

Is It Your Turn for “Golden” Opportunities with Family History?!

Looking for motivation? The Lord has amassed a wealth of technological resources for one to gather their family history like no other era before. Perhaps this is a perfect time to ponder when “many opportunities are given, much is expected.” Recently several members of our ward have made significant findings in their genealogy.

- One member extended her Charlemagne family line of 1204 A.D. to 130 A.D. this past week.
- Another member made corrections of surname spelling errors on their Family Tree at FamilySearch.org.
- Another one reserved names for the Temple.
- One newly baptized member contacted a non-member brother to obtain genealogical information of their extended family. Then asked permission to submit names to the temple so he could be directly engaged in their temple ordinances.
- While another one made arrangements to be sealed to her husband for time and eternity after being a widow for nearly three decades. And then identified another sister in the ward to request permission from Church authorities to do the same.
- One person learned that their direct ancestor was the last person to see the Prophet Joseph Smith alive before the morning his mortem at the Carthage Jail. To prove it, she found a newspaper article identifying her direct ancestor.

The Foothills Ward Temple And Family History Facebook group is only but one example of counting your many blessings available to you for genealogy pursuits. There are unique opportunities for you to consider using regardless of your situation. Here's a synopsis of how the Facebook group with its editorial contents can assist you with your family endeavors.

- Engaging in family history pursuits in your home with or without assistance from a ward consultant
- Engaging in family history pursuits remotely world-wide via computers and/or mobile devices.
- Attending the stake’s family history center for its extensive resources with or without assistance from a stake consultant
- Attending the ward’s Temple And Family History Nights where both ward and stake consultants are in attendance to further assist.
- Had a request for compiling the best research resources available on the Internet for Portugal because a member was having difficulty in researching Portugal and doesn’t speak Portuguese. And her wish was my command! See: http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Portugal_Genealogy.pdf for details.

What Information Is Available from the Facebook group?

Provide prime resources of where to find original information about deceased family members through on-line records. Here are examples for the United States records that are readily available. Believe it or not, there are nearly 40 countries on five continents world-wide covered with extensive resources even if you don’t read, write or speak in that language that also have similar types of records identified below for the USA available on-line. Each United States link below offers specific instruction of how to deal with these areas from the comfort of your home, the Jewell Building Family History Center as well as from your mobile devices world-wide. Peruse these USA links below and you’ll be amazed with this accelerated approach to learning seamlessly of how to conduct original research from your computer.

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| • Adoption | • Military |
| • Bible Records | • Records |
| • Business | • Naturalization |
| • Records | • & Citizenship |

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| • Cemeteries | • Newspapers |
| • Census | • Obituaries |
| • Church Records | • Occupations |
| • Colonial Records | • Online Records |
| • Correctional Institutions | • Online Records by State |
| • Court Records | • Periodicals |
| • Directories | • Probate Records |
| • Emigration & Immigration | • Religious Records |
| • Funeral Homes | • Taxation |
| • Genealogies | • Town Records |
| • Land & Property | • Vital Records |
| | • Voter Records |

Not sure about what information is readily available on the Facebook group since there are over 100 postings and more being added daily? The Facebook group has two profiles for viewing: 1) within the Facebook group URL by date and its heading and 2) with an on-line table of contents at <https://tinyurl.com/yxuw7m2s>. When on the Facebook group, click on the About button and you will always have the <https://tinyurl.com/yxuw7m2s> URL available which contains a centralized directory on this single URL for the entire Facebook group which are organized by topics and dates posted. Regardless of whatever is posted on this Facebook group, learning is insignificant if you are not engaged in using that knowledge. You have many tutorials posted materials to enhance and customize your family history pursuits with ensuing temple submissions as well by offering a wealth of step-by-step assistance to view postings with full screen displays, saving options and/or printing options that are not as user-friendly as found on the Facebook group itself.

[Facebook Group Table of Contents Directory: A Central Repository for All Postings](#)

“Come Follow Me Plan” for Temple and Family History

- [President Nelson's "Come Follow Me" Program for Temple & Family History Work Month by Month: visit June 30 posting](#)

Consultants

- [Benefits of Networking With A Family History Consultant: An Example of Faith From China With FamilySearch Actions: or see August 11 posting](#)
- [Ward Consultants and Members: or see June 25 posting](#)
- [Part 1: Self-Paced Instructions for Inviting Ward Members to be a Patron for Ward Consultants: or see June 20 posting](#)
- [Foothills Ward Temple and Family History: Stage Two Training Agenda for Consultant Ownership: or see June 18 posting](#)
- [Part 2: Self-Paced Instruction for both consultants and ward members: or see June 2 posting](#)

- [Pages 2 & 3 of the Overview of finding the best tutorials for conducting original research and temple ordinances:](#) *or see June 2 posting*

Countries

- [Important Websites for Portugal:](#) *or see August 17 posting*
- [Important Websites for Greece:](#) *or see August 16 posting*
- [Important Websites for Finland Genealogy:](#) *or see August 14 posting*
- [Important Websites for Jewish Genealogy:](#) *or see August 13 posting*
- [Important Websites for Austria:](#) *or see August 13 posting*
- [Important Websites for Slovakia:](#) *or see August 12 posting*
- [Important Websites for Wales:](#) *or see August 11 posting*
- [Important Websites for Tonga:](#) *or see August 10 posting*
- [Important Websites for Samoa:](#) *or see August 10 posting*
- [Important Websites for Fiji:](#) *or see August 10 posting*
- [Important Websites for China:](#) *or see August 9 posting*
- [Important Websites for The Netherlands:](#) *or see August 9 posting*
- [Important Websites for Spain:](#) *or see August 9 posting*
- [Important Websites for Czech Republic:](#) *or see August 8 posting*
- [Important Websites for Norway:](#) *or see August 8 posting*
- [Important Websites for Hungary:](#) *or see August 8 posting*
- [Important Websites for Slovenia:](#) *or see August 7 posting*
- [Important Websites for Italy:](#) *or see August 7 posting*
- [Important Websites for India:](#) *or see August 6 posting*
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- [Key Websites for Australia:](#) *or see August 2 posting*
- [Important Websites for Ukraine:](#) *or see August 1 posting*
- [Important Websites for Russia:](#) *or see July 31 posting*
- [Important Websites for France:](#) *or see July 30 posting*
- [Important Websites for Japan:](#) *or see July 29 posting*
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- [Important German Genealogy Resources:](#) *or see July 25 posting*
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- [Important Websites for Scotland:](#) *or see July 24 posting*
- [Important Websites for England:](#) *or see July 23 posting*
- [Important Polish Genealogy Research and Resource Tools:](#) *or July 23 posting*

Doctrine

- [Doctrines That Support Temple & Family History Work:](#) *or see July 15 posting*
- [Foothills Ward Temple and Family History Leader Plan: Synopsis:](#) *or see July 14 posting*

Facebook Group

- [Important Facebook Group Update:](#) *or see July 20 posting*
- [Seamless Connectivity Between This Facebook Group and Its Companion Web Postings With Additional Incentives!:](#) *see August 7 posting*

Family History Activities

- [Creative Family History Family Activities: Getting Started!](#): or see July 25 posting **Family Reunion:**
- [Family Reunion Success:](#) or see July 10 posting

Family Search

- [FamilySearch Releases New On-Line Editing Tool:](#) or see August 14 posting
- [How to Create A Free FamilySearch.Org Account for Both Members and Non-Members:](#) or see July 8 posting

Graves/Tombstones

- [5 Tools to Find Your Family's Tombstones:](#) or see July 9 posting

Handwriting

- [Foreign Language Handwriting Assistance: Yes! You Can Read That Handwriting!](#) or see August 13 posting

Immigration/Naturalization

Memories

- [Add Audio to Pictures on FamilySearch.org:](#) or see ?August 16 posting
- [Part 2: Never Miss A Moment to Use Multimedia to Record Family History Moments: Unidentified Photos Fade in Just Three Generations: Fabulous 42 Reunion!:](#) see July 31 posting
- [Never Miss A Moment to Use Multimedia to Record Family History Moments: Unidentified Photos Fade in Just Three Generations!:](#) see July 28 posting
- [Oral Family History Fades In Just Three Generations:](#) or see July 26 posting
- [Creating Oral Histories:](#) or see July 25 posting
- [Putting Photos and Documents as Memories in FamilySearch Family Tree:](#) or see July 25 posting
- [Writing Your Family and Personal History](#) or see July 25 posting

New York Passenger List

- [New York Passenger Search for Ellis Island Research:](#) or see July 8 posting

News

- [14 million newly indexed family history records:](#) or see June 28 posting

Phone Support

- [Extended phone support for the Church's Family History Libraries in Salt Lake City and Lakewood, Colorado:](#) or see June 3 posting

Research Resources

- [Helpful Family History Resources:](#) or visit June 26 posting
- No. 1 Family History Library in the World: see June 23 posting
- How to Calculate Cousinhood: see visit July 25 posting

Technology

- [Technology Tools for Writing Life Stories](#): see August 9 posting
- [10 Most Useful Genealogy Mobile Apps](#): or see June 27 posting

Sacramento Bulletin Announcements

- [August 11, 2019](#)

Testimony Experiences

- [Benefits of Networking With A Family History Consultant: An Example of Faith From China With FamilySearch Actions](#): or see August 11 posting
- [Getting to the Roots](#): See August 10 posting
- [Temple and Family History Endeavors: To Be or Not To Be](#): see August 6 posting
- [A Chinese Family History Testimony Experience](#): see August 5 posting
- [Faith Going Far Beyond The "Iron Curtain"](#): see July 30 posting

The Family History Guide

- [The Family History Guide Tutorials](#) or see July 12 and May 29 postings.
- [The Family History Guide](#): The most extensive series of Tutorials for learning FamilySearch, Ancestry, My Heritage and Find My Past with Original research with over 150+ countries: visit May 29 posting

Too Busy to do Temple and Family History Pursuits?

Here's a comprehensive plan to engage in temple and family history pursuits in just 15 minutes a day at <https://thefhguide.com/more-to-do.html>. Areas covered are About, Memories, Activities, Research, Social Media and Training.

About



See Frequently Asked Questions

See a list of topics on the site

Watch videos about The Family History Guide

Learn about features of The Family History Guide

See quotes from website users

Memories



Gather photos and documents of ancestors

Learn how to interview living relatives

Find photos and documents in FamilySearch Memories

Upload photos to FamilySearch

Upload photos to Ancestry

Activities



- Explore activities for families**
- Explore activities for individuals**
- Explore activities for youth**
- Explore activities for kids**
- See an index of all activities**

Research



- Learn how to do descendancy research**
- Get organized for research**
- Use basic FamilySearch tools for research**
- Use basic Ancestry tools for research**
- Get started with U.S. research**
- See a list of countries for international research**

Social Media



- Read The Family History Guide**
- See The Family History Guide on Facebook**
- Watch videos on our YouTube Channel**
- Follow The Family History Guide on Twitter**
- Follow The Family History Guide on Pinterest**

Training



- Get help with family history, or help others**
- Train or mentor others with The Family History Guide**
- View the Training Catalog**
- Find presentations for training**
- Find training resources for consultants**

Secrets for Family History Success

One particularly important secret that I have learned in doing genealogy for the past 50 years is there needs to be one-on-one fellowship between someone who knows more than you in your area of family history. Without such 'a personal fellowshipping approach, family history can be much like anything else that tends to be labor intensive, tedious and defined as work. But when there's interaction with someone, family history can readily be identified as a "Labor of Love" which leads to the Spirit of Elijah.

A second secret is the Gift of the Holy Ghost which can be a difference-maker when actively engaged in temple and family history endeavors. The confidence that builds when you have assembled a team consisting of the Spirit of Elijah, the Gift of the Holy Ghost and the power of Prayer to be lead by the Gift of

the Holy Ghost to guide you, which **Can** and **will** make a world of difference on what you get accomplished. Inspiration from heaven is a privilege that words can not adequately express. Consider viewing this 6:02 minute Church video:

Pray to be Led by the Holy Ghost

A temple and family history consultant finds greater joy in his calling through prayer and following the ...[\(6:02\)](#)

Prayer



Hope this message is motivating in guiding you that there are many ways to pursue family history even if you are extremely busy with your career, education, family, scripture study, community activities among others.

Best wishes in your family history pursuits.