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50th Anniversary of the Ogden FamilySearch Library

- Elder and Sister Erickson

The Ogden FamilySearch Library turns 50 years old this summer. To celebrate, everyone is invited to attend a family history discovery week at the Library July 11 through the 16th.

The Library officially began July 24, 1966. On that day Theodore M. Burton, a vice president of the Utah Genealogical Society, dedicated space in the old Pioneer Tabernacle for the Ogden Branch of the Utah Genealogical Society.

That site was short-lived. The Pioneer Tabernacle was dismantled in 1971 when The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints built the Ogden Temple next to it. The Library then moved to temporary quarters in the newer tabernacle on the same block until the current facility at 529 24th Street in Ogden was finished in 1977.

To celebrate our 50th anniversary, we plan on hosting a week-long family discovery week, complete with refreshments. There will be hands-on activities for all ages, such help for how to find your ancestors, discovering famous people you're related to, finding

what your name means, and a coloring station for children.

We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends this summer at our family discovery week.

Directors Corner

- *Elder and Sister Erickson*

Do you Like Facebook? We invite you to check out our Facebook site. It's fairly new, and you'll see helpful information added nearly every day. Even if you're not a Facebook user, you can still see the pages.

How do you find it? Search for "Ogden FamilySearch Library". We're the site with five stars. Scroll down and you'll see fun and interesting tips and hints packed with useful information.

Here are some of the recent posts:

- Learn how to turn your family tree into art you can frame. Create, view and share your family tree in a fun way with a printable family keepsake you'll cherish. By connecting with Family Tree you can have your family displayed in an art quality display for framing.
- Find traditional nicknames in old documents.
- Learn about the new innovation that allows you to track your family's health history.
- See simple ways to merge duplicate records in FamilySearch.
- Find how to share living family trees between family members in a way that doesn't duplicate living people.
- Discover at least eight features of FamilySearch you're probably not using, such as books, maps, the research wiki, the tutorial videos, and online webinars.

Finally, did you know there are over 600 helpful videos on FamilySearch? To find them, click on the "Get Help" button on the top right corner of the familysearch.org screen, and then look for the Learning Center link. There you'll find over 600 videos full of valuable and helpful instruction. The videos cover the how-tos of researching in many countries and other general topics. They're online and they are free.

We hope you'll like what you see on our new Ogden FamilySearch Library Facebook page.

On "Looking Up"

- *Emil O. Hanson*

During a church meeting recently the teacher asked one of our class members to describe for the class how he had learned to pray. He said that his mother had taught him when he was very young. He went on to say that she explained to him that prayer was a two way conversation between him and his Heavenly Father. Listening for an answer is just as important as expressing concerns and needs, etc. Sometimes we do not get an immediate reply but it comes as a 'call back', coming later. I thought how true that was and how often I have left my knees without an answer but sometime later, having a stream of inspiration or enlightenment come to me, my prayer was answered .

The instructor then said that he would like to hear from a convert who had not been raised in the LDS Church but who had joined later, as an adult. He turned to me, having known me to be such a one, and asked me how I had learned to pray? I had been listening to the other person explain how his mother had taught him to pray and was caught off-guard, so to speak. I could not remember ever being taught to pray. I had no tender story to tell about a loving parent who tutored me (though I had loving parents).

As I quickly ran prayer through my mind I realized that though I had never been taught to pray, I prayed, but my prayers had always been personal and direct to my Father. My first response was that, 'I think that prayer is natural'. Prayer can be taught but I believe it is not a thing needing to be taught. Prayer is more a yearning. So that when a person becomes aware of and realizes his relationship with his Heavenly Father he yearns to speak to Him.

When a person comes to know that they are one of the Father's sons or daughters, whose turn it is to experience earth for their training period, they will want relationship with Him. Much like a newborn opening his eyes for the first time, who is able to focus on his mother's face, he begins to realize that that face is the source of nurturing. At some point, in our maturation of life, we are drawn to essentially reopen our eyes and once again realize that there is another nurturing and loving person that we are dependent on. When we realize that He is there for us that is when we look up for the first-time. Knowledge of the Father is what makes us realize there is purpose in life and that our life is associated with an important and personal mission. If Heavenly Father sent me to experience earth, to grow and mature then He must also care about how well I am doing with my assignment. The scriptures are our textbook and prophet and leaders are the teachers that guide us.

Even with all the help provided, the Father has promised that we can also consult with Him, anytime. We are provided with whatsoever is needful, from birth to death, if we have faith and understanding of our purpose. So, yes! For me prayer was natural, and still is whenever I feel a need, a yearning or even desperation. I look to my Father for comfort and even for answers.

While still in class I thought about my response, and added, that for me a "looking up" prayer is always the more sincere and emotional way for me to talk with my Father. Kneeling beside our bed before sleep is a checking in type of prayer; heads are down buried often in our folded hands, expressing gratitude for the blessings of the day and the safety that has brought back to this occasion to speak to Him.

But when I am overwhelmed, in times of joy or mourning, or even just worldly pressure, I find that my head always turns upward. My prayers of sincerest gratitude, and those in times of greatest stress and strain, are the times when I am 'looking up'. These are the prayers when I know that my Father is listening. He is there for me and He is there for anyone of His children who are at any given moment feeling the stress of our training and are now seeking comfort and support in order to carry on.

Introducing Record Detective™ II

- MyHeritage

MyHeritage is thrilled to announce the release of Record Detective™ II, a powerful technology that advances your family history research further than ever before. It was almost three years ago, when we announced the launch of Record Detective™, a technology that generates new leads and discoveries. With the Record Detective™, records found in MyHeritage SuperSearch™ automatically point to additional records and family tree profiles relating to the same person.

The power of transitivity, and its limitation -- Previously, Record Detective™ used transitivity: if record A was matched by person B in a family tree, and person B matched person C in another family tree, and person C matched record D, then records A and D were considered matches and the Record Detective™ pointed from each one of them to the other. This allowed magical discoveries, for example, a birth record could point at a newspaper article about the wedding of the same person! This simulates advanced deductions that previously only a human genealogist could make, as the birth record doesn't even name the person that our protagonist would eventually marry. However, this power came with a limitation: the Record Detective™ was only able to find information when there was at least one family tree profile on MyHeritage matching the record, and the existence of such a profile on MyHeritage isn't guaranteed: about half the historical records on MyHeritage do not have a matching family tree profile yet.

Challenging the Detective -- This limitation bothered our engineering team, and they set out to improve the technology. The next generation of this technology was supposed to be so good, that it would "seriously challenge the greatest Detective of all time", and thus the project was fondly nicknamed "Professor Moriarty" by our team. The new generation of the technology released now, Record Detective™ II, overcomes the transitivity limitation and on top of all the matches it was able to provide before, it adds also direct record-to-record matches, even for records that have no matching family tree profiles on MyHeritage.

More matches -- The result is Sherlock Holmes on steroids: a much greater number of matching documents for each record. This powerful new technology has yielded a staggering number of 2.2 additional billion matches. Record Detective™ II provides new information and clues to take your family history research to newer heights. It does all this without sacrificing accuracy.

For further information and examples go to:

<http://blog.myheritage.com/2016/02/introducing-record-detective-ii/>

Irish Records

- Shelley Felt

Both FindMyPast and Ancestry have recently added many more Irish Catholic records. If you are researching in this challenging (but rewarding!) country, take time to check out these new records and document your family trees.

Fascinating Temple Website

- Charlie Schmalz

Did you ever wonder when the Vernal UT Temple dedicated (1997)? How far the new

Meridian ID Temple is from the Boise ID Temple (8.8 miles)? The number of stakes in the Cardston AB Temple District (14)? This information and much, much more is available on a fascinating web site: ldschurchtemples.com .

As the disclaimer states it is not an official LDS Church site. Rather is it "a labor of love" constructed and maintained by Pocatello native Rick Satterfield. In it Rick has collected a massive amount of information pertaining to LDS Temples. It includes all of the 150 currently operating temples (counting Provo City Center) as well as those currently announced or under construction.

Each temple has a page with links to that temple's operating schedule, the stakes in the temple district, driving directions, extensive photographic image galleries, news archives, the dedicatory prayer, and a listing of past and current temple presidents. There is also a summary of the temple's history and facts.

In addition there is a fascinating collection of temple statistics including number of ordinance and sealing rooms as well as the size of each temple. Reading it one learns that Salt Lake is the largest temple at 253,000 sqft and Colonia Juarez the smallest at 6,800 sqft. St George has the most sealing rooms (18) and the four temples with 6 ordinance rooms each are Jordan River, Ogden, Provo, and Washington DC.

Take a minute and visit the site, explore the information about your favorite temples and view the construction photos of the Cedar City temple.

An Important Date to Mark on Your Calendar

- Frank and Joyce Decaria

The new planning committee for the 2016 "Of Roots and Branches" Family History Conference, again to be held at Weber State University, has been convened under the leadership of Elder Marlin Jensen. The ball is now rolling towards September 10th, so flip your wall calendar, desk calendar, cell phone calendar, laptop calendar, or the yellow sticky-note calendar you are creating bit by bit on the side of your refrigerator to September and highlight the 10th in a bright florescent color.

Do it now so the date remains open because you do not want to miss this year's conference. Unless you are already committed to a true once-in-a-life-time trip--like to Mars!--you will be glad you saved this date for the conference. It will be bigger and better than ever! Just ask one of the 800-plus people who attended last year's conference how much they enjoyed that outstanding learning experience.

This year's conference will present great opportunities for everyone of every age group and every level of knowledge to learn and grow in genealogical endeavors. From the keynote addresses to the final presentations, everyone will go home with wonderful ideas and hands-on knowledge about how to find their ancestors. That knowledge will include ways to find information on the internet and how to preserve and share that information in creative and permanent ways.

P.S. Look for next month's article about the keynote speakers (Gene and Shantal Sessions) chosen for the 2016 "Of Roots and Branches" Family History Conference at WSU.

Summer Time, Summer Time, Sum-sum-summer Time

- Stephen Felt

Family History Activities

Children's groups (ages 8-11) may reserve a two hour fun-filled adventure at the Ogden Family Search Library (539-24th Street) between June 6 and August 13, 2016. Each child will receive a booklet containing a family history treasure map that leads them to five discovery centers. Once they complete a center's activity they will be given a sticker. The discovery centers include an ancestor games area, computer search of the meaning of last names, a visit to a make-believe cemetery, interviewing grandparents, and an interactive sharing time.

Youth and adult groups may register to participate in one of the following workshops: 1. Beginning with me - Building a Bridge to Your Ancestors, 2. Adding Memories - photos, stories, and documents to your tree, 3. Finding Family Ties through Research, 4. Properly Preparing Names for the Temple, or 5. Indexing Records - The Basics.

Reservations may be made by calling 801-626-1132.

Use CloudConvert to Convert File Formats

- Dick Eastman

Cloud-Convert is a web site you probably should bookmark: cloudconvert.com. You probably won't need to use it often but when you do have a need it can be a lifesaver. Best of all, it is a free service if you only want to convert a few files. However, if you want to convert dozens of files, there is a modest charge.

CloudConvert converts almost any file from one format to almost any other format. It recognizes files in more than 200 different formats, and connects with Box, Dropbox, Google Drive, and OneDrive. I find it useful for converting PNG images into JPG format. It also can turn a PDF file into a DOCX file, which you may open in Microsoft Word, LibreOffice, or Google Docs. It also can convert Macintosh Keynote presentation files into PowerPoint PPTX files. In fact, CloudConvert can convert about 200 different file formats into other file formats. I find that CloudConvert does an excellent job of converting PDF files into editable .DOC or .DOCX files as its translation seems to be very accurate.

CloudConvert also allows you to extract audio from a video file. For example, I selected a .MOV file and converted it to .MP3 format. That gave me an audio-only .MP3 file. It also converts .MOV video files into .MP4 video files as well. Did you download a video from the web, only to find it doesn't display in your computer's video player? CloudConvert probably can fix the problem for you.

CloudConvert is a cloud-based application. That is, the program runs from a web site. There is no software to install in your computer. It works equally well on Windows, Macintosh, Linux, Chromebooks, and even on mobile devices running Android or Apple iOS (iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch).

For occasional use, CloudConvert doesn't charge. If you convert files smaller than 1 gigabyte, fewer than five files at a time, and use less than 25 minutes of file conversion time a day, CloudConvert's services are free of charge. For high volume users, CloudConvert does charge fees as described at <https://cloudconvert.com/pricing>. I suspect most in-home users will never encounter a need for fees.

CloudConvert is one of those useful web tools that you may not need immediately. But, the next time you say, "I can't open this file...," give it a try. CloudConvert may be able to convert that file you can't use into one you can. CloudConvert is available at cloudconvert.com.

OFSL Quarterly Speaker Series

- Elder Erickson

Nancy Goldberg Hilton will be speaking at the Ogden FamilySearch Library on April 16, 2016 at 10 am. Nancy, who was born and raised Jewish, compiled a list of over 4500 Jewish records at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. This huge database was then donated by the Church to the International Jewish Genealogy Society and is currently available on their web site.

Nancy is the author of "My Miracle from God", which details her conversion to believing in God and his son, Jesus Christ. Her book also describes LDS doctrines which she feels fulfill her ancient Judaism. Her latest book, "God's Wake-up Call," is a collection of short stories with morals, like modern parables.

She is married to Lynn M. Hilton, a former Brigham Young University professor, and author of "The Lehi Trail in Arabia" and "The Kolob Theorem." Lynn and Nancy are now serving their tenth senior mission together in the Church History Archives. Four of their missions were in Family History. In 2005 they were the directors of the Family History Center in Athens, Greece.

Join us at the OFSL located at 539 24th Street Ogden, UT on April 16 at 10 am in room 12 to hear Nancy Goldberg Hilton. For questions or additional information please call the Library at 801-626-1132.

MyHeritage Adds More Than 5 Million Dutch Records to SuperSearch™

- Dick Eastman

The following is an extract from an article in the MyHeritage Blog:

"We have just added over 5 million Dutch records to MyHeritage SuperSearch™, including Birth, Marriage and Death records from the Rotterdam City Archives. Hailing from the Dutch province of South Holland, this collection represents an extremely valuable part of Rotterdam heritage from the early 19th century and on.

The three collections included are:

Rotterdam, Netherlands, Death Index, 1811-1960 - Records typically include names, death dates, death places, spouse's names, parents' names, marital status, and birthplaces.

Rotterdam, Netherlands, Birth Index, 1811-1913 - Records typically include child's name, parents' names, and child's birth date and place.

Rotterdam, Netherlands, Marriage Index, 1811-1935 - Records typically include names, ages, birthplaces, and parents of bride and groom, and marriage date and place.

The new records cover an interesting time period in the history of Rotterdam. The second half of the 19th century was a time of great change in the city as it grew and developed into the large city it is today. A major factor for its rapid growth was the opening of the Nieuwe Waterweg or New Waterway. Built between 1866 and 1872, it connected Rotterdam port with the sea, making the city accessible to seafaring vessels. The growth had a network effect on the city; once rapid growth began, many more ports were built, and the job market expanded tremendously. Workers came from all over the world to work and live in Rotterdam.

Indexing Directors Meeting

- *Stephen Felt*

A Stake Indexing Directors meeting will be held at the Ogden FamilySearch Library (539 24th Street, Ogden, UT) Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. All Stake Indexing Directors in the surrounding area should plan to attend. Church Indexing leaders will conduct the meeting. There will be new insights given plus much discussion and sharing of ideas.

Don't miss out. Mark your calendar for this important event -- **April 27, 2016.**

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