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Friendship - an Investment of Time

Christmas cards remind of how may friends we have and friends are one of life's best gifts. Years can pass without seeing a dear friend but within minutes of being reunited the years are erased and the bonds are as strong as ever. Most friendships develop over years as you create a history together but others happen quickly, especially when you render service to each other or work together. When you invest time with each other you grow to understand one another and friendship deepens.

Much of the same thing happens when we do family history. As we invest time, energy, thought and prayer into our researching process, we can feel bonds of friendship with ancestors that we have never met. When I find an ancestor quickly I often have a hard time remembering the details of their lives but the people I struggle to find are indelibly etched into my mind. For me, it is like spending time savoring a good meal at the dinner table rather than gulping down something from a drive through window at a fast food restaurant. The investment of time seems to be a key.

Family history is more than a race to gather as many names as quickly as possible; it is turning your heart to individuals, people, family. It is a process of loving them and learning from them. It is developing a personal relationship with them. Have you ever read a diary and drawn closer to a great grand parent because you discovered you have similar personality traits or experiences? Have you ever heard a story about an ancestor that has inspired your or given you the courage to face your challenges and trials? Perhaps you have an ancestor whose life you are not proud of BUT whose actions helps you to avoid similar mistakes. We can learn from these people we are related to IF we will invest the time

I would encourage you to spend more time with your individual ancestors this year. Why not take an inventory of your family and see what you know from memory. How many direct line generations can you list - your parents, grandparents, great grandparents or beyond? Do you know both your matriarchal and patriarchal lines? Do you have pictures of your ancestors? Would you recognize their picture if you saw it on the Internet? Do you know something about each of those people? Do you know their occupation, where they lived, the number of children they had? Of those children, do you how many of them lived to adulthood and how many children died as children? Why did

they emigrate? As you test yourself you may be pleased with what you know and feel that your heart has been turned to them because you KNOW them. If you didn't do very well, it may be time to get to know them better

I know I'm repeating myself but family history really is more than a race to gather as many names as quickly as possible; it is turning your heart to these people who are a part of you. By understanding them you may better understand yourself. If you will spend time getting to know your progenitors you will be blessed.

Happy New Year!

~Cina Johnson~

Skype and other New Fangled Technology

How does this apply to me?

My friends think I am a real techie and maybe I am a little more into technology than most people my age, but I think it comes by osmosis from my husband, John, and out of necessity

I have to agree that some of the new advances on the Internet seemed a little more than I wanted to be involved with until I started seeing the possibilities. As I mentioned last month, we had our grand children stay with us for several months this last year. During that time, Skype became a fixture in our household. It was the way our grandchildren kept in touch with their parents in Japan. I had used it a few times before but it was always something that someone else had started and I joined in.

In our case this last year, the cost of daily hour long phone calls to Japan would have been prohibitive. Skype made communication affordable (FREE) and with the added bonus of a visual communication as well as audio. My son and daughter-in-law could read bedtime stories to their little ones and listen to how the day had gone. My daughter-in-law was able to see her children and know that everything was okay. Not just take our word for it. Most of us have gotten used to email and the rapid response we can receive from our letters to others. We used e-mail but the kids quickly made it clear that they would rather talk to their mom and dad, than sit down and try to write an email with everything they wanted to say. It was much faster to talk and the little artist in the family could show her mom pictures that she had drawn for her without the cost or time of snail mail. Skype has family history possibilities too because you can easily keep in contact with relatives and interview them about their history without actually being there.

With that, I would also like to say that letters have not lost their purpose and place in life. Regular snail mail letters did take place during my grand-kids stay and I think that a personal touch will always be needed and appreciated by most.

A couple months back, my daughters introduced me to Facebook and Twitter. This seemed like a frivolous waste of time at first, but I have found value in this new means of communication. If kept in perspective it has great value as a communications tool to contact and locate others that you may not have had contact with for a very long time. I have recently connected friends from high school and college that I probably never would have connected with again were it not for Facebook. It was

fun and enlightening. I have connected with distant relatives that I had previously connected with by letters or email to do research. Now they have a face and I have learned a little more about them.

We even started an Ohana Software fan page on Facebook at the beginning of this year. We thought it would be a fun way to interact with our customers and for customers to interact with each other. The best way to learn is by sharing our knowledge among ourselves and everyone is welcome to come and join our online community and discussions

~Paula Vilburn~

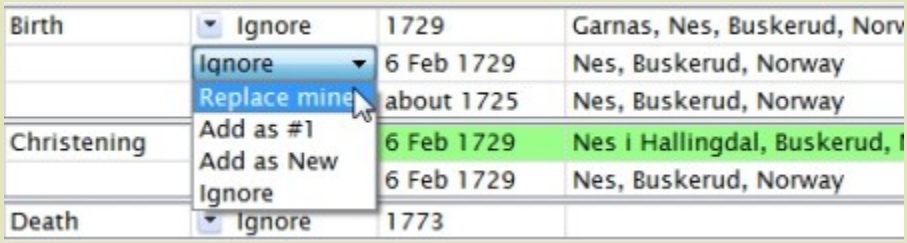
Insights into FamilyInsight: Full Synchronization FAQs

~Does Full Synchronization mode add everything in my file to new FamilySearch?~

No. With Full Synchronization you must choose which, if any, information you want to add to new FamilySearch and which information you want to add to your file from New FamilySearch.

~ How do I choose which information I am adding to my file? ~

Next to each event is a drop down menu that will let you choose how or if you want to add information to your file.



- **Replace Mine** replaces the information you have in that data field in your file with the selected information from new FamilySearch.
- **Add as #1** puts the selected information in the primary data field for this event in your file and moves what you have already in that field to section called Other Events. This allows you to keep more than just one date and place for an event.
- **Add as New** adds the information from new FamilySearch to a new event of the same type in your file but leaves what you have in the primary event field alone.
- **Ignore** does not add anything to your file.

~Why can't I sometimes add marriage information or children to my file?~

For adding marriage information, sealing information and children to a marriage in your file you must first match the marriage in new FamilySearch with a marriage in your file, if there is one, or add it as a new marriage. When this has been done you will be able to choose which information to add from the drop down or choose to add children to this marriage from new FamilySearch.

You will not be given the option to match a marriage if the FamilySearch Person ID is different. (NOTE: If the person on new FamilySearch has been combined with the PID that you have in your file, you can match the MRIN even though the PID is different). If you cannot match the MRIN, this means that you need to combine duplicates for one or more of the spouses in this marriage.

~Why can't I add the children of a person to new FamilySearch when I am adding or synchronizing the parent?~

You must first search for an individual before you can add them to new FamilySearch. This is to prevent more duplicates from being added to the FamilySearch database. We cannot assume a person is not in FamilySearch simply because they are not connected to their parents. They may be entered as an individual or as a spouse in a marriage. If you have Synchronized the parents and then search their child and do not find him in new FamilySearch, you can then add him and he will be linked to these parents on FamilySearch.

~ What if I synchronized a person with the incorrect record on new FamilySearch, can I remove the FamilySearch ID from my record? ~

Yes. It is easy.

- Select the person with the FamilySearch ID that you want to unlink.
- Choose the "Unlink" command in one of the following ways.
    - Right click on the name and choose "unlink" from the list that appears.
    - Click on the Action menu on the menu bar and choose "Unlink".

This will remove the FamilySearch ID that appears above the name in your record on the left hand side. This is the ID that is used when searching and matching.

If you have added the FamilySearch ID as a custom event or as an other event, you will need to either manually remove it or save over it the next time you synchronize this record.

Resolving to save money while doing genealogy....and our biggest promotion ever!!!

With the start of the 2010, I find myself setting new resolutions and reviewing the previous year. Last year my financial goal included learning more about using coupons, promocodes, and seeking out deals. As a result, I spent significantly less on items I regularly use, and got to try some new things for free.

So how can you save money on Family History in 2010?

- Use Heritage Quest through your local library or Family History center to research census records and books. Many libraries allow you to access Heritage Quest through the library website using your library card number. Some libraries also let you use Ancestry.com at the library. Check to see what your library offers.
- There are many free genealogy websites available. Here are a few that we think are useful: www.usgenweb.org, www.cyndislist.com, and www.raogk.org (Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness).
- Free trials are also a great way to try new products before you buy them. Ancestry.com has a free 14 day trial. World Vital Records has a 7 day free trial. One Great Family has a 7 day free trial. And don't forget about our FamilyInsight 60 day free trial
- Free products. Get My Ancestors is free and can be downloaded at our website. Checkout our freeware/shareware page for PAF Pal, PRF Magnet, GenDB Cemetery Database Creator and more!
- To help you save money, we decided to celebrate 2010 with our biggest discount ever! Enter Promocode **"NEWYEAR2010"** and save $10 on FamilyInsight. Making the program only $15. This is only valid to the first 1000 who use the code and only until Jan 10, 2010. This code may be used on either the download version or the Cd version of FamilyInsight. It does not apply to update licenses but new purchases only. So if you are still using the free trial of FamilyInsight now is the time to take advantage of this reduced price. If you are one of our current customers and have a friend that has been wanting to get FamilyInsight, tell them about this promocode.

  Do you have an idea that will help others save money while accomplishing their genealogy goals? Please share with us on our Facebook fan page discussion board, under the thread titled "Money saving ideas". Click on the "Money saving ideas" to view the comments and add your own idea. Add a new discussion if you have something you would like to discuss with others.

  Happy New Year from all of us at Ohana Software!

Odds and Ends

Congratulations to Betty Pearson of Arizona who won the 2 free tickets to the Mesa Family History Expo Jan 22-23, 2010. This is a great conference for anyone who will be in the Mesa area.

For more information or to register, visit www.FHExpos.com

Next month is the St George Family History Expo and we have 2 more **FREE** tickets to give away for that too. The contest is starting now and going through Midnight (St. George time) Feb 15th.

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 or Ordinance Tracker and send us a link to your blog so that we can follow you too. Send the link to support@ohanasoftware.com
- Become a fan Ohana Software on Facebook and add a comment to the Ohana Software discussion "I want to go to the St George Family History Expo".
- Visit the Ohana Software website and go to the purchase page and choose "Enter to win tickets to St. George 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 still available

- **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
- ***New* Holiday Special Bundle for use with New FamilySearch**
    - Includes FamilyInsight downloadable, Charting Companion for New FamilySearch, We have included a Free License for Ordinance Tracker Downloadable stand alone (Value 12.50), and a Get My Ancestors (FREE). Make the most of new FamilySearch with the tools you need. Special price $40.00
- **Create your own Software Bundle** for yourself or someone special
    - 10 to 15 percent off when you purchase multiple products in the same order. Create the software bundle that is just right for you or the genealogist in your life.

Visit Ohana Software for details

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.

Upcoming 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 MST

To sign up for this webinar, click here.

2. Mini Webinar: Editing and Correcting Place Names

Come join us for a 20-30 minute class on home to make sure your place names match each other and match the standardized list on new.familysearch.org. We'll also show you how to mark you unique place name as correct and choose a "standardized" name to use only when you do a search on the new FamilySearch website.

- Tuesday, January 26, 2010
- 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM MST

To sign up for this webinar, click here.

3. Mini Webinar: Filling in Ordinances using SImple Update

Come join us for this 20-30 minute mini webinar on how to quickly find and fill in LDS ordinance dates. We will be using the Simple Update Mode in FamilyInsight and will answer questions as we go along.

- Wednesday, February 10, 2010
- 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM MST

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.

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.

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
Highland, Utah
FamilyInsight and other genealogy classes.
Ohana Software Representatives will be present

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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