

Family History Happenings

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Mark Your Calendars

May 23, 2019 6:30 p.m. Thur	Ward Temple and Family History Consultant Training Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
May 24, 2019 10:30 p.m. Fri	Ward Temple and Family History Consultant Training Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
July 2019	BYU Family History Conference Provo, UT https://familyhistory.ce.byu.edu
Feb 26–29, 2020	RootsTech 2020 Salt Palace Convention Cntr, Salt Lake City, UT http://rootstech.org

Directors' Message *by Castle and Lee Nishimata*

We begin by announcing our release as Directors of the Library. Three years have certainly flown by filled with faith promoting experiences from Library workers and patrons alike. What a marvelous time this has been for us. We have learned much, experienced spiritual growth, and most importantly made lasting friendships.

We have so many to thank who are, first and foremost, Library workers past and present who have and continue to courageously sacrifice their time and means despite their personal challenges. They have exemplified “unselfish service” and have truly touched the lives of many of our patrons. Our thanks especially to those workers who took on the additional responsibilities of librarian, curriculum development, secretary, finances, outreach presenters, IT specialists, library websites specialists, scanning coordinators, and shift leaders and trainers without whose efforts the Library would simply not function as it should. We are grateful, too, for Church leaders who have impacted our lives with their examples of support and leadership. We have felt their inspiring influence.

Our overall goal was to capitalize on the efforts of past Directors to whom we are extremely grateful.

We feel we have met our objectives to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Library. We know there is yet more to be accomplished, but know it is time for a change. We thus look forward to the insights the new Directors will bring to the Library.

Our farewell to Ken Allen and Megan Smith. We greatly appreciate the sacrifice of their time and efforts as well as their contributions to the Library. We welcome Kim Haereiti and welcome back Deborah Lara, and express appreciation for their willingness to serve.

May we leave you the following:

- **Concerning prayer:** If I had 5 minutes of God’s undivided attention, what would I address?
- **Concerning action:** Just don’t make a difference – be the difference.
- **Concerning work:** Be positive – always leave a place better than when you found it.
- **Concerning relationships:** If you are a child of God, so are all others.
- **Concerning charity:** Study the Savior.

LVFSL Training May Classes

The LVFSL class schedule will accompany emailed newsletters, can be obtained at the LVFS Library or be downloaded from our website: <http://www.lvfamilysearchlibrary.org>

Finding Family *by Linda Cable*

SIDE TRIPS

Back in the early fifties, when my father got his first brand new car, we took trips, some on the weekends and some during his two week vacation during model change at General Motors. We saw a grist mill, sorghum being processed, Watkins Woolen Mill that closed when workers had to go to the Civil War and remained intact, and the Becky Thatcher Home in Hannibal, Missouri. On one trip we stopped and went into a neighborhood bar where my father talked with the bartender for a few minutes. I didn’t find the Joplin connection for more than fifty years. My grandfather, Qualls McDaniel, worked at the Joplin Garage in 1918, according to his WW I draft registration card. My father did not drink alcohol so I am assuming the bartender was someone he knew in his youth. Although he did tell me that he hauled bootleg liquor as a teenager when he needed money just to live. His parents went through a divorce and he and his older brother lived by themselves as teenagers in a boarding house. Daddy didn’t talk much about his childhood.

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Finding Family by Linda Cable

Now my side trips are down genealogy lanes.

You know the ones I mean. Exploring the siblings on all those collateral lines. One of the most rewarding was when a daughter of one of my deceased first cousins contacted me about a photo in her mother's belongings. It had a name on the back, which I was able to research and identify as Joy's third great grandmother. It was on her grandmother's side of the family which is why it was not already in my family tree.

Going on genealogy side trips reminds me of Charles Kuralt and his "On the Road" series. He said he found the best stories when the trip was not planned out in advance. Happy trails to you. May you find great stories on your side trips.



You can't travel the back roads very long without discovering a multitude of gentle people doing good for others with no expectation of gain or recognition. The everyday kindness of the back roads more than makes up for the acts of greed in the headlines. Some people out there spend their whole lives selflessly.

Charles Kuralt



Research Helps by Lee Nishimoto

MEMORIAL DAY

May is the time for Memorial Day, the remembrance of those fallen in the service of their country. This may be a time when we can review our ancestry and note those who

died in service, but also any that served in the military.

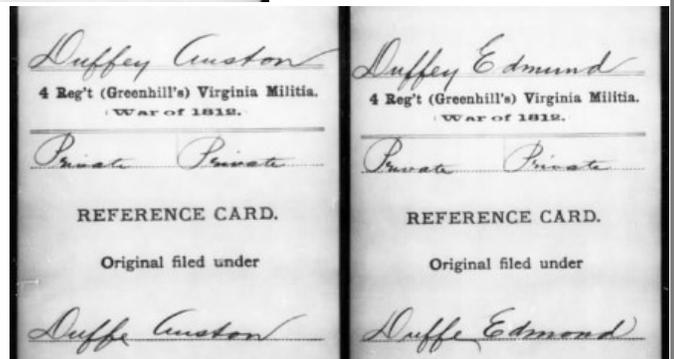
So many times the accounts of their service are not included in their life details, but must be sought out in records.

"Do the math" for the age of the men in your lines during various wars and conflicts. Were they between 16 and 40 during a major war or a lesser conflict? Where were they living? Search military records by country. Check the "Research Wiki" at FamilySearch.org. In the U.S. many early military records may be in the state and sometimes specific to county militias. Some of these records are already in print but many more are becoming available through digitizing and indexing.

Fold3 (available free at the FamilySearch Library) has been working with the National Archives to digitized many military records, especially Civil War files. These recently digitized service records helped to prove that six brothers serviced the Union during the Civil War; four served the 5th West Virginia, one served in the 173th Ohio and the youngest served with the 45th Ky. Two of them died in service and had no descendants and were almost forgotten.



More of the War of 1812 records are now accessible but not complete. My 4 ggfather Fleming Duffer was found in these records with his brothers Austin and Edmund. Now their service can be noted in their life stories.



Learn about the military events where your ancestors lived. Then "do the math" on the ages of male family members and check the records to find those who served from modern wars to early conflicts. You may be amazed at what you didn't know about their military service. Good Hunting.