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50th Anniversary of our FamilySearch Library

-- Elder and Sister Erickson

The Ogden FamilySearch Library turns 50 in 2016! A half century ago, on Sunday, July 24, 1966 at 2 pm, the remodeled Ogden Pioneer Tabernacle was dedicated as a Genealogical Library by Theodore M. Burton, assistant to the Council of Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

An open house commemorating the Library's 50th birthday is planned for this

coming summer. Details will be announced.

The official beginning of an Ogden genealogical library appears to have begun about March 1966 when 15 stake presidents with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Weber County area formed the Ogden Genealogical Society. They then applied to become a branch of the Genealogy Society of Utah, which was granted by the Salt Lake City organization.

Space for a library was needed. At the time the old Pioneer Tabernacle on Washington Boulevard was not being used, and permission was granted by the LDS Church to turn it into a library. Once the plans for a library were announced, money and book donations poured in. The LDS Church contributed \$15,000 and another \$35,000 was raised by the Weber County churches. Hundreds of book donations came in from many people and places. For example, the Carnegie Free Library contributed its entire genealogy section to the new library. Microfilm of many common records and 11 microfilm readers were acquired.

Volunteers were sought and trained, and when the library opened its doors on Tuesday, July 26, 1966, there were about 150 library missionaries giving time to library operations and training. The first library director, Harold Johnson, was designated Chief Librarian. Scott B. Price, president of the East Ogden Stake was selected as chairman of the library board.

Over the years the library has moved to it's present 24th street location and the name of the library has changed to the Ogden Regional Family History Center and then to the Ogden FamilySearch Library. You'll find a new sign on the front lawn today reflecting the name change. Stop by to take a class, work on your family history, or meet the friendly volunteers and Church Service missionaries.

On Memories and More Memories

-- Emil O. Hanson

Of our myriad memories there are sweet memories that bring a happy smile to our face even when there are no others around to share the moment. There are even some that cause us to laugh out loud. Among all our memories there are even some that are sad, the kind that sneak out of our eyes and slowly creep down our cheeks. There are even memories of loved one passed, those memories may flood our inner eye until they burst the dam of lid and lash, flooding our face with salty tears. Memories come from out of the blue, sparked

by a sound, a touch, a view of a person in our mind's eye, or merely a thought. It can be a feeling we had as a child, with our mother, or laughing with friends. Sometimes it's the thought of pet cuddling in the crook of our leg as we lay sleeping. Memories are life's experiences imprinted on our brains for life and for all eternity. Some have even thought that memories penetrate every cell, not just the memory bank of our minds. These memories are what should be compiled and together they can make up our personal histories. These printed memories shared with descendants represent our story, our life.

Interestingly, each of our memories may differ from that of others who were there; their memory of events may be different in the telling. Our memory is the one we will record. Our memories of some events have been burned into our brain in such a way as to qualify us as testifiers, some one way and some another.

Pleasant memories are what make us yearn for home, our parents, our friends while growing up, the main street of our home town, the excitement of driving our first car, the cherry cokes we drank at the local drive-in, and even our first thoughts of girls, or of boys. The memory of the sweat in the palms of our hands while we tried to work up the moxy to ask someone out for the first time. The memory of becoming engaged and planning a wedding. The memory of being pregnant and seeing our first child being born. The sad times and happy times of raising children; watching them learning to walk and to talk, to ride a bike and the times when they were going through a serious illness. Memories of education: moving from elementary school, junior high school, then graduating from high school and even from college.

Memories of camping trips, vacations on long car trips. Along with the frequent and expected question, "Are we there yet?" Most importantly, memories of family get-togethers, eating mother's food and playing basketball in the backyard court. Sleigh riding down the steep hills and over snow covered rock gardens in Grandpa's backyard. Watching as the oldest child and all those who came after, have their first dates; the memory of their rosey cheeks and the anticipation of puppy love. Memories of spiritual events: of mission calls - then waiting at the airport for their return. The memory of their coming home one night and announcing their plans to marry. The memory that brought back those feelings and emotions that caused our chest to swell - bursting with pride and excitement when the first grandchild was born.

There are even memories, faint memories of long, long ago when the Father of us all presented His Plan for our Progression, we were all together in that spiritual realm and in His very presence. The faint memory of our excitement and

our anticipation of getting to come to earth. The earth, a place He created by the Word of His Power, our elder brother, specifically designed for us to experience a physical creation in all its glory and beauty. His Plan was designed around family units and those who would follow that plan were assured of greater happiness and joy in this life and a promise of greater memories that would be shared in the next world, the world that the Father has prepared for those who love Him. In that world we will come to know those who preceded us, those whom we descended from. We would then share the collective memory of the ages. But, first we must build that family tree where we are all bound together in love, the love that only families experience in what the Father has called a 'fullness of joy'. A fullness of joy as represented by the collective memories of family.

Quarterly Guest Speaker Series

The Ogden FSL guest speaker series has been changed from a monthly to a quarterly event. The first speaker for the New Year will be Calvin R. Stephens. He will speak on the life and contribution of Zebedee Coltrin a Mormon Pioneer and general authority in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Stephens retired from teaching for the Church Educational System after 37 years, he lives in Morgan, Utah where he has resided all of his life. He and his wife Lynette are the parents of four children and nine grandchildren.

He will speak at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2016 in room 12 of OFSL located at 539 24th Street Ogden, UT. For questions or additional information please call the Library at 801-626-1132.

The Genealogical Data of Dutch Archives

-- Dick Eastman

The Dutch Archives are world leaders in making public information easily available online. I wish that all governments would do the same! The following was written by Bob Coret of The Hague, Netherlands:

The website Open Archives (<https://www.openarch.nl/?lang=en>) provides access to records (information and scans) of civil registry, church registry, military and personnel administrations kept by Dutch archives. Although the records are written in Dutch, the website itself is available in English, German and French,

which makes finding Dutch heritage much easier.

The Mountain West Digital Library -- A central search portal for digital collections about the Mountain West region.

-- James Tanner

This short explanation of the Mountain West Digital Library (<http://mwdl.org/>) is a good introduction to this relatively unknown resource among family historians.

We provide free access to over 960,000 resources from universities, colleges, public libraries, museums, historical societies, and government agencies, counties, and municipalities in Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Arizona, Montana, Hawaii, and other parts of the U.S. West.

However, you need to browse through the MWDL's extensive list of partners to appreciate the resources of this remarkable online record hub. As is the case with any library, you can only begin to appreciate the contents by browsing the shelves. In this case, a review of the digital collections will certainly stimulate your interest in the website.

For those who have ancestors who lived in the Mountain West, I suggest that this is a rich source of photographs and histories of the entire area. There are thousands of images that could be of major interest to you and your family.

Become an Indexing Hero

-- Stephen Felt

Family Search has a critical need for English speakers to index romantic language documents. These are documents written in Italian, Spanish, French, and Portuguese. English only speakers can learn to index these documents with great accuracy. The Ogden Family Search Library will offer training in how to do such indexing as follows.

Jan 14 & 28, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Italian & Spanish indexing training

Jan 12, Tuesday, 1:30, Italian indexing for non-Italian speakers

Jan 20, Wednesday, 1:30, Spanish indexing for non-Spanish speakers

Linda Poulter and Christina Bushman have been teaching the very type of training mentioned above. They have had great success training English speakers to index Italian documents. It is true! You do not have to speak Italian, Spanish, French, or Portuguese in order to index documents written in those languages. By attending classes like those mentioned above you can become a skilled romantic language indexer and you will be helping to fulfill FamilySearch's "The Greatest Need: Non-English Indexing." YOU will become an Indexing Hero.

Register for this training by calling 801-626-1132.

ATTENTION STAKE INDEXING DIRECTORS

Elder Cheney of FamilySearch has scheduled a meeting for Stake Indexing Directors at the Ogden FamilySearch Library, 539 24th Street, Ogden UT, on Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Huge Free Collection of Digitized Books Now Available on MyHeritage

-- Dick Eastman

This is a huge release. MyHeritage (the sponsor of this newsletter) has just released a collection of about 150,000 digital e-books, roughly 250 million pages, which are useful for genealogy research. The books are available as both images of the original pages plus as OCR (Optical Character Recognition) text. You can also print as many pages as you wish. Mac users and anyone using one of the later versions of Windows also can save them as PDF files by using PDF "printing" built into the operating system. MyHeritage will also automatically insert source citations directly into a person's record within your database on MyHeritage. You can see an example of a book about my surname at the end of this article.

The following is the announcement from MyHeritage: "We've just added an exciting new collection to MyHeritage SuperSearch™, containing over 37 million pages in 150,000 books relevant to family history!" [Search Compilation of Published Sources now](#)

The new collection includes tens of thousands of digitized historical books, with actual images of the books' pages, and all their text extracted using Optical Character Recognition. The books span the last four centuries and include family, local and military histories, city and county directories, school and

university yearbooks, church and congregational minutes and much more. A vast amount of rich data from diverse publications makes this collection a fantastic source of rare genealogical gems, providing insight into the lives of our ancestors and relatives.

More information available on -- [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#)

Dropbox Shutdown Foreshadows Cloud Storage Issues

-- James Tanner

News headlines announced, "**Failing To Find Users, Dropbox Will Shut Down Mailbox In February 2016 And Carousel In March.**" The gist of this announcement is in the first paragraph of the story.

Dropbox, the file hosting and cloud storage company with 400 million users, has been struggling to hold up its \$10 billion valuation in the face of scrutiny from investors and observers, and now it looks like the other shoe is dropping as the company streamlines its business. The company is shutting down Mailbox and Carousel, its email and photo apps. Sources tell us the plan will be to focus on its core product and developing other new productivity tools, such as its still-private collaboration application, 'Paper'.

The promotion of "Cloud" storage has expanded across the Internet with thousands of companies offering various levels of "free" storage that escalates into a paid "solution" for your backup needs. The idea is that the companies create storage capacity through owning or renting space in a server farm and then sell or rent that space at a profit in a way that is virtually similar to the age old practice of land subdivision and apartment rental.

Genealogists are caught up in storing their genealogy online in large and small "family tree hosting" programs. The larger online genealogical database companies rent storage space from even larger suppliers of storage such as the Amazon Cloud. As the users of the Dropbox services for mail and photos have recently learned, free or paid, such services can end with little or no notice.

If you happen to be using one of these services when they are discontinued, you might or might not see the announcements of the end of the service.

Genealogical services are not immune to the changes in commercial enterprises. Some time ago, Ancestry.com discontinued its online family tree program Mundia.

This type of issue illustrates the need for genealogists and anyone whose work is stored on electronic devices to use a variety of backup strategies. Right now, I use a bank of hard drives and I am in the process of transferring as much of my data as possible to the FamilySearch.org Family Tree. I also have an external hard drive that backs up my primary computer's hard drive about every half hour or so using Apple's Time Machine. I am seriously considering upgrading my hard drives to 8 Terabyte drives in the near future. I recently had my iMac's internal hard drive fail and restored all of my data from my Time Machine drive.

Recently, I have heard quite a few people comment on how they "back up everything to the Cloud" as if this were the ultimate solution to their backup issues. It is not. It is still necessary to be actively involved in transferring all your data on your computer to a place where it can be retrieved even if you stop paying to the online provider.

Ancestry.com Announces Retirement of Family Tree Maker

-- The Ancestry Insider

Each year I take December off. Each year without fail Ancestry.com or FamilySearch makes a major announcement that needs to be covered. It's like clockwork. I wonder if they do this because of the seasonal drop off in site usage.

Ancestry is discontinuing sales of its popular 'Family Tree Maker' desktop tree management software. Ancestry will discontinue sales at the end of the month (31 December 2015). It will continue to support the software for one year (31 December 2016). That includes the ability to synch your New Ancestry online tree with your Family Tree Maker offline tree. "You will be able to use the software, exactly as you do now, including TreeSync, for at least the next year," said Ancestry's Kendall Hulet.

Family Tree Maker will continue to function to some degree past that date. Ancestry is exploring the possibility of letting other desktop tree software integrate with Ancestry.com Member Trees. This has been a major strength that FamilySearch has had over Ancestry. Ancestry is not looking to sell off Family Tree Maker to another company. They are just letting it die. They are looking at adding report functionality to Member Trees. Users will lose substantial report capability with Ancestry's abandonment of Family Tree Maker.

The timing of the announcement is interesting. The days leading up to Christmas have the lowest usage rate of online genealogy websites. And the announcement was made just days before the shutdown of the Old Ancestry online tree user interface.

Share Tales from Your Family Tree in the New Memories Gallery - Enrich Your Family Tree with Stories in FamilySearch's Memories Gallery

-- Greg McMurdie



Searching for a better life, a pioneer family crosses windswept plains and snow-covered mountains to establish a homestead that will be settled by generations of descendants.

The Civil War over, a soldier walks hundreds of miles toward home. Sickness, exhaustion, and blistered feet beckon him to stop, but a memory of wife and child at the hearth drives him forward.

Defying conventional beliefs of the age, a young woman studies to earn her college degree. After graduation, pioneering work in the sciences puts to rest any notion her path was wayward.

In family history, it is stories about ancestors that illuminate their lives for us. Tales of bold action and achievement define a family legacy, setting the stage for our lives while inspiring us to feats of our own.

With FamilySearch's new Memories Gallery, collecting stories from your family tree is easier than ever - whether you are compiling tales of ancestors from long ago or chronicling living relatives.

At the beginning of our Anniversary Year the staff of the Ogden FamilySearch Library would like to extend their wishes for a **Happy New Year ! (and invite you to keep finding those relatives in the coming months)**



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