

# Family History Happenings

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



## Mark Your Calendars

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| July 1—July 21, 2019            | ***** <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> *****  |
| July 25, 2019<br>6:30 p.m. Thur | Ward Temple and Family History Consultant Training<br>Las Vegas FamilySearch Library                                       |
| July 2019                       | BYU Family History Conference Provo, UT<br><a href="https://familyhistory.ce.byu.edu">https://familyhistory.ce.byu.edu</a> |
| Feb 26—29, 2020                 | RootsTech 2020 Salt Palace Convention Cntr,<br>Salt Lake City, UT <a href="http://rootstech.org">http://rootstech.org</a>  |

ancestors and shared  
with your whole family.

Best regards

## Teaching Family *by Dave Adams*

### How much do you know about your family's life from the past?

My great great grandfather, John Quincy Adams, was spending some of that decade in California at the Gold Rush. I understand he brought some gold back with him to Stowe, Vermont.

Another great great grandfather, Lucius Sallies, was earning his living in Ohio butchering livestock. Sometimes his pay was a cow's liver to take home for the family. Some of those times he had to abandon the liver to save his life from a pack of hungry wolves. (Ohio was pretty wild country in those days.) Lucius's wife, Samantha, wanted to see some wolves "in the wild". One day, when a pack of wolves was eating a dead horse near her house, she got a lantern and lit it. Then she took it behind her back and went outside to approach the wolves. When she got close enough, she pulled the lantern around in front of her. The wolves disappeared almost immediately, but she had seen "her wolves."

These particular stories would have been lost a long time ago, except that someone passed the stories on to the next generation. **Do you or your family make a conscious effort to tell these stories so your children have some glimpses of where they came from? Do your children know of your struggles and joys?** Have you written these stories down somewhere? Are they treated as the treasure they can be?



At the Life Stories class, we specialize in short stories of events in our lives. As we share some of these with each other, our memories get jogged and we think of other events that need to be written. So we write our short stories and put them away. Later, when the collection has gotten big enough, we will review them and organize them into a memoir of our life. We would be delighted to welcome some new members to class. **Tuesday at 1 PM at the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library**

## Directors' Message *by Ken and Charolette Openshaw*

### The Library's Expanding Services

Memories are the life blood of Family History. They are what make the names of our ancestors meaningful. Children and Grandchildren light up when they listen to stories or see pictures of their ancestors. How and where one lived is precious information that opens our minds to who a person is. When this basic information is combined with stories or photos which show the personality and personal traits, sacrifices and proclivities of our ancestors our bond with them is firmly established and our heritage becomes tangible. At this point, our ancestors cease to be names, but they become markers to guide our lives and lighthouses to steer us clear of danger or lighten the correct path.

Memories, however, only last one generation unless they are shared. Verbal histories, biographies, and books of remembrance are formal ways we pass on that precious information. Most of us have not been so formal in recording what we know about our ancestors. It might surprise us, though, how much we do have available. We have boxes of photographs, negatives, slides, videos and documents that are just sitting around ready to be shared with others. Much of this media, unfortunately, fades with time or are on formats (e.g. VHS and slides) that cannot be accessed.

The FamilySearch Library can help solve that problem. It is currently acquiring an array of special equipment that will permit patrons to easily and quickly convert photographs, negatives, slides, documents, and VHS videos into digital images that can be stored on your computer or on an external drive in a format that can easily be shared. This equipment will be available in September. Use of the equipment is free of charge. Just bring your media and your own Flash Drive for downloading the images and one of our staff will show you how to use the equipment. The process is easy and the results are invaluable

We look forward to seeing you convert your old pictures and videos into digital images that can be linked to your

## Finding Family by Linda Cable

### Beep-Beep.

#### How the Roadrunner helped me discover a cousin

Recently I was reading a small book, *Lighting Out for the Territory: Reflections on Mark Twain and American Culture* by Shelley Fisher Fishkin, a Twain scholar. She mentions reading Chuck Amuk, the Autobiography of Chuck Jones and discovering that the cartoonist found his inspiration for Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner from animals Twain mentions in his book *Roughing It*. Chuck grew up in a home with a set of books by Mark Twain and read them all. The Road Runner is based on Twain's description of a rabbit and Wile E. Coyote on a skinny coyote.

I found the cartoonist, Charles Martin Jones, on the Family Search website with PID 9J3K-VRW and clicked the View My Relationship button. Our relationship goes back to my ninth great grandfather and Chuck's eighth, Richard Treat, 94YN-5LG. It just so happens, if you masquerade as Chuck on relativefinder.org, that he is related to both Walt Disney and Samuel Langhorne Clemens. Chuck died in 2002 and I wonder if he or anyone in his family knew about these connections.

This is my mother's side of the family. I wish she could have known as she was a commercial artist in the motion picture advertising industry all through the great depression. She worked at the Kansas City Film Ad where Walt Disney learned cartooning just a few years before she went to work there. My mother, Irene, is third from right in this 1930 snapshot which came from her photo album.



Just think... only 1,032 more days until the 1950 Census is available...



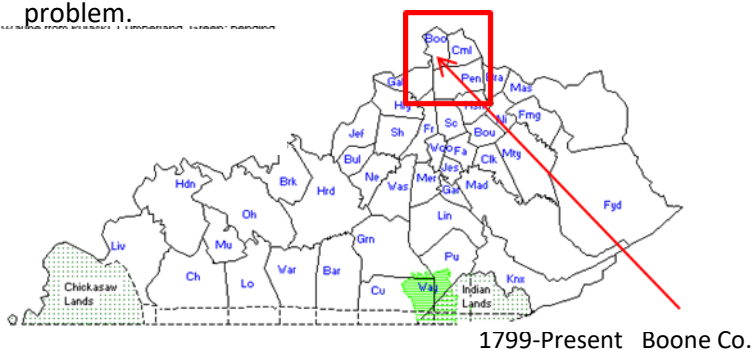
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## Research Helps by Lee Nishimoto

### WHAT IT WAS WHEN

One of the main things to remember when searching for records is that our country has changed greatly over the years. As areas became populated, new counties were created from parts of older counties. New counties begin keeping records at their creation and the old county retained their records. Some older large counties may be dozens of counties or more today. This may be very confusing, but there is one site that I often recommend to help researchers see and understand these changes: [mapofus.org](http://mapofus.org). Select the state of interest. The years listed below the state show the counties at that time.

My cousin had a problem finding early records of her family in Boone Co., Kentucky. These county changes may be her problem.



#### KENTUCKY COUNTY FORMATION YEARS

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|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1776 | 1777 | 1780 | 1784 | 1785 | 1786 | 1788 | 1789 | 1792 | 1793 | 1794 | 1795 | 1796 | 1797 |
| 1798 | 1799 | 1800 | 1801 | 1802 | 1803 | 1804 | 1805 | 1806 | 1807 | 1808 | 1809 | 1810 | 1811 |
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| 1828 | 1829 | 1830 | 1831 | 1833 | 1834 | 1836 | 1837 | 1838 | 1839 | 1840 | 1841 | 1842 | 1843 |
| 1844 | 1845 | 1846 | 1848 | 1850 | 1852 | 1854 | 1856 | 1858 | 1859 | 1860 | 1861 | 1862 | 1863 |
| 1865 | 1866 | 1867 | 1868 | 1869 | 1870 | 1871 | 1872 | 1873 | 1874 | 1876 | 1878 | 1880 | 1882 |
| 1884 | 1886 | 1888 | 1890 | 1904 | 1905 | 1912 | 1939 |      |      |      |      |      |      |



Fayette Co. 1780-1788



Woodford Co. 1789-1791



Scott Co. 1792-1794



Campbell Co. 1795-1798

Find what your family location was when the family was living there and find the records in the right courthouse.

Gooding Hunting!