

Family History Happenings

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Hours: 9–5 M, F 9–8 T, W, Th 9–3 Sa



Mark Your Calendars

June 27, 2019 6:30 p.m. Thur	Ward Temple and Family History Consultant Training Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
June 28, 2019 10:00 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 Ken and Charolette Openshaw*

What a surprise and honor to be asked to serve as the directors of this historic FamilySearch Library.

We are Kenneth and Charlotte Openshaw and have just returned from a two year mission to Greater New York City, Long Island and Southern Connecticut as Area Temple and Family History Missionaries. There we assisted Stake Presidents in eight stakes



to establish resources to help members and friends discover, gather and connect their families. It was a wonderful experience helping others joy in the discovery and recording of their ancestors. To be able to continue that same service is a blessing.

Our immediate impressions of the Library are extremely positive. It's a gift to have such ample rooms, updated equipment and valuable books. However, the most impressive part of the Library is the quality of the individuals serving as Staff. They have a love of Family History and of assisting others discover their heritage. Their personal sacrifices of time and sharing of knowledge are invaluable. It is both a pleasure and privilege to serve with them.

Each director has built upon the accomplishments of their predecessors in very meaningful ways. It causes us to ask, "What can we do to help the Library continue to progress?" As we seek to find that Vision, we are comforted to know that with the great staff and the support of the Lord our time as directors will have value.

Charlotte and I have a very personal and deep love of Family History and of assisting others to experience the

joy of discovering, gathering and connecting their families. We look forward to serving and being part of the Las Vegas Nevada FamilySearch Library legacy. Please seek us out when you visit the Library. We very much look forward to getting to know you

FamilySearch Blog *by David Nielsen abstracted by Connie Price*

Here are Five Things Worth Trying in FamilySearch

At FamilySearch.org, you have multiple ways to experience the excitement of family history.

1. Start Your Family Tree

Begin by entering your own name into the tree, followed by your parents. Add information about your grandparents and even their grandparents, if you have it. The goal is to connect your family line with someone else's. As you make this connection, FamilySearch will automatically add you to the [largest shared family tree in the world](#).

2. Find Fun Facts about You with Discovery Experiences

Part of family history is learning about yourself—seeing how you connect to the world around you, to the members of your family, and to the people who came before you. FamilySearch's [online discovery](#) activities enhance this connection to the past.

3. Search Our Records

Family history comes to life with details, which is why you'll want to spend time [searching collections](#) of historical documents for references to your family and ancestors. When you find a historical document that mentions someone you're related to, be sure to attach it to his or her profile in Family Tree for other people to enjoy.

4. Record or Upload a Family Memory

Part of family history is creating your own history—photos, stories, and even sound recordings—for future generations to enjoy. At FamilySearch, we call these items "Memories," and we want to help you preserve them. The [FamilySearch Memories App](#) and the [Memories](#) tab on FamilySearch.org are both dedicated to helping you create, upload, view, and preserve these memories.

5. Help Others

Finally, with your FamilySearch account set up, you can give your time and knowledge by [indexing historical records](#). When you index records, the documents and their information become searchable in [FamilySearch's Records Collections](#). Indexing records is a great way to help someone else make a meaningful family history discovery.

Finding Family *by Linda Cable*

Hangin' out at the library

You just never know when you're going to find a cousin. I've always felt comfortable around Connie Price and on a recent Tuesday morning she came in to work on an application for Colonial Dames 17th Century and was browsing through several of the Mayflower books. We discovered that we both go back to a common ancestor, Stephen Hopkins, although I descend from his daughter Constance and Connie descends from his son Giles. With this discovery Connie gave me a hug and said, Hello, cousin!" I knew Connie's mother, Christie Haynes, who was a volunteer at the library well into her nineties. Christie was a fantastic genealogist and left a rich heritage for Connie and her brother Richard Haynes. For a photo and short article on Christie go to the December 2012 Newsletter (<http://lvfamilysearchlibrary.org/archived-newsletters>) which was the inaugural issue. Christie and I attended the Life Stories class which was led at that time by Pam Ramage.

Our new director Ken Openshaw and I recently stood side by side near the front desk and opened the Relatives Around Me app on our phones. Sure enough, we're related, although it goes way back.

When I was a fairly new volunteer I was on the same shift as Karen Tumbleson. I'm from Missouri and she has a lot of relatives from there. We soon discovered our connection. Karen taught me several helpful ways to search on FamilySearch.org when I was a newbie.

It seems every week here at the library I learn something new and have so much fun doing it! When you have the opportunity, come join us as you search for members of your family.



LVFSL Training June 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>

Research Helps *by Lee Nishimoto*

WHERE ARE THESE PLACES?

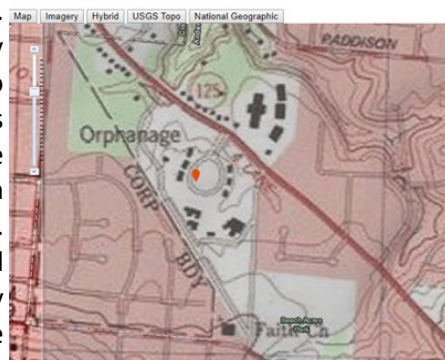
In research many times there is mention of a creek, hill, or town but most current maps don't mention these obscure items. Land records are full of these descriptive features and deciphering the locations may help clarify research.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has a great site of finding various geological and structural features (geonames) that are noted on their detailed maps of the U.S.--

<https://geonames.usgs.gov>

This is great for locating private cemeteries in a county. A hidden cemetery may be found on private land and even in a woods. One of the features listed is simply a "building" and the person I was showing this typed in the Feature Name box "orphanage" with the state and county and found what she was looking for.

Many times you may get both existing or no longer existing features listed. Click on the one of interest and then click GNIS in ESRI Map. The map can be viewed in several modes by using the tabs above the map.



This is a great site to experiment with and see what you can find. Gooding Hunting!

Mapping Services

[GNIS in ESRI Map](#)
[USGS The National Map](#)
[HomeTownLocator](#)
[ACME Mapper 2.0](#)
[Microsoft Virtual Earth](#)
[Find the Watershed](#)

Feature Name	ID	Class ▲	County	State	Latitude	Longitude	Elev(ft)	Map	BGN Date	Entry Date
Beech Acres Orphanage	1075178	Building	Hamilton	OH	390440N	0842213W	722	Withamsville	-	01-NOV-1990
Saint Aloysius Orphanage	1059279	Building	Hamilton	OH	391017N	0842810W	607	Cincinnati East	-	01-NOV-1990
Saint Josephs Orphanage	1045582	Building	Hamilton	OH	391111N	0843511W	906	Cincinnati West	-	12-JUL-1979