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DIRECTORS CORNER

-- Elder and Sister Erickson

The 50th Anniversary open house of the Ogden FamilySearch Library was a wonderful success. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to all of the Library staff members who assisted in making it a fun and informative event for those who came. Over a thousand people participated in the Jubilee activities offered July 11-16th. It was the first time that many of our visitors had ever been to the Library.

Brother Jim Alvey created a beautiful movie on the history of the Library, and the functions it serves. The video introduced our open house visitors to what we do here, and the important role the Library has played in connecting families during the last 50 years. We are grateful for Brother Alvey's research and for the time he put into making this film.

Throughout the week we introduced many visitors to Grandma's Pie, Geneopardy, and other apps that bring fun and exciting perspectives to family history. We also taught them how to log into "All The Stories" (stories.familyfoundapp.com), where all of a person's ancestors' stories are gathered onto one website. We frequently heard people say "I didn't know that" as they read more about their family members. These apps can also be accessed on a home computer and our visitors were each given a list of the websites demonstrated at the Library, so they can pull them up at home.

The Library has recently obtained two "3 in 1" 55 inch screens with Relative Finder, Rootsmapper, and other programs loaded on them. These screens were very popular at the open house and will remain at the Library for patrons to use.

We were delighted to have children and youth groups attend. They enjoyed playing games from their great grandparents' era. We will continue to offer those games as part of our Summertime Activity through August 16th.

We are grateful for the support from so many in the Ogden community as the Library celebrated this 50 year milestone in July. We are humbled by the many staff members who have served at the Library since it began in 1966. We look forward to the years ahead as we continue to assist patrons in connecting families across the generations. We hope all who attended the open house will return often to participate in classes or receive one on one help with their own family history.

On "Super Heroes"

-- Emil O. Hanson

Growing up I admired Superman, Captain Marvel and others, they were the superheroes of my day. For a time, they became an obsession for me. When I was around 9 or 10 years of age, I remember sitting on the base of the magazine rack, in the local drugstore, reading the new magazine issues of super heroes, with my cape hanging on my back. I couldn't buy them because I didn't have the few pennies it took. The kind drugstore owner knew that I couldn't buy any, so he would let me read them there. My friends and I would argue over which superhero was the strongest. One of us would say one and another would argue for another. We would even elaborate by saying, "Yea, but, Superman can pick up a whole building." Another would say, "but Captain Marvel can stop a train," etc. These Superhero's were transplanted beings, transplanted from other planets, such as Krypton or whatever, because no mere human could do what they did..... the wonderful imaginations of youth.

Now, as a man in his eighties, I have different hero's; real human beings who lived outstanding lives. My main hero, is a young man who lived and died long before I was born, but never-the-less he is a real and living hero to me. He was not only strong physically but he was very smart, too. His most outstanding characteristic, however, was his spirit. He had a spirit that must have been nine feet tall, somehow squished inside his six foot frame. His name is Joseph Smith Jr., you may have noticed that I said his name is, not was, because to me and many others he lives on in the great work he began under the direction of messengers from heaven. One of those messenger, by the name of Moroni, addressed Joseph by name and said to him, that; "God had a work for me to do; and that my name should be had for good and evil among all nations, kindred's and tongues, or that it should be both good and evil spoken of among all people." (*Joseph Smith History 1:33*) That statement alone is enough to qualify him for

the status as a prophet, as his name is, and has been both good and evil spoken of among most all nations and people.

Joseph was instructed at the feet of holy angels, men who had lived on earth in ancient times. While inspiration flowed to him he wrote and wrote. He, it was, who was selected to initiate the "Restitution of all things in these the last days" (as foretold in the New Testament). He it was who restored the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it was in Christ's day with the same organization and Priesthood authority with; prophets, apostles, seventies, elders, teachers and deacons, with the members correctly called to be saints, just as members of His church were called in the meridian of time. Joseph was criticized and persecuted by priests, ministers and ruffians, nearly all of his short life, for saying and doing what he was commanded to do. He knew his death was near and stated, "I go like a lamb to the slaughter". While the local justice system had him illegally incarcerated, he was cruelly martyred on June 27, 1844, by an armed mob with painted faces. He was merely 38 years young, but his work was done, so he was taken home where he could finally rest from the persecution that seemed to follow him everywhere he went while in mortality.

I, and millions of others, both living and dead, are the benefactors of the work that he did under the direction of heavenly messengers and tutors. Revelation and inspiration was a frequent event in the life of Joseph, the Latter Day Prophet and I will always be grateful. He is a superhero and always will be, in my mind and he was born right here on this earth. He taught and inspired millions to know, to have faith in and to come closer to the Lord Jesus Christ than any other man who has ever walked the earth. Though the date of his death, the 27th of June has passed, may those of us who love and honor the young prophet think of him and thank him for being his benefactors.

What's New on FamilySearch?

-- *FamilySearch*

Each month, FamilySearch publishes a list of new changes and updates to the FamilySearch.org website. This list includes changes to Family Tree as well as other parts of FamilySearch. In some cases, these changes will also be published as individual articles where the need to do so exists.

Recently Released

1. FamilySearch Family Tree Mobile App: Manage "Other Information"

On the FamilySearch Family Tree mobile app, you can now add and edit "Other Information" such as an alternate name, military service, naturalization, and residence. This will let you provide more details and improve the quality of information for your ancestors.

1. Tap Add Other Information
2. Tap the type of information you want to add or edit.

3. Tap Edit to add or edit the information.

2. FamilySearch: Standardized Places in England

The way FamilySearch standardizes places in England has changed a little. (When you enter a place in Family Tree, the system shows you a standard way to list the place. The standard format lists a more complete place and improves users' search results.)

For places in England, you will be able to select the format that shows either England or the United Kingdom as the country. If the date is from 1801 to the present, in the information stored in Family Tree, it will use the United Kingdom as the country. For dates prior to 1801, the system will use England as the country. This change may not affect what you see in the record, but it should improve the way the system handles places in England.

3. FamilySearch: Individuals of Unusual Size (IOUS) Can Now Be Merged

In the past, the Family Tree system had some limitations in merging duplicate records that had been merged many times. These were sometimes referred to as Individuals of Unusual Size or IOUS, because of the many pieces of data that had previously been merged. With the upgrade of the Family Tree system, the limitation is now gone so these large duplicate records can be merged.

4. FamilySearch: Record Indexed Data Added to the Source Card

FamilySearch Sources now shows the indexed data when the source title is clicked and the source card is opened in Family Tree. You can choose to show or hide the data by clicking the show or hide link under the Indexed Data section of the source card. This feature will also be added to the source box in the next few weeks.

5. FamilySearch: Editing a Source Is Now Done In-Line

You can now edit a source in-line on any source card.

6. FamilySearch: Source Box Enhancement

The Source Box allows you to keep and organize record sources you have found on FamilySearch. The list of folders and the list of sources have now been separated on the screen, and users can scroll through them independently. This makes it easier to look through sources without losing one's place in the folder, or vice versa, when you have a large number of folders and sources. It also makes it easier to drag and drop sources into folders.

Helps in Scandinavian Research

-- Jennifer Hansen, AG



Some of the greatest helps in Scandinavian research are the linkage patterns. Although they may seem somewhat obvious, remembering these keys will simplify your research, especially when common names come into play. In this article, we will focus on patronymics, siblings, geography, property, chronology, and social status/occupation. We will rely on my Pedersen/Simonsen family members for examples to help explain the concepts detailed below.

Patronymics

There are relatively few given names used in Denmark, and families typically share a group of names. For example, a typical naming pattern frequently used is as follows:

- 1st born male: named after the paternal grandfather
- 2nd born male: named after the maternal grandfather
- 1st born female: named after the maternal grandmother
- 2nd born female: named after the paternal grandmother

Children after the second born were typically named after their aunts or uncles. They may also be given a biblical name not previously found in the family. If a child died, a younger child may be given the same name as the deceased sibling. The names Peder and Simon were passed from generation to generation in my family.

Until the mid-1800s, Scandinavian surnames were given under a patronymic system. A father's given name was typically used for his children's surname. For example, Simon Pedersen's children had the surname Simonsen (meaning son of Simon) or Simonsdatter (meaning daughter of Simon). Peder Simonsen, Simon's son, gave his children the surname of Pedersen (male) or Pedersdatter (female). Understanding these naming patterns is essential for tracing a family in Scandinavian records. Although many people find the patronymics challenging, by understanding this system you may find the naming pattern as simple as the traditional naming patterns used in modern Western culture.

Siblings

The more siblings' information you can gather, the greater the chances of extending your Scandinavian pedigree. Collecting all children's information allows for a clear picture of each family group since naming patterns will become clear when all the siblings are gathered. Distinguishing between two individuals of the same name will

also be easier if all the siblings are found.

Geography

Families usually stayed in the same basic geographic region. When families did move, they tended to move together, and families would likely not move across the country. The majority of the population lived on rural farming estates. My Pedersen/Simonsen family lived within the boundaries of Brovst Parish for at least as long as the records are available. If you find a dead end in the parish records, search nearby parishes, since families rarely moved very far.

Property

Property, whether owned or leased, typically passed through a family from father to son. Similar to geographical linkage, a male usually grew up to live on the same land his father lived on. In this sense, male members of the family could live on the same farm for generations. It is likely that a family's records will be in the same parish for many generations because of this property tradition.

Chronology

Logistically, there was a limited time period for children to be born to parents. The average childbearing age for a woman was between 15 and 50. For a man, this age was between 15 and 70. Couples typically had their first child after about one year of marriage. Children were typically separated by two years in age. Any gaps larger than these indicate a possible missing child in the family. If you come across these gaps, search for clues to other children, perhaps in neighboring parishes.

Peder Pedersen and his wife, Mariane Thomasdatter, had seven children listed in the Brovst Parish registers. However, their first child was born in 1839, and the next child listed was not born until 1847. A gap such as this signaled as many as three other children who were not listed in the parish register. A search of the neighboring parish of Norre-Sundby showed two other children born to this family in the years 1841 and 1844.

Social Status/Occupation

Stories of "rags to riches" are seldom true. In the heavily traditional Scandinavian society, people typically died in the same social class they were born to. Farmers were typically farmers for life. Manor lords rarely disowned their children-even if the family stories insist that a poor marriage choice led to shame and disapproval from all family members. The lord's children remained in their high social class.

Remembering these basic concepts will help you find success researching your Scandinavian ancestors. You will find yourself identifying the correct individuals that belong in your family tree, and you will understand how your family fit into their social surroundings.

Ground Radar Finds Hundreds of Graves at Staten Island's Rossville A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery

-- Dick Eastman

Specialists using ground-penetrating radar have detected hundreds of previously undiscovered gravesites in an African-American burial ground that dates to the 1830s. The New York Landmarks Conservancy announced the discovery at Staten Island's Rossville A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery, part of the historic Sandy Ground community that was among the nation's first free-black settlements.

Before the radar survey, there were 97 known burial sites, many marked by headstones, on the 1.6-acre burial ground. Conservancy President Peg Breen said another 576 were discovered by radar at an average depth of about 10 feet, bringing the number of total gravesites to 673.

Ogden Family History Conference

-- Joyce and Frank Decaria

"Ready! Set!" Well--Almost "Go!" The Free September 10th Ogden Family History Conference Approacheth!

Have you ever looked forward to anything? Christmas morning, a summer break from school or a vacation to Disneyland? Or a needed payday, the weekend, or the birth of a grandchild?

Well, there are many reasons to look forward to the September 10th Ogden Family History Conference at Weber State University. Here are a few:

- * There will be a presentation about DNA.
- * One called "Getting to know your geezers."
- * Another about how to use early LDS newspapers.
- * Still another entitled "Storytellers Rule the World."
- * And one on ways to use your smart phone for doing family history work.
- * And a grundle more, from over 50 different presentations to choose from.

Please always remember your family, that includes your ancestors, are or should be the most important people for you to appreciate and love. You already know who many of them are, but do you know that there are some waiting for you to discover! Seriously, their names have been lost. But that should only be a temporary situation, because there are many new ways to locate them, discover where they were born, find out who they married, and uncover who their parents and children were.

There are also ways to find out what your ancestors did and how they helped you become what you are today. You owe it to yourself and to them to learn how to do family history work.

Attending the free September 10th Ogden Family History Conference is one of the most important and comprehensive tools that you can use for understanding family history/genealogy work. This single-day conference will excite you and jump start a wonderful journey of discovery.

Come join teachers, volunteers, vendors, family history/genealogy experts, and one-on-one providers for a guaranteed exciting and productive time. Be there and become a multi-dimensional person, with edges and angles reaching out through time and space to find both your ancestors and present those findings to your posterity. For information, visit ogdenfsl.org then click 2016 Conference.

Episcopal Diocese of Utah Database of Indexed Parish Records

-- Dick Eastman

VOLUNTEERS BRING EARLY CHURCH RECORDS ALIVE



In conjunction with the Utah State Historical Records Advisory Board, a group of dedicated Diocese of Utah volunteers has indexed early Diocesan records from decommissioned parishes and the personal journals of the Rt. Rev Daniel S. Tuttle, the Rt. Rev. Abiel Leonard, the Venerable Lawrence B. Ridgley, and the Rev. Pierre McDonald Bleecker to come up with a first for the history of Utah, a database of early Episcopalians in Utah.

The initial database covers the years 1870 to 1975 and records individuals in Arthur, Brigham City, Castle Gate, Corinne, Dugway, East Garfield (now known as Magna), Eureka, Frisco, Garfield, Helper, Kelton, Kenilworth, Layton, Logan, Myton, Provo, Roosevelt, Silver Reef, Standardville, Terra, and Vernal (some of which are now authentic ghost towns).

The database contains 4,163 line item entries covering Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, Burials, Communicant members, Clergy, services held, and in Archdeacon Ridgley's case, "persons to be visited". The Baptism section includes one done by Bishop Tuttle "on board the U.P.R.R. train near Hanging Rock, Utah" and the services

section records services not being held due to heavy snow, several scarlet fever outbreaks, and when the person with the key to the Kenilworth schoolhouse unexpectedly took it out of town for the weekend.

Diocesan Historiographer Kurt Cook, the project coordinator, credits the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers without whose help the database would still be only a dream: Nancy Appleby, Ruth Cherecwich, Marlin Haws, Pam Holliman, Kristin Madden, Kathryn Miller, Russ Pack, David Reed, Carolyn Roll, and Nancy Tanner. All total, the group put in a total of 307 hours of volunteer work.

Click on the link below to download and view this complete and exciting work about the Episcopal Church as they enter their 150th year in Utah!

episcopal-ut.org/volunteers-bring-early-church-records-alive/

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