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### Directors Corner

-- Elder and Sister Erickson

## Would You Like Personalized One-on-One Help?

If you are new to family history and would like to get started or have a few questions, we have a new class for you. It's our One-on-One Workshop, and it starts in May.

How does it work? You can sign up for it at any of four convenient times each week. Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning, Thursday evening, and Saturday morning. Sign up by going to our website [OgdenFSL.org](http://OgdenFSL.org), click on Classes, and find the One-on-One Workshop you like.

What happens at the Workshop? You will have the undivided attention of one of our staff members for about an hour to help you get started in your Family Tree. Once you sign up for the class, an Ogden FamilySearch Library staff member will contact you by email and ask what you would like to work on. You may also be asked for information that will help the staff member get access to your tree, so he or she can be prepared for your meeting.

Can anyone sign up for One-on-One help? Yes. Anyone from the community can request assistance. The Library is starting these special, personalized workshops so that you get exactly

the help you need. Try the service out. There is no cost. Our volunteer staff members are ready to assist you.

## On "Doing Things My Way"

-- Emil O. Hanson

Most young children go through a stage where they don't want help putting on their clothes etc. anymore - they want to do it 'their way'. If mother is in a hurry and she wants to help - they will make a scene. In some cases the child will become an adult and they still want to do things their way, even though there may be several easier and better ways to do a thing. Frank Sinatra sang about his life saying "I did it my way" When we are required to do it somebody else's way we are not always happy.

There is a story about a Taliban terrorist who, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghan desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he hurried toward the mirage, only to find a very frail, little old Jewish man sitting at a small table selling ties. The Taliban terrorist asked, "Do you have water?" The Jewish man replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5." The Taliban shouted hysterically, "Idiot Infidel! I do not need such an over-priced western adornment. I spit on your ties. I need water." "Sorry, I have none - just ties - pure silk - and only \$5." "Pahh! A curse on your ties, I should wrap one around your scrawny little neck and choke the life out of you, but I must conserve my energy and find water!" "Okay," said the little old Jewish man, "It does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie from me, or that you hate me, threaten my life, and call me infidel. I will show you that I am bigger than any of that. If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find a restaurant. It has the finest food and all the ice-cold water you need. Go in peace." Cursing him again, the desperate Taliban staggered away. Several hours later he crawled back, almost dead, and gasped, "Your brother won't let me in his restaurant without a tie!"

He found out almost too late that he had to do it their way! Naaman the Syrian Leper' commander of Syria's army, also found out that he had to do things in order. He was well regarded as a military man, but he had leprosy. His Israelite servant girl suggested he go to Elisha to be healed. Naaman left for Israel, taking a large gift with him and a letter from Ben-hadad, the king of Syria, asking the king of Israel to heal Naaman (*2 Kings 5:1-6*). The king of Israel's reaction was panic-how could anyone heal leprosy? The king of Israel thought Ben-hadad was trying to start a war. (*2 Kings 5:7*).

When the prophet Elisha heard of the king's distress, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel" (*2 Kings 5:8*). Naaman then came to Elisha's house with his chariots, gifts, and servants. Elisha did not even come out to greet Naaman. Instead, he sent a message to wash in the Jordan River seven times to be healed. "Naaman was angry and went away, saying, 'Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus,

better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?' So he turned and went away in a rage" (2 Kings 5:11-12). Naaman's servants urged him to reconsider, and Naaman wisely did. After dipping himself in the Jordan River seven times, he was completely healed as Elisha had said. In fact, "his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy" (2 Kings 5:14). Naaman returned to Elisha and said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant" (verse 15). Elisha refused the gift and sent the Syrian commander away in peace. He was healed because he did what the prophet of God told him to do.

As Christians, we too must do the things the prophets have instructed us to do, and the way the Lord wants them done. Not the way nor the ways that we, as Christians, of varying denominations have been doing them for hundreds of years. Like Naaman, we must do them according to the New and Everlasting Covenant of the Lord, beginning with the initial ordinances of baptism. As we progress we can work for and in behalf of our ancestors who have passed on. We His children, (and yes, even those "Franks" still out there,) will have to learn to comply and do it His way, if we want the kind of results that Naaman experienced.

## Ogden Family History Conference

-- Joyce and Frank Decaria

Top Ten Reasons Why YOU Should Attend the Ogden Family History Conference on September 9, 2017, in the Weber State University Student Union Building.

Number Ten: It's FREE!

Number Nine: One-on-One computer area for personal help if desired!

Number Eight: Be inspired to locate your waiting ancestors!

Number Seven: Enjoy all day FREE parking!

Number Six: Visit vendors to see what's new in Family History/Genealogy!

Number Five: Chose from many different presentations throughout the day!

Number Four: Maybe win a door prize at the end of the day--thanks to our vendors!

Number Three: An opportunity to tour and learn about WSU's Special Collections Library!

Number Two: Mingle with experts and enthusiasts in Family History/Genealogy!

And, finally, the Number One reason to attend the Ogden Family History Conference on Saturday, September 9, 2017, is: Your ancestors will be eternally grateful!

## Woman Finds Lost Father with a DNA Test, Previously Thought He Was Dead

- Dick Eastman

Krista Brian was always told that her father that she had never met was dead. She also was told that she had Mexican ancestry.

At the age of 37, Krista took a DNA test from Ancestry.com. to find out for sure on Ancestry.com. When the test results came back, she received two shocks, one immediately and another a few days later.

The first surprise was when the DNA test results proved that Krista Brian's paternal ancestry was African-American, not Mexican. The second surprise came a few days later: the website put her in touch with a potential family member, named Andrew Baker. He was her father.

In January, Krista visited her very-much-alive father in Florida and then received even more surprises: she has four siblings, one is a sister who looks very much like her.

You can read the full story and watch a video on CNN at: <http://bit.ly/2ozKxKq>.

## Online Resources for Temple and Family History Consultants

- James Tanner

As soon as the changes to the structure and names of the Family History Consultants and Advisers were changed to "Temple and Family History Consultants," the leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints began to dramatically increase the number of resources on [LDS.org](http://LDS.org), the official Church website. We have been getting emails regularly notifying us of newly added resources. I have a rather extensive list of web pages left to highlight.

One of the interesting aspects of these current changes is that the implementation is entirely online. Even handouts and the guide books and manuals are being disseminated online rather than through paper copies being sent to the Stakes and Wards. The effect of this change is obvious, those leaders who are aware of the need to check for new information online are becoming well informed of the changes, but those who ignore email and do not look at [LDS.org](http://LDS.org) are simply operating without the guidance of the leaders of the Church. Although it took the Church a while to go online, all of the resources now available are either partially or exclusively available for English-speaking leaders and members online rather than in print format.

There is a specific page of [LDS.org](http://LDS.org) dedicated to the Temple and Family History Consultants and their duties. See [lds.org/callings/temple-and-family-history](http://lds.org/callings/temple-and-family-history). The sections are linked by the image icons and include the following:

- Understand Your Calling
- Principles for Helping Others
- Family History Training Presentations
- Support and Accountability for My Calling
- Learn to Use FamilySearch.org
- Resources for Finding Ancestors
- Technical Training

- Indexing Information and Resources
- RootsTech Training
- Family History Center Resources
- Media Resources

Over the past few years, as I travel around the country and talk to the previously designated Family History Consultants, one of the most common complaints has been a lack of training. Now, there is no excuse. All of the detailed training needed is readily available to the newly designated Temple and Family History Consultants in the English-speaking world. How long will it take for the Stakes and Wards to use these resources and make the changes and teach the members? That is the question of the day.



## State of Tennessee Puts New Andrew Jackson Collection Online

- Dick Eastman

The Tennessee State Library and Archives has an online collection of materials that will make it easier to learn about the nation's seventh president. The 109-item collection includes digitally scanned copies of many of

Jackson's personal letters, original maps from the War of 1812, political cartoons, campaign broadsides, engravings, lithographs and a rare photograph of him.

Also included are papers from some of Jackson's chief associates, including John Overton, John Coffee, James Winchester, William Carroll and William B. Lewis.

To view the Andrew Jackson collection online, please visit: [AndrewJacksonTeVA](http://AndrewJacksonTeVA) .

## Importing Pictures from Facebook and Instagram to FamilySearch.org

-- Nicole Barber

When I visited my grandma a while back, she told me she had accidentally deleted the internet and needed me to help her reinstall it. Hmmm. Turns out she had actually just deleted the Internet Explorer icon on her desktop! So, imagine my surprise just a few days later when she liked one of my photos on Instagram. The next time I saw her, I said, "Grandma, I didn't know you knew about Instagram!" When I suggested she start posting her own pictures she replied, "Oh, I don't have anything to add. Nothing is going on in my life that people are interested in. I just like looking."



A new feature on FamilySearch.org may be just the way to get Grandma more excited about sharing her own photos. You can now preserve and share your Instagram and Facebook photos directly to FamilySearch. This new integration makes it is easy to choose which photos from these social networks you'd like to link to people in Family Tree and preserve for future generations-a more permanent way for Grandma to leave a photo legacy.

How to Import Photos to FamilySearch.

1. Sign in to [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org).
2. Select Memories in the top navigation.
3. Choose Gallery.
4. Click the green plus icon.
5. Select Instagram or Facebook.
6. Enter your username and password for the site you chose.
7. Authorize that site to access your information in FamilySearch.org.
8. In the window that appears, select the pictures you would like to import, and click Import.

Take note that it is not yet possible to import photos from these social sites using the FamilySearch mobile apps. Also, be aware that you might encounter problems with this feature in the Edge and Internet Explorer 11 browsers due to the trusted site settings. Try adding FamilySearch.org to your trusted sites list or use another browser.

This integration with Facebook and Instagram makes it that much easier to organize and preserve your important family photos. We'll see if it's enough to convince Grandma to take the plunge. I hope so!



## Millions of U.S. Catholic Church Records on Findmypast.com

- James Tanner

I am still finding that usage of the FamilySearch.org Partner Programs is just barely gaining traction among the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. This seems surprising to me

since the members receive free access to these subscription-based websites. Among the most useful of these websites is Findmypast.com. Many members of the Church have English, Scottish, Welsh, or Irish ancestry and Findmypast.com has the largest collection of records from these countries online.

Currently, Findmypast.com has begun digitizing Catholic Church records from the United States and from its early origin as British colonies.



As this graphic shows, there are now millions of records online and completely searchable for Catholics that lived in America. Previously, these records have been entirely unavailable online. In addition, it is important to understand that after Germans, Irish immigrants constitute the largest number of immigrants to America.

I'm certain that during the upcoming week or so I will once again find someone who has English ancestry and has yet to register or take advantage of access to Findmypast.com. To register for the partner programs go to the following link: [familysearch.org/partneraccess](http://familysearch.org/partneraccess)

## Ogden FamilySearch Library's 2017 Summer Activity

### Become a Family History Detective, Search For Clues, Keep an Evidence File

-- Steve Felt

This summer the interactive sessions focus on searching for family history clues. **Primary** (Ages 8-11), **Youth** (Ages 12-18), and **Adults** have the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate family history activities. Sessions will be held at

**Where:** The Ogden FamilySearch Library, 539 24th Street, Ogden UT

**When:** June 8 through August 12 (except holidays)

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

**Schedule:** Monday, Friday, Saturday

9:30 to 11:30 or 1:30 to 3:30.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:30 to 11:30, 1:30 to 3:30 or 6:30 to 8:30

**Capacity:** Each session will accommodate about 15 participants. Larger groups may reserve two or more sessions.

**Bring:** \$1 for each child ages 8-11. Youth and adults should know their LDS user name and password as well as the names, dates, and places of a few deceased ancestors.

**Call:** 801-626-1132 for reservations (required).

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