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Create a Living Family History in the Memories of your Children

Recently I have had the opportunity to have 5 of my grand children live with us for a short time while visiting from Japan. We have enjoyed this opportunity to really get to know them better. It has been during this time that I realized the desire for these children to know about their past.

It started with a cookbook that I had made a few years ago with family recipes and pictures of the family. They had seen this book before at their home but while they were here they discovered it again. My two oldest grand daughters, Ashley and Sarah, wanted to learn to make many of these recipes.

We made Pfefferneuse (peppernuts) using my husband's grandmother's recipe. It is one of those recipes that says things like add enough flour to make a stiff dough and bake until done at a temperature between 325 and 375 degrees with a note to turn it down if this is too hot. No mention of how long to bake. If you have not made them before you really do not know what it should be like. This has been a family Christmas tradition for his family long before he was ever born. His mother's family was Mennonite and I am sure this recipe was passed down to his grandmother and her sister by other family members before them. The kids all had fun rolling the dough and forming the cookies. They asked questions about what we knew about their great great grandmother and how she lived. They were fascinated with every little story about their great grandmother and her mother and how they lived.

They explored the recipe book more and made Schnetke with their grandfather like his mother had done with him as a child. More questions and more answers. It was a great adventure for them. They couldn't wait to find a new recipe to try in the book. It seemed to them that if the recipe was in the book it must taste really good. My grand daughter learned to make my holiday cheese ball and it was such fun sharing the time and learning experience with her. We made the traditional English Toffee that my mother always made at Christmas. Ashley (age 10) and Sarah (age 11) love to cook and make up recipes. I am sure that when they are grandmothers they will have their own recipes to share with their grandchildren and will instill that love of family and sharing traditions with them.

We decorated the tree and continued to share other traditions until they left this morning.

With Thanksgiving and now with Christmas we shared traditions and stories that they will hopefully remember and share with their own children. They have asked us about our childhood and about their dad when he was younger. It is a living family history that they will contribute to as they live their lives and pass it on to their children.

~Paula Vilburn~

Research Help

Each of us who are involved in family history should learn the fundamentals of research and know what tools are available so we can access appropriate resources. No matter the country or language, *the research process does not change*. As you approach researching for a new family or in a new area, you should ask your ward member the following:

- What do I know about the person or family I am researching?
 - Review your pedigree chart and family group records.
 - Review any documents (letters, diaries, newspaper articles, pictures) you have for the person or family and update your file with any new information you find.
- What do you want to learn about the person or family?
 - Generally, you want to fill in missing data from the ancestor's family group or pedigree chart.

Next, ask yourself:

- What types of records contain the information you need?
 - Check the Records Selection Table found in Appendix C of the *NEW A Member's Guide to Temple and Family History Work*, Research Outlines for the specific state, province or country where the person or family lived, or look within wiki.familysearch.org for the area where you are researching.
- Where can they find those records?
 - Search the [Family History Library Catalog](#) and online resources. Family history centers have access to some subscription websites so check your center to see if they have access to a website you need.

Once you know what you want to learn about your family, use the appropriate tools. To assist you, I have developed a list of research tools that you can access when you begin research that takes you into new territory. That new territory may be looking at different types of records than you have used before (probate, land or tax records), or researching in countries with foreign languages, etc.

Remember, before you can search for ancestors in their homeland, you generally have to know the exact town where they lived. (See the research outline called *Tracing Immigrant Origins*.) You need to search the US records to find the place where their ancestors lived. Obituaries, naturalization papers, personal letters, diaries, and living relatives may hold the key to finding their place of origin. Once found, look at online websites and the Family History Library Catalog to see if records have been filmed in that town. Generally, if the family came from Europe, you should look for

church records in order to find their christening, marriage and burial information. England has vital records beginning in 1837 but church records are helpful when and where they are available.

The spread sheet can be accessed from our website at http://www.ohanasoftware.com/files_documents/fhc/Research_Help_abbreviated.pdf

~Cina Johnson~

Insights into FamilyInsight: FAQs

Do I need to use PAF to use Ordinance Tracker? ~

Ordinance Tracker works directly with your new FamilySearch reserved ordinances so you do not need PAF or any other database program. All you need to have in order to use Ordinance tracker is a login to new FamilySearch.

~ How do I find the Ordinance Tracker that is included in FamilyInsight? ~

Open FamilyInsight with or without a file and go to the Tools menu. Ordinance Tracker is listed there. Click on "Ordinance Tracker" and the program will open.

~Can I get an update license if my PAF Insight license was purchased 5 years ago?~

Anyone who has ever had a PAF Insight license can purchase an update license to download FamilyInsight. FamilyInsight is considered an update for PAF Insight. The update license is \$15 for one year of updates to the latest version.

To purchase an update license you should go to the My Account tab at the top of our website. www.ohanasoftware.com

Next click on Login/Register and enter your email address or login with your customer area password.

Next click on the button that says "Purchase update license"

Your license will be emailed to you after your payment is made.

~ Why is the person that I added to new FamilySearch using FamilyInsight not connected to their relatives in New Family Search? ~

When you add a person to new **FamilySearch** and have not synchronized their connecting relative in your file with the one on new **FamilySearch**, **FamilySearch** cannot tell who they should be connected to as a relative. Once you synchronize their spouse, parent or child that is already in new **FamilySearch** with the record in your file, the relationship will be linked.

~ When I try to log in to search the IGI in new FamilySearch, I get the message that my

www.familysearch.org username and password is not recognized. I have a log in for new FamilySearch. What is the problem?~

There is not a separate IGI on new FamilySearch. The Search IGI mode in FamilyInsight searches the older FamilySearch website at www.familysearch.org. You would use the username and password for the older site to sign into this mode. To search, update and synchronize your file with the new **FamilySearch** website using FamilyInsight, you should use the Simple Update or Full Synchronization mode. These modes will ask for your new **FamilySearch** sign in information.

PAF Pal is Now Freeware

Steve Cannon, the developer of PAF Pal, passed away a few years ago. He was a good programmer and a good friend.

PAF Pal was designed with the old TempleReady work flow in mind, although some of its functionality continues to be useful in some situations. Now that new FamilySearch is being used by so many people, we have contacted Steve's family and they have agreed to allow us to offer PAF Pal at no cost. To get your copy, go to www.ohanasoftware.com and click on the Purchase menu. Scroll down to find the free license for PAF Pal. Once you have your license you can download PAF Pal by going to the Download menu and choosing the Freeware/Shareware link.

Merry Christmas from the Cannon family and your friends at Ohana Software

Odds and Ends

There is still time to enter to win the 2 tickets to the Family History Expo in Mesa, Arizona held Jan 22-23, 2010. The contest ends January 1st 2010.

There are several ways that you can enter this contest.

- Submit a success story on using FamilyInsight or Ordinance Tracker to success@ohanasoftware.com.
- If you have a blog, blog about FamilyInsight and Ordinance Tracker and send us a link to your blog so that we can follow you too. Send the link to support@ohanasoftware.com
- Add a comment to the contest article on the [Ohana Insights blog](#) about FamilyInsight or Ordinance Tracker.
- Join [FamilyInsight on Facebook](#) and add a comment to the FamilyInsight wall.
- Visit the [Ohana Software website](#) and go to the purchase page and choose "Enter to win tickets to Mesa Family History Expo." Continue as if you were purchasing something so it is attached to your registration in our records. (only one entry per person may be done using the order page).

Great Holiday Specials

It is easy to give Ohana Software as a gift for Christmas or anytime. Downloadable software programs are available within minutes of your payment.

- **[Heritage Collector Suite Christmas Bonus](#)**
 - Special Christmas bonus Package (\$20 off regular price plus \$40 in additional software) Downloadable version of Heritage Collector Suite 5.3. Also includes Digital Family History Guidebook in PDF format. Bonus downloadable software programs included are GP Maps (reg \$9.95), Easier Scanning Interactive Tutorial (reg \$9.95), Using Sound Interactive Tutorial (reg. \$9.95), and Storybook (reg. \$9.95) Special Price \$74.95 download version, \$79.95 CD Version
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Holiday Closing

Our support phone lines will be closed Thursday December 24th and Friday Dec 25th, 2009 for the Christmas holiday.

We will be closed Thursday December 31st and Friday January 1st for New Years.

Current Version of FamilyInsight is 2009.9.29.0 You can update through the Auto Update 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.

Webinars for the Holidays

During the holiday season we will not be holding our usual full schedule of Webinars. If you would like to watch a video of a past webinar, please visit our [Webinar Archive](#).

1. Basic Research Practices in the Age of New FamilySearch

Guest Presenter: **Janet Hovorka**- Popular Genealogical Speaker

Grounding yourself in the foundations of good research can help you be a more effective genealogist whether in the library or on the internet. We'll discuss primary and secondary sources, original and compiled records and how to track your research effectively. Now source centricity is more important than ever and so are your methods for citing sources. And now that you can work on New FamilySearch, do you need your own copy and how do you keep your own copy without a lot of work?

- Saturday, January. 16th
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM MDT

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

When you register for a Webinar there is a link just above the Last Name field that says "**Show time in my time zone**"

Watch our [Webinar page](#) for future additions to the schedule for January

Calendar

January 22-23, 2010

Mesa Arizona Family History Expo 2010

Mesa Convention Center

263 N. Center Street

Mesa, Arizona

FamilyInsight and other genealogy classes.

Ohana Software Representatives will be present

[Click here](#) for more information.

February 26-27, 2010

St. George, Utah Family History Expo 2010

The Dixie Center

1835 Convention Center Drive

St. George, Utah

FamilyInsight and other genealogy classes.

Ohana Software Representatives will be present

[Click here](#) for more information.

March 6, 2010

8:00am until 4:30 pm

South Davis Family History Fair

Bountiful High School

625 South Orchard Drive (400 East)

Bountiful, Utah

FamilyInsight and other genealogy classes.

Ohana Software Representatives will be present

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