

# Family History Happenings

## Mark Your Calendars

July 25-28, 2017	Family History Conference Provo, UT <a href="http://familyhistory.ce.byu.edu/">http://familyhistory.ce.byu.edu/</a>
Feb 28-Mar3, 2018	RootsTech 2018 Salt Palace Convention Cntr, Salt Lake City, UT <a href="http://10times.com/rootstech">http://10times.com/rootstech</a>

## Directors' Message *by Castle and Lee Nishimata*

By now most of you have heard that on September 1, 2017, FamilySearch will discontinue its microfilm distribution services, that the last day to order microfilm is August 31, 2017. The following is the FamilySearch statement announcing this development:

"The change is the result of significant progress made in FamilySearch's microfilm digitization efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology.

- Online access to digital images of records allows FamilySearch to reach many more people, faster and more efficiently.
- FamilySearch is a global leader in historic records preservation and access, with billions of the world's genealogical records in its collections.
- Over 1.5 million microfilms (ca. 1.5 billion images) have been digitized by FamilySearch, including the most requested collections based on microfilm loan records worldwide.
- The remaining microfilms should be digitized by the end of 2020, and all new records from its ongoing global efforts are already using digital camera equipment.

•Family history centers [FamilySearch Libraries] will continue to provide access to relevant technology, premium subscription services, and digital records, including restricted content not available at home.

"Digital images of historical records can be accessed today in 3 places on FamilySearch.org under Search.

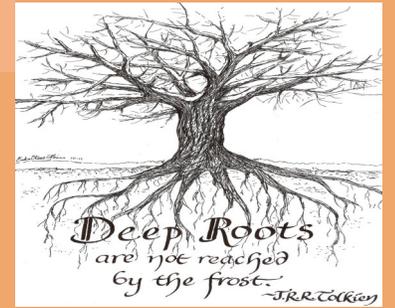
- Records include historical records indexed by name or organized with an image browse.
- Books include digital copies of books from the Family History Library and other libraries.
- Catalog includes a description of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, etc.) in the FamilySearch collection.

"When approved by priesthood leaders, centers [libraries] may continue to maintain microfilm collections already on loan from FamilySearch after microfilm ordering ends. Centers [libraries] have the option to return microfilm that is available online or otherwise not needed. As more images are published online, centers [libraries] may reevaluate whether to retain microfilm holdings."

Based on the above guidelines, our Library will opt to maintain collections already on loan from FamilySearch for patron use until otherwise directed.

We have had a number of personnel changes this past month. We bade farewell to Karen Tumbleson, Lisa Stoner, and Glenda Edmunds. Thank you all very, very much for your dedicated service! Welcome to Jamie Buttner, Mary and David

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Leonhardt, Catriona MacKenzie, and Rex Tobler. We are grateful for your assistance! On June 27, 2017, our Scanning Section crossed the one million mark (1,004,046) of images scanned. They completed 87,456 images making June the 3<sup>rd</sup> month in a row with over 80,000 images scanned. Congratulations!!

The Library will be closed most of this month. Closures will occur on July 1-4 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, and during July 17-30 for our summer break. We will reopen on Monday, July 31. Please be safe during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. May we ever be grateful for this great nation, and remember the words from the third verse of our National Anthem:

*Oh, thus be it ever, when free men shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land  
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!*

## Library Historical Moments *by Wayne Staker, Historian*

### Turning Nevada Hearts

The Las Vegas FamilySearch Library is unique in all the world! Of over 4,500 genealogy facilities in the Church, as of 2016, only fifteen are entitled to use the name "FamilySearch Library." The main library in Salt Lake is the "Family History Library" - the only location authorized to use that name, and all other family history facilities in the Church system are Family History Centers. One of the "FamilySearch Libraries" was in England but recently closed and the others are scattered around the Western United States.

That which differentiates the "FamilySearch Library" group is generally the size, the equipment and resources available, classes available to patrons, the size and training of the staff, and the management or directorship of the libraries. These major facilities are presided over by Area Seventies, whereas most family history centers are presided over by the Stake and Ward Authorities in their various locations. We are fortunate to have a "FamilySearch Library" in our area. Over 60% of the library's book collection is available only at this location, and is not found in the main library in Salt Lake.

A history of the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library was recently published to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its opening, and is available on-line at FamilySearch.org. To locate the book, search for "Turning Nevada Hearts" under the "Books" category of the FamilySearch "Search" tab. The history can be read on-line or copied and printed in whole or part.

## Helpful Websites *by Sandy Jackson*

### How to Get Started with Indexing Online

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. Go to [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org), click on *Indexing* in the upper menu. In menu-*Overview, Web Indexing, Find a Project & Help Resources* will get you up and running quickly!

## LVFSL Training JulyClasses

The LVFSL class schedule will accompany emailed newsletters, can be obtained at the LVFS Library or be downloaded from our website: <http://www.lvfamilysearchlibrary.org>

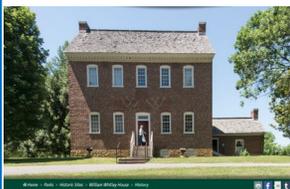
## Finding Family *by Linda Cable*

### Safe Rooms

From the early Forties to the present time, I've always known where I would run if there was a tornado or a hurricane. Having lived on the prairie in the Midwest, several states in the Mid-south and Central Florida for nearly 35 years, safe rooms for me have been in a underground cellar back of the farmhouse, the back corner of the basement, or an interior bathroom. Now that I'm immersed in genealogy, I have learned about another type of safe room, one that was used for Indian attacks.



One of my ancestors, Colonel William Chapman Whitley, built a large, substantial home in Kentucky between 1787 and 1794. The brick walls are two feet thick and the home contains a windowless room with a secret staircase where women and children could hide. He was later killed in the Battle of Thames during the War of 1812. You can now visit the home which is in an historic site in a Kentucky State Park. <http://parks.ky.gov/parks/historicsites/william-whitley/history.asp>. You might try searching through you own family history for the safe rooms or storm ancestors.



## Research Helps *by Lee Nishimoto*

### HOW TO ACCESS THE DIGITIZED MICROFILMS

A lot of buzz is going on about the microfilms that will no longer be sent out from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. We should be focused on **the hundreds of thousands of microfilms** that are already digitized and use them. Question: How do we find what is digitized? Everything you need is in the FamilySearch Catalog. At FamilySearch.org let your cursor hover over "Search"; in the list below click on "Catalog". FamilySearch Catalog

**Search by:**  
Place | Surnames | Titles | Author | Subjects | Keywords

Place  
United States, Pennsylvania, Cumberland

**Search for:**  
Call Number | Film/Fiche Number

Search these family history centers:  
Online

Search Reset

Any of the six "search by" topics can be used. The most common is Place. The key is to set the box under "Search these family history centers" to **"Online"**. So, when you click the "Search" button, the results list should be **films, fiche or books that are digitized** for the Place entered. Click on a topic from the results and click again for a specific record.

**For films** the result may look like what you see below:

Film Notes (This family history center has 5 of 5 films/fiche.)

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film/DGS	Format
Drafts & warrants, surname A-C 1738-1890	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	1010322	
Drafts & warrants, surname D-J 1738-1890	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	1010323	
Drafts & warrants, surname K-M 1738-1890	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	1010324	
Drafts & warrants, surname N-T 1738-1890	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	1010325	
Drafts & warrants, surname U-Z 1738-1890	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	1010326 Item 1	

There are three possible symbols under "Format": roll of film, camera, and/or a magnifying glass.

The "roll of film" symbol means it has **not been digitized**, yet.

The "camera" symbol means **this film is digitized**. Click on the camera symbol to open to the digital images.

The "magnifying glass" added to the camera means **the digitized images have been indexed** are in **searchable** collection.

Marriage Licences v. 4-5 1888-1891	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	21006	
Marriage Licences v. 6-7 1891-1894	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	21007	

Search the localities, surnames, etc. of interest and set the "family history center" box to **"Online"**. You will be amazed how many microfilms are already digitized and are available to you any time of the day or night at the click of a mouse.