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### Directors Corner

## World-Class Music and Historical Inspiration

-- Elder and Sister Erickson

The Ogden FamilySearch Library staff was treated to a wonderful evening November 13 with music by world renowned singer Dallin Vail Bayles, and an address by Richard E. Turley, Jr., the managing director of the Public Affairs Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Each November the Library has a fireside for the entire staff so all 15 shifts can meet together. Elder Sam Jorgensen took care of the details, and Brother Wayne Decker arranged for the speaker and the music. This year, because of Elder Decker's relationships, the staff was treated to world-class music and historical inspiration.

Brother Bayles sang two numbers which were absolutely amazing-I Have Seen Him, and Bring Him Home. Despite his very busy schedule, we were blessed to be inspired by his outstanding musical gifts.

After the beautiful music, the importance of family history work was brought home by Richard Turley, who treated us to a recitation of the historical facts leading up to the renewing of Malachi's promise in this dispensation. He shared many historical details of

Joseph Smith's youth, his searching, the First Vision and Moroni's visit that are not generally known.

We learned that family history work was emphasized with Moroni's very first visit to Joseph Smith in 1823, seven years before the Church was organized, when he recited the prophecy that in the last days the promises made to the fathers would be put in the hearts of the children, and that the hearts of the children would be turned to their fathers. We now see that happening daily at the Library.

Moroni also recited other scriptures that relate to family history, such as Isaiah 11, which talk of roots and branches. That happens to be the theme of our annual Family History Conference.

If you are on the Library staff make sure you plan to attend next year's fireside. Or if you would like to volunteer at the Library come in and we can show you how to apply.

## On "Judging Others"

-- Emil O. Hanson

I spent three years in the National Guard and two years in the regular army of the United States and I remember only too well the barking commands of the training cadre during basic training. That's why I appreciated the humor of this story from the Reader's Digest; "As we stood in formation at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, our Flight Instructor said, All right! All you worthless @#\*& morons fall out!" As the rest of the squad wandered away, I remained standing at attention. The instructor walked over until he was eye-to-eye with me and raised a single eyebrow. I smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of em, huh sir?"

Military Training Cadre have a way of making every recruit feel equally lowly, regardless of their background and social standing before becoming a recruit. Whether it be those coming from families' rich and powerful or those coming from poverty. All heads are shaved down to 1/2inch of hair so one is not more handsome than another. They are given to wear the same army drab uniform so no one can look sportier than another. That is what is called 'leveling the play field'. If a soldier stands out it is because it was obvious to the cadre and to his fellow soldiers that he worked harder and tried harder to be an effective soldier and to learn how best to survive if he goes into battle. If he stood out from the others it was not based on his appearance but rather on hard work.

As civilians we have many different ways to stand out: by the color and wave of our hair; the clothes we wear and any number of other differences that we can find. To some, tongue rings and tattoos are negative. It is very difficult to be a human and at the same time be non-judgmental to some degree. I say that knowing full well that we have no right to judge others regardless of how decorated or different they may appear to us.

Elder Marvin J. Ashton said simply, "Stop it!" "God is our Father. We are His children. We are all brothers and sisters. I don't know exactly how to articulate this point of not judging others with sufficient eloquence, passion, and persuasion to make it stick. I can

quote scripture, I can try to expound doctrine, and I will even quote a bumper sticker I recently saw. It was attached to the back of a car whose driver appeared to be a little rough around the edges, but the words on the sticker taught an insightful lesson. It read, "Don't judge me because I sin differently than you. ... We would be much better off as a church and as a society if we stopped framing so many of the situations or experiences we run into as members as being right or wrong and more in the light of just being different."

As Elder Holland added "Except in the case of his only perfect Begotten Son, imperfect people are all God has ever had to work with," he added. "That must be terribly frustrating to Him but He deals with it. So should we." A 24 year old boy seeing out from the train's window shouted..."Dad, look the trees are going behind!" Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24 year old's childish behavior with pity, suddenly he again exclaimed... "Dad, look the clouds are moving with us!" The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man..."Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?" The old man smiled and said... "I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he just got his eyes today."

"The things you say about others, also say a lot about you" (*Eric Pfistner*). One of the most thought provoking statements I have ever heard came from church one day. A member's reference to how we can smell tobacco smoke in some people's clothing said "Would that we could smell all sins, we would all be less judgmental." Let us always remember Elder Holland's statement: "Except in the case of his only perfect Begotten Son, imperfect people are all God has ever had to work with," They are all we have to work with as well. So, love me for the good in me and try to overlook the rest.

**Merry Christmas!**

## Five Generation Exercise

- *Stephen Felt*

Johnny Willis will teach the Five Generation Exercise at the Ogden FamilySearch Library several times during December 2016. This is a BEGINNING - INTERMEDIATE level, 2 SESSION class of 1.5 hours each.

PREQUISITES include a working knowledge of Family Tree. There is no fee. Materials needed: a copy of your father and mother's pedigree chart and colored markers or pencils.

This class is designed to help individuals become proficient with Family Tree while analyzing five generations of ancestors. You will update vital information, ensure standardized formats are used, attach source "hints", search for and merge duplicate records, confirm temple ordinances are performed, and organize attached sources. You will color mark each step upon completion.

Individuals may register for the class online at [ogdenfsl.org/classes](http://ogdenfsl.org/classes) or by calling 801-626-1132. The following charts shows the class schedule

DATE	DAY	TIME
6 December	Tuesday	5:45 – 7:15
7 December	Wednesday	5:45 – 7:15
8 December	Thursday	5:45 – 7:15
12 December	Monday	11:00 – 12:30
13 December	Tuesday	11:00 – 12:30
14 December	Wednesday	11:00 – 12:30
15 December	Thursday	11:00 – 12:30
16 December	Friday	11:00 – 12:30
17 December	Saturday	11:00 – 12:30

## Family History Consultant Training

-Stephen Felt

Nicole Hepler teaches Family History Consultant Training, Part 1 at the Ogden Family History Library on the second Saturday of each month 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Family History Consultant Training, part 1 is a BEGINNING LEVEL class taught in 1 SESSION for 1.5 hours. There are NO FEES. The PREREQUISITES are basic computer skills and a FamilySearch account.

This class is designed for LDS ward and stake family history consultants and priesthood leaders. This introductory consultant class found at [lds.org/familyhistorycallings](http://lds.org/familyhistorycallings) will provide;

- Review of core training outline.
- Help consultants and leaders understand the resources available that will assist in fulfilling and magnifying their callings.
- Provide an understanding of how Consultants, Priesthood and Auxiliary Leaders can work together in bringing individuals and families to the Temple.
- Provide a general overview of the resources available on [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org).
- Teach about resources available that will assist in peaking an interest in family history work.
- Provide direction on where to receive further training with [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)

This family history consultant training class is not:

- An in-depth training on how to use [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)
- A complete review of the training found on [lds.org/familyhistorycallings](http://lds.org/familyhistorycallings)

Family History Consultant Training, Part 2 is a 5 SESSION training taught by Roger Cragun beginning Tuesday, 10 January 2017, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. The PREREQUISITES are basic computer skills, and a FamilySearch account.

Like the introductory training, this class is for LDS ward and stake family history consultants and priesthood leaders.

Part 2 provides in depth training in Family Search, Family Tree, Find-Take-Teach, and other Family Tree applications. There will be much discussion on how to assist others with their family history.

You may register for these classes online at [ogdenfsl.org/classes](http://ogdenfsl.org/classes) or by calling 801-626-1132.

## Google's new PhotoScan will Scan Your Photos and Automatically Remove Imperfections, No Scanner Needed

-- Dick Eastman

PhotoScan is a new smartphone app used to "take a picture of your pictures." That is, it will snap photos of all those old pictures you have stored in photo albums or in Fotomat envelopes. It will then create enhanced digital scans, with automatic edge detection, perspective correction, and smart rotation. Even better, it also automatically recognizes the four corners of the frame and displays circular overlays on each corner of the scanned image. You then point your phone camera at each circle, create a robust scan of the image, and PhotoScan gets to work from there.

PhotoScan eliminates reflections and other aspects of digital deterioration. PhotoScan stitches together a single image from those several overlapped photos, making sure to eliminate any glare-infected shots while evening out the overall exposure. Once it's captured, a photo is backed up online and added to your Google Photos library, where the app offers its standard face-recognition and manual enhancement tricks.

PhotoScan is available free of charge for Android and Apple iOS cell phones and tablets in your smartphone's app store. You can read more about the new PhotoScan app at [www.google.com/photos/scan](http://www.google.com/photos/scan).

## Google Translate

-- James Tanner

Neural Machine Translation is a recent development that adds immensely more accurate translations. Very recently, Google Translate added the following features: Neural Machine Translation has been generating exciting research results for a few years and in September, our researchers announced Google's version of this technique. At a high level, the Neural system translates whole sentences at a time, rather than just piece by piece. It uses this broader context to help it figure out the most relevant translation, which it then rearranges and adjusts to be more like a human speaking with proper grammar. Since it's easier to understand each sentence, translated paragraphs and articles are a lot smoother and easier to read. And this is all possible because of end-to-end learning system built on Neural Machine Translation, which basically means that the

system learns over time to create better, more natural translations.

Today [November 15, 2016] we're putting Neural Machine Translation into action with a total of eight language pairs to and from English and French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Turkish. These represent the native languages of around one-third of the world's population, covering more than 35% of all Google Translate queries!

Google Translate is an indispensable addition to any genealogist's toolbox. The program presently translates text to and from 103 languages. I tried out the translation on part of one of my blog posts and this is what I got in Spanish:

English Version - "My wife is very actively researching Swedish records and so I note when some of them become available. If you would like to see the most recent letters in the FamilySearch.org Historical Record Collections, you just click on the column heading entitled, "Last Updated" and the column will be sorted according to the most recent date. You can see the List and the reference to the Last Updated above on the screenshot in the upper-right."

Google Translate's Spanish version - "Mi esposa está investigando activamente registros suecos y así que noto cuando algunos de ellos están disponibles. Si desea ver las cartas más recientes en las colecciones de registros históricos de FamilySearch.org, simplemente haga clic en el encabezado de columna titulado "Última actualización" y la columna se clasificará según la fecha más reciente. Puede ver la lista y la referencia a la última actualización anterior en la captura de pantalla en la parte superior derecha."

If you speak Spanish you can make your own evaluation of the translation. If not, take my word that the Spanish is a very good translation of the English. Here is what happens if I now take the Spanish version and translate it back into English.

Back into English - "My wife is actively researching Swedish records and so I notice when some of them are available. If you want to see the most recent charts in FamilySearch.org historical record collections, simply click on the column header titled "Last Update" and the column will be sorted by the most recent date. You can view the list and the reference to the last update above in the screenshot at the top right."

Looks pretty good to me. You can also set up Google Translate to automatically translate any webpage that you find in another language into English except for the words that appear in images.

## **4 Ways to Boost Your Research with FamilySearch's Research Wiki**

*-Leslie Albrecht Huber*

Once you've dug through the photos in your family's basement, called Great-aunt Mary to find out everything she knows about the family, and sifted through the file folders of old letters and other

miscellaneous family papers, it's time to turn to research to uncover more about your ancestors. But how? Wouldn't it be nice if there was a one-stop shop where you could find out what records were available for each place your ancestors lived? Wouldn't it be convenient if there were one website that had information about how to make sense of any records you find?

Here's the good news: there is such a website-FamilySearch's Family History Research Wiki! Although no single website could

ever have absolutely everything you ever need to know about family history, with more than 84,000 articles covering 244 countries, the Family History Research Wiki comes pretty close!



You can visit the wiki by going to [FamilySearch.org/wiki/en](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en), or, at the top of the FamilySearch.org home page, hover your mouse over Search, and then click Wiki. Much of the wiki is locality based. You can browse by locality by clicking the map or typing a place-name in the search field. You can also search the wiki by topic. Just type a keyword of a research topic or record you're interested in learning more about. Don't type in names of ancestors though. The wiki's purpose is to help you learn more about records, search strategies, and the "how to" part of family history. It's not designed to search for information about specific people.



Now that you know what the wiki is, you might be wondering what it can do for you. Simply put, the Family History Research Wiki can get your family history research on the fast track to success. Here are four things it can help you do.

### 1. Gain a Bird's Eye View.

To find information about your family, you have to look in records created in the places in which family members lived. But what records should you use and how should you access them? The Family History Research Wiki is the perfect place to figure that out. The locality pages give you the overview you need to get started and figure out how to

research about a place you may never have researched before. The pages often provide a general historical background and a discussion of major records and then direct you to the sources most likely to help. Should you focus on civil registration records or church records? Did census records exist in that place? What about probate records? The wiki can answer these questions. It will also include information about what indexes have been created along with links to direct you to them. All this can streamline your efforts and help you avoid wasting time.

## 2. Dive Deeper in a Place.

A lot of the information on the wiki is organized around place jurisdictions (such as the state and the county). At the broadest level, you can find information about a country. But in most cases you can drill down much further. For example, each state in the United States has its own wiki page as do many counties. Looking at the wiki for different jurisdictions can be useful since the various pages contain different information about records that were created in those particular jurisdictions. On the locality page, you should find a list of topics. These topics include record types such as court records, church records, and newspapers with information specific to that place. You'll also find links to family history societies, archives, and libraries.



## 3. Find Resources That Solve Your Research Problems.

If you're stuck on a research problem, there's a good chance the wiki can help you solve it. Are you researching in a country with an unfamiliar language? The wiki has word lists in several languages that have the most common words found in genealogical records

Bhf. = Bahnhof	railroad station
Bkdo. = Bezirkskommando	military district command
bz. = beziehungsweise	or, respectively
Bäcker	baker
Bad	spa, resort
Badeort	spa, health resort
Band	volume
Baptist	Baptist
Baron	baron
Bauer	farmer, peasant

along with their English translations. If you're stumped by the handwriting, a handwriting guide could be the perfect solution. If you need help navigating an important gazetteer or even making sense of the columns in census records, the wiki can help with that too. Other useful resources you can find in the wiki include letter writing guides, maps, and guides to using certain records, such as the Hamburg

passenger lists.

## 4. Link to Other Great Resources.

The wiki contains a wealth of information on its own. But it doesn't operate in isolation. One of the best things it can do is link you to other valuable resources relevant to your research. When a wiki page talks about cemetery records, chances are that if there are any records online for a certain place, there will be a link directly to that collection. Links will lead you to record collections held by FamilySearch as well as collections on other websites. Generally, you'll also find a description of the collection so you can clearly understand its scope, such as years covered and how complete the collection is. In addition to links to records, you can sometimes find links to additional information on a topic.

If you haven't spent time with FamilySearch's Family History Research Wiki before, give it a try, and see what it can do to boost your research. Even if you've used it before, it might be time to make another visit. One of the greatest things about the wiki is that it's constantly expanding. If you discover something you need that you can't find in the wiki, maybe you should consider doing some research yourself and adding it! After all, like other wikis, the Family History Research Wiki is open to contributions and is built by the community. This means it's only as good and complete as contributors make it.

## Holiday Closures

Following is a chart showing the Ogden FamilySearch Library schedule of closures for the holidays, our staff deserves a few days to off to enjoy their families and the holiday activities.

12 December	Mon	Christmas Early Closing	Close at 5:00 P.M.
Through		Christmas Early Closing	Close at 5:00 P.M.
17 December	Sat	Christmas Early Closing	Close at 5:00 P.M.
19 December	Mon	Christmas Holiday	Library Closed
Through		Christmas Holiday	Library Closed
24 December	Sat	Christmas Holiday	Library Closed
25 December	Sun	Christmas Day	Library Closed
26 December	Mon	Christmas Holiday	Library Closed
Through		Christmas Holiday	Library Closed
30 December	Fri	Christmas Holiday	Library Closed
31 December	Sat	New Year's Eve	Library Closed
<b>2017 LIBRARY CLOSURE DATES</b>			
01 January	Sun	New Year's Day	Library Closed
02 January	Mon	New Year's Holiday	Library Closed

**We wish everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a HAPPY AND ENJOYABLE NEW YEAR!**

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