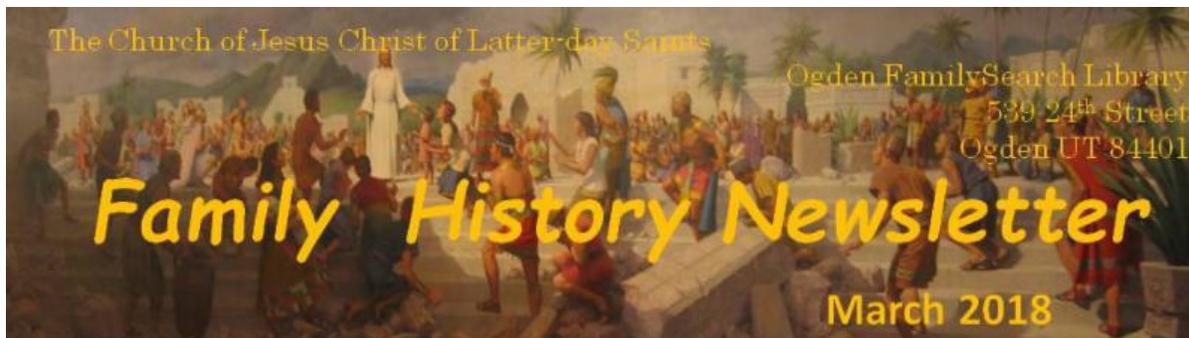


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Directors Corner:

-- Elder and Sister Erickson

You may be aware by now that the Ogden Family Search Library will be moving next year to be near the Ogden Temple. This is historic, since the Library will be going back to where it began. It was started in 1966 in the Ogden Pioneer Tabernacle. Later, to make way for the Temple the Tabernacle was taken down and the library moved to its present location.

Lynn Arave, was invited to the Library’s quarterly lecture series to share some interesting history about the Ogden Temple. Lynn has been a reporter for the Ogden Standard Examiner and the Deseret News. He covered the history of the original Ogden Temple, as well as the events leading up to the remodeling and reconstruction of the current Ogden Temple.

We learned, for example, that in the early 1890s, the LDS Church actually gave Ogden City the deed to the property that is now Tabernacle Square. But the city didn’t keep it long — a report in the Standard on Dec. 20, 1893 stated: “The city gives it up. City Council gives back the Tabernacle Square to the church.” Also, in 1890, classes for Weber Academy students (forerunner to WSU) were held in the Pioneer Tabernacle. In 1896 the Pioneer Tabernacle was completely remodeled in 1896 at a cost of \$15,000.

By 1921, LDS Church members in the Ogden area were eager for their own temple. However, President Heber J. Grant made a special visit to Ogden’s Tabernacle Square that year and left indicating it was not the proper time to have a temple there. A new tabernacle was eventually built to take the place of the old Pioneer Tabernacle. Elder Harold B. Lee broke ground on July 24, 1953 for a new Tabernacle on Ogden’s Tabernacle Square. It was dedicated on Feb. 12, 1956 by President David O. McKay.

By the 1960s the Manti and Logan temples were overcrowded, and the opportunity for a temple to come to Ogden came when the Ogden and Provo temples were proposed to President David O. McKay. Building sites already existed in both Ogden and Provo. The Ogden temple was publicly announced on August 24, 1967, to open in early 1972.

The temple was built downtown, on Tabernacle Square, as it was called in Ogden. It was designed to be efficient, with multiple sessions, and took advantage of modern media and computers. The unique façade design with a gold spire may have been based on the Old Testament description of the Lord going before the hosts of Israel in a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

The Ogden temple opened in January 1972, a short while before the Provo temple, and was extremely well attended. Apparently in one month more people attended sessions in the Ogden Temple than all the other temples combined. Eventually the Ogden Temple was renovated, while retaining its revolutionary internal design. The temple was rededicated September 21, 2014.

Brother Arave's lecture was a wonderful trip through history. The Library's next lecture will be held April 21, 2018. We look forward to seeing you there.

On Doomsday Prophecies

— *Emil O. Hanson*

Since the great flood in Noah's time there have been concerns about another such 'end of the world' event. There is always a reason for one group or another to contemplate the end of the world and the terrible events that are supposed to precede it. There has always been political and/or social controversies pitching one country against another causing some to feel that the end is near. These controversies have caused wars or rumors of wars from time immemorial. Nuclear proliferation has become a greater concern recently than at any previous time. However, there is no evidence that another tower equivalent to the tower of Babel is being constructed somewhere on our planet. But there has always been an individual or group trying to predict the time when the end will come. Their predictions are based on misinterpreted scriptural prophecies and/or the writings of doomsday futurists, such as, Nostradamus. Their predictions have caused some unnecessary concerns for many.

I remember as a young person hearing about a 'doomsday prophet' standing in the center of the public square, warning the townspeople to repent as the end is near. However, I don't recall feeling any particular fear come over me. It was usually something that was made light of by community members; they always assumed he was a crank. These doomsday prophets were common in the late 1930's or early 1940's, when I was a young boy. The effects of the depression were still very apparent and the Second World War was pending or in full bloom. The darkest times in history are usually those times when charlatans and false prophets are more likely to 'profit' by their predictions.

History is replete with stories of doomsday prophets predicting that the end would come at some specific time. 'Believing families' would sell their homes and gather their belongs in one place expecting to be lifted up with everything they owned, 'that was transportable'. Those dates would always come and go with nothing happening. There have even been cases of group suicides by believers of those false prophets. Nostradamus, was somehow, capable of predicting many events that would happen in some future time, even though he, himself, proclaimed no such honor/power of being a prophet. The Lord's prophets have always identified the Lord as the source of their prophecy, but he stated; "Not that I (Nostradamus) would attribute to myself either the name or the role of a prophet". The 1500's, when he lived, was still considered the Dark Ages, a time when the heavens were essentially closed.

The Mayan Calendar was also one of the tools used by those who feel the end had been previously determined. The last year that was calculated by their calendars was 2012. Even though there was no prediction that came with the calendar, describing what was to happen in that last year. Many felt that the last day of the 2012 calendar was also the end of the world. However, 2012 came and went without the end happening. The Mayans obviously had some skill in determining movement of planets and stars in order to calculate a fairly accurate calendar. Their superstitions and primitive religious beliefs, on the other hand (including human sacrifice), should have turned people away from putting too much stock in what they may have meant by their calendar end date.

In our day, it is futile to spend our time trying to calculate the end. There are scriptures that should guide our thoughts and behavior when it pertains to the future. The Lord has advised us that we will not know of the exact time: "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; (2 Pet. 3:10). In modern scripture we are advised: " And at that day, when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins." (D&C 45:56). What that means is that we should prepare ourselves spiritually. We should have our lamps filled with oil, and the wicks trimmed. We should be ready in all aspects of our lives for the time of that event, by being good and faithful people. More significantly, the Lord advised us to plant our orchards; in other words, assume that life is 'going on', the plants will mature into trees and that there will be harvests. When that time does come our living Prophet will inform us of whatever action we must take. May we be blessed to accept the plainness of His words by, 'Having our lamps full and our wicks trimmed.' And may we be blessed to have faith in our living prophets and try to live happy lives, by being engaged in worthwhile and goodly causes and on our own accord. 'Man is that he might have joy' and if we are looking for things in our times that 'may or may not' be there, it is hard to have a joyful countenance. I, for one, love the command, "to plant our orchards".

Roots Tech Here's How to Participate Virtually

-- FamilySearch

[RootsTech 2018](#) has arrived! Over 4 days (February 28–March 3), thousands of family storytellers and historians will converge on the Salt Palace in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah, to learn about collecting, preserving, and sharing family stories.

But the world's largest family history conference isn't just for those who live close enough to go. In fact, many of the sights and sounds and much of the learning from the conference will be streamed live online for free. Over the years, this live stream has made RootsTech events and classes accessible to tens of thousands of online participants.

If you can't make it to RootsTech in person, here are a few ways you can participate virtually:

1. Watch the Keynote Speakers Live Online

Each of the general sessions, including Wednesday's general session and Innovation Showcase, will be streamed live on the [RootsTech.org](#) home page. Check out this year's lineup:

DATE AND TIME	SESSION AND SPEAKERS
Wednesday, Feb. 28 4:30 P.M.–6 P.M. MST	Wednesday General Session Steve Rockwood, CEO of FamilySearch
Thursday, Mar. 1 8:30 A.M.–9:30 A.M. MST	RootsTech Thursday Brandon Stanton, Humans of New York
Friday, Mar. 2 8:30 A.M.–9:30 A.M. MST	RootsTech Friday Scott Hamilton, Olympic gold medalist
Saturday, Mar. 3 8:30 A.M.–9:30 A.M. MST	RootsTech Saturday Henry Louis Gates, Jr., author and filmmaker, Natalia Lafourcade, Grammy-winning singer

2. Watch Select Classes Live Online

Various RootsTech classes will also be streamed live on the home page. Join us starting on Wednesday, February 28 at 9:30 a.m. MST. Streamed classes cover a wide range of topics including DNA, preserving photographs, and finding elusive records.

3. Social Media Contests for #NotAtRootsTech

For the second straight year, we'll be hosting a number of giveaways and prizes on our Twitter page during the event. These giveaways will be available for both in-person and virtual attendees. Watch for an official giveaway tweet from the RootsTech account ([@RootsTechConf](#)) on Wednesday, February 28. Then to enter, simply tweet a photo of you watching the conference online with the hashtag #NotAtRootsTech. Winners will be selected at random during the day. If your photo is selected, prizes such as a RootsTech t-shirt, hat, or other merchandise will be mailed to you at the conclusion of the conference.

4. Join a Growing Online Community of Family Historians

Wish every day was RootsTech? RootsTech is only four days long, but the fun doesn't have to stop once the conference is over. Follow RootsTech on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to receive helpful genealogy tips and tricks directly from the conference year round! Here's what to watch for:

- Daily wrap-up videos of all RootsTech events.
- Videos of industry leaders sharing family history hacks.
- Links to the RootsTech blog with content on topics such as how to use Google for genealogy success, cemetery research, and how to write and preserve your own story.

2018 RootsTech Family Discovery Day

-- FamilySearch



Watch President Oaks' message live on the home page of LDS.org.

Watch recorded sessions later on LDS.org.

Learn more at RootsTech.org.

Learn how you can attend or sponsor a local family discovery day.

Are you passionate about family stories? Do you have an interest in learning how to discover your roots? If so, Family Discovery Day 2018 on March 3, 2018, is for you, and you can attend or watch live from anywhere in the world.

RootsTech Family Discovery Day is a 1-day free event designed to help LDS individuals and families discover and celebrate their family heritage—past, present, and future. Family Discovery Day, which originates at the RootsTech family history conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, will be streamed online in English. Members of the Church around the world are invited to participate.

Here's what you can expect this year:



President Dallin H. Oaks of the First Presidency, and his wife, Sister Kristen M. Oaks, will be the featured speakers at Family Discovery Day. The Family Discovery Day general session with President and Sister Oaks will begin at 1:00 p.m. mountain standard time on March 3, 2018, and will be streamed live on the home page of LDS.org. President and Sister Oaks will be sharing family history insight and experiences that will bring your family closer together, help you make new connections, and highlight the importance of family history and temple work.

Other special guests

Family Discovery Day will also feature popular LDS speakers including BYU religion professor Hank Smith, America's Got Talent finalist Evie Clair, popular singer Kenya Clark, and prominent Latin American artist, Alex Melekeok. See streaming schedule below for times.

Leadership session

All temple and family history consultants are invited to participate in a live stream broadcast on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Elder Quentin L. Cook and Elder Dale G. Renlund of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles will speak. High priests group leaders, high councilors with temple and family history responsibilities, and any other interested leaders are also welcome to participate. These same individuals are also encouraged to watch the opening session of Family Discovery Day on Saturday, March 3, with President Dallin H. Oaks and Sister Kristen M. Oaks.

In addition to the leadership session, the following one-hour sessions will be streamed live on the family history page of LDS.org.

Streaming schedule

DATE AND TIME	SESSION AND SPEAKERS
Thursday, March 1 7:00 p.m.	LEADERSHIP SESSION Elder Quentin L. Cook and Elder Dale G. Renlund
Saturday, March 3 11:00 a.m.	FAMILY HISTORY FUN: CONNECT. BELONG. Hank Smith and Jason Hewlett
Saturday, March 3 1:00 p.m.	FAMILY DISCOVERY DAY GENERAL SESSION President Dallin H. Oaks and Sister Kristen M. Oaks (This event will also be streamed on the LDS.org home page.)

Saturday, March 3 MUSIC: A BRIDGE ACROSS GENERATIONS
2:30 p.m. Evie Clair, Kenya Clark, Alex Melekeok

If you can't watch the live sessions on March 1 or March 3, videos of the messages from Family Discovery Day will also be archived at lds.org/discoverfamily and rootstech.org/watch-past-sessions for later viewing.

Sessions of Family Discovery Day will be streamed live on the home page of LDS.org.

Attending Family Discovery Day in-Person

More than 15,000 adults and children attended the free event in 2017. Tickets will be limited in 2018 for this increasingly popular event. Individuals and families interested in attending the live event Saturday, March 3, in Salt Lake City should register as quickly as possible online at RootsTech.org.

If you have a family history calling, take advantage of specialized training in Salt Lake City built to help you learn how to organize family history efforts, work with youth consultants, and take advantage of new tools and techniques. You'll leave with tips and tricks to help individuals discover and connect their families.

Individuals and families interested in attending the live event March 3 in Salt Lake City should register as quickly as possible online at RootsTech.org.

To learn more about attending the RootsTech family history conference in Salt Lake City, February 28–March 3, visit rootstech.org.

Luz de Las Naciones

Luz de Las Naciones the RootsTech closing event, My Family. Mi Herencia. Featuring Luz de Las Naciones, happens on March 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Center on Temple Square.

This is a free, non-ticketed event. All interested persons are invited to attend.

This production celebrates cultures and stories from Latin America and features over 1,000 people in the cast, including a youth and young adult choir, musicians, storytellers, and dance groups. The event will be multilingual and easily understood and enjoyed regardless of language. Watch the live stream on lds.org/latino2018 in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

RootsFinder



— Dick Eastman

Roots Finder tries to be a great tree for supporting genealogy researchers at all levels, but especially new genealogy researchers. It also focuses heavily on pictures, stories, and videos to make things more interesting for a younger audience.

RootsFinder.com is a free, online family tree that makes researching family history much easier. Unlike other online trees, which only provide hints to their own content, RootsFinder provides hints and search suggestions to websites such as:

- FamilySearch
- FindMyPast
- AmericanAncestors
- BillionGraves
- FindAGrave
- Ancestry
- MyHeritage
- and more

In addition, seamless sync with FamilySearch, integration with GenSmarts, evidence analysis, embedded research logs, and DNA tools (coming soon) add to RootsFinder's powerful offering.

Along with these valuable tools, RootsFinder has also developed two Chrome Browser Extensions. The extensions make research and recording information faster and more accurate.

1. WebClipper – Copy records and source citations quickly and automatically into your family tree from major genealogy websites such as Ancestry, FamilySearch, MyHeritage, and more. It adds records to entire families at once.

2. ToDo Creator – Save search ideas for later by attaching action items to specific people in your family tree, adding them to research logs, and marking them complete when done.

RootsFinder also has tools that make it easy to share your genealogy with your family safely and securely:

- Invite others to your tree, but you control who edits
- Ancestor reports with stories and pictures can be turned into family history books
- Descendancy reports in the register format
- Videos & photo mosaics created from your media
- Fan charts and wall charts
- Pinterest-like media wall for scrolling through photos
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Two plans are available: an ad-supported Free-Forever plan, and a \$35/year Pro plan that removes ads and includes additional storage and advanced features. Everyone gets a 30-day Pro plan for free.

A small group of dedicated genealogists and software developers have been working on RootsFinder for the past three years. Our goal is to provide a free online family tree that is focused on the needs of the genealogy researcher. We think we finally have something worth talking about. – Dallan Quass

About RootsFinder

[RootsFinder](#) was founded in 2015 by Dallan Quass, CTO of FamilySearch from 2002-2004 and the creator of WeRelate.org and GenGophers.com, two of FamilyTree Magazine's top 101 genealogy websites. Dallan is joined at RootsFinder by Heather Henderson, Erin Harris, and other experienced genealogists who share his love of family history.

Ogden FamilySearch Library -- GROUP ACTIVITIES

The following family history group activities are offered year round at the Ogden FamilySearch Library. Each activity lasts about 2 hours. Reservations required. Call 801-626-1132.

PRIMARY CHILDREN (ages 8 - 11) are trained to become Family History Detectives. They look for clues in a cemetery, on a computer, in a keepsake suitcase and keep an evidence folder. They also play ancestral games. When they return to the Library with their evidence folder complete, they receive a Family History Detective badge and certificate.

YOUTH & ADULTS (ages 12 - 110) may register for any of the following activities.

- INDEXING - Learn how to web index.
- FAMILY TREE - Build your pedigree to deceased ancestors. Participants must come with information about parents, grandparents and great grandparents.
- ADD MEMORIES (pictures, stories, documents) to your Family Tree. Download the Memory App to your mobile device.
- RESEARCH - Learn how to search for and attach source documents using FamilySearch Research Help.
- SCOUT Genealogy Merit Badge (2 sessions)
- TEMPLE NAMES - Learn to find ancestors who need temple ordinances.
- FAMILY HISTORY DETECTIVE TRAINING - This is a fun activity youth may want to try.
- SPECIAL REQUEST - Design your own activity.

Ogden FamilySearch Library -- 2018 SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday Speakers
(April 21, July 21 &
October 20)

Primary Activities
Groups: ages 8 – 11
(Starts June 4)

Ogden Cemetery Tour
(June 9 & 11)

Library Open House
(July 10, 11 & 12)

Ogden Family History Conference
(September 8)

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