BYU-Idaho Rexburg Area Family History Conference
Saturday - April 21, 2012  8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Classes by Title and Full Description with Time, Room, Presenter, and Category

Keynote Speaker:
8:30-9:30 a.m.  Hinckley Chapel  Jim Greene
   Marketing Manager, FamilySearch

1940 Census-What You Will Find:
11-12 noon  215 Ricks  Juvanne Martin (Research)
   Learn the differences and similarities between the 1930 & 1940 Census, how to look for names while the index is being built, etc.  What to use? Using Stephen Morse's enumeration district database.

Ancestral Quest - PAF on Steroids:
2:50-3:50 p.m.  211 Ricks  Sue & Paul Kenny (Genealogy Software)
   The Scrapbooking function of AQ includes attaching sound clips and Video clips to Ancestral Quest. It will NOT be an overview of the entire AQ. The main subject will be scrapbooking and how to upload/download from your computer.

Ancestry.com:
11-12 noon  211 Ricks  Jolene Passey (Search Strategies)
   Learn strategies to harness this powerful tool for more successful research results. Some material will cover features available for individual subscriptions only - not the library edition.

Ask an Admin:
9:50 a.m.-5 p.m.  186 Ricks  FamilySearch Data Analysts (FamilySearch Sites)
   The “Ask an Admin” initiative is along the lines of “Ask an Expert.” Patrons sign up for 20-minute one-on-one consultations with one of our Data Analysts bringing one or two data issues in new FamilySearch. Sometimes, we’re able to fix the issue on-the-spot; others may need additional research or a Support case to be created which we assist the patron in doing. We also share tips/tricks and answer questions during the consultation.

Audacity - The Free Sound Editor and Its Uses in Family History Projects:
4-5 p.m.  225 Ricks  Paul & Sue Kenny (Specialty)
   The following will be explained:  1. Step by step how to download the free Audacity program,  2. It's various uses in Family History Projects focusing mainly on the tape (or analog) to digital transfers,  3. The hardware needed (mainly the cords needed to connect the reel to reel or cassette tape or digital voice recorder to the computer)  4. How to make a digital recording,  5. How to edit sound clips (how to cut out the naughty bits) and  6. How to save clips as MP3's for use on an Ipod or any MP3 player, and to save onto a CD.

Basic Research Practices in the Age of New FamilySearch:
2:50-3:50 p.m.  225 Ricks  Janet Hovorka (Research)
   Grounding yourself in the foundations of good research can help you be a more effective genealogist whether in the library or on the internet. We'll discuss primary and secondary information, original and derivative records and how to track your research effectively. Now source centricity is more important than ever and so are your methods for citing sources. And now that you can work on New FamilySearch, do you need your own copy and how do you keep your own copy without laborious syncing?

Binding Generations by Involving Youth in Family History From Research to the Temple:
1:40-2:40 p.m.  178 Ricks  Eleanor Jensen (Sharing)
   In this class we will follow an English family found in the census, check civil records, visit Family Search, organize information into colored generational folders, enter data, and clear the names for
the temple in 1 hour! When the youth are involved in research, recording, clearing, and doing baptisms, their hearts will literally be “turned to their fathers.” This class is for youth, beginners, Family History Consultants, and anyone desiring to help others learn the simplicity of Family History.

**Binding Generations Through Extended Stories, Abridged History, and Promises from the Past:**

9:50-10:50 a.m.  229 Ricks  Eleanor Jensen (Sharing)

The purpose of this class is to compile a book containing family, community, and pioneer stories; abridged history of life in your family through gospel & family traditions; and ancestor patriarchal blessings. Lessons taught through stories, traditions, and promises extending to posterity, will reach out to bind generations together.

**Binding Generations Through Family Stories:**

4-5 p.m.  227 Ricks  Eleanor Jensen (Sharing)

In this class, you will learn how to recognize, find, write, and organize your family stories into a book, making them a part of your family’s life today. Stories are readily available for easy access to be used for talks, Family Home Evening, and bedtime stories. Bind generations together as lessons from the past give support to your family today.

**Books, No Batteries Needed:**

11-12 noon  178 Ricks  Doug Andrews (Research)

What Books should you have access to, in order to acquire and hone your research skills? Specific research areas covered include: USA, UK, Scandinavia, Polynesia. (no Plug-ins or Batteries Needed to use these tools) Researchers born both B.C. and A.C. welcome.

**Carved in Stone: The History and Symbolism of Cemeteries and Grave Yards:**

2:50-5 p.m.  215 Ricks  David Habben (Research)

This is a two hour class discussing and showing examples of the various types of cemeteries through the years, the many styles and types of grave stones and monuments, and the meaning of the many symbols and designs found on grave stones. It is believed that due to many of our ancestors being illiterate, symbols on grave stones were placed to give the visitor information about the deceased. This would include religious affiliations, membership in various fraternal organizations, the deceased’s stature in the community, family history and even whether or not the deceased had a sense of humor. Every type of monument, shape and symbol has a meaning. The presentation includes more than 100 photographs taken by the author throughout the world as examples of the various points discussed. This class is an abbreviated version of the full presentation. The author will provide CD’s with the full Power Point presentation to all attendees.

**Citing Your Sources:**

2:50-3:50 p.m.  173 Ricks  Juvanne Martin (Sourcing)

Citing Your Sources: The reputation of you and your research is reflected on citing your sources. The class will discuss various types of research documents and the references used to cite them.

1. Reference books used to cite your sources, all written by Elizabeth Shown Mills.
2. Processing citation sources while you are working in a repository. Writing information down on the printed paper you copied or scanned. Type notes about document in a word document for later reference. Make a rubber stamp for certain types of records.
3. Simple principles used to cite Historical Documents.
4. Examples of some record types will be shown along with a simple citation.
5. Time will be allotted for people to try five examples on their own to try citing the source.

**Crossing the Atlantic: Are You Sinking or Swimming?:**

2:50-3:50 p.m.  247 Ricks  Karen South (Research)

Beginning and fundamental approaches to finding and learning about your British ancestors. The importance of using maps, books and internet sites to find and fill in the research blanks.
Danish and Norwegian Research: 1:40-2:40 p.m. 227 Ricks Kathleen Hedberg (Research)
Search technics and important Internet sites

DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution): What is it and Can I Join?:
9:50-10:50 a.m. 178 Ricks Linda Gardner (Research)
The presentation will include the DAR database; Ancestry.com; and others. It will focus on sharing information about the Society; how to find and prove Revolutionary War period lineage; and, hopefully garner an interest in joining a local (Idaho Falls) chapter.

Digital Cameras for Family History:
1:40-2:40 p.m. 225 Ricks Larry Killian (Specialty)
Features to look for when purchasing a digital camera for Family History and tips on their use

Easy Source Documentation in RootsMagic 5:
1:40-2:40 p.m. 173 Ricks Bruce Buzbee (Genealogy Software)
Properly documenting your work is one of the most important skills a genealogist should master. Learn how to use the RootsMagic SourceWizard to easily manage your sources and to write perfect source citations.

Family History – It’s Not Just For Your Grandparents:
12:30-1:30 p.m. 225 Ricks Amanda Terry (Specialty)
What happens when you blend family history research with modern technology? You get a recipe for success to be enjoyed by family members of all ages. The youth of today are prepared to handle fast-paced and changing technologies that can aid in finding their ancestors. How can we bridge the gap, collaborate to identify our ancestors, and share with posterity in meaningful ways? What are some ways to motivate the youth to join us in linking generations? Join us as we share ideas involving social media, online sources, mobile applications, and more with an emphasis on using new FamilySearch.

Family History Consultants: Keys to Success and Working with Leaders and Priesthood
Leaders: Utilizing Family History in the Work of Salvation:
12:30-1:30 p.m. 147 Ricks Jim Greene (Consultants/Priesthood)
Priesthood Leaders and Family History Consultants: Keys to Success and Working with Leaders. This presentation is for family history consultants and their leaders. Priesthood Leaders: Utilizing Family History in the Work of Salvation. This presentation is for priesthood leaders whose responsibility includes temple and family history. These are: bishops, high priests group leaders, ward council members, high counselors assigned to temple and family history, stake presidents, stake indexing directors and family history center directors.

Family History Products to Organize, Find, Share, Preserve:
9:50-10:50 a.m. 211 Ricks Marlo Schuldt (Genealogy Software)
Heritage Collector Software Suite— A complete family history management system. Organize all your photos and family history information.

FamilySearch and Legacy Family Tree - It’s So Easy:
2:50-3:50 p.m. 161 Ricks Luc Comeau (Genealogy Software)
See how Legacy makes it easier to work with new FamilySearch.

FamilySearch Family Tree:
4-5 p.m. 173 Ricks Jason Mendenhall (FamilySearch Sites)
Learn what the future of new FamilySearch with the family tree on FamilySearch.

FamilySearch Research Wiki-A Treasure Chest of Information:
11-12 noon 173 Ricks Jason Mendenhall (FamilySearch Sites)
FamilySearch learn where to find what you don't know. Contribute what you know.
Free and Easy Online Genealogy Chart Creation with Family ChArtist (FamilySearch Certified):
4-5 p.m.  229 Ricks  Janet Hovorka (Sharing/Genealogy Software)
   A revolution has come to genealogy charts. Family ChArtist is a new web application that will make creating and designing beautiful genealogy charts easier and faster than ever before. Family ChArtist is a simple-to-use website - no software to learn or buy. Create your own chart directly from New FamilySearch or manually enter the information, or simply upload a GEDCOM. You can edit incorrect information, immediately add pictures, and create countless combinations with beautiful graphics including temples, flags, nature and other artwork. Print FREE 8.5x11 charts from your printer, or for a small fee, purchase either a poster-size archival print or high quality electronic image file.

Fun Ideas for Family History Consultants:
11-12 noon  147 Ricks  Bret Petersen (Consultants/Priesthood)
   In this class we will show and discuss some examples of ways to add a little spark to your Sunday School Family History Class using games, homework, humor, and morale boosters.

German Genealogical Research - German Handwriting:
12:30-2:40 p.m.  Ricks 215  Francine Hart (Research)
   A brief review of the process of determining the specific place of origin of an ancestor in Germany and then obtaining records for that place, followed by instruction and practice in reading records in German.

Get to Know the Library:
2:50-3:50 pm  Ricks 178  Laurie Francis (Research)
   Getting started on your genealogy research should include a trip to the library. Come learn about genealogy resources available at most public libraries and especially the David O. McKay Library at BYU-I.

Google Genealogist:
9:50-10:50 a.m.  215 Ricks  Devin Ashby (Search Strategies)
   What are the latest tools from Google and how can I use them in my research? Come learn about products like Picasa, Alerts, Sites, Books, Video, Maps, and much more that can help you save time and money as you utilize the internet to help you get the job done.

Homestead Records:
12:30-1:30 p.m.  178 Ricks  Laurie Francis (Research)
   Nearly 4 million homestead claims were filed in the United States. Learn where to find these records and how to use them to gain information about your ancestors.

How Can I Get Help With My Family History From Home?:
11:00-12:00 noon  225 Ricks  Suzanne Mlodzik (Specialty)
   Patron Services in The LDS FamilySearch Department has tremendous resources to help with your family history. Find out how and where to tap into the extensive resources available.

How Can I Share My Family History Knowledge With Others Globally?:
2:50-3:50 p.m.  229 Ricks  Suzanne Mlodzik (Sharing)
   Patron Services in The LDS FamilySearch Department has branched out into the worldwide community to allow individuals with common interests help each other. Learn how you can get involved and many of the opportunities and projects that are available.

I Have the Source, Now What?:
1:40-2:40 p.m.  247 Ricks  Terri Hutchings (Sourcing)
   Learn about basic formats for source titles and to how to enter sources into genealogy software programs. In this class we will use Legacy Family Tree to show how to enter sources and have the genealogy software write the source detail for you. The information you enter is correctly and precisely formatted to match the genealogy industry standards for source citations.
Idaho Genealogical Society-Resources to Help You:
9:50-10:50 a.m.  147 Ricks  Juvanne Martin (Consultants/Priesthood)
IGS Certificate program, Idaho Footprints books, Idaho Migration Project for the 150th birthday of
the Idaho Territory - will help you and you can help!

Increasing Productivity on the FamilySearch Website using Sharing Time™:
2:50-3:50 p.m.  147 Ricks  Andrea Schnakenburg (Genealogy Software)
Quickly auto-search dozens of Internet sources. e-mail collaborators in seconds to validate
sources, focus your research on ancestors that are closest to being ready for temple work. Break
through the dead ends on your family tree. Identify groups of ancestors that may have records in
one place. These topics will be covered in our class on how to increase your productivity using
SharingTime™ a new tool that integrates into the new FamilySearch website.

Keeping PAF Data In Sync With New FamilySearch Using Ancestral Quest, the Program From
Which PAF Was Derived:  1:40-2:40 p.m.  161 Ricks  Gaylon Findlay (Genealogy Software)
Learn to link your PAF (or AQ) records to the records in the Family Tree of New FamilySearch
(nFS), singly or in groups. Exchange data, individuals and families between your PAF file and nFS.
Upload family lines from PAF to nFS, or import family lines from nFS into PAF. Reserve LDS
temple ordinances from your PAF records, and track their progress by batch, keeping your PAF
records up-to-date with completion progress in the temples. This is all possible through Ancestral
Quest, an update version of the software the LDS Church selected 11 years ago from which to
make PAF 4 and PAF 5. (Includes a sneak-peek at features in version 14)

LDS Ancestry Sources in the Church History Library:
2:50-3:50 p.m.  227 Ricks  Jay G. Burrup (Research)
The presentation about the Church History Library’s holdings will discuss and show important
record sources for researchers who have LDS ancestry or who are interested in writing histories of
branches, wards, stakes, districts, or missions.

My Mother’s Manipulations: How My Mother Turned Me Into a Genealogist Without Meaning To:
11-12 noon  229 Ricks  Janet Hovorka (Sharing)
This class will cover tons of ideas for creating excitement in your family about the people who
came before. We’ll discuss activities and give resources for involving all ages. We’ll also talk
about how to surround yourself with various reminders of your heritage to encourage curiosity in
the family, and give a sense of perspective. You can create a feeling of belonging in your family
members by sharing with them where they come from

New Features in Ancestral Quest, the Natural Upgrade for PAF:
11-12 noon  161 Ricks  Gaylon Findlay (Genealogy Software)
An earlier version of Ancestral Quest is the software the LDS Church selected to be the base of the
Windows versions of PAF. Learn about many of the dozens of new features in Ancestral Quest that
are not in PAF, while using a program that feels like a major upgrade to PAF 5. Among other
features, learn to use the feature that received the FamilySearch award for Best Listing Tool.
(Includes a sneak-peek at features in version 14)

Newspapers ~ Access & Availability:
4-5 p.m.  247 Ricks  Jolene Passey (Research)
Newspapers can add life to your ancestor’s story or help you find that missing puzzle piece.
Sometimes hard to find but worth the effort! Resources covered: online, ILL, RAOGK and onsite
research.

Online Research: Keeping Track of Searches & Sources:
1:40-2:40 p.m.  231 Ricks  Jolene Passey (Organize)
Electronic note keeping ideas, including Evernote and OneNote. Learn easy ways to keep perfect
track of sources, to do items and records found - all without slowing down your online research fun.
Online Resources for Midwest U.S. Research:
11-12 noon  247 Ricks  Jill Crandell (Research)
Discover the wide variety of records available online at web sites of numerous Midwest U.S. repositories.

Organizing Genealogical Research and Note Files:
12:30-1:30 p.m.  231 Ricks  Jill Crandell (Organize)
Learn organizational concepts that will improve efficiency and research quality. Both paper and electronic files will be discussed.

Organizing, Planning, and Sharing Using Legacy Family Tree:
12:30-1:30 p.m.  161 Ricks  Luc Comeau (Genealogy Software)
See how Legacy helps you write sources correctly and easily, Evidence Explained style, and learn how to create shareable CDs, migration maps, customized wall charts, publish books, get automated research suggestions, and much more.

Preparing, Composing and Printing a Family History:
4 -5 p.m.  211 Ricks  Marlo Schuldt (Genealogy Software)
Please attend this class if you are planning to write or compile a family history or write a journal. Learning a few simple tips can save time, money and make this an enjoyable adventure.

ResearchTies: An Online Research Log:
4-5 p.m.  231 Ricks  Jill Crandell (Organize)
Be one of the first to see a demonstration of this innovative, new online research log. Discover the joy of a log that works for you!

RootsMagic 5 Research Tools:
9:50-10:50 a.m.  161 Ricks  Bruce Buzbee (Genealogy Software)
An introduction to RootsMagic’s powerful research tools, from simple to-do lists to a full blown research log manager. Learn how to track research, correspondence, tasks, and how you can easily search other websites for additional information.

RootsMagic-Research Logs/To-Do Lists:
12:30-1:30 p.m.  173 Ricks  Jason Mendenhall (Genealogy Software)
See how RootsMagic help you keep track of your research.

Scandinavian Basics and the Internet:
11-12 noon  227 Ricks  Kathleen Hedberg (Research)
Basic tools for Scandinaivia research and what’s new in Family Search and new FamilySearch.

Setting a Vision for Temple and Family History Work:
4-5p.m.  147 Ricks  Devin Ashby (Consultants/Priesthood)
Are you having a hard time trying to communicate a vision of temple and family history work? Come find out what FamilySearch is doing to help volunteers engage in their family history work. I will discuss the marriage of technology and genealogy and share ideas and best practices for implementing family history in the Church and in the home.

Stop Spinning Your Wheels:
11-12 noon  231 Ricks  Cindy Harrell (Organize)
Ever think you’re just going in circles? Come and see how research logs can help you push forward in your genealogy research. We will discuss how to keep research logs and why they may just save you time and money.

Swedish Research:
12:30-1:30 p.m.  227 Ricks  Kathleen, Hedberg (Research)
Search technics, Internet sites, and new possibilities
The “Shady” Side of the Family Tree – Prison, Criminal, Asylum Records and More:
1:40-2:40 p.m.  229 Ricks  Bret Petersen (Research)
   Come explore the variety of records available for those skeletons in the family closet. Has someone in your family line just simply disappeared in the normal records? Are there some unusual stories that have been passed down? Do you feel like you don’t have the full picture about someone in the family? These records may help clear things up.

The Best Websites for Online Genealogical Research:
2:50-3:50 p.m.  231 Ricks  Zane Jacobson (Research)
   Learning and discovering the best websites for genealogical research.

The Family History Center: A Vital and Relevant Resource:
1:40-2:40 p.m.  147 Ricks  Russell Webster/Lance McIntosh (Consultants/Priesthood)
   The Family History Center: A Vital and Relevant Resource  You will learn the role of the center in “turning hearts”

The Family History Library Catalog - Effective Searches:
12:30-1:30 p.m.  211 Ricks  Doug Andrews (Search Strategies)
   How to use the catalog of the largest Family History Library in the world. Find your ancestors among the 3.5 million films, fiche, books, etc. that are located at the main Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Familysearch.org is the doorway to the Library Catalog.

Tips and Tricks for Using Online Census Search Engines:
1:40-2:40 p.m.  211 Ricks  Jill Crandell (Search Strategies)
   All search engines are not the same. Learn search strategies for hard-to-find census entries.

Tips and Tricks to Try When Searching the Big Three:
4-5 p.m.  178 Ricks  Aldene Poole (Search Strategies)
   The big three, Familysearch.org, Ancestry.com and Google.com, can produce great search results when you use these tips and tricks.

Tips to Avoid Barking Up the Wrong Family Tree:
4-5 p.m.  161 Ricks  Bret Petersen (Research)
   What are some of the common mistakes that lead a researcher up the wrong family tree? Find out what they are and how to avoid them.

Top 10 Data Issues & How To Avoid Them:
9:50-10:50 a.m.  247 Ricks  Amanda Terry (FamilySearch Sites)
   New FamilySearch is truly a miracle. However, because it is a consolidation of multiple record repositories, there are many data issues. What are the issues? Can I fix them? How do I avoid them? Are there ‘best practices’ that can better help me to successfully navigate new FamilySearch? How can I effectively collaborate with others? Answers to these questions and much more will be shared during this informative class. Helpful class for all user levels. Also, recommended for Family History Consultants and/or Director.

U.S. Census Records:
9:50-10:50 a.m.  173 Ricks  Jason Mendenhall (Research)
   U.S. Census a great way to trace your family in America.
Using Findagrave.com as a Genealogy Resource:
9:50-10:50 a.m.  227 Ricks  David Habben (Research)
This is a one hour class devoted to the use of the website Findagrave.com for family history and genealogy research. The site originated nearly 15 years ago as a place to view the graves of famous people. Since then it has grown into a major research site containing over 74 million entries from around the world. Findagrave.com contributors submit individuals, photos of graves, and entire cemetery records to aid those seeking ancestors. Membership in Findagrave.com is free. Records may be searched for specific names, specific cemeteries, and by state, county or country. This class includes instruction of submitting entries to Findagrave.com and tips on how to best photograph grave sites. Participants in the class are encouraged to bring laptop computers for interactive involvement in the class.

Welcome to FamilySearch Indexing:
9:50-10:50 a.m.  225 Ricks  Zane Jacobson (FamilySearch Sites)
Learn and become part of the an international effort to create the world’s largest collection of genealogical records

Who is This Masked Man?:
12:30-1:30 p.m.  247 Ricks  Cindy Harrell (Research)
We will revisit the research cycle and try to “unmask” our ancestors by finding clues in work already in our files.

Your Head in the Cloud and Your Feet on the Ground:
9:50-10:50 a.m.  231 Ricks  Bret Petersen (Specialty)
Become familiar with many of the amazing tools available to assist you in your genealogy research. Cloud-based online tools like DropBox, Evernote, Google Tools and XMarks can help connect you on-the-go while still giving you a foundation at home. Find out how browser add-ons and toolbars can also provide an added boost.

YouTube Your Family History:
12:30-1:30 p.m.  229 Ricks  Devin Ashby (Sharing)
If a picture is worth a thousand words, then a video is worth a thousand pictures. Creating a video of your family history online is simple and can be an exciting project for your entire family. Come find out how to do it.