

FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER



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The Ogden FamilySearch Library Welcomes New Directors



Elder David and Sister Cindy Erickson have been called as Directors at our library and we look forward to working with them for many years to come.

On "Make My Day"

– Emil Hanson

"Make my day", was a famous line from Clint Eastwood's Dirty Harry movies. A more appropriate take from that series would be to make someone else's day. Mariska Hargitay said that; "Just smiling at someone walking down the street can make the person's day. It's all about paying it forward."

I remember a rather unique opportunity I had to make a person's day some years ago while I was the Dean of Student Administrative Services at Weber

State University. Graduation was one of my areas of responsibility. I well remember an occasion when a senior student near graduation was involved in a terrible accident. He was not expected to live very long and his parents called and asked if he could be given his degree before he passed away. The problem was that he hadn't finished his last term and those credit hours were necessary to meet all of the requirements for his graduation. I talked with his instructors and they were confident that the student had been progressing satisfactorily and would have successfully completed their courses had it not been for the accident.

I talked with the Academic Vice President about the situation and the parent's expressed desire. The request was taken to the President's Staff and then to the Institutional Council where they both approved issuing the diploma prior to the completion of the term. Where diplomas are usually all printed at once I had his diploma made up special. I informed his parents of the decision and set a time when they would be there when I presented the diploma to their son. At the appointed time I went to the hospital with his diploma in hand. He was lying in his hospital bed and was unable to take it in his hand, so while holding it in front of him, I called him by name and told him that in words similar to the following; "By the authority vested in me by the University, I hereby award you this Bachelor of Science Degree from Weber State University to." Tears were rolling down his cheeks and the cheeks of his parents as well. I would be lying if I were to deny that tears were running down my cheeks as well. He died a short while later. Making someone's day in that way is a once in a lifetime experience. But there are many ways to 'make someone's day'.

The easiest way to make someone's day and yours as well, is to follow Mariska Hargitay advice. Smile and say kind things, even to strangers. If you do know the person then what you say will be more personal you can actually say something nice about them and their family. My wife and I often eat lunch together in local

restaurants and wherever we have eaten, I have been making it a habit to tell the employee's how much I enjoyed the food and their service. It is amazing how they light up while someone is complimenting them. In many cases, I'm sure that I have 'made their day'.

While serving patrons at the FamilySearch Library In Ogden our staff have many occasion to make a person's day. We can 'make their day' by simply getting them registered in Family Tree. We can 'make their day' by helping them get connected to the next two or three generations in the system. We can 'make their day' by combining several records that have been confusing for them, by showing them how to use the hints or research options and thereby finding a few new ancestors or at least add a few verifying resources. We can 'make their day' by showing them how to print temple slips that are ready to be taken to the temple. It is truly a wonderful experience to 'make someone's day' at the Library. The most wonderful thing about 'making someone else's day' is that you are making your own at the same time. Not the way Harry did.

Find Your Ancestors Using Immigration and Naturalization Sources

– *Steve Anderson*

Ask anyone you know and chances are they can tell you about someone in their extended family line who has come to America from another country. The fact is, unless you come from 100% Native American descent, you have an ancestor who immigrated to America. America is a land of immigrants and it's those immigrants who give America its unique character.

Finding your ancestor is now much easier as a result of indexes that have been created to help find records of immigration and naturalization. Searching the following bold faced topics will bring up numerous record sources, indexes and instructional videos to help you find your immigrant ancestors.

U.S. Immigration - Before 1820 -Provides links and citations to indexes for records of immigrants who arrived in American before 1820, using the primary index, sources cited in the index, and additional sources on the Internet and elsewhere.

U.S. Immigration - After 1820 - Contains published lists of immigrants by nationality along with additional information for immigrants coming to America after 1820. Links to internet sites for passenger who came through New York, other U.S. ports and Canadian border crossings are also provided.

United States Naturalization -Explains how to use naturalization records. It explains the different data that was gathered before 1906 and how that information changed after 1906. It will point the way to find records in indexes, on the Internet, in the FamilySearch Catalog, as well as how to contact the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

United States Emigration and Immigration -Provides instructions on using emigration and immigration records. This site also provides valuable links to online indexes and instructional content.

Tracing Immigrant Origins -Introduces the principles, search strategies, and record types you can use to identify an immigrant ancestor's original hometown.

Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation -Find and honor your ancestors who arrived in the United States through Ellis Island, New York.

The Right to be forgotten?

There is a movement within the European Union to remove personal data from individual's records. The "Right to be Forgotten" issue raises a number of questions for historians and genealogists. While there might be some rational for the removal of potentially embarrassing items from a living individual's record the long term, historical value of such information remains an issue.

An internet search on the term "Right to be Forgotten" will bring up a number of links to documents and Wiki pages regarding the subject. Family History researchers should take time to review a few of the sites and become conversant with the subject. The need to decide for themselves if this is a good, bad or indifferent thing and if it will affect family history research in the future.

One alternate to removal is the approach taken by the LDS Church. All data concerning living individuals is blocked and only becomes available following their death.

BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy

– *The Ancestry Insider*, June 16, 2015

The Ancestry Insider is honored to be an official conference blogger for this year's conference on Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University. The conference is scheduled for July 28-31, 2015.

Topics scheduled for this year include:

- * ICAPGen Accreditation
- * Beginner Skills
- * Methodology
- * U.S./Canada Research
- * German Research
- * Online Research
- * Writing/Publishing Family History
- * FamilySearch
- * DNA Research
- * U.K Research
- * Military Records

For more information, visit the conference website: <http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen>.

Concurrent with this year's conference is a new youth camp – **myFamily History Youth Camp**. The camp is designed for young members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, age 14-18. The goal of the camp is that "each youth who attends this camp will leave with enough knowledge and ability in family history research to become a ward family history consultant, able to pass on his or her knowledge and excitement about family history work to other ward members, family and friends." The camp includes a joint dance with another popular BYU youth camp – **Especially for Youth**.

Attendees will attend the keynote sessions of the adult conference: Elder Gerald N. Lund of the Church, Robert Kehrer of FamilySearch, Lisa Louise Cooke of Genealogy Gems., and movie producer, T.C. Christensen. Participants will take several field trips, including one to the Salt Lake City Family History Library. The schedule includes plenty of hands-on lab time. Participants can stay on-campus or arrange for their own housing. For more information, visit

<http://ce.byu.edu/cw/myFamily>.

Historic Journals Site

Historic Journals is a website that you might find helpful if you have old journals or diaries that you would love to transcribe and preserve, but you just don't have the time to do it all yourself. Here is how this partner of FamilySearch describes itself:

"You've indexed census records for others, now collaborate with your relatives to index, tag, share, or archive your own family records for posterity. Share publicly, or privately with descendants." Also:

- * 15-generation chart, integrated map and research tools
- * Mormon Pioneer and Migration searches
- * Map ancestors all at once, one at a time, or as a time-lapse
- * Automatic OCR transcription of type-printed materials
- * Today in your family's history
- * Store important family video and audio recordings

Historic Journals sent out an e-mail at Easter identifying loops and problems in my family tree ancestors, which could be very helpful.

Reviews are generally very positive, for example: Travis Andelin wrote: Great site! It helps to easily correct and spot oddities with records in your family tree. Comes with a cool way of viewing your pedigree chart. A great interface for uploading, sharing, and annotating documents and other media for your ancestors. I highly recommend it!

Find this partner and others in the FamilySearch App Gallery or go to "hjournals.com".

Ogden FamilySearch Library Guest Speaker Series

Our guest speaker for July will be Michael Landon. He works at the Church History Library and will talk to us about the Mormon Migration - the Wagon Trains. If you have any ancestors who arrived in Utah the hard way (*ie.* walking), the presentation will be of special interest.

Michael's presentation will be July 18, 2015 at 10:00 am in room 12 at the Ogden FamilySearch Library, 539 24th Street, Ogden Utah.

Teach Yourself and Others: New Online Training Now Available

– Sylvie Pysnak, June 9, 2015

Several new classes have been added to the FamilySearch Learning Center. Go to the Family Search Learning Center for a full listing of the topics available. They cover a wide range of subjects, including:

FamilySearch

- Family Search Memories

England Research

- England Maps & Gazetteers

- England Non-conformist Church Records

Spain, Latin America, Mexico Research

- Hispanic Research Methodology: A Case Study

- El Árbol Familiar Para Principiantes

- Inscripción y el sitio de FindMyPast

- Los sitios de Ancestry y MyHeritage

- Cómo utilizar mejor el Wiki de FamilySearch

- Preguntas Frecuentes de FamilySearch

Korean Research (in Korean)

- Finding Hanja Characters

- Hojeok and Jejeok Records

- How to read Jokbo - Korean Clan Genealogy

- Introduction to Jokbo - Korean Clan Genealogy

Swedish Research

- Birth and Christening Records for Swedish Genealogy

- Reading Swedish Birth and Christening for period from 1803 to 1893

German Research

- German Research Series Using Genealogy.net

- Zu welchem Kirchspiel gehört der Ort meiner Vorfahren?

Various Research Content

- Using The Digitized Records of Various Polish State Archives

- How to Trace Hungarian Ancestors

- Exploring Census Records using the Digital Archives of Norway

- Swiss Research Basics

Visit the Family Search Learning center for a full listing of the topics available as well as links to the individual classes.

Extreme Genes, America's Family History Radio and NEHGS Announce New Broadcast Collaboration

– Dick Eastman, June 16, 2015
Salt Lake City UT and Boston MA

Extreme Genes, America's Family History Radio Show, and New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) today jointly issued an announcement of their collaboration and innovative sharing in the broadcast production of the very popular Extreme Genes program.

Extreme Genes Radio founder, producer, and host Scott Fisher announced that NEHGS Chief Genealogist David Allen Lambert will join Extreme Genes as a regular on the weekly program, co-hosting a segment simultaneously from Boston headquarters of NEHGS, the founding genealogical society in America. Lambert, a frequent guest on the program since it began in early 2014, is a frequent speaker and lecturer on the national genealogical conference circuit.

"We are extremely pleased to announce this new Extreme Genes collaboration and I am delighted to have David Allen Lambert join the team to deliver the best radio listening experience possible for passionate genealogists everywhere," stated Fisher. "David is a talented genealogist, historian, and commentator-and has the perfect style and fit for the future of our growing broadcasts," he added.

Extreme Genes, America's Family History Radio Show, is a broadcast and podcast radio production. The syndicated radio version currently reaches audiences in ten states, while the podcast is a weekly feature on The Mormon Channel, iHeartRadio, iTunes, Spreaker Radio and Podcast, Stitcher Radio, Tune-in Radio, and YouTube. A free Extreme Genes podcast app for Android and iPhone was recently released.

The podcast version of Episode #91 of Extreme Genes Radio, with the first appearance by David Allen Lambert as segment co-host, may be found beginning Tuesday, June 16, on the show's website at ExtremeGenes.com.

Free Webinar-Learn How to Find Your Danish Ancestors

– Yvonne Sorenson, June 11, 2015

Please join us this July for a special webinar research series on Danish genealogical research. The first class in our series will be held on 2 July 2015 at 7 pm (MT). This class will explore the occurrence of liturgical feast days (such as Easter) in the church records and how to easily and quickly determine the numerical date.

The second part of the series will be held on 18 July 2015 beginning at 9:15 am (MT). This will be a series of three consecutive classes that will introduce the beginner researcher to probate records, including a basic history, research strategy, how to access the records, and how to extract the genealogical information in the records. For more information about these classes and how to join via webinar visit our website

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Online_Webinars_from_the_International_and_Scandinavian_Research_Teams.

Welcome to the NEHGS Affiliate Program

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsHzaUlpIDQ&feature=youtu.be>

This is a link to a webinar intended to introduce AmericanAncestors.org (the New England Historic Genealogical Society), which is one of the new partners of FamilySearch, to new affiliate members who have signed up through FamilySearch.org. This webinar, first presented in June 2015, introduces the purpose, resources, and organization of this venerable institution and its web site.