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**DIRECTORS CORNER****Family History Center Open House***-- Elder and Sister Erickson*

You're invited to the Ogden FamilySearch Library Open House, August 8, 9, and 10, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

We are so glad that August is here. Our library has been planning an open house for weeks and the time is finally here! We are excited to welcome you and your friends and family members, and to show you what the Library has to offer and how we can assist you with your family history.

For three days during August 8, 9 and 10 the Library will be open from 9 am to 9 pm for your visit.

When you come to the open house, a staff member will greet you and give you a helpful map outlining the various activities going on in both buildings. You will start in the historic ballroom, where you will be offered refreshments and shown a short movie on the Library. You can then attend whichever activities you choose.

Have you tried our large Discovery Screens? You can now trace your ancestors

from all parts of the world and learn more about them and the countries they came from. You will be able to see what was happening in the world the year you were born. You can see which historical persons you are related to, and learn about your name, its origin, and how many people share it. These screens require a FamilySearch username and password which you can get at the Library.

Looking for stories about your ancestors? If you would like to read more about your ancestors, we will show you a computer program that gathers in once place all of the stories about your family that have been submitted to FamilySearch. We will also show you how you can enter your own stories for family members to read.

If you are wanting some fun family history activities for a family reunion or a night with your family members, we will show you what is available online with programs like Geneopardy, Wheel of Family Fortune, Scrambled Tree Game, Match game and others.

We will also show you the new web-based indexing for those who would like to help identify information in worldwide documents collected. This helps others seeking information on their family.

New apps help you find temple names. For LDS patrons, this year we are also spotlighting new applications that help you locate the names of ancestors, including those whose names you can take to the temple. These computer programs will make your temple and family history research easier and can be of particular help to those who have been told that all of their family history has been done by other family members.

For the kids, we also have a family history coloring book station where children can color and then take their free books and crayons home. They can also participate in some games their grandparents may have played, such as horseshoes, hopscotch and gunny sack races.

This year's open house promises to be a fun filled and educational three days for all who come. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## New Family History Apps!



*Discover new Family History tools  
at the  
Ogden FamilySearch Library  
August 8, 9, and 10, 2017*

Choose one (or all!) of the following—

- **Discovery Screen**—Trace your lineage across the ocean--see what countries your ancestors came from on a computer world map—see what percentage of you comes from which countries—and find out what your name means, where it comes from, and how many people in the world have it.
- **All the Stories**—See stories about your ancestors. Learn how to save your own stories in Family Tree in one place for your descendants to read.
- **Family History Games!** Looking for some family history fun? How about family history jeopardy--Geneopardy, Wheel of Family Fortune, Scrambled Tree Game, Match game and others.
- **One-on-One Help**—Want to get started on your family history? Do you have a research question? Ask one of our helpers.
- **Scan your photos and documents**—Get help digitizing your photos. Learn how to scan and store your photos on a flash drive.
- **New Web Indexing!** You have enjoyed indexing in the past—now try the new web-based indexing. You can now use your tablet!
- **Find a Name to take to the Temple**—LDS temple and family history work just got easier. See several new applications that help you find names of ancestors who need ordinances.
- **Coloring Book Station**—Get a free family history coloring book.
- **Games through the Ages**—Experience the games your grandparents played—such as horseshoes, gunny sacks, hopscotch.

Visit the Library anytime August 8, 9 or 10, 2017  
Tues, Wed, Thurs - 9 AM to 9 PM  
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## On the Unusual

-- Emil O, Hanson

I don't know how many times in my life I have heard the phrase, "Hum, that's unusual." What is unusual to one person may be usual to another. We all must wear clothes and so the clothing worn by those around us is the first thing we notice about each other, especially if they are unusual. In the 1940's it was fairly common for men to wear white socks with dark suits. Today it is very unusual to see a man wearing white socks with a 'Sunday best' dark suit. When I see it today, I think, 'Hum, that's unusual.' he must be a throwback from the 1940's. I was reminded of that this morning as I was getting dressed. I started to put on dark socks while wearing a light tan pair of slacks. My wife said to me, "You can't wear dark socks with light pants, people will think you are strange." (I think I read somewhere that strange is a synonym for unusual.)

It was common in the 1940's to see women of all sizes and shapes wearing a skirt (all women wore skirts or dresses in those days) with ankle socks (anklets) of all colors whether they went with their skirt color or not. Many of them would roll the sock down in a neat little roll. I guess they did so to show more of their, sometimes, unshaved legs. When you see women wearing socks that way today, you say, "Hum, that's unusual." Albert Einstein was quoted as saying, "Once you can accept the universe as being something expanding into an infinite nothing, wearing stripes with plaid is easy."

The world is full of the unusual because we are human beings born into a beautiful, but unusual world. Unusual has many synonyms including: abnormal, amazing, astonishing, atypical, awe-inspiring, bizarre, conspicuous, curious, distinguished, eminent, exceptional, extraordinary, far-out, inconceivable, odd, out of the ordinary, outstanding, phenomenal, prodigious, prominent, queer, rare, refreshing, remarkable, significant, singular, something else, special, strange, surprising, uncommon, unconventional, unexpected, unfamiliar, unique, weird, even peculiar\* There are a lot of things in this world that are described by one or more of the above synonyms. I venture to say that we can each claim an unusual trait or two in the way we look, walk, dress, talk, behave, etc.

I tell stories and jokes to a group of elderly residents in a nursing facility every Friday afternoon and the more unusual the story or joke the funnier it is and the harder they laugh. I guess I never thought too much about why something seems funny before. But the reason most jokes are funny is because they portray the unusual. The more unusual the funnier the joke. I thoroughly enjoy a good joke and in doing so I am not unusual. One story that I thought was hilarious, usually finds me laughing solo, "A farmer was on his hay wagon driving alongside his pasture one afternoon and he noticed his longtime friend and working companion, an old work horse, was lying on its back out in the field with its legs sticking straight up in the air (dead). He says, "Heh! I never see'd em do that before." When I shared that joke, through my giggles, with my wife she said, "What's funny about that, the horse is dead, naturally he has never seen it do that before because he has never died before." I guess the story just

wasn't that unusual to my wife. Oh well, we can't win em all.

It is interesting to me to understand that the unusual is both the source of jokes as well the source of the scary person or object. Youth often like seeing scary movies because it is a rush of adrenalin for them. The unusually scary person or thing about the movie is what makes it so frightening. Whether it be hairy, slimy, fangs for teeth or bulging eyes, it doesn't matter. Its unusualness is what scares them. I remember our boys, when they were young, would often try to scare each other and when one would come at the other with a scary face or with a mask on, the first reaction was laughter. The laughter would then turn to a fearful expression and then a scream as the brother monster continued toward them. The unusual can be both funny and scary. We all have unusual characteristic(s) and sometimes the unusual thing about a person is attractive to us.

Many people of this world, after learning a few things about the LDS Church, can be heard to say, "My, that's unusual! Maybe even strange that they believe something like that." "Do you mean to tell me that you went to the place you call a temple and was actually baptized, under water, for your great great grandfather?" "You mean you do all that research for those dead people that you don't even know?" "Why???? The reason you said, was what????" Maybe it's because we are an unusual even a 'peculiar people'.

May Heavenly Father bless us to enjoy and appreciate each other's unusualness and even peculiar characteristics.

## Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors with FamilySearch

*-- Leslie Albrecht Huber*

The history of many countries-including the United States and Canada-is filled with stories of immigrants, which, for many of us, means that our individual family histories are also filled with them. Your immigrant ancestors might have come from Italy a couple of generations ago or from England a few centuries ago-or you might even have both of those varieties of immigrants on your family tree. While the specifics of our immigrant ancestors may look different, the existence of immigrant branches on our family trees is something most of us have in common.

The other thing many of us have in common is that we find tracing these immigrant ancestors tricky or even frustrating. There's just something about crossing the big, wide ocean that makes their trail grow a little fainter, a little harder to follow. But the good news is [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) is packed full of records and resources that make locating those elusive immigrant ancestors much more manageable. Here's a look at a few of these resources.

### Laying the Foundation: Guides and Resources

Before you dive into immigration research, it's useful to take some time to get oriented. Understanding a little about the immigration process, the records it created, and how to access these records can make your journey easier. Here are some resources at

FamilySearch.org that can help you do just that:

**Learning Center:** To access FamilySearch's Learning Center, click Get Help in the upper right corner of the home page. Then in the drop-down menu, click Learning Center. In the search field, you can type Immigration Research or any other topic of interest to you. A list of lessons related to that subject will appear. These presentations, often 10 to 60 minutes long, cover such topics as "Norwegian Emigration: The Experience" and "Ireland Beginning Research: Immigration Strategies." You can also search for articles in the Learning Center. The presentations and articles often walk you through the research process, direct you to relevant resources, and get you on the fast track to success in tracking your immigrant ancestors.

**Wiki:** Another important resource to get acquainted with when tracing your immigrant ancestors is the [FamilySearch Wiki](#). The wiki offers guides and lists to help focus your research. Many of these resources include explanations of where to look, along with links to the most important on line resources. A few wiki articles particularly useful for immigration research are the following:

- United States Emigration and Immigration
- Tracing Immigrant Origins
- United States Naturalization and Citizenship

Another great way to jumpstart your search for your immigrant ancestor is to visit the wiki for their home country by typing the country's name in the search box on the main wiki page, and then clicking Go. In the new page that opens, click Emigration and Immigration in the research topics box. Here you can learn about major reasons people left their home country, what ports they used, and how to access records about these emigrants. The wiki articles often include links to connect you to the records about emigrants and immigrants.

### **Diving into Research: Immigration Records at FamilySearch.org**

Once you have spent some time becoming acquainted with immigration research, it's time to start searching for records.

Many types of records are available at [FamilySearch.org](#) that can help researchers discover new information about their immigrant ancestors. We've chosen just a few to highlight here. As always, you can find ancestors in records by using the main search fields for historical records or by selecting individual record collections to search.

**Passenger Lists:** One of the most important kinds of records in tracing immigrant ancestors are passenger lists. Lists were often created both when people left a port and when they arrived at a new port. FamilySearch has a strong collection of arrival lists for the United States, including lists from New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, and more. Most of these records are searchable. FamilySearch has some departure lists from other countries as well, and many others can be accessed through

partner sites such as [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) or [Findmypast.com](https://www.findmypast.com). (Free subscriptions to these partner sites are available for Church members who have FamilySearch accounts). Hover your mouse pointer over Search, and then click Records. On the new page, you can type in your ancestor's name to search all records or type the name of a specific collection in the Find a Collection box. To search a specific group of records, hover your mouse over Search, and then click Records. Then type the name of the collection in the Find a Collection box.

**LDS Immigration Records:** FamilySearch also has resources that are specific to the immigration of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For example, you can search the Mormon Migration Database from FamilySearch.org. While you can see search results on FamilySearch.org, to view the actual information you will have to leave FamilySearch.org and head to the official Mormon Migration site, which is hosted by Brigham Young University. Here, you can view passenger lists, see photo of ships, and scan lists of passengers aboard the ship. You can also see any accounts that were written of the voyage by your ancestor or by others on board the ship.

**Other Immigration Records:** Other records besides passenger lists were often created when our ancestors immigrated, and FamilySearch has some excellent collections of some of these records. Among FamilySearch's collections are border crossing records from Canada (starting in 1895) and Mexico (starting in 1903) to the United States, nearly 1.5 billion United States passport applications dating from the period 1795-1925, and the Belgium Antwerp Police Immigration Index (1840-1930) among others. You can browse a list of collections [here](#).

**Other Records:** Keep in mind that other types of records can help you trace your immigrant ancestors. For example, naturalization records can be important. Check FamilySearch's list [here](#) to see what naturalizations are available online. FamilySearch also has naturalization records that might not be microfilmed yet but that can still be accessed at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City or by ordering microfilm from your local family history center. FamilySearch also has a large collection of other records that might have information about your ancestors and can help you target your immigration search more effectively. The guides in the Learning Center and the wiki can help direct you to the most useful of these records.

Ready to trace some immigrant branches in your family tree? Then stop by [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) to see how the resources and records here can help you.

## LDS Census and Membership Records - "A Gold Mine"

- Victoria Nef

When hearing the term "census records", most people will think of federal and state records meant to count and describe the population of a given area, state or country.

There is, however, another set of census records that few are aware of - LDS Census and Membership Records!

The earliest census records for the church were simply a bishop taking a count of the head of each family in their wards or branches. They were frequently incomplete and consisted names, addresses, and number of family members. Through the years, the census underwent a number of changes with additional questions added or changed or even deleted. Beginning in 1914 and ending in 1960, the church took a census of members every five years with the exception of 1945 because of World War II. That first census in 1914 showed the geographical areas where each person was born, the family's address, name of the ward or branch, stake or mission and the census date. All in all, these records are a gold mine for those with an LDS background! The census records can be found on microfilm in the Ogden FamilySearch Library West building. Just ask one of our staff for the "Jaussi (pronounced "yazzi") books" that contain indexes to these records and they can locate them for you.

Membership records are another gold mine that many members don't realize are available. The earliest membership records began in 1830 through 1877 and included births, marriages, deaths, tithes, and ordinances. From 1907 through 1983 the church used the "Annual Genealogical Report" concurrently with membership records. This report included a section for those who emigrated to Zion and full time missionaries.

We would love to help you discover new ancestors or new information for the ancestors you already know! Come see us soon!

## **FamilySearch Discontinuing Microfilm; Most Records Now Digitized**

*- Familysearch.org*

FamilySearch announced June 26 that it plans to discontinue its 80-year-old microfilm distribution service. The transition is the result of significant progress made in FamilySearch's microfilm digitization efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology.

The last day for ordering microfilm will be August 31, 2017. Online access to digital images of the world's historic records allows FamilySearch to service more people around the globe, faster and more efficiently. See "Finding Digital Images of Records on FamilySearch.org" and "Frequently Asked Questions."

A global leader in historic records preservation and access, FamilySearch and its predecessors began using microfilm in 1938, amassing billions of the world's genealogical records in its collections from over 200 countries.

## WSU's Steward Library Special Collection

--by Joyce and Frank Decaria

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: [weber.edu/collections/special\\_collections](http://weber.edu/collections/special_collections)

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.

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