

Family History Happenings

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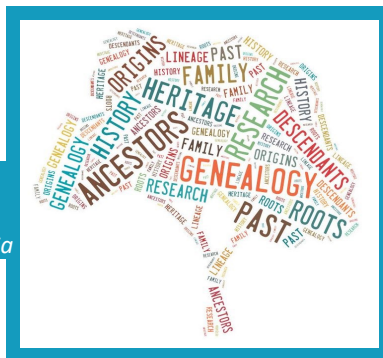
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Directors' Message *by Castle and Lee Nishimoto*

As you may have already heard, on April 23, 2018, FamilySearch announced the completion of the 2 billionth digitized image of genealogy records with millions being added weekly from countries around the world. Last September FamilySearch ceased its microfilm circulation services to transition to a digital effort to allow records to be readily accessible online. Currently, online volunteers, partners, and emerging technologies are indexing these records to create searchable documents of the images.

We have the opportunity to join this great indexing effort. During June 5 and 6, 2018, our Library will be the site for an indexing seminar conducted by the Family History Department for those who would like to participate in this effort. Information concerning the seminar will be disseminated to church units by the Family History Department in May. We will include that information in our website.

So we invite you to the seminar and be part of assisting with historical genealogy records preservation and access. Digitization makes the records more accessible than microfilm/fiche, but indexing makes those records searchable so we can attach them to our family trees. As mentioned above, millions of images are being added weekly, but we cannot efficiently locate the information on those images without indexing.

In his blog, Dick Eastman reports that FamilySearch has currently over 300 mobile digitization teams with specialized cameras filming genealogy documents on location from archives worldwide. FamilySearch also partners with libraries and societies to digitize their historical books and other relevant publications. As such, it might be time to take another look at FamilySearch's online offerings to include censuses, birth, marriage, death, court, immigration and other document types which heretofore were unavailable, and invaluable to make personal family history discoveries and connections. If

you have not already done so, simply create a free account at FamilySearch.org and start searching. Please contact us at 702-382-9695 for any assistance. We can help you be more efficient in your searches.

We bid farewell to Mar Jean Olafson, our snowbird from Panguitch, UT, and Rex Tobler who is moving to Arizona. Both have been a tremendous help to the Library. We look forward to having Mar Jean back in November. We welcome Jim and Christyn Andersen, and Gayle Walls Burns. Gayle brings African American genealogy experience to the Library.

The Library and Scanning Section is always in need of Church Service Missionaries and volunteers. No experience is needed, just a willingness to learn and serve. We will provide the training. For more information, contact either Elder or Sister Nishimoto at 702-382-9695.

LVFSL Training May 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>

Mark Your Calendars

May 24, 2018 6:30 p.m. Thurs	Family History Consultant Training Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
May 25, 2018 10:00 a.m. Fri	Family History Consultant Training Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
May 2-5, 2018 Grand Rapids, MI	National Genealogical Society NGS Family History Conference http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org
Feb 27-Mar2, 2019	RootsTech 2018 Salt Palace Convention Cntr, Salt Lake City, UT http://rootstech.org

Finding Family by Linda Cable

Converting Prices in our Family History

I just received a journal written by my Aunt Dorothy (LCFJ-2NL) with first entry February 1, 1940. Her only child died in 2017. I am learning so much about her, as well as other family members. I'm even mentioned several times. She noted the price of various items throughout her life. We can find money conversion tables on the internet.

For example: February 14, 1957. "Clyde bought suit from Joe Posner - tweed suit - \$20.00." The conversion table shows \$20 in 1957 had the same buying power as \$178.64 in 2018. Joe Posner and his son owned a men's clothing store. Joe was a family friend. I sent a message to Joe's son. His reply: "That's a great fact. Thanks."

Sunday, July 12, 1942. "After eggs & got stuck in mud at end of gravel-got pulled out by a farmer and his tractor for \$1.00" That equals \$15.90 in 2018.

Tuesday, March 3, 1942. "The sale of typewriters has been banned, sugar is to be rationed, automobiles and electric refrigerators cannot be sold."



1948. Dorothy & Clyde far left, my mother front row 4th from left.

Research Helps by Lee Nishimoto

FAMILY HISTORY TRIP

Summer is here. Many are planning to visit places and do family history. I have three words of advice. **Prepare, Prepare, Prepare.** Preparing in advance can make a huge difference in our research results.

The internet can be a great help in preparing in many, many ways. All county courts have a website with address, hours and contact information. Some court offices even have searchable indexes or records online.

Local genealogical societies can be a great resource. Their website will give location and hours, but contact them for summer closures and many times they will open by appointment if contacted in advance.

The websites of large libraries or archives are very helpful with visitor information, rules, catalogues and online records. Advanced review of their sites can make your visit much more successful.

The internet may help you find exact locations of cemeteries, churches and other sites.

If records or books are digitized and available online, search them online. Save your time, in your research travels, for the records, sites or people that are not readily available through the internet.

Go prepared with specific questions and the location of the possible answer. Do not expect to remember all the questions in your head. Write these questions down before you leave.

No one has ever told me that they had **too much time** when doing research. Contact people and places in advance. Know addresses and hours. Have a list of specific questions ready.

Maximize the time you have for research by being prepared.

From Rootstech by Marian Spencer Mar 22, 2018

7 Easy Ways to Save Your Memories

Wouldn't it be nice if we could just hook our brains up to our computers and store all of our memories instantly? Unfortunately, technology isn't quite there yet, but there are still ways to store your memories, both digitally and physically. In her 2017 RootsTech presentation, Angie Bush, MS, Region 1 Director for the National Genealogical Society, suggests several easy ways you can do this

1. **Facebook:** Upload as many pictures as you want and use the caption feature to document. Use it as a back up for your digital photos. You can make your albums private.
2. **Videos:** Whip out your 'device' when the kids are cracking you up so you can remember it forever or blackmail.

3. **Write it out:** Use paper, Word, Notes or an online journal app like JRNL, Pass It Down, or Day One Journal.
4. **Have a Family Member Interview You:** Sometimes asking the right questions is all it takes to unlock someone's memories. Record the interview or use 'Saving Memories Forever' app to attach photos
5. **Print them out:** Just in case you lose your phone, make a hard copy.
6. **Share them with others:** Make sure you're not the only one who has a copy.
7. **Do All of the above:** There are plenty of reasons to keep your memories stored in more than one place. The point of keeping your memories safe is so others can enjoy them too. Spread them out and make them easy to find.