



Director's Message *by Wayne Stoker*

It Has Happened!

FamilySearch.org has partnered with Ancestry.com, FindMyPast and MyHeritage to share their respective resources with the membership bases of each of the other organizations.

All across the Las Vegas Valley, those that are currently serving as Church Service Missionaries in the FamilySearch Library or in other Family History Centers are now receiving their invitation through FamilySearch to activate their own Ancestry.com, FindMyPast and MyHeritage accounts.



All members of the church who use FamilySearch.org for their family history work will be receiving an invitation to open their own accounts for these sites. These are being offered at no cost to members of the Church who are FamilySearch users, and each of these site memberships are for the respective site's world-wide collections.

For those persons that already subscribe to Ancestry.com, you will be required to close your current account at the time you sign up for the new account received in connection with FamilySearch. Your family tree and other personal data from your prior account will transfer to your new account, and you can continue to use the same username and password with your new account. If you signed up for, or renewed, your Ancestry.com account within 30 days of the date you receive the invitation to open your account in conjunction with FamilySearch, you will receive a rebate from Ancestry.com.

During the month of May, all members in the Valley who are active FamilySearch.org users, are scheduled to receive their invitation, via, their e-mail address. The operative word is ACTIVE! -those that are currently and actively using their FamilySearch account. The remaining members in the Valley that open FamilySearch accounts will be invited to receive their free Ancestry.com, FindMyPast, and MyHeritage accounts in July. By the

end of this year, all members of the church worldwide will be able to access this new resource.

We see this as a tremendous opportunity and blessing for members, as our ability to do Family History research from our own homes will be greatly enhanced.

Please stop into the FamilySearch Library if you have questions about, or problems accessing, your new accounts; if you can use guidance in how to search the new websites; or if you need research assistance to help with your search results.

Mark Your Calendars

- **National Genealogical Society Conference 7-10 May 2014**
<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>
- **African American Research Study Group 17 May 2014**
Las Vegas FamilySearch Library 10:30am – 12:30pm
- **Family History Consultants Training 29 May 2014**
Las Vegas FamilySearch Library 6:30 p.m.
- **BYU Family History Conference 29 Jul-1 Aug 2014**
<https://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/>
Reservations now OPEN
- **Las Vegas Family History Jamboree 6 Sep 2014**
- **2014 Family History Conferences**
[http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Upcoming Conferences](http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Upcoming_Conferences)

Have you tried *Our* new website yet?

<http://www.lvfamilysearchlibrary.org>

Check out the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library Newsletter back issues.

LVFSL Training

Las Vegas FamilySearch Library May Classes

<http://www.lvfamilysearchlibrary.org>

The May class schedule is also attached to this email.

"..what the next generation will value most is not what we owned, but the evidence of who we were and the tales of how we lived. In the end, it's the family stories that are worth the storage."

— *Ellen Goodman*

Helpful Websites *from Sandy Jackson*

There are a variety of Canadian census indexes and images available on the Library and Archives Canada website. Click on an individual year and on the left hand portion of the page is a link to the search page.

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx>

Who's Who at the LVFSL



Jason Robinson was born and raised in Layton Utah in the 50s and moved to Las Vegas with his parents in 1966. He graduated from Clark High in 1968 and attended Clark County Community College and UNLV and has a degree in Business Management. He has been a business owner for the last 14 years, but happily sold his agency in January 2013. He is semi-retired, but works part time as an insurance broker, and all he really wants to do is genealogy.

His mother was an active member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers for years, but he never knew anything about his Mormon heritage or family history. About 5 years ago his Bishop called him to be a ward Family History Consultant and all that changed. Since then he has discovered that all 16 of his 2nd great grandparents and 5 of his 3rd great grand parents did their endowment live. 9 were endowed in Nauvoo and all were part of the pioneer migration to Zion. Their stories are all interwoven in church history. Their travels, trials, and testimonies were all recorded. Knowledge all thanks to a calling.

Genealogy Insights *by Gail Gibbs*

You might say that we are an "international" family. Many languages were learned with six sons serving missions in: Japan, Chile, Japan, Brazil, Salt Lake City with foreign exchange to Germany, and Scotland, husband served in Austria, 2 daughters learned Spanish and German; a daughter in law is Chinese, a girl friend from Costa Rica, a son traveling to India and China on business, a daughter in law from Russia and a son teaching English in Thailand. Whew! Me, I only did shorthand.

Since moving to Las Vegas, I have personally been exposed to even more diverse and varied nationalities: Puerto Rico, Phillipines, Vietnam, Mexico, Argentina, Hawaii, China, Korea and Japan. In addition I know of two situations where a grandson or granddaughter does not speak the language of the grandparent. The following idea might be a way for them to communicate family history information as well

as to help some of our non-English speakers with their family history.

On the FamilySearch FamilyTree search page, scroll down to the bottom of the page to languages and change it to the other language, have the person enter information in that language and then the person who only speaks English can change the information to English to read it. On Family Tree, the pedigree page will not translate, but the person page will. For our Japanese, Korean and Chinese friends who have printed genealogy books, these can be digitized, then translated and indexed. If you are searching in records that are in a language you can't read, try changing the language so you can read it.

If you install Google Translate from the Google Chrome Toolbar, it will ask you if you want to translate this page. I haven't learned yet how to translate the digitized film which comes up on our search page, but things are changing every day. Mocavo.com is working on a program that will read cursive. Now that is fantastic! Think of all the records that were created before the typewriter that need to be translated and indexed. Until next time....

Indexing Info *from Tom Jackson*

Just a reminder that you are doing very well with the obituary indexing despite the scarcity of batches and the fact that every time they post a new set of obituaries we all have to learn a new set of rules. Part of the problem lies in the sharing with organizations that have already scanned the data and we are just indexing it. This means the batches are not as carefully prepared as when the church does them. Be patient, pay attention and follow the rules, keeping in mind there will be times you will have to make a decision. Remember, you can always get a hold of me and I will try to help you.

On another front, I was recently contacted about serving as one of the beta testers for the new indexing program coming out this year. According to the email I received we will start next month. I will do my best to keep you all aware of developments as they happen. The target date for the general rollout is later this year. It should be great.

By the way did you know you can view the second half of an obituary that is on two images. Just click on the VIEW tab, click *See previous* or *Next image* and the screen will split showing both the image you are working on and the next image in line too. I know, I know, that is a message telling you not to index from the second page. Don't tell anyone I told you about this and I will keep it a secret too. Just be sure it is the second half of the image you are working on before you start. Call us if you have any problems.

Tom Jackson