

POCATELLO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

[HTTP://WWW.PRFHC.ORG/](http://www.prfhc.org/)



Does this guy look familiar



THE INTERNET –ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

I have been astounded at all of the information that I can find on the Internet to help me with my Family History Research. It is something that I can do at home anytime I want and there is so much out there. Here is a few sites that I have just recently looked at.

If you have any free sites that you use all of the time please e-mail me at m5y13@ida.net and I will share them in this newsletter.

Free Nationalization records search is available on <http://naturalizationrecords.com/usa/>

Do you have a Mormon ancestor that might have left a missionary journal. BYU has put their journals on line at <http://www.lib.byu.edu/dlib/mmd/>

You can find the journal of Hyrum Smith , decorated by his mother. Check it out to see if anyone in your family tree is listed.

If you are a just beginning the quest for you ancestors there is a site you might want to check out. You can find it at <http://www.genealogicaljourneys.com/tips.htm>

FAMILY HEALTH PEDIGREE CHART

The U.S. Surgeon General has a website which help you to add health information about your family. Your information stays on your computer and the program is accessed through the internet. You enter health information on your family members starting with yourself and health problems you have. They have basic illness to start with, but you can add as many as you want.

After you have entered everything you know about your families health; you can have it draw you a pedigree looking chart marked with that disease. For example I asked it to show me everyone that I had listed who had had a stroke and it showed that two persons in my family tree had a stroke.

This program is found at <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov/>

Upcoming Classes for the Pocatello Regional Family History Center at 1561/2 S. 6th Ave. The following free classed will be held Tuesday from 7-8 PM.

The month of January and one week of February will be focusing on New England Research and will be taught by Charles Hyde.

January 25– Introduction to New England Research

January 22– Using Savage & Torey

January 29 – Mayflower Descendents

Using the Center's library of CD's on New England.

The Church had developed a new temple and family history system called New Family Search. The New family search will allow family members to more easily prepare and submit for temple ordinances using their home computers.

As we prepare to use the system there are several things that we can do to get ready. On the next page are some suggestions for cleaning up your genealogical database.

- 1.1. Cleaning up the information in your data file is one of the most important aspects of good genealogy. This is especially important if you obtained the information from someone else or by downloading from a compiled data base. Even if you keyed in the information, you should look at it again to pick up any entry errors.
 2. Cleaning up means identifying and correcting problems with names, dates, and places in the individual and marriage records, merging multiple entries for the same person, and adding missing information to make the record more complete.
 3. The first thing you should do is identify the problems. There are several reports and lists that you can print out of PAF and use to help identify the problems:
 - a. Pedigree Chart.
 - b. Family Group Record.
 - c. Unlinked Individual List.
 - d. Duplicate Individuals List.
 - e. Individuals Sorted Alphabetically List.
 - f. Possible Problems List.
 - g. Places Sorted Alphabetically List.
 4. Some things to look for are:
 - a. Look for obvious typing errors such as 1985 instead of 1885.
 - b. Look at the birth dates. Do they follow a logical sequence. Are the parents birth dates a reasonable time before the children's birth dates? Are the children's birth dates in proper order?
 - c. Are any of the children born more than nine months after the husband died?
 - d. Are any children born after the mother's death?
 - e. Are any single children born less than nine months apart?
 - f. Are any christening dates before birth dates?
 - g. Are any burial dates before death dates?
 - h. Are place names complete and consistent?
 - i. Are there any two digit temple codes.
 - j. Is there missing information that you can now supply?
- Resist the temptation to do temple work before cleaning up your data file.
5. After you have identified the problems, work to correct them. When you see how big this efforts is, you may be overwhelmed. Don't despair. Work on it one problem at a time. Start with one individual in one family. Then do another individual in the same family. When you have one family done, move on to the next family. Soon you will have all the families on one five generation pedigree chart done. Concentrate first on the individuals and families you want to take to the temple in the near future. Then work on those further back.
- Some of the actions you may need to take are:
- a. Make sure you have every known child and all of the children's spouses listed for each family.
 - b. Merge multiple records of the same individual.
 - c. Update temple codes from two letter codes to the new four and five letter codes.
 - d. Change surnames from upper case only to mixed case.
 - e. Spell out county, state and country names.
 - f. Delete the terms "co" and "county" from place names.
 - g. Insure consistency in all place names. When any part of the place name is unknown, put a comma in it's place.
 - h. Delete "submitted", "cleared", and "pre-1970" from temple date fields unless you entered them.
 - i. Add any missing information that you can to complete and update the record.
 - j. Correct any errors you find.
6. Add source information for each change you make and for each new individual you add.
 7. Print out new reports and lists. Repeat the above steps over and over until your data file is as complete and accurate as possible.
 8. Whatever efforts you must take to clean up the information in your data file will be worth it. You will have records worthy of inspection when the books are opened in heaven. But, before that, you will gain rewards here on earth. You will be recognized as one who pays attention to detail and does not proliferate junk genealogy.

Many errors have been handed down from generation to generation. See that they stop with you.