

# SOUTHERN UTAH FAMILY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY GROUP

Washington County PAF User Group



St. George East Stake Building  
449 South 300 East, St. George, UT  
**Saturday, November 19, 2011**

**GREETERS:** ..... Sandra Bryant

**WELCOME:** ..... Fran Lightner – 10:00 am

**OPENING PRAYER:** ..... Connie Stewart

\*Welcome was extended to all members and visitors.

\*Fran made several announces which included:

→The St. George Family History would be opening on 28<sup>th</sup> November at it's new location, 355 So. 200 East, St. George, at 1:00 pm.

→The Family History Expo held in February, 2012 at the Dixie Convention Center is offering an Early Bird Registration Special of \$39.00 for the two day event if purchased by December 2, 2011.

→Fran noted that we are coming to the end of the year and our Annual Due of \$12.00 are due and payable.

→There will be one more of Don Snow's classes being held at the Morningside Stake Center.  
7 December – 1 to 2:30 pm – AncestralQuest – Sharing Data To & From New FamilySearch.

Don's winter classes for January, February and March will be posted after the holidays.

**PRESENTERS** ..... **Don and Diane Snow**



Donald and Diane Snow are both Californians with Utah roots; Don's ancestors are the Snows from Southern Utah and Diane's are the Manwaring's from Northern Utah. Both of the Snows are retired from BYU where Diane taught in the Humanities Department and Don in the Mathematics Department. Diane has

a Masters Degree in Humanities from BYU and Don has a PhD in Mathematics from Stanford. They have lived and taught in Minnesota, Colorado, Ontario Canada, Peru, London England, and Provo. They have 6 children and 30 grandchildren. Since retiring from BYU, they have been on four Family History missions for the LDS Church, including being Directors of the New York Family History Center, serving in the London Family History Center, and in Nauvoo where they worked on a database of LDS Church members which is now posted on [http:// earlylds.com](http://earlylds.com). They have been involved with family history for many years, and Don has been a Vice President of the Utah Valley PAF Users Group since the 1990's. Don is currently a Board Member of our User Group. They are frequent speakers at genealogy and family history conferences.

**PRESENTATION:** ..... **Don and Diane Snow**

Diane opened the presentation by reviewing, through pictures some of the items that can be found in newspapers. Then she and Don began discussing the following outline which was distributed to all in attendance.

Go to Don's website to get further information and to open the links: <http://uvtagg.org/classes/dons/dons-newspapers.html>

## **NEWSPAPERS IN FAMILY HISTORY**

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### **Sections of the Class Notes**

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### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

1. Instructors are Donald R. and Diane M. Snow ( [snowd@math.byu.edu](mailto:snowd@math.byu.edu) and [dmsnow34@gmail.com](mailto:dmsnow34@gmail.com) ) of Provo, Utah and St. George, Utah.
2. These notes with active Internet links are posted on the Utah Valley Technology and Genealogy Group website <http://uvtagg.org> > [Class Outlines](#) > [Don's Listings](#) . Many other class notes for family history are posted there too.

3. Newspapers started in the U.S. in 1690 (see Library of Congress website below) and are a rich source of genealogy data. This class will discuss some ways of finding and using that information.
4. Note: holding down the Control Key while clicking on a link opens the link in a new window while keeping the notes open where you were -- makes it easier to get back to where you were

### WHY NEWSPAPERS ARE IMPORTANT AND EXAMPLES IN FAMILY HISTORY (and Slideshow)

5. News articles and photos -- school, military, current events, both local and worldwide
6. Vital records and obituaries -- births, marriages, deaths
7. Social and society columns
8. Legal notices and public announcements
9. Local news
10. Historical information in newspapers like the New York Times
11. Classified ads -- e.g. "Search for Missing Friends" ads in The Boston Pilot -- <http://www.americanancestors.org/search.aspx?Ca=098&Da=263>

### ARTICLES ABOUT USING NEWSPAPERS

12. About.com articles and links about newspapers
  - A. <http://genealogy.about.com/od/newspapers/Newspapers.htm>
  - B. [http://genealogy.about.com/od/historic\\_online/Historic Newspapers Online.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/historic_online/Historic_Newspapers_Online.htm)
13. US Newspaper Program -- <http://www.neh.gov/projects/usnp.html>
14. Articles by Kimberly Powell
  - A. "7 Tips for Searching Digitized Newspapers" -- [http://genealogy.about.com/od/newspapers/tp/news\\_search\\_tips.html?nl=1](http://genealogy.about.com/od/newspapers/tp/news_search_tips.html?nl=1)

- B. "Family History in the News" --  
[http://genealogy.about.com/cs/newspapers/a/news\\_research\\_2.htm?nl=1](http://genealogy.about.com/cs/newspapers/a/news_research_2.htm?nl=1)

15. British Newspapers 1800-1900

- A. British newspapers 1800-1900 -- <http://newspapers.bl.uk/blcs/>  
B. Dick Eastman --  
[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2009/05/british-newspapers-18001900-online.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/05/british-newspapers-18001900-online.html)

WHERE TO FIND NEWSPAPERS

16. Linkpendium -- <http://www.linkpendium.com> -- major listing of US newspapers in each state, county, and town
17. BYU Library Newspaper Links -- <http://lib.byu.edu/sites/familyhistory/> > <http://lib.byu.edu/sites/familyhistory/periodicals/> -- Scroll down
18. BYU-I Library Newspaper Links --  
<http://libguides.byui.edu/content.php?pid=9726&sid=80620>
19. Utah Digital Newspapers -- <http://digitalnewspapers.org/>
20. Library of Congress Digital Collections -- <http://www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html> -- and Chronicling America -- <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
21. National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) -- <http://www.loc.gov/ndnp/>
22. GENUKI -- <http://www.genuki.org.uk/> -- UK and Ireland
23. RootsWeb -- <http://userdb.rootsweb.ancestry.com/news/> -- Search all or by newspaper
24. US GenWeb -- <http://www.usgenweb.org/> -- Go to state > county > city
25. Cyndislist -- <http://www.cyndislist.com> > Newspapers
26. US Newspaper List -- <http://www.usnpl.com/>
27. Internet Public Library -- <http://www.ipl.org/>
28. Family History Library Catalog --  
[http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/framest\\_fhlc.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/framest_fhlc.asp) -- -- do keyword search for things like "newspapers utah" (without the quotes)
29. Google News Archive -- <http://www.google.com/archivesearch> or get to it by going to Google and click on News > Advanced News Search - do a search so you see link to click on Google News Archives Search

30. FamilySearch Wiki -- [https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main\\_Page](https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main_Page) -- do a search for something like "newspapers idaho" (without the quotes)
31. Quincy (Illinois) Public Library website -- <http://www.quincylibrary.org> > Reference and Research tab
  - A. Historical Newspaper Archive -- many articles about the Mormons in Nauvoo
  - B. US National Newspaper websites -- links to many current national newspapers

**COMMERCIAL WEBSITES -- Some available for free at FHCs**

32. Genealogy Bank -- [www.genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com) -- large collection of historic newspapers - can search and see snippets for free
  33. Godfrey Memorial Library -- <http://www.godfrey.org/> -- available for free at all FHC's and through personal subscription
    - A. London (Digital) Times -- <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/> -- also on Footnote
    - B. Newspaper Archive -- <http://newspaperarchive.com/Default.aspx> -- claims to be the largest online newspaper archive (\$72/year, but available through Godfrey)
- Gale Digital Collections -- <http://www.gale.cengage.com/DigitalCollections/>
  - Ancestry's Newspaper Collection -- <http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/default.aspx?rt=38> -- Or get to it by going to Ancestry's Home page > Search > Stories & Publications > Newspapers & Periodicals -- Free at LDS Regional Family History Centers, e.g. St. George Regional Family History Training Center
  - Footnote (recently purchased by Ancestry, but still free at FHC's) -- <http://go.footnote.com/results.php?xid=275>
  - World Vital Records -- <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/contentlisting.aspx?cat=news&kbid=1117> - free at FHC's
  - Readex Newspaper Archive -- <http://www.newsbank.com/readex/index.cfm?content=343> -- For Archive of Americana hover your cursor over Digital Collections (upper left side)
  - Personalized Newspaper Gifts -- <http://www.simplypersonalized.com/newspaper-gifts/>

## CURRENT NEWSPAPER WEBSITES

- Many newspapers have websites with recent archives and many are free -- Try Google and other search engines
- New York Times -- <http://www.nytimes.com/> -- free registration; archives start with first paper in 1851; do a search and you will see a date field open that you can click on for dates from 1851 on
- Chicago Tribune 1852 - Present -- <http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/chicagotribune/advancedsearch.html>
- Toronto Star -- <http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/thestar/about.html> -- free archives only goes back to 1985
- Los Angeles Times -- <http://www.latimes.com/> -- free registration
- Salt Lake Deseret News -- <http://deseretnews.com/home> -- Click on Archives (upper right side) > Historic archive (lower right side)
- Salt Lake Tribune -- <http://www.sltrib.com/>
- St. George Spectrum -- <http://www.thespectrum.com/>
- For links to early vital records in Utah newspapers see Don's class notes on LDS & Utah Records on <http://uvtagg.org> > Class Outlines > Don Snow's Listings

## ASSIGNMENT

1. See if you can find a digitized newspaper online somewhere that has something about one of your ancestors or about the town they lived in.
2. If you have Utah ancestors, try searching for their names in the Utah Digital Newspapers.

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CLOSING PRAYER: .....Lena Jones

RECORDING SECRETARY: .....June Morton

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 25

PRIZES: Sharon Jeweks, Don Snow, Lida Larkin, Lena Jones