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Directors Corner:

Thank you for your love and for your wonderful example!

- Elder and Sister Erickson

If you take a close look at the folks that serve at the Ogden FamilySearch Library, they may surprise you.

You'll find nurses, pianists, school teachers, business owners, a pilot, a carpenter, a librarian, physicians, dentists, homemakers, and many, many other specialists. The professions are very diverse, but they all have one thing in common—love. They love each other and they love discovery, whether for their own ancestors or for a patron. And they are good at it.

This is what we discovered three years ago when we were asked to serve at the FamilySearch Library. The Library has some of the sweetest, kindest, dedicated individuals serving anywhere this side of Heaven. Unless you have experienced it, you can't well describe what it is like to work side by side with such choice folks so close to the veil. They are special people, and the work appears to have sanctified them.

As we conclude our three year mission, we know the folks we've worked with at the Library will always be close to our hearts. Like family. Forever. Our sincere thanks are for each of you we have worked with. We hope God will continually bless you, and that your future will be filled with joy as you fulfill the sacred prophecies. We love you and will miss you.

Editorial Comment: *I think that I speak for the entire staff at the Ogden FamilySearch Library when I say "Thank You" Elder and Sister Erickson for the leadership you provided this library during the past three years. It has been a time of transition and change, locally as well as Church wide in the world of FamilySearch, you always served with humility and love as you led us through this period. Your dedication and long hours spent making the Library what it is now is a testimony to all of us of your vision and forethought. Thank you again, we love you and will miss you. --Elder Jorgensen*

"On Nobility"

- Emil O. Hanson

When I have thoughts of nobility it is usually associated with royalty or more particularly with Kings and Queens of

long ago and from far off lands. I remember, as a youth, hearing a family story that my mother had descended from an Indian 'princess' and I thought, at the time, that we were somehow special, even maybe having royal blood. Then a few years ago while writing my mother's history I researched her ancestry and she, in fact, did have a Chippewa Chief's daughter in her direct line only three generations prior to my mother. As I read more about Native American traditions, I came upon an article about royalty and it said that Native Americans did not use the term royalty or Kings, Queens and Princesses etc.. That terminology came only from the European traders and trappers and was neither a common nor appropriate term among the Native Americans with whom they traded.

As I became more and more involved in family history research I would frequently hear the advice, among others involved in this work, 'That if you can trace your line back to royalty then you will be able to go back several generations easily because royal lines are already available.' I later learned that there were well-to-do merchants in the middle ages, who wanted to be tied to royalty, so they would hire a genealogist to inappropriately tie them to royal lines. So, in reality, not all royal genealogies are accurate and true, many are bogus. How a person could determine one from another I have no idea. Prior to fifteen hundred there were very few records available so most of the family history work during those periods are going to have to wait for the millennium for verification. That which can legitimately be traced has already been done. Temple work is approved for only those names that the Church can verify as authentic.

Royal families intermarried to maintain their royal lines; they were not allowed to marry a commoner. Many royal families have been referred to as 'blue bloods' identifying the condition of hemophilia, which some royal families members were known to have. This condition and other common diseases were kept in the family through the practice of inter-marrying.

Being somewhat of a history buff I have read somewhat about European royal families during the middle ages and how corrupt and cruel many of them were. It made me wonder why anyone would want to be related to them. There were a few benevolent kings and queens but the majority were not. When a person is raised in a privileged environment, with it being drummed into them daily that they are royalty and better than others of a lower class or social standing, they become puffed up. Some believed that they could get away with anything, while taking advantage of the common folk. It seems to be human nature as described in the scriptures: "*We have learned by sad experience that it is the nature and disposition of almost all men, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose, they will immediately begin to exercise unrighteous dominion.* (D&C 121:39) When in reality all authority should be exercised in only one way, as also described in the Doctrine and Covenants: "*No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the priesthood (authority, royalty), only by persuasion, by long-suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned;*" (D&C 121:41-43) Yes! Many may have worn a jeweled crown but there was often very little nobleness or nobility in their character nor in their royal edicts.

However, I have met many common folk who by nature of their dispositions and the way they have responded to others have shown nobility of character. George Bernard Shaw said that: "Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself." Many have created a life of respect and, yes, even nobleness. No, they were not born into royal families but they became noble by virtue of the way their lives were lived. Christ, who is known as the King of Kings is the greatest and most noble of all. His nobility is based on His kind heart, His loving nature and words of hope and encouragement. Without ever having met a King or any other member of a royal family, I have looked into the face of nobility many times and in looking I have seen a friend, a neighbor, even a member of my own family and yes, even a stranger. I saw nobleness because I saw in their faces those Christ-like characteristics of love and kindness. The wonderful thing about common nobility is that it can be contagious. A sage by the name of Lovell has said: "As one lamp lights another nor grows less, so nobleness enkindleth nobleness." May we live such that when one looks into our faces, that they will see a value that they would like to emulate.

As a people who have been encouraged to become involved in family history, let us not get caught up in trying to tie ourselves to royal lines. Those lines have been mostly worn out and worn thin, rather, stick with the common folk where real nobility is often common.

Ogden City Cemetery Walking History Tour

- Joanne Hanson

The annual tour, this year, will be held on 3rd Avenue within the cemetery. Enter at Jefferson and turn west (left). The stories of five pioneer families include: Daniel Hall Murdock and Mary Snyder settling at Mound Fort, Edwin Smout and Leah Oakley settling in Slaterville, Thomas B. Marsh who came to Utah/Ogden in 1857, Francois Romeil and Mary Anne Billot to Bingham/s Fort and Annie Taylor Dee, wife of Thomas D. Dee.

The tours will begin at 5pm on Saturday, the 9th and Monday, the 11th of June. Tours will begin every 15 minutes thereafter with the last tour at 6:30pm. The tour is free but donations will be accepted and appreciated as they will be

used to repair old pioneer markers. The Ogden Family Search Library is sponsoring the tours and three stories will be told by our volunteers. The other two will be told by descendants.

Third Avenue is a street without trees so a hat or umbrella might help. Saturday is a great 'date night' activity and Monday, a special 'Family Home Evening'. Come hear the stories of those who came early and gave us the fruits of their creativity, land, service and learning experiences so that we can appreciate even more, where we live.

For additional information contact Joanne Hanson at 801-644 3234 or leave a message at the Library 801-626-1132.

What's New at FamilySearch

FamilySearch Memories: How to Add Important Details to Family Photos

-- Matt Wright



Who doesn't love looking at family photos? There's nothing quite like 'em for connecting with generations past and present.

[FamilySearch Memories](#) offers a free and simple way to preserve and share these important photos with family now and for future generations.

But, in the rush to upload photos, it is easy to forget to add important details that will help future generations understand what, or who, they are looking at. Imagine the frustration of those future family members as they look at the classic photo of you taking a pie to the face and not knowing the "smart remark" that prompted it!

Let's take a quick look at ways you can add those types of important details to your photos before they are lost in the sands of time.

The screenshot displays the FamilySearch Memories interface for a photo. The photo shows two women, Sarah Gibson West and Florence West Wright, with a handwritten caption below them: "SARAH GIBSON WEST FLORENCE WEST WRIGHT". The interface includes several numbered callouts (1-6) pointing to specific features:

- 1: Add Title
- 2: Who is in this memory? (tagging people)
- 3: Event Date
- 4: Description
- 5: Stories
- 6: Comments

The interface also shows navigation tabs (Overview, Gallery, People, Find), a search bar, and a details panel on the right with fields for Event Date, Event Place, Description, Contributed By (mattwright, 22 May 2015), File Name (SarahGibsonandFlorenceWest.jpg), Stories, Albums, and Views (3).

Add Details to FamilySearch Memories

1. **Title.** This can be descriptive, or go for a laugh. A title adds a human touch and gives all who view it a common way to refer to that classic family photo.
2. **People Tags.** These allow you to designate who is in the photo and link them to their person page in Family Tree so other relatives can enjoy the photo as well.
3. **Event Date or Place.** When known, these bits of information can be extremely important. Knowing when and where a photo was taken helps those viewing it, at least metaphorically, be in their ancestor's shoes.
4. **Description.** Allows a few more words than the title, so you can explain where this photo came from, who has it currently, and why it's important to be preserved.
5. **Stories.** One of the best ways to immortalize a photo is to add a funny, or heart-warming, or informative story that adds details you can't get any other way.
6. **Comments.** Add additional information about how you acquired the photo, how you feel about the photo, and respond to the comments your photo may stir up.

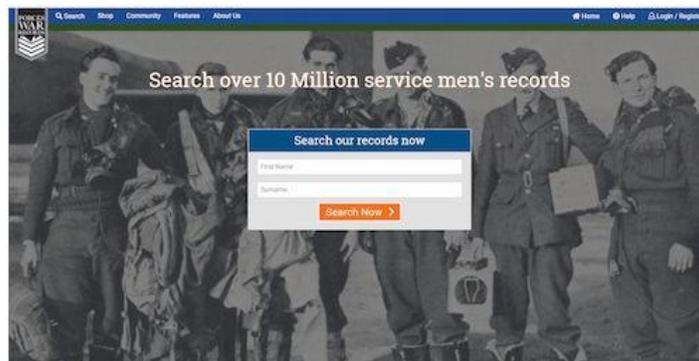
If you haven't uploaded any photos to FamilySearch Memories, you should give it a try. You can use photos on your computer's hard drive, mobile device, or on services like Facebook, Instagram, or Google Photos. You'll be skipping down memory lane in no time. Try [FamilySearch Memories](#) on your computer or mobile device.

Forces War Records Announces the Launch of a New Look Website

— Dick Eastman

[The following announcement was written by Forces War Records:]

Forces War Records, the website to visit for anyone researching their family's military history or searching for ancestors through military data are excited to announce that it's new and refreshed website is now live.



With a fresh new design and feel, the new look website gives users the opportunity to navigate through Forces War Records extensive database of military records, documents, products and services with ease. Delivering a fully responsive experience, the new website gives users a seamless transition from desktop to mobile browsing and improved search ability. Also, there's a whole host of smaller but impactful changes, all to make your experience of the Forces War Records site that much better for you.

Visitors are able to explore the new look site by visiting <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk>. Come take a look for yourself. We hope you like the changes, and if you have any feedback, please let us know via our [Customer Services](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

About Forces War Records.

Forces War Records (www.forces-war-records.co.uk) is the website to visit for those researching their family's military history. Specializing only in military history, the genealogy site contains over 10+ million records of individuals who have served from medieval times – right through to the present day. This fascinating site also has a crack team of professional researchers and military experts on hand to personally uncover extra layers of history about long gone forebears. Its mission is to hold the most in-depth, accurate and helpful military records available.

Initial searches are free, but for a subscription costing, at most, £8.95 a month, users have complete, unrestricted access to Forces War Records' data. Every time a search is made all files are cross-referenced automatically and every relevant article will appear where a particular ancestor is referenced, maybe even a photo from our historic

library archive. Search results can include such information as an individual's rank, nationality, service number, campaign medals, regiment, battalion, and promotion dates and more. *(Please be aware that due to the way we collate and cross-reference our databases, some records will contain more information than that listed.)*

With the impending World War One Centenary in 2018 marking the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, Forces War Records is sure to be the first port of call for many researching the conflict and their family history.

European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

— Roberta Estes

World Families Network, Ysearch and Mitosearch Bite the Dust – Thanks So Much GDPR -- It's a sad month. [Posted on May 14, 2018]

The core foundation of genetic genealogy is sharing.

GDPR is NOT about sharing easily, and the GDPR hoops are onerous, to be charitable. I wrote about GDPR in the articles GDPR – It's a Train and it's a Comin' and Common Sense and GDPR. One might say GDPR is at cross purposes with genealogy. It probably wasn't intended that way, but so far, we've lost several resources due to GDPR, and it's still not here yet.

Add to the death list World Families Network, Ysearch and Mitosearch.

The cost of GDPR compliance, necessary attorney fees along with the risk of the horrific fines of up to 4 million Euro is just too much for a small business or a non-profit. Additionally, non-EU businesses are required to retain a European Representative company that agrees to absorb some level of the risk for non-compliance. Try finding a company to do that. Not to mention the pain-in-the-butt-factor of the hoops that they would have to jump through if so much as one person complained. Bottom line – not worth it.

Terry Barton, founder of World Families Network, a Y DNA project management company that consists primarily of Terry and his wife, sent an e-mail to the administrators of the projects they host saying that WFN is retiring and shutting down on May 23rd, two days before the GDPR date.

Here's part of the e-mail to WFN administrators from Terry: "We will delete the project sections of the WorldFamilies site on May 23, 2018, so please copy any information that you wish to save. You may wish to make a copy of your Home, Results, Patriarch, Discussion or other project pages. We can provide an empty excel spread sheet with columns preset to copy/paste your results page on request. For the other pages, you may want to copy/paste your info into a Word document. (Note: we won't be able to "rescue" you if you miss the deadline, so please don't wait too long.)"

The projects hosted at World Families Network (WFN) will revert to their project pages at Family Tree DNA, so all is not lost, BUT, the information on the Patriarch's pages as well as some of the information on the actual DNA results pages at WFN does not come directly from Family Tree DNA. Some WFN sites are not fed from the Family Tree DNA project pages at all, so fields like "Earliest Ancestor" at WFN may be blank at Family Tree DNA. That, of course, can be remedied, but won't happen automatically.

Many of the projects managed by WFN were abandoned, meaning they have no administrator. Some have administrators that preferred the WFN format to the Family Tree DNA format. One of the most popular features was the Patriarchs page where lineages of men with the project surname were listed. This feature was put in place before trees were available at Family Tree DNA – but the Patriarchs format serves as a one-glance resource and can be connected to the kit numbers on the DNA pages.

Please, please, please do two things:

Visit the WFN surname links here for projects and scan the projects shown with "project site," meaning they are WFN hosted, to see if any include your ancestral surnames. If SO, visit that WFN project site by clicking the link and record any information relevant to your family.

Consider adopting projects relevant to your surname. Most of these projects will need to be spruced up at Family Tree DNA, meaning they will need to be grouped and the Patriarch's page will need to be copied onto one of the several available project pages at Family Tree DNA. Many of these projects are small and you can easily preserve information. Terry provides a list of orphaned projects here, but I don't know if it's current. I would reach out to Family Tree DNA at groups@familytreedna.com about any project listed as having a project site at WFN. Some projects have an administrator listed, but they are no longer active.

For project administrators considering a private website, be aware per the GDPR requirements that you will

constantly have to monitor the privacy settings at Family Tree DNA and assure that you are not displaying information for anyone who has selected, or changed their project setting from public to "project only." Family Tree DNA automatically removes the project member's data from a public display when they change settings or leave projects.

Ysearch and Mitosearch

On May 10th, on their Forum, a Family Tree DNA representative announced that Ysearch and Mitosearch will be shut down by month end. These databases were established in 2003 by Family Tree DNA for free, open sharing. While this announcement doesn't state that it's because of GDPR, that correlation probably isn't coincidence.

These two data bases have been on life support for some time now. They have been less immediately useful since other testing companies stopped Y and mitochondrial DNA testing, meaning that you could see all of your new matches at Family Tree DNA. One of their biggest benefits, even for Family Tree DNA customers, was that these were the two databases where everyone could compare actual marker values, not just see if they matched and genetic distance. Unfortunately, Ysearch and Mitosearch were the only locations left for people who uploaded from those now-defunct databases. Of the 219,410 records in the Ysearch database, 25,521 are from sources other than Family Tree DNA. Originally, there were four public databases. The other two have been gone for some time, with these being the last two resources to go. This is truly a tragedy for the genetic genealogy community, because unlike the WFN departure where the projects are still available at Family Tree DNA – there is no alternative resource to Ysearch and Mitosearch. Gone is gone – especially for the 25,000+ results archived there from companies that are also gone meaning Relative Genetics, Oxford Ancestors, Ancestry's now defunct Y DNA, Sorenson and others. Recently, Family Tree DNA fixed the captcha issue, but the sites are still not fully functional. I tried to retrieve information by searching by surname at Ysearch, and the search failed with an error. I don't know if the problem now is the actual data base or the fact that the site is overwhelmed by people trying to do exactly what I was trying to do.

As someone in the Family Tree DNA forum thread said: "GDPR: The gift from Europe that just keeps on giving."

As sad as I am to see both of these resources go, I want to publicly thank Terry and Marilyn Barton for their 14 years of service to the genetic genealogy community and wish them well in their retirement. Hopefully they will have time to solve their own genealogy mysteries now. I also want to thank Family Tree DNA for establishing both Ysearch and Mitosearch, and maintaining these sites as long as they have. Few companies would have established a platform for their customers to compare results with their competitors' products which speaks to their early and ongoing commitment to genealogy.

Family History Conference

DateSeptember 8, 2018
WhereWSU Union Building
Time8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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Kathy Davis

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