

Family History Happenings

LVFSL

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Las Vegas FamilySearch Library

Hours: 9 – 5 M, F 9 – 8 T, W, Th 9 – 3 Sa



Mark Your Calendars

Oct 24, 2019 6:30 p.m. Thur	Ward Temple and Family History Consultant Training Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
Oct 25, 2019 10:3-a.m. Fri	
Feb 26—29, 2020 Salt Lake City, UT	RootsTech 2020 — Salt Palace Convention Center, http://rootstech.org
May 20-23, 2020 Salt Lake City, UT	Echoes of Our Ancestors —Family History Conference https://2b2b1u1oad04904yo1jc1ri1-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com National Genealogical Society http://agenealogy.org
July 2020 Provo, UT	Conference on Family History & Genealogy BYU Conference Center https://familyhistory.ce.byu.edu/

Directors' Message *by Ken and Charlotte Openshaw*

Give the Library a Visit

There are many compelling reasons to visit the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library. At this time I will focus on only one, converting audio and video memories into a format that can be attached to Ancestors in FamilySearch* and shared with family.

Tears were streaming down her face. It seemed obvious to me that she was in need. I quickly approached her and offered my assistance. She smiled, and showing a little embarrassment, said that everything was OK and that she was very, very happy. She then pointed to the video playing on the monitor. It was her seven year old son, who is now forty, making faces at her 10 month old daughter so she would laugh. I could see why she was teary. Video and audio tapes bring back those precious experiences that we knew we would never forget, but with time, we do.

Later, as she walked out of the FamilySearch Library, she held up her Flash Drive that contained the digitized copy of her VHS tapes and thanked us for having the equipment to change her old tapes into a format so she could see them again and share them with her family. "This will be a wonderful Christmas present for my family."

Family History does make wonderful Christmas gifts. Whether it is a framed seven generation fan chart or a digital video or audio record of the past, reliving and recording family events builds a legacy of tradition and experiences.

What memory converting services are available at the Library? Most video types can be converted to a

digital format that can be played on your computers, edited with free movie software at your home and can be easily copied and shared with family and/or friends. The Library can convert VHS, VHS-C, Super 8 and Hi8 cassettes. Additionally, 8mm and super 8mm films can be digitized. Audio recordings on cassette and micro cassette tapes can be digitized and soon those old reel to reel audio tapes will be able to be converted.

What is required on your part? Very little. Just bring your audio and/or video cassettes and a thumb/flash drive to store the digitized copies on and nothing else. The digitizing process is easy to do. The consultants here will help you get started and answer any question you might have.

We do encourage you to come with multiple things to do. That way, while your audio or video cassettes are being digitized you can work on your family history or digitize your 35mm slides or your stacks and stacks of photographs. One caution however, if you start watching your precious video tapes or listening to those incredible audio recordings of your ancestors or relatives you might not be able to break away.

What a wonderful blessing to live in an era when we have these incredible recordings. But what's more, isn't it special to have a Library that permits us to put these tapes in a format that will endure over time and that can easily be edited and shared with others all for free.

* Currently digitized video cannot be uploaded to FamilySearch.

LVFSL Training—October 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>

Teaching Family *by David Adams*

Digital Video Family History stories

It's early October. Do you have all your Christmas gifts ready? If yes, does that include the "person who has everything"? Does it include your great-great-great grandchildren?

Are you part of a married couple? Why not make a memorable story of your life to be presented to your children? And possibly to your siblings and/or parents? Why not interview your spouse on video camera about his/her early life?

Are you a single adult? Why not make a story of your life? It would make a great gift for your parents, siblings and possible descendants.

Do you have a family reunion coming up? Why not arrange to bring some family members down to the Library and tell the children stories of the "good old days" when the adults were growing up?

In any of the scenarios above feel free to call the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library (702-382-9695) and make arrangements to use the Heritage Room.

The Heritage room was formerly a Bishop's office. It has space for several adults to set around a table and talk. The staff can set you up with microphones, and operate the video camera. Our staff has access to lists of interview questions to use if you want. The object is to get you to tell your story on camera and get a digital image of the story with sound.

You need to bring a flash drive with you to the Heritage Room. When the interview or storytelling time is over, the digital record of the event will be moved to your flash drive and you take the flash drive home. The library does not keep copies – the flash drive contains the only copy.

From the flash drive you take home, you can make copies to send to friends and family. If you put a copy of the event on familysearch.org, it will be available to your descendants for generations to come as well as those living today. Note: Digital Videos cannot currently be uploaded to FamilySearch.

Call today to ensure that you will be able to reserve a date that will work for you.

Research Helps *by Lee Nishimo*

COUNTY HISTORIES

There may be wonderful clues to your family history in the published county histories of the counties in which your family lived. Between 1870 and 1920 a large number of county histories were published. The details of people and early times in the county were often more extensive than in later editions. Many of these early county histories are now available in digital form online. Most of these county histories had a big downside. They had no index and were huge volumes. Digitizing has solved that problem. Use the "search" option.

Many digital county histories can be found in FamilySearch.org – Books. After selecting the book, find the "magnifying glass symbol" on the bottom bar. Click. Search box will appear on the left side. Search only surname of interest. Adding a given name will give all appearances of that given name in the book. Click "Go" and previews of the entries will appear in the left side box. Click on the highlighted name and that will take you to the page of that entry.

Internet Archives archive.org has many digitized county histories. The best way to use this site is to first select "other format". This takes you to the digital image rather than the text format.

When the book appears use "search inside", not "search" in the upper right corner. Search for the surname. Markers on the bottom bar indicate the locations where the surname appears. Hover the cursor over each marker to preview the entry. Click the marker to go to the page. The surname searched will be highlighted on the page.

Entries can be brief or very detailed. Every new clue adds to the family story. Check your genealogy for the counties in which your families lived. Find more about your family. **Good Hunting.**

Finding Family by Linda Cable

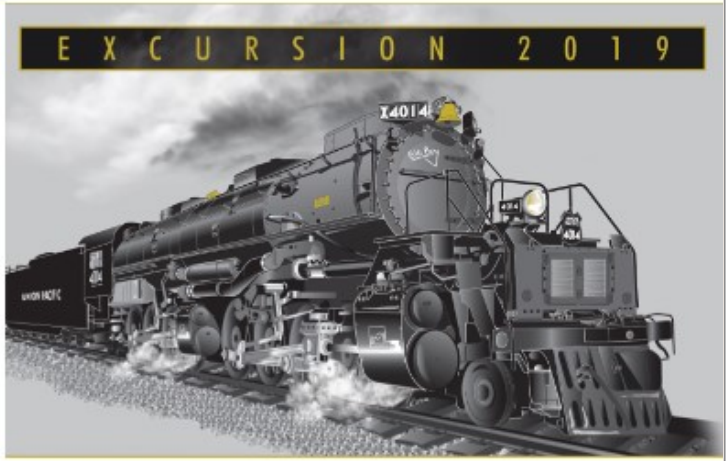
Steam Engines Then and Now

On October 10th, we will have the opportunity to see the Big Boy Train in Las Vegas. Steam engines were a part of my childhood. When I was about four or five, my father took me to the railroad yard in the east bottoms of the Missouri River at Kansas City because he wanted me to have a memory of steam engines before diesel engines replaced them. My snapshot memory is holding my daddy's hand as I looked up at the huge engine. I also remember seeing steam engines on a high track above the old US Highway 71 where I could see the engineer and wave at him. He waved back. That was a thrill for a small girl. In 1948 I used to sit on the side porch of my Aunt Dawn's farmhouse at Adrian, Missouri and see a long train across the pasture on its way to Kansas City. I would count the cars and wait to see the caboose.

After I retired in 2010 and began doing genealogy seriously, I learned that a number of my father's relatives in Eastern Kentucky had worked for the railroad. One story really impressed me. Here is a memory of Henry Marion Massey and his wife about train engineer George Elon Massey. Family Search PID K2VV-K3Y and Find A Grave Memorial 82471523.

George Massey Killed In Train Collision

"So many memories of a wonderful childhood. I have never forgotten all the love given to us. They were a couple that lived a good life and took pleasure in taking care of their family. The train wreck changed all our lives. On November 24, 1946, George was engineering a freight train in Southern Kentucky heading toward Cincinnati from Chattanooga, TN, when his train collided with another train. George jumped clear of the engine before the collision but the engineer of the other train was killed. Reports indicated that George died of shock or a heart attack at the scene of the accident. He had been an employee of the Southern Railroad for 35 years."



The Great Race Across the Southwest Union Pacific's No. 4014



*Southern - 6325 Being picked up at Pine-Knot 14, after Collision with 7st.
Nov. or Dec-1946.*