

Family History Happenings

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Mark Your Calendars

July	No High Priest Group leader or Family History Consultant training this month
July 18-August 3	LVSFL Summer Closing
July 22, 2016 6-9 p.m.	CCNGS & Henderson Library Genealogy Fair Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Pkwy., Henderson, NV MUST register www.hendersonlibraries.com
July 26-29, 2016	BYU Family History Conference Provo, UT http://familyhistory.ce.byu.edu/
August 27, 2016 7:30 a.m. 12p.m.	Las Vegas Stake Family History Jamboree 221 S. Lorenzi, Las Vegas, NV Keynote speaker: Ron Tanner
October 28-29, 2016	FamilyRoots Expo 2016, St. George, UT Dixie College Convention Center Hosted by FamilySearch
February 8-10, 2016	RootsTech 2016 Salt Palace Convention Cntr, Salt Lake City, UT http://10times.com/rootstech



Director's Message *by Castle Nishimoto*

Lee and I are grateful to be asked to join you as FamilySearch Library staff members, and are blessed to be working alongside dedicated brothers and sisters. We appreciate the spirit with which you perform your duties. We know of your dedication to learn various facets of this work to better assist patrons who are seeking answers to their research efforts.

There is no greater call than to teach, whether it be of doctrines or techniques to complement those doctrines. The purpose of this Library is to teach the “how” of family history, and as such, invite all to participate in the adventure of searching for ancestors in order to establish the links as far back as research allows, and to identify respective heritages. Most importantly, we are to help others in preparing “a book worthy of all acceptance.” While there is no greater “call” to teach, there is no greater “work” than to perform sacred saving ordinances for our ancestors.

We therefore have an important role in this endeavor. President Benson advised that the three-fold mission of the Church is to perfect the Saints, share the gospel, and to redeem the dead. It is interesting to note that the Saints cannot be perfected without their dead. We therefore contribute simultaneously to both perfecting the Saints and redeeming the dead. And while not actively proselyting, we do have an impact on those who are not Church members

by providing a positive experience at the Library. So our efforts have eternal significance impacting all three of the missions of the Church. Again, we are privileged to be working with you all. We feel our calling and responsibility is to assist you in any way to have a memorable experience here as staff members.

Helpful Websites *from Sandy Jackson*

Mobile Scanning with Your Phone

<http://moultriecreek.us/2016/01/17/mobile-research-scanner-edition/> Your mobile phone is quickly becoming an amazing scanner thanks to some very impressive scanning apps. Not only does it make scanning a breeze, it can save you money too. What makes phone scanning apps so useful?

- Your phone is with you just about anywhere you go.
- Scanning with your phone is both quick and easy.
- It saves you money in copy costs.
- Most scanning apps not only capture the image, but they “OCR” the text so the scanned text is both searchable and editable.
- Most apps offer numerous saving and sharing options.
- Some apps even have editing, annotation and signature options.

As I reflect events that have occurred in my life I am reminded of how fortunate I am to have been born in a country where freedom is cherished and upheld. I had the opportunity to serve as have so many others in our military. To be honest I did not get all that much out of it except for a very important event that occurred in Albuquerque, New Mexico while I was stationed as a personnel specialist at the Sandia Air Force Base Army Hospital.

I met, courted, baptized and confirmed, and subsequently married the most marvelous woman I have ever known. Together we have made a life together that has been filled with joy, happiness, sorrow, pain, at times even despair. Through it all I have known I did the right thing all those years ago.

There was a period of time when I did not do all I could and so fell away from what I knew to be right and good. She was there for me regardless of my shortcomings and she has stood by me through it all. To tell the truth she was usually out front pulling with all her might.

She was the one who introduced me to the joys of genealogy and because of her I have enjoyed the last seven years more than I can say. Starting with Martha Carson I have arrived at the point where I count several thousand of my ancestors among those who reside in my tree.

I guess this does not have much to do with indexing; or does it? I know for a fact the information I have found on my deceased relatives was not easily available before the indexing program hit its digital stride, so to speak. I want to give a great big thank you to all those who take the time to decipher the hieroglyphics that are often found in records we index. Your patience, dedication and love shine through. May you all be blessed as well as those who put themselves on the line for our freedoms. I love you all.

Finding Family by Linda Coble

Hidden in Plain Sight

There it is, the birthplace of my great grandmother, Mary Catherine Langford. It's a critical piece of information I need on my supplemental application for the Daughters of the American Revolution. I had looked right over it. On the marriage record of my grandparents it shows residence of Bride, Bettie F. Massey, as Pulaski County, Kentucky. Birthplace of Bride's Father has ditto marks and Birthplace of Bride's Mother another set of ditto marks. It takes the eagle eyes of experienced DAR Volunteer Genealogist Joyce DuVall to capture this detail in the ditto marks. Now we know that Mary Catherine Langford was born in Pulaski County,

There was emotion in his voice and tears in his eyes as he told me about his father. My grandpa was 80 years old. The years didn't seem to have extinguished the anger or the pain. The story went like this:

His father had a beautiful singing voice. He sang with the Mohawks and the original Christy Minstrels. He was also a ship's carpenter. One morning he left for work and never returned. Grandpa was a baby when his dad left, the only boy. There were two older sisters. The first born was a boy who had died in infancy. Grandpa's mom had apparently learned that her husband had run off to Australia. He had signed on board ship as a single man, so she could not claim support, she ended up working in a shirt factory, hiding the baby under the sewing table for as long as she could, then her mom watched him. As he grew older, he one day followed her to work and paced up and down in front of the factory. She realized that something had to be done about George.

She found him a job at a department store, putting the frosting crosses on "hot cross buns" in the basement of the store. He and another boy soon lost their jobs when they got caught roller skating at work. They lived along the Thames River in London and the extended family were mariners, so I think that is how he got a job on board ship taking care of the animals. He crossed the Atlantic eleven times before he jumped ship in Nova Scotia and headed to New York to find his aunts and uncles. But, I'm getting ahead of myself. When George was 12 in 1897, he wrote a letter to his dad in care of Adelaide General Post Office, South Australia, and amazingly, he got a reply! He didn't tell me what the letter said. He was so hurt and angry that he tore it up. The mystery is: What was the reason for his father's desertion?

After years of searching, I discovered that there was another wife and a baby. The baby, Ruby Craigie, had died at 4 months old. The mother died too. The death certificate had my great grandfather's full name on it. John Gordon Craigie. I found him again in 1906, back in London, driving a hack (a horse drawn taxi). The death certificate said John Craigie had died of pneumonia. I was told that there was a notice in the Times of London paper, that the family didn't respond to regarding his death. (I'd like to find it). But great grandma was now free to marry again and she did so in 1907 to James Farquhar who was recently widowed. He was the dockmaster of the Surrey Commercial Docks on the Thames River in London. The photo is of Grandpa's sister's wedding in front of #1 Dock House in 1909. If you look closely you can see a bear rug in front with children sitting on it and a sailing ship in background. Until next time.



Marriage Bond.
THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.
BE IT KNOWN, That on Judith McDaniel
as principal, and David R. Allen
as surety, are jointly and severally bound to the Commonwealth of Kentucky,
in the sum of One Hundred Dollars.
The Condition of this Bond is as follows:
That, whereas, Marriage is intended to be solemnized between the above
named, Judith McDaniel
and Bettie F. Massey
Now, if there is no lawful cause to obstruct said Marriage, this Bond shall
be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.
Dated and Signed by Judith McDaniel County, Pulaski
this 23rd day of Novr 1897.
Witness: A. R. Allen
A. R. Allen, Clerk.

Male.
Date of Marriage: Thursday Nov 21 1897
Name of Groom: Judith McDaniel
Residence of Groom: Pulaski Co Ky
Age of Groom: 24
Number of Marriage of Groom: 1st
Residence of Bride: Pulaski Co Ky
Age of Bride: 23
Number of Marriage of Bride: 1st
Residence of Bride's Father: Ditto
Residence of Bride's Mother: Ditto
Female.
Name of Bride: Bettie F. Massey
Residence of Bride: Pulaski Co Ky
Age of Bride: 23
Number of Marriage of Bride: 1st
Residence of Bride's Father: Ditto
Residence of Bride's Mother: Ditto
I CERTIFY that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Witnessed my hand, this 21st day of Novr 1897.
A. R. Allen
A. R. Allen, Clerk.
Marriage Certificate.
This is to Certify, that on the 24 day of Novr
the RITES OF MATRIMONY were legally solemnized by the solemn
Judith McDaniel as Bettie F. Massey
Wesley C. Taylor in presence of A. R. Allen
A. R. Allen and A. R. Allen.