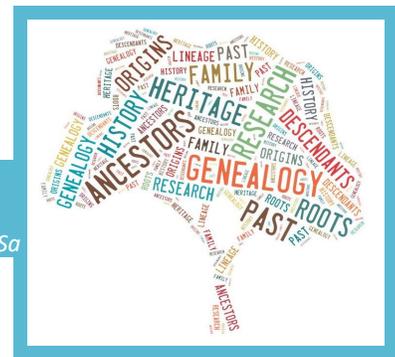


Family History Happenings



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Mark Your Calendars

November 5, 2018 10:30 p.m. Mon	Ward Temple and Family History Consultant Training Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
Nov. 7-10, 2018	National Council on Family Relations Conference San Diego California www.ncfr.org/ncfr-2018
Feb 27-Mar2, 2019	RootsTech 2018 Salt Palace Convention Cntr, Salt Lake City, UT http://rootstech.org
July 2019	BYU Family History Conference Provo, UT https://familyhistory.ce.byu.edu

Directors' Message *by Castle and Lee Nishimata*

We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday! Please remember to honor those who are serving or have served in our armed forces on November 11, Veterans' Day. We respectfully thank them for their sacrifice in defending our great nation. We express our thanks as well for their families.

Someone recently asked, "What can the Library do for patrons?" We are sure this question has been asked in the past. We answer with the following in hopes you will allow us to assist you in finding your ancestors:

- Personalized one-on-one help
- Family Tree (6 week basic hands-on course)
- How to search FamilySearch.org
- Ancestry (5 week basic hands-on course)
- Access to additional premium websites
- Access to restricted digitized films/books which can only be viewed at this Library or designated Family History Centers
- Classes for Ward Temple and Family History Consultants
- Instruction for youth and adult groups
- Variety of research classes
- Heritage Room for video recording of family stories
- Assistance with stake family discovery day.
- Connection to various genealogical societies
- Foreign language support
- Open on other than scheduled hours (by appointment)

This past month, remarkable changes were announced to Sabbath Day observance for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In keeping with the spirit of those changes, we ask that you keep in mind family history activities. The Library can be made availa-

ble for families and groups by appointment during hours other than presently scheduled.

We end our message this month expressing great appreciation to Sandra Cromwell and Evalyn Holden Hogan for their dedicated service at the Library. We definitely miss them. We welcome new workers Robin and Janet Mickelson. They are much needed and we look forward to working with them. We invite any who are interested in serving at this Library to contact us at 702-382-9695.

From FamilySearch Blog

20 Questions to Ask Your Grandma

Brainstorm what you would like to know about your grandma. Use the questions below to get started! Feel free to skip or modify the questions to make them fit your situation.

- What is your full name, and what are the names of your parents and siblings?
- How did your parents choose your name, and does it have a special meaning?
- Did you have any nicknames?
- When and where were you born?
- When and where were your family members born?
- What kinds of things did your family do together when you were young?
- Who were some of your friends, and what are your fondest memories of spending time with them?
- What schools did you attend?
- What were your favorite subjects in school?
- Who were your favorite teachers and why were they your favorite?
- How did you meet Grandfather?
- How did Grandfather propose?
- When and where were you married?
- What are your children's names, and when and where were they born?
- What are some special memories you have about your children?
- Where have you lived?
- Who have you worked for, and what jobs did you do?
- Has faith or religion played a role in your life?
- What did you do to get through the difficult times in your life?
- What are your favorite holiday memories and traditions?
- What are some of your favorite things (such as favorite colors, flowers, books, songs, foods, or pets)?
- What trips or vacations do you remember, and which one was your favorite?
- What experiences in your life have molded you into the person you are today?
- What are your favorite things to do now?
- What do you hope for your children and grandchildren?

A Single Letter Made The Difference



It was Tuesday afternoon at the Las Vegas Family Search Library and I had some time to look at my own tree when Lee Nishimoto came by. I commented that one of the sons of my second great grandparents had no death date. I had the 1850 and 1860 Census records but had not been able to find anything else.

Lee jotted down the information on a legal pad and went to a computer. I moved to a computer next to her to watch how she searched. After visiting several websites she settled on Fold3 because he was born in 1838, an indication that he could have served in the civil war. Finally she found James N. Massey and the image of the front of a record packet. At the top was **James N. Massey**. Several lines below it was James N. Massee. She clicked that image but there were no more images. At first she thought the contents might not be scanned and digitized yet, but Lee thinks outside the box. A little later she came to me saying, "I FOUND him!" She went back through the search process using the spelling Massee and there are 24 images, including two pages of the Casualty Report .

James N. Massee (Massey) was wounded in the Battle of Chickamauga and was declared missing in action 20 September 1863. His body was never found. James N. Massey is 971P-LRP on FamilySearch.org.

Excited about the new information, I contacted my fourth cousin Rebecca Rich on Ancestry. Her mother was a Massey and Rebecca has done research for years as well as contributing photos and information for Find A Grave memorials. We share information and I was so excited to be able to share this find with her.

DO THE MATH

One of my favorite phrases when teaching family history is "Do the math". This can be used in many ways. What is the age of the "mother" at the birth of each child? Was she too young or too old to reasonably be the

mother? What is the age difference between the husband and wife? Could she be the second or third wife? Was a young man of prime age during a military conflict?

One calculation that is rarely done but could be valuable to research is "How old was each child when the father died?" If a man died leaving minor (under 21 years) children, these minors may be considered "orphans" even if the mother is living. The court often appointed guardians for minor children. Guardianship, apprenticeship and indenture records may contain valuable genealogical data. Proof of relationship between the father and the child is often given, also the age and/or the birthdate of the child in a time when no official birth records were being kept.

Young men were to be trained by their fathers in the father's trade. A young boy without a father needed training in a trade so he could be a productive member of the community. Many young boys were assigned by the court to be an apprentice to someone in the community to learn a trade (tanning, weaving, farming, carpentry, etc.). Most were apprenticed to age 21. Girls were sometimes apprenticed as housekeepers or maids but generally only to the age of 18.

These records may be found in the probate records or in the court records generally in the court order books. More and more of these probate and court records are being made accessible through the digitizing of microfilms.

nov. 26th 1822

The Court bind William Dredow Eighteen years old the first day of January Eighteen hundred and twenty three to William Wilson until he arrives to the age of Twenty one year old the said William is to cause the said William Dredow to be taught the art and mystery of a Shipwright

Check your families and you may be surprised how many fathers died leaving minor children. These are very underused records that may have family data that may not be found anywhere else. **Good Hunting.**

LVFSL Training November Classes-See change below.

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>