



Director's Message *by Wayne Stoker*

Helping Families Learn and Helping Helpers Help!

More and more often people are asking, "If FamilySearch is supposed to make our family history a do-it-at-home project, why would I still have reason to come to the FamilySearch Library at Clark & Ninth Street"?

That is an interesting question isn't it? I answer the question this way - once a person understands how to correctly use FamilySearch and its underlying Family Tree, then perhaps the main reason to come to the FamilySearch Library would be to pursue research using tools available only at the FamilySearch site (including the very substantial book collection that is unique to this library), and to gain access to a multitude of additional free-of-charge genealogical programs and research sites.

However, most members in our valley are novices at using FamilySearch, if they are using it at all, and few are using the FamilySearch Family Tree in the most productive way to share information with their extended families.

To help members throughout the valley learn to use FamilySearch correctly in building their individual branch of the Family Tree, the FamilySearch Library has now become a FamilySearch training center, offering over 100 classes each month.

Classes range from a basic introduction - to learn the fundamentals, to specific classes focused on the different features of the new Family Tree, like adding photographs, inserting family stories and attaching the documentation that supports the research you have done on your family. After attending the class of your choice there will be an opportunity to sit down at a computer and try out your new found knowledge with a consultant sitting beside you to guide you as you work on your branch of the tree.

We also offer classes and help for the over 600 Family History Consultants in the various Wards and Stakes throughout the valley, whose experience ranges from very expert to newly called. We invite all of these Family History Consultants to come to the FamilySearch Library to make sure they know all of the nuances of FamilySearch and its underlying Family Tree. There is much for Family History Consultants to learn.

For example, we see people coming into the library that have added photographs, but they are confused as to the difference between labeling the photograph and tagging the individuals in the photograph so that the photograph appears on the individual records of every person in the photograph. Some are surprised to learn others have already added photographs to their family members' records, and surprised at how easy it is to identify who added the photograph and how easy it is to contact them and to work together on mutual family records.

General Authorities have recently emphasized that church members have a divinely appointed responsibility to search out their progenitors and provide saving ordinances for them. We invite individual members and Family History Consultants to come to the

library and receive individual help and training in using FamilySearch and the underlying Family Tree correctly!

Come on down and let us help you maximize your Family History success.

It Takes A Lot to Run a Library

Early this month the shift coordinators and other administrative personnel of the library met to go over plans for the coming year. It was an impressive group of 35 people that volunteer to take on the additional responsibility of supervising the workers and patrons at the library. Many thanks to those that make things run so smoothly!



Mark Your Calendars

- **2014 Family History Conferences**
http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Upcoming_Conferences
- **Rootstech** <https://rootstech.org/> **6-8 Feb 2014**
Streaming starts Feb 6 at 8:30 am (click above link)
- **CC Nev Gen Society Spring Seminar** **22 Mar 2014**
<Http://ccngs.org>
- **National Genealogical Society Conference** **7-10 May 2014**
<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>
- **BYU Family History Conference** **29 Jul-1 Aug 2014**
<https://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/>

Change in Leadership



Jason Robinson



Larry Call



Carol Jean Stoker

Elder DeWayne McCormick and Elder Clyde and Sister Vicki Hanson were recently released as Assistant Directors and Secretary of the library. The terms of their mission assignments are complete. We are pleased that they will all continue to work at the library on a reduced schedule. Jason Robinson and Larry Call have been called as Assistant Directors and Sister Carol Jean Stoker will serve as the Secretary for the management group. We wish them well in their new assignments.

LVFSL Training

Las Vegas FamilySearch Library February Classes

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

Indexing Info *from Tom Jackson*

Quality and Quantity: Five Favorite Shortcuts

Do you ever find yourself wasting precious indexing time moving your hand back and forth from the keyboard to the mouse just to perform simple tasks? In FamilySearch indexing, you can complete many tasks in two or three different ways. You may select options from menus, click on icons, or use keyboard shortcuts.

A keyboard shortcut is a series of keys pressed in a certain order to perform a specific function. Without shortcuts, these tasks require you to move your hand from the keyboard to the mouse and back to the keyboard again. With shortcuts, you can keep your hands on the keyboard and speed up the indexing process without sacrificing quality.

Have you tried these favorite shortcuts?

Shortcut	PC	Mac
Move to <u>next</u> field (or line, if you are at the end of a line)	Tab or Enter	Tab or Enter
Move to <u>previous</u> field (or line, if you are at the start of a line)	Shift + Tab Or Shift + Enter	Shift + Tab or Shift + Enter
Accept a field value (for quality check)	Ctrl + T	Cmd + T
Open the look-up list for a field	Ctrl + F	Cmd + F
Ditto a field, or copy the same field from a previous record	Ctrl + D	Cmd + D

Helpful Websites *from Sandy Jackson*

A Family History Worker's Best Friend

Did you know one of the best helps for your family history calling is just a click away? If you haven't been using <http://www.familysearch.org/ask> you're missing out on a wealth of help. Whether you're looking for product support, research assistance, getting started, the learning center, or becoming an online volunteer, this landing page has something for everyone, so try it today!

FamilySearch Family Tree Changes *by DelWayne McCormick*

Family Tree has recently introduced a new way to display family pedigree information. This new format is called the "portrait pedigree." The new format is in addition to the standard traditional pedigree chart and the fan chart. It is a vertical pedigree with pictures. The starting person is shown at the bottom, with the ancestors going up. For each person, the pedigree shows the name, birth and death years (the lifespan), and the portrait photo if there is one.

One can access this portrait pedigree by clicking the dropdown arrow in the upper-left corner when viewing either the traditional pedigree or the fan chart view and selecting "portrait". This view is more personal and makes it look more like family history than genealogy. Also, it is a quick way to see your ancestors that have not had a photo attached. The portrait pedigree works like the other views. You can click a person's name to show the



person card. To switch from the portrait pedigree back to the pedigree or fan chart views, you use the same selector in the upper-left corner. Learn more: <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/tag/family-tree/>

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

Johann and Rae Meyer are a lovely and interesting couple. He is from South Africa and she is from Australia. They actually left their respective homes the same day, 10 January 1952 and happened to meet at BYU. They have 7 children, 28 grandchildren and 29+ great grandchildren. Johann has been an educator for



over 50 years and still teaches at John Mendoza Elementary. He mainly teaches English to 2nd graders. The Meyers were among the first Las Vegas Temple workers on the opening of our temple the 2nd of January 1990. Johann was the first unpaid assistant recorder for the Las Vegas Temple. The Meyers worked together for 2 years in the church office in the Republic of Zimbabwe. They also served for 18 months in the Johannesburg, South Africa Temple. Johann served as the Director of our Family History Library over 6 and 1/2 years when new.familysearch.org was introduced. Johann is a very busy man. He ran a dancing studio for over 30 years and organized over 6 shows per year. Though Johann and Rae do about everything together, Johann is planning a solo trip around the world. He plans to stay in hostiles in many of the countries he visits. This is a great couple who have given much in service to their church and community.

Genealogy Insights *by Gail Gibbs*

We have been given many tools to do family history work. One of them was given many years ago. It is called the Pedigree Resource File. Back in 1966 my mother and I submitted our pedigree to this file. The form we filled out asked for surnames, places and time frame in that place. I turned in my form and then forgot about it. About 25 years later we were living in a small town in Pennsylvania and our branch president told me he had received a letter from Salt Lake City for me. Someone had found my Craigie surname in the Pedigree Resource File and wanted to contact me. I was given their address in England (the church would not give out my contact information without my permission). This was before email which is another tool we have been given. I wrote to this new cousin in Crawley, England and we corresponded for many years. This was the line of my great grandfather's brother Albert who had died at sea, and the one I thought I would never be able to find any information on. It seems Albert had gone to New York with his English bride. They had a child but when he died at sea, his wife had taken the child back to England. My new cousin, Doreen, was an only child and granddaughter of Albert Henry Craigie. I met her in 1998 when I went to England and we had "tea". She died a few years later but happy she had found her family.

You can find the Pedigree Resource File at <https://familysearch.org/family-trees>. It now contains more than 200 million names. If you scroll to the bottom of the search screen you can click on Pedigree Resource File to learn more about it. Happy Hunting!