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## Directors Corner

### **Have Fun with the Five Generation Exercise**

*-- Elder and Sister Erickson*

Do you want to have some fun? Try the Five Generation Exercise in your FamilySearch Family Tree to see if you can clean up and add information. We think you'll be surprised at what you find, even if you think everything is done.

If you need help at any time, stop by the Library and ask any staff member for assistance. They are waiting to help you!

Here's how the Exercise works. Print a four generation pedigree chart for your father and also one for your mother to use as a checklist. Counting yourself as the first generation, you now have five generations to work on. Systematically check and fix each item of information on each person in your family tree. If you haven't done this before, we think you'll be amazed at what you find.

This idea of cleaning up your tree may not be new, but it got its start at the Ogden FamilySearch Library last summer when staff member Delos Adams shared an idea with fellow staffer Johnny Willis about cleaning up your first five generations. The systematic method is now taught in the Five Generation Exercise class. We were asked to be guinea pigs-and it has been a wonderful experience.

Here's how it works--

**Step One. Standardize** - Start at your father's Person Page and standardize all the dates

and places. Don't overlook the marriage information.

**Step Two. Resolve Hints** - While on your father's Person Page, look at the Research Help box in the top right hand corner and attach any source hints that apply to your ancestor's record.

**Step Three. Resolve Duplicates** - Now go to the Tools box and search for Possible Duplicates. If there is a duplicate, do the proper research to accurately combine records. Seek additional training, if needed.

**Step Four. Check the Ordinances** - See that all ordinances have been performed for your ancestor.

**Step Five. Put the Sources in Order** - Go to the Sources on your ancestor's Person Page and arrange the sources as outlined by FamilySearch: birth and christening sources together at the top, records before marriage in date order, marriage records, records after marriage in date order, death records, and sources with children in order of birth. If you think a source is missing, find and add it.

When you have completed these five steps for your father, go to your mother, and then the next ancestor. Perform all five steps for each person. You can also choose to perform these five steps for the children of your ancestors, and add memories as well.

When you have your five generations cleaned up, you'll have the satisfaction of having records that contribute to "a book containing the records of our dead, which shall be worthy of all acceptance." (*D&C 128:24*).

This Five Generation Exercise has been a wonderful experience for us. Let us know how it works for you.

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## On "A Time to Learn"

— Emil O. Hanson

The Church has great hope that with all of the new learning tools available for Family History Research, that members will in fact 'use and learn'. Aristotle said that; "All men by nature desire to know." It is evident to anyone watching children play that they are busily exploring their environment. They do not always have to have a teacher guiding what they learn by exposing them to only those things that the teacher believes they should learn, those things that the teacher is interested in. Or, for their learning to be limited to textbooks that are approved by the local district or the state. The very most important learning for each individual will be that which is learned independent of the formal lockstep system of society. The learning that will be most permanent and enjoyable will be that learning that takes place as a result of the individual's own interests and curiosity. Kahlil Gibran said that, "Perplexity is the beginning of knowledge". I believe perplexity and curiosity in this use are synonymous. What they say about, 'leading a horse to water but you can't make them drink' is true as well with young students. That is not to say that the formal and designed plan for learning is not important but the fact remains that the 'curious attraction' will always be learned more completely and effectively. There is an old Cherokee saying that; "Everything in life comes to you through a teacher. Pay attention, learn quickly." The only way that I would accept that saying as true is if the term teacher is broadened to include the inanimate teachers as well as the animate ones. For example the training one receives through the 'schools of hard knocks'. The training or learning that takes place as a result of experiences that may or may not be planned. A wise teacher will lead the student, to the edge of his interest, and

there leave him to explore and to wander around, to drink in that which he can until full.

I have always been impressed by the thought that a human learns through a series of senses; sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste, yet formal education usually only includes sight and hearing, mostly hearing. Most experts in the education field would probably agree that the greater number of senses involved in the learning process would probably produce the most effective learning experience.

Driving a car, for example requires all of our senses to experience the safest travel. If a driver's training course only provided a classroom experience for certification, very poor drivers would be the end product. Driver education classes of today, always include hands-on experience behind the wheel of an actual car. The classroom instruction comes first, however, so that the student learns the fundamental knowledge or basics of the vehicle they will be driving based on the laws of the road. For example, a student driver who failed some basics about a car, may plan to pass another car and assuming the "P" on the transmission console was the passing gear, might shove the gear in 'park' which would ruin the transmission.

When I was a young man it was very common for young men living in our farming community, to drop out of high school to work their family farm. I believe the statistic was something like only 72% of those young men graduated from high school. Girls' graduation rate was much higher in that community. Yet these young farmers were by no means ignorant when it came to the business of farming. Many of them eventually took over the farms and were astute businessmen when it came to calculating profit and loss in respect to grain production or cattle sales. They were especially well trained when it came to operating the heavy equipment such as farm tractors and harvesting equipment. They also learn how to maintain and repair their own equipment.

The most amazing thing about training and education, to me, is the fact that we all learn a little differently and we all have different interests. The best teachers in the world are bound to fail with students who have absolutely no interest in their subject. Conversely, the worst teachers in the world are going to be a huge success when teaching a subject that the students all have a high interest in.

The other master teacher is 'Necessity', I remember watching a show entitled, "Man in the Wilderness" by design the man was left somehow in the wilds, with very little clothing and no tools or weapons to protect himself from wild beasts or the elements. It was amazing to watch how he learned to use his skills to survive. He essentially became animal like, having to sharpen his senses, to listen and watch for danger and/or opportunities to find food and water. It demonstrated how he discovered a hard rock that could be used as a flint to strike against another hard object to start a fire in some dry grass, etc. I am also impressed with the electronic gadgets so easily accessible to most everyone in our society. Everywhere you look you see the very young and the very old with their heads down studying a small screen in their hands. The gadget represents the most unique learning tool ever devised. With access to the Internet they can query almost any subject by typing or saying a topic and within seconds they will have an answer to their query. What an amazing world we live in, a world of learning without teachers. If one were so inclined. I can envision a time when a person will be able to complete an advanced degree by simply querying his digital phone. The teachers then become the technicians developing the programs that are accessed through the Internet by these little phones or tablets. Instead of teachers who are nicely dressed standing before their class, they are working from home in blue jeans and T-shirts.

What an interesting and wonderful world we live in. Even so there will always be teachers and there will always be learners. The following statement says it all; "Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten." (*B. F. Skinner*)

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## OFSL Quarterly Speaker Series

-- Wayne Decker

We would like to welcome Richard Dilworth Rust as our April speaker. Bro. Rust will speak on the "The Journal of George Q. Cannon".

Richard Dilworth Rust is an Emeritus Professor of English at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was a General Editor of the thirty-volume Complete Works of Washington Irving and has published on the Revolutionary War and the Civil War and on authors such as James Fenimore Cooper, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Herman Melville, Mark Twain, and Henry James. In respect to Mormon studies, he has published a book, *Feasting on the Word: The Literary Testimony of the Book of Mormon*, and has published in the *New Era*, *Ensign*, *Encyclopedia of Mormonism*, *BYU Studies*, *Book of Mormon Reference Companion*, and *Journal of the Book of Mormon and Other Restoration Scripture*. Currently, he and his wife are missionaries in the Utah Salt Lake City Headquarters Mission.

Next to Brigham Young, George Q. Cannon was arguably the best-known Latter-day Saint in the last half of the nineteenth century. His remarkable journal, contained in fifty-one physical volumes, is one of the most insightful and detailed records in Mormon history. His record spans five decades, a period in which he served as an editor and publisher, a businessman, an educator, a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, a territorial delegate in Congress, and a counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The vast majority of Cannon's journal has never been publicly available before.

Please join us at the Ogden FamilySearch Library, 539 24th Street Ogden, UT on April 15, 2017 at 10 am in Room 12 for his presentation. For additional information please call the Library at 801-626-1132.

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## How to Use FamilySearch's Mobile Apps

-- Leslie Albrecht Huber

With FamilySearch's two mobile apps (the FamilySearch Tree app and the Memories app), you can take your family history with you anywhere you take your phone! This makes it more convenient than ever to fit a few little family history tasks into even the busiest schedules. The first step, if you haven't used FamilySearch before, is to create a free account. Next, make a quick stop at the App Gallery to download the apps. Then read through our tips and tricks below, and you'll be off and running in no time.

And since both apps sync with the website, changes or additions you make on your phone will show up on the site.

### Using the FamilySearch Tree App

Designed as a companion to FamilySearch's online Family Tree, there's lots of great things you can do with this app. Here are a few highlights to get you started.

### **Mobile Family Tree App - View and edit your tree**

When you open the app, your family tree will appear-with as much or as little information as you've put into it so far. Use your fingers to move or expand the tree. To add a new person, tap on a black plus sign to reach a screen where you can enter those details. As you enter deceased people, the app automatically searches for possible matches already in FamilySearch's Tree. This helps avoid duplicates and could link you into material that might already be there. To search the Tree for a particular person, select the magnifying glass in the upper right corner.

If you'd like to add or change information about a specific person, tap on him or her to reach his or her individual screen. From here, tapping the green plus sign in the lower right corner will bring you to a screen where you can type in further details, such as a birth date and place.

### **Mobile Family Tree App - Find and add sources**

Besides exploring and expanding the ancestors you have on your tree, you can also find and add sources to your tree with this app. From a person's individual page, select Sources, and then choose the green plus at the bottom of the screen. This brings up three options: add a URL for a web page, add a source with a photo-which might include photos of a records taken with your phone, or search FamilySearch's historical records to find sources that match this ancestor.

### **Mobile Family Tree App - Tapping Search Records**

This will give you a choice to search FamilySearch or Ancestry. The search will try to find records with information that matches that particular ancestor. If you find a record that matches, tap it to see more information. Then you can even attach it to the Tree with just one more tap.

Another way to access historical records is by choosing More from the tabs across the bottom of the screen. For more information on adding sources, try the article "How to Attach Sources" in this series.

### **Using the Memories App**

FamilySearch's second app, the Memories app, is a companion for the Memories section of FamilySearch. This section of FamilySearch offers a place to store and organize family memories, such as photos, documents, stories, audio clips, and more. The beauty of the corresponding app is that it allows you to capture these memories as they happen-and upload them directly to the Memories Gallery. Here's how it can help you with your family history.

### **Mobile Family Tree App - Capture new material**

Your phone offers you quick and convenient ways to record memories-and the Memories app helps you preserve them. The app opens to the My Photos section. In the upper right corner, select the plus to see the option to upload a photo from your camera roll or take a new photo. Select Stories to type in a family story or memory. And by using the Audio tab, you can record an interview with a family member and instantly have it be part of your Memories Gallery.

### **Mobile Family Tree App - Label and attach memories to your tree**

Once you bring in a photo, story, or audio clip, you can make it even more useful by making it be part of the Tree. Tapping on the photo will take you to a screen to do this. First choose a title for your photo. Then you can tap Who is this about? to make circles appear on faces in photos (or on names in documents). Start typing in the name, and FamilySearch will find possible matches from your tree. Selecting one of these people

will attach the photo or document to that person on your tree. The same general process applies to stories and audio clips.

Of course these apps can do much more than what we've covered here. But you'll find they are fairly intuitive to use. With these few tips, you're more than ready to jump in and start finding and preserving your family history right from your phone.

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## Search Historical Newspaper Archives with Elephind.com

-- Dick Eastman



Elephind can be a great FREE resource for anyone who wishes to search old newspapers. The purpose of elephind.com is to make it possible to search all of the world's digital newspapers from one place and at one time. [Elephind.com](http://Elephind.com) allows you to simultaneously search across thousands of articles using key words and phrases.

Elephind presently contains 174,143,178 items from 3,306 newspaper titles. You can find a list of libraries that have contribute their archives on the site by clicking on "List of Titles." It is a very long list! Clicking on any library's name displays the newspapers in that collection.

Elephind.com is much like Google, Bing, or other search engines but focused only on historical, digitized newspapers. By clicking on the [Elephind.com](http://Elephind.com) search result that interests you, you'll go directly to the newspaper collection which hosts that story. Of course, newspapers can be a great resource of genealogy information. Birth announcements, marriage announcements, court news, and more can be searched within seconds. If your ancestor was a merchant, you probably can also find his or her advertisements placed in the newspaper.

As I often did, I performed my first search on elephind.com looking for one of my ancestors. I simply entered his name, Washington Eastman, and was rewarded thousands of "hits" containing one or the other of those two words. Some of them were about photography and others were about Washington, D.C., or Washington State. I didn't read every article found by that simplistic search but the few I looked at did not have contain anything about the man I was seeking.

I will say however, one article on the list from the San Francisco Call of 6 September 1891 caught my eye: Darling Eastman, the long-sought-for Vermont moonshiner, is under arrest in this city. Eastman's capture and escape at Corinth, Vt., last April, was the most sensational that has occurred in the State for twenty years. Orange County has been notorious for its stills. The most daring and successful operator in that section was J. Warren Eastman, who lived in an isolated quarter of Corinth. In April last a large posse of officers made a descent on the Eastman homestead. In an old blacksmith shop they discovered a still of the largest and most approved pattern in full operation. The father, Warren Eastman, his son Darling and his son-in-law were captured in their beds and heavily manacled.

Yes, that sounds like one of my relatives! Admittedly, I have never found this family in my family tree before but they certainly sound like they might belong.

I then backed up and clicked on ADVANCED SEARCH. I got far better results by using

that. Advanced Search allows the user to specify any combination of the following:

- Contributing library
- Years of publication to be searched
- Search of all text or limited to searches only of titles
- Number of results to be displayed per page

Elephind does not search all the newspapers ever published in the U.S. No online newspaper offers anywhere near that amount of information. However, it does contain 3,306 different newspapers in its database, including newspapers from the United States, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore.

All the text on Elephind was created by OCR (Optical Character Recognition) and therefore has numerous errors whenever it encountered fuzzy text, page wrinkles, and similar problems. All OCR-created newspaper sites suffer from the same problem, although some sites seem to have worse results than do others.

The oldest newspaper in the online collection is from 29 September 1787 while the newest is from 21 November 2016.

Elephind is not perfect but it can help a lot if your ancestor is listed in one of the newspapers in the Elephind database. Best of all is the price: FREE. There is an optional FREE registration which adds the use advanced features, including Elephind bookmarks and comments. If you do register, occasionally (less than 6 times per year) you will receive notifications or newsletters via email with information about changes and additions to Elephind.com.

You can try Elephind at [elephind.com](http://elephind.com). When you first sign on take a few minutes to review the "Search Tips" pull down. It will save you time and tears as you use the program.

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## Ogden Family History Conference

*-- Joyce and Frank Decaria*

Well, it's set in stone. Well, maybe cement. Well, maybe hard-packed earth. Any way you look at it, the date and time for the 2017 free Ogden Family History Conference is a go!

The free Ogden Family History Conference will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 8 am to 5 pm at the Weber State University Student Union Building--a more perfect spot you'd be hard pressed to find, with its free all-day parking, lunch opportunities, computer lab, plethora of classroom space, and areas for family history/genealogy vendors.

Everything is currently in the works: committees are in place, classes are being formed and scheduled, door prizes are being promised, and vendors are signing up to attend. So what else is there to talk about? Oh, yeah! YOU! Put the date and time on your calendar, in your cell phone, on your computer--heck, write it on the back of your hand in indelible ink so you will be reminded often. Those who attended last year are still talking about what an amazing learning experience they had.

This year will be bigger and better. Don't let anything short of getting married and going on a honeymoon get in the way of your being there.

Seriously, new family history programs and information are being generated all the time

to help us find our ancestors, as well as ways to store and present that information to family members and the world. Just since last year, new and updated programs have been created, making it easier than ever to discover where we belong and who we belong to. So don't just think about it. Make a commitment to yourself and your ancestors! You'll be glad you did and so will your ancestors!

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Ogden Family Search Library's  
**SUMMER ACTIVITY**  
**2017 – It's new!**



**Become a Family History Detective**  
**Search for clues.**  
**Keep an evidence file.**

**PRIMARY** (ages 8-11), **YOUTH** (ages 12-18) and **ADULTS** have the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate family history activities. This summer the interactive sessions focus on searching for family history clues.

**DATES:** June 5 through August 12, 2017 (Except holidays)

**LENGTH:** Each group activity is about 2 hours

**SCHEDULE:** Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays:  
9:30-11:30 or 1:30-3:30

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays:  
9:30-11:30, 1:30-3:30 or 6:30-8:30

**HOW MANY:** Each session will accommodate about fifteen participants. Larger groups may reserve 2 different sessions.

**BRING:** *\$1.00 for each child ages 8-11. Youth and adults should know their FamilySearch username and password and Names, dates, and places of deceased ancestors*

**RESERVATIONS required: Call 801-626-1132**

**LOCATION:** Ogden FamilySearch Library, 539-24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ogden, Utah

