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DIRECTORS CORNER

Printing Temple Cards at Home

– Elder and Sister Erickson

Taking names to the temple for ordinance work just got easier. As many of you have discovered, you can now print your own family ordinance cards using any printer, whether at home, in a meetinghouse or at a family history center or library.

This change means that you no longer need to print out a separate Family Ordinance Request (FOR) or have ordinance cards printed for you at the temple or the Ogden FamilySearch Library. However, cards that have been printed at the temple or the Library on colored paper will still be accepted at the temple.

If you are printing your own cards, take care to make sure you don't reduce the size of the card when you print it. It needs to be a specific size so a bar code reader can read your card. We've noticed cards may print too small if your printer option for "Size to Fit" is checked. Uncheck that option so cards will print full size. Also, be careful when you are cutting the cards. Don't cut off any part of the bar code.

If you do not have access to a printer, there is another option. On the temple page in FamilySearch.org, instead of printing the ordinance cards, simply write down the 16 digit number that it gives you. Take that number to the temple or the Library and they can print your cards for you.

Once again, family history work has gotten easier.

On "Israel"

– Emil O. Hanson

Israel, in the Hebrew language, literally means, "Champion of God" (*From the Book, 'Wisdom of Israel'*). That was the name given to Jacob when he 'prevailed with God' at Penuel in the wilderness. Jacob (Israel) was the son of the great Abraham, and he had twelve sons who eventually became known as the 'twelve tribes of Israel'. They were promised the land, known then, as Canaan where they lived for centuries...

During Old and New Testament times there are references to things that early Israelites considered to be 'Unclean'. In Old Testament times it primarily had to do with the processing of food and various health related issues, while in New Testament times it also had to do with a person's heritage. Both the people of Samara and those who were not descended from the tribes of Israel were referred to as Gentiles, and considered to be unclean. Israelites had a great deal of pride in their heritage. They were "God's children". In Old Testament times the Great Jehovah led them and protected them when they were righteous and punished them when disobedient. He spoke to their prophets and led them to the Promised Land.

We have inherited many good and even great things from them, for example, they gave us the Holy Bible, the most widely distributed, read and quoted book in the history of mankind. Their greatest gift to us was the Savior, Jesus Christ, Himself, for he descended from Israel's son, Judah. They rejected Him and because of that and certain of their customs they, too, have been a rejected people wherever they are. Members of the tribes of Israel, in our day, are referred to as Jews or Jewish. In a few nations they have been severely persecuted (Nazi Germany) for example, and almost annihilated. In many parts of the world, even today, they are avoided and boycotted. Even so! Is there a reason that someone, in our day, would want to be known as an Israelite?

I can think of one very important reason. That reason is because of that historic and prophetic blessing given to Abraham by God Himself and passed on to Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. It is the greatest blessing ever pronounced on man by God, a blessing that you and I can qualify for and become partakers of. But it will mean nothing to us unless we first understand it. In section 2 of the Doctrine and Covenants, the Angel Moroni declared: "Behold, I will reveal unto you the Priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers. If it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted at his coming."

Elijah did come shortly thereafter and he did restore the Priesthood but, for some reason, he has had difficulty in planting those promises (blessings) made to Abraham into our hearts, the hearts of his children.

The blessing included the following promises:

1. His posterity would be numerous.
2. His seed, or descendants, would receive the gospel and bear the priesthood.
3. Through the ministry of his seed, "all the families of the earth [would] be blessed, even

with the blessings of the Gospel, which are the blessings of salvation, even of life eternal".
 4. As many as receive this Gospel shall be called after thy name, and shall be accounted thy seed, and shall rise up and bless thee, as their father. (*see Genesis 17:5-6; Abraham 2:9; 3:14, 2:10, 11*). That blessing is later referred to in (*Malachi 4:6*) and more clearly in (*D&C 2*) stating that Elijah will "... plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers. If it were not so the whole earth would be wasted at his coming."

Those important promises have been planted in many hearts and are beginning to sprout throughout the church and around the world. As a result the hearts of our children are beginning to turn to their fathers through family history and Temple ordinance work. If you have received the Gospel you are an Israelite for: "As many as receive this Gospel shall be called after thy name, and shall be accounted thy seed." That is the name of 'Israel'. Why might you want to have that name? Because the work and the glory of the Father is, "... to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." (*Moses 1:39*) The fulfillment of that promise was assigned to none other than Israel, "Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified." (*Isaiah 49:3*) The Father added; "I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my Salvation unto the end of the earth." (*Isaiah 49:6*) If you have received this gospel you are an 'Israelite', the seed of Abraham, and God has called you to the work. The field is white already to harvest. Remember: faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single to the Glory of God, qualify us for the work. (*D&C 4*) Let us all roll up our sleeves.

To New Subscribers

-- Charlie Schmalz

If you have subscribed to the Ogden Library Newsletter but are not receiving it on your computer around the 20th of each month this message is for you. This is a bit like the old joke "will all those not here please raise their hand" but it's the best way to get a message out. Maybe you picked this copy up at the library or one of your friends forwards copies to you. Alternately, if you have a friend who is having trouble receiving the newsletter pass this information on to them.

Many email providers have filters that reject or redirect incoming messages from bulk mailers, instead sending them to a "spam" file. The newsletter uses a bulk mailer (we send to nearly 2500 addresses) and we fear some of our subscribers are not seeing their copy in the regular email file. So if you are not receiving the newsletter in your email check your spam file to see if your copy is there. You may also need to tell your email system to accept messages from clschmalz@gmail.com.

Book Matching Technology from MyHeritage Revolutionizes Genealogical Research

-- Genealogy's Star Blog

As I have noted many times in the past, genealogical researchers have a tendency to ignore printed books. Every time I bring up the subject of books in a class the participants act as if I were an undiscovered world. Now, MyHeritage.com is solving the problem of researching books. Their newly introduced, exclusive Book Matching technology automatically finds matches for people in your family tree in their vast collection of almost 450,000 digitized

historical books. It uses full semantic text analysis to compare books with family trees, bringing the researcher relevant excerpts when it finds narrative describing people in a MyHeritage family tree, with extremely high accuracy. I wrote about the first, test, introduction of this amazing technology a short time ago, but now there is a significant expansion. Here is the press release which explains the entire process. MyHeritage Releases Exclusive Book Matching Technology for Family History MyHeritage users to automatically receive relevant excerpts from digitized books that reveal information about their ancestors and relatives

TEL AVIV, Israel & LEHI, Utah, April 7, 2016 - MyHeritage, the fastest-growing destination for discovering, preserving and sharing family history, has launched today a revolutionary addition to its suite of technologies: Book Matching. This innovation automatically researches users' family trees in historical books with high precision.

In April 2012 MyHeritage launched SuperSearch™, a search engine for historical records, which has since then grown to include 6.6 billion historical records, including birth, marriage, death and census records. By implementing its vision of enhancing genealogy with technology, MyHeritage then developed a line of unique and sophisticated technologies that automatically match the records from the search engine to the 32 million family trees uploaded by its users.

In December 2015, MyHeritage expanded its data collections to include digitized historical books, with an initial corpus of 150,000 books of high genealogical value. This collection was tripled last week to 450,000 books with 91 million pages. With a team of more than 50 dedicated curators, MyHeritage aims to add hundreds of millions of pages of digitized books to the collection each year.

As of today, MyHeritage users will receive matches between profiles in their family trees and the books from this collection. The Book Matching technology analyzes the book texts semantically, understanding complex narrative that describes people, and matches it to the 2 billion individuals in MyHeritage family trees with extremely high accuracy. This breakthrough technology is the first of its kind, and is exclusive to MyHeritage. Book Matching has produced more than 80 million matches, and this number will continue to grow as the collection grows and as the family trees on MyHeritage continue to expand. Book Matching is currently available for English books, and the technology is being enhanced to cover additional languages. In addition, de-duplication technology is being added in the next few weeks to remove duplicate books that have been scanned and OCREad more than once by different sources.

"No one has ever done this before," said MyHeritage Chief Technology Officer, Sagi Bashari. "Our Book Matching technology reads hundreds of thousands of books for you, every hour, comparing them to your family tree and pointing you to relevant excerpts about your ancestors with almost no false positives. MyHeritage is the first to offer full semantic text analysis in this way, and the genealogical breakthroughs speak for themselves. You will be amazed at the value of books for your research."

"I've personally seen what this new technology can do, using my own family tree," said blogger and lifelong genealogist Leland Meitzler. "It found well over 500 books with information on my family, most of which I'd never seen before. All kinds of ancestors and relatives can now be added to my tree! To say that this new search technology changes

everything would be an overstatement, but not by much."

Genealogist James Tanner said: "This advanced technology from MyHeritage opens up a whole new world of research possibilities that were almost completely unavailable in the past. I have always valued the content of the older genealogy books because the people who wrote them were contemporaries with my ancestors. Being able to search these books on a large scale will change the way most of us have been doing genealogy and our attitude towards the books that have been there all along but were not searchable."

Dick Eastman, of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, summed up MyHeritage's latest innovation: "MyHeritage Book Matching is like having a huge library at your fingertips, with a twist; there is a magical librarian who tells you exactly which books have information about your ancestors."

Book Matches are available at www.myheritage.com and are generated automatically for any family tree built on the website or imported into it. A Data subscription is required to view Book Matches.

GENUKI is 21 Years Old and is Making Major Changes

– Dick Eastman

[The following was written by the folks at the UK & Ireland Genealogical Information Service:]



In March this year the GENUKI service turned 21. As part of its coming of age, GENUKI - the UK & Ireland Genealogical Information Service - is being given an extensive makeover, to provide a better experience for its end users and to make it easier for page maintainers to maintain and develop. In particular it should help us to recruit additional people to help maintain and develop GENUKI. (Hopefully we will be able to bring on board further people who know about family history even if they have little prior experience of web page creation, as a lot of the computer expertise that has to date been involved in maintaining GENUKI pages is removed from

the maintainers' task.).

This makeover involves the conversion of GENUKI to a Content Management System (CMS) based on Drupal. A CMS such as Drupal takes over responsibility for the management of a website's data (the "information content"), and the look and feel of the website, leaving the website's maintainers to concentrate on providing the website's information content without the need to know the technical details of constructing and formatting web pages. This also makes it easier to ensure consistency of presentation of information, and - when so wished - to introduce site-wide changes and new facilities. What GENUKI users will see is greater consistency across the counties, supported by an improved search facility, whilst in the future we will have a framework that enables us to provide additional ways of presenting and viewing GENUKI's data. Already we have been able to

provide much more information for each of many thousands of parishes regarding (i) various kinds of maps showing the location of the parish, and (ii) sources of photographs related to the parish.

In addition to creating the new Drupal platform, this work requires the conversion of all of GENUKI's original content from its former HTML page structure into Drupal nodes. So far some 90,000 pages have been converted, which has involved the creation of specialised software routines to first separate the data content from the underlying HTML, and then further separate the content itself into its individual topics, from which the new pages can then be reconstituted.

Conversion began in mid-2015, beginning with the pages at the UK and Ireland level, followed by those for England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, together with a number of counties in each of these four countries. The many remaining county and parish pages are now being dealt with steadily, county by county, whilst ensuring that there is minimal disruption to our normal service. The current state of progress is shown in our Conversion Status page at <http://www.genuki.org.uk/news/drupal/implementation/status>. (This also shows which counties are in need of someone to take on the task of further expanding their information content.)

GENUKI's address remains <http://www.genuki.org.uk>. During the transition, as users navigate around GENUKI they are able to move seamlessly between old and new style pages. Links to pages outside GENUKI are also now marked with a little icon - a small square and upward pointing arrow.

The conversion task is being carried out by a 5-person conversion team, led by Phil Stringer.

Watching the Watchers

-- James Tanner

We knew it was coming! If you now try to edit anything in the FamilySearch.org Family Tree you are told how many people are watching the person you are editing. Here is a screenshot of the new warning:

The screenshot shows a web form for editing a record. At the top, there is a 'Date of Burial' field with 'APR 1889' entered. Below it is a 'Standard' field with 'April 1889' selected. The 'Place of Burial' field is empty. A text area labeled 'Reason This Information Is Correct' contains the text 'Explain why you feel this information is correct.' Below this is a 'Modified' section showing '21 May 2012 by James Tanner'. At the bottom, there is a blue warning box with a red border, containing an information icon and the text: '2 users of Family Tree are watching this person. If you change this information, these users will be notified.' Below the warning box are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Do you think this might be a deterrent to making weird or inaccurate changes? I do. The idea here is to get as many responsible people as possible to watch any one subject to arbitrary or unwarranted changes. Get busy. Organize your families, relatives and even friends. Watch

everyone you think needs watching. Let those who would make unreasonable changes that there are those of us out here who will see exactly what they are doing and take action. Good move FamilySearch!!!



The Family History Guide

-- James Tanner

In a well-deserved recognition of the quality of the program, The Family History Guide has been added to the FamilySearch Portal and is now available to all of the English speaking Family History Centers around the world. This extraordinarily valuable teaching and learning program is now almost universally available for use throughout this vast system. It is planned that language support for other than English will soon be added as the translation is completed. The developers should be congratulated for a job well done.

The program is also currently available through a link directly from FamilySearch.org.

Ogden FamilySearch Library's FAMILY HISTORY SUMMER ACTIVITY 2016 - It's new!

-- Stephen Felt



PRIMARY (ages 8-11), **YOUTH** (ages 12-18) and **ADULTS** have the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate family history activities throughout the summer at the Ogden FamilySearch Library.

PRIMARY: The 2016 Family History Summer Activity for children 8 - 11 years old is new. During this two hour adventure, participants will follow a treasure map to four discovery stations. At one station they will play games their ancestors may have played. At another, they will visit a make-believe cemetery to explore tombstones. At the computer station they will discover the meaning of their family's surname. Finally, they will learn how to interview relatives to hear family stories. As they complete each station they will receive a sticker to apply to the treasure map.

YOUTH and ADULTS: Groups 12 and older will feel the Spirit of Elijah as they 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.

DATES: June 6 through August 13, 2016 (Except holidays)

LENGTH: The whole activity is about 2 hours.

SCHEDULE: Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays
9:30-11:30 or 1:30-3:30

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
9:30-11:30, 1:30-3:30, or 6:30-8:30.

HOW MANY: Each session will accommodate about fifteen participants. Larger groups may reserve two different sessions.

BRING: Children ages 8-11 will receive a booklet that costs \$1.00. Youth and adults should know their FamilySearch username and password and names, dates, and places of deceased ancestors and bring photos as needed.

RESERVATIONS required: Call 801-626-1132

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