



Family Search Tidbits

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Message from Director

Happy Spring!! I don't know about any of you, but I for one am so ready to see some nice spring sunshine! This is the time to come in our centre to get some more work completed in your genealogy before our gardens and flower beds start calling our names! Just as you work in your gardens digging up old roots, bad weeds, work in combination of dirt and fertilizer to make sure your vegetables and flowers get the best you have to offer so do your ancestors. We dig up dirt on our ancestors, we work till our eyes cross reading film after film, we break off bad roots of family names that are intertwined with the actual roots of our families and just when we are about ready to give up on the whole mess, we find that one elusive ancestor, we manage to connect an ancestor to another line, or we end up going back two more generations!

When I was at the main family history library in Salt Lake City last fall I was sitting on the floor in front of the bookshelves with books opened all around me (I was too impatient to wait till I brought the books to my table) and when I found one of my ancestors that I had been searching for over 10 years I let out a very loud WHOOHOOO! I was so embarrassed and apologized to the staff for being so loud. She chuckled and said they get that a lot ☺

So whatever you do, don't give up, you never know when that missing ancestor might be just around the corner! Feel free to come over to our centre where we can help you find that missing family member. After all 2 brains are always better than one!

Happy Hunting!

Sally Haysom

Upcoming Training Seminars:

April 20th: Scotland Beginners 6:00pm-7:30pm; Advanced 7:30pm – 9:00pm

May 18th: Ontario Research 7:00pm- 9:00pm

June 15th: England Beginners 6:00pm-7:30pm; Advanced 7:30pm – 9:00pm

October 15th: our 16th annual Finding Your Roots Seminar

Our class schedule is available at the Center. Please pre-register for the classes you wish to attend by calling the Center (604-597-9695), or registering by [email](#). Please include your phone number and a staff member will be happy to call and remind you a day or two prior to the class. **All classes are FREE. Handouts will be available**

Upcoming Staff Training Meeting:

Wednesday April 27th 7:00pm

The Family Search Centre will close at 6pm that day .

New Acquisitions: These are items that have come into our Centre in the last month

Books:

1. Finding Records of Your Ancestors, Part A Norway 1817-1900
2. Finding Records of Your Ancestors, Part A France 1792-1880
3. Finding Records of Your Ancestors, Part A Denmark 1834-1900
4. Finding Records of Your Ancestors, Part A Sweden 1860-1920
5. East Prussians From Russia by Michael J. Anuta
6. Finding Your Roots Seminar 2009 Compiled Handouts
7. Oxford Ontario Voter's List of the 1850's
8. Early Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register Extractions for Huron County

Computer Programs:

<http://www.paper-trail.org>

Part description from the website:

"The Oregon-California Trails Association, known as OCTA, is the guardian and promoter of the exciting story of the 19th Century westward American migration. *Paper Trail* is the website created by OCTA based on a searchable index of these remarkable journeys, with names, places and a survey of the text."

This is a paid subscription that is free for our patrons to use while at our centres.

Films:

- 2010409 Croatia, Benkovac; Austria, Dalmatien, Benkovac, Church Records, Rodeni 1864-1872 (Benkovac)
- 2010412 Croatia, Benkovac; Austria, Dalmatien, Benkovac, Church Records, Vjencani 1826-1857 (Bukovic)
- 2010415 Croatia, Deveske; Austria, Dalmatien, Djeverske, Church Records, Vjencani 1817-1825, 1832-1857
- 2010416 Croatia, Ervenik; Austria, Dalmatien, Ervenki Gornji, Church Records, Rodeni 1839-1854
- 2010418 Croatia, Glavinia Donja; Austria, Dalmatien, Imotski-Glavina, Church Records, Rodeni 1825-1834, 1851-1864; Vjencani 1825-1854
- 2010419 Croatia, Donji Karin; Croatia, Gornji Karin; Austria, Dalmatien, Karin, Church Records, Vjencani 1852-1857, Umrli 1826-1849
- 2010421 Croatia, Kninsko Polje; Austria, Dalmatien, Kninsko Polje, Church Records, Umrli 1837-1847
- 2040234 Croatia, Biskupija; Austria, Dalmatien, Biskupija (Knin), Church Records, Vjencani 1867-1882; 1880-1924
- 2040235 Croatia, Ervenik; Austria, Dalmatien, Ervenik Donji, Church Records, Rodeni 1871-1900
- 0960031 Iowa, Lee, Vital Records, Index to register of births 1890-1897; register of births no. 1 1880-1940
- 1888652 Iowa, Lee, Vital Records, register of births v. 2-4 (complete filming) 1880-1940
- 1324978 Massachusetts, Suffolk, Boston, Emigration and Immigration, Ha-Ke
- 2427552 Dorset, Poole, Church records, Marriages, 1770-1786; 1786-1803; 1803-1812; 1812-1824; 1824-1837; 1837-1849
- 2434980 Ontario Vital Records, Index, surnames A-Z 1927
- 0101084 Ireland, Civil registration, Indexes, Births v. 5 1864
- 0101089 Ireland, Civil registration, Indexes, Births v. 10 1864
- 0889455 Quebec, Emigration and Immigration 1884

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1172302 Italy, Frosinone, Cervaro, Civil Registration, Nati (8 ott.) 1853-1865

1882372 Italy, Frosinone, Cervaro, Civil Registration, Nati 1898-1899

2010408 Croatia, Gornje Bilijane, Church records, Rodeni 1826, 1830, 1826-1857; Vjencani 1826-1857; Umrlji 1826-1858; Umrlji 1826-1858

2010417 Croatia, Ervenik, Austria, Dalmatien, Ervenik Donji Church records, Umrlji 1825-1867, Status animarum ca1700-ca. 1820, Status animarum ca 1740-ca 1830

2040236 Croatia, Ervenik, Austria, Dalmatien, Ervenik Donji Church records, Umrlji 1867-1919

0811947 England, Leicester, Market-Harborough, Church records, Baptisms, marriages, burials, 1584-1621, 1622-1754; baptisms, burials, 1754-1783; marriages, 1783-1795, births/baptisms, 1783-1794, burials, 1783-1800; Births/baptisms, 18

0894236 England, York, Bagby-with-Islebeck, Church records, Baptisms, marriages and burials, 1556-1639; Marriages, 1654-1729; baptisms, 1653-1714; burials, 1653-1729; baptisms, 1743-1745; marriages, 1731-1745; Burials

Have you wondered where you could go for research from the comfort of your home? Check out <https://familysearch.org/learn/researchcourses> for an extensive list of free courses to help you. These courses are on a variety of topics as well as countries. If you haven't been on this site before you are in for an exciting ride. And if you have but not recently please check it out as there are new entries added all the time.

Remember:

Genealogy is my pastime - I shall not stray.
It maketh me to lie down and examine half buried tombstones,
It leadeth me into still courthouses,
It restoreth my ancestral knowledge.
It leadeth me into the paths of census records
And ships passenger lists
For my surnames sake.
Yet though I wade through the shadows
Of research libraries & microfilm readers,
I shall fear no discouragement,
For a strong urge is with me.
The curiosity and motivation they comfort me.
It demandeth preparation of storage space
For the acquisition of countless documents.
It anointeth my head with burning midnight oil.
My family group sheets runneth over.
Surely birth marriage & death dates
Shall follow me all the days of my life
And I shall dwell in the house of a family history seeker forever.

Amen

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Blogs about Indexing:

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com/2010/11/29/some-fascinating-lds-indexing-statistics-and-lds-indexing-needs/>

http://www.facebook.com/familysearchindexing?v=app_4949752878&sk=app_4949752878#!/familysearchindexing?sk=wall

9 Million Hungarian Records

New Records for Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Italy, Philippines, Spain, U.S., and Zimbabwe Also Added

Can you believe that 11.5 million new international records were added this week? And 9 million of those were from Hungary! Family Search continued this week to strengthen its free online international collections by expanding 8 of its collections. It also added 2 million U.S. records.

9 Million Browsable Images from 9 Countries

New Records for Brazil, Canada, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, U.S., and Venezuela

The bounty just keeps coming from Family Search's digital pipeline. Mexico collections earned the top spot this week, with nearly 5 million new browsable images added. The Mexico records date from 1545 to 1984. In addition to Mexico, Family Search continued this week to strengthen its free online international collections by expanding 7 more of its collections. Millions more records or images were added for Brazil, Canada, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Italy, and Venezuela. The U.S. collections were also expanded, with new data for California, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, New York, Texas, Union Provost Marshal's File, and Virginia.

Search all of the record collections now for free at FamilySearch.org.

Questions and Answers:

1. Question: Where can I find my family tree?

Answer: Your family tree begins with you and extends backward generation by generation through time. In order to look for that family tree, you must begin researching yourself, then your parents, grandparents and further back.

2. Question: Is there a list of genealogy search engines?

Answer: Most genealogists use a variety of search engines in their research. To check out the variety of search engines that genealogists enjoy, go to CyndisList at <http://www.cyndislist.com/search.htm>. The trick is not in the number of search engines or those that may be better for genealogical needs, but rather how they are used. Being too brief with only the word "genealogy" will retrieve thousands of returns. Some search engines allow exact phrases or words in the search and some allow multiple words.

***Do you have a question that you would like answered? Just email it to findingyourroots@gmail.com

Favourite Web Sites:

https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main_Page

Free family history research advice for the community, by the community. In the Family Search Research Wiki, you can learn about how to do genealogical research or share your knowledge with others. The Family Search Research Wiki is a place where you can:

Learn How to Research

[Find out what historical records](#) are available in localities around the world and how to access them

[Learn research strategies](#) to help you know how to research your family

Share Your Knowledge

[Share your knowledge](#) about the best ways to do family history research

[Store great research tips](#) you learn about but may not be ready to use yet

[Collaborate with others](#) to create a comprehensive tool for research guidance

To understand better what the Wiki is, the following links will help:

[Wiki Overview](#)

[Wiki Purpose and Appropriate Topics](#)

[Why We Built FamilySearch Wiki](#)

Research Tips:

Finding the Time for Family History - Everyone is busy. So how can people - who have families, jobs, household chores, homework - find time to seek out their deceased relatives? One to two hours, **consistently dedicated**, will yield great results. Here are some suggestions:

- Sunday - Block out 1 hour. At the end of that hour, spend 5 minutes making a list of things to do next time.
- Monday - 2 hours Family Home Evening. If you still have children at home have an evening devoted to family history. You can Google children's genealogy and get a TON of ideas. If you're an "empty nester", devote 1 FHE a month to family history.
- Tuesday, Wednesday – spend 15 **minutes** each day to go through drawers, desks, filing cabinets etc collecting pieces of paper, pictures, obituaries, memorabilia etc. STOP at your 15 minutes otherwise you will do too much and get overwhelmed at all the papers that are now all over your dining room table. Put everything you locate in a box.
- Thursday – Go through the items you located from the previous 2 days and organize them in 5 piles: your immediate family, your father, your mother, your paternal grandparents, your maternal grandparents. These piles can then be put in file folders or large manila envelopes.
- Friday – Wake up 20 minutes earlier than normal and write down what your immediate goal will be for the upcoming week and the steps you will need to have to accomplish your goal.
- Saturday – Take the day off. You deserved it!
- While Waiting: Young Women/Men/Primary/Scouting meets weeknights, which means transportation duty for many. Most church buildings have a family history center, so use the resources or do indexing.
- Do this for one month..Look for May's newsletter to learn how to **EASILY** file the information you have been gathering up.

Miscellaneous:

Please help make this newsletter a success by submitting your Family History questions, tips, favourite websites, queries & quotes to share with others. [Submit here](#).

Surname Queries: Lefebvre

Definition: A derivation of the French occupational name Fevre, which described an iron-worker or smith. From the Old French "fevre" meaning craftsman. Similar French surnames include Fabre, Faivre, Faure, and Lefèvre. This is the French equivalent of the English surname SMITH.

Surname Origin: French

Alternate Surname Spellings: LEFEBVRES, LEFEVRES, FAVRES, FEBVRE, FEBVRES, FAVRE, LEFABRE, LEFABRES, LEFEVRE, LEFEUVRE, LEFEUBRE, FABER

Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 9pm except for the 3rd Wednesdays when we close at 6pm for Patron Seminars (which are open to the public for all adults) as well as the 4th Wednesday when we close at 6pm for Staff Training. We also close for the months of July and August as well as part of December for our winter break.

Our location is 6270 126th Street Surrey and our Centre phone number is 604-597-9695.

