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Treasures in a Box

For the past few years I have been slowly scanning old family pictures and documents so that I can preserve the originals and share the scans. I work on this project actively for a few weeks and let it sit dormant for months, but the end is finally in sight. It has also been a fun project that has included surprises and treasures.

As I went through the photographs that I inherited from my father, I found a plethora of pictures of him and his family. Before my grandmother died, my sister spent time with her and put names and dates onto many of these photographs. Some of the pictures predate her marriage in 1916. From the pictures, I feel like I know my grandparents better, especially my grandfather who died when I was in third grade. Without a doubt, I know he loved cars and boats because they appear in so many of his pictures. I am eternally grateful to my sister for her efforts to identify the people because it makes the pictures more meaningful. What a wonderful gift.

My mother has always maintained that there were no pictures of her as a child. From the handful of pictures I had of my mother, she seemed to have arrived on the planet as a teenager. That changed last year when I visited her. She was getting ready to move so she gave me a box of photographs that she inherited from her mother. While quickly glancing at the contents of the box, I found proof she had been a child. I held in my hand a picture of her standing in front of the camera with a dutch-boy haircut and socks bunched down around her ankles. Digging further, I found her as a 2 year old on a rocking chair in her father's dental office! We got excited and as we dug through the box we found more and more pictures of my mother at all ages. There were even a couple of classroom pictures and she remembered almost every name of every classmate!

The greatest treasure in the box was a picture of my mother's entire family; the only one of its kind. Faded. Cracked. Corners bent. But the whole family is together in one picture. Through the miracle of scanners and computer programs I have been able to bring the picture quality up to an acceptable level. I treasure that photograph and so does my mother.



As with any box of photographs, there are many that have no names, dates or places. Often, it is impossible to tell if the people are family or friends. With study and the help of a 93 year old aunt and my mother I have been able to identify a few of the people in a few of the pictures but far too many remain unidentified. The moral of the story is, record names, dates and places on your photos. When you transfer digital photographs to your computer, identify them. Use a program like Heritage Collector Suite or Passage Express to add names, dates and places and create "albums" to share with your family. The time you invest now will be a treasure for years and generations to come

~Cina Johnson~

Changes are coming to the new FamilySearch website next month.

You may not notice the changes right off when you visit their website, but underneath it all there will be big changes. The way that affiliate programs access the new FamilySearch website will be changing. Unfortunately this means that older versions of FamilyInsight and other affiliate products will no longer work with new FamilySearch. This will affect all of the **FamilySearch** certified software products. In short we needed to rework part of our program to work with the new version of the new **FamilySearch** website.

Because of these changes it will be necessary to install the next version of FamilyInsight when it is released in order to continue to interface with the new **FamilySearch** website after they update their site. This happened once before on the old **FamilySearch** website as early users of PAF Insight might remember. Try as we might to get the word out to all of our customers, there will be many that do not know what is happening and get frustrated when their program stops working.

You can really help us by telling your family history loving friends to update to the next version of FamilyInsight so they can avoid problems connecting. They may not receive this announcement so speak up. We want this transition to be as smooth as possible for everyone.

We are currently testing this next version so watch for the announcement.

- We will post an announcement on our website home page for all to see.
- If you are using the auto updates you will have a notice appear when you open FamilyInsight. This will tell you that there is an update available and ask if you would like FamilyInsight to download the installer so that you can update. When the installer has been downloaded you will get a new message asking if you would like to install. Make sure that

PAF 5 and FamilyInsight are closed and click on yes for the install.

- You can manually go to the Help menu on the FamilyInsight menu bar and choose "Check for Updates" from there.
- We will, of course, notify everyone of this new update in our newsletter. If you are not personally receiving our newsletter you can view it on our website newsletter archive page. You can also change your registration to have the newsletter sent to you. Remember to allow email from ohanasoftware.com to be allowed through your spam filtering software so you will receive it once you are signed up.

When you do update, be sure that the new version of FamilyInsight is allowed access through your firewall by adding it to the exceptions list of your firewall program.

Thanks for all of your help and cooperation as we work together to speed up family history work.

~Paula Vilburn~

Insights into Insight: Old Habits Die Hard

Support questions come in waves. One question crops up over and over and over again for a month or so then it disappears, only to be replaced by something new. Since the holidays, the number one support issue has pertained to getting logged onto **FamilySearch**

The misunderstanding comes because old habits die hard. Many of the people who have finally gotten access to the new **FamilySearch** website open FamilyInsight and, out of habit, click the Search IGI option. When they see the login window, they happily enter their new **FamilySearch** username and password (they finally have it and are thrilled to use it) but suddenly they get a message telling them that their username and password is not recognized. What??? They waited all this time only to get turned away on their first attempt. That is like adding insult to injury. They try again. Same message. Needless to say, they are confused when they contact us.

There are two issues that need to be understood. The most important issue is that the IGI has not been updated since late June of 2009 and it never included ordinances that were processed through the new **FamilySearch**. Therefore, if you are searching for ordinances you should cease using the Search IGI mode and instead use either the Full Synchronization or the Simple Update in FamilyInsight. These modes will ask for your new.familysearch.org sign-in name.

The other issue is that **FamilySearch** maintains two different websites. The new **FamilySearch** is one website (new.familysearch.org) but the IGI is on the ORIGINAL www.familysearch.org website. If you still want to look for something on the IGI and select the Search IGI mode of FamilyInsight, you will be required to enter your original **FamilySearch** login and NOT the new **FamilySearch** login!

That leads me to support issue number two.

~**What is the difference between Simple Update and Full Synchronization?** ~

Simple update works almost exactly like the Search IGI mode and only allows you to transfer information from the new **FamilySearch** website to your file. Nothing on the new **FamilySearch** website is changed and you cannot add anything from your file to **FamilySearch**.

You can use the **Full Synchronization** mode to do virtually everything that you would do if you went to the new **FamilySearch** website itself. You can search for your people tree, mark duplicate records so they can be combined, separate records that were improperly combined, and synchronize (transfer) information between your file and **FamilySearch** and vice versa. You can also reserve names to do temple work, print a Family Ordinance Request form (F.O.R.) and login as a helper for someone else.

Moving up on the list of frequently asked questions are...

~I opened FamilyInsight and there was not an option for Full Synchronization or Simple Update? Why not? ~

The preference settings of PAF control some of your FamilyInsight options. If you turn of "Use LDS Data" in PAF, FamilyInsight turns off Simple Update and Full Synchronization. To restore these options, open PAF. Click on Tools and choose Preferences. Select the General tab and put a check in the box by "Use LDS Data". If there is a check there, remove the check and add it back. This will restore the missing options in FamilyInsight.

~How do I combine records when I am using the Full Synchronization mode of FamilyInsight? ~

When you select a name and click Search, you generally have a list of possible matches. Some are marked Decision Needed and other are marked Decision Optional. The decision you are making is whether the FamilySearch person (on the right) is the same person that you were looking for (on the left). When the records represent the same person, click the "Match" button. When they are not the same person, click the "Not a Match" button. Marking the matching records prepares **FamilySearch** to combine those records. They will not be combined until you click the Synchronize button.

When you click on the line that says, Ready to Sync, the record on the right is a preview of the record as it will appear when all the "Match" records are combined. Since some records have already been combined a number of times, you may not see ALL the "assertions" for names, dates and places but you will see the main information. When you select the data that you want added to your file, it is coming from the combined records. Information you add from your file to **FamilySearch** will go to the combined records.

The last of the support questions for today concerns reserving ordinances and opening Ordinance Tracker.

~After I reserve a name for temple work and click the Finalize button, the Ordinance Tracker window automatically opens and starts retrieving my reserved list. I want to reserve more names before I print my F.O.R. How can I return to Full Synchronization without opening Ordinance Tracker? ~

After you click the Finalize button in the Reservation window, the Ordinance Tracker window will open. Wait about 20-30 seconds to ensure the connection between Ordinance Tracker and FamilySearch is established (the animation is just that, animation and not a true indicator of a connection). After about 20-30 seconds, click the Done button. You will be returned to the Full Synchronization mode. Your reserved records will show that the work was submitted. If the ordinance fields say Ready, instead of Submitted, repeat the process and wait a bit longer before clicking Done.

Enjoy FamilyInsight!

~Cina Johnson~

To Google or Not to Google

We are all familiar with the many large genealogical databases that we can join to search their resources, but what if we want to find resources on our own without joining a website?

Many of the resources we can get through genealogy databases can be found for free if we know how and where to search. A search engine such as Google will help your search be a productive one. I personally like to use a search engine that has an "advanced search" screen. The advanced option makes filtering your search results easier. You are given fields such as "All these words", "Exact phrases", "Any of these words", or "None of these words". Sometimes this is not important but if you are searching for Jeffery Mason Massachusetts, you may get every stone mason in Massachusetts named Jeffery and these are added results that can make finding the correct information more tedious.

I searched for Jeffery Mason Massachusetts with a regular search box with no extra tools and found 280,000 search results. I could see that most of these did not have anything to do with Jeffery Mason. I added "Genealogy" to that search box and trimmed the results down to 35900. Still too many to find what I need. I then went to the advanced search option in Google. And moved "Jeffery Mason" to the field that said "this exact wording or phrase" and searched. This returned 174 results. Much better. I then added "stone brick mortar" to the field "But don't show pages that have any of these unwanted words:" Now the results were 10. You can change the combination any way that you like. You might reverse the name phrase to "Mason, Jeffery" and this would bring different results. If the person lived in various towns, you might enter "Boston, Worcester, Salem" in the field "one or more of these words:". This would give your search a variety of words to include.

As you can see, using a search engine to search is only limited by your imagination for entering search combinations.

You can search for people, places, types of records, newspapers, vital records or whatever you are looking for. You may not find exactly what you are looking for but in the search you may find a gold mine of information you were not expecting. There are historical societies with vast collections for their area and they might have just what you need. There are individuals that are sharing family photographs and source images online. For example, I found a journal made by my husband's great great grandfather as he was coming to America. Someone had listed information looking for who was related to this person. I happened to stumble upon this information as I was searching for a related line and it was one of those unexpected treasures you find along the way. It was not posted on a large database but a small chat list for people doing Mennonite research.

Think of it as a big treasure hunt and only you will know when you have reached the prize. Don't be afraid to try new ways of searching. A good part of the fun is in the search.

Here are a few Search engines with advance search screens:

- [Google](#)
- [Dogpile](#) You will need to click the advanced search button
- [Yahoo Search](#)

- [Ask.com](#) You will need to click the advanced search button

With that I send you on your quest armed with an advanced search and a little creativity. Best of luck!

~Paula Vilburn

Odds and Ends

The lucky winner of the 2 Free tickets to the fabulous St. George Family History Expo is Maurine Canto. FHExpos is currently having website trouble beyond their control but you can register at the door using a check or cash if the website is not up again before Friday. [Click here](#) to view the schedule.

Latest 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.

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Guest Presenter : Marlo Schuldt, Founder of LifeStory Productions

This a great class if you are planning to write or compile a family history or even write a journal. Learning a few simple tips can save time, money and make this an enjoyable adventure. In the class Marlo will cover:

- Tips and Cautions
 - Getting Started Without Stress
 - Getting Organized
 - Scanning Dimensions, DPI and File Types
 - Page Formatting Suggestions
 - Using OpenOffice.org (Freeware)
 - Create a CD/DVD to Accompany the Book
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- Tuesday, March 2, 2010
 - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM MST

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It's a busy Spring for Family History There is bound to be something close by for you to join in the fun.

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

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February 26-27, 2010

Friday, February 26th 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Saturday, February 27th 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Highland Utah Multi-Stake Family History Fair

LDS Church building

9600 North 6800 West

Highland, Utah

FamilyInsight and other genealogy classes.

Ohana Software Representatives will be present

For further information contact [Lorie Stout](#)

March 6, 2010

8:00 am 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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March 18, 2010

8:30 AM to 6 PM

Immigration Family History Expo

Let Your Light Shine on Immigration!

Historic Masonic Temple

650 East South Temple

Salt Lake City, Utah

Classes and Keynote speakers on Immigration Records

Ohana Software Representatives will be present

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April 26-27, 2010

BYU Conference on Computerized Family History and Genealogy

Salt Palace Convention Center

100 South West Temple

Salt Lake City, Utah

FamilyInsight and other genealogy classes.

Ohana Software Representatives will be present

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Apr 28- May 1 2010

2010 NGS Family History Conference

Follow Your Ancestral Trail Salt Palace Convention Center

100 South West Temple

Salt Lake City, Utah

Ohana Software will be in booth 826

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May 8, 2010

BYU Idaho (Rexburg) Family History Conference

BYU Idaho

Rexburg, Idaho

Ohana Software Representative will be teaching classes

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