

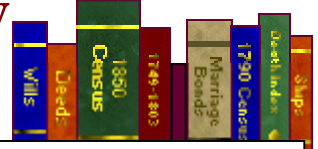


Family History News

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Manassa Colorado Family History Center

Family Ordinance Summary



The Family Ordinance Summary sheets continue to be a focus in our stake for many to complete. As Ward consultants, and Family History Staff we still encounter some negative feedback from those who do not fully understand why the summary sheets are being returned unchanged from what has been previously sent in. We must be patient with all our brothers and sisters who are trying to be obedient in fulfilling this task.

We feel this is an important program which could correct and merge all the incorrect information in the different data bases the church has. We must remember that this is a pilot program. We have been chosen to participate in this program. As mentioned before, if this program is to be successful church wide, it first must be successful in our stake.

Special Interest Articles:

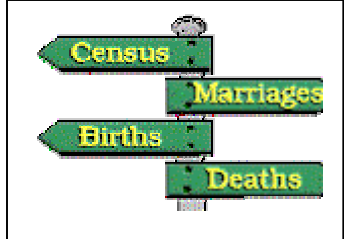
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There is More to Family History Than Genealogy

Have you noticed the words in our title? It is not Ward *Genealogy* Consultant; it is Ward *Family History* Consultant. Is there a difference? Think about Malachi's words for a minute. He says, "turn the *hearts* of the children to the fathers and the *hearts* of the fathers to the children." Most of us take that to mean genealogical research and temple work. However, are our hearts fully turned to our fathers if all we know are their names and when and where they were born and died?

"What could you do better for your children and grand children than to record the story of your life, your triumphs over adversity, your recovery after a fall, your progress when all seemed black, your rejoicing when you had finally achieved?" (*Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball*, p.351)

want to do the same for their parents, grandparents, and other relatives. Their interest in their own ancestors increases and naturally spills over into wanting to make sure that all Temple work is completed. Creating one's own personal history seems to open up a sense of responsibility for others in their family. Encouraging and teaching people how to do their own personal histories can get people interested in actually doing genealogy work and, therefore temple work, when they may have had no interest in the past.



The Most Beautiful Tree In the Forest

J. Richard Clark has been quoted as saying, "Through family history we discover the most beautiful tree in the forest of creation – our family tree. Its numerous roots reach back through history, and its branches extend throughout eternity. Family history is the expansive expression of eternal love. It provides opportunity to secure the family unit forever". Richard G. Scott then asks, "What about you? Have you prayed about your own ancestors' work? Set aside those things that don't really matter in your life. Decide to do something that will have eternal consequences...This is a spiritual work, a monumental effort of cooperation on both sides of the veil where help is given in both directions. It begins with love. Anywhere you are in the world, with prayer, faith, determination, diligence, and some sacrifice. you can make a powerful contribution.

- 25 Things to do at the Family History Center.
- Interesting Website
- Family History Report



25 Things To Do At The Family History Center



*"It doesn't matter whether your computer is able to compile all the family group sheets for everyone that ever lived on the earth, it remains the responsibility of each individual to know his kindred dead . . . Even if the work is done, then it is still each person's responsibility to study and become acquainted with his ancestors."
Joseph Field Smith, Hearts Turned to the Fathers, p. 184*

In an article written by Ron Wild, <http://www.familychronicle.com/25fhc.html> we find reminders of what to do to help patrons make the best of their visit to our Family History Center. The full article will be passed out at our next training meeting. He suggests the following:

1. Check out the FH Library Catalog.
2. Look at films borrowed by other patrons.
3. Look at the older version of the IGI, (fiche).
4. Look at the Parish Lists
5. Do a surname search in the FHLC.
6. After a successful search of the IGI, check the source data.
7. From an IGI search, note the film #.
8. Copy the data you have found, to a computer disk.
9. Don't forget to look in the Ancestral File.
10. Look in our Research Outlines.
11. We have all the church CD's on the hard drive, with more coming .
12. Search our collection of maps.
13. Ancestry's Redbook show the formation of US counties over the years.
14. Many of us are interested in different area's of research. Know who is more experienced in certain area's that could help your patron.
15. Our book collection is wonderful. Is there any that could help your patrons research?
16. Search the IGI on fiche to better track family relationships.
17. Know how to do a filter search of the IGI.
18. When searching the IGI make sure you serch both the Main file and the Addendum.
19. Suggest "Updating Your Files" from the window version of TempleReady.
20. Make forms available to help organize data.
21. Talk with a country research specialist in Salt Lake City.
22. We have available foreign letter writing guides, along with the language helps.
23. If hiring a researcher is needed, we have a list of accredited professional genealogists.
24. Encourage patrons organize their data into the latest version of PAF.
25. Look over the Family History Publication List .

Websites Worth Investigating

The article "There is More to Family History than Genealogy" was found on Alan Jones website. <http://members.cox.net/fhconsultants/>
For office supplies check out: <http://viking.com/>

Family History Reports

In March we had 198 patrons visit the Family History Center. We have recorded 121 baptisms, 121 endowments, 93 sealing to parents, and 58 sealing to spouse, in our TempleReady report. Keep in mind that there are those who are still doing ordinance work from the Family Ordinance Summary Sheets.

