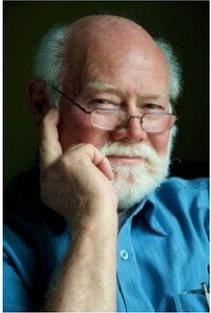




FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER

From the Director's Desk

FEBRUARY 2015



On My Place

Everyone needs to have a 'place', a place where they can keep their 'stuff'. It may not be much to look at or have much value but never-the-less it is "my" place. There may be just a little corner that I call my own but everyone else in the house knows that, that corner is mine!

I remember when I was a small boy; my sister and I built a 'place' in the woods behind our house. We built it out of cardboard boxes. We had cleared the weeds away from a small clearing in the trees and we were excited to think that we were going to have a secret place to call our own. I remember sitting in it after we had the walls up, the space that was probably 3 'X' 4' and we felt like we had really accomplished something.

It was short lived because after the first rainstorm the walls folded in. I believe every child desires to have a place; some are built with blankets hanging over a table. I think everyone of our brood of six had such a place. I can remember hearing them giggling, thrilled about their hiding place. Of course, no one knew where they were.

When our first born was a teenager he had a place on the mountain side not too far from our home. There was a rock jutting out from the slope with a small flat area where he would sit. That's where he went to be by himself, high

above the roof tops of nearby homes. There he would contemplate life and work out his problems. It was 'His Place'!

Even the places that obviously are not ours, but we may call ours, if we got to it first, and then made it a part of our life, it becomes our place. For example, when sitting at the family dinner table we better not try to take another's place. We even have our place in the family car, at church, sports events and/or at the theater. Those, of course, are only ours for the one event but we will defend it as ours during that event.

There are those who have no home and move around from place to place with everything they own on their backs. That backpack essentially becomes 'their place'. If they have to take it off they will not take their eyes off of it for fear of losing their 'place'.

I have always had an office where I have worked and everything I needed to do for my job was there, laid out handy for when I needed it (or not). One time I walked into my office and another person was sitting at my desk using my phone, for a brief moment I felt like I had been violated. I had to let him know that he was sitting at 'my desk' (my place). He quickly apologized and moved away. He knew exactly how I felt because he, too, had 'a place' and he, too, probably had had his place violated at one time or another by someone that was being insensitive to someone else's 'place'.

The 'place' may be just an end of a couch with a sewing basket setting nearby. It may be a rocking

chair or a lazy-boy or it could be one side of a double bed. Everybody has a place they consider to be their very own. A place where they have the things they need to be comfortable and where they know that they will have some reprieve from the rest of the world. I believe that 'a place' is important to maintain one's mental stability.

As I wrote 'mental stability', I thought, that sounds a little strong. Then I thought about not having 'a place' or having my place destroyed or having someone take it from me! Then I knew that 'mental stability' was not too strong an expression at all. After all, we are individuals with unique likes and dislikes and as we interact with other unique people, every day, it takes a toll. Regardless of how saintly we are, or how congenial a person is, they still need their space, their place, "My Place". May Heavenly Father always protect and watch over our, 'Places'. Family History people are special people, complicated people, they need a special place just for their computer and their records.

If someone violates that space they may feel like things will never be the same again. Nothing should ever be disturbed by another, so when they are ready to start again, they know exactly where they were and what they have to do. I am willing to concede my place at the table, in the car, but please, never mess with my family history place.

*– Emil O. Hanson,
Ogden FamilySearch Library*

Making Your Temple Experience More Sacred

– From the Cache Valley Newsletter

A First Presidency letter dated October 8, 2012, encourages members to perform essential ordinances for their own ancestors when attending the temple. Below is the direction from the First Presidency:

1. When members of the Church find the names of their ancestors and take those names to the temple for ordinance work, the temple experience can be greatly enriched.

2. Members with limited ability to do their own family history research are encouraged to perform vicarious ordinances with names provided by other members or by the temple.

3. We especially encourage youth and young single adults to use for temple work their own family names or the names of ancestors of their ward and stake members.

4. Priesthood leaders should assure that young people and their families learn the doctrine of turning their hearts to their fathers and the blessings of temple attendance.

5. Some Church members have large numbers of family names reserved so they can personally attend to the temple work. We encourage them to release these names in a timely manner so the necessary ordinances can be performed.

Reserving Names for the Temple

A member wrote an email to FHCNET (Family History Center Net) asking about those who have reserved names years ago but have never done the work. Can they be unreserved so that other related family members can do them? The Net answer was, that there is no limit on reserved time at this point, however, names like that indicate an old submission. One can contact FamilySearch Support with the ID number of the person reserved and they will investigate the reservation. If, for example, the person who reserved those names has passed away they may possibly put the names back into the ready file.

Ancestry.com Shares Global Family History Survey Results

– November 2014

Ancestry.com has shared a study they commissioned on family history. The preface to the report states: The aim of this report is to show how knowledge of the past has impacted the present, and how a greater sense of 'connectivity' has changed the concept of the modern family within the six countries in which we conducted the study.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank The Future Foundation, who carried out the research on our behalf and uncovered some truly fascinating trends. This document forms the first part of a multi-chapter report, the full findings of which will be published over the coming year.

Report Highlights:

- In 2014, more than one in three (36%) online adults used the internet to learn more about their family history - double those in 2008 and forecast to double again by 2025.
- 67% feel knowing their family history has made them a wiser person
- 72% say it has helped them to be closer to older relatives
- 52% discovered ancestors they hadn't known about

Family Tree Improvements

– FamilySearch Blog

There are a number of improvements to the Traditional Pedigree View on Family Tree, they include:

- Marriage Information-Each couple link will now display the marriage date and place.
- Scrolling-Users can now use their mouse scroll to move the view.
- Photos-The preferred photo will be displayed for each person.

- Indicators-Indicators (or icons) for research suggestions, data problems, and record hints will be displayed for each person.

- Two Color Schemes-Users can now choose between two color schemes (Daybreak and Nightshade).

- Simplified Alternate Parent and Spouse Selectors-It's now much easier to select preferred parents or spouses.

- Easier to Identify the Descendant-Direct descendants of an ancestor now stand out in contrast to their spouses.

- No Hover Actions-The links to additional information are always displayed (for example, the links that allow you to see the children of a couple or other parents or spouses). This feature improves support for touch pad devices.

Ogden FamilySearch Library Guest Speaker Series

Our next guest speaker will be Glenn Rawson a noted writer, producer and host of the Joseph Smith Papers T.V. series as well as an international tour leader. He and his wife are the proud parents of seven children and two grandchildren. He will be here on the March 21, 2015.

His presentation promises to be entertaining and educational, definitely worth attending. It will be held in room 12 OFSL at 10:00, 539 24th Street. For additional information call the Library at 801-626-1132.

Introducing Record Detective™: A Breakthrough Technology for Family History

MyHeritage is excited to announce the launch of Record Detective™. It is the first technology of its kind to automatically extend the paper trail from a single historical record to other related records and family tree connections.

The Fashions of Our Female Ancestors · HistoryPhotography

– Dick Eastman · January 3, 2015

Photographer Edward Linley Sambourne (1844-1910) captured everyday fashion in the early 20th century. He used photographs of friends, family and servants as reference models for his art.



He was an illustrator and the chief cartoonist of the English magazine Punch. According to wife Marion's diary, his photography eventually moved from hobby to obsession. You can see a collection of some of his photographs, all apparently span from 1905 through 1908 on the streets of Kensington, London at <http://mashable.com/2015/01/01/edwardianfashion-photography>

**It is now 2015, do you know
who your ancestors are?**

More Names Now Available with Family Tree Hinting

– Robert Kehrer

Cache Valley Newsletter

On Tuesday, December 23rd FamilySearch released a new update of the hinting data viewable on an ancestor's detail page and in the descendancy view in the Family Tree. In this data update newly added or changed persons in the Family Tree have been hinted using all the newly available information. It also includes important new record sets, such as the Find-A-Grave collection, that have been recently published.

Additionally, engineers and architects have made numerous advancements in the software algorithms which make it possible for more than 14 million new hints to be identified. Users of the Family Tree may wish to visit their ancestor pages again and see if any new hints are displayed. Learn more by going to the FamilySearch blog.

Automate Your Google Searches

– Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

January 8, 2015

Google Alerts will monitor almost anything on Google that you specify. You choose the search terms in exactly the same manner as a normal search on Google. You specify if you want to search only Google News, only blogs, only videos, only discussions, or the option that I use most of the time: search everything. You can also specify to search once a day, once a week, or "as it happens." However, if you search for popular topics, the "as it happens" option can generate a lot of email messages! I'd suggest starting with the DAILY option at first, then experiment later.

You can enter your search terms and then click on PREVIEW to see an example of the results you'll receive. If you are overwhelmed with too many results, you can change the search terms and click on PREVIEW again to see the modified

search. Once you are satisfied with the results, click on CREATE ALERT. From then on, you simply check your email messages occasionally to see the results.

Should you later change your mind, you can modify the search terms at any time or even stop the email messages completely. You remain in control.

Google Alerts are great for many purposes, including:

- monitoring a developing news story
- keeping current on a competitor or industry
- keeping current on a company in which you have made an investment
- getting the latest updates on a celebrity or event
- keeping tabs on your favorite sports teams
- searching for ancestral information
- and probably a few thousand other uses.

The best feature of Google Alerts? It is available FREE of charge.

Family History Missionary Experience

– *Kathy Buckmaster,
OFSL Missionary*

Since I received my call as a Family History Service Missionary here, I have been blessed to help and touch many lives. It is not my importance but the Lord using my desire to serve that humbles and amazes me.

A sister had been coming weekly to the center for about a month, and we had just started finding her family and connecting the broken family lines when we were to close for Christmas. Her last day before the Christmas break, she left me a Christmas card and a small token of thanks. She explained that she had been new to Family History and was scared to come for months. Finally she had gathered her courage and started coming. She continued telling her story and thanking me for being

patient with her as she learned. Without the help, she would have given up long ago. As I read her card, I thought, "but I don't have anything to give to her." Immediately the thought came to me that I had helped her find a gift more precious than anything worldly. I had helped her find her family.

A newly called mission president lives in my stake. He will be serving in Houston Texas where English, Spanish and Chinese is spoken. As he contacted the current mission president, he was asked if he knew Family Tree. If not, he should become quite familiar with it since it is a tool used by the missionaries in that area. He contacted me hoping for some direction that would help him in his new calling. He also stated he was going to conduct a Family History class during Sunday School, and he knew just enough to be scarry; he didn't want to teach others the wrong things. I had just been reviewing training at the Ogden Family History website and I was able to direct him to the FamilyTree Curriculum page. I still am overwhelmed, amazed and humbled that I was put in the correct place to help this young, soon to be mission president have the tools that he could use.

I know the Lord uses people willing to serve to help others. I am grateful for this small opportunity.

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness

The Random Acts program is back online and the Ogden FamilySearch library will have staff members assigned, as before, to provide the same services as before. The program provides volunteer services for persons who need or want help with research etc. in the Ogden area who live elsewhere in the world. We have taken pictures of tombstones of relatives, done some research in the city/county records offices etc. etc.