

## [World's Largest Family History Conference: RootsTech 2020!](#)

### **Special Registration Discount Now Available with October 11<sup>th</sup> Deadline**

Save the date for RootsTech 2020 in Salt Lake City, February 26 - 29, 2020. And take advantage of the special “early bird” registration discounts currently available through October 11. Click [here](#) for these “early bird” registration discounts and special hotel pricing info. RootsTech’s page can be accessed at: <http://www.rootstech.org> which might also be very helpful in viewing previous conference courseware content. At the top of their home page are some very helpful pull-down menus that probably answer most questions you might have.

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### **A Snapshot Preview of What RootsTech 2020 Is All About!**

*RootsTech* is a 4-day event held annually in Salt Lake City, Utah, dedicated to celebrating family and discovering family histories. With over 300 breakout sessions, an exciting lineup of celebrity speakers, and a gigantic expo hall, there’s something there for everyone. Salt Lake City is not too far from Denver and perhaps you have family members there to visit at the same time and perhaps share family memories with

stories, photos, etc. In addition, the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah which is the largest in the world will also have extended hours for patron use to make February 26-29 conference is total feast. Note: you do not have to extend all four days, but rather pick your days and there are flexible pricing options to meet your budget and timeline.

*RootsTech* is sponsored by FamilySearch International which is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 5,000 family history centers in 129 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

For specific info about what makes this conference a must event for those interested in learning the tools of doing your own family history from experts in the field. Believe it or not, Brother Kuzmich has presented at their first two conferences in 2011 and 2012 and subsequently has been faithfully attending ever since then which is a primary reason why he is comfortable and confident in administering the Foothills Ward Facebook group.



### **Many Reasons for Your Attendance for All Levels of Family History Techniques and Tools.**

- **300+ Breakout Class Sessions** taught by industry experts, professional genealogists, and experienced storytellers. Learn about the tools, resources, and methods available to uncover and share your family's story.
- **The Expo Hall** features more than 200 companies offering products and services designed to help you discover and connect with family. Enjoy demonstrations, free swag, and the opportunity to test out the latest family history tech!
- This year will be their **10-Year celebration of *RootsTech***. 10 years of wonderful discovery, connection, learning, and belonging. In the last ten years *RootsTech* has grown to a global conference.
- **Re-Energize.** If you have ever been to *RootsTech*, you know that the energy at the conference is palpable. Thousands of family history and genealogy enthusiasts gather together and fill the

conference halls with a buzz of excitement. If you feel you've hit a dead-end in your research, you will find you're not alone! And even better, you can find one-on-one coaching at *RootsTech*. Come to *RootsTech* to feel rejuvenated in your research.

- **Something for Everyone.** Maybe you feel as though you are too new to the family history and genealogy game to come to the world's premier genealogy conference. Well, we're here to tell you that there is something for everyone at *RootsTech*! If you're just starting out, you can rub elbows with some of the world's most experienced genealogists. If you're an expert and know your family line back to the dinosaurs, you can learn about new technological capabilities with DNA, digitization, or newly available records to help you find your family.
- **RootsTech 2020 will offer over 300 classes and break-out sessions** designed for everyone from beginners to experts. The Demo Theater in the expo hall is a great place to start to get a quick taste of the variety of topics the conference covers.
- **Find Your Family.** Each of us is part of a family. Sometimes it's a family we make for ourselves, and sometimes it's a family we connect with through research and records. Apart from discovering new stories, resources, and technologies, the main reason guests come to *RootsTech* each year is to find their family—sometimes they even meet in person!
- **Global Conference, Global Experience.** If you have ever come across records from far-off places and found that, try as you might, you just can't learn old high German overnight, you are not alone. At *RootsTech* you can find resources that will help you translate those German records. Et, voila! You've just hurdled that brick wall. *RootsTech* is a global conference with global experience. Not only will you be able to meet people from all over the world at this conference, but you'll also be able to find resources from all over the world.
- **See What's Coming Up in Family History.** Everybody loves a sneak peek. Some of us even skip to the end of a book to see what will happen! (Though this may not be as helpful when checking census records.) At *RootsTech* you get to see what's on the cutting edge of the genealogy and family history industry. In the Expo Hall, you can find more than 200 exhibitors, including [Ancestry](#), [23andMe](#), [FindmyPast](#), [MyHeritage](#), [FamilySearch](#), and more! You can find the latest and greatest to move you out of the dusty archives and into the comfort and speed of the best the industry has to offer.
- **Meeting of Technology and Genealogy.** We may still be waiting on teleportation, but we are making amazing leaps forward in technology every year that make family history research faster, more accurate, shareable, and fun. *RootsTech* is the preeminent conference for technology and genealogy coming together in a space of creation and collaboration. Many of the best of the best in the industry come to *RootsTech* to make their big announcements at this conference. At *RootsTech*, you can discover new tools and advancements in DNA, digitization, mobile apps, and records to enhance your genealogy experience.
- **Find Your Community.** *RootsTech* is a community of passionate, hardworking, bright, and patient individuals from all over the world. Here, everyone is excited to hear about your great aunt's propensity for keeping detailed records or how your great-great-great-grandfather was shipwrecked for a week and survived by eating snails (true story)! Whatever kinds of stories you have and discoveries you make, we want to hear and share them at *RootsTech*! At *RootsTech* you can find your community and network as well as rekindle old and begin new friendships.
- **Find Help and Help Others.** Just like a community, at *RootsTech* you will meet people who know much more and people who don't know nearly as much as you do about different topics. One reason to come to *RootsTech* is to meet other genealogists and to help one another. Have you

discovered a phenomenal way to organize your research? Or do you need help transitioning your oral history to your family tree? You can both find help and help others at *RootsTech*. We need you, and we need each other!

- **The Story of You.** Finding your family can help you understand the ways your story bridges the distance between your past and future. We can understand our own stories more clearly by understanding the “prologue” of our own story. At *RootsTech* not only can you discover what your story has been, but you can also discover tools to tell future generations what your story is right now. Your story matters. You matter.

You follow the latest news for *RootsTech* at: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). Periodically, there will also be *RootsTech* posting updates in the Foothills Ward Facebook Group keeping you up-to-date with guest speakers, special events and much more!

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