

Family History Happenings

LVFSL

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



Directors' Message by Ken and Charlotte Openshaw

Something for Everyone

Happy New Year! While 2019 was a wonderful year, we look forward to 2020 as a very special time at the FamilySearch Library. To understand why we feel this way, ***Come to the January Open House.***

You will be impressed with how the interior has been refreshed. The main floor has been opened up, the books are more accessible, there are new pictures on the walls and a special area for parents with young children.

New services have been provided including a Discovery area and equipment available to digitize your audio, video and photographic memories.

The number of classes teaching skills and research helps are increasing and your Family History experience will be enhanced by Third Saturday Events beginning in February (see below).

Along with the foregoing, and the addition of over 30 new Consultants, the Library is more capable than at any previous time to support all of your individual and ward Family History needs. In fact, we can safely say, **the FamilySearch Library has something for everyone from individuals to groups.**

Groups

What is required to bring your group to the Library? Just a simple telephone call to the Library: 702-382-9695. You will be attended to by one of our friendly Consultants who will reserve a date and time and get you all set up for a wonderful experience. It's Easy. Just give it a try.

GENERAL OPEN HOUSE

Make sure you take time to visit the Library. Come alone or with family and friends. No reservation needed. Everyone is welcome.

Third Saturday Events

Beginning February 15th, the Library will dedicate every Third Saturday to focusing on a specific topic, skill, language or ethnicity. All of its workshops, classes and presentations on that day will be centered around the theme for that day. The purpose is to help you develop skills in new areas, go in-depth on current topics and provide you with new areas of interest.

Specialists will be at the Library to lead workshops, classes and formal presentations in specific interest areas such as understanding DNA and its role in Family History; Ethnic research focusing on Central and South American, African American, European or other research areas; and skill development in using the more popular accounts, including: FamilySearch, MyHeritage, Find My Past, Geneanet, American Ancestors and Ancestry.

February 15th is the first Third Saturday Event. It will focus on MyHeritage. Come learn how to complement your FamilySearch efforts with effective research using MyHeritage. In addition to workshops helping you get a MyHeritage account, introducing you to MyHeritage and giving a basic introduction to this service, attendees are invited to participate in the Keynote presentation by Daniel Horowitz.

Mr. Horowitz is a world renown expert in using MyHeritage and will present numerous ways to more effectively search out our ancestors using MyHeritage. Watch for the upcoming announcements with specifics on workshops, presenters, times and how to participate.

Las Vegas FamilySearch Library

January 6-31

Open House

Come and See What's New

at the FamilySearch Library

9th & Clark, Las Vegas

LEADERSHIP OPEN HOUSE

Stake and Ward Councils are invited to a special tour on January 18th and 25th. Tour times are reserved through your Stake President.

Research Helps

The Value of Land Records by Lee Nishimoto

Land records may be very valuable in proving family relationships in the U.S. and are the most abundant collection of records that involves most of the U.S. population. The majority of land records are found in county records. It was very common for a man to buy and sell many properties in his lifetime. Most importantly, land was the most inherited item. Even if there was no will, the personal and real estate of the deceased had to be divided among the legal heirs.

Land records in the past were difficult to access or required many rolls of microfilm to find all family entries, but now that most of the microfilms in the FamilySearch Catalog have been digitized, searching the indexes and volumes is so much easier. Some land records may have no research value, but those that do can give relationships and clues that may be found nowhere else. This is especially true before the mid-1800s. There were few records kept, but proof of land ownership was always important.

Learn the terms used in land records. Grantor is the seller and grantee is the buyer. Watch for "heirs of", "Admin of" (administrator) or "Exor of" (executor) if the estate is being sold or divided.

Wife has "Dower" right to a portion of the land and a relative or attorney may be given "power of attorney" for a part of the estate. Good Hunting!

Date of Deed	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	Vol.	Pl.	Page	No. of Lines
1819	Boyd Samuel	John Boyd	B	2	91	114
1822	Bolander Stephen	Joseph Bolander	6	3	136	120
"	Same	Stephen Bolander Jr	"	"	138	118
"	Same	Thomas Kalkren	"	"	302	304
1823	Same his heirs	Benjamin Burdum	"	4	44	50 1/2
"	Bolander Susanah	Robert Buchanan	"	"	289	289
"	Baird Samuel	John Barr	"	"	42	40 1/2
1825	Bolanders Alpha	Abel Rice	6	5	340	34 1/2
"	Bourne Silvanus	Matthew Bonner	"	"	57	60 1/2

Mark Your Calendars

Feb 15, 2020
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Third Saturday Event — MyHeritage classes featuring Daniel Horowitz, renown expert on MyHeritage. Watch for workshops, times and presenters.

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://nsgenealogy.org/tag/echoes-of-our-ancestors>

CHRONICLING AMERICA

HISTORIC AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS



Yesterday's News by Linda Coble

One way to fill in details in our ancestors' lives is to search old newspapers. Some of our family stories are rather sketchy, like my mother's. Her father died in 1922 when she was just a teenager and I wasn't born until eighteen years after his death. She rarely mentioned him and the only comment I remember is "Papa always encouraged my drawing." My mother worked for over a decade in motion picture advertising so that probably explains my remembering that one comment.

After several years as a volunteer at the Las Vegas Family Search Library, which has helped to improve my search skills, I found a small item in a newspaper from Butler, Missouri which named first place winners at the county fair. My mother won first prize for the best pencil drawing for boys and girls 16 and under when she was twelve. That makes me think that perhaps it was Papa who encouraged her to enter one of her drawings in the contest. I also found that Papa harvested 80 bushels of potatoes one year. Another year Papa and three of his friends went fishing and kept their catch in the cool creek water so they could have fried fish for breakfast, but "Mr. Turtle got there first."

I have found accidents, inventions, scandals, a suicide because of misappropriation of funds, unusual occupations, wedding photos, and a Christmas story as I searched old newspapers.

We have a newspaper archive that you can access at the Library on our premium sites, or at home you can access Chronicling America, a division of the Library of Congress, for free. It is found at chroniclingamerica.loc.gov. Those old newspapers can provide you with stories your family never told you.

LVFSL Training

January Classes—The LVFSL provides daily classes on essential Family History topics. The class schedule accompanies emailed newsletters and can be obtained at the LVFSL Library or by downloading it from the FamilySearch website: <http://www.lvfamilysearchlibrary.org>