry.com genealogy toolkit from

<http://c.ancestry.com/cs/media/social-research-genealogy-toolkit.pdf>.

My Heritage's Institutional Service is now Available at all local FamilySearch Family History Centers and Libraries

– Dick Eastman · November 4, 2014

The following announcement was written by the folks at FamilySearch:

FamilySearch and MyHeritage announced today that the MyHeritage Library Edition™ is now available for free at every FamilySearch Family History Center and Family History Library in the world. MyHeritage's new institutional service is a powerful online service

that provides libraries and educational facilities with instant access to centuries of history in billions of global historical documents.

FamilySearch operates more than 4,700 Family History Centers in 134 countries. The centers are dedicated family history spaces, open to anyone with an interest in genealogical research. Visitors enjoy free access to historical records and personal assistance from staff to help them in their search for information.

The MyHeritage Library Edition™, launched last month and distributed exclusively by EBSCO Information Systems, provides access to billions of historical documents, millions of historical photos and other resources in thousands of databases that span the past 5 centuries. Available in 40 languages, the MyHeritage Library Edition™ is the industry's most multilingual family history archive and search engine, breaking down geographical and language barriers in research.

"We're delighted to allow our patrons to benefit from the large amount of family history information that MyHeritage offers" said Dennis Brimhall, FamilySearch CEO. "MyHeritage's ability to constantly deliver great technology for genealogy enables us to better serve the visitors to our centers, and helps the family history community as a whole."

"MyHeritage and FamilySearch share a vision to make family history more accessible to everyone", said MyHeritage's Founder & CEO Gilad Japhet. "We're delighted to make the MyHeritage Library Edition™ available to the patrons of FamilySearch's institutions all over the world."

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The staff at the Ogden FamilySearch Library wishes all our former, current and future patrons a very Merry Christmas this December, 2014.

New Way to Find Cousins for Temple Work

– Larry Richman

LDS Media Talk, Nov 4, 2014

Finding names for the temple is now easier than ever by viewing your family tree from a different angle. Visit the Descendancy view of Family Tree to see which of your cousins are ready for temple work. Then reserve names today. With the new "descendancy view" on FamilySearch, it's now easier than ever to find a name to submit for temple work. You can find your cousins using these 5 easy steps:

1. Sign in to FamilySearch.org and go to the Family Tree.
2. Change the tree view to the fan chart.
3. Select a family member from the outer ring on the fan and place that person in the home position.
4. Change the tree view to descendancy, and then click to show 4 generations.
5. Look for green temple tags that indicate that ordinances may be needed for the displayed cousins. Work your way around the outer ring of the fan, and when finished, move back one generation and repeat steps 3-5.

[Caution: The above is a good way to find potential names to take to the temple, but each of the names with green temple tags should be carefully reviewed. They should be checked for duplicates, and if there are no sources to verify who they are, you need to do research to find at least one source that will verify that they are your correct ancestor. – Emil]

Good News for Indexers

– From Cash Valley News, Nov. 2014

Invitation to Consultants and Indexing Directors: Review the New Indexing Program

In a post entitled, "New Indexing Program Leads to More Found Ancestors," Janell Vasquez of FamilySearch has posted about the new

Indexing Program that is now in beta test. She invites Stake Indexing Directors, Family History Center Volunteers and others involved in teaching the program. If you have not had the opportunity to learn about the program yet, you can learn more by reading these articles:

" The New Indexing Program: Great for Stake Indexing Directors

" Update Your Account to Access New Indexing Reports

" Preparing Your Stake for the New Indexing Program

" Webinar: Introduction to the Administrative Features

The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy

– Edited by Szucs & Luebbing

Have you ever wondered about the why, when, where and how of genealogical research? The role of *The Source* is to take much of the complexity out of the family history research process. It is both a handbook and a guide to the primary sources of genealogy, a source without peer in its field often referred to as the genealogists Bible. Our yearlong class will begin on 16 January 2015. Don't think of it as one class but rather as twelve months.

Class will be held each Monday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for approximately fifty weeks. The class includes the textbook as well as a student manual and the cost is \$50.00. The instructor will be Johnny Willis who is now teaching some of the classes developed by and previously taught by Joanne Hanson.

Don't miss this chance to advance your knowledge and understanding of sources which will in turn aid you in the research and proofing of your family records.