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**Directors Corner**

**Story Tellers Rule the World? -- The topic sounded fun**

*--Elder and Sister Erickson*

One year ago we tried to get into Gene Sessions' lecture at the Ogden Family History Conference at Weber State University. Unfortunately, the room was packed. Every seat was taken, as was every space in the aisle and the back of the room, and in the doorway, and in the area outside the doorway where you might have the possibility of hearing a word.

This year we have more hope of hearing Dr. Sessions. He and his talented and entertaining wife Shantal will be the keynote speakers at the Conference on September 10, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Shepherd Union Building Ballroom. The ballroom holds about 1000 people. We are still going to arrive early to make sure we get a seat. Who wouldn't try to get a seat to hear a Presidential Distinguished Professor of History?

After hearing the much anticipated speakers, we plan on attending some of the more than 50 scheduled classes. We also want to check out the vendors. Last year the vendor tables were wonderful. There were many creative products and ideas. And don't miss the prize drawings. In 2015 there were almost as many prizes as there were participants

waiting to see if they had won.

The Conference will be a fun day for family history. See you there!

## On "Doing What is Necessary"

*-- Emil O. Hanson*

I have always loved a good story, especially one that ends in a way that you least expected. The following story is such a one; "One dark night outside a small town, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and within minutes it exploded into flames. An alarm went out to fire departments for miles around. When the firefighters arrived, the chemical company president rushed to the fire chief and said, "All of our secret chemical formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. I will give \$50,000 to the engine company that brings them out intact." The fire chief ordered his men to strengthen their attack on the blaze. After two hours of fighting the fire, another fire department was called in and the president of the chemical company offered \$100,000 to the fire fighters who could bring out the secret files. In the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was the local volunteer fire company composed entirely of men over the age of 65. To everyone's amazement, the little fire engine raced passed everyone and drove straight into the middle of the Inferno.

Outside, the professionally trained firemen watched as the old timers jumped off their rig and began to fight the fire with a performance and effort never seen before. Within a short time, the old timers extinguished the fire and saved the secret formulas. The grateful chemical company president joyfully announced that for such a superhuman feat he was upping the reward to \$200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave, elderly, fire fighters. The local TV news reporters rushed in, after capturing the event on film, one asked, "What are you going to do with all that money?" The 70-year-old fire chief answered, "The first thing we are going to do is fix the brakes on that old fire truck".

Maybe you and I haven't had experiences like that and even if we have, possibly we haven't put it down on paper or recorded it some way. We have all had interesting things happen to us as well as those that we may not think were very interesting. But, just because they may not have been interesting to us does not mean that they will not be very interesting to our children and our grandchildren. I have used this phrase many times while teaching, 'Writing Your Personal History'; it is a quote from the male actor in the movie, 'Australia': "After all, all we really are is our story."

Let that sink in for a moment. Another has said, "When a man dies, they bury a book." When those thoughts have soaked in sufficiently, you too, will want to find a way to leave a message behind to your family about your life. It doesn't have to be a biography, leather bound and fancy, but whatever you leave behind will be something of value. Even great value to your family. Don't cheat those who love you by

neglecting to recall for them your life experiences, what you learned, and how you felt, including your love for family members. If you do not, your tombstone may have your name and dates on it. Yet, the person buried will be no different than the Unknown Soldier, but It will be the 'Unknown Parent', or 'The Unknown Grandparent'. Within three generations, without your story left behind you are not only dead and buried but you are forgotten and 'unknown' as well.

## CanadianHeadstones.com now Exceeds 1.5 Million Records

*-- Dick Eastman*

The folks at CanadianHeadstones.com (CH) sent a note announcing that the online web site has now surpassed 1.5 Million records. The announcement states, "CH was founded in 2009 as a completely FREE archive of headstone photographs. As a Canadian non-profit corporation, CH is staffed and controlled by unpaid-volunteer Directors. As a corporation, its longevity does not depend on a single person or private control. CH is the only fully Canadian site which indexes every name on the headstones, provides the complete transcription and is fully searchable on multiple levels including the text of the transcription.

"Hundreds of volunteers and volunteer groups are submitting over 800 records per day!" You can learn more or even submit your own headstone photos for others to enjoy at [CanadianHeadstones.com](http://CanadianHeadstones.com)

## Family History Summer Activities

*-- Stephen Felt*

The Ogden FamilySearch Library hosted its annual Summer Activities for primary children, youth and adults in 2016. Here are the numbers:

31 Primary groups registered 356 children ages 8 - 11 to attend a 6 station family history adventure.

17 Youth groups registered 380 to participant in indexing, family tree, finding names or research.

4 Adult groups registered 73 to attend workshops of their choice.

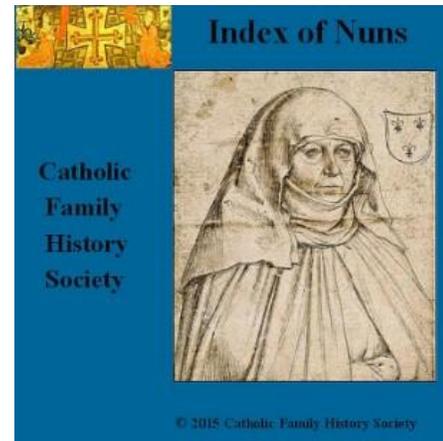
Written participant evaluations state that the Summer Activities were a well-received, successful experience. Okay, not everyone liked it. One young boy did not like learning that boys use to wear dresses until they were about 6 years old. Some others didn't like playing "nuz" (Today we call it marbles) because it was hard to play with nuts like they did in Roman times. Oh well, you can't please everyone.

Registration for the Family History Summer Activities will begin in the spring of 2017. See you next summer!

## Early Irish Marriage Index Reaches 80,000 Records

-- IGRS Editor

The Society's Early Irish Marriage Index has now been updated, with several thousand more records being added, all noted from obscure and underused sources. The database now holds reference to more than 80,000 marriages.



Combining the names of brides, grooms with the various relatives mentioned in the database, the Marriage Index now notes almost 177,000 named individuals. A good many of the latest batch were extrapolated from Index of Nuns, a CD publication in 2015 by the Catholic Family History Society, which notes biographical information for about 14,000 nuns, many of them from Ireland. For many, their date of birth and parents' names are recorded, allowing for an approximation of the year by which their parents had married.

Roz McCutcheon, the creator and coordinator for the BMD Indexes, said about the latest update: "I'm quietly pleased at breaking through the 80,000 barrier. With the steady help of some valued volunteers, I'm looking forward to the database soon reaching 100,000 marriages! In the meantime...I owe a big thank you to every one of my volunteers."

An update to the Death Index was launched at the end of June. An update to the Birth Index will be launched soon.

## Ogden Family History Conference

-- Joyce and Frank Decaria

Big question: Are you going to be one of the 1,000-plus fortunate individuals who attend this year's September 10th Ogden Family History Conference at the Weber State Shepherd Union Building?

- If definitely not, accept our condolences.
- If definitely yes, you have made a wonderful decision and are living a charmed life.
- If you haven't decided yet--well--what are you waiting for? Either firm up that trip to the Great Wall of China, or commit to going to the Ogden Family History Conference Of Roots and Branches on Saturday, September 10--with its free admission, free parking, and door prizes.

Opportunity generally only knocks at a person's door once in a great while, and even

when it does knock many people don't answer the door. Well, guess what? A great opportunity, the 2016 Family History Conference, is knocking at your door at this time. Are you going to answer?

Here are some reason you should attend.

- In the Keynote Session (8:30 am), it's been suggested that our two speakers, Gene and Shantal Sessions, will reveal how your life can be greatly enriched by doing genealogy.
- In the first class session (10:00 am--one of 12 presentations offered at this time), Bradley Marchant will discuss how to think logically and work smarter, not harder as it applies to genealogy.
- In the second class session (11:15 am--one of 12 offered), Janet Hovorka will present steps for choreographing your research across the internet. Another opportunity knocking!
- In the third class session (12:30 pm--two of 12 offered), Collin Smith and Linda Poulter will each discuss the "joy" of indexing, a gratifying genealogical activity.
- In the fourth class session (1:45 pm--one of 10 offered), Marlo Schuldts will show how to create audio and video family history stories. More opportunities knocking!
- In the fifth class session (3:00 pm--one of 5 offered), Kathy Buckmaster will show beginning genealogists how to rise to the next level of personal confidence in doing their family histories. Another wonderful opportunity knocking!

Other opportunities available at this year's conference will include: a One-On-One help area; many vendor booths for perusing the latest and greatest family history/genealogy items; information about the Ogden FamilySearch Library (which offers free classes and one-on-one computer family search sessions throughout the year; and last but not least, the food court will be opened the middle part of the day for purchasing meals.

To see a complete list of classes available, go to the Library's website, [OgdenFSL.org](http://OgdenFSL.org) and click on the "2016 Conference" link.

## New and Updated Collections at Findmypast for Yorkshire, England

*Lisa Louise Cooke*

### **The Yorkshire Baptism records collection has over 79,000 new records**

These new additions cover Church of England parishes across Rotherham, the Roman Catholic parishes of Doncaster, St Peter in Chains, Knaresborough, St Mary, Rotherham, St Bede, Sheffield, St Marie Cathedral, Sheffield, St Vincent and Staveley, and St Joseph. Each record includes a transcript and an image of the original document.

By using the parish location and the parents' names, you may be able to continue your search in the next collection.

### **England: Yorkshire Genealogy Records - Marriages**

With over 28,000 new records added to this Findmypast collection, you may finally be able to locate great-grandpa's marriage record in the Yorkshire Marriages. The record collection actually has over 2.4 million records spanning near 400 years. Because of the time span covering several centuries, information contained on the records may vary. You may find any of the following pieces of information:

- Name
- Birth year
- Marriage date and place
- Residence
- Occupation
- Marital Status
- Spouse's name, residence, and occupation
- Father's name and Spouse's father's name
- Name of witnesses

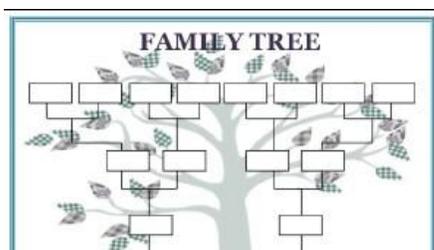
### **England: Yorkshire Genealogy Records - Banns**

Findmypast collection of Yorkshire Banns has some new additions. Each of the nearly 600,000 records contain both a transcript and an image of the original document. Some information will vary, but may include a name, place of banns, date of banns, marriage year, residence, and the name of their spouse.

These banns cover a very lengthy time span with records as early as the 1600's through the 1930's. In this case, a Bann of marriage is the public announcement in a Christian parish church of an upcoming marriage. Banns were read on three consecutive Sundays in the church of both the bride and the groom.

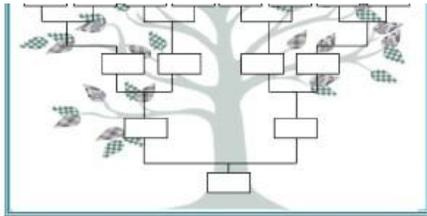
### **England: Yorkshire Genealogy Records - Burials**

Lastly, Findmypast has been adding to their over 4 million Yorkshire Burials. The records found in this collection record the details of Roman Catholics buried across five parishes in Doncaster, Knaresborough, Rotherham, Sheffield and Staveley. Information found in this collection may include name, age at death, birth year, burial date, and burial place. Each record will contain at least a transcript and some offer a digital image as well.



## **Printable Family Trees and Genealogy Charts**

*--Dick Eastman*



The website FamilyTreeTemplates.net has added two dozen new family tree templates and genealogy forms to download and print.

"These new family trees round out the site with crafty 'do it yourself' trees as well as traditional designs and an array of ancestry charts and form," said Kevin Savetz, the site's creator. "These are perfect for genealogy buffs as well as kids or anyone interested in recording their family history."

The newest printables at FamilyTreeTemplates.net include versatile family trees for kids, with teddy bears and dinosaurs to label and color in with crayons or colored pencils. The "crafty" family trees have scrapbook-type graphics to cut out, arrange and paste however reflects your family.

The new family history and genealogy forms include: a deed index, family health history, questions to ask of living relatives, trackers for home video and photographs, military service biographies and checklists, online search records, a marriage index, surname variants list, a blank cemetery map to track grave sites, and a form to record information that's on tombstones.

"Now, there are more than 100 templates at FamilyTreeTemplates.net," Savetz said. "They range from two generations all the way up to 10-generation family trees, so you can record family roots dating back hundreds of years."

Each form, chart or tree is free to download and print in PDF form. Most designs are also available in a \$4 DOC version that can be edited in Microsoft Word. These premium versions allow users to type names, dates and other information directly onto the printables before actually printing them.

There are more than 90 sites in the FreePrintable.net family of free printables sites created by Savetz Publishing, Inc., a company devoted to creating useful and informative web sites of interest to consumers and small businesses.

The family tree templates and forms are available at [familytreetemplates.net](http://familytreetemplates.net)

*(The preceding was extracted from an announcement by FamilyTreeTemplates.net)*

## October Guest Speakers

Mark your calendars now for the Ogden FamilySearch Library quarterly speaker presentation. We will be honored to have as our guests David and Anne Wirthlin who will discuss the topic "Nauvoo Temple, Past and Present" at 10:00 a.m. Saturday October 15 at the Library.

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