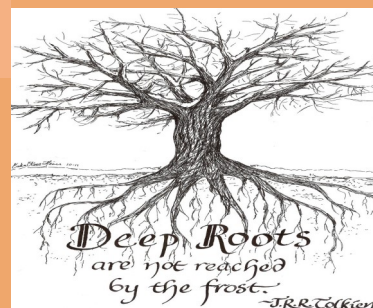


Family History Happenings

Mark Your Calendars

Sep 22, 2017	Family History Consultant Training
10:00 a.m. Fri	Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
Sep 28, 2017	Family History Consultant Training
6:30 p.m. Thurs	Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
Feb 28-Mar3, 2018	RootsTech 2018 Salt Palace Convention Cntr, Salt Lake City, UT http://10times.com/rootstech

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Directors' Message by Castle and Lee Nishimoto

Thank you all who were able to visit the Library this past month! We enjoyed having you here. Usually a rather low attendance month, August was quite a pleasant surprise with as many as 500 patrons having visited the Library. We are encouraged by and thank you for your patronage!

We offer on a weekly basis various genealogical research classes taught by Lee Nishimoto; Ancestry by Connie Price; Ancestry DNA by Sherry Lesanto; and Fold3 by Richard Haynes in addition to Life Stories mentioned in last month's Newsletter. Also classes for Church temple and family history consultants are offered on a monthly basis. Future classes being planned include old handwriting and Puzzilla. Again, please check our monthly Patron Class and Event Schedule for classes at lvfamilysearchlibrary.org.

The age of digitization is upon us. Digitization however is not the sole answer to genealogical and family history research. While digitizing records makes information accessible, it is indexing which makes the information searchable. A recent Genealogy Gems Podcast website article reported that the Church is digitizing approximately 1,500 microfilm rolls a day. This means that about 1 million+ records per day are being digitized. Thus with billions of records being digitized, the work of indexing becomes all the more essential. Hence, we kindly encourage all to increase your efforts in indexing.

We again have had a number of personnel changes this past month. We bid farewell to Kathleen Bechtol, Joanna Gillen, and Toni Sproul. Thank you all very much for your dedicated service! Welcome to Ana Koti, Ana Peterson, and Georgeanne Ray. Thank you very much for your willingness to serve! Our Scanning Section completed 115,487 images as of August 29. Great job! The projected end date is now in mid-September due to unexpected delays.

As a reminder, our next closure after the Labor Day weekend will be Saturday, September 30, 2017, in connection with General Conference. We will be reopen on October 2, 2017. Please call before making any long trips to the Library as we sometimes close unexpectedly due to maintenance issues.

LVFSL Training September Classes

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>

Library Historical Moments by Wayne Stoker, Historian

FOUR GENERATION PROGRAMS, THEN AND NOW

THEN - In 1966, church leaders introduced a four-generation program, asking church members to submit family group sheets for fifteen families, for themselves with their childhood family and, also, for families including their parents, grandparents, and great grandparents as children. The objective was to give members a way to accumulate information on their ancestors and to help create members' interest in learning about their families. These group sheets became the building block for creating "Books of Remembrance" and for starting family histories; but participation by the members was only moderate.

In 1980, a renewed call went out encouraging all members to submit the four-generations of family group sheets which the Church compiled into the Ancestral File, creating a computer accessible data base to assist members in researching their families. The encouragement to submit these family group sheets has since remained in place, but the emphasis and participation has waxed and waned over the years.

NOW - In February 2017, "To Turn the Hearts", the Church's Family History guide, was superseded by "Gatherers in the Kingdom". With this change, the title for family history workers was changed from "Family History Consultant" to "Temple and Family History Consultant", emphasizing that finding families through research is only one step, the first step. Just as we "Gather In" our living family members through baptism and succeeding ordinances, we are to also "Gather In" our ancestral families through temple ordinance work. Our family history work is not complete until we have also provided temple ordinances for the ancestors we find.

Now a Four-Generation process comes back into play. Using the resources of FamilySearch, we are asked to "Gather In" ourselves, our parents, our grandparents and our great grandparents, by making sure these fifteen persons are in FamilySearch with their ordinances complete. Only 25% of church members have this four-generation pedigree group in FamilySearch, and only 2% of recent church converts have their information in. The gaps in these missing pedigrees, represent over 100 million persons that are not yet "Gathered In", and over one-half billion ordinances that are not yet recorded.

National 1812 Spirit Award Recipients

Two members of our FamilySearch Library Staff have received the National 1812 Spirit Award for service. Congratulations to the 2017 recipient, Richard Haynes, and to Lee Nishimoto who received the award in 2016.



Research Helps by Lee Nishimoto

MAP IT!

In family research we are always looking for more information that can guide our research. Maps are visual information. There are many types of maps. Maps showing the boundaries at different periods of time are very important to finding records in the right places. "What was it when?" Demographic maps may show what ethnic or religious groups predominated in an area. In England, parish maps can be very enlightening as to the jurisdiction of the parish and the relationship to surrounding parishes. Topographic maps help us find the creeks or hills that are mentioned in our ancestors records. Military maps of battles may help us see the location of our ancestor's unit in a conflict. Period European maps are very important in understanding what each country was like at that time.

Where can you find such maps? Many maps can be found at "Google Images". Search Google Images for the country and time period, the state, township, etc. For less known places, like creeks, ridges, small cemeteries, etc., I use <https://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/>.

Give maps a try. You will be amazed at the variety of maps you can find and the clarity that it can bring to your family research.

Helpful Websites by Sandy Jackson

September 2017 Microfilm Ordering Discontinued

The cost to continue copying microfilms and microfiche have become extremely expensive. With a blank roll of film priced at just under \$100 and the cost to order for short time viewing \$7.50, the church has decided to apply the resources used in copying to digitizing. It is estimated by 2020 that all films will be available to view online. Read the whole article at:

<https://www.lds.org/callings/temple-and-family-history/familysearch-microfilm-discontinuation?lang=eng>

Finding Family by Linda Cable

Making Discoveries From the Faintest Clues




Amy Johnson Crow
Helping Family Historians
Make More Discoveries

From Amy's Newsletter;
How many of our research problems are there because we simply aren't looking in the

right place? Keep looking for any clue you can and be willing to follow up on the faintest of them. It may not always be easy, but it is worth it.

As some of you know, I've been using the View My Relationship button in the last few weeks to make some fas-

 View My Relationship

inating discoveries. My discoveries include finding out that I am distantly related to some of my best friends from school, my 4-H club leader, fourth grade teacher, wife of my college history professor, and several co-workers at the Family Search Library.

Just last Friday at the library I was showing the relationship button to my co-worker, Cat MacKenzie, who has recently come to work with us. I had just shown Susan Nelson the silver Mayflower book about her ancestor. Susan already KNEW her Mayflower ancestor's name and Cat heard the conversation

The starting point for Susan was knowing the name of her Mayflower ancestor. The starting point for Cat MacKenzie was an ID number that I provided for her.

Cat and I sat down side by side at the computers and I had Cat sign into her Family Search account, while I signed into mine, so I could show her the View My Relationship button. She had just seen Susan's Mayflower book discovery, and with her quick wit Cat said, "My people are more county jail people than Mayflower people." That was a challenge for me to see if her perception of her family could change if she was linked to a famous historical figure.

So I went back up my tree several generations and got an ID number for someone in my Mayflower line and asked Cat to go to the Find feature and search by that ID number. When she typed in the number and clicked on the View My Relationship button, her line showed up and I showed Cat that she is a direct descendant of Stephen Hopkins. Her mouth fell open. Cat followed me over the to silver Mayflower books and I pulled out the thick volume 6 about our common ancestor and handed it to her saying, "Hello, Cousin!"