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Directors Corner

-- Elder and Sister Erickson

We look forward to having Temple and Family History Consultants serve in the Ogden FamilySearch Library. We appreciate so many of you volunteering to come in once a month and help patrons. We know they will benefit from your experience and your willingness to help.

We are also confident that you will benefit from your time here. We have 120 high speed computers available for use six days a week. You can use the computers yourself, or reserve a classroom for those you are assisting in your wards or stakes. Our computers are loaded with premium family history programs and research websites, which can be used for free at the Library. We also have scanners available so that you can quickly digitize your photos or add them to your online Memories.

The Library stays up to date with recent changes and improvements in FamilySearch and other aspects of family history work. Those are discussed in our prayer meetings which take place twice a day on Monday, Friday and Saturday and three times a day on

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, when we stay open at night. We would encourage you to join us for prayer meeting on the day you come in to serve.

We have also begun offering one-on-one family history experiences to Library patrons who register for these workshops ahead of time. We would invite Stake and Ward Consultants to help with those experiences, either by assisting the Library staff member assigned to help the patron, or by preparing a lesson for the patron themselves, using the Find, Take, Teach principles on LDS.org.

We are very grateful for your help. If you would like to volunteer to serve at the Library one shift a month, please call Elder or Sister Erickson at (801) 626-1132 to discuss a date and time that would work well for you.

On "Vanishing Cream"

- Emil Hanson

A couple had friends over for a late dinner and a social evening. Their two small children had been put to bed. However, as they were eating and socializing they noticed that their two children came into the dining room naked. They were all quiet as the children, in single file, walked around the table where they were eating and then as they were walking back down the hall, the little boy was heard to say to his little sister, "See, I told you it was vanishing cream."

In Family Research we sometimes feel that a few of our ancestors may have gotten hold of some of that very same 'cream'. In this day and age it would not have worked as well as it did one or two hundred years ago. There are times when, and places where, the circumstances were such that people have literally vanished. A son may have been named a junior after his father but where the father's information should be, all the record says is 'no information available'.

During the great depression, many fathers had to leave their families to find work. Some worked in the mines in another state, others merely left to find farm work, promising to send money home. How many of those fathers were never heard from again? What a sad story but at various times in our country's history, that is what many fathers had to do. I can remember as a young boy in Minnesota in the 1930's (Depression years) many men (whom we referred to as bums) would come around our house to ask for food. Mother would make them a peanut butter sandwich and give them a glass of milk and let them eat it on the porch.

As a boy I never wondered who they might be or if they had a family somewhere? We never heard their names or asked them where they came from. There were trains tracks about a block away from our house and we knew these men had been riding the rails (trains) from town to town looking for work. Those were 'hard times' and there have

been many hard times in history where families have had to separate or were forcibly separated and children never saw their fathers again or wives never saw husbands again. In the Ogden cemetery there is a section called, Strangers Land, where un-named persons who having died in Ogden were buried but there were no names on their person and no one was willing or available to come forth and claim their remains.

They went to their grave much like the Unknown Soldier (unidentified). Most cities across this country probably have the same or similar cemetery sections to bury the unknown. Before the railroad west was completed in 1869 the only means of travel either way was by foot, wagon train or horseback. That means of course that either way, going west or returning to the east, there were many hazards that could befall an individual or a group. Mail took several weeks if it made it at all. We have to be grateful for our time and circumstance.

The primary consolation that the families of the unknowns have is that our Heavenly Father will not even allow a tiny sparrow to fall unnoticed let alone a person created in His very image. It may not be in this life but every person who has ever gained a mortal body, and lived on this earth will be accounted for, sometime. You can hang your hat on that piece of information because it is scriptural. From what I understand, vanishing cream only works in this life and it has a limited warranty. So, if you have an ancestor that has apparently used some of that vanishing cream don't fret, they will be seen again and known again as they were known.

Ogden City Cemetery Walking History Tour

-- Joanne Hanson

The annual cemetery tour will take place on Saturday, June 10 and Monday, June 12 with the first tour beginning at 5pm. Tours will continue every fifteen minutes with the final tour each day at 6:30pm. This year's tour will take place on 2nd Ave., enter on Jefferson Ave and follow the arrows. This year's tour will focus on the pioneer theme all of the histories will be pioneer stories. Come and enjoy learn something about the pioneers who settled this area... Questions? Contact: Joanne Hanson - 801-644-3234.

Streamlining Your Family History with Family Tree Lite

-- Leslie Albrecht Huber

In recent years, FamilySearch has added a variety of tools that can both enrich your tree and make your research experience faster and more productive. You can attach photos, list sources-and attach or link to them-submit names directly to the temple, use record hints, search partner sites, and more. FamilySearch's Family Tree mobile app carries these capabilities over to your phone or other mobile device. It's truly amazing how much FamilySearch can do.

But have you ever wished FamilySearch did less? There are a number of reasons this might be the case. The first is limited available internet bandwidth. All the bells and whistles of FamilySearch.org run smoothly when bandwidth is plentiful. But in situations where it's not, they can bog down the connection. A simpler site means a faster, less frustrating connection when bandwidth is limited such as in some countries or even just areas with less than stellar internet speed. Bandwidth can also be limited when too many devices are competing with one another. For mobile users watching their data, another benefit of a simpler site is that simplicity means less data used-which could lead to significant money saved.

These are some of the reasons that FamilySearch has released a new streamlined version of FamilySearch's Family Tree, known appropriately as Family Tree Lite.

Back to the Basics -- When you open the site, the first thing you'll notice is that the information is presented in a list instead of the usual tree format. It starts with the family in which you are the parent, and then continues with the family in which you are a child, then your father's family, your mother's family, and so forth. Clicking the names of individuals will take you to their personal screen, which also sticks to the basics. By scrolling down a little more, you can see temple ordinances and links to spouses and parents.

Neither the family list screen nor the individual screen include:

- Personal Screen
- Photos.
- Any attachments, such as documents or audio clips.
- Sources-not even as notes.
- Record hints or research suggestions.
- Links to partner sites.

Although you won't find this information on Family Tree Lite, it still exists in other locations. If you are looking for photos or records hints, you need to check the full FamilySearch.org site.

Menu options at the top of the main screen allow you to change views to look at individuals on their own screen, return to the page with your own information at the beginning, search for a specific individual on your tree, and even look in more depth at temple work (see "Submitting Temple Work" below for more information).

Clicking the Edit button brings you to a screen where you edit information. While options are fewer than in the full FamilySearch.org site, Family Tree Lite still allows you to make edits and updates to the information on your family. From the individual screen, you can click a detail (such as birth information) and choose Edit to make corrections or additions. Remember that to merge individuals or add sources, you must visit the main FamilySearch.org site. And of course, Family Tree Lite communicates

directly with the main FamilySearch.org site, so any changes you make on one will immediately appear on the other.

Submitting Temple Work -- One important capability Family Tree Lite maintains is the ability to submit names to the temple. To see temple work that needs to be done, look for green temple icons. You might find them by scrolling down the main screen or by searching for specific individuals.

Clicking the green temple icon brings you to a screen with more information. From there, you can see details on the person, what temple work has already been completed, and what temple still needs to be done. If you decide the name is ready, you can click Request, and begin the process.

Unexpected benefits often come from going back to the basics, and the same is true with a visit to Family Tree Lite. The format of the information may help you recognize problems or notice holes you hadn't seen before. My first visit to Family Tree Lite made apparent some data problems in the first few generations of my family. When looking at my big family tree, I usually skip straight back to generations where I know of work to be done and discoveries to be made. While I see the parents in each generation, I have no real reason to look at their children.

The layout of Family Tree Lite lists all the children of my direct line ancestors though. I immediately noticed that several of my ancestors had too many children. The problem came from duplicates-people in the system more than once. In these cases, it was because I had the person in my tree both as "Living" and as "Deceased"! These ancestors had passed away but the "Living" version of them had not been updated. In a few minutes, I was able to clean things up and make the needed corrections.

So the next time you want to use FamilySearch.org with a connection that isn't quite what you wish or with a minimal toll on your overall mobile data plan, try stopping by Family Tree Lite.

Commemorating the 101st anniversary of the Battle of the Somme

-- Dick Eastman



(The following announcement was written by Forces War Records:)

Did your ancestor fight in the Battle of the Somme or Passchendaele? Forces War Records may hold the answer.

FREE ACCESS TO UNIQUE WW1 INTERACTIVE BATTLEFIELD MAP - 1st and 2nd July only!

To commemorate the 101 anniversary and all those who served at the Battle of the Somme, Forces War Records will be making its WW1 Troop Movements FREE to access for the weekend only (from 1st 2nd July).

Our specialist data team has transcribed the official Orders of Battle publications, published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, as well as numerous official histories of the Great War, to help create this in-depth record of military operations and engagements by the British Army including the Somme offensive. All of this information is now available from Forces War Records in the form of this new map, and we hope that it will provide an insight into the movements and actions of your ancestor during the Battle of the Somme.

Access to this feature will be FREE to use from Sat 1st July until midnight 2nd July, 2017. There will be a free download available during the promotion: SOMME101 interactive pdf packed with facts, images and information on one of the bloodiest battles in human history.

Would You Like Personalized One-on-One Help?

-- Elder and Sister Erickson

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, 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.

Arkansas newspaper digitization project

-Arkansas State Archives

The Arkansas State Archives, in partnership with the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs), has digitized 24 Arkansas newspapers through a joint newspaper digitization project with Newspapers.com in order to provide more access to these resources, Department of Arkansas Heritage Director Stacy Hurst announced today.

The State Archives contributed 208 rolls from 17 different Arkansas newspapers, with a total of 209,000 pages scanned, digitized, and indexed by Newspapers.com. In addition, the digitized newspapers will be made available online for free to patrons in the State Archives research room and at the Central Arkansas Library System.

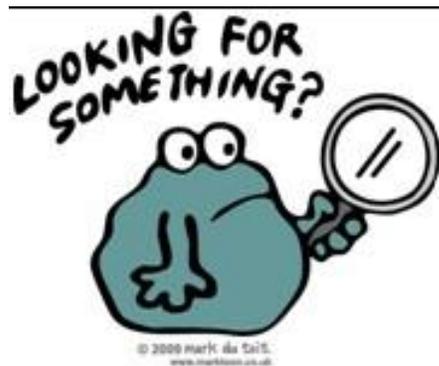
Newspapers.com began the process of digitization and indexing the papers in February 2017. Contributions to the project from the State Archives include The Osceola Times, 1873 - 1925; the Helena Weekly Clarion, Feb. 1869 - April 1870; the Helena Weekly World, 1895-1902; the Helena Southern Shield, 1840-1870; the Fort Smith Herald, 1848-1915; the Fort Smith Times, 1898-1909; Arkadelphia's Southern Standard, 1869-1924; the Pine Bluff Daily Graphic, 1893-1923; the Batesville Guard, 1877-1911; the Batesville Daily Guard, 1907-1924; Hot Springs New Era, 1912-1923; the Monticellonian, 1894-1919; Fayetteville's The Arkansan, 1859-1861; the Arkansas Banner, 1843-1851; the Arkansas Advocate, 1830-1837; the Arkansas Intelligencer, 1843-1849 and 1857-1858; and the Arkansas Times & Advocate, 1837-1838.

The Central Arkansas Library System also contributed 336 rolls of microfilm from seven Arkansas newspapers. Titles include the Weekly Arkansas Gazette, 1819-1868; Arkansas Gazette, 1865-1922; Arkansas Democrat, 1878-1922; Arkansas Mansion, 1883-1884; Little Rock Daily News, 1919-1922; Mountain Echo, 1886-1922; Nashville News, 1898-1922. The entire collection of digitized newspapers will be

available online to the public via subscription through Newspapers.com by June. The ASA is happy to partner with CALS in working to improve access to these valuable sources of historical information.

The Arkansas State Archives is an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage and is responsible for collecting and maintaining the largest collection of historical materials on Arkansas in the world. The State Archives has two branch locations; the Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives is located in Powhatan and the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives is located in Washington.

Other agencies of the Department of Arkansas Heritage include the Arkansas Arts Council, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, the Delta Cultural Center in Helena, the Old State House Museum, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, and the Historic Arkansas Museum.



LOST AND FOUND

-- Stephen Felt

If you lost it at the Ogden FamilySearch Library, we may have found it. Over time we have found items such as hats, umbrella, books notebooks, water bottles, sunglasses, coats, and sweaters, books from the public library, personal histories, family history pedigrees, family group sheets, flash drives, and more.

We are cleaning out the Lost and Found. These items are on display in the west building foyer. Lost photos are displayed on a bulletin board in the east building, in the hall east of the drinking fountain. Flash drives, diabetic test device, and other valuable items are in the office.

On July 1, 2017, all items remaining in Lost and Found will be disposed of or taken to the Deseret Industries.

A Fond Farewell

- Ancestry Insider

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Dear friends,
I'm afraid the time has come for the Ancestry Insider to say goodbye. Over ten years ago I put virtual pen to virtual paper. Now it is time to put it down. I wonder if a couple of times a year you might

