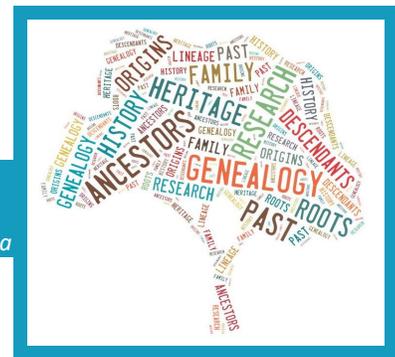


# Family History Happenings



**LVFSL**

February 2018

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## Directors' Message by Castle and Lee Nishimoto

We are saddened by the loss of President Thomas S. Monson, and are reminded of his lifetime of service. He truly led by example. We would indeed be remiss not to follow his counsel concerning our mortal lives, and our responsibility to seek after our ancestors. It is our hope that each of us will emulate his counsel in searching for our ancestors. To this end are the dedicated efforts of our Library staff.

We hope you all have had a great opening month of 2018, and thank all who have previously visited the FamilySearch Library. We encourage you to continue to do so, and extend a sincere invitation for all to visit us. It has been our experience that from time to time we experience a boost in our search for our ancestors. This may come in different ways such as connecting with a previously unknown living relative. Or finding a long lost recorded story which was recovered by you. These are wonderful experiences which can and do give us incentive to continue.

At times, however, we reach a point of the proverbial “dead end.” It appears that no matter what we attempt to do, progress along a certain line becomes quite difficult. Sometimes the difficulty is not being able to find a particular document. A recent patron with this issue found, with help from one our workers, that the document had been destroyed by fire. As such, the patron was able to terminate her search for that document and save time for other research. We have several workers who have expertise in various areas of family history. Sister Nishimoto, for example, is an experienced genealogist with a Bachelor's degree in genealogical research and 45 years of professional research and collegiate teaching experience. So please take advantage of our capabilities. Contact us to arrange for any specific assistance you may need.

## LVFSL Training February 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>

We bid farewell to Retta Davis, Mark and Janet Kurihara, Bonnie Leavitt, Susan Nelson, Anna Peterson, Vivian Sadler, and Stacie Weber. We can't thank them enough for their service to the Library! With these releases the Library is in need of more workers. We invite you to serve as a missionary or as a volunteer. You will receive training which will help you to assist others. What a great service it is to help others find their roots, not to mention that of improving your skills in family history work.

## Indexing Rewards by Connie Price

Have you received an email recently that looks like this? Don't ignore it. There are valid names to reserve. Keep on Indexing!



Thank you for helping others find their ancestors through indexing!

By participating in indexing, you made it possible for others to find ancestors needing temple work. To thank you, we found a family member in your tree who has ordinances available for temple service. Just sign in, and you can reserve the ordinances. Then either print the cards for your next temple trip, or share them with family, friends, or the temple.

## Mark Your Calendars

Feb 22, 2018 6:30 p.m. Thurs	Family History Consultant Training Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
Feb 23, 2018 10:00 a.m. Fri	Family History Consultant Training Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
Feb 28-Mar3, 2018	RootsTech 2018 Salt Palace Convention Cntr, Salt Lake City, UT <a href="http://rootstech.org">http://rootstech.org</a>
May 2-5, 2018 Grand Rapids, MI	Nation Genealogical Society NGS Family History Conference <a href="http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org">http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org</a>
Aug 22-25, 2018 Fort Wayne, IN	Federation of Genealogical Societies(FGS) National Conference <a href="https://fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43">https://fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43</a>

## Finding Family *by Linda Cable*

### Musician, Shipping Executive, and WWII Civilian POW.

About two years ago I gave a suggested assignment to the members of our Life Stories class: Choose someone on your family tree that you know little or nothing about and research their life story. I chose a man on my family tree who was a second cousin simply because he had an unusual name: Cortland Linder.

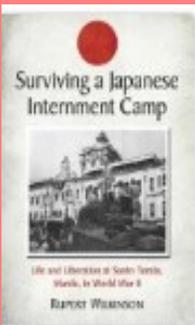
How many of those can there be on Google? Answer: not many. I grew up in Missouri. Cortland was a teenager in the San Joaquin Valley in California. After studying at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Cortland Linder (LKMS-2DV) was hired by the Horace



Heidt Orchestra and later recruited by an international shipping company where he was assigned to lead their office in Manila. In 1942 British and American citizens in

Manila were put in the Santo Tomas POW camp by the Japanese and Cortland was there for 909 days (2 yrs, 7 mo). There he met Barbara Clear (LKMS-LMR), an English correspondent. After being liberated by the Americans in 1945, they were married in California. Cortland lived a long life, passing away in Connecticut at age 94, having been married for 61 years. There are several military POWs in the family tree, but Cortland, a civilian, is my favorite.

Historians may want to read *Surviving a Japanese Internment Camp: Life and Liberation at Santo Tomas* by Rupert Wilkinson, McFarland & Company, Inc. North Carolina, 1994.



## Research Helps *by Lee Nishimoto*

### Why Can't I Find Them in the Index?

Many times our searches in an index do not find the names we are looking for, although other details indicate they should be there. There are several reasons that this may happen. 1) Misinterpretation: Indexes are not perfect. Indexers do their best, but handwritten records may be difficult to interpret.

In the 1700s and much of the 1800s the "s" had different forms that we do not see today.

These are four of the lower case "s"s. The second one is often confused with an "f" and is called a long "s". The second and third "s"s are often used together for double "s" or "ss", but when put very close together have often been mistaken for a "p". In searching for a Ross line in Kentucky, no Rosses were in the index, but there were Rops. The original records were these where Ross records with the long "s" followed by the round "s" and interpreted as a "p". In searching for "Hennis", the record was indexed as "Hamms". Remember capital "W" and "M" can be hard to tell apart. Also, capital "T" and "F" and "J" in script may get confused.

2) Another common problem is the phonetic spelling of a name (as it sounds). Listen to a surname when you say it. How many ways can you think to spell this name? Regardless how outrageous the spelling. I found 27 ways to spell Greenhall in one parish record. Remember "s, c, z" may be interchangeable. Any vowel can be used. The old Soundex system indicates what letters have similar sounds and that may be confused. ( B, F, P, V) (C, G, J, K, Q, S, X, Z) (D, T) (M, N). Good Hunting.

## From FamilySearch Blog *by Matt Wright*

### Relatives Around Me

Have you ever sat in a room full of people and wondered if or how you might be related to those around you? Relatives Around Me, a new feature in the FamilySearch [Family Tree app](#), can tell you the answer. To try the new feature, you and your potential cousin both need to be signed in to the Family Tree app on your smart phone and within approximately 100 feet of each other. Once signed in, select **More** at the bottom right of the screen (iOS) or the **dropdown** in the top left (Android) and then select **Relatives Around Me**. This opens a page with a green button that says **Scan for Friends**. Tap the green button to start scanning. Anyone signed into the app and within range will show up in a list on your device, and you will show up on theirs. Selecting the person's name will bring up a pedigree graphic showing your common ancestor and the lines through which you both descend. Pretty cool, right?

