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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Ogden City Mayor and City Council recognize FamilySearch Library

-- Elder and Sister Erickson

On June 14, 2016 in a joint session between the Ogden City Council and the Mayor, the Ogden FamilySearch Library was recognized for providing "invaluable contributions to the Ogden community."

The Council and Mayor presented the Library with a plaque noting the Library is celebrating its 50th anniversary July 11-16, 2016 with an open house. They expressed their "sincere appreciation for the library being part of the fabric of our community."

Everyone is invited to the Library's open house during the week of July 11-16. There will be fun family history activities in nearly every room of the Library. For example, you'll be able to explore one or all of the following:

Rootsmapper-Trace your lineage across the ocean-see what countries your ancestors came from on a computer map.

Grandma's Pie-See what percentage of you comes from what countries.

Surname Search-Find out what your surname means, where it comes from, and how many people in the world have it.

Find a Grave- Find out where your relatives or notable individuals are buried.

Relative Finder-Find out if you are related to a handcart pioneer, a President of the United States, an author, composer, or scientist.

Pioneers-See if you have pioneer ancestors. Read their journal entries!

Coloring Book Station-Get a free family history coloring book.

Scan your photos and documents-Get help digitizing your photos. Convert photos to digital images and store them on your flash drive.

We will also have one-on-one help as usual. If you want to get started on your family history or have a research question, our volunteers and missionaries will be available.

Our hours for the Open House will be Monday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 9 pm. Our address is 539 24th Street. There is plenty of parking behind the building and on the street.

We look forward to seeing you at the Open House.

On "The Gathering"

-- Emil O. Hanson

This is the month when we commonly celebrate our pioneers who, in July of 1847, began to gather themselves into a very desolate Salt Lake Valley, They hoped to make it blossom as a rose. Are there any in our day that can say that they did not succeed? Moses speaking to the Israelite's, after wandering in the desert for forty years and just before crossing the river Jordan to enter the promised land, said: "Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me." (But Moses knowing the Israelite's temperament then said) "Thou... shall do evil in the sight of the Lord thy God, to provoke him to anger: ... the Lord shall scatter you among the nations ...and there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands ...which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell." After just a few generations in the Promised Land (Canaan), his prediction came true; Israel did evil in the sight of God and they were scattered.

Then in 1836, the young prophet Joseph Smith, of the newly organized Church of

Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints, prayed as follows: "But thou knowest that thou hast a great love for the children of Jacob, who have been scattered upon the mountains for a long time,...We therefore ask thee to have mercy on the children of Jacob, that Jerusalem, from this hour, may begin to be redeemed; ...and the children of Judah may begin to return to the lands which thou didst give to Abraham, their father." In answer to his prayer the Lord advised, "...they shall be gathered again, but they shall remain until after the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (*D & C 45:18*) After the first hundred years of the Elders gathering the Gentiles (1840's/1940's). Then in 1948 (+/-) those primarily of Jewish descent were restored to Jerusalem, their homeland, by an international organization.

The Prophet Jeremiah, about 640 B.C., was privileged to see our day, the day of gathering, and the great gospel "Dispensation of the Fullness of Times". "Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger..." (*Jeremiah 32*) The Jews were to be gathered to the land of their inheritance in Palestine and the seed of Joseph, primarily Ephraim, were to be gathered in the land of America (the land of Nephi), for their inheritance. Until the young church, organized in 1830, was strong enough to stand alone, the newly converted saints were advised to gather here in America. Now converts are advised to stand where they live and strengthen their stakes. July of 1847 was the month and year the pioneers entered this great valley but there are new converts all over the world that need to be honored for their courage, strength and pioneering efforts. Of the 220 countries in the world the church is now recognized and has been given governmental approval to proselytize in 188 of them. That's Pioneering!

I will close this thought with what President Gordon B Hinckley said about pioneers: "It is good to look to the past to gain appreciation for the present and perspective for the future. It is good to look upon the virtues of those who have gone before, to gain strength for whatever lies ahead. It is good to reflect upon the work of those who labored so hard and gained so little in this world, but out of those dreams and early plans, so well nurtured, has come a great harvest of which we are the beneficiaries. Their tremendous example can become a compelling motivation for us all, for each of us is a pioneer in his own life."

Family History Summer Activity

-- Stephen Felt

The Ogden Family History Summer Activities began this year on June 6th. Fourteen groups of primary children, youth, and adults have already participated since the start. This includes two family groups.

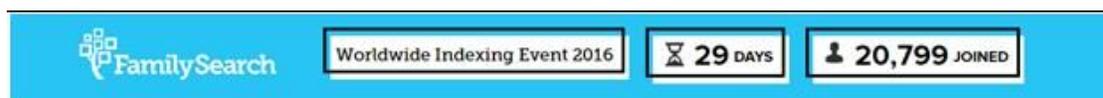
These Summer Activities will be offered until mid-August. There are a few slots still

available.

Call 801-626-1132 and reserve a time for your group or family.

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Reflections on Duplicates and Merging

-- James Tanner

As I have been working on specific family lines in the FamilySearch.org Family Tree recently, I have discovered some interesting issues that accompany the plethora of duplicate entries inherited from the combining of over a hundred years' research by a multitude of researchers.

One very interesting phenomena involves the appearances of duplicates as information is added to the entries through research and attached as sources. For example, I began

searching for the wife of a relative that was shown as unmarried and who was born and died in England. My relative has a very common name: John Briant (also spelled Bryant). I checked to see if there were any duplicates for him in the Family Tree and none were found. I decided to see if he ever married and began doing research. Almost immediately, I found a marriage record that identified his wife's name as "Susan." I did some additional research and found more records. It seems that adding a wife's name (or spouse's name) assists the search engine in finding additional information. I then found a marriage record that identified the wife's father, thereby providing her with a surname. I continued to do research and now found even more records. What was interesting is that I also began to find duplicate records in the system. Every time I added more researched information about the family, I found additional duplicates. At any point from when I first identified the wife's name. I could have printed ordinance cards. But I decided to add additional information on the hope that there were some children in the newly identified family.

But as I continued to add information and sources, I got even more duplicates. There seems to be a direct correlation between adding source information and detecting more duplicates in the Family Tree. So, it would also appear, that researchers who stop short of discovering additional source information about the people they identify run the real risk of duplicating ordinances. When I first identified the wife, I found no duplicates. It was only as I added specific information from several sources that the duplicates appeared. I am guessing that this is why I found several duplicate entries for this same couple with almost no information, just the bare names and dates with incomplete places. Apparently, the program does not find duplicates without a certain level of information about the individuals.

I realized that I had been seeing this phenomena before without realizing exactly what was happening. I suggest that the number of duplicate entries in the program will continue to increase if the contributors fail to add sources to the information they supply and then add the information from the sources to the entries and keep searching multiple times for duplicate entries.

Make The Decision To Take A Step

-- Posted by Amy Archibald



"To assist members, the Church has gathered records and provided tools so that much of the work can be done in our own homes or in the ward buildings and the temple. Most obstacles have been removed. Whatever your past perception, it is different now! However, there is one obstacle the Church cannot remove. It is an individual's hesitation to do the work. All it requires is a decision and a little effort. It does not require a large block of time. Just a little time on a consistent basis will yield the joy of the work. Make the decision to take a step, to learn and ask others to help you. They will! The names you find and take to the temple will become the records for "the book."

- Elder Allan F. Packer, *The Book*, LDS General Conference, October 2014.

Ancestry Launches 100 Million Dutch Records

-- Dick Eastman



Ancestry has signed a ground-breaking agreement with CBG, the Netherlands Centre for Family History
100 million Dutch records published online at Ancestry from June Collection include Birth, Marriage and Death records.
Nationwide collection made available outside of the archive for the first time

More than 100 million birth, marriage and death records from the Netherlands are available online for the first time thanks to an agreement between Ancestry, the leader in family history and consumer genomics and CBG, the Netherlands Centre for Family History.

The collection is made up of indexes of civil registration records, population registers, church registers and family announcements from a comprehensive network of archive organizations within the Netherlands. Most of the records cover events from the 19th and 20th Century.

To date this collection has only been available in its entirety via the dedicated

WieWasWie database, as operated by the Netherlands Centre for Family History. Now these records can be accessed and shared by Ancestry's 2.5 million family history enthusiasts around the world.

Nikolai Donitzky, Ancestry's Managing Director of Content for Europe, comments: "The Centre for Family History and regional archives have done a remarkable job in gathering and digitizing these records across the country. We are delighted to help share this extensive collection of Dutch records with a worldwide audience." Leo Voogt (Executive Director of CBG) adds: We have worked with the archive community in the Netherlands to provide a unified window on all our joint genealogical records. Working with Ancestry.com will generate an enormous additional audience for these holdings and will drive new traffic to the sites of the participating institutions in the Netherlands.

Ogden Family History Conference Update

-- Joyce and Frank Decaria

September! What's in September? Let's see: Kids are back in school. There's the long Labor Day weekend. Grandparent's Day is on September 11th. September 18 is National Cheeseburger Day. And September 10th will be the annual Ogden Family History Conference in the Weber State University Union building.

So many wonderful things happening in September! Well, maybe not for all the kids going back to school--at least not until they get used to it after a month or two! Personally, we're looking forward to both the National Cheeseburger day and the Ogden Family History Conference. Why? Because they are piled high with loads of good stuff: mayo, onions, tomatoes, cheese--free parking, great door prizes, awesome keynote speakers (Shantal and Gene Sessions), fantastic family history breakout sessions (over 50 to choose from)....

Okay, so we've mixed things up a bit, but who can't get their head around learning some great information about doing genealogy, taking a break to have a cheeseburger in Weber State University's food court, and finding a missing ancestor or two along the way. What better way to spend a Saturday in September--September 10th to be specific!

Put in on your calendar! Do what many others have already done and make the Ogden Family History Conference an annual event to look forward to. Be there or be square, or an octagon, or a triangle--or the star in your family for learning more about family history and genealogy work!

For more information follow this link:

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ogden_FamilySearch_Library_2016_Conference

P.S. There will be vendors showing off cutting edge family history and genealogical supplies. There will be an area for one-on-one help to answer questions and learn how to use the FamilySearch website. And there will be multiple drawings for free door prizes at the end of the day.

So remember September 10th and the annual Ogden Family History Conference at Weber State University Union Building. And don't forget about National Cheeseburger day! You won't want to miss either one.

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