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You Too Can Help With Foreign Language Indexing

-- Elder David and Sister Cindy Erickson

Did you know that even if you don't speak the language, you can index Spanish and Italian records? By beginning with as little as an hour and a half of instruction, you can start indexing foreign language records.

Why does it matter? Because there is a huge backlog of foreign language records that need indexing. In January the Ogden FamilySearch Library started two new classes for indexing Italian and Spanish records for English speakers. The first class was Italian and the class was full.

The teachers were very helpful. At the first class, teacher Christina Bushman walked the participants through sample Italian records. She passed out a set of helpful translation tables and charts. By using the handouts you were

immediately able to start deciphering the records and extract the key information. If English speakers will help with the foreign language indexing it will open the doors to millions of records.

You are encouraged to attend the classes. The next beginning Italian indexing class will be February 9th at 1:30 pm. It will be taught by Christina Bushman. The next two beginning Spanish indexing classes coming up are: January 26th at 11:30 am, and February 23th at 11:30 am. Both Spanish classes will be taught by Bob Preece.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the classes to begin the fascinating path of foreign language indexing. If you can't make it, please pass this information along to a friend.

On "How Will You Be Remembered?"

-- Emil O. Hanson

I rather doubt very many people ever think about how they are going to be remembered by those they leave behind when they go beyond the 'Great Divide'. Some would say they don't care because they will be gone (dead) and it won't make any difference to them. Others may write their own obituary just to make sure that it is completely positive and flattering.

There is a story, we can't be sure if it is true or not, about a famous man who was given a chance to change how people remembered him. It goes like this; "A long, long time ago, a man looked at the morning newspaper and to his surprise and horror, read his name in the obituary column. The newspaper had reported the death of the wrong person by mistake. His first response was shock. When he regained his composure, his second thought was to find out what people had said about him. The obituary read, 'Dynamite King Dies' And also; 'He was the merchant of death.' This man was the inventor of dynamite and when he read those words he asked himself, 'Is this how I am going to be remembered?' He decided that this was not the way he wanted to be remembered. From that day on, he started working toward peace. His name was Alfred Nobel and he is remembered today by the great 'Nobel Peace Prize'." *Anon.*

There is another story, meant to be humorous, about a man who was remembered because of his many accomplishments; he was spoken of as a perfect man. This story is staged in a cemetery where a man, visiting his lately departed wife's grave, where he laid a bouquet of flowers. As he was leaving the

cemetery he noticed another man kneeling before a grave, obviously in great distress, weeping and wailing and repeating over and over, "Why did you have to die? Why did you have to die?" The man decided he needed to provide some comfort to the distressed man. He went over to him and asked if this was his dear wife who had recently passed. The man said, "No! It is my wife's first husband." He went on to say that this man was perfect in all respects.

He never had any flaws and everything he attempted to do was done perfectly. This poor grieving man could do nothing to please a spouse who constantly compared him with her first and perfect husband. The man may have been a perfect man in the eyes of his wife, but surely her memory was enhanced and exaggerated by his passing.

There is a poem written about the 'Dash', meaning the dash found between the birthdate on a headstone and the date of that person's death. The dash is portrayed as representative of the time between birth and death: the many things the person did, their accomplishments, who they knew and loved, etc. . . . That dash represents what we will be remembered for.

I remember reading about a woman whose husband recently died and he was an avid golfer. He left his widow very little in terms of money and belongings. When she called the newspaper about his obituary they explained that it would cost 50 cents a word with five being the minimum number of words. She thought long and hard about how to say what she wanted to say within the limitations given by the newspaper. Finally, she said: Just write, "Bill died, clubs for sale." I'm pretty sure most people would like to be remembered for more than that. Even with those five simple words there would be some who would recognize him, right away.

As we work with our ancestors in family history, we need to think about them and what they may have contributed to our lives. A few years ago I wrote histories of both my mother and father. Because I left home when I was 18, never to live near them again, my writing their histories was an excellent exercise as it made them alive in my heart and mind once again. I rather doubt that many people ever think about how they are going to be remembered by those they leave behind. I wonder if that idea (how we may be remembered) were on each of our minds, as we go through life, would it make any difference in the way we spend our Dash? It would be a wonderful thing if everyone's dash were full of happy and loving memories. This thought was written for those of us still working on our (-) dash.

-- Shelley Felt

Warm up your February with a class here at the library or online in so many places (see below). RootsTech is happening at the Salt Palace Feb 4-6th with free online streaming of selected sessions. You will find that learning about your ancestors, their lives and times, is a healing and enlivening endeavor.

Check out these sites: <http://ogdenfsl.org/classes/#menu> The Ogden FamilySearch Library offers classes, days and evenings, from beginning computers to researching in England; from classes about various family history software programs to scanning and book binding. Check us out.

The Rootstech site, <http://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng> will have links for streaming on the conference days.

Other helpful sites:

[The Family History Guide](#) - Probably one of the best places to start.

[BYU Family History Library YouTube Channel](#) - Over 100 instructional videos.

[National Genealogical Society Educational Courses](#) - There is a discount to members.

[FamilyHistoryExpos](#) - Classes, webinars, books, videos and class handouts available.

[Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#) - free and paid.

[Genealogy Gems](#) -- Lisa Louise Cooke has a huge selection of books and podcasts

[GeneaWebinars](#) -- Past and future webinars on genealogy.

[Ancestry.com](#) - Learning Center.

[FamilySearch.org](#) - Learning Center with hundreds of video classes and the Help Center with answers.

[Family History Library webinars](#) - The Library has regularly scheduled free webinars.

[The British National Archives](#) -- Instruction in family history.

[YouTube.com](#) -- just search for genealogy and other topics, there are thousands of videos.

RootsTech 2016 will be February 3-6 in Salt Lake City

-- Jay Sparks

RootsTech, the largest family history conference in the world, announced additional musical guests and keynote speakers who will join its inspiring all-star lineup.

Nationally renowned musicians the Crescent Super Band and Ryan Innes will

partner for an exclusive performance during the opening social event on Thursday, February 4.

The session of RootsTech on Friday, February 5, will feature award-winning radio producer and founder of StoryCorps, David Isay, while the session on Saturday,

February 6, will feature Michael Leavitt, who served in the Cabinet of President George W. Bush. Concluding the conference on February 6 will be the musical group The Lower Lights.

From Findmypast

-- Niall Cullen

Our Irish newspaper collection has been recently updated with over 819,000 new articles including 5 new titles. A further 8 existing newspaper have had additional articles and year coverage added.

The new additions include Dublin Intelligence which now becomes the oldest paper in the collection, dating all the way back to 1708.

Explore Irish newspapers now The 8 publications that have been updated with extra articles include substantial additions to Dublin Daily Express (151,525), Dublin Weekly Nation (138,935) and Weekly Freeman's Journal (120,510). The Irish newspaper collection now stands at over 13.3 million fully searchable articles and covers over 240 years of Ireland's history (1708-1950). Use this treasure trove to discover if your ancestors were making headlines or what was happening in your family's locality hundreds of years ago.

Here's a list of the 5 new titles to join the collection and the years they cover as of 2 December 2015:

Dublin Intelligence - 1708, 1711

Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette - 1861, 1866

Londonderry Sentinel - 1851 - 1852

Penny Despatch and Irish Weekly Newspaper - 1861 - 1867

Warder and Dublin Weekly Mail - 1832, 1834 - 1844, 1864 - 1866, 1871

We add to our historical Irish newspapers regularly so it's well worth checking back from time to time to see if a title from your ancestor's homestead has been included.

Ogden FSL On-line Class Registration

-- Stephen Felt

On-line registration for Ogden FamilySearch Library classes begins 1 February 2016. Yep, you will be able use your own computer to sign-up for classes. It's easy! Follow these simple steps:

1. Go to ogdenfsl.org
2. Click on "CLASSES" and scroll down to a class that you might like to take. If you would like to look for a particular group of classes such as computers or Family Tree, under options click "Course any v" select a category of classes and view the options.
3. Click on the "Info" button for a class description that includes level, sessions, fees, prerequisites.
4. Click on "BOOK" and fill in the requested information and you have registered for the class.

Simple, right? Get this, you will be sent an e-mail confirmation of registration and you will receive an e-mail reminder when the start date is close. These messages come for "BookEo"; therefore, you may have to look in your spam messages.

So, you would rather just call the Library (801-626-1132) or visit us in person to book a class. Go ahead we'll help you. See you in class.

'Findmypast' and Sister Site 'Mocavo' Come Together

-- Dick Eastman

Today's announcement strikes me as an excellent marriage. Formerly known as DC Thomson Family History, Findmypast is a British-owned provider of more than a billion records of interest to genealogists. The company has 18 million registered users across its family of online brands, which includes Lives of the First World War, The British Newspaper Archive and Genes Reunited, amongst others. Mocavo is a web site that provides the most effective genealogy search engine available today. It works in a similar fashion as other search engines (Google, Yahoo, Bing, and others) with the exception that Mocavo indexes only genealogy web sites and does so with extra software tools not available in the other search engines. As a result, it is very effective at finding historical information about people.

Family Loses Centuries of Personal History in

Robbery of a Special Book

-- Dick Eastman (30 December 2015)

A Fresno, California, family lost one of their most prized possessions after someone burglarized their home. Amongst other items, the thieves stole a handmade leather bound genealogy book that contains the family's genealogy dating back to the 13th century. You can read the sad story and watch a video in the YourCentralValley web site at <http://goo.gl/ObQi2q>.

Question: If you have a one-of-a-kind genealogy book or any other valuable family possessions, have you made multiple photocopies or scanned and made multiple digital copies and then stored the copies in different locations?

In this New Years' week, it is appropriate to make new resolutions. Perhaps this year's resolution is to make copies of your most valuable books, papers, and anything else that can be scanned or photocopied. Then store the copies someplace other than in your home.

Is There a Problem with Adding Multiple Copies of the Same Document as Sources?

-- James Tanner

The answer to the question posed in the title of this post is a definite no! In fact, there is no problem here at all. From time to time and more frequently lately, usually in the context of adding sources to the FamilySearch.org Family Tree, I get a question about adding the same or very similar record or document as a source usually from Ancestry.com. This situation arises because either the record hints from FamilySearch.org or the record hints from Ancestry.com suggest a record or a document that appears to be a duplicate of one that is already listed as a "source" for a particular individual. There is a segment of the genealogical community that is disturbed by this "duplication."

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FamilySearch has cautioned us that when duplicate record hints are suggested, we should attach all of the hints, even the duplicates. This is because we are telling the program that the search made is correct. If you want to later detach those extra sources, that is fine, but if you ignore or mark the source as "not a match" then you are running the risk of telling the computer that the search was wrong and so you will not get any more suggested hints. For the same reason, you should be attaching all the suggested record hints in all the programs, because this indicates to the programs that the search is correct and then the program can find even more hints. Let's stop being aggravated because we have

more record hints than we can process. Let's think of all the advantages that condition affords us.

Ogden FamilySearch Library Facebook Page

-- Sam Jorgensen

Check it out! The Library's Facebook page is up and running. Look it over and watch for new articles and posts. The address is "Ogden FamilySearch Library". Have fun and have a lovely St. Valentines month.

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