



US Research





Welcome

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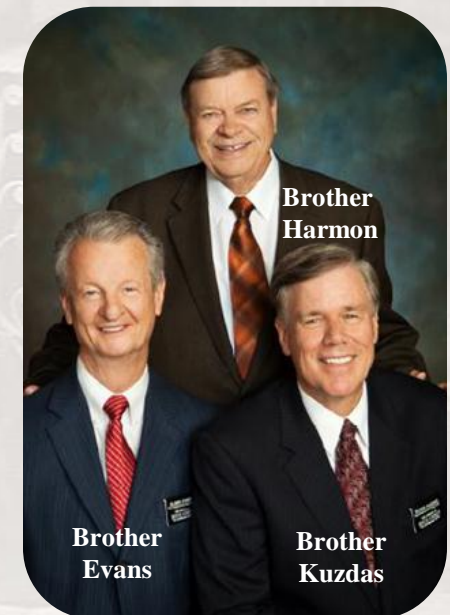
Dear Participant,

The British Isles Training course is designed to enrich the knowledge and research skills of the participant. The learning objective for this training is to enable each participant to more effectively:

- *assist others in their research.*
- *utilize the available resources.*
- *teach others as the opportunity arises.*
- *complete the work for their own family.*

Thank you for accepting the invitation to participate. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless you in this important work.

Mesa RFHC Directors





US Research Fall 2011

TITLE	Tuesday 1:30pm Instructor	2011 DATE	Wednesday 6:30pm Instructor	2011 DATE
Surveying & Researching the Internet	Denise	6-Sep	Denise	7-Sep
Census Records	Melba	13-Sep	Charlie	14-Sep
Civil and Church Vital Records	LeRoy	20-Sep	Chris	21-Sep
US Immigration and Naturalization	Steve	27-Sep	Steve	28-Sep
US Land Records	LeRoy	4-Oct	Leroy	5-Oct
US Probate and Court Records	DeAnna	11-Oct	DeAnna	12-Oct
US Military Records	Charlie	18-Oct	Charlie	19-Oct
Tools	Melba	25-Oct	Charlie	26-Oct

MRFHC Schedule of Fall Classes

FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES

06/01/11

ALL CLASSES ARE FREE

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

Category	Class Description	Day	Time	Instructors
	Research Basics -Getting Started- Includes Tour	Tues: 7,14,21,28	1:00	Preece/Carroll/Sherwood
	Organizing a Research Notebook	Fri: 3,17	1:00	J. Taylor
Research Classes	Planning a Search	Thurs: 2,9,16,23,30	3:00	J. Rowley
	Church Records	Fri: 3,17	10:00	M. Preece
	Emigration/Immigration	Wed: 15 th	10:00	J. Taylor
	Land and Probate	Wed. 1 st	10:00	R. Wilcock
	LDS Records	Tues: 14 th	10:00	E. Haws
	Military	Wed. 15 th	10:00	D. Brimhall
	Native American	Mon: 13 th	10:00	H. Mason
Geographic Specialties	British Isles	Tues: 28 th	10:00	J. Rowley
	Canadian	Tues: 7 th	10:00	M. Welch
	German	Fri: 10 th	10:00	N. Thomas
	Hispanic	Wed:22 nd	10:00	R. Evans
	Scandinavian	Fri: 24 th	10:00	R. Johnson
Specialty Classes	Power Point Presentations	Wed:1 st	4:00	J. Nelson
	US Census & Vital Records	Wed: 8 th	1:00	D. Molgard
Using the Websites	Mesa Regional Family History Center Website	Wed: 22 nd	1:00	D. Molgard
	Family Search Historical Records/Catalog	Thurs: 2,9,16,23,30	11:00	Marshall
	Family Search Wiki Learn/Videos	Wed:1,15	11:00	J. Tanner
	How to Input on the Wiki	Mon: 6,13,20,27	11:00	J. Tanner
	Godfrey Memorial Library/Heritage Quest	Fri: 3,10,17,24	11:00	D. Crawford
	Animaps/Historic Map Works/Google Map	Thurs: 2, 16	1:00	W. VanKirk
	Progenealogist	Thurs: 9,23	1:00	D. Carroll
	Ancestry	Wed. 15 th	1:00	R. Johnson
	Footnote	Fri:10,24	1:00	J. Taylor
	Interfacing with New Family Search	Roots Magic	Wed: 8,22	11:00
Ancestral Quest		Tues: 14,28	11:00	W. Haws
Legacy		Tues: 14,28	3:00	L. Wyman
Family Insight		Tues:7,21	3:00	S. Barnwell

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[http://mesarfhc.org
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MRFHC Schedule of Fall Workshops

JUNE 2011 - SCHEDULE OF CLASSES FOR THE MFHC & TRAINING CENTER

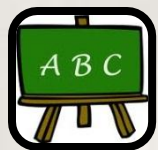
Class Name	1st		Day	Date	Begins	Ends	Place	Teacher	Attend
Using Irfanview Effectively	680	1st	Wed	1-Jun	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	JM Room	A. Kuzdas	
Legacy	683	1st	Wed	1-Jun	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	R. Johnson	
Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (Spanish)	182	1st	Thurs	2-Jun	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	JM Room	C Rodriguez	
Intro/Combining Records	401	1st	Thurs	2-Jun	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Brady	
Ancestral Quest	682	1st	Fri	3-Jun	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	D. Brimhall	
Intro/Combining Records	411	1st	Sat	4-Jun	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	E. Haws	
Census & Subscription Sites	506	6	Mon	6-Jun	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	J. Taylor	
Ancestral Quest	303	1	Mon	6-Jun	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Auditorium	J. Tanner	
PAF 5.2	684	1st	Mon	6-Jun	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Training Ctr	L. Melville	
Roots Magic	681	1st	Tues	7-Jun	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	E. Haws	
Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (English)	180	1st	Tues	7-Jun	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Crawford	
Training on ordering films from SLC			Wed	8-Jun	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	Auditorium	Tara Bergeson	
Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (Spanish)	182	2nd	Thurs	9-Jun	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	JM Room	C Rodriguez	
Contributing Information	402	2nd	Thurs	9-Jun	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Brady	
Contributing Information	412	2nd	Sat	11-Jun	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	J. Tanner	
All About PAF	507	7	Mon	13-Jun	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	L. Melville	
Roots Magic	304	2	Mon	13-Jun	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Training Ctr	J. Tanner	
Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (English)	180	2nd	Tues	14-Jun	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Crawford	
Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (Spanish)	182	3rd	Thurs	16-Jun	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	JM Room	C Rodriguez	
Temple Submission & chk for Prior Ord.	403	3rd	Thurs	16-Jun	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Brady	
Temple Submission & chk for Prior Ord.	413	3rd	Sat	18-Jun	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	J. Tanner	
Flash Drives, Irfanview	508	8	Mon	20-Jun	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	B. Jordan	
Legacy	305	3	Mon	20-Jun	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Training Ctr	J. Tanner	
Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (English)	180	3rd	Tues	21-Jun	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Crawford	
Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (Spanish)	182	4th	Thurs	23-Jun	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	JM Room	C Rodriguez	
Problem Solving 1	404	4th	Thurs	23-Jun	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Brady	
Problem Solving 1	414	4th	Sat	25-Jun	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	D. Brady	
Google Gen, Whats New etc	509	9	Mon	27-Jun	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	J. Tanner	
Family Insight	306	4th	Mon	27-Jun	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Training Ctr	S. Barnwell	
Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (English)	180	4th	Tues	28-Jun	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Crawford	
Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (Spanish)	182	5th	Thurs	30-Jun	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	JM Room	C Rodriguez	
Problem Solving 2	405	5th	Thurs	30-Jun	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Brady	

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The Research Cycle

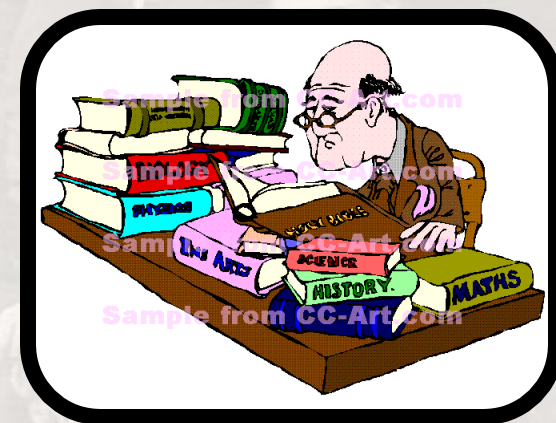




Principles for a Researcher to Remember

1. Individual Identification

A surname alone is not enough, in most cases, to distinctly identify an individual. This is especially true of those ancestors with common names. Genealogists generally use a combination of names, vital statistics (birth dates, death dates, etc.), locations (i.e., place of marriage), and relationships (spouses, parents, children, siblings) to distinguish one possible ancestor from another.





2. Working from the Known to the Unknown

Genealogists generally work backward in time. That is, they begin with events with which they are personally familiar and build on that foundation, rather than setting their sights on a distant nobleman and working toward the present. (Working forward in time, however, is completely justifiable when working from a known and proven ancestry to establish heirs, descent, etc.)

3. Research Logs and Documentation

Researchers need to keep track of their activities. Keep a record of the places you've been, people you've talked with, and documents you've used—including searches which produced no results. A guiding principle might be: "Can another researcher or family member understand and continue your research given access to your notes?"



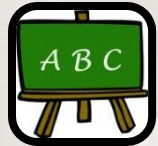
4. Historical Background

A family's history goes beyond just names, dates, and places. The historical setting of an ancestor's life will give meaning to otherwise unexplained actions, assist in locating additional records, and help researchers better understand the past.

5. The "Best Evidence" Principle

Researchers should seek out documents that are most closely associated in time and place with the events they record.

Finding an individual's birth date in an obituary, for example, does not absolve one from locating the birth certificate. These "first-hand" types of documents, called primary sources, have not been copied, transcribed, scanned, extracted, etc., and are less prone to factual error.



6. Records Familiarity

Researchers should understand the nature and scope of the records they search. Knowing the inherent strengths and limitations of various sources can help them spend their time wisely, use collections most likely to contain mention of their ancestors, and understand where to go next if a given search is unsuccessful.

7. The Familial Framework

Many researchers take a "vertical" approach to their family history—that is, they go back in time as far as possible on a single branch of their family tree. Often important data is missed in this approach, as information not found in the search for a given ancestor may be located in examining records about siblings or cousins.



START YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Click on the link below and view the examples of some famous people, then follow the step by step process outlined below.

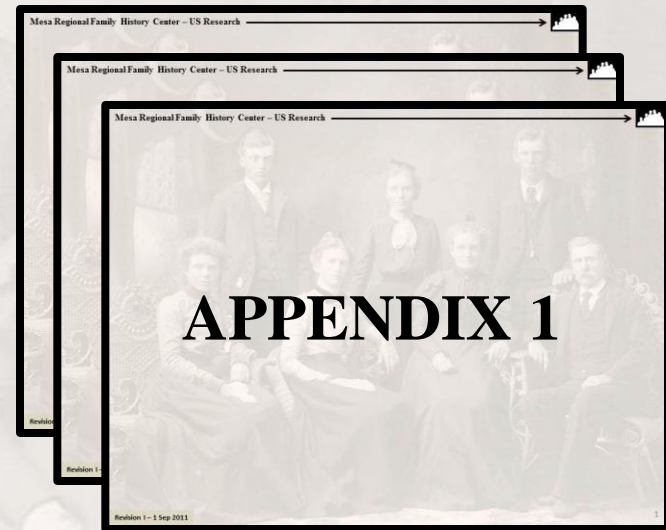
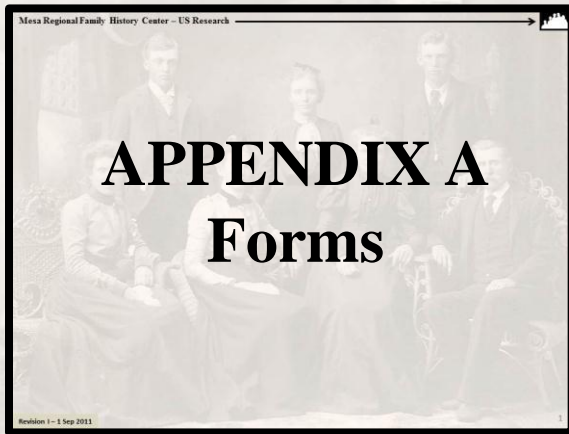
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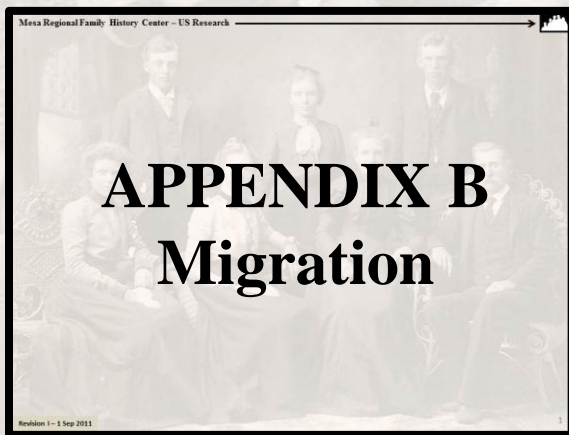
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Appendices to Help

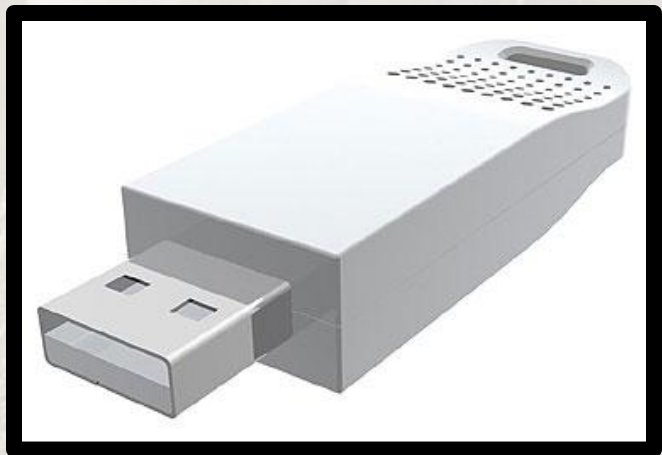


“Numbered” indexes to supplement lessons





Using the Training Materials



- 1. Lessons (pdf format & ppt)**
- 2. Appendices (pdf format)**
- 3. Assignment Keys**

Notes:

- 1. Lessons and Appendices in pdf are viewable and searchable using Adobe Reader.**
- 2. Adobe Reader can be installed if needed.**



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TABLE OF REVISIONS

<u>Revision</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Original	16 Jan 2007	Initial issue
A	1 June 2007	Complete revision of all lessons, appendix and assignments to incorporate lessons learned in “Pilot” class and first wave of missionaries.
B	1 January 2008	Complete revision of all lessons, appendix and assignments to incorporate lessons learned in second wave of classes.
C	1 August 2008	Complete revision of all lessons, appendix and assignments to incorporate lessons learned in Spring 2008 wave of classes.
D	1 Jan 2009	Minor update of material
E	1 Sep 2009	Major revision. Reduced number of lessons to 12 by moving FHLC and Handybook to lesson 1 and PERSI to lesson 10
F	1 Jan 2010	Revision of all lessons to incorporate Wiki, and make routine additions/corrections
G	1 Sep 2010	Revision of all lessons to incorporate Wiki hot button on each page. Also made routine additions/corrections as needed.
H	1 Jan 2011	Major update of material due to change in familysearch.org
I	1 Sep 2001	Complete revision of all lessons