

ROOTSTECH CONNECT: A FREE ONLINE EXPERIENCE WITH MANY OPTIONS PLUS MY UNIQUE STORY OF HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INTERNET

As usual, the Church is way ahead of the world on a lot of things. And that includes temple and family history assistance. Just received a neat press release from RootsTech with a great offer at no charge. Apparently, there will be a virtual conference in 2021 and it will be FREE to everybody. Click [here](#) for a plan of action: February 25-27, 2021 which is the real thing to look forward to in 2021 for family history.

Discover Your Story at RootsTech Connect

Those unfamiliar with the **Foothills Ward Temple & Family History Facebook Group** are urged to peruse its extensive table of contents of nearly 400 instructional postings even if you do not have a Facebook account. Its URL is <https://foothills-family-history.org/>. It is free to anybody interested in learning the tools/techniques for temple and family history from novice to experienced levels. So far we have 98 faithful followers in 24 time zones from China to Slovenia in Eastern Europe.

Join the world's largest family celebration for free to unlock your family's history and learn how to preserve the stories of your life. For the first time ever, the world's largest family celebration event will be entirely virtual and completely free. Get ready to celebrate shared connections with people from around the world. Connect with friends, your family, your past, and your heritage and homelands—all from the comfort of your home and in your browser.



What to Expect

You can expect the same great content, speakers, and activities you've come to love at RootsTech, only now it'll be available in your living room on-demand and for free.

- Celebrity keynote speakers from across the globe
- Dozens of classes to choose from in multiple languages
- An online interactive marketplace featuring companies from around the world

- Cultural activities to celebrate your heritage and learn new skills

—Jen Allen, event director

P.S. [I wrote this blog post](#) explaining more about why we're going virtual next year and some of the fun things we're planning to do to spread the message of connection.

Closing Comments That You Don't Want To Miss!

I find this unique opportunity to the world to attend RootsTech 2021 Conference for FREE amazing. Its theme excites me: *"Celebrate Your Family Story."* For those of you who have not been following my personal Facebook account, I have already started writing my professional career family story in bits and pieces. Starting first with my tenure as band director at University City High School in the St. Louis, Missouri suburbs (1972-76) because my family wasn't there to witness a lot of magnificent opportunities that I personally experienced. My wife didn't relocate from her teaching assignment in New Jersey to St. Louis until February, 1973 after getting married in July 29, 1972 and my children were born until after I left that position. I now have lots of newspaper articles and photos to share as well and hopefully many of those alumni of those high school bands are still alive and well to further share those precious moments of my life. So for those 98 faithful followers of this Facebook group, don't hesitate to fasten you seat belts for a wild ride down memory-lane because fortunately the documentation is still there to further substantiate how I put my life story how it occurred in the 1970's approximately 45 years ago. For those of you needing to obtain your press clippings for family members and/or you, I recommend you consider using 1) [Newspapers](#), 2) [GenealogyBank](#) and 3) [Newspaperarchive](#) as the best indexes available for retrieving newspaper articles for genealogical purposes. The first and third ones can offer a special free 7-day trial and GenealogyBank is free to Church members but you need to go to FamilySearch to initiate your free membership since is not widely publicized on their web site but only available by using this URL: <https://www.familysearch.org/partner/genealogybank>.

Note: your local Church family history center should also have free subscriptions with all three newspaper resources cited above once they are open to the general public again. To find a local Church family history world-wide, [click here](#). In the meantime for example, I did my career searches on just one Sunday afternoon at home with a seven-day free trial for newspaper.com and you will be amazed to see my entire professional life story literally unfold itself so now in my future personal Facebook postings I'm excited to elaborate on with a fresh spirit to substantiate my past memories even though many decades old but not yet forgotten. Resulting that my children, grandchildren and future generations, my friends and former students in New Jersey, Missouri, Illinois, California and Colorado can all together enjoy a *Time for Happy Celebrations!* And this is only possible because of the magic and power of today's technologies which provided me with immediate success to also motivate each of us to do our family history before its too late to document and remember accurately.

Please do join the *"Celebration of Our Family History Story"* by attending RootsTech 2021 and following this Facebook Group by pursuing its extensive table of contents of nearly 400 instructional postings even if you do not have a Facebook account. Its URL is <https://foothills-family-history.org/>. It is free to anybody interested in learning the tools/techniques for temple and family history from novice to experienced levels. So far we have 98 faithful followers in 24 time zones from China to Slovenia in Eastern Europe.