



## *Pocatello Regional Family History Center*

April 2006

Newsletter Spotlight

### What's in this newsletter:

1. Upcoming classes at the Family History Center
2. Internet sites to check out.
3. Outsmarting the Census Takers
4. Salt Lake City—English Probate
5. PAF Tutorial

### A New PAF

### Tutorial

<http://paftutorial.byu.edu/>



### *May*

Tuesday

May 2- Basic English Research by John Faddis

May 9- Basic Irish Research by John Faddis

May 16- Basic Scottish Research by John Faddis

Thursday

May 4- Tips & Tricks to Searching on Ancestry.com by  
Jason Mendenhall

May 11- Searching US & British Census Records on  
Ancestry.com by Jason Mendenhall

May 25- Searching the Historical Newspaper Collection  
on Ancestry.com by Jason Mendenhall

***SALT LAKE CITY— A complete collection of guides depicting pre-1858 English Probate Jurisdictions will be available online through FamilySearch. The probate records of England are among the best genealogical sources for direct evidence of relationships. They are also among the most neglected sources because of the many variations in jurisdictions which governed the probating of wills prior to 1858. The EJP guides provide a wealth of useful information.***

***Until now, these valuable resources were only available in printed form. The EJP guides include tips, tables and color maps. Starting with Cambridgeshire and Kent, FamilySearch will release the entire collection over the course of the coming months. London will be included in the next release.***

## Internet Site for you To check out.

[http://  
freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/  
~hughwallis/  
IGIBatchNumbers.htm#Page](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hughwallis/IGIBatchNumbers.htm#Page)

Archives around the world  
<http://archivegrid.org/web/jsp/index.jsp>  
>

1840 census list of pensioners  
[http://www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/  
colonial/census/1840/](http://www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/colonial/census/1840/)

Michigan County Histories  
<http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/micounty/>

Records of Springfield Massachusetts

[http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ma/  
county/hampden/spfld/records/  
vr.html](http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ma/county/hampden/spfld/records/vr.html)

If you have any questions  
concerning Genealogy let us  
know and we will try to an-  
swer them. E-mail  
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### **Outsmarting the Census Enumerator, Transcriber and Indexer by Ruby Coleman**

**Ideas for successfully researching using the ap-  
proach of "less is more". Selecting a particular  
census year and state where your subject may  
have resided.**

- 1. Search only by surname**
- 2. Search by surname and place of birth**
- 3. Search by surname and county**
- 4. Search by adding a given name and place of birth**
- 5. Search by adding a given name and county**
- 6. Search by surname, given name, place of birth, county and age**
- 7. If allowable, do a wild card search (such as Joh\*n which will produce Johnson, Jonsen, Johansson, Johnston, etc.) this can be done given names and surnames**
- 8. Use soundex instead of exact search for surnames**
- 9. Search by initials (such as R. for Robert)**
- 10. For 1880-1830 US Census, leave out all names; search by subject's date of birth and parents date of birth.**
- 11. Can't read a name in the household? Return to the search form and enter the page number, location and if necessary the enumeration district. The index will show all names on that page and you will have clues as to how the indexer thought a name was spelled.**
- 12. Search a specific area (such as state, county and township, if known) for no surname or given name. Look closely at the names, spellings, ages and locations of birth.**