

Family History Happenings

Mark Your Calendars

Aug 10, 2017 7:00 p.m. Thurs	High Priest Group Leader Training Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
Feb 28-Mar3, 2018	RootsTech 2018 Salt Palace Convention Cntr, Salt Lake City, UT http://10times.com/rootstech
Aug 24, 2017 6:30 p.m. Thurs	Family History Consultant Training Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
Aug 25, 2017 10:00 a.m. Fri	Family History Consultant Training Las Vegas FamilySearch Library

Directors' Message *by Castle and Lee Nishimoto*

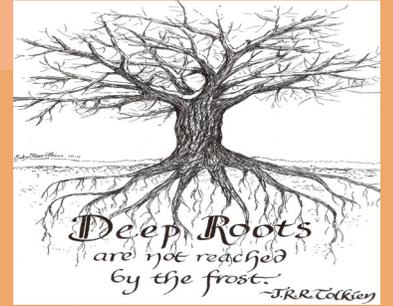
A heart-felt thanks to all who have taken the time to visit the Library. We hope that each visit has been a positive experience while searching for your ancestors. What a marvelous work this is to seek our kindred dead especially with the assistance of modern day technology. No matter the background of our ancestors, our research provides us with identities of which we can take great interest. It's the stories that give life to those who have passed on. We invite you to our weekly class on Life Stories held each Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. The class is taught by Linda Coble and covers principles and techniques of recording stories particularly our own. Please check our monthly Patron Class and Event Schedule for other classes being held at the Library (lasvegasfsl.org; click on Handouts, Classes, Newsletter under Home; click on Class Schedule for Current and Next Month).

Congratulations! to Richard Haynes, Library Monday PM Shift Coordinator, who was awarded The Spirit of 1812 Award by the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 at their July 29 meeting. He earned this recognition for his outstanding dedication, patriotism and work in military historical and genealogical research. Previously Lee Nishimoto, current Library Director, received the award being the first Nevada recipient of the award. Thus, two of our Library workers have received the award in the past 2 years.

As a reminder, on September 1, 2017, FamilySearch will discontinue its microfilm distribution services. The last day to order microfilm is August 31, 2017. Please refer to last month's newsletter for the explanation of this development. Our Library will maintain all microfilm/microfiche collections already on loan from FamilySearch for patron use until otherwise directed.

We again have had a number of personnel changes this past month. We bade farewell to Arnold and JoAnn Miller and Gordon Ursenbach. Thank you so much for your dedicated service! Welcome to Jeannie Brewer, Keara Hall, Deborah Lara, and DeWayne McCormick. We are grateful for your assistance! Our Scanning Section completed 12,677 in only 5 days in July due to our Summer Break. Congratula-

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tions! Our current project will be completed by the end of this month. But, there are more books on the way.

Our next closure will be on Labor Day weekend, September 2 – 4, 2017, and will reopen on September 5. Schools will be reopening this month. We kindly ask you to exercise child safety by obeying traffic rules around our schools and keeping close watch on our children.

Historical and Genealogical Societies *FS Wiki*

More than 9,000 historical and genealogical societies may have records and services to help you with your research. Societies have been organized in all states and most counties. They generally collect historical documents of local interest, publish periodicals, and have special projects and indexes. Because of the excellent help they can provide, you should contact the societies near you and near the areas where your ancestors lived. You may find it helpful to join one of these societies and support their efforts. Public librarians and county clerks may be aware of local organizations or individuals you can contact for information and services. Your local public library may have guides to help you locate these organizations, including:

Meyer's Directory of Genealogical Societies in the USA and Canada ^[1]
Directory of Historical Organizations in the United States and Canada ^[2]

The [Federation of Genealogical Societies](http://www.fgs.org/) (FGS) is an umbrella organization of over 450 genealogical societies. They can identify local genealogical societies and supply their addresses and telephone numbers.

Federation of Genealogical Societies

P.O. Box 200940
Austin, TX 78720-0940
Telephone: 1-888-FGS-1500
Fax: 1-866-FGS-1350
Internet: <http://www.fgs.org/>

You may also be interested in the activities and services of the [National Genealogical Society](http://www.ngs.org/) (NGS). This society maintains a lending library and publishes a newsletter and journal.

National Genealogical Society

4527 17th Avenue North
Arlington, VA 22207
Telephone: 703-525-0050

Helpful Websites by Sandy Jackson

Importing Pictures From Facebook & Instagram into Family Tree.

In familysearch.org, hover over *Memories* and then click *Gallery*. Click *Green +* button and select *Instagram/Facebook*. Authorize with username and Password. In the new window, select the pictures you want. For step by step instructions go to bit.ly/lvflhandouts to find the handout *Importing Pictures* . . .etc.

Research Helps by Lee Nishimoto

ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS.

One very important question that is rarely asked is, "Were any of the children minors when the father died?" If you do the math and find that all or some were minors (under 21), there may be valuable records that have not been considered.

Guardianship records for each minor child may contain data that appears in no other place. Parts of the guardianship can be found in different court records: court order books, court minutes, probate records, accounts, etc. Notes on the guardianship of a child may show in the various court records for years, until the child turns 21.

In many states, when the minor child turned 14 years old he or she could choose their own guardian. The mother may be the guardian, but most often guardians were male members of the community.

Apprenticeship records: Male children were to be trained by their father in some trade or occupation. When the father was not there, the community would not let this male child go untraded and become a burden on society. This child would be assigned to a tradesman and live with them for several years to learn a trade. These apprenticeship records may be filed as such or they may be mixed in the court order books and sometimes even in the land records. This practice was done in many countries into early periods of time.

(Female teens might have been placed in homes as maids, nannies, or housekeepers but no official record was generally made.)

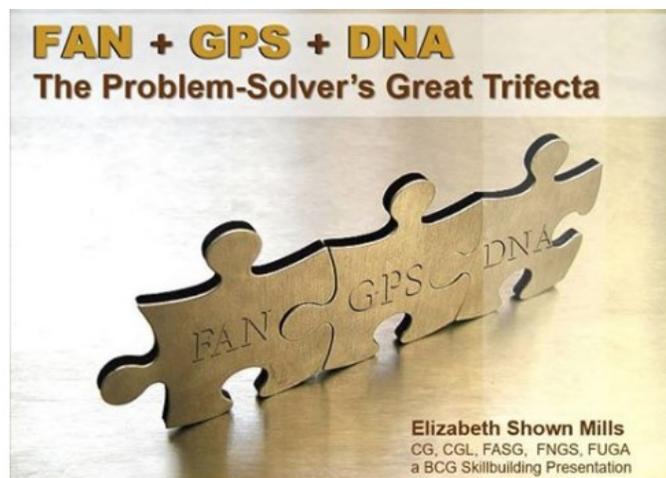
Finding Family by Linda Coble

The Problem-Solver's Great Trifecta

Genealogist Elizabeth Shown Mills has given us a key to find some of those elusive ancestors. FAN shows us how to search Friends, Associates, and Neighbors for answers. GPS shows us that using the Genealogical Proof Standard will make our case stronger, and DNA testing can help us confirm or disprove our arguments.

My DNA matches on Ancestry.com showed the face of a young man and the predicted relationship that he is my 3rd Cousin, and possibly 4th, with a confidence rating of Extremely High, which translates into 132 centimorgans across 9 DNA segments. What really caught my attention was his pedigree chart. Both his mother and grandmother are marked private, then I see that his great grandmother is my first cousin, Bernice, her mother is my Aunt Dora, and his 2nd great grandmother is my grandmother Addie Belle.

Stephen's mother and I are now friends on Facebook and have even talked on the phone. Not all DNA matches will result in actually talking with a relative, but this one has.



LVFSL Training August 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>