

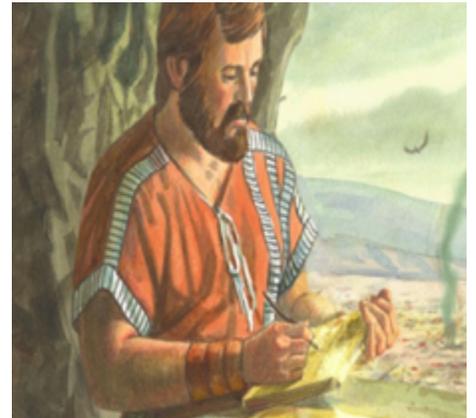


Alliance Stake Temple and Family History Newsletter

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Ether 6:30

“And it came to pass that Orihah did walk humbly before the Lord, and did remember how great things the Lord had done for his father (Jared), and also taught his people how great things the Lord had done for their fathers.”



Doctrine and Covenants 128:24



Joseph Smith

“Behold, the great day of the Lord is at hand; and who can abide the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner’s fire, and like fuller’s soap; and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Let us, therefore, as a church and a people, and as Latter-day Saints, offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness; and let us present in his holy temple, when it is finished, a book containing the records of our dead, which shall be worthy of all acceptance.”

Over the years we have had many people ask us what they can do since their family history chart is full and complete. Many want to know what they can do. We will be creating videos in the near future to cover different ways people can work on family history when so many others have done a lot on their family history. For now we will create a list of a few ideas.

- Check birth, marriage and death dates to make sure they are correct. Was the person born before the parents were married? Was the person born after one of the parents had died? Was the person born after a mother’s child bearing years?
- Are there at least two or three sources for each person?
- Are there hints of records that can be attached?
- Is there a life sketch for each person. If not can you do a basic write up using the sources?

- Read the current life sketches to learn about your ancestors. Can you add more information?
- Look through the pictures of your ancestors. Can you add any more images?
- Look through the documents of your ancestors. Can you add any more documents?
- Read any stories that have been posted on your ancestors. Can you add any stories?
- Collect stories from others about your ancestors and add them especially for your parents and grandparents. You can ask your siblings, parents, friends, cousins, etc.
- Add stories of friends who have passed away.
- Research side lines. Go back a few generations to one of your great-grandparents and research all of their descendants.
- Find a book about one of your ancestors and read it.
- Learn about an event that one of your ancestors was involved in like such as a war, a disaster, an epidemic, etc.
- Share the things you are learning with others especially your own family members.
- Take pictures of family heirlooms. Add it to the family members memories and tell what you know about the item and why it was important to this person.
- Find creative ways to share information with family members. Write a story about a person. Write a children's book about an event in someones life. Draw a picture of someone in your family. Make a collage of things about someone, etc.
- Write your personal history.
- Keep a journal.
- Index records.
- Attend the temple.

As you attempt to work on family history, be prayerful. You will be given guidance on what you can do to help this work go forward. There are often unusual things that you will find to help you as you strive to do this work.

Family Quilt

Just a few weeks ago, we visited Toni's sister in Utah. She has a quilt that belonged to their grandmother and we believe it was made by their great-grandmother. It has quilt pieces with names and information about relatives and friends.

Toni has been researching each name on the quilt and has found new information on many people



and been able to add a few more names to Family Search as well as correct information on others. We would like to encourage all members of our stake to find some way to be engaged in this great work.



Many are currently working on family history, but don't realize that they are doing so by sharing their own experiences or those of one of their relatives. As these memories come to your mind, try to take the time to record them in some permanent form.

We are currently posting videos on how to find vital records; birth, marriage and death records. To see the videos go to the website, "Find Family Records" and then click on the menu tab, "Vital Records".

<https://findfamilyrecords.com/>

Remember that the Dallas Temple will be reopening on Tuesday, September 21st. We can currently attend the Oklahoma and the San Antonio temples.

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/details/dallas-texas-temple?lang=eng>

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