

# WASHINGTON COUNTY PAF USER GROUP

Morningside Stake Center on 9<sup>th</sup> South and River Road

## Member Meeting

### 18 September 2010

**GREETERS:** ..... **Helen Lenz**

**WELCOME:** ..... **Connie Stewart**

Connie welcomed all in attendance, with a special welcome to the visitors and friends of Helen Lenz.

**OPENING PRAYER:** ..... **Lyn Stanton**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Remember the great genealogical programs which are available on TV.

- "Who Do You Think You Are" on NBC TV. All previous programs can be viewed at:

<http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/>

- "Generations Project which can be viewed on BYUTV. Check on line for when available with your cable network ... <http://www.byutv.org/thegenerationsproject/>

Put together your old pictures of St. George and your ancestors. For the December meeting film. Gather

October 16<sup>th</sup> as Family History Day - Our next meeting. Treats will be furnished by the Board Member

**PRESENTER:** ..... **Connie Stewart**

Kathy Blake is a seasoned genealogist who is our presenter this month. She has learned much from the research trips she has taken and will share with us how to prepare for a research trip. She will also give us clues to help to prepare for a trip to the Salt Lake Family History Library.

Kathleen McAllister Blake was born in Salt Lake City and moved to St. George when she was six years old and hasn't left.

After graduation from Dixie Jr. College, she married Darrell Blake and raised a family of six children, four boys and two girls. She has been active in music, drama, and of course genealogy. About 16 years ago she started doing genealogy rather than pursuing a Bachelor's Degree.

Walking into a family of avid genealogy lovers she caught the bug and has been busy ever since. Pursuing a brother-in-law's line in Canada has helped her learn Canadian research as well as colonial research on her own lines. English research is also a small part of her research abilities.

She has found that location research is an added bonus to on line resources and has made trips to Salt Lake, Provo, California, the New England States and Pennsylvania, in addition to other places which have led her to added information and connections.

**PRESENTATION:** ..... **Kathy Blake**

When doing family history .... Making it a matter of prayer is essential! With the Lord we can not fail if we do our part.

When making the plans for your genealogy research trip also make it a sightseeing trip for your family members and all will be HAPPY!

Kathy began by stating that over the years it has been much more difficult doing research than now .... today we can do a great amount of research at home through the Internet by using Ancestry.com and many other site. A good many of the paid sites are available at the St. George Family History Center .... check in and take a look!

As Kathy told of her experience in her research trip beginning in Pennsylvania, through Ohio, to Canada, New York and the New England states .... you knew that the Windows of Heaven opened for her and her family.

Some her suggestions for a research t rip were:

Go to the airlines directly to purchase your tickets ... generally it will be your cheapest fares.

Plan ahead with a car rental agency as it's cheaper and always ask for unlimited mileage. Make a list of your surnames and their respective states.

Take a Pedigree Chart, beginning with you for each surname.

In each state and city stop at the local Visitor Centers and take advantage of their Coupon Booklets as they often have coupon for the local motels.

Do research of what is available in the areas you are visiting as: local libraries, historical societies, genealogical societies, local cemeteries, books stores, etc.

Always remember that lots of bits and pieces of information can be found in small local libraries and genealogical societies.

Internet Sites discussed:

Barbara Renick's Home Page – Library listings - <http://www.zroots.com/>

Random Acts of Kindness – will do look up's in various states - <http://www.actsofkindness.org/>

Find-A-Grave - <http://find-a-grave.com/> - will also do look-up's

Heritage Quest - <http://www.heritagequestonline.com> – also available through our [Washington County Library on line](#)

Books:

<http://www.half.ebay.com/>

<http://www.amazon.com/>

<http://americanlibraries.com/> ... out of print books

<http://books.google.com/>

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

• **25<sup>th</sup> September** – Sandstone Stake FH Seminar - 221 Lorenzl, Las Vegas 9:00am to 3:30pm .... <http://www.fhopenhouse.org>

• **15<sup>th</sup> October – Friday** – St. George East Stake – 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Christmas Ideas for FH

• **23<sup>rd</sup> October – Saturday** – Community Service Expo – V. Worthen Park

• **30<sup>th</sup> October – Saturday – OPEN HOUSE** at the St. George Family History Center

Whether your trip is to be near or far ... make it a matter of pray as you prepare.

**And enjoy the Tender Mercies.**

**CLOSING PRAYER:** ..... Jo Covington

**Prize Winners: Aline Kelm, Carene Jordan, Beth Webb**

**A Special Thanks to Bob Booth for setting up and providing a computer for our presentation Today.**

**Total Attendance:** 30

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