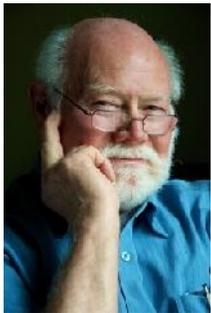


# FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER



From the Director's Desk

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## On "The Good the Bad and the Ugly"

"Where we came from, if one did not want to die of poverty, one became a priest or a bandit!" That quote came from the spaghetti western: "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." Thank goodness that isn't where most of us came from today. However, with H.D. (High Definition) technology we can all be fully exposed to the 'good, bad, and ugly' every day of our lives. There are statistics available to us every day that describe how many crimes of various types are being committed in various parts of our country, let alone in the world. We don't even have to try to envision what it must be like for the victims because today's movies and television programs depict these crimes in gory detail.

Men and women are buying guns to protect themselves and their families in case the reality of it gets too close to home. Some of us, fortunately, live in parts of the country where there is very little crime and cruelty and we can feel somewhat confident that we are safer than most. Many of us, who are older, lived during an era when there was very little crime. Some who lived through that time would nostalgically like to go back to the day when we all left our doors unlocked, our keys in the ignition and our children ran free without fear of being carried off. When I was young we played outside every minute of the day that we could.

Dinner time, potty time and bedtime were the only things that brought us in. Even then we went in reluctantly after we had been called many times and finally, even threatened. Marbles, tag football, baseball, hide and seek, pump-pump-pull-away, kick the can, 'Mother may I', were just some of the games we played well into the evening. I don't recall ever being warned by parents that we had to watch out for bad people who might carry us away or hurt us in some way. Was it because we were all blissfully ignorant or naive of the dangers?

Children are not often seen playing out of doors today unless it is an organized sports program with adult supervision. Then, there were fewer overweight children, as well as adults. The level of obesity in children is a relatively modern phenomenon and one that has become of national and even international concern. Watching T.V. or playing video games for hours every day contributes to many problems that seemed nonexistent in years gone by.

However, it seems that in this modern day 'bad and ugly' are more frequently a part of our lives., To say the 'good ole daze' were without bad guys would be stretching the truth but I do believe that there were fewer of them. I even have a theory about why there may have been fewer of them. In the 'good ole daze' there were fewer conveniences and, more importantly, family values were more frequently taught. Just looking at their daily routines, from personal hygiene, to

house work and the maintenance of home and cars. The extra steps that everyone had to take to 'go and to do' kept us, for the most part, out of trouble as well as slim and trim.

In spite of all the 'bad and ugly' going on in the world, there are a lot of very good people, wonderful people, who would be there for you if you needed them. I love to read about heroes, acts of kindness and expressions of love. The best way I know of to counteract the 'bad and the ugly' is for each of us as individuals to be 'good'. Good as described by President Gordon B. Hinckley. He said; "But it is not enough just to be good. You must be good for something. You must contribute good to the world. The world must be a better place for your presence. And the good that is in you must be spread to others..." If more of the good were taught in our homes I believe there would be less of the bad and ugly in our towns.

There are a lot of ways to be good, to share it with others while contributing to this beautiful world that we live in. One important way is to become more involved in and with our families. There is a saying to the effect that a couple can make a family and families make a village and a village can become a city and cities become a state and states become a country (maybe I just made that up).

Where there is love there are good people and good people together do many good things. To know and to love our families is so very important to each individual member of the family. Families are the most important unit in the world and good families breed "Good Children".

One way to strengthen a family is to tell stories. There are so many stories in every family; every member, big or small, has a story to tell, not just the father or the mother but everyone. Encourage children to share their stories with other family members and provide an opportunity for them to tell their stories. Family Home Evening comes to mind. Write the

stories down as they are shared and provide them with journals so they can write them down and eventually have them become part of a family story book. A book available to every member of the family to be referred to any time. The stories will make them aware of the 'good' and want to avoid the ugly. It will make them to be 'good' the kind of good that President Hinckley talked about. God bless us to follow the wise words of our Prophets.

– Emil O. Hanson, Director  
Ogden FamilySearch Library

[An Apology - In the February Newsletter article on the Abrahamic Covenant I gave the wrong scripture on 'work for the dead' I stated the scripture came from Heb 15:29 and it was actually I Cor 15:29. I thank the corrector and plea for forgiveness. – Emil]

## Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness is Back Online

– Dick Eastman · January 4, 2015

The <http://www.raogk.org> web site now states, "RAOGK is a global volunteer organization. At one time we had over 4000 volunteers in every U.S. state and many international locations, and helped thousands of researchers. We are trying to rebuild the RAOGK site. It will take a little more time to get it back to its former glory. Our volunteers take time to do everything from looking up courthouse records to taking pictures of tombstones. All they ask in return is reimbursement for their expenses (never their time) and a thank you."

Elder Robert and Sister Emma Lou Draper are serving as RAOGK volunteers from Ogden FamilySearch Library.



## 5 Fun Ways to Record 2015

– Brittany Beattie, *Church Magazines*

**These five easy ideas prove there's not just one way to keep a journal.**

Do you ever feel overwhelmed when people talk about how important it is to keep a journal? Maybe you feel a little guilty when you go to sleep without jotting down a few things that happened during the day, but you just know that it will take forever to write about the day, and your pillow is already calling your name. Maybe it's time to take a new approach to journal writing. Rather than feeling like you need to write a ton each day or that journaling has to be a play-by-play of every event in your life, try one of these creative ideas for 2015. Give it a go, see how rewarding it can be!

1. Photo + Sentence - Take a photo each day and jot down a quick sentence explaining what the photo shows or what the memory means to you. You can take a phone photo and include a sentence by emailing yourself the pic. Or just snap a photo each day, write your sentence afterward, and then combine the photos and sentences for the week into a document each Sunday. If you have an app-compatible device, some apps are designed to help you with the photo-a-day approach—just make sure you transfer them to a stand-alone document that can be kept long after you quit using the app.

2. Same Time, Different Place - Set a watch or phone with a silent alarm to go off at a certain time each day — not during classes but preferably during a time that tends to have the most variety of activities from day to day. When the alarm goes off, write down, text, or email yourself a quick sentence about what you're doing at that moment. It takes almost no time at all, and at the end of the year it provides a glimpse into what your everyday life is like!

3. Blessings from Heavenly Father - Every day, Heavenly Father is giving each of us many blessings! We just have to learn to look for them. Consider this approach from President Henry B.

Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency, for a daily journal entry: "I wrote down a few lines every day for years. ... Before I would write, I would ponder this question: 'Have I seen the hand of God reaching out to touch us or our children or our family today?' As I kept at it, something began to happen. As I would cast my mind over the day, I would see evidence of what God had done for one of us that I had not recognized in the busy moments of the day. As that happened, and it happened often, I realized that trying to remember had allowed God to show me what He had done" (*O Remember, Remember, Ensign, Nov. 2007, 67*).

4. Social Media Mash-Up - You're on social media, your posts are already capturing a part of your life. Each time you post, copy the text into a digital journal. If you're not on social media, you can try this approach by collecting some of your text messages each day.

5. Saying It with Scriptures - Each day when you read your scriptures, jot down a verse that stood out to you and tell in a few sentences why it's important to you or how it relates to your life right now. You'll be like Nephi, who kept the "small plates" that contained his spiritual record instead of just the history of the events happening around him (this principle would apply to #3 too!).

Handwritten vs. Digital Are you already on the computer or a tablet each day? Let technology work for you by keeping your journal digitally if that fits your life better than a printed journal. Just make sure to back up your journal often, in case your computer or tablet crashes, and print it out every so often. You may want to consider handwriting an entry every once in a while and adding the photo to your digital document—that way you at least get a sampling of your handwriting over time.

## Introduction to the FamilySearch Catalog

– From the FamilyHistory Expo January newsletter  
(as Redirected from Introduction to the Family History Library Catalog)

### What Is the FamilySearch Catalog?

The FamilySearch Catalog (formerly Family History Library Catalog) describes the genealogical resources held by FamilySearch.org, the Family History Library, selected FamilySearch Centers, and selected partner libraries.

The Catalog is a guide to family histories; birth, marriage, and death records; census records; church registers; books, periodicals and many other records that may contain genealogical information. These records may be in a book, on microfiche or microfilm, searchable online or in a computer file.

Most microfilm and microfiche records can be sent to your nearest FamilySearch Center. If a particular item is available at another FamilySearch Center besides the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, then a pull-down menu will indicate the locations where the item is available.

### Where Is It Found?

The FamilySearch Catalog is available on the Internet at the FamilySearch.org splash page under the Search tab. Previous versions of the catalog were released on compact disc and on microfiche, but those versions are significantly outdated, and do not list films acquired after the publication date on the disc or microfiche. (Learn More by clicking on the hot links)

**– Have You Done any Family History Research Today? –**

## Family Search Applications - FamilySearch.org

– The Cache Valley Newsletter Feb 2015

FamilySearch.org has launched an online Application (App) Gallery to help patrons more easily find the right application from FamilySearch's many partner applications, or services, to enhance their family history efforts. With just a few clicks, patrons can now begin to search partner apps to find those that meet their specific need, platform, operating system, and price. For example, if a patron is looking for a highly-rated app that will help them analyze the data in their family tree, the app gallery will allow them to filter and find several relevant partner apps to choose from. The FamilySearch App Gallery can be found at:

[www.familysearch.org/apps](http://www.familysearch.org/apps).

## Thought

"The power of great writing is in people's stories. Points, data, and studies are important, but a good story to illustrate is the most important."

– Malcolm Gladwell

## The Best Way to Find EVERY Historic Newspaper in America Got your attention didn't I - all you genealogy researchers of old newspapers!

– Cache Valley Newsletter

The fact is that all old newspapers ever published in the United States are not online. there are approximately 1,600 online titles and there have been over 150,000 titles ever published in the U.S. The Library of Congress has helped us out with the US Newspaper Directory from 1690 - Present. This directory provides not just multiple ways to find newspapers published, but tons of facts about those newspapers. Learn more of this valuable resource at <http://r20.rs6.net>.

## Linking Living Individuals With Ancestors in Family Tree

– Emil Hanson

All living LDS church members are in the FS data base, but they are not shown for privacy reasons. To connect a living generation to your first generation of deceased ancestors, you can enter minimal data about your living family. This process creates duplicate records for them. When those individuals pass away, and the ward clerk submits the death data, the "bridge" records you have created will then need to be combined with the church records to avoid duplication of records of individual records in the FamilySearch database.

Do not add individual records of living persons except as a bridges to your deceased ancestors. Family Tree is primarily for the deceased, not the living. Living person's information (along with your ancestral data) should only be maintained in your personal family history data files on your personal computer.

*[The additional information below was shared on FHCnet (FamilyHistory Center Network) by Shanna Jones, She explains it a little differently.]*

Each user of Family Tree has a private space. Private spaces help both protect privacy and allow users to enter information for living family. All living people and relationships are stored in a private space. Currently, private spaces cannot be shared. Each owner of a living record can modify information independently from others. Deceased persons should each be represented only one time in Family Tree and have a common ID.

A living person can be represented in multiple private spaces as a different Family Tree person, and each instance has a different ID. Searching Family Tree using the name of a living person returns no results. Searching by the ID Number does not find the living person except the one using the ID entered. Living people

cannot be sourced. Family Tree does not compute the likelihood of people being living, even after they are older than 110 years. Users need to mark individuals as deceased and then search for any possible duplicates.

## MyHeritage adds 900 Million Records to its Global Digital Archive

– Dick Eastman · February 2, 2015

*[The following announcement was written by the folks at MyHeritage]*

*Tel Aviv, Israel & Lehi, Utah – Feb 2, 2015*

MyHeritage, the leading destination for discovering, preserving and sharing family history, today announced that 900 million global historical records have been added to its searchable digital archive, bringing the total to more than 6 billion. By combining its huge and rapidly expanding digital repository of historical records with its matching technologies and newly-released Instant Discoveries™ experience, MyHeritage is helping families unlock their past faster and on a larger scale than ever before.

The additional content announced today is among the fruits of MyHeritage's strategic partnership with FamilySearch, the world's largest genealogy organization. The records consist primarily of family tree profiles that have been submitted by more than 22 million users on FamilySearch. Integration ensures that this data is refreshed on MyHeritage on a daily basis as it is updated on FamilySearch. Adding this data to MyHeritage alongside the 27 million global family trees submitted by users of MyHeritage, brings together for the very first time 2 of the world's 3 largest family tree collections.

The beneficiaries are the users of the two organizations that will receive matches whenever MyHeritage technologies locate overlaps between the trees. Millions of users will make new discoveries and find new, previously unknown ancestors and relatives thanks to this partnership.

Gilad Japhet, Founder and CEO of MyHeritage said: "Unraveling the family history of the people of the world requires two primary ingredients—advanced technologies and massive amounts of data. MyHeritage is constantly pushing the limits in developing big data technology for family history discoveries, and today's announcement marks a substantial advancement in our accumulation of data. We're proud to work closely with FamilySearch to empower families across the globe to learn about their past and, through it, about themselves. Today's big step helps make the world a little smaller and bring people closer together."

Dennis Brimhall, CEO of FamilySearch said: "Partnerships are a major focus in FamilySearch's strategy to increase family history discoveries for more people. We value our strategic partnership with MyHeritage and appreciate their global reach and contribution to technology in the family history space. We believe this integration is paramount to the greater good of the community and look forward to a fruitful 2015 and beyond."

About MyHeritage- MyHeritage is the leading destination for discovering, preserving and sharing family history. As technology thought leaders and innovators, MyHeritage is transforming family history into an activity that's accessible and instantly rewarding. Trusted by millions of families, its global user community enjoys access to a massive library of historical records, the most internationally diverse collection of family trees and ground-breaking search, matching and Instant Discovery technologies. MyHeritage empowers families with an easy way to share their story, past and present, and treasure it for generations to come. MyHeritage is available in 40 languages. [www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com)

## Top 100 Genealogy Websites of 2015

— *Genealogyintime Magazine*

We present our fourth annual roundup of the top 100 most popular genealogy websites from around the world. If you want to stay up to date with what is going on in genealogy and discover some interesting new websites then this is the article for you. [See *Top100 Genealogy Websites of 2015 at [genealogyintime.com](http://genealogyintime.com)*]

## We're Getting Older!

The number of centenarians (individuals over 100 years old) and their percentage in the population is increasing.

Year	Number	%
<1940	rare	n/a
1950	2,300	0.0015%
1990	37,306	0.0150%
2010	53,364	0.0173%

## Shareing Temple Opportunities with Family and Friends is Now a FamilySearch Feature

— *Ron Tanner, Jan 13, 2015*

One of the biggest requests we get from LDS members is for an easy way to share temple reservations with family and friends. A new feature on the temple reservation page does just that. Now, you can send temple names from your temple reservation list to others that are ready and willing to bring them to the temple. Here's how it works: To share a Reservation with Family or Friends

1. Check the box next to any ancestor reservation you would like to give to a friend or family member to complete. Click Share and Share with Family or Friends.

2. Enter the name and email address of the family or friend recipient, and then click Send.

3. Shared reservations will be marked with an envelope icon and remain on your reservation list until they are accepted by your family or friend.

4. When accepted, the reservation will disappear from your list. If your invitation is not accepted in 2 weeks, the share envelope icon will be removed, allowing you to print, share, or unreserve your ancestor reservation again.

FamilySearch has created a short video titled, Share Reserved Ordinances with Family and Friends. It visually walks you through each step and helps you see how easy it is to share temple reserved names with your own family members and friends. This new feature makes it easier than ever for families to collaborate in the work of salvation for ancestors. It also gives people with large reservation lists a way to share the blessings of temple service with others while ensuring that temple ordinances are completed in a timely manner. Visit your temple reservation page and try it out. There are blessings in it for you and for the ancestors you provide ordinances for on the other side of the veil.

## Ogden FamilySearch Library Guest Speaker Series

We are honored to welcome Glenn Rawson as our guest speaker for March 2015. Glenn is a noted writer, producer and host of the Joseph Smith Papers T.V. series as well as an international tour leader. He and his wife are the proud parents of seven children and two grandchildren. He will speak to us Saturday, March 21, 2015 in room 12 OFSL at 10:00 a.m.

Brother Rawson's presentation promises to be entertaining and educational, definitely worth attending. For additional information call the Library at 801-626-1132 or stop in at 539 24th Street, Ogden.

## Come Join Us

The Ogden FamilySearch Library always welcomes new missionaries and volunteers. We invite you to come and serve with us. Afraid you lack the knowledge or ability to work at the library? We will teach you what is required so that you can help others to do the family history research. At the same time your added knowledge will make you a better family historian too.

There are 16 shifts per week. Two each on Monday, Friday and Saturday. Three shifts per day Tuesday through Thursday. Shift #1 - 8:30 AM to 1:00PM, Shift # 2 - 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM, Shift #3 - 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. You may choose to work one or as many as you wish.

As a missionary you can live at home and serve on a full time or part time basis. For volunteers we can arrange our schedule to fit your schedule. This is a great work and you will be blessed for your service. Please call us at 801-626-1132 or come in for an interview

## Parting Thoughts

– Elder Neil A. Maxwell

"If another person had in his storehouse of deserved self-esteem only what you had put there, what would he have to draw upon to sustain him?"

"So very much of pure prayer seems to be the process of first discovering, rather than requesting, the will of our Father in Heaven and then aligning ourselves therewith."