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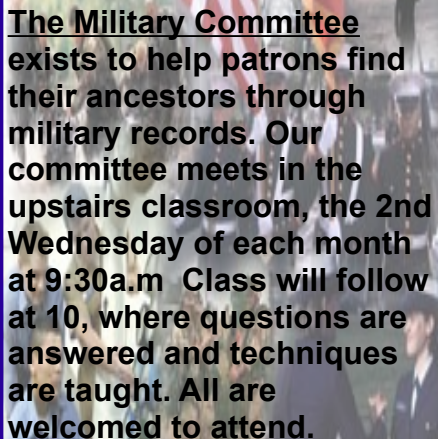
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The Military Committee exists to help patrons find their ancestors through military records. Our committee meets in the upstairs classroom, the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:30a.m Class will follow at 10, where questions are answered and techniques are taught. All are welcomed to attend.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
<http://www.mesarfhc.org/>

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

We are very pleased to have published our first Mesa Family History Center Newsletter that went out by e-mail this October. The committee responsible spent a lot time and energy organizing, setting up the format, getting the articles gathered and ready to be sent electronically to those for whom we had e-mail addresses. We express our appreciation for their excellent work. We hope those who received it enjoyed the articles and found them beneficial and interesting. Our hope is that you will look forward to each new issue.

Could we ask your help? If you know other people or organizations that you feel would enjoy and benefit by receiving our newsletter, will you please forward it to them. We would be very appreciative if you would do this for us. Please call to the attention of those you send the newsletter to that they can subscribe and will receive it directly. On the first page near the top they will see the address where they can go to subscribe.

As you can see this month the focus is on military as November 11th is Veterans Day. We have great respect and admiration for our military. We owe them so much for defending our nation and other nations, as well as, from those who would take our freedoms and liberties. We hope you will get some ideas of how to do research into military records.

There is a good chance that you have ancestors in your family that have served in the military. With a little research you may find some wonderful information about your family. We want you to know that you are always welcome to come into our Center and use our resources. They are free. Our website at mesarfhc.org has information that will help with your research. Good hunting, we hope to see you soon.

-Bruce Evans Assistant director

November and December 2011

Early close dates:

1 pm on Nov. 23.
5 pm Nov. 29 & 30
5 pm Dec. 1-30.

Closed Dates:

Nov. 11, 24, 25 & 26
Dec. 23, 24, 26 & 31

About Military Records

Throughout history, millions of courageous men and women have served and protected their country in times of conflict. The Military Committee is a dedicated set of genealogy researchers who specialize in using military records to identify individuals who served in the armed forces or who were eligible for service. This committee focuses only on sources that identify personal information about individuals in the armed forces and their units. It does not focus on historical sources about military institutions, weapons, battles, or tactics.

The committee uses military records to: find evidence of military or patriotic service; find residence at time of military service or pension, birth information, evidence of family relationships, relatives who served and left clues about their family. The following types of records are used to find this information: draft records; service records; pensions; unit histories, bounty land warrants. It's never been easier to find your ancestors using online collections of military records spanning from before the Revolutionary War all the way up to Vietnam.

150th Anniversary

As part of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the American Civil War, 12 April 1861, this newsletter is dedicated to discovering Civil War ancestors using military records spanning 1860 thru 1865. The American Civil War began on 12 April 1861 when troops in South Carolina fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. The Civil War, also called the War between the states and the War of Succession, lasted until 1865.

In response to the election of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States, (who had campaigned against expanding slavery beyond the states in which it already existed), 11 southern States declared their succession from the United States and formed the Confederate States of America ("the Confederacy"); the other 25 states supported the federal government ("the Union"). After four years of warfare, mostly within the Southern states, the Confederacy surrendered and slavery was outlawed everywhere in the nation.

-Denis Brimhall

An excellent place to start your research is on the following sites:

<http://www.ancestry.com/civilwarrecords>

https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Civil_War_1861_to_1865

TO LEARN MORE about military Click on the link...

<https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Special:Search?fulltext=true&search=Military>

Learning Resources- Family Search Wiki The Research Wiki is a free collection of family history articles provided by family history enthusiasts from around the world. The wiki makes it easy for people to share research information and useful tips. Research Wiki articles are valuable resources for anyone who wants to learn more about their history. Just click on "learn" from familysearch.org and you're in the wiki.

U.S. Military Quick Start

http://www.mesarfhc.org/research_specialties_committees/military_committee.html

Note links may take time to load.

Helpful military Power Points from our website for presentations Click on the blue to access the full Power Point.

These military Power Points are filled with great resource information!

[Military Records - A Beginners Guide](#) - This Power Point contains information on basic guides of military research.

[Military Records Help Guide](#) - This Power Point provides information about ordering records and also provides an outline to military records. It includes information on quick starts.

Quick Start Power Point's from our website

These Quick start power points provide a helpful way to research military ancestors.

[Revolutionary War](#) - This quick start Power Point / work sheet guides you through researching your Revolutionary War ancestors.

[Civil War](#) - This quick start Power Point is also a work sheet but guides you through researching your Civil War ancestors.

[Pre-20th Century Wars](#) - This quick start Power Point is also a wonderful preparation work sheet to begin working to find a military ancestor.

[20th Century Wars](#) This quick start prepares you to research your ancestors for World Wars I and II and other conflicts during the 20th Century.



Tech Tip

UNIVERSAL

Applies to all computers

How to enlarge your image or words on the screen:

Click on the page or image.

Hold down the ctrl (control) key and spin the wheel on your mouse to enlarge or reverse to make it smaller again.

For Windows 7 Microsoft Word : If you don't have a roller on your mouse, hold down ctrl (control) key and hit F2 and that will enlarge that page. Click on it again and it will shrink it back. Close out preview when finished and you will be back to the original sized page.

DID YOU KNOW?

We have scanned over 350 books this year. Do you have some "organized family history information" which could be valuable to others in their search? The Mesa FHC can scan and digitize that information. Call 480-964-1200 for details.

JUST REMEMBER "CONTROL and SCROLL"

-Wayne Van Kirk

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Lingotek will be the exclusive translator for Family Search. Lingotek is a company in Draper Utah that refers to itself as "The Translation Network". Some of the customers using Lingotek are ebay, Adobe, Novell, The Library of Congress, University of Utah, Intermountain Health Care and The Church of Jesus of Christ of Latter Day Saints. This program will allow those logged into Family Search to use the expanded database beyond the 9 languages Family Search currently offers. It will help users read records from languages other than their own and translate documents on demand.

- Submitted by Darlene Carroll

Whats New in



Important Roots Tech Information :

We are excited to announce the second annual RootsTech conference, sponsored by FamilySearch. It will be held on **February 2-4, 2012**, at the Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Roots Tech conference will have something for everyone. Genealogists of all skill levels will learn new technology-based approaches to their research. Researchers with a strong interest in technology will have the opportunity to test new products or solutions and provide feedback for technology creators.

The conference will also feature an exciting blend of speakers, workshops, and demonstrations. The speakers include D. Joshua Taylor, Lisa Louise Cook, Stephen P. Morse, Dan Lynch, Geoff Rasmussen, and others, as well as many experts from FamilySearch.

NOTE: As a reminder, Family History consultants qualify for a \$100 discount off the registration fee until November 30th. Please inquire about the discount when you register.

Indexing :

FamilySearch indexing is a program for extracting vital information from genealogical records to make it searchable on FamilySearch.org. If you are interested in participating in this program, click on this link <https://familysearch.org/volunteer/indexing> and get started today!

MESA FAMILY HISTORY WEBSITE

<http://www.mesarfhc.org/>

Each month we will focus on a page or pages of our website. The Mesa Family History Center web site is helpful for getting started and progressing with your genealogy work.

About the Homepage

This Homepage has **29 links** which go to different areas of the web page. For instance if you are just getting started click on the getting started link.

http://www.mesarfhc.org/pdf_files/getting_started.pdf

You can find very helpful forms and aids. At this link you can access family group sheets and pedigree charts and electronically type names in. There are also worksheet forms that show the questions asked on the US and Canadian census. Other forms are also available.

<http://www.mesarfhc.org/resources.html>

Our Website leads you to an easy access to ordering films and fiche.

http://www.mesarfhc.org/Micro_Film_Ordering/ordering_microfilmfiche.html

It is easier to order from our website than it is on family search!

The home page gives a link that provides research help. It will help connect you to different research committees sponsored by our center, specializing in different topics and areas.

http://www.mesarfhc.org/research_help.html

One of the other links on our website is about happenings and events at The Mesa Family History Center. If your group would like us to post your event, call us at 480-964-1200.

http://www.mesarfhc.org/staff_resources.html

http://www.mesarfhc.org/Bulletin_Board/Bulletin_Board.html

This website can be read in Spanish by simply going to the link Espanol. It will directly change to a full version of our website in Spanish!

http://www.mesarfhc.org/Spanish_Site/default_7.html

Our homepage is a great opening to many things you can use to help with your family history research. We are constantly updating and simplifying to make it even more user friendly.

- Matthew Watts



FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES

November 2011

ALL CLASSES ARE FREE

CLASSES HELD IN CLASSROOM AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS/ELEVATOR

Category	Class Description	DAY	DATE	DATE	Time	Instructors
	Research Basics -Getting Started- Includes Tour	Tue	every		1:00	Proece/Carroll/Sherwood
	Organizing a Research Notebook	Fri	4	18	1:00	J. Taylor
Research Classes	Planning a Search (Not available Thanksgiving Day)	Thu	every		3:00	J. Rowley
	Church Records	Fri	4	18	10:00	M. Proece
	Emigration/Immigration	Wed	16		10:00	J. Taylor
	Land and Probate	Wed	2		10:00	R. Wilcock
	LDS Records	Tue	8		10:00	E. Haws
	Military	Wed	9		10:00	D. Brimhall
	Native American, African American, Polynesian	Mon	14		10:00	H. Mason
	Geographic Specialties	British Isles	Tue	22		10:00
Canadian		Tue	1		10:00	M. Welch
German (Not available in November)		Fri	X		10:00	N. Thomas
Hispanic		Wed	23		10:00	R. Evans
Scandinavian (Not available in November)		Fri	X		10:00	R. Johnson
Specialty Classes	US Census & Vital Records	Wed	9		1:00	D. Molgard
	Basic Computers	Tue	1	15	11:00	C. Shultz
Using the Websites	Mesa Regional Fam Hist Ctr Website (Not avail. In November)	Wed	X		1:00	D. Molgard
	Family Search Historical Records/Catalog (Not avail. Thanksgiving)	Thu	every		11:00	Marshall
	Family Search Wiki Learn/Videos	Wed	2	16	11:00	J. Tanner
	How to Input on the Wiki	Mon	every		11:00	J. Tanner
	Godfrey Memorial Library/Heritage Quest	Fri	4	18	11:00	D. Crawford
	Animaps/Historic Map Works/Google Map	Thu	3	17	1:00	W. VanKirk
	Progenologist	Thu	10		1:00	D. Carroll
	Ancestry	Wed	16		1:00	R. Johnson
	Footnote (Not available in November)	Fri	X	X	1:00	J. Taylor
Interfacing with New Family Search	Roots Magic: Using With New Family Search	Wed	9	23	11:00	J. Tanner
	Ancestral Quest: Using With New Family Search	Tue	8	22	11:00	W. Haws
	Legacy: Using With New Family Search (Not avail. November 23)	Wed	every		3:00	D. Brady
	Family Insight: Using With New FamilySearch	Tue	1	15	3:00	S. Barmwell

NOVEMBER 2011 - SCHEDULE OF CLASSES FOR THE MRFHC & TRAINING CENTER

	Class Name	Class #	Day	Date	Begins	Ends	Place	Teacher
RESEARCH CLASSES	British Isles Research	190	Wed	2-Nov	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Trn CTR	C. Shults
	British Isles Research	191	Thurs	3-Nov	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Trn CTR	C. Shults
	MRFHC Website	512	Mon	7-Nov	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	V. Wyatt
	British Isles Research	190	Wed	9-Nov	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Trn CTR	C. Shults
	British Isles Research	191	Thurs	10-Nov	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Trn CTR	C. Shults
	Genealogy Work Day - D.A.R.		Sat	19-Nov	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	JM Room	Hayes-Hartne
	Wiki discussion		Mon	21-Nov	11:00 AM	12:00 AM	Classroom	J. Tanner
	USA Land & Probate Records	503	Mon	28-Nov	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	B.Wilcock
SOFTWARE	Roots Magic	681	Tues	1-Nov	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	JM Room	E. Haws
	Using Irfanview Effectively	680	Wed	2-Nov	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	JM Room	A. Kuzdas
	Legacy	683	Wed	2-Nov	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	R. Johnson
	Ancestral Quest	682	Fri	4-Nov	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	D. Brimhall
	Ancestral Quest	303	Mon	7-Nov	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Auditorium	D. Brimhall
	PAF 5.2	684	Mon	7-Nov	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Training Ctr	L. Melville
	Roots Magic	304	Mon	14-Nov	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Classroom	J. Tanner
	Roots Magic	304	Mon	21-Nov	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Classroom	J. Tanner
	Legacy	305	Mon	21-Nov	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Training Ctr	R. Johnson
	Family Insight	306	Mon	28-Nov	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Training Ctr	S. Barnwell
NEW FAMILY SEARCH	Intro/Combining Records	401	Thurs	3-Nov	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Brady
	Contributing Information	412	Sat	5-Nov	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	W. Van Kirk
	Contributing Information	402	Thurs	10-Nov	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Brady
	Intro/Combining Records	411	Sat	12-Nov	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	E. Haws
	Temple Submission & chk for	403	Thurs	17-Nov	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	Upstairs	D. Brady
	Temple Submission & chk for	413	Sat	19-Nov	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	J. Tanner
	FamilySearch.org	501	Mon	21-Nov	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	N. Thomas
	New Family Search	502	Mon	21-Nov	10:00 AM	10:50 AM	Classroom	J. Tanner
	Problem Solving 1	MFHC Closed Thanksgiving		24-Nov	MFHC Closed Thanksgiving			
	Problem Solving 1	MFHC Closed Thanksgiving		26-Nov	MFHC Closed Thanksgiving			
PRIESTHOOD LDERS	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants	180	Tues	1-Nov	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Crawford
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants	182	Thurs	3-Nov	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	JM Room	C. Rodriguez
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants	180	Tues	8-Nov	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Crawford
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants	182	Thurs	10-Nov	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	JM Room	C. Rodriguez
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants	180	Tues	15-Nov	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Crawford
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants	182	Thurs	17-Nov	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	JM Room	C. Rodriguez
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants	180	Tues	22-Nov	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Crawford
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants	MFHC Closed Thanksgiving		24-Nov	MFHC Closed Thanksgiving			

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