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Young Patrons Love the Family History Detective Activity

--Elder and Sister Erickson

You can now train to be a Family History Detective

Starting the beginning of June, the Ogden FamilySearch Library has been offering a summer activity for patrons ages 8-11. It has been very successful, with the young library patrons enthusiastically loving the course. Following the story of a real person named Charlie, they learn how to read clues from such things as photos, family heirlooms and headstones. They also learn how to navigate Find a Grave, a popular website for finding where ancestors and famous people are buried. For added fun, they play games their grandparents may have played. A family history detective badge, certificate and treat are awarded to those who complete their course at home and collect information on their own ancestors. If you know a primary class, Cub Scout den, or young family members who would like to become family history detectives, have them sign up by calling the Library at 801-626-1132. Groups are limited in size to 15 people.

Take a Summer Class

There are several fun, beginning-level classes offered this summer, such as Family Tree Basic and Photo Scanning. Family Tree Basic is a wonderful class for those new to family history. In six 90 minute sessions you will get hands-on computer instruction in navigating Family Tree, adding and correcting information, searching for and attaching sources,

merging duplicates, adding photos, documents and audio recordings, and many other useful skills. LDS class members can also learn how to prepare and print temple cards. It is a great course for anyone getting started in family history.

There are also many one-session classes on photo scanning taught at the Library this summer. You will be shown how to use the Library's high-speed batch and flatbed scanners. You'll leave with your photos scanned and stored on your own flash drive. This beginning-level class is limited to four people at a time so everyone can use the scanners.

There are about 20 different classes taught this summer at the Library. To see the full list of available classes, go to OgdenFSL.org and click on "Classes" in the top index. You'll be able to see information about each class and reserve your place. Call the Library at 801-626-1132 if you have a question, or stop by for one-on-one assistance. Our volunteers are waiting to help you. We hope to see you this summer.

On Trying Perfectly

-- *Emil O. Hanson*

Trying perfectly is in reference to a successful effort or challenge to overcome and/or accomplish a difficult circumstance in a person's life. For example, we often hear of individuals trying to overcome a weight problem and after a few days, weeks, or even months of trying, with a certain amount of success, they revert back to their comfortable eating or overeating habit. Even though they were so proud of their effort and whatever success they were having while they were on their diet. 'Trying' is the key word, they were trying and that may have been the way they started out, yes, they were going to try. With that word in mind they were already posed to fail. Blessed are they who do not have a weight problem because the routine to lose and/or to maintain after loss is a very difficult thing. One has to be constantly vigilant and determined. However, successful efforts never start with the thought that I am going to try to lose weight or any other worthwhile effort in life. Successful efforts start with a simple but clean thought that I am going to 'do' something. There is so much power in that way of thinking. Think of all the half-hearted efforts of people you know or have known. Whether their effort was to succeed in college, in building a house or refinishing/restoring a car or whatever else it may have been. If they started the project with the 'disclaimer' that they were going to try (the very word 'try' is a disclaimer) to accomplish a thing, they have already given themselves an excuse to fail. "Well, I tried!" I tried is always and readily available to them, excusing their half-hearted effort.

I well remember, while in basic training in the Army over 60 years ago when we were required to go on at least one forced march. Some were grueling 10 mile treks with full combat uniforms plus 50 lb. backpacks and rifles in hand. We were required to be in a half-walk, half-run mode with Cadre yelling at us and oft-times cursing us to move faster. There were some in our company who had never before been tested physically and they

could not do it. There were always personnel carriers bringing up the rear to pick up those who fell by the wayside, exhausted. Then there were others who were also less able to handle the grueling stress of the march but who were determined not to give up and though it was very hard on them physically, they made it to the end. They were the ones who 'tried perfectly'. They were determined to finish the task even though it was a grueling trial for them. I was a squad leader and I had to set an example for the men in my squad. I finished the marches exhausted.

The following true story is a perfect example of someone determined and 'trying perfectly' and accomplishing something that no one else in recorded history had ever done. The little country schoolhouse was heated by an old-fashioned, pot-bellied coal stove. A little boy had the job of coming to school early each day to start the fire and warm the room before his teacher and his classmates arrived. One morning they arrived to find the schoolhouse engulfed in flames. They dragged the unconscious little boy out of the flaming building more dead than alive. He had major burns over the lower half of his body and was taken to a nearby county hospital. From his bed the dreadfully burned, semi-conscious little boy faintly heard the doctor talking to his mother. The doctor told his mother that her son would surely die which was for the best really - for the terrible fire had devastated the lower half of his body. But the young boy didn't want to die. He made up his mind that he would survive.

Somehow, to the amazement of the physician, he did survive. When the mortal danger was past, he again heard the doctor and his mother speaking quietly. The mother was told that he had lost so much flesh in the lower part of his body, it would have been better if he had died, since he was doomed to be a lifetime cripple with no use at all of his lower limbs. Though His thin legs just dangled there, all but lifeless. When he was released from the hospital his mother would massage his little legs, but there was no feeling, no control, nothing. Yet, his determination to walk was as strong that when he wasn't in bed, he was confined to a wheelchair. One day his mother wheeled him out into the yard to get some fresh air. This day, instead of sitting there, he threw himself from the chair. He pulled himself across the grass, dragging his legs behind him. He worked his way to the white picket fence bordering their lot.

With great effort, he raised himself up on the fence. Then, stake by stake, he began dragging himself along the fence. There was nothing he wanted more than to develop life in those legs. With his iron persistence he did develop the ability to stand up, then to walk, and then - to run. He began to walk to school, later in college he made the track team. Still later, in Madison Square Garden, this young man, Dr. Glenn Cunningham, ran the world's fastest mile. My friends, 'That is Trying Perfectly'. Most people want to remain in their comfort zone. Most worthwhile human achievement requires that we leave our comfort zone. The interesting thing about doing difficult things outside of our comfort zone is that after a while our comfort zone changes.

Fulfilling our obligation to our ancestors requires that we leave our comfort zone, to learn

new things and there are many who 'try', they have their disclaimer ready. There are more and more like Dr. Cunningham who are determined to do it. Why? Because we must!

How to Get Started with Indexing Online

-- FamilySearch

Getting started with indexing isn't as hard as it might seem. If you've been thinking about beginning indexing-or starting again if you haven't indexed in a while-this is a great time to start! FamilySearch recently released web indexing, so now you can index right in your browser. There's nothing to download or install, and it's easy to learn.

Five Simple Tips for Getting Started

1. Take the guided tour.

If you've never indexed before (or even if you have), taking the guided tour is the perfect way to become familiar with the way web indexing works. The tour is the first batch under My Batches on your web indexing page. This guided tour can help you get started with indexing.

2. Start with a beginning batch.

After taking the tour, click Find Batches to see a list of projects available to index. Search for a batch with a beginning difficulty level, and click Start. Starting with a beginning batch will help you learn without feeling overwhelmed. Indexing may be simpler than you think.

3. Read the project instructions.

When you open the batch, you'll see a box on the right with instructions specifically for that project. These easy-to-read instructions provide guidance and answers to common questions to help you get started.

4. Know where to get help.

You can find information and advice in a variety of ways:

Read the Field Help as you complete each field. (Field Help appears directly above the data entry form.)

Contact your local family history consultant. Read articles on web indexing in the FamilySearch Help Center.

Go to the Help Resources page.

In the search box at the top, type "Web Indexing." Include additional keywords if desired. Click the magnifying glass icon or click Search. You'll see a list of Help Center articles on web indexing.

5. Remember to pray.

Prayer invites the Spirit, and the influence of the Spirit makes it easier to progress and overcome challenges.

We'll be making ongoing improvements, and we welcome your input. Click Feedback at the bottom of any web indexing page to share your suggestions and ideas.

We hope you enjoy web indexing!

OFSL Quarterly Speaker Series

--Wayne Decker

We would like to welcome Emil O. Hanson, past Director of the Ogden FamilySearch Library as our July speaker. His topic will be Writing Your Personal History.

Emil O. Hanson was born in Wadena, Minnesota in 1934, one of eight children. As a young man he became an apprentice bricklayer and at 19 was drafted into the army during the Korean Conflict. He served as an M.P. at Sixth Army Headquarters the Presidio in San Francisco, California. While serving at the Presidio Emil joined the LDS Church and met his future wife, Joanne Beverly James. They married in 1955, and moved to Logan, Utah where he attended Utah State University.

After graduation he went to work for Weber School District and served as a High School Counselor at both the old Weber High and Bonneville High schools. He completed a master's degree during that time and was asked to work at Weber State University, becoming the first Director of Admissions. While serving at the University he earned a PhD from the University of Utah. In 1973, he became the Dean of Student Administrative Services and retired from WSU in 1996.

Emil and Joanne raised six children, five boys and one girl, who continue to play a large part in their lives. They started serving at the Ogden Family History Center as missionaries in 1997 and he was asked to be the Assistant Director in 2001, serving in that position until being called as Director on April 29, 2002 after the release of Verl Thompson. Brother Hanson served as Director until his release in May 2015. During that time he witnessed many changes in family history work and the ever changing technological advances in this area.

Emil became quite interested in his family's history and has written his personal history as well as his parents' histories. While serving at the Library Brother Hanson regularly taught interested patrons how to write their personal histories. The concept taught was primarily telling a series of stories about life and things learned.

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

Ogden Family History Conference News

-- Joyce and Frank Decaria

Again this year the free Ogden Family History Conference, entitled "Of Roots and Branches," will be held at Weber State University on Saturday, September 9, 2017, with dozens of informative classes to choose from.

Throughout the day in each of five sessions, attendees can select from over 50 classes. There will be something for everyone: from the ins and outs of doing Scandinavian Research to learning Genealogy Tips and Tricks. One class promises Solutions to your Scanning Dilemma. Another offers insights into the fairly recent affordable connection between DNA and Genealogy. And a third delves into how Storytellers Rule the World. Given that genealogy blesses our ancestors, another class explores how Family History Blesses the Living.

Also, from 9:45 to 11:00 am, time has been set aside for participants to learn about and take a tour of the Stewart Library's Special Collections area, which includes many wonderful photographs, journals, maps, and other items that relate to the Northern Utah area.

Throughout the day, participants can peruse the family history/genealogy vendor displays, learning about new technologies, programs, and related items.

So don't miss out on this diamond opportunity to attend the free 2017 Ogden Family History Conference in the Shepherd Union building at Weber State University. Starting at 8:30 am, Elder Steven M. Petersen, an Area Seventy, will kick off the day as the keynote speaker. Following his address, the first of five class sessions will run with many classes to choose from.

As always, all day parking is free, as are the multiple prize drawings (sponsored by conference vendors) given out at the end of the day.

So plan on attending the free Ogden Family History conference (with free all day parking) on Saturday, September 9th for a wonderful family history/genealogical experience that will give you the skills and motivate you to find those missing ancestors

WSU's Stewart Library Special Collection

People, Places, and Things--Oh My! The Stewart Library Special Collection at Weber State University, containing photographs, yearbooks, papers, etc., is a hidden family history treasure for those living or who once lived in Northern Utah.

The collection, which can be found at the WSU Library, 2901 University Circle, Ogden, houses a huge offering of diaries, histories, and information about Ogden's streets, churches and schools, as well as photographs and information about other surrounding areas.

The collection includes a marriage register, LDS church and other correspondences, and a huge amount of World War I and World War II information. Along with these, are historical collections focusing on Weber State University, which include

newspapers, yearbooks, oral histories, photographs, Master's Theses, and literary publications, to name a few.

And much, much more! What a historical gold mine waiting to be tapped. At the free Ogden Family History Conference on September 9, 2017, a special workshop and tour will be presented in the Stewart Library Special Collections area from 9:45 to 11:00 am. The collections of photographs alone are phenomenal and worth investigating. But remember there is so much more available.

You can also check out what they have available in the Digital Online Collection:

https://library.weber.edu/collections/special_collections

The Family History Guide adds Content Review

-- James Tanner

The [Family History Guide](#) is a free, structured and sequenced education website sponsored by The Family History Guide Association. The goal of the Association is to greatly increase the number of people actively involved in family history worldwide, and to make everyone's family history journey easier, more efficient, and more enjoyable.

The Family History Guide is being used as an essential training tool at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the BYU Family History Library, the Riverton FamilySearch Library, and many Family History Centers around the world.

The Family History Guide contains thousands of links to valuable family history resources. It is a monumental job to keep all of that useful content updated and accurate. It is also possible that the users can see additions and corrections that need to be made to the content. For those reasons, we have implemented [Content Review](#).

This new Content Review feature is designed to allow users to provide detailed feedback on the Projects, Goals, and Choices on the website in three easy steps:

Reserve a Goal. Only one person at a time can review any particular goal.

Work through each Choice and each step in the Goal, recording your suggestions and feedback as you go.

Send your feedback to The Family History Guide. The submission process uses a Google Docs page to submit suggested changes.

The instructions for reviewing and submitting changes are easy to follow and of course, you can also submit suggestions about the content of the Content Review itself.

We invite all who are using the website to consider sending us a Content Review when you find broken links or feel that further additions are or would be helpful.