

Family History Happenings

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



Directors' Message by Ken and Charlotte Openshaw

Act on Your Feelings

In Family History work, we need to act upon our feelings. At the Library, we often ask patrons, "Is there someone in your family that you have been thinking about lately?" The following story emphasizes the importance of acting on that feeling.

A lifelong genealogist brought her friend into the Library to access our premium sites that cannot be accessed at home. While she waited for her friend, she was welcomed and asked if she could be helped. "No. I have all my family documented." she replied with a smile as she proudly lifted her Book of Remembrance. It was a beautiful book, impressively organized and obviously made with great effort and love. As the Library worker admired the book, he was prompted to ask, "Is there anyone in your book that you have been thinking about lately?" "Why yes." was the reply. The consultant then suggested, "Let's open FamilySearch and see if there is any reason that person is on your mind." Though she felt sure that her family was fully documented, she opened her FamilySearch account and went to the ancestor's detail page. There on the page was a Hint (an Icon highlighting a document that the FamilySearch search engine identified as possibly pertaining to the ancestor or his family). She opened the Hint. To her surprise, it was a death certificate for a son, John, who only lived three months and had never been recorded before. The patron emotionally added the overlooked son to his family and vowed to trust in those inner feelings in the future.

Successful Open House

Over Six Hundred patrons chose to tour the Library during the January Open House. If you were not able to come, make time to visit us in February. You will see that there is something for everyone.

Open House Questions

(The following are answers to tour questions)

Partner Access

Partner Access is free access to five of the Premium Sites found on the FamilySearch Library computers. It is provided to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as a courtesy from the owners of the five sites: Ancestry, MyHeritage, FindMyPast, American Ancestry and Geneanet. To sign up for the five Partner Access accounts, members must log into FamilySearch. On the home page go to the upper right corner and click on "Help". From the drop down menu click on "Help Center". On the Help Center menu click on "Partner Access". Sign up individually to the accounts by clicking on the account and following the directions.

Chapel Video

The Chapel Video was a loop of three videos. The most asked about video is entitled, "The Promised Blessings". It shows ten of the Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints voicing blessings for those that serve in family history. It is found in the Church of Jesus Christ's media library. On the Home Page of ChurchofJesusChrist.org click on Gospel Media found under Quick Links; type "Promised Blessings" into the search media box and click.

Groups

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

Volunteers

Help! Volunteers are needed at the Library. If you would like to experience the joys of service and the blessings of Family History come by and speak with the Directors, Charlotte and Ken Openshaw. Service times are available days or evenings, Monday through Saturday.

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SuperSearch by MyHeritage
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February 15th
2:00 pm

FamilySearch Library

Research Helps

Family Stories by Lee Nishimoto

Many families have stories that have been told down through generations. Often the story is about some heroic adventure. Some stories are relatively accurate. A goodly number have been changed with time.

While in college a friend told me a story that had been passed down through the family about her 4gg uncles, the Duch brothers (“duck”). The story goes that the family was living on what was the frontier in Pennsylvania. These two young men were overwhelmed and captured by a large party of savage Indians. They struggled but were drug off into the wilderness. The brothers were outnumbered by the Indians, but they plotted and planned their escape. At the right moment they made their break. They ran through the forest for days and finally made their way back to civilization and home and were hailed heroes for outsmarting the savages.

While browsing through the university library, my friend and I came upon a collection of very old Pennsylvania newspaper articles. We found the Duch brothers story with some interesting differences. Yes, the family was living on the frontier in Pennsylvania and these two brothers were captured by a band of Indians and taken into the wilderness. The rest of the story was a little different. (At this point we were rolling in the aisle of the library in laughter.) It turns out that there was no great escape from the Indians. The Indians found these two brothers to be so slovenly and disgusting that they sold them back to some “white” men for five gallons of whiskey.

There is almost always a thread of truth in the family story, but enlarging and embellishing the events can take place over time and telling. Record the stories as you know them and then check what things you can. You can find this fun and interesting. Good Hunting.

Mark Your Calendars

Third Saturday Events

(at the FamilySearch Library)

February 15 at 2:00 pm—Daniel Horowitz

February’s event features Daniel Horowitz, a world renowned genealogist and research expert for MyHeritage. He will present an overview of MyHeritage and a demonstration of MyHeritage’s newest research tool, Super Search. As an added bonus, MyHeritage will offer as a door prize a free DNA Test Kit. Look forward to detailed flyer next week.

March 21 at 10:00 am—DNA Basics

Learn the basics of using DNA in Genealogy. Attend several workshops beginning at 10:00 am. Details to come.

Family History Activities

In-home and online activities designed for the whole family.

[Check them out](#)

Family Tips

There’s more to FamilySearch than the family trees. Engage all ages in Family History Activities. They’re great for Sunday Afternoons, Family Home Evenings or just enjoying family and the richness of your heritage. On the FamilySearch Home Page, click on the “Check them Out” box and open a world of fourteen activity areas.

Consultant Training

Stake and Ward Consultants are encouraged to serve in the FamilySearch Library. [see: FamilySearch /Temple and Family History Callings/ Organize the Work]. Why? The greatest limitation to success for Family History Consultants is their lack of training and a sense of inadequacy. FamilySearch Library provides weekly classes just for Temple and Family History Leaders and Consultants; volunteers at the Library are trained for at least 45 minutes on each shift they serve; new volunteers are assisted with a mentor who supports each volunteer in their individual learning; and additionally they have many more opportunities to work with patrons while having other Consultants around who can answer questions and assist those with less experience. Leaders should invite all those who serve in Temple and Family History to visit the Library and discuss training and opportunities for service.

Regional Events

February 26-29

Roots Tech 2020

Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT
rootstech.org

May 20-23

Echoes of Our Ancestora

Family History Conference, Salt Lake City, UT
conference.ngsgenealogy.org

LVFSL Training

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