



Ohana Insights

Tips for using PAF Insight and other tools

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The Vision

Have you ever had to clean up a REALLY messy area like a tool shed, garage or closet? You generally begin by pulling everything out and the contents explode like confetti from a party favor. Yet you understand that sometimes you have to make a mess to clean up a mess. You also know that the time you spend sorting, fixing, and organizing will save you vastly more time in the future as you will be able to find what you want when you need it.

The same principle applies to the new FamilySearch. We have been dubbed "the clean up generation" because we have the tools to do the job. Since many of us did the original research, we are also the best qualified to fix our mistakes or recognize our ancestors in spite of discrepancies in information. Using the new FamilySearch as our tool, we will search for and combine duplicate records. Any conflicting or variant data will appear in one "file", making it easier for others to find. Case in point, when I first started doing family history, I found a census record for my great grandmother and discovered her parent's names. I wrote down her father's name as I had found it, Arrin Corey. Another census record had his name listed as Arnold Corey. I did his temple work as "Arrin or Arnold Corey". As I learned more, I gathered evidenced that his name was Arnold. The new FamilySearch has both, "Arrin or Arnold Corey" and "Arnold Corey". If someone else finds him as Arrin in the census, he or she will be able to find Arrin in the new FamilySearch and learn his true name.

This example should illustrate that we must not confuse "cleaning up" the new FamilySearch records with the aim of creating "perfect" records. "Clean up" implies gathering all known data, ensuring temple work is done, then providing sources, making notes and judiciously disputing erroneous information, such as relationships.

Like organizing an overstuffed closet, the time we spend combining and enhancing records in the new FamilySearch will reap benefits for EVERYONE. As we link our ancestors, we help link their descendants who can collaborate with each other. If two heads are better than one, how much more will we accomplish when several of us pool our information and work together as a team? One new scrap of information may lead to a break through in research. We can divide the workload and break down brick walls. In the long run, the clean up time will be a drop in the bucket compared to the time we will save by working together.

I can see the vision. Can you?

Cina Johnson

Insights into Insight: Frequently Asked Questions Concerning FamilyInsight and the New FamilySearch

We often hear the same questions about the change from PAF Insight to FamilyInsight so I thought I would address a few of those questions this month. Of course, the number one question is...

When will FamilyInsight be released?

The answer remains the same, "soon". And we are closer this month than last month!!!

Will I have to buy the new program?

No. We are just changing the name and adding more features. The program comes as a regular update if you bought within the last year. If it has been more than a year since you bought PAF Insight and you want FamilyInsight, you will have to buy it at the update price of \$15.00 US (which includes another year of updates). Some of you who bought PAF Insight in 2005 will still have time left on your three years of free updates. If you need to renew, you will get a message during the installation process.

Will I still be able to search the IGI from FamilyInsight?

As long as FamilySearch continues to make the Internet IGI available, you will be able to search it using PAF Insight and FamilyInsight. You will also be able to update your records with ordinance information found in the new FamilySearch by using the new mode, New FamilySearch Sync.

Will the ordinances completed using the new FamilySearch ever appear in the IGI?

No. Eventually the IGI will no longer be used for publishing ordinance data. (Question and answer quoted from Help Document ID: 101738 in the new FamilySearch.)

Will I be able to get information, such as dates or parents, from the new FamilySearch into my file?

The new FamilySearch has no GEDCOM download capabilities but FamilyInsight **will** be able to add information to your file just as it does with information found in the IGI. If you find new event dates or places, parents, spouse, siblings or children, they can be added, too. Select what you want added and click the Synchronize button to move the information from then new FamilySearch into your file.

Before you click the Synchronize button, you can also select information from your file to add to the new FamilySearch.

After synchronizing the records, each new person added from the new FamilySearch will have a personal identifier. When you click on their name to search for them in the new FamilySearch, you will find them, combine their records with other possible matches and synchronize their data into

your records.

For more information about FamilyInsight, check the October and December 2007 and January 2008 issues of Ohana Insights for more details. [You can find these back issues under the Newsletter tab of our website at www.ohanasoftware.com] Other questions have to wait until we are using the program because it is easier to understand when you can see what is described. Until next time, happy hunting!

Spotlight on: "Crash Course in Family History for Latter-day Saints" by Paul Larsen

As many of you know, Ohana Software is an independent company and the makers of PAF Insight. We also sell quality software products made by other companies. While at the St. George Jamboree last month, John saw a book called, "A Crash Course in Family History for Latter-day Saints". He liked the book so much that he added it to our product line!

As the title implies, Paul Larsen wrote this book for Latter-day Saints. He begins each chapter with brief background on the topic then adds several pertinent quotations from church leaders. When Diana and I first talked about the book, she said, "It is a beautiful book; I have used it often...I like the quotes and stories." I agree. Larsen touchingly covers turning our hearts to our ancestors, the Plan of Salvation, and appreciating our heritage. As I read from these chapters, I thought they would make outstanding Family Home Evening lessons. They are also ideal for teaching new members.

After building a spiritual foundation, the book transitions to providing us with secular knowledge on how to do family history. Topics include the basics of identifying our ancestors, gathering information and organizing our findings. I was pleased to see that Research Guidance and Research Outlines, found on the FamilySearch.org website, are included in the section on researching our ancestors. Larson also provides information on a number of other helpful Internet sites. Preparing names for the temple using TempleReady completes the basic topics. Since we are in a transition period from using TempleReady to using the new FamilySearch, this section is still important for many of us. Those of you using the new FamilySearch should be grateful that you have a simpler process.

Crash Course in Family History for Latter-day Saints is readable. The easy step-by-step instructions coupled with the illustrations and pictures make us feel like we can succeed in finding our families and provide them with their saving ordinances. The stories and quotations that are interspersed throughout the book remind us that there are many ways of turning our hearts to our family and creating a lasting legacy for others and ourselves. No matter what aspect of family history we pursue, we are serving our ancestors, our posterity and living relatives. Whether you are a novice needing a tutorial, a family history enthusiast seeking motivation, or a teacher desiring new ideas for students, you will find this book helpful.

[Click here to learn more about this book and take a look inside its pages.](#)

Odds and Ends

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Computerized Family History and Genealogy Conference March 14 and 15, 2008

~ **John Vilburn**, owner of Ohana Software, will be a presenter. ~

Conference Center on BYU campus

For registration information, contact: BYU Conferences and Workshops

136 Harman Continuing Education Building

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Utah Valley PAF Users Group

May 10, 2008

9 am to 12 noon

~ John Vilburn will conduct a FamilyInsight class ~

"Red Church"

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Provo, Utah

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