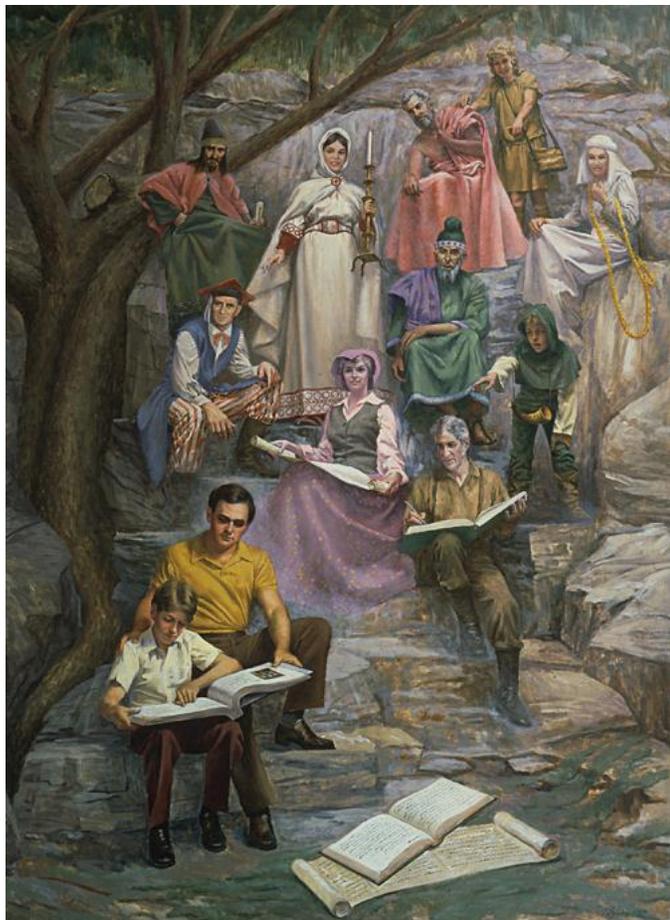




Director's Message *by R. Wayne Stoker*

A New Patron Experience – Family History Is Changing. Something exciting is unfolding in our valley over the next few months - more of that later!



Hanging on the wall of the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library is a painting of a young father sharing with his son, the stories of his ancestors. In the background of the painting are portrayed those ancestors whose stories are being shared. They are from diverse times and cultures, and some clearly had a more comfortable life experience than others, but all seem intensely interested in which stories the father is sharing with his son.

As I look at this painting, I wonder which of the ancestor-stories impressed the father sufficiently that he is passing them on to the son, and which of the stories will not be shared because they were not known to the father.

We know that our physical stature, physical strengths and weaknesses, our health proclivities and our very appearance reflect the genes we inherited. But our tastes and preferences have also been learned and cultivated to express, to a great extent, those of our forbearers.

Mirrors! Each of us reflects the aspirations and dreams of our parents. In considerable detail we exhibit many of the personality traits, prejudices and habits of our mothers, fathers, and other predecessors. Some of the reflections are very deep, and they have set the philosophical vantage point from which we observe life. Don't we want to know more? Can we understand more about ourselves by learning more about our ancestors? Can the examples of how our grandparents met their trials be a guide and help to our children as they face their challenges? Family History begins with the stories, and the stories turn our hearts to our ancestors. As we learn more about our ancestors we will begin to love them. Their lives and stories become like personal scripture to us. We will first work with the hearts, and then fill out the genealogical charts.

FamilySearch is putting on a new face, and between now and the end of September, each of the Wards and Stakes in our valley will be teaching their congregations of the new tools and technologies available through FamilySearch to aid us as we collect and use these family stories to build stronger families. Leaders will teach us how to share photographs and stories, collaborate with other relatives and how to use new forms of media to build our family histories. We will look to the youth to lead us in using these new tools, and to guide us in spiritual activities that will surprise us.

If you are looking for a head start, come and partake of the classes that are currently being offered at the library. We have had a preview, and we are currently teaching these new methods and techniques. We are anxious to share. Literally dozens of classes await you, and there are plenty of workers on each shift to assist you as you begin your journey.

LVFSL Training

Las Vegas FamilySearch Library July Classes

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Las_Vegas_Nevada_FHC/Class_Schedule

FamilySearch Family Tree Online Videos

<http://familysearchtraining.com>

Mark Your Calendars

- **BYU FH Conference** **30 Jul- 2 Aug 2013**
<http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/>
- LV FamilySearch Library Closed **2 Sep 2013**
- **Sandstone Stake Jamboree** **14 Sep 2013**
- 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/>

Helpful Websites *from Sandy Jackson*

Germans to America

In the library we have 67 Volumes of Germans to America from July 1843 to Jun 1897. To save going through each volume to find your ancestor, go to <http://wiki.familysearch.org/>. In the search box type Germans to America index to find the page on the wiki to search for your ancestor. This makes your search much easier and faster.

Who's Who at the LVFSL *by Scherry Lasanto*

Kerry and Rhomer Johnson are brothers. Kerry was born in Texas and Rhomer in Oklahoma, only a few miles apart. No kin to President Lyndon Johnson. Texas is where they both worked in the bakery with their Dad, making cinnamon rolls. Yum yum. Both were in the Army. Young Rhomer had to wait a while to join, wanting desperately to go with his big brother. Even after the wait, they ran across each other in Germany. Kerry was in heavy weapons and was there when the Berlin Wall was built and later patrolled the Wall. He also did some reconnaissance trips into East Germany. What a brave guy! Rhomer even met his wife in Germany. Upon his return home, Rhomer continued to be in the National Guard for 18 yrs. He was a Tank

Commander and Platoon Sargent. In 1950, their Dad moved to Las Vegas and worked in the bakery at the Nevada Test site. So the brothers moved here and started their lives with their families, both working for the Postal Service. Kerry was a mailman. Each brother has over 30+ years of service. Rhomer also was a truck driver of 2 -40 foot trailers for a construction company. Kerry is married with 4 children and 7 grandchildren and Rhomer is married with 5 children and 19 grandchildren.



They are so thankful to their brother, Steve, who became a member of the LDS Church and shared the message with them. Now they both are giving their time at our Las Vegas FamilySearch Library and Rhomer also gives more time at home answering calls for FamilySearch, as a consultant. PS: Rhomer is also a chess player and loves different food recipes. These brothers have shared a lot of live experiences, but I think they will agree, the best was having received the LDS message from their brother Steve.

Indexing Info *by Tom Jackson*

Attention all arbitrators! If you have not checked out the instructions on Record Matching, do yourself a favor. The process has been so simplified even I, the original computer idiot can understand and follow the instructions. And does it ever save time on arbitration!

The work on Italian indexing is proceeding at an incredible rate. Kudos to all who participate and an invitation to those who are not yet on board. There are several workers at the library who can help you get started. All you have to do is ask. By the way I have the printout of the new Record Matching guidelines if anyone wants them. Just let me know and again thank you for making this work so enjoyable. In high school I was known as Twinkletoes. You would have to attend the class on writing a personal history to find out why.