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## Family History on a Shoe String

I believe that one of the blessings of hard times is that they teach you which skills you are lacking. For my husband and I the hard times have taught us how to budget our money down to the last dollar. I remember the first month we had kept a full blown budget. We were so excited that we ended up checking our budget everyday to see how we were doing. With that in mind, I want to give you some fun and low cost ways of keeping up on your genealogy even when you have to tighten your money belt.

Tip #1: Take turns using trials. Information often comes at a cost, but don't be afraid to take advantage of trial offers. For example, [WorldVitalRecords is giving Free Site Access Starting Today](#). This is a limited time offer that will go away in a few days. This is 100 % free access for these few days. This is access to over 1,200,000 names in 11,500 databases. You might also use the [OneGreatFamily 7 day free trial](#). Although these are fairly short trials you may find information to break open your research elsewhere. Giving you that little extra umph you need.

Tip #2: Free is better than cheap. Take minute or two to checkout FamilySearch's new Record Search. This is a great resource for filling in sources and linking actual document images to your tree. Record Search can be found at: [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)

Webtree.com is another free web database. I had no idea it existed until I came across it in the "Best of the Internet" section in Paul Larsen's [Crash Course in Family History book](#). The newest Edition of the book has 40 pages of Internet genealogy resources and Paul has clearly labeled which websites cost money so you can steer clear or at least be forewarned.

Tip #3: Do some spring (or fall) cleaning. I know from direct experience that deep cleaning almost always results in Family History resources that you never knew existed, or at least you'd forgot existed. Also, if you have a close relative who needs some help cleaning up, this is a rare chance to explore and discover what has been hiding in their basement. Don't let it pass you by.

~ Andrea ~

## Insights into Insight: *New Ordinance Tracker and More*

FamilyInsight is now **FamilySearch** Certified for Ordinance Reservations and for the Helper Feature.

### ~ You can now sign on as a Helper in new FamilySearch with FamilyInsight

If you are helping someone without a new FamilySearch login to reserve ordinances, you should login as a Helper from the Login screen as you enter the Full Synchronization mode or Ordinance Tracker.

- To do this, enter your login information and then check the box next to "Login to help someone else".
- This will open a section to enter their information. "Who are you helping?"
  - Name: This should be their full name as on their membership record.
  - Birthdate: This date should be entered as you would in PAF . Example: 22 Jan 1948
  - Access Number: This is the last 5 digits of a persons membership number.

## Ordinance Reservations

In order to reserve a persons ordinances in FamilyInsight you must first synchronize their record using the Full Synchronization mode, in FamilyInsight. It is required that you synchronize parents and spouse of a person if you want to do any sealing ordinances for them.

After you have Synchronized the individual or family for whom you would like to do ordinances, you are ready to Reserve Ordinances. Choose "Reserve Ordinances from the Action menu to open the Ordinance Reservation screen.

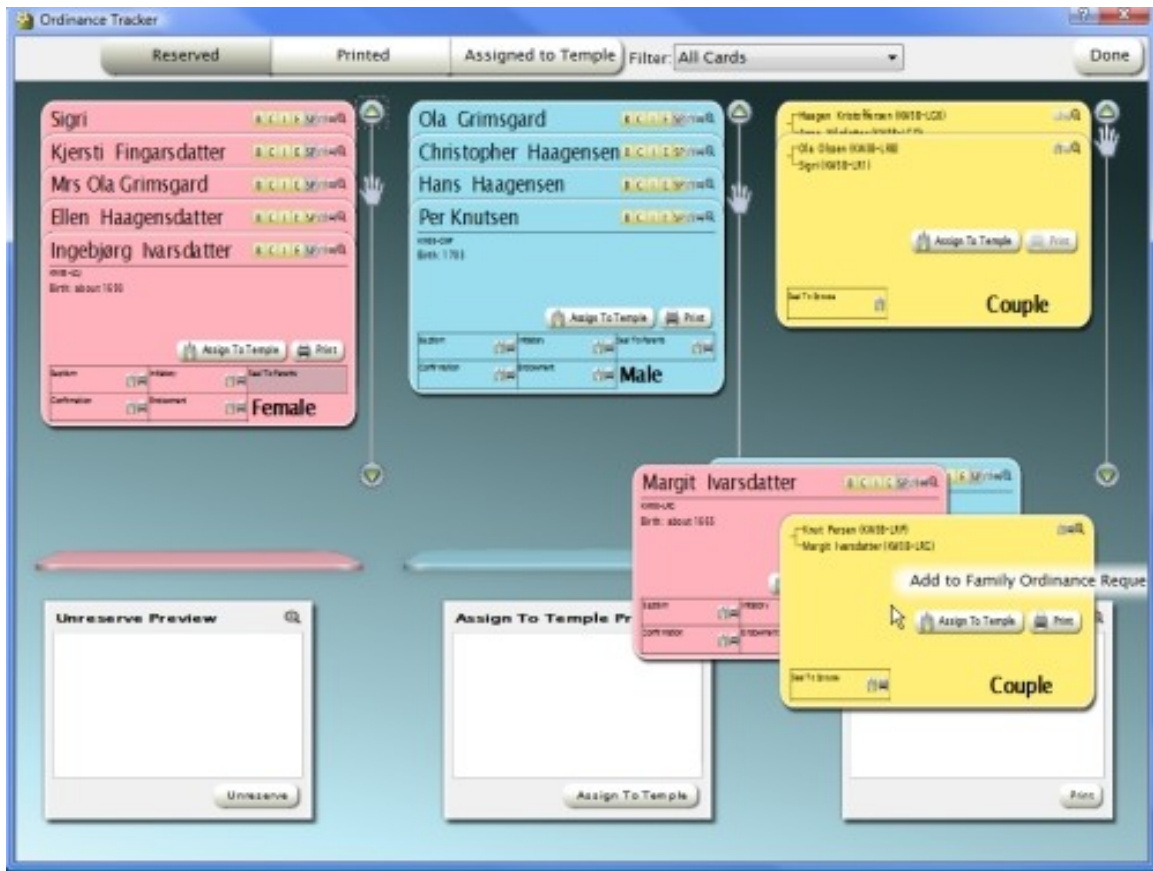
Check the boxes for the ordinances you want done. then click OK

The Church Policy Agreement will be shown for you to agree. Click Continue.

The Finalize Reservation screen will open for you to do one last verification that these are the individuals you want to reserve.

The **Ordinance Tracker** will open

The Ordinance Tracker shows all ordinances you have reserved. This includes ordinances previously reserved on the new **FamilySearch** website.



## Ordinance Tracker Views

There are three views

- **Reserved** -- Shows all those that are reserved but not yet printed
- **Printed** -- Shows all persons whose cards have been printed.
- **Assigned to Temple** -- All those that the temple has been asked to do the ordinances.

With FamilyInsight's Ordinance Tracker you can easily:

- Print Family Ordinance Requests to take to the temple
- Assign names for the temple to do
- UnReserve names
- Request cards to be reprinted
- Assign names back to yourself after you have assigned them to the temple.

Make reserving names on the new **FamilySearch** website **Easy** and **Stressfree**.

## Preparing for the Future. Having Fun with the Past.

Several years ago we were evacuated from our home because of an approaching brush fire. It was within a block or two of our home and spreading, so we did not have a lot of time to decide what to take with us as we left. One of my first thoughts was of my large collection of family and ancestral photos, many of which are one of a kind. I also thought of my family heirlooms and documents. I quickly grabbed what I thought was all of my photos and backup CDs, but I wasn't really sure of what I had. From there I had no choice but to leave my home and hope that it would still be there when I returned. Reflecting on this experience, I realized just how important it is to have these important things organized, accounted for, and backed up.

This last month, Marlo Schuldt presented a wonderful webinar on the program Heritage Collector and how it can help tackle this seemingly impossible job. One of the features that caught my eye was the archive and searching function. After maxing out the space on my hard drive with pictures, I started to move my scanned copies to CD's, but I could never remember what was on which CD. Heritage Collector lets me type in a keyword or name and it will tell me which CD or DVD to put into my computer. I also was interested in the ability to set up automatic archiving. If I had been using the program before we had been evacuated, I could have been assured that I had copies of all of my photos, documents, and histories.

During the webinar Marlo taught us how to have some fun with how we share our Family History. My favorite part would have to be the "talking" photos. Marlo used heritage collector to add sound to a photo so that when he clicked on a picture of his grandfather, you could hear his grandfather sing and silly old song. That is such a wonderful way for grandkids to get to know those who have already passed on. You can make slide shows, DVD collections, or basic family history scrapbooks. You can also add GPS locations to photographs so that others can quickly find burial locations, the old farm, or even your favorite camping spot.

To see the archived video from last month's webinar by Marlo go to: [the Ohana Software webinar archive](#) and click on one of the red play buttons to the left of the title "Heritage Collector: Gather, Prepare, Print, and Share".

## Webinars

We want to thank all that have taken part in our webinars so far. We all learn from the experiences of others. We now offer the webinars to anyone that wants to sign up. Our August classes are:

### *1. Ordinance Reservation 101*

Come celebrate the addition of FamilyInsight's Ordinance Tracker. We'll show you how to reserve ordinances, send them to the temple, and organize your ordinances for later. Once you have them reserved you can print a request from home, and you're ready to go.\*Recommended for those with access to the new.familysearch.org website or someone to sign on as a helper.

- Thursday, August 13th
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM MDT

To sign up for this webinar, [click here](#).

## ***2. Syncing PAF files with FamilySearch using FamilyInsight***

Learn to use FamilyInsight to synchronize PAF files with the new.familysearch.org website. We'll walk you through an actual synchronization so you can quickly start updating your records and helping others. After the presentation, there will be a short question and answer session.

\*Recommended for those with access to the new.familysearch.org website or someone to sign on in Helper mode to help them.

- Wednesday, August 19, 2009
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM MDT

To sign up for this webinar, [click here](#).

Our Guest presenter for the month will be announced later so watch our [Webinar page for the announcement](#).



If you would like to watch a video of past webinars, please visit our [Webinar Archive](#).

## **Odds and Ends**

The current version of FamilyInsight is 2009.8.11.0 This version has the Helper function, Ordinance Reservations and Ordinance Tracker. You can update through the Auto updates in PAF Insight or FamilyInsight, or choose Check for Updates in the Help menu, or go directly to [the FamilyInsight download page on our website](#) and download the latest version.

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## **Calendar**

### **August 28th-29th, 2009**

#### **Salt Lake City, Utah Family History Expo 2009**

South Towne Exposition Center

9575 South State Street

Sandy, Utah 84070

FamilyInsight and other genealogy classes.

John Vilburn and other Ohana Software Representatives will be present

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### **October 16th-17th, 2009**

**California Family History Expo 2009**

Redding Convention Center

747 Auditorium Drive

Redding, California 96001

FamilyInsight and other genealogy classes.

Ohana Software Representatives will be present

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