



Director's Message *by Floyd Stevens*

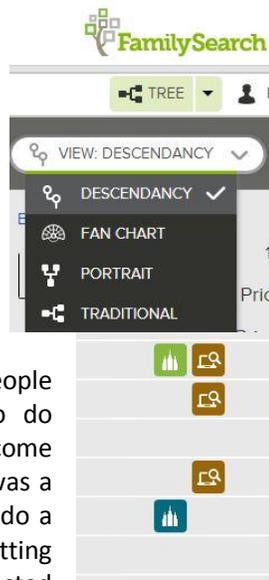
First impressions

We started our mission here a few weeks ago. We have had some wonderful experiences. Let me share some of my impressions and feelings.

The Library has wonderful workers. We have very much enjoyed getting to meet them and we look forward to getting to know them. We can easily see that the missionaries and volunteers care deeply about this work, and are interested in helping you in your efforts. If you are interested, we would welcome you as a member of our team. Please contact me and we can help you get into something that will change your life for the better.

I have had the thrill of finding family names to submit. This is the first time I have done this. When we were being oriented on our second day at the center by a wonderful sister from the Church FamilySearch department, she could see that we were overwhelmed, and she said—"Let's have some fun." She showed us the "descendancy tool" and soon I had found a distant cousin who I was able to submit for temple work. When the green temple appeared, I became very emotional. I cried as I clicked the button. Next week we will do some work for MY cousin that I found. Oh how wonderful it will be!

When I was getting ready to start here, we heard from several people about how they have wanted to do Family History and they need to come by and get started. One of these was a lady who asked if I could help her do a fan chart for her father, who is getting older (aren't we all...) and is interested in his heritage. She gave me information about a deceased grandfather. When I started here, I met with a dear friend who works here, and he showed me how to set up an account for my friend, and soon her tree was populated. I have enjoyed the thrill this has given to my friend. She is so excited to see names, places, facts—and photos. I have known this lady for years and I have never seen her so excited about anything. Her heart has turned, and I know her ancestors are reaching out to her. Great things will happen.



So we are just getting our feet wet. We love this place!! We love this work! We are so thankful for our blessings. We wish you a wonderful Christmas. And we also wish you a wonderful 2015. May the New Year be good for you and may it include success in your personal Family History efforts.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Las Vegas FamilySearch Library Closed** Dec 20 – Jan 1
- **High Priest Group Leader Training** None in December
- **Family History Consultant Training** None in December
- **Rootstech** Salt Lake City UT Feb 12-14 2015
<https://rootstech.org/?lang=eng>

LVFSL Training

Las Vegas FamilySearch Library December Classes

The class schedule will accompany emailed newsletters or can be downloaded from our website:

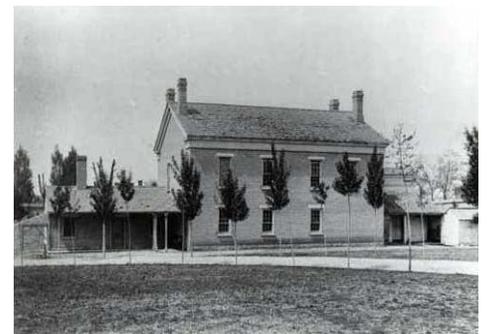
<http://www.lvfamilysearchlibrary.org>

Helpful Websites *from Sandy Jackson*

Ancestry.com released a free genealogy toolkit. It is simply a PDF file containing a list of (and links to) free resources offered by Ancestry.com. <http://c.ancestry.com/cs/media/social-research-genealogy-toolkit.pdf>

Genealogy Insights *by Gail Gibbs*

Recently I was looking at the records for my husband's pioneer ancestor, Josiah F. Gibbs, who arrived in the Salt Lake valley in 1857 in the last wagon train



just ahead of Johnson's Army. He turned 12 on the trek and was baptized in a mountain stream. He was sealed in 1870 to his wife in the Endowment House that had been built on the northwest corner of Temple Square in 1855. It was a two-story building, 34' x 44' with a one story addition on each end.

I have been a member for 48 years and have never heard much about the Endowment House, so I googled it for this photo and from David J. Ridges' book *Mormon Beliefs and Doctrines Made Easier*, I learned:

“Endowment means a course of instruction in the Father's Plan of Salvation for His children, accompanied by ordinances and the making of covenants. This course is now given only in temples and called the endowment. Temple garments are worn by endowed members to remind them of the covenants they have made in the temple to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Before 1893 when the Salt Lake Temple was completed, Latter-day Saints used the Endowment House for temple ordinances. It was used for 34 years to perform 2,500 marriages per year plus other sacred ordinances. Baptisms for the dead were administered in the Endowment House until 1876 when the St. George Temple was completed. Endowments for the dead were not performed in the Endowment House, but were reserved for the temple only. The building was torn down in 1889. So, if you see EHOUS, an abbreviation for Endowment House, on your ancestor's record, you will know that they used this building before there was a temple available.

Getting to Know You *by Connie Price*



Richard Scott Haynes was born in Ely, Nevada, Marilyn Anne Wagner Haynes, in Montebello, California. They both served missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint, Richard to Northern California and

Marilyn to Western Canadian Lamanites. Richard has a BA degree in Economics from BYU, an MBA from UNLV, and an MA in US History, especially military history, from UNLV. Marilyn has a BA in Family History from BYU. They have 6 children, John, Tammi, Benjamin, Anna, James, and Daniel. They also have 3 all too cute grandchildren. Marilyn has been serving on the Saturday AM shift at the library for 4 years. She has been doing family history research at the 9th and Clark facility since 1964. Richard retired from managing a 7-11 store in May of 2014, which allowed him to join the Monday PM shift at the library and to enjoy family history efforts with his mother, Christie and sister, Connie. Richard has been surrounded by the family history activities of his parent, Scott and Christie all his life. They serve together on the Monday PM shift, where Richard is the coordinator, and Saturday AM shift, where Marilyn is assistant coordinator. Both Richard and Marilyn are Ordinance Workers at the Las Vegas Temple on Wednesday mid shift.

Received Your Free Partner Accounts Yet?

In July, all Las Vegas valley LDS Church members should have received an invitation by e-mail to open their free accounts to Ancestry.com, findmypast.com and MyHeritage.com. If you have lost your invitation, or did not receive one, you can access the invitation by visiting the following website: <http://bit.ly/ldsmemberaccess>.

Indexing Info *from Tom Jackson*

I watch some woodworking shows on Saturday morning every week I can and I am always struck by the careful announcement before the host begins. They always say something to the effect of: always read, understand and follow all the directions before operating any equipment. If only we would all apply that to our indexing endeavors. We could put arbitrators out of business. To help us all I offer my “Twelve Commandments of Indexing Obituaries”. I apologize for the extra two but I could not figure a way to condense them down any more than they are now.

1. THOU SHALT NOT ASSUME.
2. THOU SHALT READ THE ENTIRE IMAGE AND COUNT THE NUMBER OF NAMES.
3. THOU SHALT INDEX THE NAMES OF ALL INDIVIDUALS. EXCEPTION: NAMES OF BUSINESSES OR THE OWNER OF THE MORTUARY.
4. THOU SHALT ALWAYS INDEX THE NAME OF THE DECEASED FIRST, ALWAYS.
5. THOU SHALT NOT ASSUME SURNAMES, GENDER, AGE, RELATIONSHIPS OR LOCATIONS.
6. THOU SHALT INDEX MAIDEN NAMES WITH SURNAMES ONLY IF THEY ARE IN PARENTHESES OR IF THE NAME FOLLOWS THE WORD: “nee”.
7. NICKNAMES ARE TO BE INDEXED IN THE ORDER THEY APPEAR AND MUST BE PRECEDED BY THE WORD OR.
8. THOU SHALT USE NO MATH WHEN INDEXING.
9. THOU SHALT INDEX A NAME ONLY ONCE. COMBINE ALL INFORMATION INTO THE FIRST ENTRY.
10. THOU SHALT USE THE CLOSEST RELATIONSHIP OR THE TERM “RELATIVE” IF NO TERM IS AVAILABLE FROM THE DROPDOWN LIST.
11. THOU SHALT USE “CTRL + SHIFT +B” TO FILL IN THE BLANK LINES IF YOU HAVE LESS THAN SIX NAMES.
12. THOU SHALT READ THE DIRECTIONS ESPECIALLY THE FIELD HELPS.

If you have any questions I will be happy to help you. I can be reached at the library on Mondays and Thursdays in the mornings and at my email address tomsan1971@cox.net and by phone at 702-870-4768.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.