



## Director's Message *by Sandy Jackson*

### Learning, Forming New Habits and Repetition

This is such a wonderful time to live in with all the innovations, new technology and ability to do things that we would have never dreamed were possible even 5 years ago. Look at FamilySearch and Family Tree!!! New options become available weekly. It just gets better and better.

But along with all that fabulous technology is the frustration of having to learn new "stuff". We find that it is the more mature generation that is stumbling at best to keep up with the basics much less all the changes. Most of us are feeling overwhelmed learning how to get on the internet and now each time we get to certain websites, we feel like we are starting all over. You aren't alone.

I had a friend that was having memory problems and the first thing the doctor told her to do was learn something new. The brain is an amazing organ!! Stretch and make it work for and with you.

We need to change our attitude as to how we approach this new technology. Instead of the old adage "not again!!!" we need to remind ourselves that consistently learning new things is how we stay mentally fit. If you don't use it, you lose use it. Children are so vital because they are inquisitive and grasp learning new processes and we can emulate their curiosity. Attitude is altitude. Remember the old story we learned in kindergarten of the choo-choo train that said I can't and when it changed what it was saying it DID make it up the hill!!!

There are training videos, webinars, written instructions, and people who are knowledgeable that we can seek out and follow. Ask specific questions and then try it. If you don't get it the first time, repeat, repeat and repeat again. Don't get discouraged. When you get too upset, walk away and come back and try again later. Repetition is the key. The more you learn the easier it becomes.

Form new habits through repetition. The more we do something, the easier it becomes. If you are having to learn a new program because the one you were using isn't going to be available, look for the similar features and start clicking buttons and icons to see how they work. Go to their website and watch some videos. If you are concerned about messing your family genealogy file up, start a test file from scratch and play with it until you do feel comfortable with the new software. Example: If you can't remember how to attach a census in RootsMagic as an example, write down the steps in a **simple** 1-3 word action step on a 3 X 5 or 4 X 6 card, each step on a new

line. If you have to read long lengthy instructions, for most people it doesn't work. KISS: *Keep It Super Simple*.

Learning family history and all it entails is like eating an elephant. You are not going to inhale it all at once. But you can take it "one bite at a time". Just by doing and most of all, enjoying the journey!!!

## Indexing Info *by Tom Jackson*

I would like to toss out a few numbers for your consideration. If there are 100,000 latter-day-saints in the valley and if each one of them indexed one batch a week with the average batch being 25 names that would add up to 2,500,000 names every week. In one years' time that would add up to 125,000,000 names and everyone would get two weeks off for Christmas. And that is just in this valley. To put that into perspective, the entire indexing community was able to do about 170,000,000 names last year. Now I understand not every man woman and child can sit down at a computer and index. But if we increased our number of indexers by ten percent and they each did a batch a week we would see the numbers rise dramatically. It might be a good idea if we (indexers, that is) tried to recruit just one indexer each. All of this is hypothetical of course but it does give one a little to think about. I know I am going to be more active in searching for those who would be willing to help out. Thanks so much to all of you who make my work so much easier and enjoyable. I have grown to love you all. **Happy indexing.**

## Helpful Websites *from Sandy Jackson*

Website: Looking for early American records? Start by going to [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) homepage, and then click on: **SEARCH**. Scroll down the page to and click on **United States**, then at the bottom left hand side, click on **'Pre 1700'** to find 39 collections, 64 collections 1700-1749, and 129 collections in 1750-1799. If titles have numbers in the records' column, they have been indexed, and can be searched by just typing in a name. If they are listed as 'Browse Images' then use the index in the collection to find the desired page.

## LVFSL Training

### Las Vegas FamilySearch Library October Classes

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Las\\_Vegas\\_Nevada\\_FHC/Class\\_Schedule](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Las_Vegas_Nevada_FHC/Class_Schedule)

## Mark Your Calendars

- LV FamilySearch Library Closed **5 Oct 2013**
- LV FamilySearch Library Closed **25-30 Nov 2013**
- LV FamilySearch Library Closed **14-31 Dec 2013**
- **Family History Conferences around the world 2013**

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/events-news-genealogy-family-history-conferences/?>

## Serve and Be Served *by Lee Nishimoto*

It is amazing how in the act of searching for others, who we believe have no connection to us, we find ourselves entwined in their story.

In researching the story of Margaret Brent for a Colonial Dames & Mayflower presentation, I found my ancestor, Zachariah Wade, tied into Margaret Brent's story. Zachary was an educated man, but had come to the Maryland colony as an indentured servant of Margaret Brent. After his indenture, he continued to work for the Brents for some time. He became an attorney and represented the Brents in court. He became a large landholder, member of the Maryland Assembly and the sheriff of Charles County, MD.

This was not the first time while searching for others I found my own, and I'm sure it will not be the last. Serve and you will be served.

## Who's Who at the LVFSL *by Scherry Lesanto*

The Director of the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library is none other than our leader, R. Wayne Stoker, a strong but gentle man who directs the many volunteers and shifts at the library. Under his direction, the volunteers have more than doubled, the library has new equipment, the last book in the special collection was scanned last month and most obvious are the new computers, rugs and



beautiful paintings throughout the facility. Director Stoker has dedicated over 17 years at the Las Vegas Temple and in his spare time, he is a writer of family history and many articles found elsewhere, like our monthly newsletter here at the library. We cannot forget his favorite helper and supporter, wife Caroline Jean who supports him most heartedly in his calling, as Director. She has been by his side many years, most notably together as tour guides for the new opening of the Nauvoo Temple. They have 4 children, 18 grandchildren and 2+ great-grandchildren. The National Genealogical Society recognized committee chairs for their dedicated efforts in support of the NGS May 2013 Family History Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Our Director received a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing him for the countless hours spent preparing for the conference, as Co-Chair of Volunteers. Director Stoker said, " ...He is amazed at the number of people who are willing to give of their time to help others." Whenever he needed more help, there was always "someone to fill the void." Wayne Stoker is also one of those dedicated and willing volunteers and there certainly would be a "VOID" if he were not here directing us.

## What's in a Name *by Pam Ramage*

Some people know how they got their name. It may be a family name, or the name of a friend of your parents, or have some meaning. Maybe you are a Junior or a III. Some of us however do not have any idea about how our parents chose our name. When I was growing up, my dad would sing a song about a family in our home town. I always remembered the words were Horace Welcome, Martha Sunshine. It was a strange thing to remember, but recently I was looking in my family history and realized that not only was that family there, they are my cousins. And then I saw it! An explanation of how Horace got the middle name Welcome. There he was sitting in the front, middle of a photo surrounded by his six sisters. No wonder his parents had named him Horace Welcome. Below is a list of some of the unusual names we have observed as we have been scanning books at the library. Just let your imagination run wild and try to figure out what the parents of the people named here had in mind!

### FEMALES

Aquilla Patience Thankful Experience Waitstill  
Silence Mehitable Taphannes Dorcas Prudence  
Millitiah Betsa Recompence Keziah Submit Mercy  
Deliverence Peach Beriah Azubah Tryphena Pitcher  
Philemon Prudence Shuttleworth Fanna Pompey  
Remember Comfort Unity

### MALES

Barraciah Elkanah Humfrey Increase Preserved Desire  
Eliphet Zaccheues Daring Abijah Belcher Pelitiah Eph  
Pelitiah Zuniglius Zubah Pain Zadoc Cephas Inches  
Leprilete Gems Melancthon Pullen Zerubbabel Asahell  
Sheppard Remembrance Choxhele Beza Zar Wealthy

## Of Magnets and Names *By Gail Gibbs*

I recently visited my youngest daughter in Seattle. I took along a set of magnets for my grandsons to play with. I played with the two boys and the magnets and got to thinking about magnets and their drawing power.

Our FamilySearch Library **name** tags are held on with a magnet. I thought about how important we are to our Heavenly Father, how much he loves us and how he knows us by **name** and how our **names** connect us as families. Now we have FamilySearch Family Tree to help us find our ancestors. As we type in the **name** to tag a photo or give it a **name** tag. That **name** draws other such photos that others upload to Family Tree! We are being gathered just as the magnet holds tight to our **name** and draws us to Jesus Christ whose **name** we represent as we work here at the FamilySearch Library.

As we strive to find records to identify our ancestors, it is the **name** (tag) that draws the records up into FamilySearch Family Tree from the person page. It is through the person page that our records are also gathered and attached, magically appearing as though drawn by a magnet back to help make that person whole and real again. We can help them complete that process by taking their **names** to the temple.