

In Quest for Ancestors

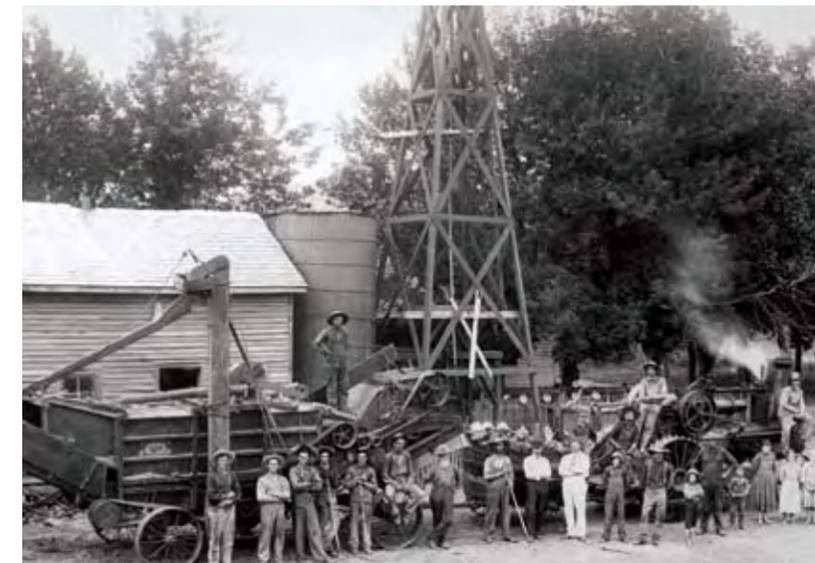
Utah Library holds Treasures of the Past



Just imagine that your mild-mannered, cookie-baking, apron-wearing grandma was a barn-storming outlaw courted by Jesse James. Or maybe the stoic and serious relative in the Civil War-era photo was once a stage actor. Perhaps you get restless watching "Pirates of the Caribbean" because the blood of an Ottoman corsair runs through your veins.

Each of us possesses idiosyncrasies, gestures and mannerisms that didn't just occur spontaneously. That mix of qualities that make each person unique represents a genetic journey of several centuries -- one that fires the imagination of millions and drives thousands of them to a sleek and modern mecca in the heart of Salt Lake City.

Salt Lake City is home to the largest collection of family history on earth, above; a homesteading family in Nebraska around the turn of the century giggering carp in the farm fields flooded by the Platte River, top right; family history research in process, middle right; the Shaulis family on threshing day, in Blackhawk County, Iowa, in the early 1900s, below right.



Ski, Swim, Hear and See Salt Lake City

There are plenty of things to do between visits to the stacks searching for long, lost ancestors. Salt Lake City is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise, with world-class skiing on both snow and water within an hour or two of each other. The city itself also the historical epicenter of the nation's early westward migration. The downtown was formed around the site where Mormon leader Brigham Young located the church's temple.

Art and Cultural Excursions

Temple Square, a 10-acre refuge with magnificently landscaped grounds, is where the library is located. There are many other cultural attractions to see as well, including the Salt Lake Temple, the Tabernacle and Assembly Hall. Historic homes, museums and shops also are packed into this district. Crossroads Mall, a multilevel shopping center, is adjacent to the Square

Warm Weather Activities

The Great Salt Lake area provides abundant water activities. Swimming and sunbathing are popular on the clean, white sand beaches at the lake's Antelope Island State Park. The salinity of the water averages about 12%, making it much saltier than the ocean. The water creates such buoyancy that people can easily float. Sailing, kayaking and hiking are also great activities provided around the lake.

One of the best training sites for both paragliding and hang gliding is located at Point of the Mountain. It's known worldwide as a great place to learn the skills of the sport or for expert fliers to gain further experience.

Cold Weather Fun

Salt Lake is also known for its perfect skiing conditions. Four major resorts are located in beautiful, steep canyons that provide spectacular views of the Salt Lake Valley, and yet they are just minutes from downtown. Stay in the city and ski at a different resort each day.

Snowboarding, snow mobiles tours, cross-country skiing, and ice skating are available all around the area.

There are really so many things to do in Salt Lake City, there just isn't enough room to list all of them. To learn more about the activities mentioned above, and to discover even more recreational adventures, go to this very comprehensive and easy-to-navigate site: utah.com



More than 2,500 genealogists, amateur and otherwise, make the trek to the Family History Library in Utah's capital every day, on average.

The library was started in 1894 when of the Mormon Church founded the Genealogical Society of Utah to help people trace their ancestry. The more information they gathered, the more they needed a place to house it, and so began the library.

Today, the Family History Library has records of more than 2 billion names; 2.4 million rolls of microfilm and 278,000 books. There are also more than 4,000 family history

centers in 88 countries affiliated with the main facility in Utah.

Amateur genealogist Marvin Berryman said the library provided a good start for his search, which proceeded on to Virginia, Kentucky, Nebraska, Colorado and England. He managed to trace his ancestry back to the 1600s.

"Seven-hundred years is probably the limit for the English-'originated,'" he said. "Written records don't go back beyond 1300 years for us 'common folks.' Last names came into being for tax and census purposes. In England they began about 1300."

Before that time, Berryman said, "a man might be named John. To separate him from his son also named John--they were not very imaginative--the son might be called 'Johns.' When surnames became required, the son's son's son might have created a new last name of 'Johnsson'. Also, I believe 'Jones' is a dialect of John. This would explain Jones becoming such a common English name... along with Johnson."

Berryman dug up three theories of how his own surname came into being.

"I like the first, best.... A Berriman was a dweller at the base of a hill where berries grew."

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Early explorers thought the Great Salt Lake was an inland extension of the Pacific Ocean, or that a river connected the lake to the ocean. Some Indians and early settlers thought the lake was inhabited by a terrible monster with an enormous head.



Activities in and around Salt Lake City include performances by the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir, world-class skiing and spectacular golf courses, left; the Mormon Temple in downtown Salt Lake City, right.

The name may have also started as Buroughman a minor city official, Beareman or “an emperor who had no clothes, a Bareman!”

Another of his discoveries was finding a modern-day relative on the same path. He met a distant cousin, Chris Kleindinst, through a woman on the Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

“Chris compares genealogy to detective work, which I believe is an apt description,” Berryman said.

Most of what the two have unearthed represents story of thousands of hard-working European immigrants who crossed the Atlantic to make a new life in the colonies. There were also the occasional misadventurers, like the branch of Berryman’s family known for stealing sheep in Australia.

He also came across the type of personal qualities that demonstrate the many mysteries carried within the molecular memory passed on through bloodlines. Berryman spent his career drawing precise images of engine cutaways and aircraft for United Airlines. Now that he’s retired, all his relatives receive a hand-drawn Christmas card depicting some comedic variation on his well-parsed surname.



The Family History Library in Salt Lake City houses the largest collection of genealogical information in the world; a researcher helps a genealogical sleuth at the library, inset.

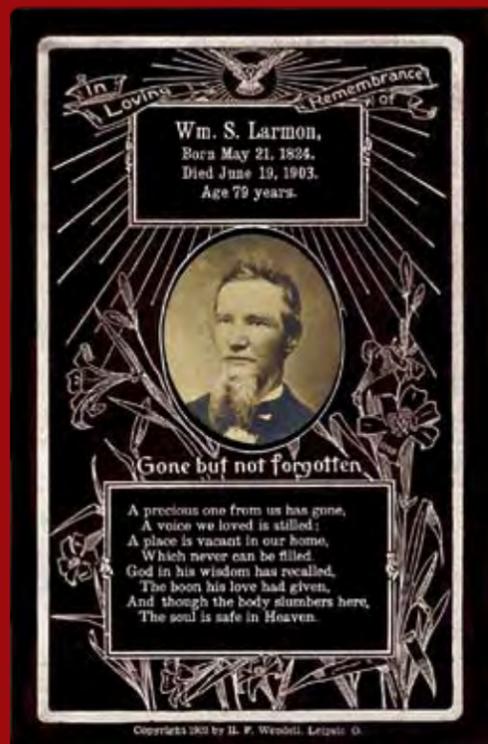
Her Majesty’s Secret Librarian...

A row of giant portals and a blocky, concrete structure juts out from a wall of solid granite about 200 feet above the road that winds through Little Cottonwood Canyon in Utah. You can easily imagine James Bond inside, dueling with an evil villain in some cavernous underground lair, rather than a cadre of bespectacled conservators managing the world’s largest collection of filmed genealogical records.

The Granite Mountain Records Vault of the Mormon Church contains more than 2 million rolls of microfilm equating about 1.8 billion pages and more than 180,000 sets of microfiche, each containing 900 images. The collection is housed in a network of tunnels that reaches nearly 700 feet into the mountain.

Only a few of the visitors to the church’s Family History Library traverse the vault. It must be maintained at 60 degrees Fahrenheit and 30% humidity to safeguard the film. The fewer times the Vault is opened, the easier it is to keep it at its precise environment.

No mad scientists are involved, but the Vault does include an extensive laboratory where on an average day, workers create nearly 1,000 rolls of microfilm and 1,000 sets of microfiche. Original documents stay in the Vault and the copies are available for family researchers in the library.



I do find it interesting that there are two Berrymans -- father and son -- that are Pulitzer Prize winners in editorial cartooning,” he said. “I seem to have a ‘bent’ in this direction.”

Access research to your family. Family History Library is at FamilySearch.org, 801.240.2584 and the Genealogical Society of Utah is at GenSocietyOfUtah.org, 801.538.2978.

ARRIVE IN STYLE

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Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC)

AIRPORT DATA

Elevation:	4,227'
Runways:	16L/34R 12,004', 16R/34L 12,000', 17/35 9,596, 14/32 4,892
Approaches:	ILS, VOR, RNAV, GPS
ATIS/ASOS:	801.325.9749 / 801.328.3567

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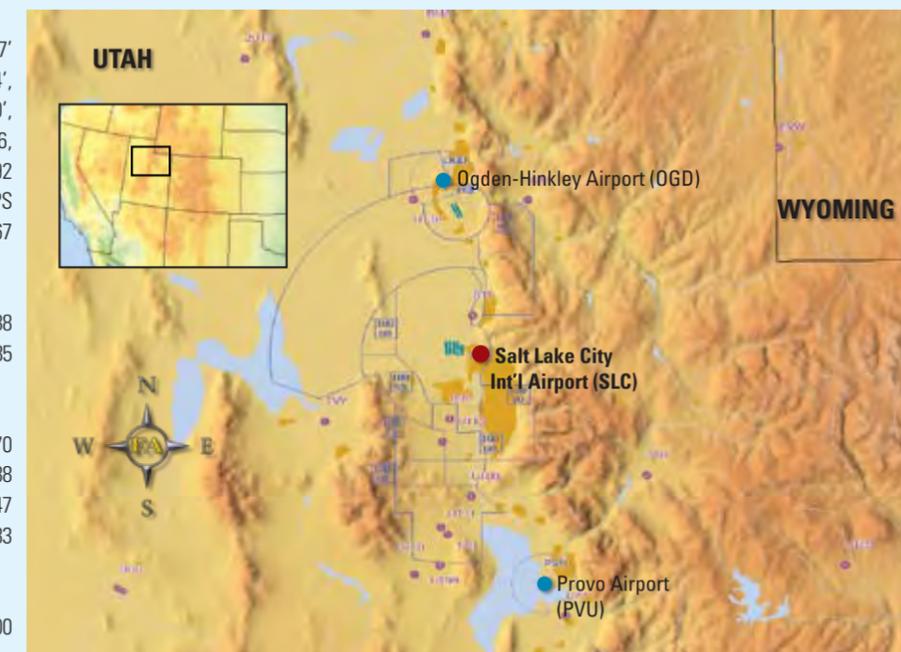
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Million Air	801.359.2085

TRANSPORTATION

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Avis Car Rental	801.575.2847
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AIRPORT RESTAURANT

The Terrace Restaurant & Lounge	801.575.2400
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